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WINCHESTER FIVES MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

9th May 1999

(Bradfield College, Berks)

Quarter-Finals: P & S Smith bt H Clark & S Ranasinghe 15-2 15-0; D Hall-Wilton & J McGill bt A Wells & D Mew 15-12 15-13; K & S White bt J Chenhall & J Quick 15-1 15-2; M Rees & S Cooley bt M & K Love 9-15 15-13 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Smith & Smith bt Hall-Wilton & McGill 15-12 15-9; Rees & Cooley bt White & White 16-14 15-10.

Final: Smith & Smith bt Rees & Cooley 15-6 15-8.

Plate: Wells & Mew.

SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st/2nd May 1999

(Loretto School, Musselburgh)

Singles

1st Round: N Roberts bt A Non 11-2 ;l 1-6; 0 Stone-Lee bt J Thomas 11-2 11-3; N Austin bt B Murray 11-0 11-2; P Breslin bt P Reynolds 1 1-3 11-6; A Wilson bt F Strang 11-6 11-0; R Nagy bt C Jones 11-6 11-9; J Minta bt R Guthrie 10-12 11-4 11-5; S Fraser bt C Webb 11-0 11-0

Quarter-Finals: Roberts bt Stone-Lee 11-8 11-5; Austin bt Breslin 11-8 11-6; Wilson bt Nagy 11-3 11-0; Fraser bt Minta 11-6 11-2.

Semi-Finals: Roberts bt Austin 12-11 10-12 11-4; Fraser 1: Wilson 11-1 11-4.

Final: Roberts bt Fraser 12-10 11-8.

Doubles

Quarter-Finals: J Minta & B Murray bt R Guthrie & I Roberts 15-11 15-9; A Wilson & S P Reynolds bt P Breslin & J Fagge 13-15 15-8 15-9; C Jones & J Thomas bt N Austin & R Butterworth 15-12 11-15 15-9; R Nagy & R Duff bt 0 Stone-Lee & A Barrie 15-2 16-15.

Semi Finals: Wilson & Reynolds bt Minta & Murray 15-8 15-3; Nagy & Duff bt Jones & Thomas 15-8 15-5.

Final: Nagy & Duff bt Wilson & Reynolds 15-4 15-2.

NATIONAL VINTAGE (OVER 55) CHAMPIONSHIPS

25th April 1999

(Bedford Modern School)

Singles

Quarter-finals: J Denison bt M Batho 15-3; J Prigmore bt A Hughes w/o; K Puckle bt J Robertson 15-5; B Atkinson bt J Cooper 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Denison bt. Prigmore 15-1; Puckle bt Atkinson 16-14.

Final: Denison bt Puckle 1 1-2 8-11 1 1-3.

'Spoon': Cooper.

Doubles

Semi-Finals: B Atkinson & J Robertson bt G Prigmore & J Cooper 9-11 11-6 11-7; J Denison & K Puckle bt H French & M Batho 11-3 11-8.

Final: Denison & Puckle bt Atkinson & Robertson 11-4 11-1. **'Spoon'Final:** French & Batho bt Prigmore & Cooper 8-11 11-7 12-10.

NATIONAL UNDER 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS

(St Paul's School, Barnes)

April 1999

Singles

Quarter-Finals: M Kovacevich (Christ's Hospital) bt I Stoneham (Sutton Valence) 11-0; S Evans (Clifton Prep) bt P Boardman (Christ's Hospital) 11-1; A Love (Pilgrims') bt A Langstone (Clifton Prep) 11-2; N Mason-Malik (Stoke Newington) bt H Mohammed (Pilgrims') 11-1.

Semi-Finals: Kovacevich bt Evans 11-3; Mason-Malik bt Love 11-6.

Final: Kovacevich bt Mason-Malik 11-3 11-1.

Doubles

Semi-Finals: Clifton Prep II bt Christ's Hospital 1 11-6; Clifton Prep I bt Pilgrims' 1 11-7.

Final: Clifton Prep I (Evans & Langstone) bt Clifton Prep II (Slack & Michallat) 11-5 11-0.

NATIONAL VETERANS' (OVER 45) CHAMPIONSHIPS

10th/11th April 1999

(Christ's Hospital, Horsham)

Ian Fuller has added the Rugby Fives Veterans' Singles title to his National Singles crown by defeating last year's winner Jeremy Schroeter in a hard two-game final at Horsham. The two joined forces to win the Doubles from previous holders Keith Puckle and Dave Hebden.

Singles

Quarter-Finals: I Fuller bt P de Winton 11-0 11-2; D Hebden bt W Avenell 11-9 11-2; T Lewis bt A Hughes 11-1 11-7; J Schroeter bt P King 11-3 11-2.

Semi-Finals: Fuller bt Hebden 11- 11 1-1; Schroeter bt Lewis 11-8 11-3.

Final: Fuller bt Schroeter 11-8 11-3.

Plate: King.

Doubles

1st Round: J Mon & E Andrews bt B Cunningham & R Brewer 15-1 15-5; J Robertson & W Avenell bt N Arnott & A Maltby 15-6 15-9; P Ross & R Hunt bt G Prigmore & J Cooper 15-5 15-4; P King & J Denham bt A Hughes & C Horrocks 15-2 15-10.

Quarter-Finals: I Fuller & J Schroeter bt Mon & Andrews 15-0 15-1; S Watson & T Lewis bt Robertson & Avenell 15-6 15-2; B Atkinson & R Dolby bt Ross & Hunt 15-7 15-4; K Puckle & D Hebden bt King & Denham 15-7 15-3.

Semi-Finals: Fuller & Schroeter bt Watson & Lewis 15-3 15-3; Puckle & Hebden bt Atkinson & Dolby 15-6 15-4.

Final: Fuller & Schroeter bt Puckle & Hebden 15-5 15-5.

Plate: Mon & Andrews.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

29th March - 1st April 1999

(St Paul's School, Barnes)

Giles Corner (St Paul's) won the Open Singles title to confirm his status as top seed in the National Schools Rugby Fives Championships at St Paul's School. His opponent in the final, James Toop (St Olave's), is a triple Eton Fives Schools winner and the first Eton Fives champion to appear in a Rugby Fives Schools event. His achievement in reaching the final was remarkable in itself, but he also managed to give Corner, last year's runner-up, a good battle in the final before going down by two games to love. Corner and his partner Matthew Kent won the Open Doubles title with something to spare over the St Paul's second pair. In fact, St Paul's won five of the six titles at this year's championships, reflecting their current domination of the game at schools level.

Open Singles

Pools: **A.** 1st: G Corner (St Paul's), 2nd: S White (St Olave's). 3rd: N Faith (Merchant Taylors'). **B.** S Mudd (Whitgift). 2nd: A Tahim (St Paul's), 3rd: A Buckmaster (Radley). **C.** W Whitefield (Blundell's). 2nd: T Scott-Malden (Bradfield). 3rd: A Rumball (-). **D.** 1st : T Frasier-Gausden (Christ's Hospital), 2nd: P White (St Olave's). 3rd: S Mosse (Sherborne). **E.** 1st: M Ponnusamy (St Paul's), 2nd: E Hatton (Christ's Hospital), 3rd: M Barter (St Olave's). **F.** 1st: J Lillywhite (Merchant Taylors'). 2nd: J Love (St Dunstan's). 3rd: J Archer (-). **G.** 1st: J Toop (St Olave's). 2nd: T Bromfield (St Paul's), 3rd: A Robson (Whitgift). **H.** 1st: H Aveston (Christ's Hospital), 2nd: D Sims (Merchant Taylors'). 3rd: D Kane (Clifton). **I.** 1st: P Mann (Radley). 2nd: B Dala-Ali (St Paul's), 3rd: J Lidiard (Sedbergh). **J.** 1st: A Peck (Sherborne). 2nd: M Hick (Christ's Hospital), 3rd: D Schultz (Blundell's). **K.** 1st: M Kent (St Paul's), 2nd: O Kay (Sherborne). 3rd: I Peacock-Edwards (Bradfield).

Quarter-Finals: Corner bt Mudd 11-4 11-3; Ponnusamy bt Whitefield 8-11 11-3 11-8; Toop bt Aveston 11-1 11-2; Mann bt Kent 12-11 11-3.

Semi-Finals: Corner bt Ponnusamy 11-1 11 -2; Toop bt Mann 11 -3 10-12 11 -8.

Final: Corner bt Toop 11-3 11-3.

Plate 1: Dala Ali.

late 2: Robson.

Open Doubles

Pools: **A.** 1st: St Paul's III. 2nd: St Olave's I. 3rd: Winchester, 4th: Christ's Hospital I. **B.** 1st: St Paul's I. 2nd: Blundell's. 3rd: Sherborne II. **C.** 1st: Merchiston Castle, 2nd: Merchant Taylors'. 3rd: Sedbergh. **D.** 1st: St Olave's II. 2nd: Bradfield. 3rd: - . **E.** 1st: St Paul's II. 2nd: Radley. 3rd: Christ's Hospital II. **F.** 1st: Whitgift. 2nd: Sherborne. 3rd: St Dunstan's.

Quarter-Finals: St Paul's III bt St Olave's I 15-11; St Paul's I bt Blundell's 15-11; Merchiston Castle bt St Olave's II 11-1 11-3; St Paul's II bt Whitgift I 1-5 11-6.

Semi-Finals: St Paul's I bt St Paul's III 11- 1 11-2; St Paul's II bt Merchiston Castle 11-8 11-7.

Final: St Paul's I bt St.Paul's II 11-2 11-5.

Plate: Merchant Taylors'.

Under 16 Singles

Pools: **A.** 1st: J Paul (St Paul's), 2nd: E Horder (Sherborne). 3rd: C Groutides (Alleyn's). **B.** 1st: N Omaboe (St Dunstan's). 2nd: M Marriott (St Olave's). 3rd: E Pope (Christ's Hospital). **C.** 1st: N Green (Christ's Hospital), 2nd: M Chesculescu (Merchant Taylors'). 3rd: C Brooks (St. Paul's). **D.** 1st: A Jevons (Radley). 2nd: R. Walsh (Malvern). 3rd: S Walters (St Olave's) **E.** 1st: A Lee (St Paul's), 2nd: J Wardle (Alleyn's). 3rd: W Kejeh (Christ's Hospital). **F.** 1st: S Faber (St Paul's), 2nd: G Macklam (Sedbergh). 3rd: J Mason (Sherborne). **G.** 1st: J Hepburn (St Paul's), 2nd: A Hodder (Christ's Hospital), 3rd: A Platt (Merchant Taylors'). **H.** 1st: T Hunt (Alleyn's). 2nd: R Pynor (St Olave's). 3rd: E Lebon (Christ's Hospital). **I.** 1st: J Kossoff (St Paul's), 2nd: G Cheney (Radley). 3rd: J Dear (Merchant Taylors'). **J.** 1st: B Duncan (St Paul's). 2nd: B Smithson (Christ's Hospital), 3rd: S Watson (Alleyn's). **K.** 1st: R Bennett (St Dunstan's). 2nd: P Hamburger (St Paul's), 3rd: E Hawke (Christ's Hospital). **L.** 1st: J Bristow (Winchester). 2nd: I Mogford (St Paul's), 3rd: - . **M.** 1st: A Korris (St Olave's). 2nd: M An (Malvern). 3rd: J Sykes (Sherborne).

Quarter-Finals: Omaboe bt Paul 11-2 11-4; Bennett bt Faber 11-8 11-1; Lee bt Kossoff 11-1 11-2; Bristow bt Hunt 11-1 11-6.

Semi-Finals: Omaboe bt Bennett 11-8 1 1-7; Lee bt Bristow 11 -4 11-7.

Final: Lee bt Omaboe 1 1-8 1 1-5.

Plate 1: Mogford.

Plate 2: Hawke.

Under 16 Doubles

Pools: **A.** 1st: St Paul's I. 2nd: MerchantTaylors' II. **B.** 1st: St Paul's IV. 2nd: St Olave's I. **C.** 1st: St Dunstan's. 2nd: Christ's Hospital III. **D.** 1st: St Paul's III. 2nd: Radley. **E.** 1st: St. Paul's II. 2nd: Sherborne II. **F.** 1st: Christ's Hospital I. 2nd: Alleyn's III.

Quarter-Finals: St Paul's I bt Christ's Hospital II 15-2; St Paul's IV bt Alleyn's I 15-8; St Dunstan's bt St Paul's III 11-5 11-4; Christ's Hospital I bt St Paul's II 11-6 9-11 11-3.

Semi-Finals: St. Paul's I bt St. Paul's IV 12-10 11-5; St Dunstan's bt Christ's Hospital I 11-4 1 1-5.

Final: St Dunstan's bt St. Paul's I 11-6 11-4.

Plate: Merchant Taylors' II.

Under 14 Singles

Pools: **A.** 1st: D Grant (Merchant Taylors'). 2nd: A George (Stoke Newington). 3rd: C Henniker (St Paul's). **B.** 1st: P Rider (Christ's Hospital), 2nd: A Morante (St Paul's), 3rd: T Matthews (Alleyn's). **C.** 1st: R Windham (Radley). 2nd: J Hepburn (St Paul's), 3rd: J Davies (Bradfield). **D.** 1st: T Dean (St Paul's), 2nd: B Warner Morgan (Stoke Newington). 3rd: B Barber (Christ's Hospital). **E.** 1st: J Mason (Bradfield). 2nd: D Mason-Malik (Stoke Newington). 3rd: K Kothari (Merchant Taylors'). **F.** 1st: A Kemp (St Paul's), 2nd: C Lilly (Alleyn's). 3rd: J Noddings (Christ's Hospital). **G.** 1st: M Kovacevich (Christ's Hospital), 2nd: H Lloyd-Hughes (St Paul's). 3rd: A Kew (Alleyn's). **H.** 1st: D Edwards-Ker (St Paul's), 2nd: D Gati (Merchant Taylors'). 3rd: A Newman (Stoke Newington). **I.** 1st: S Grant-Dalton (Radley). 2nd: J Bloom (St Paul's), 3rd: T Murr (Christ's Hospital). **J.** 1st: D Mattis (Stoke Newington). 2nd: I Ladak (St Paul's), 3rd: C Craigie (Christ's Hospital). **K.** 1st: J O'Halloran (Bradfield). 2nd: B Wordsworth (Alleyn's). 3rd: M Castle (St Paul's). **L.** 1st: J Furniss (St Paul's), 2nd: S Sandford (Merchant Taylors'). 3rd: A Karia (Merchant Taylors').

Quarter-Final Pools: **ABC.** 1st: Grant, 2nd: Windham. 3rd: Rider. **DEF.** 1st: Dean. 2nd: Kemp. 3rd: Mason. **GHI.** 1st: .Edwards -Ker. 2nd: Grant-Dalton. 3rd: Kovacevich. **JKL.** 1st: Furniss. 2nd: O'Halloran. 3rd: Mattis.

Semi-Finals: Dean bt Grant 11-0 11-8; Furniss bt Edwards-Ker 11-9 1 11 -8.

Final: Dean bt Furniss 7-1 I ;12-10 12-10.

Plate 1: Gati. **Plate 2:** Kew.

Under 14 Doubles

1st Round: St Paul's IV bt Merchant Taylors' I 11-3 11-3; Radley bt Christ's Hospital II 11-0 11-1; Stoke Newington II bt Christ's Hospital I 11-7 12-11; St Paul's II w/o Alleyn's II; St Paul's I bt Christ's Hospital III 11-1 11-1; Stoke Newington I bt St Paul's V 11-4 12-10; Alleyn's I bt Merchant Taylors' II 11-2 11-3; Bradfield bt St Paul's III 11-4 11-6.

Quarter-Finals: Radley bt St Paul's IV 11-7 11-0; St Paul's II bt Stoke Newington II 11-4 11-5; St Paul's I bt Stoke Newington I 11-3 11-3; Bradfield bt Alleyn's 11-4 11-0.

Semi-Finals: St Paul's II bt Radley 11 -5 11-5; St Paul's I bt Bradfield 11-2 11-1.

Final: St Paul's I bt St Paul's II 11-3 1 1-3.

Plate: Christ's Hospital 1.

NATIONAL OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

20th/21st March 1999

(Alleyn's School, Dulwich)

1st Round; G Comer & M Kent bt A Smith & R Walton 15-1 15-0; B Hanton & A Wilson bt B Baral & J Cawthome 15-10 15-8; P d'Ancona. & B Taberner bt J Hamman & J Davies 15-5 15-6; H Buchanan & R Perry bt A Booth & M Booth 15-9 15-6; R Nagy & B Lovett bt M Cavanagh & J Hayes 16-15 15-8; P Bishop & S Kirby bt M Ponnusamy & B Dala Ali 15-6 15-10.

Quarter-Finals: W Enstone & N Roberts bt Corner & Kent 15-9 15-11; d'Ancona & Taberner bt Hanton & Wilson 15-4 15-3; Buchanan & Perry bt Nagy & Lovett 15-5 15-2; I Fuller & D Hebden bt Bishop & Kirby 15-8 15-5.

Semi-Finals: Enstone & Roberts bt d'Ancona & Taberner 11-15 15-12 15-9; Fuller & Hebden bt Buchanan & Perry 5-15 15-6 15-11.

Final: Enstone & Roberts bt Fuller & Hebden. 2-15, 15-10, 15-10

WINCHESTER FIVES MEN'S NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

14th March 1999

(Winchester College)

David Barnes reports: Blessed by good weather and nicely refurbished courts at Winchester, this was an enjoyable although lengthy day's play. Only half as many pairs entered as last year at Bradfield, but Parkinson's Law ensured that play took up the same amount of time, for there were some marathon matches in the bottom half of the draw and games were played to 15 points instead of to 11.

In the early rounds, the school pairs from Winchester, Blundell's and St Paul's all played very respectable fives, especially the top pair from St Paul's, Giles Corner and Matthew Kent, who gave the second-seeded Hamish Buchanan and Robin Perry a fright in the first game of their second round match. Meanwhile, Eton Fives players Howard and Matthew Wiseman utterly bamboozled Simon Swales and Trevor Ingle with some unorthodox tactics and then went on to prove their quality by defeating the number 7 seeds, Jim Hughes and Alex Rew, in round 2.

Johnny Armitage and Joe Gribble played well this year to defeat locals Bill Gunyon and Richard Summerfield in two close games, but then spent too much time on their knees to impress top seeds Ian Fuller and Dave Hebden. Bristol University pair Tom Maconie and Richard Billington looked in

good practice in beating Graham Beauchamp and Neil Amott, but found former champions Simon Constantine and Robbie Barr too experienced for them in the quarter-finals. The Wiseman brothers volleyed and retrieved bravely in their quarter-final against the formidable hitting of Buchanan and Perry, winning admiration from the gallery but eventually losing the match. The other quarter-final produced a shock, as Nick Austin and his bouncy partner Robin Nagy came back after losing the first game to third seeds, Jeremy Schroeter and Alex Wilson, to win the match in fine style.

The first semi-final was over quite quickly. Fuller and Hebden defeating Constantine and Barr with the loss of only 6 points, but the second semi was an absolute epic. Buchanan and Perry won the first game easily, but Austin and Nagy, playing as well as I have seen them, rallied superbly to win the second by a narrow margin. The third was another thriller, no more than three points separating the sides at any stage, but in the end Buchanan and Perry squeaked home

The length and quality of this match must have taken its toll, but the second seeds held their own in the early stages of the final. From 7-6, however, Fuller and Hebden won six consecutive rallies in typical style to move to 13-6, and the first game was soon over. In the second game, the top seeds applied more pressure to get from 3-2 to 8-2 in one hand, but Buchanan and Perry immediately turned things round, rapidly progressing to 10-8 up. That was as far as they were to get, however, as their opponents characteristically lifted their game again to win the necessary 7 points without reply. This victory represents a grand slam for Ian Fuller and Dave Hebden, for they have now won the 'Bridge' in successive years in all four venues: Sedbergh, Malvern, Bradfield and Winchester. This has not been done before, although Roger Layton and Mike Tremellen have come close with three successive wins. My congratulations to Ian and Dave on this fine achievement.

The plate was won for the second year running by Jim Hughes and Alex Rew, beating fellow West Countrymen Chris Thomas and Jonathan Down in the final. The competition as a whole contained some really close games - two 16-15s, a 16-14, a 15-13 and two 15-12s - so a lot of fun was had here as well.

I am grateful to James Hodgins, the new master-in-charge at Winchester, for his help with the championships. He kindly liaised with the PE Centre over changing facilities and made sure that the courts were in top condition for the event. I have not seen them in such smart order since the 1950s!

Next year the circus moves on to Sedbergh, another wonderful place for a healthy weekend.

1st Round: C Thomas & J Down bt J Hodgins & N Mackinnon 15-5 15-0; S Jones & J McManus bt. F Akerman & A Wolstenholme 15-13 15-10; P King & M Ponnusamy bt Q Fraser & J Bristow 15-9 15-8; A Calf & M Mohammed bt W Whitefield & D Bishop 15-11 15-12; H Wiseman & M Wiseman bt S Swales & T Ingle 15-2 15-1; G Corner & M Kent bt J Bulloch & A Mackenzie 15-2 15-5.

2nd Round: I Fuller & D Hebden bt Thomas & Down 15-0 15-2; J Armitage & J Gribble bt W Gunyon & R Summerfield 15-12 15-11; S Constantine & R Barr bt Jones & McManus 15-5 15-5; T Maconie & R Billington bt G Beauchamp & N Arnott 15-9 15-7; A Wilson & J Schroeter bt King & Ponnusamy 15-9 15-8; N Austin & R Nagy bt Calf & Mohammed 15-0 15-5; Wiseman & Wiseman bt J Hughes & A Rew 15-9 15-13; H Buchanan & R Perry bt Corner & Kent 15-11 15-2.

Quarter-Finals: Fuller & Hebden bt Armitage & Gribble 15-2 15-0; Constantine & Barr bt Maconie & Billington 15-4 15-8; Austin & Nagy bt Wilson & Schroeter 6-15 15-13 15-6; Buchanan & Perry bt Wiseman & Wiseman 15-6 15-9.

Semi-Finals: Fuller & Hebden bt Constantine & Barr 15-6 15-0; Buchanan & Perry bt Austin & Nagy 15-6 12-15 15-13.

Final: Fuller & Hebden bt Buchanan & Perry 15-7 15-10. **Plate winners:** Hughes & Rew.

WINCHESTER FIVES LADIES' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

13th March 1999
(Winchester College)

Singles

1st Round: T Marden bt E Walsh 15-3; A Wells bt H Simpson 15-0; K White bt G Yateman 15-5;
D Watson bt N Gardner 15-1; E Tadman bt M Rees 15-3.

Quarter-Finals: P Smith bt Marden 15-4; White bt Wells 15-6; D Hall-Wilton bt Watson 15-6;
Tadman bt M Love 15-3

Semi-Finals: Smith bt White 15-7; Tadman bt Hall-Wilton 15-7.

Final: Smith bt Tadman 15-7 15-9.

Plate winner: Yateman.

Doubles

Pool A: P Smith & D Hall-Wilton bt A Wells & M Rees 15-7; bt D Watson & T Marden 15-2.
Wells & Rees bt Watson & Marden 15-1.

Pool B: K White & E Tadman bt M Love & G Yateman 15-7; bt E Walsh & N Gardner 15-1.

Final: Smith & Hall-Wilton bt White & Tadman 15 9 15-7.

Plate Final: Wells & Rees bt Love & Yateman 15-11 8-15 15-11.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

27th/28th February 1999
(Durham University)

Singles

Quarter-Finals: I Fuller bt R Nagy 11-1 11-0; J Beswick bt B Hanton 11-3 11-0; H Buchanan bt
A Wilson 11-4 12-10; N Roberts bt N Austin 11-4 11-5.

Semi-Finals: Fuller bt Beswick 11-7 11-1 ; Roberts bt Buchanan 11-0 11-6.

Final: Fuller bt Roberts 11-6 6-11 11-6.

Doubles

Quarter-Finals: I Fuller & R Perry bt R Nagy & J Minta 11-1 11-3; N Austin & P Atkinson bt C
Jones & I McKerrow 11-5 11-9; H Buchanan & B Hanton bt O Stone-Lee & B Taberner 11-5 11-1; J
Beswick & N Roberts bt A Wilson & S Roberts 11-1 11-6.

Semi-Finals: Fuller & Perry bt Austin & Atkinson 11-9 11-3; Beswick & Roberts bt Buchanan &
Hanton 11-4 11-4.

Final: Beswick & Roberts bt Fuller & Perry 11-9 11-9.

RFA V BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION

7th February 1999
(Iffley Road, Oxford)

Singles

(RFA names first): H Buchanan bt D Bailey (Manchester) 15-5; A Wilson bt T Stock (Oxford) 15-3; M Cavanagh bt B Lovett (London) 15-5; J Schroeter bt E Brooke (Oxford) 15-9; N Austin bt P Lord (Oxford) 16-14; R Nagy bt C Jones (Durham) 15-11.

Doubles

Buchanan & Cavanagh bt Stock & Brooke 15-9 15-10; bt Lovett & Lord 15-3; bt Bailey & Jones 15-5. Wilson & Schroeter bt Lovett & Lord 15-11 15-5; lost to Stock & Brooke 13- 15; bt Bailey & Jones 15-12. Austin & Nagy lost to Bailey & Jones 13-15 13-15; lost to Stock & Brooke 14-16; lost to Lovett & Lord 13-15.

Result: RFA (262 pts) bt BUSA (178 pts).

NORTH WEST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Manchester, January 1999

Singles

First (prelim) round: R Perry beat A Rew, 11-9,11-8; K Smith beat T Lewis 11-3,11-4; P Bishop beat D Moar 11-1,11-3; A Dean beat S Watson 11-8,11-2; D Hebden beat J Thomas 11-3,11-2; N Austin beat J Minta 11-5,11-2; S Fraser beat J Hughes 11-2,11-2;

2nd round: N Roberts beat R Perry 11-2,11-1; R Nagy beat K Smith 11-3,11-2; B Hanton beat P Bishop 11-3,11-7; J Beswick beat A Dean 11-2,11-0; P d'Ancona beat D Hebden 11-6,11-1; B Taberner beat P Breslin 11-9,11-5; D Fox beat N Austin 11-5,8-11,11-2; S Fraser beat H Buchanan 11-7,11-6.

Quarter finals: N Roberts beat R Nagy 11-3,11-2; J Beswick beat B Hanton 11-1,11-1; P d'Ancona beat B Taberner 11-3,11-1; D Fox beat S Fraser 5-11, 12-10, 12-10.

Semi-finals: N Roberts beat J Beswick 11-4,11-4; P d'Ancona beat D Fox 11-7,11-4.

Final: N Roberts beat P d'Ancona 11-4,11-1.

Plate competition

Quarter final: Watson beat Holland 15-8; Lewis beat Thomas 15-6; Rew beat Moar 15-8; Minta beat Hughes 15-11.

Semi-finals: Watson beat Lewis 15-8; Rew beat Minta 15-13.

Final: Rew beat Watson 15-6.

Doubles

First (prelim) round: Dean and Minta beat Stoddart and Stoddart 11-9,11-3.

Second round: Beswick and Roberts beat Jack and Moar 11-0,11-1; Stone-Lee and MacIver beat Lewis and Watson 8-11,11-8, 11-0; Austin and Enstone beat Hughes and Rew 11-3,11-3; Buchanan

and Perry beat Breslin and Thomas 11-4,11-3; d'Ancona and Taberner beat Nagy and Sherratt 11-4,11-1; Fraser and Purvis beat Cavanagh and Hayes 11-3,11-1; Bishop and Kirby beat Fox and Roberts 11-5, ?-11,12-11 (an illegible note suggests that Fox & Roberts did something - it looks like pulled out but the scores suggest that the match was played to a conclusion); Fuller and Hebden beat Dean and Minta 11-3,11-1.

Quarter finals: Beswick and Roberts beat Stone-Lee and MacIver 11-5,11-7; Buchanan and Perry beat Austin and Enstone 12-11,11-9; Fraser and Purvis beat d'Ancona and Taberner 11-5,11-9; Fuller and Hebden beat Bishop and Kirby 11-?,11-?.

Semi-finals: Beswick and Roberts beat Buchanan and Perry 11-3,11-6; Fuller and Hebden beat Fraser and Purvis 11-2,11-9.

Final: Beswick and Roberts beat Fuller and Hebden 11-2,11-5.

Plate competition

Quarter finals: Breslin and Thomas beat Stoddart and Stoddart 15-9; Nagy and Sherratt beat Jack and Moar 15-6; Cavanagh and Hayes beat Dean and Minta 15-12.

Semi-finals: Hughes and Rew beat Breslin and Thomas 15-6; Cavanagh and Hayes beat Nagy and Sherratt 15-4.

Final: Cavanagh and Hayes beat Hughes and Rew 15-6.

WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

9th/10th January 1999

(Clifton College, Bristol)

Open Singles

1st Round: E Dillon (Bradfield) bt R Shah (Merchant Taylors') 11-8 3-11 12-11; C Brooks (St Paul's) w/o P Somerville (Clifton); S Williams (Bradfield) bt T Fraser-Gausden (Christ's Hospital) 11-2 11-4; T Scott-Maiden (Bradfield) bt D Baynes (Merchant Taylors') 11-1 11-2; J Dyson (Bradfield) w/o D Bishop (Blundell's); D Williams (Bradfield) bt M Hick (Christ's Hospital) 11-9 6-11 12-10; E Hatton (Christ's Hospital) bt J Beach (Blundell's) 11-2 11-2.

2nd Round: G Corner (St Paul's) bt Dillon 11-0 11-1; A Robson (Whitgift) bt Brooks 11-2 11-0; H Aveston (Christ's Hospital) bt J Wilson (Bradfield) 11-1 11-2; J Lillywhite (Merchant Taylors') bt D Shultz (Blundell's) 11-2 11-3; R Mitchell (St Dunstan's) bt C Mezger (Radley) 11-4 11-9; M Ponnusamy (St Paul's) bt J Love (St Dunstan's) 11-5 11-8; R Wise (Merchant Taylors') bt S Williams 11-2 11-0; M Kent (St Paul's) bt Scott-Maiden 11-0 11-1; P Mann (Radley) bt Dyson 11-0 11-0; N Clappe (St Paul's) bt I Peacock-Edwards (Bradfield) 11-0 11-2; S Mudd (Whitgift) bt S McDermott (St Paul's) 11-0 11-1; T Bromfield (St Paul's) bt A Hill (Christ's Hospital) 11-2 11-0; P Mann (St Paul's) bt R Collinson (Bradfield) 11-5 11-6; W Whitefield (Blundell's) bt S Robson (Christ's Hospital) 11-0 11-0; D Sims (Merchant Taylors') bt D Williams 11-1 11-1; Hatton w/o J Fabes (Clifton),

3rd Round: Comer bt Robson 11-2 11-2; Aveston bt Lillywhite 12-11 11-3; Ponnusamy bt Mitchell 11-6 11-6 11-1; Kent bt Wise 11-1 11-2; Mann (Radley) bt Clappe 11-0 11-0; Mudd bt Bromfield 11-7 12-11; Mann (St Paul's) bt Whitefield 9-11 11-6 11-7; Hatton bt Sims 11-6 11-3.

Quarter-Finals: Corner bt Aveston 11-1 11-1; Kent bt Ponnusamy 11-35-11 11-8; Mann (Radley) bt Mudd 11-6 11-0; Hatton bt Mann (St Paul's) 11-7 12-11.

Semi-Finals: Corner bt Kent 11-0 11-2; Mann bt Hatton 11-0 11-2.

Final: Corner bt Mann 11-5 11-2.

Plate winner: Sims.

Open Doubles

1st Round: Radley bt Bradfield II 11-1 11-5; Blundell's II bt Christ's Hospital I 11-7 11-9; St Paul's IV bt King's Bruton 11-1 11-2; Bradfield IV bt Christ's Hospital II 12-10 11-6. 2nd Round: St Paul's I bt Merchant Taylors' II 11-0 11-0; Radley bt Clifton 9-11 11-4 11-5; Blundell's II bt St Dunstan's 3-11 11-6 11-5; Whitgift bt Bradfield III 11-1 11-0; St Paul's II bt Bradfield I 11-3 11-1; Blundell's I bt St Paul's IV 11-3 11-9; St Paul's III bt Bradfield IV 11-8 II- 9; Merchant Taylors' I bt Christ's Hospital III 11-6 11-1.

Quarter-Finals; St Paul's I bt Radley II- 4 11-2; Whitgift bt Blundell'sII 11-1 II-0;StPaul'sIIbtBlundell'sI 9-11 11-6 II-6;StPaul'sIII bt Merchant Taylors' I 11-6 11-4.

Semi-Finals: St Paul's I bt Whitgift 11-0 11-1; St Paul's III bt St Paul's II 6-11 11-9 11-8.

Final: St Paul's I (G Comer & M Kent) bt St Paul's III (P Mann & N Clappe) 11-0 11-0.

Plate winners: Clifton (J Fabes & P Somerville).

Under 16 Singles

Prel. Round: A Charkham (St Paul's) bt J Drury (Bradfield) 15-3. 1st Round: N Omaboe (St Dunstan's) bt S Faber (St Paul's) 15-11; R Parker (Blundell's) bt H de Winton (Millfield) 15-12; O Vines (Clifton) bt A Platt (Merchant Taylors') 16-15; M Adcock (Eastbourne) bt J Dear (Merchant Taylors') 15-3; A Shaw (Blundell's) bt E Hawke (Christ's Hospital) 15-0; Charkham bt J Bull (Blundell's) 15-4; G Saunders (Blundell's) bt J O'Halloren (Bradfield) 15-5; B Smithson (Christ's Hospital) bt C McCool (St Dunstan's) 15-0; R Bennett (St Dunstan's) bt B Bartlett (Clifton) 15-0; T Dean (St Paul's) bt A Hodder (Christ's Hospital) 15-0; J Fumiss (St Paul's) bt E Pope (Christ's Hospital) 15-4; I Mogford (St Paul's) bt N Green (Christ's Hospital) 15- 5; C Ashcroft (St Paul's) bt T Graham (Blundell's) 15-3; A Down (Eastbourne) bt H Vlasto (Blundell's) 15-0; B Duncan (St Paul's) bt M Hutton (Christ's Hospital) 15-11; A Lee (St Paul's) bt J Catling (St Dunstan's) 15-5. 2nd Round: Omaboe bt Parker 11-0 11-1; Adcock bt Vines 11-3 II- 4; Shaw bt Charkham 12-11 11-6; Smithson bt Saunders 11-5 11-6; Bennett bt Dean 12-10 11-7; Mogford bt Furniss 11-6 12-11; Ashcroft bt Down 11-12 11-6 11-5; Lee bt Duncan 11-0 11-1.

Quarter-Finals: Omabo bt Adcock 11-2 11-1; Shaw bt Smithson 11-7 11-8; Bennett bt Mogford 4- II 11-5 11-6; Lee bt Ashcroft 11-1 11-5.

Semi-Finals: Omaboe bt Shaw 11-4 11-0; Lee bt Bennett 11-511-1211-8.

Final: Omaboe bt Lee 11-4 9-1 II 1-5.

Plate winner: Green.

Under 16 Doubles

Prel. Round: St Paul's IV bt Blundell's II 11-9 11-3. 1st Round: St Dunstan's I bt Christ's Hospital II 11-6 11-2; St Paul's IV bt Merchant Taylors' 11-0 11-3; St Paul's III bt Bradfield 11-2 11-3; Blundell's I bt St Dunstan's II 11-4 11-4; Christ's Hospital I bt Blundell's III 11-6 11-0; St Paul's II w/o Clifton; Eastbourne bt Malvern 11-3 11-6; St Paul's I bt Christ's Hospital III 11-0 11-2.

Quarter-Finals: St Dunstan's I bt St Paul's IV 11-6 11-2; St Paul's III bt Blundell's I 11-8 5-11 12-10; St Paul's II bt Christ's Hospital I 11-7 12-11; St Paul's I bt Eastbourne 11-3 11-4.

Semi-Finals: St Dunstan's I bt St Paul's III 11-6 11-3; St Paul's I bt St Paul's II 11-4 11-4.

Final: St Paul's I (A Lee & I Mogford) bt St Dunstan's I (N Omaboe & R Bennett) 11-6 12-11.

Plate winners: Christ's Hospital II (N Green & M Hutton).

NATIONAL OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

December 1998 (St Paul's School, Barnes)

THE NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS (THE JESTERS' CLUB CUP)

The fives world is definitely not a Club 18-30 resort. Indeed, anyone in this age range will struggle to keep up with the pacesetting oldies, if this year's National Singles is anything to go by.

For the second year running three of the semi-finalists were in their thirties or forties, and the final was again contested by two men with an average age of 41.

The tournament didn't feature many surprises. In the opening round, of the eight seeds only Dave Fox came unstuck in a patchy showing against the excellent Matt Cavanagh, who produced a very disciplined performance to make his third consecutive quarter-final of the season.

Elsewhere the seedings proved remarkably efficient. Honourable mentions go to Alex Wilson, who pushed Ian Purvis to three games in a match between the eighth and ninth ranked players, and Jeremy Schroeter, who opened with an amazing early salvo to take a 10-1 lead against former champion Neil Roberts before the natural order reasserted itself.

The quarterfinals saw the top two seeds relatively untroubled as Ian Fuller waltzed past a tired Ian Purvis, while Roberts defeated Cavanagh, whose honest endeavour couldn't keep up with the sheer pace of his opponent.

Meanwhile there was a close encounter between partners Buchanan and Hanton, with Bruce fighting back from 1-13 down in the opening game to have four game-balls. Hamish held on, and then stood firm in the following game to run out a 16-15, 15-11 winner.

As expected, the longest game of the round was the match between Paddy d'Ancona and John Beswick. At 12-7 up in the first game, John was playing confidently and hitting a good length, but a determined fight-back saw Paddy take the first game 16-14. John came back strongly to take the second 15-11, but fatigue caught up with him and Paddy took the decider relatively straightforwardly, 15-6.

The semis were again pretty simple for the old hands, as Fuller swiftly dispatched a weary d'Ancona and Roberts, despite some extremely good resistance from Buchanan, came through for yet another final.

Ian faced a real onslaught as Neil hit the ball with pace and precision in the opening rallies of the final. Despite this powerful start, Ian gradually came back into the game after being 0-4 down. Neil was continuing to pressurise Ian, but the reigning champion was beginning to move his opponent around the court. Eventually Ian's studied geometry paid off and he took the first game, 15-8. In the second, he seemed to move up a gear, keeping the ball low and to a length, forcing Neil into risks and errors. A twelve-month extension to his reign was confirmed with a 15-4 win.

In the plate competition Robin Nagy and Dave Fox each had three victories after a round robin of five players, and Dave was victorious in the play-off.

Last 16: I Fuller bt J Savery 15-1 15-1; I Purvis bt A Wilson 4-15 15-10 15-13; J Beswick bt D

Bailey 15-4 15-5; P d'Ancona bt R Nagy 15-0 15-1; H Buchanan bt S Watson 15-2 15-4; B Hanton bt P Breslin 4-15 15-0 15-3; M Cavanagh bt D Fox 15-10 15-10; N Roberts bt J Schroeter 15-1 15-2.

Quarter-Finals: Fuller bt Purvis 15-3 15-0; d'Ancona bt Beswick 16-14 11-15 15-6; Buchanan bt Hanton 16-15 15-11; Roberts bt Cavanagh 15-4 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Fuller bt d'Ancona 15-0 15-3; Roberts bt Buchanan 15-5 15-6.

Final: Fuller bt Roberts 15-8 15-4.

Plate final: Fox bt. Nagy 15-5

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION

November 1998 (Clifton College, Bristol)

BUSA Rugby Fives

Ian Purvis (Liverpool Hope) has equalled the Universities' record by winning his fourth consecutive BUSA singles title, beating Tim Stock, the Oxford captain, in the final at Bristol. In the semi-finals, Stock had won the longest match in the history of the Championships against Duncan Bailey of Manchester - a battle which lasted two and a half hours - but he was unable to match the power and skill of Purvis in the final. The Doubles competition was dominated by Oxford, with Stock and his partner Ed Brooke defeating their second pair, Paddy Lord and Marcus Bate, in the final.

Singles

1st Round: J Down (Exeter) bt R Evans (Oxford) 15-7 15-3; J McManus (Oxford) bt S Maskell (Cambridge) 15-9 15-9; A Lawson (UCE) bt C Mather (Durham) 15-9 15-0; E Brooke (Oxford) bt D Ademola (Warwick) 15-0 15-1; P Bridgman (London) w/o C Hale (Durham); G Ellison (Durham) w/o J Welch (UWIC). **2nd Round:** T Purvis (Liverpool Hope) bt M Bale (Oxford) 15-6 15-0; I McKerrow (Durham) bt M Underwood (Warwick) 15-10 15-3; C Jones (Durham) w/o R Corstrophine (Durham); Down w/o P Sherratt (Manchester); B Lovett (London) bt F Whitefield (Oxford) 15-4 15-2; McManus bt Lawson 15-7 15-13; M Tsang (Cambridge) bt V Ralnasuriya (Birmingham) 15-2 15-3; P Lord (Oxford) bt J Scorer (Warwick) 15-5 15-3; D Bailey (Manchester) bt J Fulton (Durham) 15-0 15-2; I Chaplin (Warwick) bt A Thakar (Oxford) 15-0 15-1; Brooke bt Bridgman 15-0 15-0; E Hickey (Southampton) bt J Price (Cambridge) 15-0 15-1; C Saltmarsh (Exeter) bt A Sentance (Oxford) 15-1 15-4; T Ambrose (Oxford) bt Ellison 15-2 15-0; T Collier (Cambridge) bt E Harris (Warwick) 15-3 15-3; T Stock (Oxford) bt R MacLeod (Durham) 15-1 15-0.

3rd Round: Purvis bt McKerrow 15-2 15-5; Jones bt Down 15-8 15-13; Lovett bt McManus 15-7 15-0; Lord bt Tsang 15-3 15-10; Bailey bt Chaplin 15-1 15-3; Brooke bt Hickey 15-9 15-6; Saltmarsh bt Ambrose 15-9 15-6; Stock bt Collier 15-6 15-3.

Quarter-Finals: Purvis bt Jones 15-8 15-9; Lovett bt Lord 10-15 15-12 15-0; Bailey bt Brooke 15-12 16-14; Stock bt Saltmarsh 15-6 15-8.

Semi-Finals: Purvis bt Lovett 15-10 15-1; Stock bt. Bailey 7-15 16-14 15-13.

Final: Purvis bt Stock 15-11 15-2.

Plate winner: Bate.

Doubles

1st Round: T Ambrose & F Whitefield (Oxford) bt D Ademola & J Scorer (Warwick) 15-7 15-6; J Down & C Saltmarsh (Exeter) bt E Harris & T Brogden (Warwick) 15-0 15-0; C Mather & J Fulton (Durham) bt G Bishop & R Griffiths (Warwick) 15-0 15-0; T Collier & M Tsang (Cambridge) bt J

McManus & R Evans (Oxford) 6-1515-10 15-1 1.

2nd Round: T Stock & E Brooke (Oxford) bt R MacLeod & G Ellison (Durham) 15-0 15-0; T Maconie & T Etherton (Bristol) bt J Bulloch & A McKcnic (Southampton) 15-8 15-3; Ambrose & Whitfield bt Down & Saltmarsh 15-10 13-15 16-15; C Jones & I McKcrrrow (Durham) bt S Maskell & J Price (Cambridge) 15-10 15-8; P Lord & M Bate (Oxford) bt R Murbie & M Kemp (Bristol) 15-1 1.5-2; Collier & Tsang bt Fulton & Mather 15-7 15-3; R Billington & D Ernslic (Bristol) bt I Chaplin & M Underwood (Warwick) 12-15 15-11 16-14; D Bailey & P Sherratt (Manchester) bt A Thakar & A Sentance (Oxford) 15-4 15-2.

Quarter-Finals: Stock & Brooke bt Maconie & Etherton 15-2 15-0; Ambrose & Whitefield bt Jones & McKcrrrow 7-15 6-14 retd.; Lord & Bate bt Collier & Tsang 15-2 15-1; Bailey & Sherratt bt Billington & Ernslic 15-4 15-2.

Semi-Finals: Stock & Brooke bt Ambrose & Whitefield 15-1 15-3; Lord & Bate bt Bailey & Sherratt 15-10 15-7.

Final: Stock & Brooke bt Lord & Bale 15-9 15-10.

Plate winners: Chaplin & Underwood.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998

Clifton College, October 1998

The only good thing to say about the Saturday of this year's tournament was that there was no wind to blow the torrential rain into the courts, and somewhat to everybody's surprise we managed to play the singles tournament without any delays.

In the singles, two early round matches nearly produced upsets. Watson had match point in the second game against Hanton, the third seed, but was not able to get that final point and then succumbed easily in the third game. In another match between the seventh seed Austin and Bayley, Austin scraped home in a tense third game 11-9. In the latter stages the competition ran with the seeds to produce a repeat of last year's final between the top seeds, Fuller and Roberts. In the final both players started somewhat tentatively playing to the back of the court.

Roberts built up a 4-0 lead, but then Fuller started playing some of his punishing cross court shots which understandably began to drain Roberts. Having taken the first game, Fuller always looked in control, and took the second game relatively easily to win the tournament for the third year running.

In the singles plate the semi final between Hughes and Stock produced an exceptional game with a wide range of shots being played by both players. In the end Hughes won 16-14, but was unable to raise his game again for the final which he lost to Rew 15-6.

The main features of the early rounds of the doubles was an excellent and enjoyable match between Bishop and Austin and Wilson and Schroeter, with Austin hitting the ball extremely hard, and Schroeter volleying at will, as only he can. Despite facing a match point against them, Bishop and Wilson ended up easy winners in the third game.

As in the singles, it was only the seeds that dominated the latter rounds with the top two seeds reaching the final. In the final Roberts and Beswick started strongly and built up a 9-2 lead in the first game, but Fuller and Hebden steadied their game and clawed their way back, and once they had secured the first game there was never any real doubt that they would retain the doubles trophy.

Doubles

Preliminary Round: Cavanagh-Hayes bt Lewis-Watson (11-3,11-5) ; Brooke-Stock bt Butterfield-Fabes (11-2,11-1) ; Sage-Webber bt Harrison-Davies (11-12,11-4,11-5) ; Bishop-Austin bt Emslie-McEwan (11-0,11-1) ; Lawson-Lawson bt Shah-Lillywhite (11-9, 11-3) ; Rew-Hughes bt Ambrose-Bate (11-4, 11-7)

First round: Fuller-Hebden bt Stone-Lee-MacIver (11-4,11-5) ; Cavanagh-Hayes bt Brice-Larnach (11-10,11-2) ; Savery-Thomas bt Hikmet-Baral (11-4,11-2) ; D'Ancona-Taberner bt Brooke-Stock (11-6, 11-7) ; Hanton-Buchanan bt Sage-Webber (11-2,11-3) ; Bishop-Austin bt Wilson-Schroeter (6-11,12-11,11-0) ; Jones-Down bt Lawson-Lawson (11-2,11-9) ; Roberts-Beswick bt Rew-Hughes (11-0,11-1)

Quarter Final: Fuller-Hebden bt Cavanagh-Hayes (12-10) ; D'Ancona-Taberner bt Savery-Thomas (11-3,11-4) ; Hanton-Buchanan bt Bishop-Austin (11-2,11-2) ; Roberts-Beswick bt Jones-Down (11-1,11-2)

Semi Final: Fuller-Hebden bt D'Ancona-Taberner (11-4,11-4) ; Roberts-Beswick bt Hanton-Buchanan (11-4,11-8)

Final: Fuller-Hebden bt Roberts-Beswick (12-10,11-2)

Plate Final: J Schroeter-A Wilson bt N Butterfield-J Fabes (11-2, 11-6)

Singles

Preliminary Round: Jones bt Webber (11-8,11-2) ; Bayley bt Burge (11-9,11-1)

First Round : Fuller bt Thomas (11-2,11-0) ; Stone-Lee bt Jones (11-7,6-11,11-7) ; Bishop bt Hughes (11-1,11-8) ; S Roberts bt Davies (11-0,11-4) ; Hanton bt Stock (11-8,11-6) ; Watson bt McIver (11-8,11-2) ; Taberner bt Savery (12-11,11-7) ; D'Ancona bt Down (11-0,11-4) ; Buchanan bt Booth (11-4,11-6) ; Larnach bt Hikmet (8-11,11-9,11-8) ; Cavanagh bt Sage (12-10,8-0 retired) ; Bate bt Shah (11--2,11-0) ; Austin bt Rew (11-4,11-1) ; Bayley bt Harrison ; Lewis bt Cawthorne (11-2,11-3) ; N Roberts bt Baral (11-3,11-1)

Second Round : Fuller bt Stone-Lee (11-3,11-0) ; S Roberts bt Bishop (11-0,11-4) ; Hanton bt Watson (8-11, 12-11,11-3) ; D'Ancona bt Taberner (11-3,11-3) ; Buchanan bt Larnach (11-0,11-1) ; Cavanagh bt Bate(11-1,11-6) ; Austin bt Bailey (5-11,11-3,11-9) ; N Roberts bt Lewis(11-0,11-1)

Quarter Final: Fuller bt S Roberts (11-2, 11-1) ; D'Ancona bt Hanton (11-6,11-3) ; Buchanan bt Cavanagh (11-7,11-5) ; N Roberts bt Austin (11-5,11-3)

Semi Final: Fuller bt D'Ancona(11-2, 11-2) ;N Roberts bt Austin(11-5,11-4)

Final: Fuller bt N Roberts (11-6,11-4)

Plate: A Rew bt J Hughes (15-6)

LONDON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 1998 (St Paul's School, Barnes)

Singles

1st Round: J Down bt B Baral 11-4 11-9; M Cavanagh bt D Hebden 11-0 11-0; B Taberner bt H Wiseman 11-3 11-1; R Nagy bt D Taberner 11-2 11-3; A Booth bt N Geere 11-9 11-4; 0 Stone-Lee bt T Lewis 11-5 11-9; R Perry bt J Keyes 11-1 11-3; S Roberts bt B Lovett 11-8 11-7; D Fox bt E Brooke 11-4 11-6; A Wilson bt M Burge 11-2 11-6; N Austin bt S Clapp 11-2 11-0; T Stock bt J Cawthome 11-2 11-1. 2nd Round: I Fuller bt Down 11-0 11- 0; Cavanagh bt Taberner 11-4 11-6; Nagy bt Booth 12-11 11-4; P d'Ancona bt Stone-Lee 11-5 11-3; H Buchanan bt Perry 11-2 11-2; Fox bt Roberts 11-2 11-6; Wilson bt Austin 6-11 11-4 11-6; N Roberts bt Stock 11-4 11-4.

Quarter-Finals: Fuller bt Cavanagh 11-2 11-1; d'Ancona bt Nagy 11-0 11-1; Buchanan bt Fox 11-1 11-1; Roberts bt Wilson 11-1 11-3.
Semi-Finals: Fuller bt d'Ancona 11-4 11-5; Roberts bt Buchanan 11-11-4.
Final: Fuller bt Roberts 11-6 11-7.

Singles Plate

Round 1: C Jones bt M Burge; B Lovett bt N Geere; D Hebden bt H Wiseman; J Keyes bt B Taberner; B Baral bt E Brooke; S Clapp bt J Cawthome.
Quarter Finals: T Stock bt Jones; Lovett bt Hebden; Baral bt Keyes; Clapp bt Down.
Semi Finals: Lovett bt Stock; Clapp bt Baral.
Final: Lovett bt Clapp.

Doubles

1st Round: W Enstone & N Roberts bt R Nagy & G Corner 11-4 11-2; O Stone-Lee & J Down bt N Geere & H Wiseman 11-5 11-9; R Can- & I Fuller bt M Cavanagh & J Hayes 11-11 11-9 11-6; H Buchanan & R Perry bt T Stock & E Brooke 11-4 11-4; B Taberner & P d'Ancona bt J Harrison & J Davies 11-6 11-3; J Schroeter & A Wilson bt J Keyes & B Lovett 11-5 11-6; C McCabe & M Tsang bt A Smith & P Walton 11-8 11-5; N Austin & P Atkinson bt A Douglas & A Duncan 11-0 11-0.
Quarter-Finals: Enstone & Roberts bt Stone-Lee & Down 11-2 11-3; Buchanan & Perry bt Can- & Fuller 11-2 11-3; Taberner & d'Ancona bt Schroeter & Wilson 11-6 11-4; Austin & Atkinson bt McCabe & Tsang 11-2 11-5.
Semi-Finals: Enstone & Roberts bt Buchanan & Perry 11-9 11-3; Taberner & d'Ancona bt Austin & Atkinson 11-5 12-10.
Final: Enstone & Roberts bt Taberner & d'Ancona 11-11-1.

Doubles plate

Quarter Finals: Keyes & Lovett bt Geere & Wiseman; Stock & Brooke bt Smith & Walton.
Semi Finals: Nagy & Baral bt Harrison & Davies; Stock & Brooke bt Keyes & Lovett;
Final: Stock & Brooke bt Nagy & Baral.

SOUTH WEST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 1998 (Blundell's School, Tiverton)

Singles

1st Round: J Savery bt H Wiseman 11-7 11-6; P Atkinson w/o J Down: B Taberner bt J Wren 11-2 11-3; S Watson bt R Perry 11-2 11-6; B Baral bt P Sherratt 11-7 11-4; N Geere bt R Holland 11-4 11-1; S Clapp bt R Dalman 11-4 11-2; J Cawthome bt J Thomas 11-4 11-5. **2nd Round:** N Roberts bt Savery 11-1 11-2; J Hughes bt Atkinson 12-11 4-11 11-9; N Austin bt Taberner 11-5 10-12 11-8; P d'Ancona bt Watson 11-6 11-2; J Beswick bt Baral 11-4 11-0; A Wilson bt Geere 11-5 11-3; P Breslin bt Clapp 12-10 11-2; H Buchanan bt Cawthome 11-1 11-6.
Quarter-Finals: Roberts bt Hughes 11-6 11-6; d'Ancona bt Austin 11-6 11-6; Beswick bt Wilson 11-5 11-5; Buchanan bt Breslin 11-0 11-1.
Semi-Finals: Roberts bt d'Ancona 11-5 11-1; Buchanan bt Beswick 11-3 12-10.
Final: Roberts bt Buchanan 11-4 11-0.
Plate final: Perry bt Holland

Doubles

1st Round; Holland & Watson bt Geere & Wiseman 11-5 11-8; Buchanan & Perry bt Baral & Cawthome 11-4 11-1; Atkinson & Austin bt Thomas & N Gordon 11-4 11-3; Dalman & Down bt Hughes & Savery 10-12 11-4 11-8; Clapp & Wren bt Breslin & Sherratt 11-2 11-0.

Quarter-Finals: Roberts & Wilson bt Holland & Watson 11-2 11-4; Buchanan & Perry bt Atkinson & Austin 11-3 11-5; d'Ancona & Taberner bt Dalman & Down 11-0 11-2; Beswick & W Enstone bt Clapp & Wren 11-5 11-5.

Semi-Finals: Roberts & Wilson bt Buchanan & Perry 11-8 11-0; Beswick & Enstone bt d'Ancona & Taberner 11-0 10-12 11-5.

Final: Roberts & Wilson bt Beswick & Enstone 11-4 11-1.

Plate Final: Hughes & Savery bt Baral & Cawthome.