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The Fives Federation



In the last edition of the *Fives Newsletter*, this column asked the question – “What is the Fives Federation?”

The Fives Federation has many achievements in its short history of which to be proud, but those involved in all three codes are determined not to rest on their laurels and to continue to work together more closely to develop and grow all forms of Fives.

The long-term shape and role of the Federation are very much in the front of everyone’s minds but in the short term, the Fives Federation has produced a five-point plan for 2012, with five key joint objectives:

- www.fivesonline.net to be fully functioning for all codes
- The Fives Coaching accreditation scheme to be up and running
- Produce a proposal to help seek further sponsorship
- The EFA, like the RFA, to achieve charitable status
- To jointly pursue the Cambridge University courts project (see opposite)

Each code has taken the lead in different parts of this plan; the key to its success is our ability to work together, sharing expertise, ideas and resources, and to continue to develop the sport of Fives.

These are exciting times indeed for our sport.

Peter Worth, Chairman EFA
Dick Warner, President RFA

A new home for Fives in Cambridge



Centre will replace old facility (below) demolished in 1995

Main picture: Anup



The Fives Federation is delighted to report that a new home for Fives is planned in Cambridge: six courts, split equally between Eton and Rugby Fives, in the new Cambridge Sports Centre, due to open in October 2013.

These new courts will replace the last dedicated facility, at Portugal Place, which was demolished in 1995 to make room for residential buildings. Since then, the University has had no Rugby Fives courts and a sole Fives court at Magdalene College.

The University’s Fives Clubs have survived using facilities at Bedford Modern (30 miles away), Oundle (43 miles) and the Leys School in the city, where the Eton Fives courts have now been converted to other use. Both Clubs have struggled: financially, given the cost of transport; and competitively, with the lack of readily available practice facilities.

The Cambridge Sports Centre

On January 11th, full planning permission was obtained for the new Cambridge Sports Centre – a 6,060m² facility on the West Cambridge campus.

Substantial backing from the University (£10m) will allow building work to commence in the spring.

‘A first-floor wing has been earmarked for the six indoor Fives courts’

A first-floor wing has been earmarked, subject to funding, for the six indoor courts. The Rugby Fives courts will have glass backs; the Eton Fives courts will have an appropriate run-off area; and all will have generous space for spectators.

The University has also appointed a Sports Development officer, Kyle Coveny, to coordinate the effort to secure the additional support needed for this multi-million pound project – including the courts – through partnership with alumni and friends of the University and Fives codes.

Fives backing

The University Fives & Rackets Association has, for over two decades, kept careful watch over money held in the Replacement Facilities Fund, the 1989 Appeal Fund and the Jock Burnet Jesters Memorial Fund. It has agreed that most of these funds should be allocated towards the new Fives courts.

As well as allowing the University Clubs to play, Cambridge plans to open the courts to the public, and a new City Fives Club is also under discussion.

The Fives Federation is backing this project and the University Fives Clubs hope for a generous response from the Fives-playing world. For both games, this is an opportunity not to be lost!

For more information on the Centre, contact Kyle Coveny: kyle.coveny@admin.cam.ac.uk

Rugby Fives Association President's Report



Whew, doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself! We are now more than halfway through the 2011-2012 Fives season, yet it seems like only yesterday (actually September 8th), when the RFA held its Annual General Meeting and Frank Akerman passed down the Presidential baton to me.

I say "passed the baton down" rather than "on", because I am not in his league – what he has done for Fives, especially Club Fives at Wessex, will be his monument! I urge any club player, or organiser, to visit Winchester on a Tuesday, and see how Fives thrives there.

It is going to be quite a challenge, this Presidency lark, but I'm looking forward to it, supported by an expert and dedicated committee, who freely give up their time to run the game on your behalf. [See article on page 5]

Very sadly, my old friend Jeremy Schroeter, who was elected to be Deputy President, has had to stand down for health reasons. However, Bob Dolby has agreed to step into the role, and does so with immediate effect. He will already be well known through his work with Derby Moor and Cambridge University, but he has a long history in the game: he learned to play at Alleyn's, before becoming captain of Cambridge, winning the BUSA doubles title in 1966 and going on to coach at Berkhamsted, OMTs and Radley before Derby.

Since the AGM, we have already had half a season of great Fives, including James's Toop's memorable achievement of his fifth National Singles title in Manchester.

The BUCS Tournament in November at Marlborough, hosted by Tom Kiggell, was a feast of great Fives in a lovely atmosphere. It was David Gardner's 52nd time of organising, which means that he first ran the event when I was eight, so by now he knows well how to put together a successful weekend of sport and fellowship. The event was enjoyed by a raft of former greats, including the legend Wayne Enstone, and

– from memory – six former Presidents: David Barnes, Frank Akerman, Dave Hebden, Geoff Sherratt, Chris Horrocks, and David Gardner.

'I look forward to my Presidency, supported by an expert, dedicated committee'

And, a personal highlight in December was a super-gruelling day, playing in the President's Cup. A swizz not allowing me to win the cup that bears my title, nor any other of the three plate trophies on offer, but a great day for all that. And how thrilled Tom Wood's widow, Joan, was to get a blow-by-blow report from me!

A wonderful final won in three sets by Guy Matthews and young Luke Thomson topped off a really brilliant day of non-stop play – you know the format, and a great one it is for all club players to have a tilt at winning a prize. Do get your name down early with uber-organiser Gareth Price – it is limited to just 32 players, so book early to guarantee exhaustion – and elation.

Hope to see you at some of the Spring events...

Dick Warner

Largest ever field for UK 1-Wall Open



Dan Grant and Marianne Rees won the men's and ladies' open titles

The 2011 UK 1-Wall Handball Open had the largest entry for a UK Open to date: over 40 players, with some from as far afield as Belgium and Ireland.

The Challenger division was a varied field, but the bottom half of the draw was dominated by Niall McCann. However, his run ended in the final, where Irishman Dean Corrigan used his superb skill to win with relative ease.

The U18 division was a doubles competition, and ended up with Fionn O'Sullivan & Rishil Patel beating two Eastbourne College girls, Tessa Mills and Sophie Tomkinson, in the final.

With Kerry White in New York, the Women's tournament was wide open and ended with Kathleen Briedenhann facing Marianne Rees in the final. They shared the first two sets, but Marianne remained cool and calm to win the third set tie-breaker.

In the Pro Grade, the semi-final line-up included Dan Grant, Ady Lee, Luke Thomson and Belgium's Gregory Van Impe, with Dan and Ady making the final.

Here, Dan's powerful serving, combined with well placed volleys, frustrated Lee and despite some moments of brilliance, Grant came through comfortably.

EFA introduces its own ranking system

The EFA has followed the RFA's example and produced a set of rankings that will be used to seed the major competitions.

The rankings – produced by Mark Williams – are individual and based on results in major competitions, with the most prestigious events receiving a higher weighting and a minimum number of tournaments required to qualify.

Currently top of the rankings is Matthew Wiseman, with James Toop in second place, but the recent success of Seb Cooley and Tom Dunbar will no doubt see them challenging soon.

The start of the season saw the first 'Ranking Tournament', where Seb Cooley came out on top. The full current rankings can be found on www.fivesonline.net.



Ranking event champ Cooley

16 players
took part in
the event



Pictures: Mark Somerville (07968 488631)

First 'Fives McNab' completed

Fives at Rugby, Eton & Winchester in one day

Marlborough Town Fives Club completed its 'Fives McNab' last November. Having left their home town at 6.15am, the 16 members played at Rugby, Eton and Winchester before returning home.

The day's exploits were inspired by a John Buchan book in which three successful but bored friends in their mid-forties decide to turn to poaching. Under the collective name of John McNab, they set off for Scotland to anonymously poach a salmon, a stag and a grouse from three estates.

In this spirit, the players went first to Rugby for a Rugby Fives tournament before a 'smoked salmon' breakfast. Then they drove to Eton for a 'venison' lunch and an Eton Fives tournament. Finally, they played a Winchester Fives tournament in Winchester and had 'grouse' sandwiches for tea.

The first shot was hit just after 8.30am, and the final winner struck some 10 hours later at Winchester, the two separated by some 150 miles of driving.

Peter Grant, principal organiser, said, 'Playing at each

of the homes of Fives has never been done on the same day before. Our Club wanted to be the first to pioneer such an event'.

After 13 hours on the road, cream teas, sticky toffee pudding and a traditional English chilli, he reflected: 'This madcap road trip, dreamt up over warm ales in a Marlborough pub, is an adventure totally in keeping with the spirit of English eccentricity. While we are not yet able to attract the TV crowds or sponsorship of Wimbledon,



The day ended on the courts at Winchester

Badminton or Twickenham, we can rival the sore limbs and heads of any top English player.' Planning for 2012's event has begun, but in the meantime, there's a film of this event on Youtube (search 'Fives McNab').

Fives thriving in outer reaches of UK

Wrekin College in Shropshire and Rydal Penhros in Colwyn Bay have been relatively inactive outposts of the game, but all that is changing.

At Rydal, an EFA Charitable Trust donation has helped to refurbish the back courts. The first of these opened just before Christmas and the fourth court should be in play early this year. Fives has been introduced into the Prep School and there are about 40 keen and regular players.

Encouraging progress is also being made at Wrekin College, whose courts are receiving a much-needed facelift in their centenary year.

With only one court at their disposal, the boys have slowly started to establish a Fives team, with matches against local schools. In March 2011, an



Wrekin's team for this season's Turnbull Trophy

U16 pair played at the Schools' Championships and further success followed at the Turnbull Trophy, where Captain of Fives, James Whitehouse, partnered his godfather, Chris Flint. The future looks bright, with the new Headmaster, Richard Pleming, investing in the refurbishment of three courts and a new crop of boys taking up the sport.

Outreach project starts in Ipswich

An exciting new initiative to spread Fives has been finding its feet recently. A link between Ipswich School and Chantry High School has existed for a while, but it has now extended to Fives.

This project is still in its infancy but has already provoked some local press interest. Several Chantry youngsters have shown promise and the aim is to enter pairs into events later this season. If this is a success, other schools could start similar schemes.

Eton Fives Association Chairman's Report

There is a lot going on in Eton Fives, much behind the scenes and not well known. This is a chance to highlight some of that.



The new EFA sub-committee structure is beginning to pay dividends: decisions are being made and implemented.

Our strategy to maintain contact with and encourage school leavers and university students to continue playing has also paid off, with more players in the U25 and University competitions. We are hugely grateful for the Jesters' support and to Gareth Hoskins who runs these events. The first Ranking Tournament attracted all but one or two of our top players, and the Midlands and London Tournaments ran successfully. The latter, again organised by the EFA, returned to its rightful home at Highgate. We had a good turnout, but hope to improve on this. Both the Northern and Kinnaird, along with the Ladies and Mixed Tournaments, will be organised by the EFA this season. It would be remiss of me not to thank Howard Wiseman and his team at REFGA who have managed these events recently, and we look forward to working closely with him in the future.

The membership sub-committee continues to do excellent work, but Ronald Pattison, who began the process, has stood down to focus on his other areas of support. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude and look forward to his continued support. Gareth Hoskins is now Chairman, with Howard Wiseman and Ashley Lumbard joining.

'Our strategy to maintain contact with students and school-leavers has paid off'

In the Fives Federation, the challenge is to identify areas where we can work together whilst leaving the more sensitive areas alone for now. 1-wall Fives has stuttered recently but is being reinvigorated under Dan Grant, and Gareth Price

is doing a great job after taking over from Peter Cohen at Westway. I hope to report further on the Fives there before next season.

Our finances are in good order, but as ever, there is a continual need for finance. The coaching programme is well advanced: we have received the Certificate in Coaching Fives and the first Level 2 course was at Marlborough on 14 January. I will issue an update (to those who receive these Newsletters by email!) once the results have been analysed. Jeff Green and Mark Yates have done an amazing job to get us this far. Now the real work begins.

Kerry White has been transferred to New York and has stepped down from the Board. We will miss her energy and support enormously, but Laurie Brock replaces her on the Nominations sub-committee. Paul Bowden has replaced Mike Fenn on the Eton Fives Charitable Trust. Mike has been involved with the Trust since its inception and has put a huge amount of time and energy into this role. Paul Bowden and Gerald Barber have driven many miles as they encourage more Fives at school level. The EFA have helped with the refurbishment of courts at Wrekin and Rydal.

There is much much more to do and I am encouraged by the number of people who not only love playing Fives but who are also prepared to put a lot back into the sport.

Peter Worth

Englishman wins a 3-Wall World Championship



Experience of Fives meant Dan adapted to 3-Wall relatively easily

Spurred on by two Mexicans I met in New York, writes Dan Grant, I played the 3-Wall World Championship in Las Vegas.

3-Wall uses outdoor courts as wide as a squash court, slightly longer, with half-length side walls.

Happily, I felt at ease almost immediately. Fives has taught me to read angles well and Fives shots are remarkably effective.

On piercing blue courts outside the Stratosphere Hotel, I played in the Small Ball C Grade and the Big Ball Pro Grade, and my first match was televised. In 50 degrees heat, I lost by a sum that shall not be repeated here.

Mercifully, my other matches were at 1 in the morning when the temperature is only 30ish. I began to adapt to the game, and found myself winning in the small-ball grade - and in the final.

I played a guy who'd been playing for six years, and he took the first set. However, he only had his reserved father cheering for him, and I had team Puerto Rico, who had taken me (the only European) under their wing!

I toned down my aggression to take the second set before a good start in the third gave me an unassailable lead - and a 3-Wall World Title!

Loughborough takes its first BUCS Fives title for 50 years



All smiles: BUCS champ Thomson (right) with the RFA President

2011 Schools Champion Luke Thomson marked his first entry into the Student Championships by winning the Singles title - and so ended a 50-year title drought for Loughborough.

His victory over Ed Kay came half a century after Pat Badmin & Mike Beilby won the Doubles title in the second event.

Sadly for Ed, he couldn't reclaim the doubles title he won with Tom Chase last year. It was a dramatic match with Durham's Peter Hanton and Alex Griffiths, but in the end the Durham boys held on.

It was the same story in the unofficial 'team championship'. Using figures and statistics compiled by the RFA's Dave Hebden, Durham emerged on top, just ahead of Cambridge.

New President and Deputy for Rugby Fives Association

Warner and Dolby take on top roles at the RFA

At last September's AGM, Dick Warner was elected as the RFA's new President, replacing Frank Akerman, who has ended of his two-year tenure of office, but will remain on the board for the next two years.

At the same time, Jeremy Schroeter was elected as Deputy President, but very sadly he has since had to stand down for health reasons. Bob Dolby has stepped in to fill the position, and

takes up the role with immediate effect.

However, these are certainly not the only new faces on the RFA board this year. In keeping with a desire to involve younger players, the board has welcomed Dan Tristao and Charlie Brooks, and it will also benefit from the knowledge of Peter King, whose experience of the game at schools will be invaluable in the future.

Stuart Kirby continues his work on the design



Messrs Dolby, Warner and Fuller - Deputy President, President and Gen Sec

of courts, producing an 'ideal' architecture for those planning new courts, as well as acting as a consultant on refurbishment.

Other members with specific responsibility are Ian Fuller (General Secretary and Treasurer), Hamish

Buchanan (RFA Club Secretary), Andy Pringle (Communications), Alexandra Steel (Ladies Fives) and Ady Lee (Membership).

However, the AGM wasn't all about looking forward, and the meeting also saw presentations to both David Barnes – who

has stood down from the RFA board, but will remain as Archivist – and David Goodwin, who has stood down as organiser of the National Schools' Championships after well over 30 years. They both – quite rightly – received rounds of applause from all those in attendance.



Jesters continue to support Eton Fives

One of the most important developments of the year for Eton Fives was the Jesters' announcement that they were continuing their support for the Universities tournament.

This event has grown enormously in the last few years, with 32 pairs from 16 different universities taking part this year, and it is now a crucial part of the ongoing battle to create a link between school

and adult Fives, and to keep as many players as possible involved in the game.

The Jesters' sponsorship is crucial to this as it enables the EFA to pay for the travel costs incurred by the players, who came to Eton from places as far and wide as Durham, Manchester, Exeter and York.

On court, Cambridge won the men's title for the third year in a row thanks to Rory Griffiths and

Robert Wilson, while the Ladies title went to Charlotta Cooley and Rosie Scott, postgraduate students at City University, who beat the Bath undergraduate pairing of Emily Scoones and Hannah Blofield in the final.

Happily the Jesters' support for university Fives doesn't end there as their sponsorship will also cover the second running of the Universities Mixed championships in March.

The university ladies finalists from Bath and City Universities

Fives returns to Denstone

The RFA is delighted to report that Fives has returned to Denstone College in Staffordshire.

The school has been inspired to use Derby Moor's Anthony Goodwin as a coach and played its first match in many years last October, when it pitted boys from Years 11-13 against the more experienced but younger Derby U15 team.

Despite the slight mismatch of age and size, it was a keenly fought match. The two sides shared the opening singles, and although Derby's experience helped them to clinch the doubles, the overall result was only a 145-127 win for Derby.

Anthony continues to coach at the school, while fellow Derby Moor club members Bob Dolby and Stuart Kirby are lending their support from time to time.

Clearly the Denstone boys have been bitten by the bug, with the school planning a return match at Derby, and Derby promising to line up a couple of their better U16 players as Denstone improve.

News in brief

■ The joint venture between St Paul's School and the RFA to introduce children from the Richmond Park Academy to Fives is continuing into 2012.

■ The inaugural Westminster Cup – for current and former Westminster School pupils and guests – was won by Laurie Brock and Riki Houlden, who beat Fred Tomlinson and John Reynolds in the final.

■ England Handball is starting up its sessions at the Westway Sports Centre in London from February. All are welcome from 8-10pm every Tuesday.

■ The RFA's first South East Schools' tournament will take place this season, with boys from Eastbourne, Tonbridge, Whitgift, Christ's Hospital and possibly Sutton Valence.

■ Jonathon Bartle and Christopher Martin-Jenkins won the RFA 100 Club winter draw, earning £50 and £35 respectively. Anyone interested in joining the Club should contact Ian Fuller.

■ St John's, Leatherhead, has refurbished its Fives Courts thanks to gifts made by OJs, Parents, Friends of the School and current and former staff.

■ The Jesters Club has continued its commitment to promoting Fives, giving a £5000 grant to the RFA to develop schools' Fives.

■ The first match between the RFA and the (very newly formed) 'Winchester Fives Association' took place at Winchester last November. In the eight-a-side fixture, the WFA team used their extra experience for a narrow win.



The first RFA v 'WFA' match

England Handball Chairman's Report

England Handball has undergone immense change recently, and 2012 is sure to be an exciting year. I was delighted to take over the chairmanship from James Toop in October. He has laid some impressive foundations for the sport and now is the time to build on them.

New structure:

Over the summer the 'Reset' button was essentially pushed as key members of our board had to move on. The new team will follow the pathway laid out in our new five-year plan.

New focus:

With resources temporarily reduced, our focus needs to be more targeted, so we're putting a lot of work into our Schools programme. Recent successes at both Merchant Taylors' and a group of Hertfordshire primaries has shown us we're doing the right thing. Our development

'England is now a well-respected Handball nation'

work out of the Westway Centre will continue under the lead of Gareth Price, and our School programme will target large secondaries around the country with a view to creating handball hubs at strategic locations. We would like some more Fives-playing schools to take up the sport, so we'd encourage any interested Fives master or pupil to get in touch! We hope the adult game will grow, and we're already on the way thanks to Dan Murray who has launched the UK's first university handball club at Worcester.

New relationships:

Having travelled around the world for handball, I've seen what is possible. The ambassadorial role of the national team is paying off and England is now a well-respected handball nation. The recent UK Open was supported by the World Players of Handball, an organisation committed to seeing handball reach as wide an audience as possible. We'll also be working closely with the Irish GAA and are in talks with England Racquetball to see if we can introduce 4-wall Handball to England. Finally, we're very pleased to be part of the Fives Federation.



New challenges:

The World Championships are in Dublin in October. This will be the biggest handball event ever staged and I would encourage everyone to give it a go. It's split into 4-wall and 1-wall sections, and you can play both or either. I know I speak for everyone who went to the 2009 event when I say that it was one of the best experiences of my life. It's awe-inspiring to see so many others from around the world passionate about Fives-type games.

New name:

In line with the decision to move Handball forward for Olympic inclusion and to avoid confusion with Team Handball, the name 'Handball' will soon be changing to 'Wallball'. And so perhaps the greatest challenge of 2012 will be to say: "I play 1-wall Wallball" after a couple of pints.

Fred Beswick (1930 – 2012)

It is with great regret that we record the passing of Fred Beswick. Here, Wayne Enstone pays tribute.

Fred Beswick proudly became RFA President in 1987, the first Manchester YMCA club member to hold this position.

Fred was a member of Manchester YMCA for over 65 years, and his interest in Rugby Fives began in his early thirties.

He helped to run the first Lancashire Open in 1968, and his work led to Greater Manchester Council funding our Schools Tournament.



Fred (right) with a YMCA team

He touched innumerable lives and his contribution to Fives at the YMCA will remain unrivalled. Fred's enthusiasm will live on for ever in us all as he is a true legend.

■ A full version of this piece will appear online and in the next RFA Annual Review.



Under 12s on court at Eton

Ipswich boy wins U12s

The annual REFGA Under 12 individual tournament was held at Eton in December with 28 pairs taking part from Ipswich, Berkhamsted, St. Olave's and Emanuel. Ipswichian George Frettingham came out on top, just ahead of Olavians James Tate and Josh Limbrey and Berkhamstedian Toby O'Gorman.

RFA singles records rewritten

Toop and Knowles on record-breaking form

The results in the RFA National Singles Championships have seen the RFA's record book rewritten yet again.

James Toop's win over Will Ellison in Manchester last December secured his fourth successive title – and his fifth overall. As a result, he moves into a clear second place behind Wayne Enstone in the list of all-time winners, overtaking Eric Marsh and John Pretlove, each with four titles.

However, he still has some way to go to match Wayne's record of wins. In fact, he'd need to be playing well into his 40s to do so.

In the Ladies Championship, on the other hand, it's now closer than ever at the top of the list of all-time winners. Claire Knowles' 15-2, 15-0 win over Kathleen Briedenhann at St Paul's saw

James Toop (left) with organiser Charlie Brooks



her take the national singles title for the eleventh time, thereby equalling Paula Smith's record. No one has won the title more

often, and a win in the 2012 championship would see her secure her place as the most successful lady of all time.

Schooling for success

Julian Black reports on this season's fixtures for the EFA team

The EFA side has had an enjoyable season so far, with fixtures against Oakham and Uppingham schools, Aldenham, Harrow, Ipswich and, most recently, Bryanston school. The goal of the team is to take sides to schools all round the country and especially to provide games and match experience for school sides that have fewer matches in their calendar. We aim for an inclusive ethos,

involving players of all ages and abilities, and there is a convivial social atmosphere to our games.

Our first fixtures took place at Harrow and Aldenham schools, followed by a weekend in Rutland on 8th & 9th October, for which we took three pairs up to Oakham and Uppingham schools. We had a very enjoyable weekend, and were looked after very well by Rev. Alex Aldous and James Birch. We started out on the Oakham courts on the Saturday,

where the boys' standard and sportsmanship were excellent, and we had a fine afternoon, followed by dinner at the school. The next morning we played at Uppingham, and were again impressed by the standard and organisation of Fives there.

The EFA fixture against Bryanston took place on Saturday 3rd December. We received a warm reception from Chris Poole and had a close set of matches at the courts, eventually recording a 2-1 win to the school. Thanks to all who came down for the match and to Chris Poole and Akshay Sanghrajka for their hospitality and for organising the matches.

This year, we have fixtures planned at Marlborough College, St. John's, Leatherhead, Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, and Stowe School. I would like to thank Martin Samuel for his help and support this year, and all those who have organised fixtures for the EFA.

If you are interested in playing for the EFA, please contact me at juliangblack@gmail.com.



The EFA team wants games with a convivial, social atmosphere

News in brief

■ Durham University player Jay Gravatt visited the Union Boat Club in Boston last year. Here he joined the club's top players on court for a series of demonstration matches.

■ Derek Whitehead has stood down as Secretary of the Eton Fives Charitable trust. He is replaced by Old Edwardian and ex-Highgate coach Peter Knowles. Mike Fenn has also stepped down, with Paul Bowden taking his place.

■ Two unknown, but dormant, three-wall courts have been found at Shrewsbury House School in Surbiton. RFA President Dick Warner plans to visit the site and hopefully rejuvenate the game there.

■ The Westway Summer League II in August was won by the Gangsters, who beat defending champions the Aston House Studs in front of a sizeable crowd.



Superleague champs Gangsters

■ The EFA Facebook group now has 540 members. If you are on Facebook but haven't yet joined, do take a look – you'll find tournament info, photos, videos and lots more.

■ At the annual summer Fives match on Lord Kingsdown's court between Torry Hill and the EFA, Anne Rimer presented to the EFCT a cheque for £10,000, a legacy from her late husband John.

■ The London Tournament at Highgate in November was the first Eton Fives Tournament to use the new online entry system on www.fivesonline.net. The website will now accept payment as well as entry for tournaments.

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RFA Tournament Results Round-up

London Open Championships

Singles: James Toop
Doubles: Will Ellison & Hal Mohammed

Owers Trophy

Winners: Old Paulines

Yorkshire Open Doubles Championship

Winners: Hamish Buchanan & Will Ellison

West of England Open Championships

Singles: Dan Tristao
Doubles: Dan Tristao & Dan Grant

Schools' Winchester Fives tournament:

St Paul's I (Parker & Thomas)

National Student Championships

Singles: Luke Thomson (Loughborough)
Doubles: Durham (Griffiths & Hanton)

National Singles Championship

Winner: James Toop

National Ladies' Championships

Singles: Claire Knowles
Doubles: Claire Knowles & Melanie Whitehead

RFA Club President's Cup

Winners: Thomson & Matthews
Love Mug: Buchanan & Satterfield
T-Pot: Frost & Dyke
Mates' Plate: Hawke & Jeffries

EFA Tournament Results Round-up

Under 25s Championships (Mens):

A.Joyce & L.Brock beat R.Perrie & J.O'Neill 3-0

Under 25s Championships

(Ladies): K.Hird & E.Scoones beat A.Lumbard & A.Griffiths 2-0

Ranking Tournament: S.Cooley

Midland Tournament: S.Cooley & C.Self beat A.Theodossi & G.Thomason 3-1

Midland Festival: J.Reynolds & S.Packer beat T.Leech & J.Rumble 2-0

Midland Ladies: S.Frost & S.Smith beat S.Wiggill & E.Casey 2-1

Richard Black Cup: Old Olavians beat EFA Ladies 2-1

Jesters Universities Tournament:

Men: Cambridge (R.Griffiths & R.Wilson) beat York/Leeds (C.Hughes & C.Brock) 2-0

Ladies: City (C.Cooley & R.Scott) beat Bath (E.Scoones & H.Blofield) 2-0

London Tournament: S.Cooley & T.Dunbar beat H.Wiseman & P.Cohen 3-1

London Festival: A.Bhattacharya & A.Bhattacharya beat J.Black & S.Newby 2-1

Barber Cup semi-finals: Old Salopians beat Old Millhillians 3-0; Old Olavians beat Old Etonians 3-0

Current League Leaders (Jan 2012): Division 1 - Berkhamsted 1; Division 2 - North Oxford; Division 3 - Team Westway

England Handball Results Round-up

UK Open Championships winners:

Dan Grant (Men's Pro), Marianne Rees (Ladies), Dean Corrigan (Challenger), Fionn O'Sullivan & Rishil Patel (Under 18)

Forthcoming events

Eton Fives

| January | | |
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| Sun 15th | Ladies Championships | Eton |
| Sun 22nd | Alan Barber Cup Final | Eton |
| Sun 29th | Under 21 Championships | Eton |
| February | | |
| Sat/Sun 4/5th | Northern Tournament | Shrewsbury |
| Sun 12th | Richard Barber Cup | Eton |
| Sun 19th | Schools' Mixed Tournament | Eton |
| Sat/Sun 25/26th | Kinnaird Preliminary Rounds & Festival | Eton |
| March | | |
| Sat 3rd | Varsity Match | Eton |
| Sun 4th | Williams School Cup | Eton |
| Tues 6th | National Schools' Under 12s | Eton |
| Thurs 8th | National Schools' Under 13s | Eton |
| Sun 11th | Kinnaird Cup - Semi-Finals | Eton |
| | Universities Mixed Tournament | Eton |
| Sun 18th | EFA Trophy - Qualifying Round | Eton |
| Sun/Fri 18th/23rd | National Schools' Championships | tbc |
| April | | |
| Sun 1st | EFA Trophy - Semi-Finals & Final | Eton |
| | Kinnaird Cup Final | Eton |
| | Ladies Championship Final | Eton |
| Sun 15th | Aberconway Cup (Fathers & Sons) | Eton |
| Sun 22nd | Mixed Championships | Eton |
| Sun 29th | MJS-J Cup (Veterans) | Eton |

Rugby & Winchester Fives

| January | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Sat/Sun 21st/22nd | North West Open Championships | Manchester |
| February | | |
| Sat/Sun 4/5th | Under 25s Championships | Oundle |
| Sat 18th | Oxford v Cambridge | St. Paul's |
| Sat/Sun 25/26th | North of England Open Championships | Durham |
| March | | |
| Sat 10th | Ladies' Winchester Fives Championships | Sedbergh |
| Sun 11th | Winchester Fives Open Doubles Championships | Sedbergh |
| | National Under 13s Championships | St. Paul's |
| Sat/Sun 17/18th | National Doubles Championship (prelims) | Various |
| Sun 18th | Colquhoun Trophy | Sherborne |
| Fri/Mon 30th/2nd | National Schools' Championships | St. Paul's |
| Sat/Sun 31/1st | National Doubles Championship (finals) | Alley's School |
| April | | |
| Sat/Sun 14/15th | National Club Championship (final rounds) | St. Paul's |
| Sat/Sun 21st/22nd | National Veterans' & Masters Championships | Christ's Hospital |
| Sun 29th | National School Girls' Championships | Marlborough |
| May | | |
| Sat/Sun 5/6th | Scottish Open Championships | Loretto |
| Sun 6th (tbc) | Winchester Fives Mixed Doubles Championship | Bradfield |
| July | | |
| Sat/Sun 7/8th | South West Championships | Blundell's |

1-Wall Handball

| June | | |
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| tbc | Open Championships | Holland |
| July | | |
| Sat/Sun 14/15th | UK Open Doubles | Merchant Taylors |
| October | | |
| Thu/Sun 11th/21st | World Championships | Dublin, Ireland |

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