

Fives at Merchant Taylors' School

by Owen Toller (2010) – updated and illustrated 2020 ¹

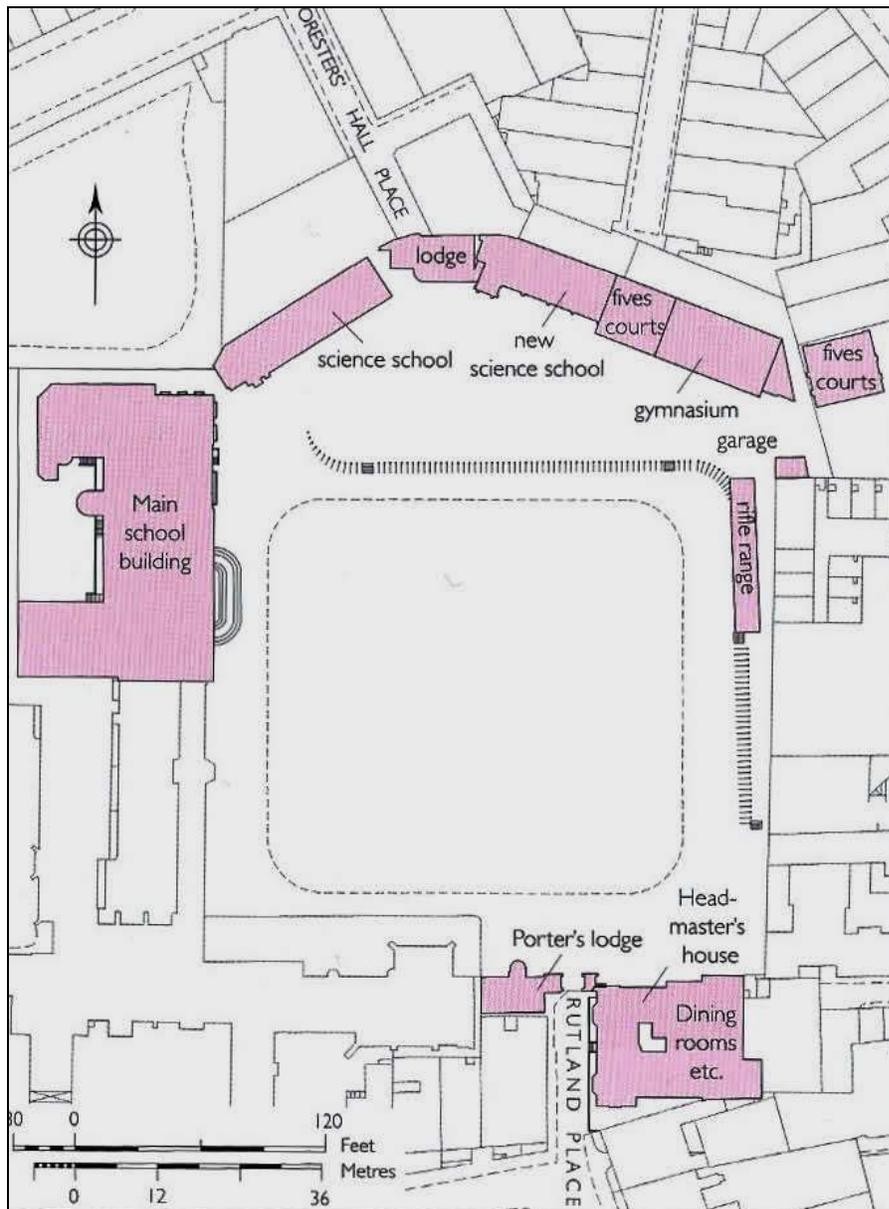
The new School buildings opened at Charterhouse Square in 1875 by the Merchant Taylors' Company included some open Fives courts in the north side of the quadrangle. The game was well established when the first volume of *The Taylorian* was published in 1878, as the following anonymous item testifies:

The reaction in favour of Fives has been so strong that our wildest hopes have been more than fulfilled ... The number of scratch Fives gangs going on is bewildering in the extreme. We have examined our reporter's book carefully ... but we are quite unable to make head or tail of it. We venture to submit that "Dennis gang – 13 to 5; new ball taken on" is something more than shorthand. As far as we can gather, there are the Head Form, the Sixth Form, and Lower Fifth Form scratch Fives going on. In the Head Form, Mr Bampfylde and Barton, Boyer and Phillips, Dennis² and Heppel are left to fight out the last round ... in the Lower Fifth there is much rising talent.

Something more comprehensible appears in 1880, with matches both home and away against Christ's College, Finchley, Merchant Taylors' winning by 16 games to 9. This fixture was the most important one; 1883 brought "the first time we have succeeded in beating Finchley in their own courts", which had a buttress and no back wall. 1881 saw a schools' Fives Championship, competed by Epsom, Mill Hill, Godolphin, UCS and MTS, on the basis of matches both home and away. MTS beat Godolphin easily, then took on UCS. MTS won all three games at Gower Street, but all by 15–14, although they won the return fixture more easily. The final against Epsom was an epic. At Charterhouse Square the scores were 15–8, 15–9, 14–15 in favour of MTS, but the first two return games went 7–15, 12–15. Taylors' were still one point to the good, but the final game was won 14–15 by Epsom and the championship was shared. The commentator (illogically) adds, "thus proving the fallacy of the 16-point game, which was supposed to preclude the possibility of a tie". Epsom and UCS remained on the Taylors' fixture list for many years, with UCS fading out of the picture only from about 1980. In 1890 MTS beat a UCS team that included the great Cyriax by 69 points, still on the Gower Street courts; UCS did not move to Froggnal until 1907.

The first reference to the fixtures against what was then Bedford Grammar School were in 1884, but clearly this fixture was already well established as, although the away fixture was being played "for the first time", MTS lost at home "for about the first time on record". Bedford "play only two games and count by points, whereas we play three". The long-standing nature of the MTS/Bedford fixture was recognised by the award of a cup for the annual winner of the conflict, fittingly initiated when Old Bedfordian Peter Ingram was master-in-charge. For many years Bedford held the upper hand in this fixture – they were the game's powerhouse in the 1970's – but a policy decision there led to a one-sided focus on hockey and by 1990 it was unusual for Merchant Taylors' to lose to them.

Almost as long-standing is the rivalry with St Paul's. In 1891 MTS beat St Paul's at Charterhouse Square by 2 points, and ever since then the two great London schools regularly played several matches a season, often both home and away, with 2nd IV matches just as frequent, although the first MTS 2nd IV game was against UCS in 1892. That year a letter to *The Taylorian* gives an interesting light on the game. There were "daily disputes in the Courts", and it was traditionally the duty of the Captain of Fives to resolve them. These disputes seem to have been over which Form has use of courts when, as the Editor responds in a footnote that "A board in the Hall states the rotation in which several Forms enjoy the use of the Fives Courts." Some years earlier there had been an injury to a boy who was hit in the eye with a racquet ball, *The Taylorian* commenting that "Racquets and Fives ... when played side by side at the old courts are apt to be dangerous." Another unusual note is struck when following the victory over St Paul's at West Kensington in 1903, "we should like to thank the enthusiastic crowd who cheered us to victory".



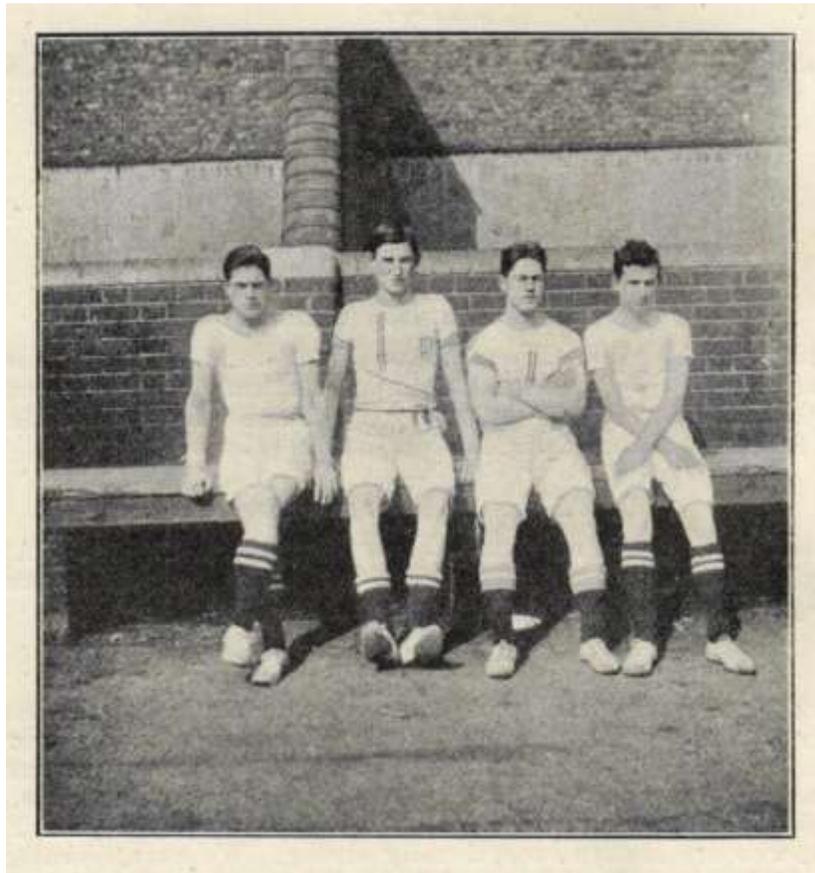
1927 'Plan of Merchant Taylors' School. Redrawn from plan in Guildhall Library, Corporation of London, MS 3421410, by permission of the Merchant Taylors' Company. Shows the new science block and the two new fives courts on the site of the three old ones. The 1898 courts are the ones round the corner.

Two new covered courts at Charterhouse Square were brought into use in 1898, commemorating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee of the previous year, the first match being against St John's Hall, Highbury; but the old courts, unroofed and unlit, continued in use and in subsequent years there were several examples of matches being abandoned because of rain or bad light. The usual format for a school match was two games of singles against one's opposite number, then two pairs of doubles as today, all games being played to 15, so unless the length of rallies has notably increased since then the matches would have lasted longer than they do now. A further problem was contagious infection, which is reported to have spoilt the season on several occasions (such as 1939).



1926/27 Plate 151 in 'The Charterhouse' in the Survey of London Monograph 18 (English Heritage 2010). Title is: 'Merchant Taylors' School. Old science block, etc. © Merchant Taylors' School.'

The early years of the twentieth century were good ones for the game at Charterhouse Square. O.C.White (colours 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900) and C.L.Parker (1902–1906 inclusive) were outstanding players. 1905 was “the third year in which no matches were lost, even against the OMTs who included the last three school captains”. It was also good to notice many younger players joining. But there was a swift fall. Between 1906 and 1909 few matches were played and the results were poor – all four 1909 matches were lost. Nevertheless 1911 was an unbeaten season for both 1st and 2nd IVs, with St Paul’s defeated both at home and away. This was the first of T.E.Andrews’ four seasons. Records written by Captains of Fives regularly refer to the difficulty of playing on away courts; neither the size of courts nor their playing characteristics were at all standardised. The First World War years saw a lack of practice time due to the demands of the OTC, but otherwise sport seemed to continue at school much as usual. 1919 was a very satisfactory season (played 6, won 5), the last of three dominated by J.R.Illingworth.

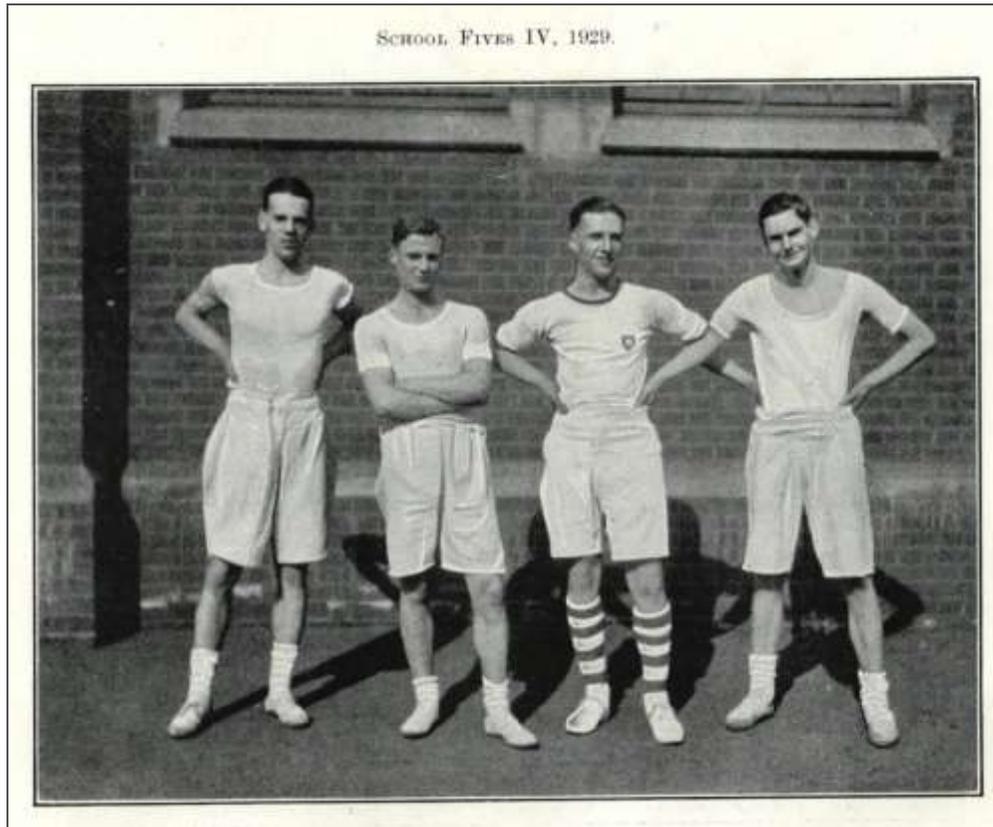


1st IV 1916 -- the earliest team photo ³

Issues about practice time remained. In 1921 there was “no interval between Football and Fives”; no Wednesday or Saturday practices could be arranged either, “all half holidays being taken up with house games”. In 1925 players and OMTs came regularly during the Christmas holidays to train the juniors, the staff presumably having no role or aptitude for this. Next year the old open courts were demolished to make way for a new Science Building, being replaced by covered ones notable for their excellent artificial lighting. A typical fixture list at this time would include six matches for the 1st IV, three for the 2nd IV and two for the Colts, with Dulwich (very strong at this time), St Paul’s, Haileybury, Bedford and Christ’s Hospital being the usual school opponents and often with fixtures against the Universities. House matches had been incorporated into the House Championship in 1922, and in 1929 there was an increase in the number of house matches, now including “Little Side”.

1933 of course saw the all-encompassing move of the School from the City to Sandy Lodge, with “increased facilities, in the shape of four excellent courts”. That year D.J.Mallagh and D.Mitchell became the first Merchant Taylors’ pair to reach the semi-finals of the doubles in the National Schools’ Championships. In the 1930s there were notably many good players among the masters, such as Messrs March, Hodgetts, Mahler, Rider, Gardner and Towns, but the school teams were adequate rather than strong, as younger boys could not attend coaching sessions because of the demands of rugby. Repeatedly Captains beseech more young players to take up the game. In 1936 “the lack of young players has been more apparent each season. Boys play for the teams without sufficient experience”, though there were 13 1st IV fixtures that year, opponents including Cambridge University, King’s College London, UCL and the Masters. In 1939 there were “insufficient players of high standard, doubtless due to the enthusiasm prevailing for Athletics”. On a different note, Captain’s reports were often critical of individuals: “lobs too much, doesn’t hit the ball hard enough, tries to push it”; “would gain many points by using his brains more”; and “is 8 or 9 points down before he has warmed up”. Two

outstanding players in the 1930s were J.M.C.Barnes (1932–34) and A.Roper (1936–38); at Christ’s Hospital the latter had a close game against a good opponent “once he discovered how to hit the light switches and irregularities on the doors”.



1st IV 1929 -- a side which contained two players who became significant figures in the history of the OMTs and the RFA, Brian Griffiths and Eric Hanson ⁴

The Second World War, like its predecessor, seems not to have affected the game much; the 1941 season was “one of the most successful of recent years. The benefit of the coaching scheme introduced last year is becoming apparent”. 1942 also was a good year, despite the growing enthusiasm for boxing and athletics, but in 1943 fewer boys appeared to be playing, and in 1944 there was difficulty in finding time for practice. Fives gloves, youngsters were reminded, could be hired from the Monitors’ and Prompters’ Common Room at 2d per pair. A different problem emerged after the war. “We have been unable to obtain any new balls for some time and the present ones are all worn out”. Only by 1948 did the supply of balls permit a complete programme to be resumed. Once again other sports were perceived as more important during the Spring term, and this problem would continue to hamper the sport throughout the years ahead.

Once post-war normality had begun to return, there were some good results, under the leadership of Mr Hodgetts. J.G.K.Ingram was unbeaten by any schoolboy in matches in both 1949 and 1950. Although an outbreak of measles curtailed the 1951 season, the identical twins D.J. and P.H.Whatmoor caused problems for their opponents in 1951 and 1952, being distinguishable only by the former being left-handed. P.M.Smith won six matches out of seven at home in 1954 and was to be a National Singles finalist in 1956. In 1957 the fixture list for the 1st IV again stood at 13 matches, and in 1959 R.T.Bulgin, in the first of his four seasons, was unbeaten in school matches. He, P.M.Whitcombe and D.A.Sharp were the nucleus of a most successful team in 1961, despite the absence of any regular coaching. T.G.Beynon took over as master-in-charge in 1964; this was the time of the excellent Cameron brothers, David and Peter (captains in 1963 and 1964 respectively). When by

1967 standards had fallen somewhat, the Captain was referring to the “halcyon days of Bulgin, Whitcombe and Cameron”. Nevertheless in 1968 no fewer than sixteen matches were played.

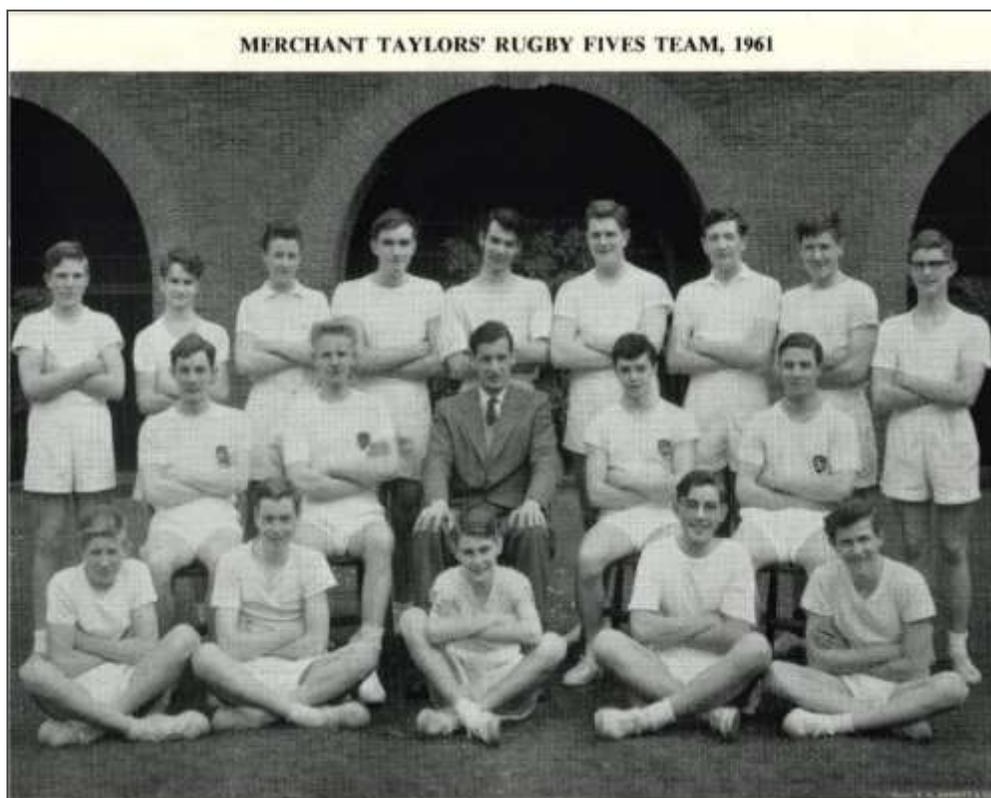


1st IV 1945 -- including Bill Brown (extreme right) who became a stalwart player and supporter of OMT Fives ⁵



1st IV 1950 – showing the master in charge Mr Hodgetts and John Ingram, the first of a series of post-war players who went on to play for Cambridge ⁶

As the quality of Fives at the school improved in the two decades after the Second World war, so the Old Merchant Taylors' Fives Club grew in numbers and became one of the most active Old Boys' clubs in the country. Graham Prodger, Paul Coker and brothers Ted and Richard Wiles were the stalwarts of a club known for its sociability and competitiveness. It was in this period, in 1958, that the President's Cup was inaugurated. Played on the courts at Sandy Lodge on a Sunday shortly before Christmas, the competition involved 32 members of the RFA, each entered as individuals on a first come, first served basis, with a subsequent draw for partners. A full day's Fives, with non-stop play and ample catering, has always traditionally been followed by a social gathering at a nearby hostelry. The President's Cup became a model for other tournaments such as the Scottish Open Doubles or the Derby Moor Invitation Doubles where lesser players, both adult and schoolchildren, can enjoy the experience of playing in partnership with, and against, highly ranked exponents of the game. In recent years the President's Cup has been run by an OMT, Gareth Price, and has been consistently supported by fellow Old Boys like Bhaswar Baral, John Walter and Prashant Chopra.



1961 Fives squad – this group contained 5 players who went on to play for Cambridge: David Cameron, Peter Cameron, Peter Whitcombe, Don Ellwood and Chris Hirst, plus the very successful Dick Bulgin

In 1970 Peter Ingram took over as Master-in-Charge, and for many of us today he *was* Merchant Taylors' Fives. He brought an unflappable mixture of down-to-earth sense and plain niceness to the game. For many years there was a feeling that it was always pleasant to play against Merchant Taylors', and this was largely due to Peter. He was fortunate to start with some outstanding players, such as Guy Whiting (captain in both 1970 and 1971), Geoff Bunting, and Simon Brown, the latter pair winning the West of England Doubles in 1973 and reaching the final of the Schools' Doubles in both 1972 and 1973. Geoff Bunting also reached the singles semi-final. In 1970 the Colts and Under-15 were unbeaten; in 1971 the 1st IV beat Oxford University, the RFA and the very strong St Dunstan's, and in 1972 both Oxford and Cambridge were defeated. Other outstanding players from this period included H.G.Green, D.L.Daniels, N.D.Eckert, R.J.N.Christie and M.A.Horn. By now a typical block fixture would include 1st, 2nd and 3rd senior IVs, Colts, Under-15 and sometimes Under-14 A and Bs.



The 1st IV in 1973 with master-in-charge Peter Ingram and future Cambridge captain David Richmond (right)

One major benefit of the success of Fives at the school during the 1960s and 1970 was a further strengthening of the Old Merchant Taylors' Fives Club who became a significant force in adult competitive Fives. Several OMTs played in the Varsity Match during this period; in 1972 David Cameron and Dick Bulgin were runners-up in the National Doubles (the Cyriax Cup); Guy Whiting won the British Universities Doubles in 1972 and 1973; and in 1975 the Club won the National Club Knock-out (the Wood Cup), fielding a side which consisted of Whiting, Bob Peters, Dick Bulgin and David Cameron. The Club remained strong, very supportive of Fives at the school by encouraging the senior boys to play with them, and its members were present in competitions right through until the demolition of the courts at the end of the 2016-17 season, which has (temporarily, one hopes,) put an end to its activities



The OMTs win the Wood Cup in 1975: David Cameron, Guy Whiting, Dick Bulgin and Bob Peters

The early 1980s represent a peak in the history of Merchant Taylors' Fives. 1980 was the most successful season ever, the 1st IV beating all the leading Fives schools, and Simon Burrows and Neil Eckert winning the National Schools' Doubles. This achievement was repeated by Anthony Morris and Howard Thompson in 1984. Howard had previously won the Colts singles in 1982 and Simon Mee and Anthony Morris the Colts doubles in 1983. A further highlight was the tour to the USA by a squad of eight in 1986. John Hampel, who had won the Colts singles that year, became Massachusetts Open Singles and Doubles, and Connecticut Open Singles, Champion! However, there was a major cloud on the horizon, in the form of a systematic threat from another Spring term sport. Since then the game has had to rely on scraps – an enthusiastic youngster or two who can encourage some friends to take it up, a committed master-in-charge, lunchtime sessions. The fact that Taylors' continued to produce good players and to compete at national level is testimony to Peter's mixture of tact and enthusiasm.



1986 squad for the tour of the USA – including future Oxford players John Hayes and John Hampel ⁷

There were many occasions in which plate trophies came to Sandy Lodge, but the disadvantages under which the sport laboured meant that no national championships were won for 13 years. Nevertheless the School continued to produce good individual players and, in particular, pairs. Charlie Marsh was an open semi-finalist in 1991. The Chopra brothers, Amit and Prashant, were both good captains; Ed Hikmet and James Harrison, James Hamman and Jonathan Davies, and perhaps best of all Richard Price and Christian Hale were all pairs who could challenge the best in the country. But the cupboard remained bare of major trophies until 1997, when Steffan James won the National Under-13 singles, and, with Asheesh Kaul, the doubles, conceding very few points in the process. Peter Ingram's retirement in 1996 was marked by a dinner at which many former pupils and colleagues from the world of Fives paid tribute to Peter's achievements and personality. It was hugely sad that he was able to enjoy only a couple of years of retirement.



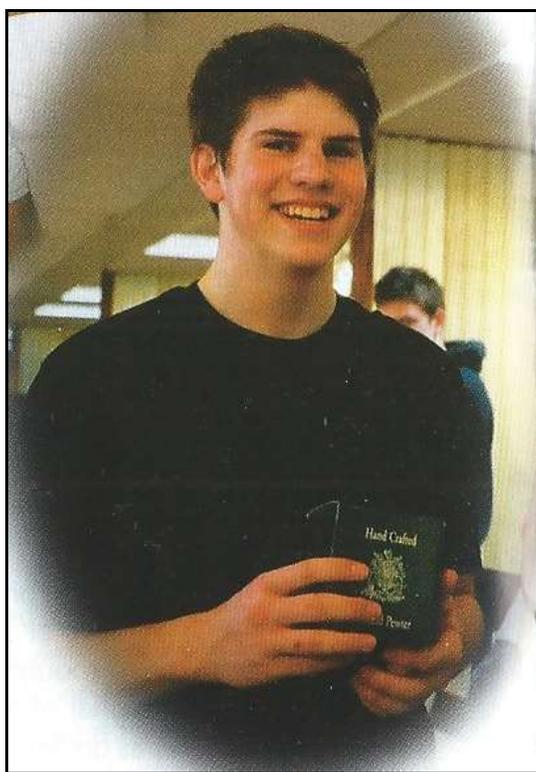
Photograph of Peter Ingram hanging in the old courts

Owen Toller took over as Master-in-Charge from 1996; he was an experienced coach but with other commitments he was unable to devote as much time to the game as he would have liked. Essential assistance was provided by Simon Stott and Crispin Collier. Simon Stott took up the game from scratch when he arrived at Sandy Lodge and rapidly proved invaluable, not least as driver for away matches and championships. Neither he nor his team will forget the time when they set off to drive to Clifton for the West of England Championships and got halfway down the East Drive before discovering that the minibus had no brakes. It was Crispin who taught Steffan and Asheesh the game and although both were required for hockey (Steffan in particular being one of the most outstanding all-round sportsmen produced by Merchant Taylors'), both kept playing Fives when they could, not least in house matches where they were always impressive. They won the National Under-14 Doubles in 1998, Steffan losing in the singles final, and they ended their school career by winning the Open Doubles Plate in 2002, beating the 2nd IV pair of Jonathan Pinkus and Daniel Bartlett in the final. Jonathan and Daniel, with a combined height of about 13 feet, must have been one of the tallest regular pairs ever.



1st IV 1997 with Messrs Stott and Toller

That year, 2002, the National Schools' Championships were played at Sandy Lodge, at the suggestion of Owen Toller, and they were widely held to have been a success, but the fact that there are only four courts meant that timings were too compressed and the championships subsequently returned to the six courts at St Paul's. However, there was an augury in that Daniel Grant, in the Lower Sixth, was the only non-Pauline in the Open Singles semi-finals, and the next year he duly fulfilled the huge promise he had shown ever since the fourth form by becoming the first, and so far only, Taylorian to win the National Schools' Singles Championship in 2003. He was a classic example of an individual who enthused friends around him, and he and his team-mates of Sam Sandford, John Livesey and Kiran Karia formed one of the best 1st IVs that Merchant Taylors' has ever had. Dan has gone on to be one of the country's leading players, ranked in the top ten for the past decade and rising in the 2018-19 to be top of the Doubles rankings. He has twice won the National Doubles title as well as a number of Regional Doubles titles, was runner-up in the National Singles in 2014, and has won the British Universities Singles title on 4 occasions. He has also been the driving force behind the promotion of Wallball nationally in recent years.



Dan Grant wins National Schools U18 Singles in 2003

By the late 1990s several things had changed. The Fives courts had been repainted and central heating installed, to the huge gratitude of the players and, particularly, the supporters who had regularly frozen on the first Sunday of December each year in the President's Cup. The G6 ball had replaced the Cliff, making the game faster, the bounce more consistent and play more enjoyable for the majority. Good players continued to be produced: Ian Roberts and John Martin, who won the Doubles plate in 1997; Will Carter (Open Singles plate in 1998); Jamie Lillywhite and David Sims, and the splendid trio of Richard Wise, Nick Faith and Ravi Shah who graced the courts with fine play and outstanding sportsmanship in 1999 and 2000. Owen Toller, who had been ably supported in his role as master-in-charge by Crispin Collier and Simon Stott, handed over to James Clifford in 2003, and when James moved on, the appointment of the former Oxford captain Nick Hillier in 2005 was an injection of new blood and expertise just when it was needed. Nick was to run Fives at the school until 2015 when Simon Hardman took over.

Nick Hillier's 10 years as master-in-charge marked a successful continuation of the work done by his predecessors. Nick's own background in the game, learnt under Nick Morgan at Whitgift School and continued at Oxford University where he captained the side in the 2002 Varsity Match, meant that he had a keen understanding of the role of the master-in-charge in promoting a minor sport. He wrote of Owen Toller that "[Owen] helped many boys to improve their technique and to enjoy the game through his enthusiasm and deep understanding of Fives. He was also a great help to me as I took over the role of Master-in-Charge, and made the transition an easy one". Nick was himself also deeply committed to coaching his charges, setting up extra after-school clubs in the rugby and hockey terms, and promoting Fives as a three-term games option. Nick entered his players in national and regional competitions, where they consistently reached the later stages of the main draws and figured prominently in Plate competitions in all age-groups. He also ensured that Merchant Taylors' generally won and retained the Centenary Cup set up by Peter Ingram and Bedford School's Jerry Cooper, an annual event embodying the friendly rivalry between the two schools. In 2011 Nick took three of his 1st IV to Edinburgh to play in the Scottish Open.



Nick Hillier (seated front row centre in dark blue), captain of Oxford 2002

Nick wrote appreciatively of his young players each year in his report for the RFA Annual Review. Names that recur are Elliott Tebboth who went from success in the Colts Doubles Plate in 2012 to playing for Cambridge in the Varsity Match in 2017; U18 Plate winners Ethan Taberham and Joe Savage, the latter subsequently a regular at Durham University; Emrys Thursfield and Sarthak Garella, respectively Secretary and Captain of Cambridge University in the 2020-21 season; and Charlie Barnett, who won the Love Mug at the President's Cup in 2016 while still at school and is now playing his Fives at Edinburgh University. In his final year at Merchant Taylors' Nick wrote simply: "Next year will see a new master taking over Taylors' Fives. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in charge."

Not himself a player, Simon Hardman inherited a strong tradition of the game and some very promising young players in 2015. In his first report for the RFA Simon was able to say that he was "immensely impressed with the excellent spirit in which all our fixtures were played. Equally impressive has been the dedication and commitment of all players." He had in his squad some able youngsters in Taberham, Savage and Garella, and added to them Anikait Garella, who reached the U13 Singles final, and Jamie Graham, who won the U14 Singles Plate on the same day that Taberham & Savage were winning the U18 Doubles Plate. Another name to remember was Ewan Townshend, a left-handed Colt, who reached the quarter-final of the Colts Singles in 2017. Ironically, in the same season as a potentially title-winning group of players was coming together the School took the decision to demolish the block of four Fives courts to redevelop the site as a Geography teaching block.

Fives did not come to an end with the demise of the courts. The boys took to playing Fives on squash courts at school and in Watford, coached by Old Boy Gareth Price. Simon Hardman continued to be impressed by the competitiveness of his players and declared himself hopeful of an increasingly successful season to come. He had reason to express such hopes. For the 2018-19 season Jamie Graham and Ewan Townshend paired up to compete in the National Schools Winchester Fives Doubles Championship in November, a competition which the school had previously entered on relatively few occasions. They won the event, beating the Winchester 1st pair in the final, a striking achievement for players brought up to play on a Rugby Fives court but now without even the use of such courts. Two months later they reached the final of the West of England Schools' U18 Doubles after beating the St Paul's 1st pair in the semi-final. In the final Graham & Townshend lost in two games to the Alleyn's 1st pair, Cochrane & Wiseman. With the Winchester 1st pair, Fraser & Percival, very much in contention as well as pairs from Alleyn's, St Paul's and Merchant Taylors' there was great interest to see who could win the Mappin Cup for U18 Doubles at the National Schools Championships in April 2019. In the event it was the Scottish champions from Merchiston Castle School who Graham & Townshend had to beat, in three tough games, in the semi-final before they went on to face old rivals Alleyn's in the final. With both pairs playing the form of Fives with which they were most familiar the result from January was reversed, with Merchant Taylors' winning 12-10, 9-11, 11-7, an achievement hailed by the National Singles champion, Daniel Tristao, who presented the trophy, as astonishing for a pair who had practised all season, with Gareth Price, on squash courts. It was just the third time the school had won this title.



Jamie Graham & Ewan Townshend holding the Mappin Cup with Dan Tristao

The most recent season has been the one affected by the coronavirus. Until all schools were closed the MTS Fives players continued to practise on squash courts in Watford under the guidance of Gareth Price and to play their matches on away courts. The whole Club, together with the rest of the Fives-playing community, now wait to see what plans the School has to replace its former courts and to take forward the long and proud tradition of Rugby Fives at the School.

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Footnotes

¹ Owen's original text was written in 2010. Illustration and updating done by David Barnes and Bob Dolby in conjunction with Owen and the Archivist at MTS, Sally Gilbert

² HW Dennis (MTS champion in 1878) was one of the school's singles champions who went on to spread the gospel elsewhere; he became the principal of St John's College, Battersea, in 1895 and encouraged students there (and pupils at Sir Walter St John's Grammar School nearby) to play fives. Another, CSA Whittington (MTS champion in 1887 and 1888), won the University Fives Championship at Oxford in 1890 and 1891; and MB Elderton (MTS champion in 1902 and 1903) taught at Sherborne from 1907 onwards and was the outstanding player on the Staff there for many years.

³ Photograph taken from *The Taylorian* 1916 p213: EH Dowdell (captain), WS Mars, PT Griffith and RRF Gill with accompanying character sketches

⁴ Photograph taken from the *Taylorian* 1929 p237 BR Griffiths, EC Hanson, DM Parry (captain) and J Fisher. Brian Griffiths was a long-standing Hon.Secretary and Treasurer of the OMTs Fives Club and was to become President of the RFA 1965-70, while Eric Hanson was Hon.Treasurer of the RFA both before and after the war

⁵ The 1945 1st IV from left to right: AJ Brunner, WA Nicholas, GKL Johnson (captain) and W Brown

⁶ OMTs who have played for Cambridge University: BW Greenup (1928-30); JGK Ingram (1953); PM Whitcombe (1963); DH Cameron (1964-66); PR Cameron (1966); DF Ellwood (1967); CH Hirst (1967-69); GPTL Whiting (1972-74); DF Richmond (1974-76); AJG Morris (1986-88); EJ Hikmet (1995-98); PRH Judge (2012-13); EL Tebboth (2017); ED Thursfield (2019-20) [14 in all]

⁷ OMTs who have played for Oxford University: SH Noakes (1925-27); FF Spragg (1926); WA Gluck (1946-47); HR Stephens (1947); GA Wilson (1947-48); CM Harrison (1968-70); JL Hampel (1989, 91-92); JP Hayes (1990-92); JT Harrison (1995-98) [9 in all]