



Rugby Fives Association

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A welcome from the President

A year after taking over from Frank Akerman, **Dick Warner** delivers his 'half-term report'

It is a huge privilege for me to be your president: thank you for allowing me to be your figurehead for two years.

It seems a very short time since I stepped into Frank Akerman's very large shoes. And, in another short year, I shall be passing the baton (or, rather, shoes) to a very worthy successor.

Huge gratitude

In the meantime, I get all the fun, swanning around, so this is a public thank you to the hard-working Board, who do everything behind the scenes: Gift Aid; subscriptions; fixtures;



tournaments; prizes; our website; court building and maintenance; development; liaison with schools; working with other Fives codes; health and safety; and alertness to threats and opportunities on your/our behalf.

My Presidential Progress shows that tournaments need dedicated people to run them. Thank you, all you organisers: never praised, much put upon, but doing a vital job!

And finally, a big thank you to the teachers, who with the support of their heads, selflessly, endlessly, relentlessly, patiently run school Fives, and introduce so many kids to our game, in the face of the other entertainments and distractions of school life. .

I have had the opportunity of seeing some wonderful Fives, with James Toop still the outstanding singles player, but with rivals snapping at his heels. I thought the final between Will Ellison and Dan Tristao in Manchester in January 2012 was a stunning highlight.

I have had the pleasure of playing in a number of tournaments, albeit as the worst player. There are lots of very good players, and a wonderful crop of youngsters – just what our game needs.

Over the next year or so, I plan to participate in the events I have missed, and maybe win something.

'Lots of good things are happening, but there's much to do to secure our sport'

I've also got involved with schools' Fives, boys' and girls'. This is our seed-bed, and we need these new people to fall in love with Fives, and to join our clubs. In March, I joined Andy Pringle and some Eton Fives players to demo Fives to Shrewsbury House School in Surbiton. Frank Akerman 'discovered' the courts, used only for football, and now Eton and Rugby codes are sharing the costs of a coach with the school to get the kids playing again.

Worthy winners

I have presented prizes to some very worthy players, and am especially thinking of the riveting BUCS Championships at Marlborough and the Schools Championships at St Paul's, especially the 70-minute Under 14 Doubles final, contested with the highest Corinthian values by boys from Whitgift and Merchiston Castle.

That's the fun. But there are threats to Fives in all its forms, which need all our efforts to combat, and I would enlist all Fives players' help. Fives is a 'minor sport' at school, and all minor sports are under pressure from the bigger games. It is vital for us to keep and maintain our courts' estate, which all admittedly belong to schools and colleges, not to us.

So, the half-term report is: lots of good things happening, but much to do to secure the foundations of our sport. So, enjoy your Fives, be alert to threats – and keep looking for ways to promote your game and support it.

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September 2011

RFA AGM

RIGHT Members elect new President at London meeting, now held at a later date in the year



2011-12 The year in pictures...



December 2011

James Toop wins National Singles title and Claire Knowles wins her 11th National Ladies Singles title
TOP Toop (left) with Charlie Brooks RIGHT Knowles with Denise Hall-Wilton (left)



March 2012

Fives reintroduced to Shrewsbury House School

RFA President Warner helps demonstration

March 2012
Winchester Fives 'Grand Slam' for Ellison & Mohammed
Sedbergh title is fourth win in succession for the pair





Looking back



October 2011
RFA takes on the newly formed 'Winchester Fives Association' Despite an apparent mismatch in standards, the RFA comes off second best, as the extra experience of the home team makes a difference on the courts at Winchester

November 2011

The Marlborough Town Club complete the first 'Fives McNab' Rugby Fives, Eton Fives and Winchester Fives at their home venues - all in one day!



September 2011
RFA begins awarding medals to top players in its competitions

March 2012

Ian Roberts trophy presented to Giggleswick School
RFA's Bob Dolby (left) with head, Geoffrey Boulton



April/May 2012

Record numbers play in RFA School Girls' Championships
Held over two weekends at two venues



April 2012

Grant & Tristao win National Doubles title
The Dans end era of Buchanan/Perry wins



Men's Season Review

The 'usual suspects' dominate the singles game, but it's the end of an era in doubles

The story of the last year has been one of contrasts: in singles, it has been a year of dominance for the same players as last season; but, in doubles, it's been all change.

Just as in 2010/11, the open singles tournaments were dominated by James Toop, Dan Tristao and Will Ellison, with the titles being shared between the three. 'Shared' is indeed the right word, because again no one player dominated – James started the season in impressive fashion, taking the London Open, but lost out to Dan at the West of England, before claiming the big prize – the National singles title. However, even he will admit that his cause was helped by Dan and Will having to play each other in the semis, where Will only won through with a 16-15 win in the third game.

Undoubtedly fatigued the next morning, Will never got to grips with James's relentless retrieval and his



TOP Ellison, twice a singles winner this season

ability to keep his opponent on the move. There was a brief spell at the start of the second game when Will came out all guns blazing, but James weathered the storm and asserted his dominance once more.

For James, this title – his fifth – moves him into a clear second place behind Wayne Enstone in the list of all-time winners.

Come 2012, with James concentrating on Eton Fives, there was no change in the pattern. Dan and Will played out the finals at the next two tournaments, ending up with one title apiece, before the final tournament, in Scotland, saw Will take the title against John Minta.

Only time will tell if these three go on to dominate next season, but there is no shortage of challengers. Luke Thomson, who won the BUCS singles title, is already making waves in the adult game, while an injury-free Dan Grant will be a real threat.

RIGHT National Doubles champions Tristao (left) and Grant (right) with Charlie Brooks, winner of the NW Open with Tom Dean





LEFT 'Old guard' of Cavanagh and Minta reached finals this season
BELOW James Toop now has five National Singles title to his name

Meanwhile, the 'Old Guard' still has plenty of life in it. As well as reaching the South West final, Matt Cavanagh reached the semis at the Nationals, John Minta played two finals, and Hamish Buchanan reached the semi-finals in Durham and Tiverton.

For Hamish, his one singles title came in the National Veterans' (over 45s) event, where he partnered Bruce Hanton to the doubles title as well.

In the Vintage (over 55) category, last year's champions repeated their feats. Wayne Enstone took the singles title with a win over Tony Hamilton, while the doubles title remains with Ian Fuller and Jeremy Schroeter.

Meanwhile, in the Masters' (over 65) championship, John East and Martin Wilkinson were first-time winners after a gruelling round-robin contested by a record-breaking five pairs. Five-times champions Bernard Atkinson and David Bawtree were runners-up.

This was a notable result, but it was nothing compared to the events at the National Doubles Championship. When Tom Dean and Charlie Brooks beat Hamish Buchanan and Robin Perry in the semi-finals, it put an end to the eight-year run of championships for the older pair.

The second pair in the final were Under 25 and West of England champs Dan Grant and Dan Tristao, meaning that the 2012 final would be contested by four players who had never before reached the National Doubles final.

'Just as in 2010/11, no one player could dominate, with titles shared between three players'

The match belied their lack of experience, though. In the first game, Tom and Charlie's power proved too much, but the Dans became more aggressive in the next game. Venturing further up the court, they took many of their opponents' hardest shots on the volley, hurrying them into more frequent errors. At the same time, they improved their retrieving and started to grind down their opponents.

The second game went to the Dans, and as Tom and Charlie were pressured, they couldn't find the nicks they found in the first game. With the Dans playing with real flair, speed and understanding, it was they who took the third game and, with it, the title.

Overall, no pair was able to dominate doubles events this season, and many players reached finals. Ady Lee reached the final of the London Open (with Hamish Buchanan); Andy Pringle (with John Minta) got to the final of the West of England Open; and Marco Skogh (also with Minta) reached the final of the Yorkshire and North West Opens.

There were plenty of winners, too: Ellison/Mohammed in London;



Buchanan/Ellison at Giggleswick; Grant/Tristao in Clifton and Alleyn's; Brooks/Dean in Manchester; and Ellison/Dean in Durham.

The only area in which one pair dominates is in Winchester Fives. By winning the coveted Barnes Bridge trophy at Sedbergh, Will Ellison and Hal Mohammed secured the 'Grand Slam', winning the title successively at the event's four venues (Malvern, Winchester, Bradfield and Sedbergh).

Last, but not least, it will come as no surprise, given the number of Old Paulines mentioned above, that the OPs continued to dominate the club events. They were clear winners of the Owers Trophy – although Derby Moor deserve great credit for reaching the final – and retained their club championship with an equally emphatic win over the Y Club.

Last year, we wondered if the OPs could dominate as the Y Club once did. On this form, there's every chance...

Ladies' Season Review

It's been an occasionally frustrating season at senior level, but the girls' game is thriving



There's no denying that the Ladies' season has had its disappointments. However, what's clear is that the top players are continuing to improve, while the ever-increasing number of school girls playing means there are signs of great promise for the future.

At senior level, the National Championships were again dominated by Claire Knowles. She won through to the final of the singles championship in convincing fashion – conceding just a single point – and faced Eastbourne College teacher Kathleen Briedenhann for the second year running.

Kathleen too had reached the final without conceding more than a point,

'A record number of schools played in the championships'

and the scene was set for a thrilling match. It didn't disappoint, and the closeness of match is not reflected in the scores. There was excellent play from both girls and plenty of close rallies. Claire was a worthy winner, but she was pushed very hard.

The game's statisticians will also recognise the significance of this result. Claire has now won 11 National Singles titles, equalling Paula Smith's record and putting her one win away from claiming the record outright.

Come the doubles championship, though, there were signs that Claire is not necessarily a dead-cert to claim that record. She was again playing with Melanie Whitehead, but this – their tenth final together – was the first in which they have lost a game.

The winners of that game were Kathleen and Tessa Mills, and although normal service was resumed in the second and third games, when Claire and Melanie duly retained their title, it's clear that they will face ever-stronger challenges in the future.

That's all good news, but what's perhaps most disappointing about 2011/12 is that these were the only Ladies' events this season. Both the Winchester Fives Ladies and Mixed championships had to be called off, despite the considerable efforts of the events' organisers to ensure that they went ahead as planned.

Looking to the future, the hope is that many of the growing number of school girls who are playing the game will enter, because surely the most welcome piece of news in the Ladies' game is that a record number of schools entered the National School Girls' Championships. What's more, to accommodate the entrants, the event had to be split over two weekends and took place in two venues.

Eight schools - Eastbourne, Oundle, Rugby, Marlborough, Blundell's, Malvern, Sutton Valence and Christ's Hospital – sent girls to the championships, with the seniors playing at Oundle and the remaining three age categories fought out at Marlborough a week later.

In the top age group, the defending champion, Eastbourne's Tessa Mills, faced Rugby's Francesca Ruffell in a final of remarkably high quality, with Tessa eventually winning through to take her third title.

Like the seniors, the junior girls played excellent Fives and showed how the standard of play among girls has continued to improve. In the Under 16 category, Malvern dominated, with Shinan Zhang winning the singles before partnering Anna Llewellyn to the doubles title. In the Under 14s, meanwhile, Blundell's dominated: Emily Combe took the singles title and, with Amy Cross, the doubles, too.

Last, but not least, girls from Christ's Hospital took the honours in the Under 13 category: Molly Todd won the singles before Tamsin Denny and Phoebe Thornhill took the doubles title.



TOP Claire Knowles again took the national singles title; her 11th win equals Paula Smith's record **CENTRE** Girls and teachers from Rugby School performed strongly at the National Championships **BOTTOM A** mixture of youth and experience at the Nationals

Universities'/Under 25s' Review

Old Paulines make big impression, as Loughborough returns to the Fives-playing map

It's wonderful to report that we're going through a purple patch for younger players. Many of the names you'll see here feature prominently in the review of the Adult season, too.

As last year, the two finalists in the Under 25s singles championship – Dan Tristao and Will Ellison – are second and third in the national rankings; BUCS winner Luke Thomson is also in the Top 10, while Ed Kay, Chris Burrows and Peter Hanton are in the Top 20.

In doubles, too, younger players are making their mark: Dan took the national title, while the pair he and Kay beat in the U25 final – Will Ellison and Hal Mohammed – are alongside him in the Top 10, with Will at number one.

Yet again, this year at U25 level was dominated by Will and Dan, and it was no surprise that the singles final between them at Oundle was another classic. On this occasion, it was Dan who won the day, but let there be no doubt that this title will be fiercely contested for many years to come.

Both Luke Thomson and Ed Kay – former schoolboy champions now at university – made the semi-finals this year, while the likes of Chris Burrows, Peter Hanton and Adam George were all quarter-finalists with several years yet to play in this age category.

Looking further into the future, the U25 plate winners – Bradfield's David Butler in the singles, and Derby Moor's Max Frost and Anthony Goodwin in the doubles – are all young enough to have a real chance of going deep into the main draws in years to come.

For now, though, 'experience' – if that's not too strong a word with such young players – held sway in the doubles. Old Paulines Dan Tristao and

Ed Kay beat Will Ellison and Hal Mohammed to take the U25 title.

At student level, too, Paulines were competing at the highest level, but the big story this year was the return of Loughborough University – and the end of its 50-year wait for a Fives title.

That came courtesy of Luke Thomson, who won the BUCS singles title half a century after Pat Badmin and Mike Bielby won the Doubles title.

Overall, though, the dominant university was Durham, who not only emerged on top of Dave Hebden's unofficial BUCS team championship, but also supplied the doubles winners: Alex Griffiths and Peter Hanton.

With the likes of Alan Bowden, Jay Gravatt, James Tilston and Julian Aquilina also doing well, Durham look set to mount a strong challenge for the title again next year.

However, they were only just ahead of Cambridge, and it was the Light Blues who again showed their dominance over their fiercest rivals, with a win in the Varsity Match.

Both teams were dominated by Old Paulines, but it was Cambridge's top pairs – Kay & Chase and Alan Beverly & Alleyn Old Boy Jacob Brubert – who set the team on their way to a decisive win by taking all their games with something to spare.

With many of these young players already a force to be reckoned with in the adult game, and plenty more snapping at their heels, two things are clear: first, today's top adults cannot rest on their laurels; and, secondly, Fives has a wonderful future ahead of it.



'Thomson won the BUCS singles, 50 years after the last title for Loughborough'



TOP Dan Tristao took his fourth U25s singles title **CENTRE** Players in the BUCS Doubles final **BOTTOM** The Varsity Match teams **LEFT** BUCS singles champion Luke Thomson

Schools' Season Review

David Barnes looks back on a year that saw high-quality play from all age groups



The Winchester Doubles, the season's first event, gives the buttress boys an early chance to score one over the plain-wallers, but they missed out. St. Paul's and Derby Moor reached the final, with the more experienced Paulines winning fairly comfortably. .

The West of England Schools at Sherborne saw Bradfield's Butler in the Senior singles final against Parker of St. Paul's. Butler played his best to win the first game easily, but the second was a battle which he took only by the odd point. St. Paul's had both pairs in the Senior doubles final, Parker and Thomas winning in three games. In the Colts, Kahn-Pascual of St. Paul's lost the first game to Wyatt-Haines of Blundell's but won the next two; and it was much the same story in the doubles, St. Paul's beating Blundell's 2-1.

The Under 13 Championships were not as well supported as previously, although it was less of a marathon day for the young players – and the organiser! Alleyn's won both singles and doubles, with Merchant Taylors' and Blundell's strongly represented.

So to the Nationals at St. Paul's. In order to accommodate schools breaking up late, the event started on Friday, with the finals on Monday. This meant that some potential entrants were already on holiday and unavailable. There is no satisfactory solution!

Nevertheless, the entry was good, with 20 schools sending players. Butler justified his seeding by taking the Senior singles and becoming only the third Bradfieldian to win, a performance of great determination and character.

Parker and Thomas maintained their unbeaten record as their more accurate and

consistent play won the doubles against Derby's Frost and Baxter.

Wyatt-Haines retained his Colts singles title, but St. Paul's dominated the doubles, Beltrami and Arnold beating Kahn-Pascual and Ashraf.

The Under 14 competitions produced finals of rare quality. First, Ahmed of Christ's Hospital beat Mossaheb of Winchester in a close singles final; and then Mabbutt and Ford of Whitgift won an absolute cliffhanger against Baird and Morris of Merchiston Castle. This is the first title that Whitgift has won for many years, and all four players can be proud of their fives.

'Butler's win was a performance of great determination and character'

This season saw the introduction of a second regional tournament, in the South-East. Players came from Christ's Hospital, Eastbourne, Whitgift and host school Tonbridge, and trophies were generously given by local luminaries Tony Hamilton, Neil Arnott, Nigel Wheeler and – no longer so local – Ian Torkington. It was a great day, as each school reached at least one final; Christ's Hospital won both Senior events and Whitgift and Eastbourne one each of the Colts.

The other regional event – the Colquhoun Trophy, for South-West schools – was dominated by Blundell's but also contested by Sherborne, Marlborough, King's Bruton and Malvern. Perhaps a Midland regional might be possible, involving Oundle, both Bedfords, Rugby, Derby Moor and the newly restored Denstone?



TOP National Open Doubles winners Parker & Thomas **CENTRE** Blundell's boys dominated the Colquhoun Trophy **BOTTOM** Whitgift and Merchiston U14s after their 'cliffhanger' **RIGHT** National Open Singles winner Butler



School reports

All over the country, boys and - increasingly - girls are enjoying the game

Alley's School

We had some excellent games, especially at U14 level, where we were unbeaten.

U15 and U16s' results were more mixed but the 1st IV lost only to St.Paul's.

Julian Hanton won the National U13 Singles and, with Ben Kirwan, Doubles, while Zach Brubert got to the quarter-finals of the Open Singles and the semis of the Doubles. Charlie Williams and he will be a strong pair next season.

Internally, Anthony Tunstall won the Hanton Cup for his positive attitude, encouragement to the younger players and a big improvement in his game.

Ian Fuller

Bedford Modern School

This year started with a heavy loss for our U16s against a strong Bedford U18 team, and at Rossall, the U16s again had to play older players and none reached the medal positions.

Angus Hale won our internal competition, and James Attwood and Jake Rees-Bidder were first and second respectively in the junior competition.

Against Merchant Taylors, the senior team played some spirited fives, but the junior team of Attwood and Rees-Bidder, with Joe Sumner and Alex Evans, showed promise, winning easily.

Philip Smith

Bedford School

Fives is continuing to thrive, and fierce competition has raised the quality.

Unfortunately, the 1st IV saw more losses than victories, but there was huge satisfaction in beating the OBs for the first time in some years, while the 2nd IV have enjoyed more success. Regular 1st IV players have included Ethan Taylor (c), Ali Bourne, Chris Davey, Dan Sorensen and Ali Jones.

We sent players to the Nationals for the first time in several years, providing excellent experience and a motivation for next year.

Michael Croker

Blundell's School

Blundell's has had another busy year, with well over 100 pupils involved.

Matt Oddy successfully skippered the squad for a second year and Sam Wyatt-Haines retained his National Colts singles title, while Alexander Gibson (U12) did very well to get to the final stages of the U13 singles.

Sam also won a title at the Colquhoun Trophy as did Harvey Scott, helped by experience against adult opposition.

Meanwhile Emily Combe won the National U14 singles and, with Amy Cross, the doubles.

Chris Hedley-Dent

Bradfield College

This year Bradfield has fielded Senior, U15 and U14 teams, and David Butler won the National U18 Singles title, the first Bradfieldian to win since 1981.

Sam Scott and Stuart Cummings have also been stalwarts of the team and as they leave, it has been great to see Alex Rees and Karl Simmons (both Lower Sixth) return. With some useful Colts next year, we hope to build on the success of this year. I would also like to thank David Barnes, especially for coaching David Butler. Our success is again very much down to him.

Jeremy Ball

Christ's Hospital

The 1st and 2nd teams built well after the loss of so many strong players last year, and highlights included Andea Gemade winning the South East Open Singles title and winning the Doubles with Rory Keddie.

A particular highlight for the U16s and U15s was several members of the sides competing in an RFA match against adults very creditably.

It was the U14s who excelled, winning all of their matches where the full side was available, while Abdul Ahmed won the National U14 Singles title.

Ed Hatton

Denstone College

My coaching at Denstone has been a success, with a good mixture of boys and girls playing, in particular the sixth forms boys, who were very close to competing at tournament level. They put up valiant efforts against both Derby Moor and Oundle but in the end the opposition's experience was too much for the newly discovered talents of the Denstone boys.

I await my return next school year, when I will be aiming to get A and B teams competing in tournaments and playing regular matches.

Anthony Goodwin

Derby Moor

In the West of England Schools, Rob Christie & Robert Whitehorn both reached the semi-final of the Singles, and we were delighted as they reached the semi-final of the U16 Doubles. But, when Max Frost and Mike Baxter reached the U18 Doubles final 'delighted' was hardly the word!

The boys are keen to travel to play, and anyone interested in a contest, should see www.derbymoorfives.org for more information

Bob Dolby



Jimmy Goodwin and Mike Baxter finished as runners-up in the Schools' Winchester Fives

Eastbourne College

All the teams have enjoyed some success this season and it has been particularly encouraging to see the 1stIV play to a standard above that of recent years. Perhaps the highlight was the performance in the first South East Regional Competition where every Eastbournian reached a final or won a plate final. Special mention goes to Philip Teterin and Ed Richards, who won the U16 doubles, and to Chayton Kent, who lost the Open Singles final in three games. The girls have also played their part, with Tessa Mills winning the Girls' National Open Singles for the third consecutive year. Unfortunately we have to say farewell to Alex Smith, who has been a tireless coach on court and particularly active in encouraging more girls to play.

Spencer Beal

Kelly College

The courts have been in regular use. In addition to two weekly sessions for serious players, 1st and 2nd Forms play on Activities afternoon. Pupils from nearby Mount House Prep School have had a go, too, and there are plans to develop this link.

Last term we travelled to Blundell's to play Sherborne, and came a respectable second.

Despite a shortage of opponents, pupils have remained competitive by playing in the School Ladder and a couple of the older pupils have joined in with the Deep West Club.

There are now quite a few promising players in the School, and it is hoped to enter some of them in tournaments next year.

Nick Geere



Coach Nick Geere (centre) with a selection of his promising young players at Kelly

Malvern College

Fives is in a semi-healthy state; there are some keen players, but time on court and building that into the timetable is a problem that I am sure is not ours alone. Juniors' matches unearthed some good players, but the highlight of the year was the Girls U16s Championships, where Shinan Zhang picked up the singles title and, with Anna Llewellyn, the doubles, too. Hopefully this will encourage many more girls to play.

Chris Thomas



Malvern's girls saw great success at this year's National School Girls' Championships

Edinburgh Academy

Fives at the Academy has progressed significantly, with students spending more time on court, which has improved their awareness and skills.

Most of my time is spent coaching the younger beginners. We started with the basics to try and get them comfortable in the court and with how a fives ball moves. Over the two terms they all improved, with some beginners really excelling. The progress was very encouraging, as was the level of interest and enthusiasm.

Perhaps the slight drawback is that beginners and non-beginners share the same session and two courts, making it quite hard to give significant coaching to both. Hopefully next year we can work something out.

Douglas Butt

KCS Wimbledon

We had an enjoyable season despite snow and injury scuppering a few fixtures. Our top IV of Josh Whittaker, Mike Kimberlin, Alex Lama and Kiyann Maleki played well together, holding their own against some traditionally stronger schools, and excelled in doubles. They all leave this year and the baton will pass to this year's U16s, who are a strong year group. Tom Middlehurst, Brogan Quinn, Louis Laville and Tom Meddings won most of their matches and should form the core of the team for the next couple of years. Further down the school, four U15 boys were new to the sport this year and have made great strides, despite struggling in matches against more experienced opposition.

Ben Andrew

King's Bruton

King's Bruton enjoyed a successful season, beating Marlborough and Sherborne, and we're aiming to increase our fixture list.

In February, the school lost to a strong Rugby Fives Association team, but the RFA players complimented the King's players on their positive attitude and potential.

Against Marlborough, Captain Yuki Kawamoto, Lloyd Wallace, Arslan Aliev and Ruslan Zeynalov played some impressive Fives, and we shared the matches against Sherborne: King's lost the away match, but won at home.

In the Easter holiday, Yuki Kawamoto and Arslan Aliev enjoyed their matches in the Colquhoun Trophy, but both knew they had met their match.

Charles Oulton

Loretto School

Loretto continues to strengthen its player base, and fixtures were played at Junior (under 14) and Colts levels. Simon Whait reached the Colts quarter-finals of the West of England Championships for the second year, but could not go to the National Schools'. Nevertheless, he is still young enough to compete at this level next year and we hope he does well.

In Scotland, Loretto (Callum Brechin and Simon Whait) won the Edinburgh Schools Colts Doubles title, while Callum partnered Neil Roberts in the Scottish Doubles and came away with a medal. Next season we again have fixtures at all three levels with the other Edinburgh schools, so there is much to look forward to.

Roger Whait

Marlborough College

The senior IV was unbeaten, winning against Wessex, the RFA, Bradfield, Winchester, Sherborne and Malvern. Frosell at no.1 looked very strong, but lost most of the Lent term to injury. Captain Henry Lamb held things together very well, and six of the squad return next year, so we hope to emulate this success next season.

In tournaments, there was less to shout about, although the U14s put up a good show in the Nationals plate, and U15 Hugo Fry was the runner-up in the U16 Colquhoun trophy. It was a shame that Lamb, like most of the rest of the team, could not play the big events.

At the Girls' Nationals, too, our hopes were thwarted by unavailability, and Allie Davies reaching the U16 semis was as close as we got to silverware.

Tom Kiggell

Merchant Taylors' School

The 1st IV – led ably by Rushil Patel and with a squad including Vivek Patel, Nicholas Finney, Anujay Shah and Russell Lamb – is probably the best in my seven years at MTS. They were unbeaten in school matches and, at the Nationals, Rushil and Vivek won the Plate Doubles with Rushil also coming runner-up in the Plate Singles.

The 2nd IV and U16s acquitted themselves well, while the U15s and U14s had some good matches, and the juniors did well in the U13 Nationals.

Finally, Rushil, Vivek, Nicholas, Russell and myself all played the adult Scottish Open. The boys played their best Fives and picked up a national ranking – a first in my time here.

Nick Hillier

St Dunstan's College

The 1st IV won seven of nine matches, with the win over the Executioners particularly gratifying, and Amarr Wright and Louis Phelps an unbeaten pair. The 2nd IV also had a fine year, but the 14s and 15s had a hard time, especially with teams often denuded by other sports. Notably, in the U15s, a female student played for the school – a first – and we had many good matches, but came out on the wrong side of the result.

Rick Bodenham

Merchiston Castle School

First pair Angus Paterson and Teddy Bonfield dominated the Scottish schools circuit, winning every game, as well as the Edinburgh Schools Fives Championships, the seventh year in succession that Merchiston has lifted the trophy. At the Nationals, Angus Sinclair won the Second Plate and will captain the side next year.

The Colts had a similarly successful season, although absences meant they lost in the final of the Edinburgh Schools Championships.

The Juniors made impressive strides and had real success in the National U14 Doubles. After beating St Paul's in the semis, they lost to Whitgift in an epic deciding game in the final. It was very impressive and they look forward to returning next year.

Matthew Hillier

Pilgrims' School

This was another excellent year, and the tempo was raised after Christmas, with a new session for Juniors – and matches! In these, we beat Blundell's and Merchant Taylors'.

Sadly, several players could not attend the Nationals, but Max Griffiths won all his pool matches, and Junho Choi (a year young) made the plate semis. In the doubles, Junho and Toby Calder played their best fives and only narrowly lost in the semis.

So ended another happy season; the boys were always polite, keen, utterly fair and a joy to look after.

My thanks to Jo Mason and Simon Swales, and to our host and coach, Giles Munn of Winchester College.

Geoffrey Hammond

Oundle School

We enjoyed another fine season and the courts continue to improve.

Pre-season matches proved a useful platform, and teams played spirited and competitive Fives under diligent captains, George Woodfield and Susie Burrows. The U15s, U16s and senior girls lost narrowly to Rugby, and highlights for senior boys were close matches against the Old Oundelians and Eastbourne, while they came away better players for experience at the Nationals. Susie Burrows and Bryony Choy made the Singles semi-final at the Girls' Nationals and won the Plate Doubles.

Other highlights include coaching given by Wayne Enstone and OO Roger Edwardson. This has been of great benefit to the younger players, and their ability promises the club a bright future.

Michael Case



Bryony Choy and Susie Burrows played in the National School Girls' Championships

Radley College

The courts have essentially been out of action this year and, while there has been some limited play, there really is nothing to report from the last season. I'm hoping that next season should bear more fruit!

David Cox

Rossall School

Sadly, this has been a quiet year for fives at Rossall and I am not able to write much. Due mainly to clashes with other sports fixtures, we only had one Under 14s/13s match and couldn't go to any of the big tournaments. There are still some very good players at the school, though, and we hope to be more active next year!

Mungo Winkley



St Dunstan's 1st IV: Connor Strutt-Clare, Eddie Jones, Louis Phelps and captain Amarr Wright

Rugby School

Another good year: the number of fixtures increased significantly and more adult teams visited.

The greatest success came again at National Championships. Chessie Ruffell narrowly lost in the final of the Girls' Open competition, but she and Hannah Hawkesley won the Doubles. Marcus Hunter and captain George Terry also did well in their Nationals.

The game is flourishing: 22 boys and girls play on Thursdays, more opt to do it as a games option, and the school has played 17 matches; staff are starting to play and we beat the ORs for the first time this century. The leavers, Tris Edwards, Alex Roden, Marcus Kerr, Theo Mckibbin and George Terry have all become very competent players and I hope they will return as ORs.

Trevor White

St Paul's School

This has been another very good year, with some talented players winning an impressive amount of silverware. Our U14s only lost one match, and our exceptionally strong Colts four were unbeaten – so we are hoping for continued success over the next few years.

Our top senior doubles pair (Theo Parker & Francis Thomas) won everything on offer this season (Winchester Doubles, West of England Open Doubles & Nationals Senior Doubles). They also took part in the British Universities tournament and managed to reach the semi-finals – an impressive achievement against students several years older.

Sam Roberts



Top doubles pair Theo Parker and Francis Thomas won three titles this season

Tonbridge School

At the South East Championships, believed to be the first tournament here in 106 years, we did not win any of the shiny new trophies, but Nick Whitney and Ben Jones played very well to reach the Senior doubles final.

Of our 10 teams, the the U15B and 3rd IVs were both unbeaten, as were the 2nd IV – until their final match.

The Nationals were not vintage like last year, but Dan Hutt looks a good prospect for the U16s next year.

Ian Jackson



Nick Whitney & Ben Jones beat the second seeds on their way to the SE Doubles final

Sedbergh School

We have had large numbers training regularly, including boys and girls. The girls are yet to see competitive action, but we are already targeting next year's Nationals. The boys had a decent season, but the squad was young, so we were targeting the Colts and U14 at the Nationals. We didn't quite hit the top level, and hope to do better next year.

There were two highlights: hosting the Barnes Bridge tournament, which is great for our pupils to see, and our visit to Manchester's Y club. I hope we can make similar trips in the future.

Jon Lidiard

Sherborne School

It has been an enjoyable year and Jamie Smart and Ed Dance have played in seven matches. The games against King's Bruton were especially hard fought and the match against the Wessex Club was a real highlight, with Sherborne losing by just one point.

We again hosted the Colquhoun Trophy and Jamie was an impressive winner in the Open singles Plate.

In the junior school we have had almost 20 players on court each week, producing busy and fun sessions, and excellent matches. There is much promise for the years ahead.

Nick Scorer

UCS

Sadly, there was no Fives at UCS this year, as the courts were damaged in a storm and have been unusable. With the master-in-charge taking a sabbatical next year, the RFA will contact UCS to see if it can ensure that Fives is played.

James Clifford

Whitgift School

Whitgift had the most successful season I can remember, winning about 60% of its school fixtures and the Junior Colts being almost unbeaten.

We also won the first South East Colts singles title. Tom Walters proved to be a tremendously capable player and I do hope he decides to stay next year, giving my Seniors a real boost.

The season climaxed with the U14 doubles title, the first national title for us since 1955. My thanks to Charlie Mabbutt and Ben Ford for hanging on in the longest doubles match I have ever seen. Fives is in rude health, but it would be nice to have our fourth court back so I can build upon this.

Nick Morgan

Winchester College

Most of our players had an eye on next year, but they still produced good results. Our 1st IV, with three U17s, was set to extend their unbeaten run to two years – until old boy Will Ellison led the RFA to a win in their last match.

At U16 level we had a number of injuries, but two U15s valiantly stepped up to the task, gaining four wins and valuable experience. Our U14s, too, almost had an unbeaten season, losing only to St Paul's in the last match.

At tournament level, there were encouraging signs, and our young 1st pair of Wylde and Ganendra reached two semis. At the Nationals, we could only field our U14s at full strength and they came agonisingly close to titles: Mossaheb lost the singles final in three sets and he and Zehner lost the doubles semi-final to the eventual winners.

Giles Munn

RFA Club Report

Club Manager **Hamish Buchanan** reports on a growing fixture list - and lavish teas!



The Club played five new fixtures this season. The first saw Brian Kirk's team detour to the White Rose Club after another team cancelled. Against Rugby, Richard and Rob Christie stepped

up at the last minute to save the day. Meanwhile there was a full eight-a-side for the Old Paulines match, and for the first RFA Club vs 'Winchester Fives Association' match where a feast of Winchester fives was followed by a feast of chips, sandwiches and beer organised by the Wessex Club. The last of the new matches was against Derby Moor, where the match began with Robert & Robert (Sandie & Ross) playing Robert & Robert (Whitehorn & Christie) as Robert (Dolby) looked on.

Reports of lavish teas have come from places as far apart as Croydon, Scarborough and Sherborne. The last was enjoyed solely by Andy Passey as, with snow falling, his team departed.

The odd old genial rivalry can surface in a Club match, and at the Old Whitgiftians fixture, Messrs Warner could be heard bemoaning each other's court position and lack of movement. This continued at the clubhouse, where it was suggested that they join the Tango class to quell their differences.

Sadly, it is too often a struggle to run a match, but struggle we must, as these matches help keep the game alive.

I would particularly like to thank Keith Love, who has been managing matches for more than 20 years.

The President's Cup was again a great success, run by Gareth Price and won by Luke Thomson and Guy Matthews.

Here, as everywhere, much fun was had by all and I look forward to that continuing next year.



Highlights from the year: (clockwise from top left) President's Cup winners Thomson and Matthews; RFA Club and Cambridge players; President's Cup organiser Gareth Price; one of several lavish post-match teas

RFA CLUB RESULTS

Opposition

Alleyn Old Boys
Bank of England
Bedford School
Blundells School VI

Cambridge University
Cambridge University
Christ's Hospital VI.
Derby Moor
Durham
Eastbourne College
Executioners
Guthrie Dalesmen
Jesters VIII
Kings Bruton
Old Bradfieldians
Old Blues
Old Paulines VIII

Old Tonbridgians
Old Whitgiftians
Oundle School
Oxford University
Rugby School

Sedbergh
Sherborne School
St. Dunstons College
Tonbridge School
White Rose Club
Winchester College VI

Winchester Fives Association
* non-playing

Manager

R Perry
H Buchanan
J Denham
M and M Whitehead

A Pringle
R Dolby
A Smith
A Burrows*
R Sandie
K Love
T Dean
R Sandie
R Warner
P de Winton
A Pringle
G Matthews
M Bate

A Smith
H Buchanan
C Lamb
E Hatton
R Warner*

R Guthrie
A Passey
A Hamilton
A Hamilton
B Kirk
W Ellison

D Tristao

Other players

E Hatton, C Burrows, T Dean
R Warner, A Hanton, B Hanton

A Rew, D Hill, K Kennerly,
R Wyatt-Haines, D Rice, T Lewis
C Jones, R Warner, C Burrows
M Frost, A Goodwin, M Baxter, J Goodwin

C Baxter, T Widdop, R Ross, R Sandie
J Minta, T Widdop, G Tosh

R Matthieu, R Warner, M Borthwick
T Widdop, J Hawke, D Hebden

P Grant, J Sanders, T Hillman

H Aveston, S Mighall, J Walsh
W Ellison, G Price, H Mohammed
C Burrows, E Hatton, H Buchanan, R Perry

B Hanton, R Warner, A Hanton

M Bate, W Ellison, G Rees
Richard Christie, Robert Christie,
D Urquhart, M Kerr

F Kelly, B Boag, M Patterson
N Arnot, J Higgins, A Hanton
P Ross, W Gunyon, N Wheeler
S Kirby, R Christie, A Goodwin, M Frost
J Sinton, M Mohammed, W Gunyon,
A Wolstenholme, I Mettam
S Roberts, D Grant, H Buchanan,
G Price, T Marshall, J Minta, A Lee

Result

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Club Reports

Fives is thriving right across the UK – and across the Atlantic

Alleyn Old Boys

Another difficult year, as last year's refurbishment has suffered severe teething problems. The floor had to be recoated, but soon became too smooth. Finally, the school agreed to a 'supergrip' compound, and this seems to be lasting better.

Numbers have increased slightly with four or five new players and a few student AOBs back in the holidays.

We hope to have more Tuesday evening and Sunday morning sessions in the coming year and maybe even the odd match.

Hamish Buchanan

Cambridge University

We had a strong squad at the BUCS championships, and Ed Kay lost in the singles final. We had first (Chase & Kay) and third seeds (Malone & Beverly) in the doubles, but neither could defeat Durham's top pair.

In the final match of the season, we were looking for our first back-to-back Varsity Match victories for 20 years – and that was duly accomplished with a 290-158 win.

CURFC is optimistic for the future, as the squad is strong and there is a real chance of some of us playing on the new Sports Centre's courts.

Ed Kay



In his final year at Cambridge, Elliot Malone captained a Varsity-winning side

Bank of England

The Bank of England fives club continues to operate on a regular basis, supported by a select band of players. Regulars include Jonathan Bartle, Bruce Mackenzie, Antony 'Jack' Calf, Michael Addison and Iain de Weymarn. Fixtures are always keenly contested, if a little infrequent or late, given the relatively small size of the club and the odd injury we have suffered.

Our best news this year, however, is the courts at Roehampton have been renewed and refurbished, so that it now, once again, really can lay claim to be one of the best places to play in the capital, after a period when a leaky roof often made predictable and reliable play impossible.

Iain de Weymarn

Caledonian Club

We saw the usual flux of players to and from the club, but early practices generally well-attended and competitive. We are grateful to Fettes College for the use of their courts.

Merchiston Castle provided a steady stream of doubles matches, but experience tended to triumph over youth. The Jesters, as always, provided an extremely enjoyable weekend of fives in January, and it was great to see players travelling so far to compete in the Scottish Open.

The end of this season sees the southbound departure of Jonny Major, captain of two years, and his replacement with Mike Kemp. Practice will continue intermittently over the summer, and resume in full swing in the Autumn.

Jonny Major

Christ's Hospital Club

The 'Fives at 5' Wednesday club continued to meet weekly. As usual, senior school pupils benefitted hugely from the chance to play with 'specialists' from far and wide.

The most memorable matches took place against Eastbourne and Whitgift. The former saw an Old Blue play for the first time in more than 10 years. The latter involved two very close matches, with the home leg lost by one point.

Continuing improvements are being made to the courts and in addition to our fridge, hand warmer and comfy chairs we now sport a trophy cabinet. Next up are a 'wall of fame' and a sofa!

We look forward to hosting the 2012 BUCS Championships. The defending singles champion is a certain Luke Thomson Esq. Sounds familiar...

Anyone in the area is more than welcome to join us. Please contact me.

Ed Hatton

Derby Moor

Our most significant feat was reaching the semi-final of the Club Knock-out, helped by Luke Thomson, who plays with us while at Loughborough.

We entered the Owers Trophy for the first time and were runners-up, with a team of Jimmy and Anthony Goodwin, Mike Baxter and Max Frost.

We again reached a lot of Plate finals, with Stuart Kirby winning the National Veterans singles, and Anthony and Max winning doubles plates at the U25s and London Open, but it's worth remembering that Max, Jimmy and Mike were all aged 17 while playing in these senior events.

The season ended with our ninth Invitation Doubles, won for the second time by Mike Baxter, with Jay Gravatt.

We still plan to enclose our courts and build 1-wall courts on the outside walls, hopefully after the school's rebuilding is completed in 2013.

Stuart Kirby/Bob Dolby

Durham University

Our highlight was recapturing the BUCS doubles trophy by Alex Griffiths, this time with Peter Hanton. This, with his singles semi-final-performance,

Executioners

So the glory continues. A year after Alex Steel won a national title, the club has continued its winning ways.

In a shock, though, the winner was Guy Matthews, who carried his younger, BUCS-winning partner Luke Thomson to win the President's Cup.

Elsewhere, Dick Warner – in his usual quiet way – was a semi-finalist in two Veterans events, and runner-up in the Vintage doubles, while Andy Pringle was runner-up in the West of England Doubles. Meanwhile, our summer doubles title was won



The Executioners' prize-winning players at their second home: the Sun Inn, Barnes

– after several hours' hard play (and eating) – by Andy and Tom Webster.

In a sad reflection of the club's communications, the Singles title

went to Riaz Dharamshi – despite no singles ladder happening! Still, it was richly deserved, showing that Riaz has the knack of being in the right place at the right time: in the pub when prizes are being handed out.

Also awarded at the same time were the awards for the previous season; and, thanks to the trophy shop's inexperience in supplying a prize suitable for a lady, Alex Steel's Most Competitive Player award was truly unique: a towel with her name on it – every bit as classy as the club!

Andy Pringle

saw Peter nominated for Sportsman of the Year at the annual dinner for all the Team Durham clubs.

Since the New Year there have been good performances in the U25s and North of England championships, as well as wins over the RFA and St Paul's.

Good numbers have been turning up to training, and we organised some very well-attended taster sessions for beginners. We hope to see many of these back in October and look forward to a strong intake next season. Sadly, we are losing Alex Griffiths, who has graduated, but we wish him all the best.

Julian Aquilina

Eastbourne Club

The season started in decent health and we enjoy wide, albeit intermittent, support from farmers, staff, ex-staff, ex-pupils, a dean, a cardiologist (reassuring!), a geologist, a builder of small power stations (is John Minta reading this?), plus a rheumatologist, a couple of chief execs., a TV programme editor, an art dealer, a local GP etc., but sometimes struggle to raise a four.

We sent a trio to the Vets' event, a solo contender to the Vintage (singles runner-up Tony Hamilton), and won most of our matches.

We are sorry to see Alex Smith leave, but small compensation is the recent discovery at nearby Friston Place of an Eton fives court, which a few members have road-tested to satisfaction.

A sociable bunch, we normally repair to a local hostelry to rehydrate, analyse and set the world to rights. New blood and young limbs are welcome.

Tony Hamilton

Exeter Rugby Fives Club

ERFC meet at Blundells every Wednesday night at 6ish come wind, rain or shine, courtesy of the new roofs. We combine with the Tiverton Club, so there are often upwards of eight players and a mix of standards. All are welcome to join us if down in the area on holiday or more permanently.

Contact Alex Rew 07970 958408.

Alex Rew

Guthrie Dalesmen

The season began with the fixture against Sedbergh, often a relative trot for us. However, with a strong mix of boys and a relatively unpractised home side, we lost resoundingly.

Then came more punishment from the White Rose Club, who had commandeered 'Titan' Dave Hebden. Beyond the pleasure of having such a legend on Scarborough concrete and renewing a fixture that had been missing for three years, there was little to smile about after our crushing defeat. However, the performance of new club blood, George Page, proved that 20 years off the courts had done little to dampen his talent and would have merited 'Man of the Match' if his side had not lost so resolutely!

Determined to set the record straight in the return fixture at Sedbergh, the squad was firing on all cylinders and stormed to two hearty victories over the boys and the masters in Saturday and Sunday clashes. Roll on next year!

Dalesmen honours: Richard Guthrie, George Page, Andy Williamson, Peter Guthrie, Charles Breese, James Sargent.

John Guthrie

Jesters Club

It was an enjoyable and eventful season, with the Strawson Match a highlight. Both the Jesters and RFA fielded very young teams, making for an energetic and hard-fought match – a great sign for the future. Another fixture of note was against Rugby School at their new courts – our first match at the home of Rugby Fives for quite some time, and hopefully now a permanent fixture! I look forward to saying the same about Cambridge.

The tour to Scotland in January, was the usual great success, with the Akermans ensuring as much Fives as is humanly possible! It is the best way to promote the sport and enable plenty of people to play for and against the Jesters. The enthusiasm shown by all those taking part is a credit to the club.

Thank you to all who played for the Jesters over the course of the season, particularly to the match managers. I urge you to keep playing, encouraging Fives and maintaining the club spirit.

Charlie Brooks

Manchester Y Club

One big point of news is that the Club is 100 years old this year! As if by way of celebration, Claire Knowles continues to dominate ladies' singles and doubles and still seems to be untouchable, while John Minta is denying his age and still mixing it with all the top-ranked players. Last, but not least, despite having a team averaging well over 40 years of age, the YMCA came runners up to a very good St. Paul's team in the Club Championship.

John Beswick

Marlborough Town Club

We had an excellent year and thank the College and, in particular, Tom Kiggell. The highlight was undoubtedly the 'McNab', when we played Rugby fives at Rugby, Eton fives at Eton and Winchester fives at Winchester, all in one day. We thank them and congratulate winner Harvey Bishop. The day was set up by Peter Grant, who deservedly won the Hillman Cup at our annual dinner. Other notable events were Will Grant, Peter's son, winning the Hughes Cup, our Rugby singles competition, and the Golden Glove. Congratulations to Vicky Westwood and Tom Kiggell, who won the Cole Cup, our Eton competition. Thanks to Melissa and Jim for the cups. Oh, and congratulations and thanks to all members for whatever they did that was good. With next year's National Veterans & Vintage event at Marlborough, our members will no doubt go to extra lengths on their fitness and diet. Mr Kiggell expects.

Richard Clark

Old Bedford Modernians

The OBMs continue to meet on Mondays at 7.30 pm between September and April. Increasingly, injuries afflict our ageing bodies but usually seven or eight attend. More and more time is spent on pre-game discussions about new or ongoing ailments, which must have seemed rather strange to the two enthusiastic

Bedford School boys who joined us last season. Actually, it was very pleasing to have them and watch them improve.

Just one match was fulfilled (against Bedford School), but the club was represented at the Veterans (Phil Atkinson, Chris Ryan and Mark Kiteley) and at the Vintage (Phil and Mark). The ubiquitous Mr. Kiteley also pitched up at the President's Cup and with his (presumably more youthful) partner, reached the final of the main competition, eventually succumbing in three hard-fought games.

Phil Atkinson

Old Merchant Taylors

This season was arguably our most successful: participation up, member retention good, and an increasingly high standard of play. John Walter & Richard Sutcliffe recovered well from an uncharacteristically early exit in the Vets to take the plate, and John once again made it to the semis of the singles. Gareth Price had another good doubles season, reaching three semi-finals; and, although technically not part of this season, went a step further at the South West, winning his first title with partner Dan Tristao.

Tristao would also prove to be the lynchpin for our most decorated player, Dan Grant, who started the season with a doubles title at the West of England before going on to take the top honour, the National Doubles title.

Gareth Price

Old Paulines

It was good to see then schoolboy Francis Thomas play in the Owers Trophy. The OPs blew the opposition away and it was a similarly strong performance in the Wood Cup.

Team success was not surprising given our individual success. Dan Tristao won several titles, but the greatest improvement was in doubles. Charlie Brooks & Tom Dean won the NW Open and were runners up to Dan in the Nationals.

A more senior OP was also bringing in silverware: John East won the National Masters title.

Our one match was with the RFA, but it would be lovely to have more.

Lastly, a special mention to club captain, Ady Lee, who is leaving the UK. He will be sorely missed.

Tom Dean



The club's President's Cup was won by schoolboy Matt Shaw and Charlie Books

Old Blundellians

There have been some excellent games against the School this year and The Reichwald Cup will be



The Old Blundellian team have had many excellent games against the current pupils

competed for again this autumn. My thanks to those who always turn up for fixtures and to those who are re-trying their arms! There were some excellent games and I'm sure many will be back next season. Praise must go to the Blundell's pupils who are showing real strength in depth and congratulations to Sam Wyatt-Haines who won the U16 National Singles.

Club Secretary Ed Cumberlege is soon back from his year in Hong Kong, so please contact him if you would like to appear on our email round robins and fixture list. Also for those interested in running a fixture in their area, please let Ed know – ecumberlege@googlemail.com.

Alex Rew

Old Tonbridgians

For several years the club has operated primarily on a social and informal basis, meeting on Tuesday evenings at Tonbridge School. We play all year round, with about 6-10 regular players and there has been an increase in 'recent leavers' joining us.

This year, our fixtures included home and away matches against Eastbourne College, Christ's Hospital Masters, Whitgift, St Dunstan's College and the current school team. We also had a very close match against the RFA. The victory against Eastbourne was a highlight, but I know that Spencer Beal and his friends will be keen for a victory next year.

New (and old!) players are welcome and should get in touch with me.

Neil Arnott

Radley Manuals

It has been a quiet season for the Old Radleians with, for a variety of reasons, no matches played. On a positive note, though, I know that there are a number of Old Radleians playing regularly. To name just a couple, Toby Brook recovered from a nasty ankle injury to start playing again towards the end of the season and Duncan Neale makes regular appearances at The Executioners' Wednesday night club sessions. As the 2012/2013 season approaches, the Radley Manuals are in good shape to start playing some fixtures and, hopefully, enter a team in The Owers Trophy.

Tom Maconie

Southampton University

And then there were two. After losing the majority of our already meagre player base last year, I was lucky to be joined by Richard Lebon, doing a Masters in Civil Engineering. Due to the fact that it was my final year and Rich had a busy schedule, we did not play as much as we would have liked. Still, many thanks to the Wessex Club for putting up with us all year!

I'd like to think that we did not reach our full potential as a Doubles pair with losses in the Plate Final at the West of England Championships and the Quarter Finals of the BUCS competition but we had an enjoyable year. Rich will be around next year so if any players are looking for a game, do get into contact with him.

Steve Coffey

Union Boat Club, Boston

In a rematch of last year's club championship, Matt Iler outlasted steadfast rival Sam Devens to win the fifth annual Gardiner-Norwood Trophy. Sam took an early lead, only for Matt to battle back and close it out in a splendid display of fivesmanship.

The finals trophy is named for Penn Gardiner and 'Stu-ball' Norwood, two of Union's more colorful former members. Penn played for the Boston Rugby Club and would love to come to Union dressed in his rugby gear to watch fives. He loved to tell corny jokes and sordid tales, in passable French, of misadventures in the brasseries of Montmartre. Stu-ball, while not an avid fivesman, was a fine tennis and

Old Whitgiftians

Our season kicked off on a sunny day in October, with over 30 players gathering to celebrate 50 years since the Club was set up. We eagerly look forward to the next 50!

We played ten games this year, with 'local' opposition including Christ's Hospital, the Old Tonbridgians, Whitgift School and the RFA. Further afield, we had another enjoyable South West Tour playing at Sherborne, Tiverton and Clifton.

We had good turn-outs for our Club doubles and singles competitions, with Tony Hamilton & Peter Ross winning the former, and honorary Old Whit Ed Hatton a worthy victor in the latter.

Tony Hamilton's success continued reaching the National Vintage singles final. It was also fantastic that Whitgift schoolboys Charlie Mabbutt & Ben Ford won the national U14 doubles championship. Along with strong performances from other

squash player, who loved attending the fives dinner. While both of these gents are no longer with us, their names live on in the Union inner sanctum.

For the second year in a row, Greg Saunders received the Eddie Bradford award for the most improved player.

Nick Elfner

Wessex Club

We had another busy year, with 64 players turning up at some stage, plus our usual mix of schoolboys and students. Highlights included Hal Mohammed and Will Ellison's 'Grand Slam', winning the Barnes Bridge at Sedbergh.

We also had an excellent new fixture of the 'WFA' against the RFA (on Winchester Fives Courts) with the WFA sneaking out as winners. We have also welcomed a few new players, notably Matt Blunden, who learnt his fives in Derby, and former squash player John Grassi. Next year Michael Sessions from Christ Hospital and his father Kevin will also be joining us, meaning we often have eight father-son pairs, plus a father and son-in-law, playing.



Standing L-R: John Butler, Peter Ross, Tony Hamilton, Sean O'Farrell, Graeme Mccombe, Ian Watson, Nick Cooper, Nick Morgan, Richard Blandell, Patrick Mansland Roberts, Tim Wilson, Robert Gaiman, Jim Mori, David Bullin, Zach Butler, Chris Jones, Ian Scott, Jonathan Higgs
Seated L-R: Ed Andrews, Alan Cowing, Pip Burley, David Strow, Richard Hunt, Nick Woolfenden, Ian Anderson, Raman Sabba How

More than 30 players attended the lunch to celebrate the OW Fives Club's half century

Whitgiftians over this year, this is a great sign for the future!

Thank you to all who have played and helped organise the Club's matches and other activities during our anniversary season. We play socially most Thursday evenings at the school courts and new/returning players are always welcome to join our friendly crowd of 5s-lovers, so do please contact me (nickw5s@hotmail.com) for more information.

Nick Woolfenden

Our end-of-season Letchworth Bowl saw Simon Swales (Pilgrims master in charge) and Paul A'Hern (Royal Navy, now sadly posted to Norway) win a thrilling final. Thanks to Winchester College and, of course, to the Wykeham Arms for resuscitating us!

Harry Akerman

White Rose Club

This year has been a period of great upheaval, and our first problem was to address our financial situation.

A structured system of payments has been introduced, and to address falling membership, we have made a huge effort to get our name about, and set up a fortnightly coaching session for under 25s – with some success.

On top of all this, Calderdale Council announced that it proposed to sell our site. A day of action was organised and activities – including Fives – were put together. Happily, it worked and we have an indefinite stay of execution.

We still play at tournaments and occasionally win silverware, but for many of us, taking part has to suffice.

John Hawke

Fred Beswick (1930-2012)

Fred Beswick proudly became RFA President from 1987 to 1989, the first person from the Manchester YMCA club to hold this position.

He was a member of Manchester YMCA for over 65 years, playing many sports to a high level.

He lived in the Castlefield area of Manchester and worked in his early life less than a mile from the old YMCA site on Peter Street. He was on the Board in the 80s when they decided to move to the new site in Castlefield. He had 'come home'.

Fred in his youth had given many weeks and weekends to help build the National YMCA Lakeside facility on Lake Windermere. His contributions to both Manchester YMCA and the National YMCA were recognised recently with the highest honour: Honorary Membership of Manchester YMCA and the YMCA's Order of the Red Triangle.

His interest in Fives began in his thirties and, as he admitted, he regretted not having taken it up earlier. He became club champion not long after starting to play and reached the North of England singles semi-final in 1973. With his regular partner, Danny McGregor, he won the Club Doubles championship five times.

Fred gave a very good account of himself in many championships, his drop shot and follow-up volley were feared by the best players. We all struggled to return his short serve, which prompted his leg-pulling saying during doubles, 'and the next'.

One of his favourite titles was 'Master Of The White Ball', and bringing fun into the game was one of Fred's great assets. His positive energy infected all he coached.

As everyone who came into contact with Fred soon found out, there was a game called 'Fives'. Gloves and a ball would be produced and, before the person knew it, they were on court.



Beswick (right) 'touched innumerable lives and his contribution to YMCA Fives will be unrivalled'

instigated Fred coaching students at Manchester University. Shirley's nephews, Gary, Robert, David and Brian, became players, all entering our schools tournament.

In the 70s, Fred's contact with Greater Manchester Council led to them funding our Open Schools Tournament, with over 70 competitors coming from all over the country.

Fred at that time also became a Junior YMCA Leader and developed the junior Fives club. Another role he undertook was his Father Christmas appearances at the Junior YMCA Christmas party.

In Fred's early days he attended many operas, an interest which led to many 'singing' sessions, often finishing with the toreador song from Carmen.

Fred was a fine 'theatrical' performer too, as I am sure all those who attended the annual Fives Club dinner dances (which Fred initiated and organised) would agree. With Danny McGregor, they produced an array of hilarious performances, a talent that was spotted and used on the Sports Council's National Coaching Course at Exeter University, where he became the Social Director for over 20 years.

Fred was a great observer of life and had many wonderful stories. Any visiting team would have the warmest of greetings and be treated to a beer or two in Cox's bar round the corner, while Fred held court.

Fred has touched innumerable lives and his contribution to YMCA Fives will remain unrivalled. We who try to emulate him are 'his boys' and proud to be so. He will never be replaced or forgotten, and his enthusiasm will live on for ever in us, as he is a legend in our wonderful game.

Wayne Enstone

'He will never be replaced, and his enthusiasm will live on for ever in us'

One would always know which court Fred was on because of the laughter, and his wife Shirley recounts that, in his later years, Fred was credited with inventing a variation of doubles known as 'yours!'.

At the suggestion of David Gardner, Fred helped to organise the first Lancashire Open Championship (now the North West Open) in 1968, which put the YMCA on the map as a Fives club. In addition, and as an incentive to play, competitors were treated to Shirley's 'girls' famous hotpots. This was the start of a new group of Fred's 'boys' going to tournaments.

It was also a new era from a family point of view as Shirley, with daughter Jane and son John (five-times National Doubles Champion), found themselves either travelling the country or waving Fred off for another weekend match or tournament, or having strange men in the house for the home fixtures.

A big thanks must go to Shirley for sharing Fred with us. Other family members who were also introduced to Fives were brothers Frank and Bill, who

Bob Smith (1934-2011)

Bob Smith of the Alleyn Old Boys Club, who died in December 2011, was a dominant figure in what was a golden era of Fives in South East London in the 1950s and 1960s. For over a decade Bob and his various partners from among the AOBs – John Pretlove, Roy Birmingham, 'Bill' Bailey, Bob Dorey, Pat Badmin, John Davis – would fight it out with the Old Dunstonians in 'friendlies' and in the National competitions.

Bob was a finalist in the National Singles and Doubles eight times between 1955 and 1967. He won the Singles in 1957, beating Old Oundelian Mike Skliros, and was runner-up to three-time winner John Watkinson in 1965. Bob won the National Doubles twice: in 1955 with Roy Birmingham



The 1951 Alleyn's 1st IV with John Pretlove (centre) and Bob Smith (2nd right)

and in 1961 with John Pretlove. He was runner-up four times with either Roy or John between 1962 and 1967.

Bob was a large and powerful man with enormous hands, an intimidating presence on a Fives court, invariably dressed in a white singlet that hinted at his prowess as an amateur boxer at

school. He was loud, hairy and filled the court with laughter. Only Dennis Silk sweated more in a game and steamed more after it than Bob.

Bob worked for many years for Rio Tinto Zinc and it was on one of his trips to the States as International Purchasing Manager that he met, fell in love with and married the daughter of the Chief of Police of Cleveland, Ohio.

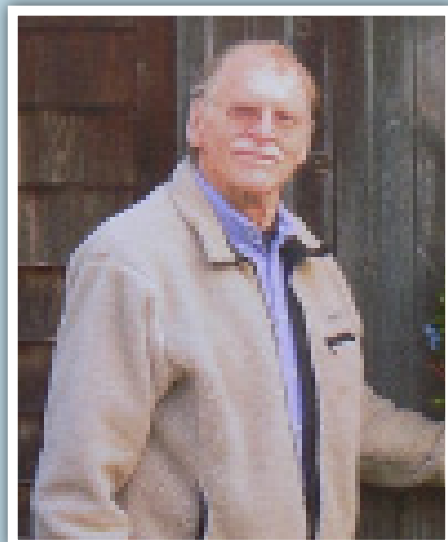
In his mid-30s Bob stopped playing Fives and was lost to the game. In 2002, however, he was delighted to return to Alleyn's to see one of the refurbished Fives courts named after him.

Bob Dolby

John Carey (1920-2012)

John Carey, the first President of the USA Rugby Fives Association, as well as a Vice-President and generous benefactor of the RFA, died on Friday May 4th 2012 at the age of 91.

Many Fives players will remember John as the leader of American touring



Carey: a great friend of British Fives in the USA

teams during the 1980s. He and his wife Eve struck up a great friendship with British players and offered UK teams much hospitality in the USA.

John and Eve taught for 35 years at St. Mark's School, Southborough, Massachusetts, where Rugby Fives courts had existed, as at Groton School not far to the north, since the late 19th Century. The doubles courts were much wider than modern ones, the singles courts much narrower.

After Robin Mouldsdale, an expert Eton Fives player, taught at St. Mark's in the late 1970s, John was put in touch with Tom and Joan Wood, and the first American team arrived in the UK in 1979. They played at 10 venues in as many days, and, amazingly, some came back for more the next year!

The first British Fives team to visit the USA arrived in April 1982 and the centrepiece of a memorable tour was a match between the two nations at St. Mark's for the Carey-Wood Trophy, a majolica vase specially made by Eve.

And so it went on for the next decade, with reciprocal visits. Two of the most memorable were 'Joan's Jesters', who visited the USA in 1987, and the return visit in 1988 by John Carey's team, who were entertained at the Wax Chandlers' Hall in London.

The Careys retired in 1987 to Cape Cod, and exchanges with St. Mark's lessened. Nevertheless, John kept in contact with his English friends and remained interested in UK Fives.

Eve died in 2005, but John, sustained by his family and his faith, lived bravely on. He had both knees replaced and, as his daughter Rachel recounts, continued to live life in his own way, 'enjoying family and friends, playing bridge, crossword puzzles, poetry, and going out to dinner or the theatre'.

A couple of years ago, John kindly sent all his Fives documentation (including a specially recorded tape) to the RFA Archives for anyone interested in the story of Fives in the USA.

David Barnes

Bradfield College Fives

Former Master-in-charge David Barnes looks at the history of the game at the school

Founded in 1850, Bradfield had its first Fives courts by the end of the decade. They were unroofed, with two on each side of a high wall; and the side walls, descending in stages, had projecting pieces of buttresses and wall, described in Leach's History of Bradfield College as 'pepper-boxes'. No plans or drawings have survived, so we can only speculate as to the position, size and angle of the buttresses.

The next two courts, erected in 1873, had roofs and survive, in part. Incorporated into the Maths Block in 1975, their Winchester-style buttresses are still visible in two classrooms.

Winchester's influence on Bradfield was so strong that these were likely to have been modelled on its 1862 courts.

The earliest Fives trophy in the Bradfield Archives dates from 1863 and was won by F.A.Souper, who a mere nine years later was appointed Headmaster. A Challenge Cup for Singles Fives was presented in 1874; Doubles were also contested, as were Junior competitions from 1877.

Changing fortunes

The Bradfield Chronicle was first published in 1879, and reports record the ebb and flow of Fives' popularity. Letters complain about leaky roofs and the price of balls at the Tuck Shop (threepence), and a bat-Fives enthusiast wants the outside courts mended before they 'fall into dilapidation'. An 1890 letter asks for a match with Radley, and the first inter-school fixture was in 1892. It was lost heavily, and the school had to wait until 1899 for a win.

In the first decade of the new century, several schools built courts, as their old ones, often uncovered, were inadequate. The two courts at Bradfield were already covered, although they suffered from condensation. The 1904

Chronicle reported that: 'In recent times we seem to have acquired a veritable mania for Fives', and described the siege at the captain's door to book a court, but Bradfield had to make do with them for 25 more years.

Radley were the only school opponents in the first two decades of the new century, and the familiar pattern of home wins and away losses emerged. The 'foreign' courts were reported to be the wrong size, the floors of different materials, the balls of strange weight and speed – a litany not unfamiliar to modern players.

The Chronicle reports were often written by boys, although sometimes the tone betrays a pedagogic origin. Various teachers played, and at least three housemasters in the immediate post-War period, L. de O. Tollemache, O.L.C. West and C.S.B. Hayward, coached.

'Letters complain about leaky roofs and the price of balls at the Tuck Shop'



During the second half of the 1920s, Bradfield added Winchester (1926) and Malvern (1930) fixtures to the list. The Winchester match was the first to be decided on total points rather than games. Travel was becoming easier, and adult sides came from Oxford and London. There was a demand for more courts as Bradfield found that its school opponents had blocks of at least four, and a positive response soon came.

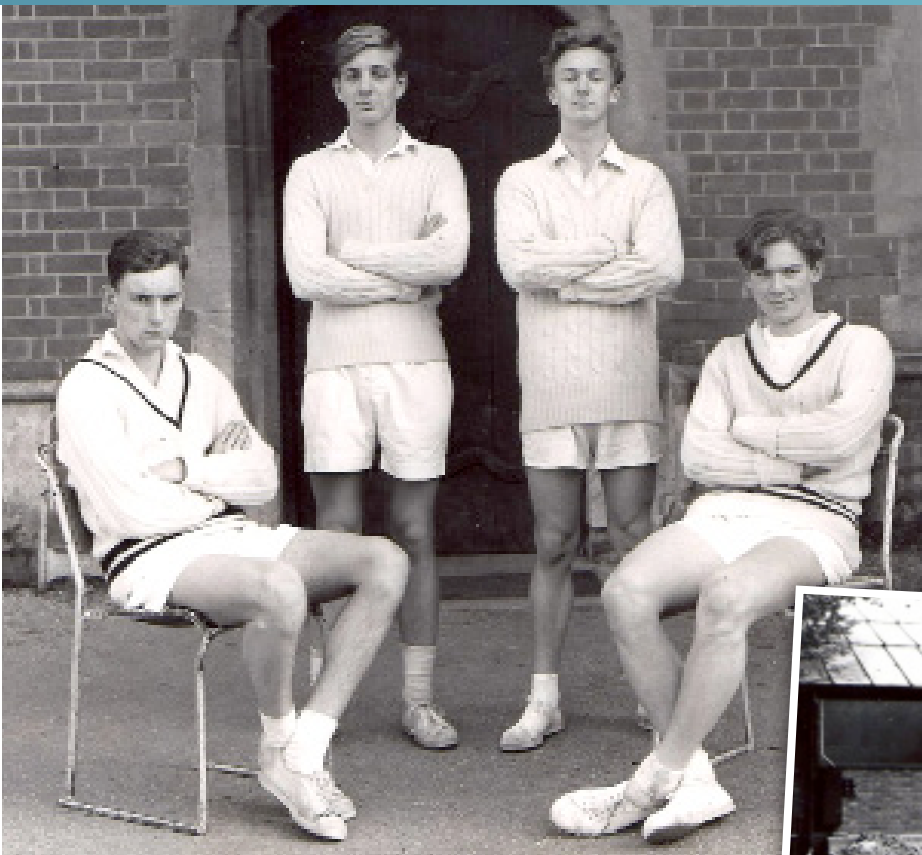
The two new courts, built for about £1000 and opened in 1929, were a sound investment, although they were not enclosed, making them vulnerable to condensation. The back walls were less than five feet high, unlike those at Radley and Winchester.

New tactics

The inaugural Malvern match on the new courts showed the Malvernians had already, because of the unusual design of their own courts, adapted to the demands of the buttress in doubles. Whereas the traditional approach had been for one of the pair to crouch under the bar to 'guard' the buttress, the Chronicle noted: 'The Malvern first string gave a fine exhibition of volleying, and the position he took up near the right-hand wall halfway up the court proved disconcerting.'

The 1930s were a good decade for school sport, as this example from 1935 shows: 'A great deal has been done this year to improve School Fives. The system of House Courts has been reintroduced, and the best players have been coached by Mr Bellamy and Mr Hayward.' Matches with as many as three pairs were played against Winchester, Radley and Malvern, as well as the Senior Common

LEFT The 1863 Trophy



LEFT The 1960 team:
(from left) MD Seymour,
AO Warburg, RJ Pakeman,
HEM Murphy
BELOW The 1929 Courts,
pictured during the new
court construction in 1976



Room, the Old Boys, the RFA, the Jesters and Oxford; the Under 16s played the Nautical College, Pangbourne.

Bradfieldians began to make their mark externally. M.B.Hall, whose three sons all captained Bradfield Fives, played three times for Oxford (1935-7); R.E.Henshaw did well in the 1937 Public Schools Championships and played for Oxford in 1938; and M.Paine, who represented his school with distinction in 1937 and 1938, played for Cambridge in 1939. Other stand-out players at the time were D.R.Gibbs and B.C.Elgood, who played three years (1938-40) as a pair and lost only once. Cambridge selected B.C.Elgood in 1948, R.L.Elgood in 1949 and A.C.Bambridge in 1950.

Wartime play

Although the Schools Championships were suspended in the War, matches continued. Illness struck in 1941 and 1942, but in other years Bradfield played schools as far away as Dulwich, Tonbridge, Eastbourne and Haileybury, plus old foes Radley and Winchester.

1946 saw the first Fives report in the Chronicle by A.J.N.Young, back from war. 'It is good to see plenty of Fives being played, even with the modern unresponsive balls. But elastoplast helps to lengthen their life!' 1947 was the worst winter in living memory,

and the courts were very popular although the ball supply deteriorated.

The standard improved further with the arrival in 1950 of M.R.Ricketts, who had led a winning Oxford team in 1949. Young's last report in 1951 read: 'At present the emphasis is all on hard hitting, but the players of old were more subtle, and Fives is a game in which there is much scope for cunning.'

More Fives was now being played in the Michaelmas Term, and the standard was improving as a result of the example set by Ricketts, a Cyriax Cup finalist in 1952 and 1953. The 1951, 1952 and 1954 sides were unbeaten.

A player who emerged in the middle of the decade, D.H.Beevers, played for Cambridge in 1959 and 1960. In 1957 an unusual phenomenon occurred: the team against Winchester comprised four lefthanders – a major handicap serving on a buttress court! One was J.M.Tyrrell, who played for Oxford in 1960 and 1961. An opponent in the 1961 Cambridge side was fellow Bradfieldian M.D.Seymour, a top-class court games player who also played for Cambridge in 1962 and 1963 – the first O.B. to represent that University three times.

One of Seymour's initiatives was

a 'Captain's Book' with the detailed scores of matches and, when the captain was keen, a short report. This custom was to last more than 30 years and fill several exercise books. Seymour also founded an O.B. Fives Club in 1961, which played about a dozen fixtures a year for a few seasons.

Lack of experience

Bradfield had entered players for the Schools Championships since the 1950s, but they had not managed to defeat the more experienced Rugby Fives players. Seymour played three years running and reached the third round twice, while J.Leggett made it to the fourth round of the 1961 singles and, with his partner A.O.Warburg, the same round of the doubles. The same pair were to reach the semi-finals the next year, and the Bradfield IV were undefeated that season and the next.

In 1963, the Bradfield 1st pair contained a future England cricketer, G.R.J.Roope. His partner, A.J.Spicer, became the first Bradfieldian to win a National Rugby Fives title. He won the



ABOVE LEFT The 1975 squad: (from left) MCJ Nicholas, KC Smith, HCJ Collier, DHR Flint, AM Bradshaw. Smith was the first Bradfieldian to win the National Schools Open Singles **ABOVE RIGHT** The 1981 team: (from left) NG Layton, A Brown, RP Hollins, IP Levett - a 'vintage year' for the school

1965 British Universities Singles title and retained it in 1966. At the same time, M.Lintell, from the 1961 Bradfield team, played for Cambridge.

J.D.C.Vargas, an Eton Fives player, took on Fives in 1966, handing over to this writer in 1968. By then, Merchant Taylors' had been added to the fixture list, but no Bradfieldians entered the Schools Championships between 1967 and 1971, and the results in school matches were patchy.

In 1974, an outstandingly unselfish captain, R.J.Hope, introduced 'Fives for Amateurs' to encourage non-team players; and the school started an 'Introduction to Games' for first-years, which led to a larger number taking up minority sport. Next year, a promising 1st IV emerged under H.C.J.Collier, laying the foundations for success.

In 1975, the old courts were closed, so the bulk of the season was played on two courts. A plan was soon conceived to build two more courts up the hill, finance was made available, and by the start of the 1976 Michaelmas term an enclosed block of four courts was ready.

In 1975, Under 16 Championships began alongside the Open event. The school entered both, gaining valuable experience, and K.C.Smith won the West of England and then the National Schools Under 16 singles in 1976.

Smith became the first Bradfieldian to win the National Schools Open singles. In the 1977 final he defeated

S.Ashton from South Trafford College, and the report read: 'they played an exhausting final in which much of the Fives was of a very high standard. One dare not guess how far Smith had to run to frustrate an opponent who probably had greater experience and a greater range of shots.'

Higher numbers

The new courts and Smith's success brought a dramatic increase in the numbers playing. A new match was arranged against St. Dunstan's, one of the leading schools in Rugby Fives. 1978 captain K.K-Mengrai went so far as to suggest: 'can we not begin to say that Fives is the major of all minor sports?'

Mengrai himself, H.M.Barford and N.D.H.Spencer all played at university, Spencer winning three half-blues at Oxford (1980-82). E.W.Vinelott was the captain in 1979 and 1980. He and P.A.F.Wilson won the Manchester Youth Championships doubles in 1979 and reached the finals of the West of England and National Schools doubles in 1980. P.J.Richardson, from the same side, played for Oxford in 1983.

Vinelott's Colts and Junior Colts sides were full of talent. A.Brown and J.J.Davies surprised themselves when they reached the final of the Schools Under 16 singles in April 1979. Brown won, but somehow they contrived to miss out on the doubles! Bradfield had further success at Manchester in 1979,

when R.P.Hollins and B.P.L.M.Wright won the Under 16 doubles.

Several masters played Fives at this time. Without them and particularly the support of two housemasters, C.J.Saunders and M.C.Parkinson, Fives would have been much harder to run. The fifth pair in the masters' team in 1980 was N.A.Marshall and T.J.Ronan, described in the captain's report as 'inexperienced, but could go far!'

1981 was a vintage year. Brown and Hollins won the West of England Schools doubles and in the National Schools, Brown won the singles title and, with Hollins, the doubles. In addition, in N.G.Layton and I.P.Levett the School had the best regular second pair that this writer has witnessed. This IV won all eleven of their matches.

Hollins and Wright won the Open doubles at the Manchester Youth Championships in October, and R.M.Layton and J.M.Tremellen the Under 16 doubles.

In 1982, Hollins won the West of England Schools singles, and Tremellen and Layton the Under 16 doubles. At the West of England and the National Schools Championships in 1983, Layton won the Under 16 singles. Tremellen reached the final of the Open Schools singles a year young, and he and Layton got to the doubles final, too.

In the Michaelmas term we again had success in Manchester: Tremellen beat Layton in the singles final, and

together they won the doubles. Soon after this, however, Layton suffered an injury which put him out for the rest of the season. This ill fortune turned what was potentially a triumphant season into a rather disappointing one.

In 1984 at Manchester, D.R.H.Spencer won the Under 16 singles and the doubles with R.J.Maitland. They confirmed their quality at the West of England Schools in 1985, taking the Colts doubles. J.B.W.Keaney beat good players to win the West of England and the National Schools singles plates.

In the mid to late 1980s, OBs had success at university. Hollins won half-blues at Oxford in 1984, 1985 and 1987, taking the British Universities doubles title in 1984. Tremellen – at Cambridge from 1986 to 1988 – was 1986 British Universities singles and doubles winner. R.M.Layton, at Durham, won the Universities singles in 1987, and C.A.J.Glennie played for Oxford in 1989.

The late 1980s saw less silverware, but it would be wrong to belittle the efforts of players and coaches. Successive captains – D.R.H.Spencer, R.J.Maitland, J.N.B.Birch, J.G.Hibbard, T.M.Hebblethwaite and R.W.Fox – led their teams well, but the squads were often too small. Birch played on and was in the 1992 British Universities side. S.J.A.Lord played in three winning Oxford sides from 1993 to 1995, was

‘The captain asked, “Can we not say that Fives is the major of all minor sports?”’

captain in his last year and won the British Universities doubles.

In 1993, Neil Marshall took over Fives, with an inexperienced side under captain M.J.Dorman and including B.R.Elfick. Next year, with the same captain and a team strengthened by good young players such as J.Sinton, P.M.J.Lord, J.H.McGill and R.J.Holland, the 1st IV were back to winning ways. In January 1994 Dorman and Elfick won the West of England doubles title, while Sinton and Holland emulated them in the Colts, Sinton also winning the singles. Three months later, Sinton and Lord became the only Bradfield winners of National Under 16 doubles, and Elfick showed his potential by reaching the final of the National Schools singles – he later played for Oxford (1996-98) and Cambridge (2003-05), captained both and shared four British Universities doubles titles.

Worrying times

Sadly, there was cause for concern lower down the school. The Fives report recorded the ‘expansion of hockey to

unprecedented levels’, taking talented players away from minority sports. Raising a team at Junior Colts and Junior levels was becoming a challenge, and the Juniors lost all their matches.

The Sports Centre, opened in 1995, was another rival, but Fives remained competitive at the top of the school for another two seasons, thanks to a fine captain in J.H.McGill and good players.

Holland won the West of England Colts singles title in January 1995 and the National Colts singles in March; he and Sinton reached the Open doubles final. These feats masked the looming crisis, with Marshall reporting: ‘no real impact will be made, unless new players are attracted to the sport.’

Ironically, in 1995, the O.B. Fives Club won the National Club Championship, albeit with one ‘honorary’ member. Messrs Tremellen, Layton, Last and Wilson played like to demons to beat the Manchester YMCA in the final.

The advent of coeducation brought together a group of girls, under Denise Hall-Wilton, to play some good Fives in 1994 and 1995. Ailsa Mackay – the first girls’ captain – and Emily Prest were the best players.

The 1996 boys’ season started well, with Lord winning the West of England singles and, with Holland, the doubles. Then injuries struck again: Sinton hurt a shoulder; Lightfoot picked up



ABOVE LEFT The 1984 squad: (standing, from left) JBW Keaney, MR Wood, CAJ Glennie, DRH Spencer, CO Brunner; (seated) PM Last, RM Layton, JM Tremellen, JP Boorman **ABOVE RIGHT** The 1994 West of England trophy-winners: (from left) MJ Dorman, RJ Holland, J Sinton, BR Elfick

Fives at Bradfield College



ABOVE LEFT J Sinton and PMJ Lord with the Marchant Cup in 1994 **ABOVE RIGHT** EO Ronan and AJ Marshall with the RFA Bowl in 2002 **RIGHT** DT Butler, 2012 Jesters Cup winner

a bruise; and just before the Nationals, Holland twisted his ankle, leaving Lord and the recovered Sinton to reach the doubles final, losing to a talented Sedbergh pair. Lord represented Oxford from 1997-99 and partnered Elfick to two Universities Doubles titles.

Meanwhile, the authorities instituted a Junior House league, which injected some fresh enthusiasm. The master-in-charge recruited a couple of junior masters to help, but neither stayed long enough to have a lasting effect.

Only Holland was left in 1997, and he did his best to build a senior squad. Lacking competition at school, he managed to win the West of England singles in January but was beaten in the quarter-finals of the Nationals.

In 1998, F.A.S.Gray took over a side lacking in stars but more determined for it. The Colts, too, were committed, but there was little support lower down the school. Meanwhile girls' Fives was struggling, with 'more conscripts than volunteers', although Anna Moss-Gibbons and Suzie Trevor tried hard as captains to involve their recruits.

Growing enthusiasm

A fresh attempt was made to teach the basics of the game to the new intake in 1998. The 1st and 2nd IVs were respectable, with T.H.Scott-Malden and I.S.Peacock-Edwards a good first pair.



In the new millennium, Terry Ronan took over, and there was some renewed enthusiasm in the Shell and IVth form. Evenings were used for leagues and practices, which worked wonders for turnout. There was some dynastic compulsion, as two of the best players were A.J.Marshall and E.O.Ronan, but they provided a great example!

In 2001 four pairs entered the West of England Colts, and J.O'Halloran did well to reach the singles final. The Colts had a great 2002. First, Marshall won the West of England U16 singles and, with Ronan, the doubles. Then, Marshall won the National Colts singles, and he and Ronan narrowly lost an epic doubles final.

The next two seasons were disrupted by injury and illness. Marshall and Ronan reached the final of the first Winchester Schools doubles but lost to Radley. Only Ronan, who went on to play six times for Oxford, entered the Nationals in 2003 and this theme continued into 2004, with key players unavailable for tournaments.

Two quiet years followed, with no entries for any Schools competitions.

2007 saw J.P.Stevenson-Hamilton and A.J.Phelps in the West of England event, while O.Smith reached the knockout section of the National Open singles.

A ladder was introduced in 2008, and a wider range of ages played Fives. The Under 14s showed real promise, three of them – D.T.Butler, S.M.Cummings and S.C.Scott – gaining valuable experience at the Nationals.

Jeremy Ball took over Fives in 2009, and saw respectable performances by the seniors in the Winchester and West of England Schools events. The Under 15s had good results in the Lent term and Butler reached the quarter-finals of the National Colts singles.

In 2010 a champion emerged, as D.T.Butler reached the final of the West of England event and won the National Colts singles. He has done even better in 2012, with victories at Senior level in both events. This makes him only the third Bradfieldian to win the Jesters' Cup and is a tribute to his fitness, skill and determination. Sadly, much of his play has gone unwitnessed at school, as he trained with the Wessex Club and the Executioners. Let us hope that his feat will give Fives at Bradfield the status it deserves. Almost all schools prioritise the 'major' sports, but enlightened ones encourage diversity when such excellent facilities exist.

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During its last financial year to 30th September 2011 the Trust received income of a little over £3500 (some £2000 down on the previous year, principally due to fewer single direct donations). Grants totalled £10,000: the amount paid to Alleyns School towards the substantial refurbishment of their courts. The Trust has since then started to pay funds committed to support the Fives Federation coaching scheme.

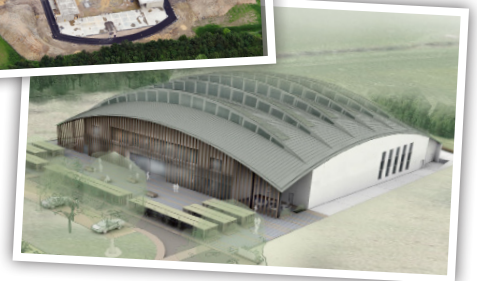
Of course, we are all also aware of the forthcoming appeal for the Cambridge Courts, which the Trust will be keen to support. Even now, more than one third of the Trust's remaining funds are allocated to Derby Moor, who have been a model in funding and supporting their activities through the Charity's accounts. After the above commitments have been met and a

donation made to the Cambridge Courts, it is likely that the Trust will have relatively low free funds.

Normally, this would signal a further Appeal to bolster our funds. However, with the imminent launch of the large appeal for the Cambridge Courts, the Trustees will have to consider whether or not this is in fact an opportune moment to launch such an appeal.

The Trust is very much still needed to support other major projects, as well as more minor demands to enable people to keep playing; and I reiterate that the Trust is always willing to consider applications for grants, the number of which – at least at the more modest end of the scale – have, strangely, been reducing recently.

So NOW is a very good time to provide additional support; if you do feel able and willing to contribute to the Trust's funds please do get in touch with me and I can let you have a gift



The Trust expects to commit funds to the imminent appeal for Cambridge's courts

aid form. If you are willing to consider leaving a legacy to the Trust, then please consider using the template below as a codicil to your will, suitably adjusted if you are writing a new will.

As ever, I would like to thank all my fellow Trustees for their support over the past year and Peter de Winton for his assistance with the Accounts.

Additionally, of course, I would like to thank all the contributors over the years, without whose generosity the Trust's ability to support the game would have been very constrained.

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Declare this to be a _____ (first/second as appropriate) Codicil to my last Will dated the _____ day of _____ 19 ____ /20 ____ ("my will").

My Will shall be construed and take effect as if it contained the following clause:

I give free of inheritance tax to The Rugby Fives Charitable Trust, registered charity number 1087264

a)* _____ Per Cent (_____ %) (percentage in words and figures) of my residuary estate for the general purposes of said charity.

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In All other respects I confirm my Will _____ (and Codicil dated) (date of Codicil)

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End-of-Season Rankings

Dave Hebden reports on a season that has brought some major changes



Three players – James Toop, Dan Tristao and Will Ellison – have dominated the Fives scene over the last two seasons. All the open singles titles during this period have been shared between them, and the last time any of them lost to a player from outside this group was in 2010.

However, James Toop, who retained his National Singles title last December, has the edge and remains at the top of the RFA Singles Rankings, his fifth successive year at Number 1.



‘The second major sea-change was the emergence of the Two Dans, Grant and Tristao’

As well as that national title, in the 2011-12 season, James also won the London Championship, while Will won the South West, North of England and Scottish titles. Dan, meanwhile, picked up trophies in the West of England and North West, as well as retaining the U25s championship, equalling Roger Layton’s record of four titles.

Experience is represented by the continuing challenge of Matt Cavanagh, John Minta and Hamish Buchanan at positions 4-6, but youth makes its mark elsewhere, with Luke Thomson winning the BUCS singles title and continuing his impressive rise up the rankings at No 7.

Dan Grant and Marcus Bate are at 8 and 9, while Charlie Brooks and Marco Skogh rise to 10 and 11 after showing good form in Manchester at the Nationals and the North West. Elsewhere we have 15 new entrants into the Singles Rankings this year, reflecting a healthy crop of new younger players joining the tournament circuit.

Another change of the ‘old order’ has taken place in the Doubles Rankings. After an amazing eight years at the top, Hamish Buchanan has finally relinquished his position at No 1 to Will Ellison. Will won five open doubles events in 2011-12, and as if to demonstrate his versatility, won each one with a different partner.

The second major sea-change in the last 12 months was the emergence of the ‘Two Dans’, Dan Grant and Dan Tristao. Having won the West of England title, they then went on to lift the National Doubles championship, finally breaking the marvellous run of eight successive titles by Hamish Buchanan & Robin Perry.

Despite this reverse, Hamish had a strong season and remains at No. 2, with Dan Tristao and Dan Grant rising to third and fifth positions, respectively. Marcus Bate won in the South West with Will but drops a place to No 4, while North West winners and National finalists Tom Dean & Charlie Brooks move up to 6 and 7. Hal Mohammed won with Will in London, but drops down to No 8, while West of England finalists John Minta & Andy Pringle complete the top 10.

Other doubles honours in 2011-12 were taken by BUCS winners Alex Griffiths & Peter Hanton, while Ed Kay partnered Dan Tristao to win the U25s, and John Hawke won the Scottish Doubles for the second time, this time with Will Ellison. Marco Skogh reached finals with John Minta in Yorkshire and the North West to rise to No 16, while Luke Thomson also had a solid season and rises to No 21. In total, 19 new entrants appear in this year’s RFA Doubles Rankings.

Overall, tournament entries were slightly down last season, perhaps a reflection of higher travelling costs, but the influx of younger players into the rankings is certainly some cause for optimism.



TOP Ellison (left) and Brooks, both in Top 10 for singles and doubles **CENTRE** NW doubles runners-up Minta and Skogh **BOTTOM** Top-ranked Toop (left) with Wayne Enstone

RFA National Rankings 2011-12

Singles

Pos.	*		Pts
1	1	J Toop	88.6
2	3	D Tristao	85.8
3	2	W Ellison	83.0
4	5	M Cavanagh	60.7
5	4	J Minta	60.6
6	6	H Buchanan	44.2
7	12	L Thomson	40.6
8	7	D Grant	33.9
9	9	M Bate	31.7
10	24	C Brooks	26.0
11	22	M Skogh	25.0
12	13	M Bowness	24.7
13	17	E Kay	24.5
14	15	C Burrows	24.2
15	11	T Maconie	24.0
16	18	T Dean	23.8
17	23	N Roberts	22.8
18	10	J Major	22.6
19	34	P Hanton	19.4
20	14	E Hatton	18.4
21	16	H Mohammed	16.2
22	-	D Butler	14.3
23	29	A George	14.1
	-	N Hillier	14.1
25	35	A Lee	13.5
26	33	R Murby	12.7
27	19	C Legget	12.5
28	-	T Widdop	12.2

Pos.	*		Pts
29	-	S Fraser	11.7
30	40	A Rew	10.8
31	20	D Fox	10.5
32	28	K Henry	10.0
	-	R Patel	10.0
	27	G Price	10.0
35	31	E Brooke	8.7
36	-	J Aquilina	8.3
37	35	A Pringle	8.0
38	26	I Ackland	7.1
	45	J Gravatt	7.1
40	-	R Lamb	6.7
41	47	S Coffey	6.5
42	-	F Thomas	5.7
43	41	S Moger	5.6
44	32	A Griffiths	5.0
45	-	S King	4.7
	-	J Tilston	4.7
47	-	N Austin	4.0
48	42	J Savery	3.9
49	54	A Goodwin	3.5
50	30	T Kiggell	3.0
	-	T Parker	3.0
52	-	C Waller	2.4
53	-	S Wyatt-Haines	2.3
54	-	M Frost	2.0
55	52	S Adcock	1.4
	52	T Chase	1.4

Doubles

Pos.	*		Pts
1	2	W Ellison	90.6
2	1	H Buchanan	83.1
3	7	D Tristao	82.5
4	3	M Bate	76.8
5	8	D Grant	75.8
6	15	T Dean	71.8
7	11	C Brooks	68.6
8	4	H Mohammed	67.1
9	6	J Minta	61.6
10	10	A Pringle	58.7
11	5	R Perry	50.0
12	9	A Lee	49.5
13	16	C Burrows	46.4
14	14	G Price	45.8
15	12	J Toop	43.0
16	-	M Skogh	42.4
17	25	N Roberts	40.6
18	26	E Kay	36.1
19	19	E Hatton	35.4
20	34	J Hawke	34.6
21	18	J Beswick	32.4
	62	L Thomson	32.4
23	40	P Hanton	29.2
	45	T Widdop	29.2
25	23	J Gravatt	28.7
26	17	W Enstone	26.5
27	34	A Griffiths	25.5
	45	P Manning	25.5
29	-	C Brechin	24.5
	28	T Chase	24.5
31	51	M Frost	24.0
32	28	T Maconie	21.2
33	51	A Goodwin	20.6
34	21	A Beverly	20.0
	-	M Cavanagh	20.0
	40	R Christie	20.0
	25	S Hodgson	20.0
38	34	H Akerman	17.3
	40	S Kirby	17.3
	34	J Pearce-Smith	17.3
41	27	C Legget	15.8

Pos.	*		Pts
	30	J Major	15.8
43	19	P Bishop	14.1
	45	J Hughes	14.1
	34	G McIntyre	14.1
	-	V Patel	14.1
47	45	A George	13.2
48	58	H Aveston	12.2
	-	M Baxter	12.2
	58	S King	12.2
	39	J Marshall	12.2
	62	J Savery	12.2
53	66	S Watson	11.2
54	30	I Ackland	10.0
	-	N Austin	10.0
	-	C Butler	10.0
	-	S Coffey	10.0
	-	N Finney	10.0
	-	A Hanton	10.0
	-	N Hillier	10.0
	66	T Kiggell	10.0
	-	B Kirk	10.0
	-	R Lebon	10.0
	-	E Malone	10.0
	-	T Parker	10.0
	45	A Rew	10.0
	32	E Ronan	10.0
	-	F Thomas	10.0
	45	N Wolstenholme	10.0
70	51	K Ward	8.7
71	32	J Bristow	7.1
	62	P Cohen	7.1
	-	N Edmonds	7.1
	57	J Furniss	7.1
	-	J Goodwin	7.1
	58	K Henry	7.1
	58	M Hine	7.1
	-	J Malde	7.1
79	66	T Lewis	5.0
	66	S Maskell	5.0
	66	M Moger	5.0
	66	D Murray	5.0

* Second column shows position at start of season

Join the 100 club



The 100 Club began in the early 1980s with the intention of providing funds for the renovation of courts, and other expenses associated

with the promotion of Rugby Fives, at the discretion of the RFA Committee (now the RFA Board).

Members pay an annual fee to join, and prize draws give a possible return. Over the years, the funds generated have been made available to assist many projects, and recently we made a large donation to Rugby School for their new courts. We had a good increase in membership last year, but we are always looking to expand, and if we can exceed 100 members then the prize money can be increased. Please contact me if you would like to join.

Membership costs just £12 pa and there are three prize draws each year:

Spring Draw
1st prize **£50**
2nd Prize **£35**

Summer Draw
1st Prize **£150**

Winter Draw
1st Prize **£50**
2nd Prize **£35**

The winner of the 2012 summer draw was Denise Hall-Wilton, with the second prize going to George Bowyer.

The Club is not in competition with the RFA Charitable Trust, and the scale of the Fund is significantly smaller. Nevertheless, the Board believes that through this different vehicle it can provide meaningful support to schools across the country – as well as a possible return on your contributions!
Ian Fuller

Financial report

The RFA's treasurer reports on favourable accounts



The loss incurred by the Association this year, and which you can see in the figures on this page, is largely attributable to the fact that we purchased three years' worth of medals (which we are now giving out at tournaments instead of tankards) to take advantage of the significant price discounts available. So, whilst we have taken the 'hit' this year, the next two years should show a good profit for competitions and feed into the 'bottom line'.

Income from subscriptions held up well this year and there were small increases in all areas. In the meantime, we are actively looking at moving to using Direct debits for the collection of subscriptions, which will enable us to offer a broader range of options for subscriptions.

On the expenditure side, secretarial fees increased in line with RPI. The significant increases in postal tariffs resulted in far greater costs in distributing the Annual Review and this is an area that the Board is looking to address. Expenditure on the website rose as we merged our site into the Fives Federation's Fives Online site and work had to be carried out by external contractors to ensure compatibility between both sites.

It is pleasing to see increased subscriptions for the 100 Club following the membership drive at the Dinner in April 2011 and in the Annual Review last year. Grants were given in respect of coaching at Edinburgh Academy, Denstone and Radley, although following the receipt of the funds from the Jesters Club, subsequent payments were made out of that Fund.

Overall, the Board is content with the position shown to the right.

Ian Fuller

General Secretary & Treasurer

The RFA Income & Expenditure Account 15 months to 31st July 2012

	2012 Year to 30 April £	2011 £
GENERAL FUND		
Income		
Subscriptions & donations: Clubs	758	723
Schools	1,054	1,004
Individuals	10,266	10,050
Profit/(Loss) from championships	(23)	297
Interest	15	21
Miscellaneous sales	125	243
Sponsorship/Advertising	125	250
Total income	12,320	12,588
Expenditure		
Secretarial fees	5,317	5,150
Printing	4,397	3,885
Postage and stationery	1,214	568
Website expenses	591	178
Insurance	891	805
Miscellaneous	49	50
Bank charges	206	188
Loss on dinner	0	264
Reception at National Schools	0	747
Presentations/gifts	290	0
Total expenditure	12,955	11,835
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	(635)	753
100 CLUB FUND		
Income		
Subscriptions	982	547
Total income	982	547
Expenditure		
Draw prizes	320	320
Grants	168	741
Bank charges	33	25
Total expenditure	521	1086
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	461	(539)

The RFA Balance Sheet 31st July 2012

	2012 15 months to 31st July £	2011 £
GENERAL FUND		
Opening balance	27,849	27,096
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	(635)	753
Closing balance	27,214	27,849
100 CLUB FUND		
Opening balance	1,199	1,738
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	461	(539)
Closing balance	1,660	1,199
TRAVEL FUND		
Opening and closing balance	869	869
TROPHY FUND		
Opening and closing balance	500	500
JESTERS FUND		
Opening balance	0	
Grant received	5,000	
Disbursements	995	
Closing balance	4,005	0
TOTAL FUND VALUE	34,248	30,417
REPRESENTED BY		
Cash at bank		
General Fund	32,588	29,218
100 Club Fund	1,660	1,199
TOTAL	34,248	30,417

For the year ended 31st July 2012 the company was entitled to exemption under section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. **R. Warner - President, I P Fuller - Hon. Treasurer**
"I have examined the books and accounts of the Rugby Fives Association. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention that indicates that the accounts do not agree with the books." **F W P de Winton - Hon. Examiner**

2011/12 Results Round-Up

Full details of all these events on www.rfa.org.uk and www.fivesonline.net

SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Will Ellison; **Doubles** - Will Ellison & Marcus Bate

LONDON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles: James Toop **Doubles**: Will Ellison & Hal Mohammed

OWERS TROPHY

Champions: Old Paulines

YORKSHIRE OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions: Hamish Buchanan & Will Ellison

WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles: Dan Tristao **Doubles**: Dan Tristao & Dan Grant

SCHOOLS' WINCHESTER FIVES TOURNAMENT

Champions: St Paul's I (Parker & Thomas)

NATIONAL STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion: James Toop

NATIONAL LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles: Claire Knowles **Doubles**: Claire Knowles & Melanie Whitehead

RFA CLUB PRESIDENT'S CUP

Champions: Luke Thomson & Guy Matthews **Love Mug**: Hamish Buchanan & Alex Satterfield **T-Pot**: Max Frost & Richard Dyke **Mate's Plate**: Ed Hawke & Henry Jefferies

WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Senior singles - David Butler (Bradfield);
Senior doubles - St Paul's (Francis

Thomas & Theo Parker); **Colts singles** - Yul Kahn-Pascual (St Paul's); **Colts doubles** - St Paul's (Kahn-Pascual & Oliver Arnold)

NORTH WEST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Dan Tristao; **Doubles** - Charlie Brooks & Tom Dean

UNDER 25S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Dan Tristao; **Doubles** - Dan Tristao & Ed Kay

NORTH OF ENGLAND

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Will Ellison; **Doubles** - Will Ellison & Tom Dean

RFA V BUCS REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

RFA beat BUCS by 249 points to 185

SOUTH EAST SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior singles - A.Gemade (Christ's Hospital); **Senior doubles** - Christ's Hospital; **Colts singles** - T.Walters (Whitgift); **Colts doubles** - Eastbourne College

VARSAITY MATCH

Winners - Cambridge University

NORTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Will Ellison; **Doubles** - Will Ellison & Tom Dean

WINCHESTER FIVES NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions - Will Ellison & Hal Mohammed

NATIONAL UNDER 13S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Julian Hanton (Alleyn's); **Doubles** - Alleyn's (Hanton & Ben Kirwan)

COLQUHOUN TROPHY

Seniors - Sam Wyatt-Haines (Blundell's);
Colts - Harvey Scott (Blundell's)

NATIONAL VINTAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Wayne Enstone; **Doubles** - Ian Fuller & Jeremy Schroeter

NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions - Dan Grant & Dan Tristao

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions - Old Paulines

NATIONAL SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open singles - David Butler (Bradfield);
Open doubles - St Paul's (Francis Thomas & Theo Parker); **Colts singles** - Sam

Wyatt-Haines (Blundell's); **Colts doubles** - St Paul's (Ben Beltrami & Oliver Arnold);

Under 14 singles - Abdul Ahmed (Christ's Hospital); **Under 14 doubles** - Whitgift

(Charlie Mabbutt & Ben Ford)

NATIONAL VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Hamish Buchanan; **Doubles** - Hamish Buchanan & Bruce Hanton

NATIONAL SCHOOL GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior singles - Tessa Mills (Eastbourne College); **Senior Doubles** - Rugby; **Under**

16 singles - Shinan Zhang (Malvern); **Under 16 doubles** - Malvern; **Under 14**

singles - Emily Combe (Blundell's); **Under 14 doubles** - Blundell's; **Under 13 singles**

- Molly Todd (Christ's Hospital); **Under 13 doubles** - Christ's Hospital

NATIONAL MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champions - John East & Martin Wilkinson

SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles - Will Ellison; **Doubles** - Will Ellison & John Hawke

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