

# Fives Newsletter Spring 2015

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## The Fives Federation



**At a recent Fives dinner, EFA President Ian Davis reminded us why Fives - of all codes - is such a wonderful game.**

"Firstly it is a difficult and subtle game. You need some athleticism and certainly an eye, but the game has as much in common with chess as it does with, say, squash. It is an interesting game," he said.

"Perhaps because it's interesting, it attracts interesting people. I remember one convivial evening after a match at Westminster, when the group included a judge, a teacher, a poet and an individual who was - I think by choice - unemployed. You make not just new friends at Fives, but new types of friend.

"Finally, Fives has a self-governing ethos that I treasure. There are no umpires, even at the highest level of competition, which is unique.

"Often highly competitive individuals are in close proximity and have to sort out matters themselves. Self-discipline, and sportsmanship, becomes key.

"Fives is a wonderful and extraordinary game. It requires and develops character and characters and we should cherish it and encourage more people to try it."

**Richard Black**  
Chairman EFA

**Bob Dolby**  
President RFA

**Dan Grant**  
President UK Wallball

## Coaching course success hailed



**MAIN** Wolverhampton's Level 1 candidates  
**RIGHT** Tejas Netke of WGS in coaching mode

**Of the initiatives launched by the Fives Federation in recent years, the most successful has been the setting up of the coaching qualifications.**

Thanks to the enormous amount of work done initially by Mark Yates, with help subsequently from Jennifer Green and Wayne Enstone, around 40 coaches have now attended a Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Fives course, with the next one due in September 2015.

### **Pupils and teachers alike**

The Level 1 Award in Coaching Fives is aimed at senior school players and club volunteers; the qualification is code specific and acts as an initial access point to Fives coaching.

Three centres have so far taken advantage of the Award. Wayne led the Rugby Fives players at Blundell's School through the first course while Mark put a group of staff and pupils from Wolverhampton and Rydal Penrhos through their paces prior to Christmas.

With potential Level 1 candidates at every school in the country, Wayne and Mark need support, and it's vital that others from the pool of Level 2 coaches come forward and take on running Level 1 courses. Mike Hughes has done so at Eton, running a course for nine sixth form pupils and one teacher who is relatively new to the game of Fives. The course also included



both winners of the Open Championship at this year's National Schools competition.

The feedback from all centres has been positive and some of the newly qualified Level 1 coaches are already looking to put their new-found skills to good use in gap year coaching jobs next season.

### **Joined-up future**

Hopefully these courses will be the first of many across all three codes, creating a joined-up Fives coaching programme that can only help raise the profile of the sport, introduce more players and keep more people playing and staying involved in the game after leaving school.

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## Eton Fives Association Chairman's Report



When the three division league arrangement was established, many Eton Fives players were worried that it spelled the end of 'friendly Fives'. They anticipated the demands of doing well in the leagues would mean less able players wouldn't get a look-in, which would lead to a decline in the player base.

"Friendly Fives has never been stronger"

The number of non-league matches has declined but friendly Fives has never been stronger. It now takes the form of local clubs with regular club nights. It is a community-based concept; new and lapsed players are introduced to the game, and games with players of mixed abilities are encouraged.

What a success it's been! If you were willing to travel you could play nearly every night of the week at a different club. If we added up the number of participants on those club evenings it would undoubtedly come to more than the total of those playing in fixtures throughout the season.

Many players end up living a long way from their parental homes and their school courts; a local club (listed below) gives them a chance to play. Their presence means the courts are used more, which gives a better guarantee that they will be maintained and not turned into storage spaces or suffer an even worse fate.

The top end of the players echelon will always command attention and rightly so; but let's salute these active and well-supported local clubs which are the very essence of friendly Fives.

### Richard Black

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## Fives archives available online

The Rugby Fives online archive is growing on a regular basis thanks to ongoing work by RFA President Bob Dolby.

The Rugby Fives website now hosts a wide selection of match and tournament reports, articles about the sport, obituaries, tributes to former players and even original poetry. It also features newspaper articles from the likes of cricket commentator and journalist

Christopher Martin-Jenkins and writer Matthew Engel and musings on the best shot in Fives from Bruce Hanton.

There is also a growing collection of action photos from games from recent and distant past, featuring many current and former players of the game.

New pictures and articles will be added all the time.

To see the full archive, head to [rugbyfivesassociation.net/archive](http://rugbyfivesassociation.net/archive)



## Cambridge Rugby Fives filmed by ITV

On 5 May 2015 the new Cambridge courts hosted a film crew from ITN East Anglia looking to record a short piece about Fives.

The Cambridge University Rugby Fives team pulled together a team to hit some balls around the court and give viewers a taste of the sport. Team captain, Jacob Brubert, and the head of Squash and Fives, James Powley, gave interviews about the sport whilst the players, including Tom Bury, James Pinder, Ben Beltrami, Wilson Lau and Jack Malde demonstrated both singles and doubles games for the cameras. In a particularly brave move, the cameraman decided to crouch beneath the front ledge of the Eton Fives court whilst four heavy handed Rugby Fives players were in action.



A final date for the screening has yet to be set, but keep an eye on the Rugby Fives Twitter account - @rugbyfives - or the University Fives website for more information as soon as it is available.

Meanwhile, there is a strong push to try and initiate a City Fives Club in Cambridge and

introduce the sport to new players from in and around the area who might not otherwise have given it a go.

**Have you got a friend in Cambridge who thought they were too far from a court? Or even one that never knew such a great game existed? Send them to [cu-sparrows.net](http://cu-sparrows.net)**



## Phil Atkinson takes over as General Secretary

The RFA is delighted to announce the appointment of Phil Atkinson as General Secretary of the Rugby Fives Association with effect from 1 April 2015. Ian Fuller will continue in his role as Treasurer of the RFA.

Phil learned his Fives as a boy at Bedford Modern School. He has been a stalwart of the Old Bedford Modernians since those days and is probably best known to Fives players for his annual participation in the President's Cup, which he has won twice. He did so most recently in 2007 with Jon Abecassis. Phil is one of only five players to have won all four trophies on offer at the competition, the others being Hamish Buchanan, Bruce Hanton, David Barnes and Paul Reeder. Only Hamish and Jeremy Schroeter have won more trophies at the event.

Phil will bring to the role of General Secretary a wide experience of administration and management in both the private and public sectors, as well as a familiarity with the work of various local clubs and councils. He has specialised knowledge of employment law and business restructuring and says he is "well used to organising meetings and supporting associated activities in a timely and efficient manner".

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have secured Phil's services and look forward to working with him over the coming seasons.



**MAIN** Geelong students on their court  
**ABOVE** The demolition of the Scotch College courts in 1991

## Fives Down Under

The last newsletter reported briefly on encouraging recent activity at Geelong Grammar School in Australia. Further developments in recent months give great hope for the future of Eton Fives in its most far flung outpost. The enthusiasm and support of Frank Callaway and Anthony Strazera has led to the establishment of regular house competition; the one existing court is to be refurbished and upgraded and there are plans to convert the second non-standard court into a second Eton Fives court.

There is even the prospect of some local rivalry in due course, as Scotch College in Melbourne, whose principal Tom Batty is an ex-Eton Housemaster, has expressed an interest in building Eton Fives courts of its own to replace the three walled courts that were knocked down in 1991. A visit by EFA Director Simon de Zoete and the recent presence at Scotch College of last year's schools' champion James Piggot have also done much to provide some momentum. Maybe a Fives Ashes series will be on the calendar before too long!



## Rugby Fives Association President's Report



### I recently spent four days at the National Schools Championships at St. Paul's.

It's a tournament close to my heart after years of coaching Fives at various schools. This year's event proved to be out of the ordinary: 10 schools won silverware of various kinds. And there were several firsts.

The Open Singles was won by the superb Tom Watkinson, the first Wykehamist to win the title since Roger Winlaw in its inaugural years, 1930 and 1931. The Derby Moor pair won the Open Doubles – their first success at that level since the club was founded in 2004. The Colts Singles final was fought out by two Wykehamists, surely a first. And the Colts Doubles brought a first ever success at national level for the pair from Malvern. Their victory was perhaps most deserving of the description 'extraordinary' as they had to beat the St. Paul's 1st pair in the semi-final, then the two singles finalists from Winchester in the final – which they did in both cases over three games. The smile on Andrew Tudor's face as he came up to the gallery was as broad as a Fives court.

In the U14s we had another first: a win in the singles for the player from Sedbergh, no mean achievement for someone brought up on a Winchester Fives court. In the doubles it was success for Winchester's pair: not a first – they have won it twice before.

The U13s took place two weeks previously with a singles title for Blundell's and the doubles title for Pilgrims' – not a first in either case; it's an age-group where both establishments are traditionally strong. But perhaps the first of many for these young players.

With Allyn's, Marlborough, Merchant Taylors' and St. Paul's winning plates at various levels there was a great deal of satisfaction on the faces of the long-serving and long-suffering masters and mistresses-in-charge. And those schools who went home without trophies did so knowing that their players had done their schools proud.

### "10 schools won silverware of various kinds"

Every now and then something happens on a Fives court that makes me proud to be associated with the game. This year it happened twice – in both cases at match-ball in a doubles final. At 10-8 in the second game of the Open Schools' Doubles Derby Moor's Robert Whitehorn crashed a ball across the front of the court. Ben Jourdan from Edinburgh Academy flung himself forward in an attempt to get a hand under the ball. As he pushed the ball onto the front wall no one in the gallery could tell whether it was up or not. John Halligan closed in for the kill but before John could play his shot Andrew Boyd caught the ball, turned to Robert and shook his hand.

I had seen exactly the same thing happen only an hour or so before in another final. Both were wonderful examples of what the headmaster of one of our Fives-playing schools recently referred to as 'gentlemanly conduct' in a letter about education published in The Independent. At the Girls' Championships at Marlborough I watched the girls from that headmaster's school display similar 'gentlemanly conduct'. We'll just have to find a gender-neutral adjective to describe it!

Bob Dolby

Mark Williams



## Mark Moves On "Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world like a Colossus..."

Mark Williams has left Eton to take up a role at Lord's as Advisor on the Laws of Cricket and to oversee the standards and practice of umpiring in the game.

Mark has been at the centre of Eton Fives for nearly five decades. As a player he won almost every accolade the game can offer, but it is as an inspiration to young players and as an administrator that he will be longest remembered. He has been master in charge of Fives at Shrewsbury, Harrow and Eton over a period of 37 years; he founded the Williams Cup three-pair schools competition in 1993; he has organised the National Schools' Championships with energy, authority and aplomb since 1989; and has served on

the EFA Board since 1987. Mark's authority has impacted across the game and his influence on countless pupils as a teacher, coach, guide and mentor has been appreciated from generation to generation.

In all these roles Mark has given peerless service and his record is crowned by his reputation for fair play on court and the spirit of Eton Fives, as enshrined in the EFA's Code of Conduct that he wrote last year.

While we are delighted he will not be lost to the game, Mark's departure to Lord's is a decisive moment and on behalf of all who have played the game I wish him well in his new role and salute his record as one of the greatest of all servants of Eton Fives.

Richard Barber

## Streatham & Clapham Wallball

Wallball is being introduced to the girls of Streatham & Clapham High School as part of their PE programme thanks to an initiative started by EFA Chairman Richard Black. Following an introductory meeting, the Head of PE at Streatham & Clapham High decided it would be a good game for hand-eye coordination and general fitness that the girls would enjoy.

Following an INSET session for PE staff given by Sarah Greasley and Marianne Catmull, Sarah returned with Dick Warner to introduce the game.

Some of the girls were initially apprehensive, but they all soon got into it and had fun.



The Streatham and Clapham girls learn how to play Wallball

## Malay College Tour 2015

In March 2015, Malay College from Kuala Kangsar in Malaysia made international Fives history by travelling over to England to take part in the Eton Fives Schools' Nationals.

The touring side consisted of a pair of U15 players, a pair of U16 players and coach, Fidzmail Basarudin. Initially the boys were kindly hosted by Fives-playing families at Berkhamsted, where they were able to experience school life for two days as well as make use of the Fives courts to practise. From Monday they spent their remaining days in the UK hosted by Eton College.

The week of the National

Schools' Championships at Eton week began with the U15 category; both pairs took part as they had been given special permission to get involved with as many of the age groups as possible. The U15 boys went on to win all but one of their group matches, which was a pleasing reward for all their practice and showed how far they had come since first being introduced to the game in August 2014.

On the Monday the boys were faced with the U16 competition – a much tougher test. Despite not winning many matches all the boys played well and worked hard for every point. Tuesday

was a rest day before the U14 and U14 beginners competition on Wednesday and Thursday. Again, the U15s performed well, although they were restricted to only playing in the pool stages due to the age limit. One of the highlights for the boys was playing against a girls' pair for the first time.

There are so many people to thank for helping to make this visit possible: Martin Pett, the Nicholls and Skelton families and Eton College for kindly hosting



The Malay College tour party in the original court at Eton

everyone, Ronald Pattison for arranging all the details from the EFA side and Michael Rowan for all his support and enthusiasm.

We look forward to welcoming Malay College back in future years.

Anthony Theodossi



Players at the 2015 UK Open

## Wallball ProTour Takes Off

More than 80 competitors from seven countries took part in the 2015 Wallball UK Open, which was hosted at Merchant Taylors' School in Northwood, London. A total of 226 games were played over the weekend and new champions emerged in both the men's and women's fields.

The tournament was significant as it was the first to use the newly formed European Wallball ProTour format. The ProTour gives recognition and ranking points to those taking part in European tournaments.

In the men's event the top accolade went to the USA's Willie Polanco who defeated last

year's winner, Vlad Klym. The women's event saw the emergence of Sinead Hanley from Ireland, who swept aside all competition, and last year's victor, to take the trophy. In the beginner's grade 16-year-old Bastien Dautrebande from Belgium took the title by beating players more than twice his age.

The most heart-warming event of the weekend, however, was the beginners' doubles, which saw a multitude of novices take to the courts and go on to have tremendous games. The RFA's Warner and Hamilton – the elder statesmen of the tournament – performed with agility unbecoming of their

age and made it to the final but were beaten by Oduluja and Wardman from Loughborough University who showed great potential.



UK Open Winner Willie Polanco

## Girls rack up six-year school cycle



Louise Mathias of CH

In April the sixth Rugby Fives Girls Schools' Championships took place at Marlborough College.

Louise Mathias of Christ's Hospital, who won the U13 Singles in 2010, completed the cycle by winning the U18 Singles against Milly Richards of Rugby.

This year there were titles in the four age-groups (U13, U14, U16 and U18) for Christ's Hospital, Rugby, Malvern and Bedford Modern.

The tournament, organised by Alex Smith, has featured girls from each of these, plus Eastbourne, Marlborough, Blundell's, Clifton, Oundle, Rossall and Aldenham.

As women's Fives develops we hope to see many of these young players enter adult tournaments and do as well as the first winner, Tessa Mills of Eastbourne, has done. She is currently the National Winchester Fives Singles and Doubles champion.



## News in brief

■ The Rugby Fives National Schools' Championship saw 130 competitors from 20 schools taking part over the three age groups this March. Tom Watkinson of Winchester took the Open singles, while the Derby Moor pair of Whitehorn/Halligan won the Open Doubles. Albert Song won the Colts singles, with Andrew Tudor and Lucas Nelson of Malvern taking the doubles. Taylor McGuire (Sedbergh) was crowned U14 champion, while fellow finalist Alex Poyntz of Winchester paired with Ben Kullavanijaya to win the doubles.



EFA ladies on tour

■ This year has seen a new addition to the EFA fixture list, with an EFA ladies team going on a tour to play the girls of Wolverhampton Grammar School and Shrewsbury. Led by Mandie Barnes, the group played with and against the schoolgirls, who benefited enormously from the chance to play with some of the country's leading players.

■ The profile of Fives in the Jesters has been rising rapidly in recent years. Following on from Ronald Pattison in 2013 and Bob Dolby in 2014, Alex Illingworth was chosen as the 2015 Jester of the Year. Alex has co-ordinated and expanded the Jesters Eton Fives fixture list over the past few seasons as well as working to increase the player base and promote the cause of Eton Fives within the club. The Jesters, whose chairman Gareth Quarry is a former Universities Rugby Fives champion, have been generous in their financial support of both codes

## UK Wallball President's Report

**There have been some really big developments recently, not only for UK Wallball but for wallball all around the world. Let's start with the UK.**

### Home

The UK Wallball board members have really stepped up to the plate these past few months and I'm eternally indebted to their efforts which are – and let this sink in – shaping a new sport in the UK. It's not often that you're able to brainstorm about which direction a national initiative can develop and even rarer to see those thoughts come to fruition, but that's exactly what we're beginning to see. The hard work is starting to pay off.

Our most exciting news is the Olympic Park project. Wallball is a perfect Olympic Legacy sport and now, on Olympic soil, we'll be proving to the world exactly why that is.

In less spectacular, but equally important news, we've now introduced membership, which is helping us take one step closer to Sport England recognition. This also represents an important leap forward for the Fives world in general as members of each particular code will soon be able to reap the benefits offered by the other

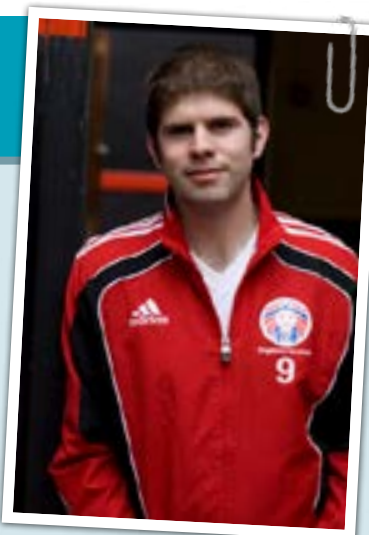
codes, and the sports will work together to ensure a bright future for all.

### Away

UK Wallball has been instrumental in introducing the European ProTour to players to the world over. The tour encompasses tournaments all around Europe and is open to any and all players of all standards. A win here or there also gets ranking points and the list of names on the swelling leaderboard is giving the sport the professionalism it needs going forward to the Olympic age.

The British players have also been at the forefront of events, not only continuing to act as great ambassadors for the sport but also achieving notable success. Luke Thomson paired up with honorary Brit, Vlad Klym, to win the Belgian Open last November. A week later Daniel Tristao replicated that success at the Dutch Open. In February all the players also gave their time generously to help at the UK Open and, since this is the first event on the annual calendar, help to set the bar high for the remaining year.

There have been many more developments this



**"The hard work is starting to pay off"**

year and you can find out more on our website at [www.ukwallball.co.uk](http://www.ukwallball.co.uk) Please also 'Like' our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube channel for regular updates.

Finally, the World Championships are this summer and I warmly invite each and every Fives player to take part. This year they are in Canada and they promise to be spectacular. Anyone of any age or experience level is welcome and you can join the ranks of thousands of players from around the world who have that same thing we all love in common – the curious pleasure gained from hitting a ball against a wall.

## Dunbar equals cup record

**Tom Dunbar has equalled a record that has stood for 24 years by winning the Kinnaird Cup final for the 11th time.**

He moved level with John Reynolds, who won his 11th title in 1991, by pairing up with Seb Cooley to win this year's competition. The pair recovered from the loss of the first game and withstood a rousing late comeback to defeat their closest rivals James Toop and Matthew Wiseman 3-1.

Tom and Seb have now won



Tom with Kinnaird winning partner Seb Cooley

five consecutive titles and remain unbeaten as a pair in that time.

Tom adds these titles to the three he won with his brother Peter and the three he won

with Robin Mason when fresh out of school. With another clean sweep of the major titles under their belts and no serious challengers apart from Toop and Wiseman, who can say how long Dunbar and Cooley will remain at the top, and who knows how many Kinnairds Tom might end up with? In the short term, however, his sights will be firmly set on becoming the first player in Eton Fives history to win the championship 12 times when he takes part in next year's competition.

## Ellison and Tristao's singles slam success

**Will Ellison and Dan Tristao have enjoyed a fantastically successful season, both completing clean sweeps of singles titles.** Will dominated the winter, winning the London and West of England Opens and the National Singles titles. Dan then took the spring singles

competitions, winning the North West, North of England and Scotland titles. The two then combined to take the National Doubles in April.

Will's National Singles victory is of particular note as it comes after four years as runner up. Will first tasted success 10 years

ago when he was crowned School Doubles champion with Hal Mohammed in 2005. He entered the rankings in 2006, at 44 for singles and 77 for doubles. Since then he's climbed to number one in the singles rankings, which he reached in October 2014.

He won his first senior title in 2008 – the U25s doubles – and his first regional title in 2009: the West of England Doubles. He is unique in that in December 2014 he was National Winchester Fives champion (with Hal Mohammed), National Doubles champion (with Charlie Brooks) and became National Singles champion while number one in the Singles and Doubles rankings.

He is the only player in history to have achieved this. As a senior player he has won 15 singles titles and 30 doubles titles. He has also won the Winchester Fives Doubles title six times.



Will Ellison celebrating doubles success with Dan Tristao

## Eton Fives Coach at Highgate

**Highgate is looking for an outstanding specialist coach of Eton Fives to join its Sport and Exercise (SpEx) department.**

Highgate has a very strong and successful tradition of Eton Fives and the school is looking to build on its popularity.

The post-holder will initially work alongside the current Coach, who is intending to retire, with a view to then taking the lead in the delivery of the sport at Highgate. The role is initially offered for

the Michaelmas 2015 and Lent 2016 terms with the scope for extension. The Fives Coach will be expected to inspire boys and girls across the School and to contribute towards the shared ethos of an innovative re-thinking of school-based sport and exercise.

**Further details on the role and details of how to apply may be viewed via <http://www.highgateschool.org.uk/about/vacancies> Closing date is Friday 10th July.**

## WESTWAY

A major revival of Fives by the EFA is being planned at The Westway Sports Centre in West London. There will be a vacancy for one full-time Eton Fives and Wallball coach or two jobshare coaches. Fives coaching experience required.

**For more details contact Paul Bowden, EFA; [paulrayb@hotmail.com](mailto:paulrayb@hotmail.com), 07792 181674 or 020 8409 0102**

## Eton Fives Schools' Winners

**2015's Marsh Insurance Eton Fives National Schools' Championships saw more than 1000 players taking part in 11 competitions over 10 days.**

The senior winners were Eton (boys) and Highgate (girls), but further down the ages a range of schools were represented with first titles for Emanuel (Boys U13) and Summer Fields (Boys U12). The latter's top pair also won the prep schools' tournament, ending a 22 year Highgate winning streak.



Mark Spirodonov and Edward Bingham, winners of the Boys U12 competition from Summer Fields

## News in brief

throughout the season, and the numbers of Fives players attending the annual Jesters Dinner at the RAC Club has grown markedly of late.



Ady Lee in full flow

■ Former England Captain and European Champion Ady Lee delivered a talk about Wallball to several hundred top media executives in March. He explained the core values of the sport and the advertising slants that can be built off them. You can see the video on the UK Wallball website or YouTube page.

■ UCL Fives club held its first 24 hour Fives marathon at the end of March at Mill Hill, with the club reaching its fundraising target on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society.

■ UK Wallball, in partnership with the new University College London East London Campus and the London Olympic Legacy Committee, has launched an initiative to get Wallball into the Olympic hub. A wall will go up this summer under the shadow of the AcrelorMittal Orbit and in September it'll also be launching in two schools. These projects will run for four years until construction of the new UCL campus begins, when, near the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Stadium, several permanent concrete, New York-style courts will be built for free use by anyone.



The AcrelorMittal Orbit



# Rossall on the rise

Fives is flourishing at Rossall thanks in part to a recent upgrade and refurbishment of the courts.

Last year two of the hybrid courts had back walls installed, while the school is now in the process of repainting and relighting the courts. The Old Rossallians are keen to support the school and are backing plans to install removable back walls on two of the courts. After several years during which students toured the country taking part in competitions and gaining experience, the game is very much on the up under Lee Hodgetts.

Lee is keen to get the Rossall tournament going again and would like both Rugby and Eton Fives players involved. "The courts favour nobody, so it would make for a balanced competition and some good Fives," he said. He's also hoping to arrange a further cross-code men's and women's open competition at some point in the season.



One of the new-look Rossall courts

## EFA Tournament Results Round-up 2015

### Universities:

Men: Cambridge (T.Barker & R.Houlden) beat UCL (J.Tugwell & J.Marks) 2-0  
Ladies: Cambridge (E.Osen & O.Pranker Smith) beat Oxford (I.Watts & S.Maguire) 2-0

### Richard Barber Cup:

St.Olave's beat Eton 2-1

**Midlands Tournament:** S.Cooley & N.Bunyan beat H.Wiseman & T.Gallagher 3-1

**Richard Black Cup:** Highgate School beat North Oxford 2-1

**Turnbull Trophy:** St.Olave's (J.Toop & T.Gallagher) beat St.Olave's (S.Cooley & J.Ravi) 2-1

**London Tournament:** T.Dunbar & S.Cooley beat J.Toop & M.Wiseman 3-0

### Alan Barber Cup Final:

Old Olavians beat Old Salopians 2-1

### Northern Tournament:

T.Dunbar & S.Cooley beat J.Toop & M.Wiseman 3-1

### Under 21s:

Men: T.Barker & R.Houlden beat T.Weld & T.Kirkby 2-1  
Ladies: P.Bracken & A.Reimer beat M.Briscoe & C.Valensise 2-0

**Universities Mixed:** Cambridge (R.Houlden & E.Osen) beat UCL (J.Tugwell & H.Asquith) 2-1

**EFA Trophy:** Aldenham beat Old Salopians 2-1

**Williams Cup:** Eton College

### Mixed Championships:

C.Cooley & S.Cooley beat K.Hird & G.Hoskins 2-0

### Veterans Tournament:

G.Hoskins & J.Fleming

**Over 50s:** G.Pulsford & R.Dennis

**Over 60s:** R.Pattison & J.Seelig

**Aberconway Cup:** M & C.Hughes beat G & G.Williams 2-1

**Ladies Championships:** C.Cooley & K.Hird beat D.Redmond & L.Redmond 3-0

**Kinnaird Cup:** T.Dunbar & S.Cooley beat J.Toop & M.Wiseman 3-1

### EFA League:

**Division 1:** Old Olavians

**Division 2:** Team Westway 1

**Division 3:** St.Olave's School 2

## RFA Tournament Results Round-up 2015

### West of England Schools Championships:

U18 Singles: T. Watkinson (Winchester)

U18 Doubles: Derby Moor (J.Halligan & R.Whitehorn)

U16 Singles: A. Song (Winchester)

U16 Doubles: Winchester (P.Kulavanijaya & A.Song)

### North West Open Championships:

Singles: D. Tristao

Doubles: E. Kay and D. Tristao

### National U25s Championships:

Singles: E. Kay

Doubles: E. Kay & M. Shaw

### The Varsity Match:

Cambridge beat Oxford 300-23

### North of England Championships:

Singles: D.Tristao

Doubles: D. Tristao & D. Butler

### National Winchester Fives Doubles:

D. Grant & D. Tristao

### Ladies' Winchester Fives Championships:

Singles: T. Mills

Doubles: K. Briedenhann & T. Mills

### National Vintage Championships:

Singles: I. Fuller

Doubles: I. Fuller & D. Hebden

### National Schools Championships:

U18 Singles: T. Watkinson (Winchester)

U18 Doubles: Derby Moor (J.Halligan & R.Whitehorn)

### National Club Knock-out (Wood Cup):

Wessex Club

### National Doubles Championship:

W. Ellison & D. Tristao

### National Girls' Championship:

U18 Singles: L. Mathias (Christ's Hospital)

U18 Doubles: Rugby (K.Broad & M.Richards)

### National Veterans Championships:

Singles: J. Minta

Doubles: H. Buchanan & B. Hanton

### National Masters Doubles Championships:

D. Hebden & M. Wilkinson

### Scottish Open Championships:

Singles: D. Tristao

Doubles: A. Boyd & M. Kemp

### National Winchester Fives Mixed Doubles:

A. Steel & A. Pringle

## Forthcoming events

### Eton Fives

September		
Sun 13	Under 25s	Eton
W/e 19/20	Welsh Open	Rydal
Sun 27	Ranking Tournament	Eton
October		
Sun 11	Richard Barber Cup	Eton
Sat 24	Universities Tournament	Eton
November		
W/e 31 Oct/1 Nov	Midlands Tournament	Repton
Sun 8	Richard Black Cup	Eton
Sun 15	Graham Turnbull Trophy	Eton
December		
W/e 5/6	London Tournament	Harrow

### Wallball

11-21 August	World Championships	Canada
10-11 October	Spanish Open	Valencia
7-8 November	Belgian Open	Hainaut
14-15 November	Dutch Open	Franecker

### Rugby Fives

October		
Sat 17	Lady's Cup	Cambridge
W/e 24/25	West of England Open	Clifton
November		
Sun 8	Schools' Winchester Fives Doubles	Winchester
W/e 14/15	National Open Singles (qualifying)	Various
20-22	National Student/BUSF Championships	Oundle/Cambridge
December		
W/e 5/6	National Open Singles (final rounds)	St. Paul's
Sun 6	Ladies Singles/Doubles Championships	St. Paul's
Sun 13	RFA Club President's Cup	Merchant Taylors'

## UK Wallball tournament Results Round-up 2015

**UK Open:** Singles - Polanco (USA) and Scheffer (NED)

Doubles - Klym & Polanco (USA) and Steenstra & De Boer (NED)

**Dutch Open:** Singles - Klym (USA) and Scheffer (NED),

Doubles - Tristao & Klym (GBR/USA) and Scheffer & Beckers (NED)

**Belgian Open:** Singles - Melo (USA) Doubles - Thomson & Klym (GBR/USA)