

RFA Handbook 2000-2001

RICHARD JAMES KNIGHT (1915 - 2000)

We are sad to record the death of Dick Knight, who was the first post-war winner of the Jesters Club Cup for the Amateur Singles Championship, defeating Chris Reichwald in the 1948 final. It was his only season as champion, although he had been runner-up to Jack Davies 12 years earlier, while still at university. He never won the Cyriax Cup, but appeared in two finals (1936 and 1937).

Richard Knight was a scholar of Dulwich College and took a double starred first in classics at Trinity College, Cambridge. He represented the University against Oxford at Rugby Fives four years running, captaining a winning side in 1937. His teaching career included spells at Fettes and Marlborough, and he was a distinguished headmaster of Oundle (1956-68) and Monkton Combe (1968-78).