

**David Arnold** (based on the tribute in the Fives Federation Newsletter Winter 2016)

It is with great sadness that we report the death of David Arnold at the age of 65. He collapsed and died on court at Eastbourne College on 25 October 2016, while playing the game he had loved all his life.

David was a devoted Fives player who holds an unusual record: he appeared in the British Universities Doubles final six years running, losing the first three and winning the rest. In 1976, after his final win, he presented an engraved silver trophy for the event, a cup which is still awarded to the winners each year.

David also represented Cambridge six times in the Varsity Match between 1971 and 1977, each time on the winning side. He went on to be a fantastically loyal member of the Sparrows club, attending and playing in almost every Past versus Present fixture since he went down.

David Barnes led the tributes to David, saying: “It’s no immediate consolation to his family and friends, but in due course we can celebrate the fact that David played Fives on the last day of his life and played winners to the end.”

He is survived by his wife Angela and his two sons, and the heartfelt condolences of the Sparrows, the RFA and the whole Fives community go to them all.



David Arnold (left in sweater) playing in the Past versus Present 2016 at Cambridge



David Arnold (l.) in The Pickarel 2007 with Tony Palmer

