OBITUARY

Mr. PATRICK POWER, M.B.E., Dip.P.E.

The sudden death of Paddy Power on November 30th of last year has deprived York and the world of fencing of one of its outstanding personalities. After serving in the Army Physical Training corps during the second World War, for which he was awarded the M.B.E., he joined the staff of St. Peter’s School, York, and was responsible for a wide variety of sport. Apart from his work in the school, he converted an old barn into a gymnasium, and promoted basic fitness amongst many participants in fencing, Rugby and association football, cycling, wrestling and many others. He was well known as a football referee, and was a linesman at the 1954 Cup Final. With the establishment of York University, Paddy immediately became concerned with undergraduate sports activities, in which he received a great deal of support from Lord James, the Vice-Chancellor.

Paddy’s main interest was fencing, and he coached his son up to the level of an Olympic trial. He has been coach to many British fencing teams on international tours, and chief coach of the York Fencing Association, his wife being Secretary. He joined B.A.S.M. in 1968, and always gave us good support for any meetings held in the North of England. We extend our sympathy to his widow and to his family.

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