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An Appeal to Edinburgh Youth

There are Vafias out in Barnton,
And Barnas down in Granton,
 And in Leith,
And in Marchmont, not to mention,
Here we hope there's no dissension,
 Inverleith.

No, this is no fairy fable,
For tennis on a table
 You can teach.
Given youth there surely will be
More like Carrington and Filby
 And Leach.

But YOUTH is most essential,
That's the "unexplored potential"
 Yet unsought.
We know you're in the city
And we think it such a pity
 You're untaught.

Aristocrats or peasants,
Be you Morningside, the Pleasance,
 Or Joppa,
Our appeal to you the same is—
Don't be led to think the game is
 Improper.

Soccer, tennis, golf or cricket,
Field or court or tee or wicket,
 Well-worn ruts.
Let me leave with you this thought—
He who *pioneers* a sport
 Has guts!

MICHAEL BEAUBRUN.

Foreword

It is now eight years since the last Handbook was published. We would not attempt to give a detailed survey of these years. Let it suffice that the Edinburgh League survived the war, survived it nobly. In this connection we would pay tribute to Mr Dykes of the Gambit Club, Messrs Brown and Bathgate of Inverleith, and Messrs Bruce-Morgan and Wood of the Civil Service, all of whom were, at one time or another, instrumental in keeping it alive. We would thank, too, the R.A.F. and Civil Service Clubs for their kindness in letting us have the use of their rooms on numerous occasions during the past eight years.

As a result of their efforts the League has not only lived, it has, we venture to say, flourished; for although our numbers have been at times reduced, the standard of play has risen considerably. Perhaps, after all, the war was a boon to Edinburgh Table Tennis; for to replace the players lost to the Services there came new blood, Servicemen from all over Britain and from Europe, who, stationed at nearby camps, played in our League and helped to raise the playing standard. So much so that the end of last season saw Edinburgh undisputed inter-League champions of Scotland.

In the field of women's Table Tennis we have produced a star. Miss Helen Elliot, rated earlier this year as No. 3 among British women, has since improved considerably, and bids fair to capture the coveted English title at the end of this season.

Edinburgh League prospects for the coming season are very encouraging. Numerous applications have been received, not only from new clubs, but from some old clubs which, forced during the war to withdraw through lack of players, are now re-entering the lists. We are delighted to have them back, and while we greatly regret that we cannot in most cases put such teams in the divisions which they deserve without upsetting the stability

of the League, we are sure that within a season or so the matter will adjust itself.

Our purpose in this booklet has been not only to provide a handbook for reference, indeed it is shockingly short of handy references, but to present to League players, newcomers to the League, and friends outside the League an attractive picture of the Edinburgh League as it is to-day. To this end we have included action pictures of as many of the leading players as we could, in their characteristic shots. These are the players you will meet and play against as the season progresses. It will be noticed that the laws of Table Tennis have been omitted. This has been done at the request of the S.T.T.A., as the laws are already in the Scottish Handbook.

Our attempt to include personalities as much as possible has behind it another purpose: that of attracting new clubs and especially the young players in the city to our League. We feel so strongly the necessity of encouraging younger players that we have been led to compose the foregoing verses. We hope that the absurd doggerel in which they are couched will not detract from the meaning.

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CONSTITUTION.

1.—The League shall be known as “The Edinburgh and District Table Tennis League.”

2.—The Office-Bearers of the League shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, who, with seven members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, will constitute the Committee. The Committee shall be elected annually and any retiring member shall be eligible for re-election. No club shall be entitled to have more than two representatives on the Committee.

3.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the end of the month of April and each club in the League shall be entitled to send two delegates. The meeting shall be called by circular to each club and seven days' notice of the meeting shall be given. At the Annual General Meeting the Office-Bearers, members of Committee and each delegate present shall have one vote.

4.—The Committee shall have full powers to decide matters arising in connection with the League. Five shall form a quorum, and the Chairman at any meeting in connection with the League shall have a deliberate as well as a casting vote.

5.—The Games under the League shall be played according to the Rules of the Scottish Table Tennis Association, subject to any alterations which may be passed by a majority voting at the Annual General Meeting of the League.

All tables in the League must conform to the standard laid down by the Scottish Table Tennis Association regarding size of table and the required bounce of the ball on the playing surface.

6.—The League shall be open to such clubs in Edinburgh and District as the Committee may decide; each club admitted shall pay in advance an Annual Subscription of 10/-, plus the current affiliation fee to the Scottish Table Tennis Association.

7.—All players must be *bona-fide* registered members of the club for which they play. Non-registered players participating in League matches must register within 72 hours from date of match played.

8.—No player shall play for more than one club in the League in the same season, and no player may play in more than one League in the same season, except with the permission of the League Committee.

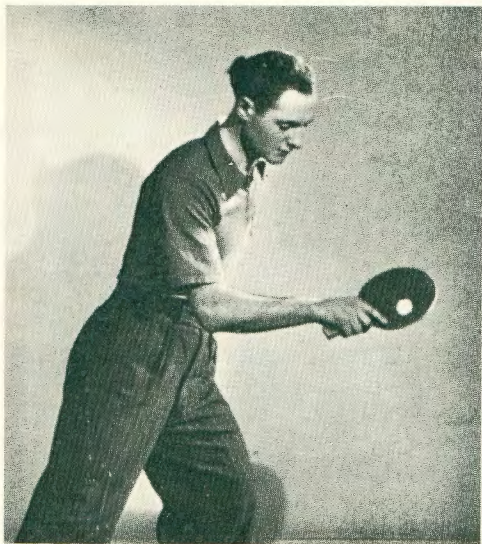
9.—A club may enter more than one team in the League, but each team so entered must pay the Annual League Subscription, plus the current affiliation fee to the Scottish Table Tennis Association.

10.—Where more than one team is entered in the League the players in these teams shall not be interchangeable except as follows:—

- (a) Not more than two players may be promoted from a lower to a higher team, i.e., from B to A, C to B, D to C, etc., but such promotion may only be made to the next higher team, e.g., it is not permissible to promote from D to B, or C to A.
- (b) A player who has not already played three games for his A team may play for his B team, and similarly a player who has not already played three games for his B team may play for his C team, but once a player has played three or more games for one team, he cannot play for a lower team in the same season.

11.—All matches shall be played on an evening suitable to both teams during the week arranged by the Committee. If no other arrangement is made, the match will be played on Friday evening. If it is desired to play the match during some other week, a full week's notice must be given to the Secretary of the opposing team, and the League Secretary notified of the change.

12.—A match is played between two sides of four players each, and consists of eight games (best of three sets) played by numbers one and two on one side playing each of numbers one and two on the opposing side, and numbers three and four of the one side similarly playing each of numbers three and four of the opposing side. In



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East of Scotland Champion, 1944-45 and 1945-46.



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Scottish Champion, 1945-46.



JAN ZAJAC.
Forcing Attack.



J. A. T. BROWN (Scottish International).
Solid Defence.



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Women's Champion of Scotland, Ireland and Lancashire.



DUDLEY RICHARDS.
Keeping an eye on the ball.



R. ROSS YOUNG (Scottish International).
How's that?

all League matches players must be played in order of merit.

13.—No player or club in membership of the League shall, without the consent of the Committee, participate in any match, exhibition or otherwise which is undertaken by any person or persons for the purposes of financial gain. Likewise, no player or club in membership of the League shall, without the consent of the Committee, accept any payment for participating in any match either by way of a fee or expenses.

14.—At the end of the season the first two teams in each of the lower Divisions of the League shall be promoted to the next higher Division, and the bottom two teams of all Divisions shall be relegated to the next lower Division (at the discretion of the League Committee).

15.—The rules shall only be capable of being altered, added to, or amended on notice being given to the League Secretary of any proposed alteration not later than the end of March, which notice shall give in detail the proposed alteration, addition or amendment. A motion to alter, amend or add to the rules must be carried at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.

FIXTURE LIST.

ALL DIVISIONS.

Week Commencing	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K	L	
1946											
OCT.	14	B	Aa	D	Ca	F	Ea	H	Ga	L	Ka
"	21	Da	K	Fa	A	Ha	C	La	E	Ba	G
"	28	F	Ga	H	ha	L	Aa	B	Ca	D	Ea
NOV.	4	Ha	E	La	G	Ba	K	Da	A	Fa	C
"	11	L	Ca	B	Ea	D	Ga	F	Ka	H	Aa
"	18	Ca	Da	A	B	Ga	Ha	E	F	—	—
"	25	—	—	Ea	Fa	C	D	Ka	La	G	H
DEC.	2	Ga	F	—	L	K	Ba	A	Ca	Ea	Da
"	9	K	H	G	—	—	L	Ca	Ba	Aa	Fa
"	16	Ea	La	Ka	Ha	A	—	—	D	C	B
1947											
JAN.	20	Ba	A	Da	C	Fa	E	Ha	G	La	K
"	27	D	Ka	F	Aa	H	Ca	L	Ea	B	Ga
FEB.	3	Fa	G	Ha	K	La	A	Ba	C	Da	E
"	10	H	Ea	L	Ga	B	Ka	D	Aa	F	Ca
"	17	La	C	Ba	E	Da	G	Fa	K	Ha	A
"	24	C	D	Aa	Ba	G	H	Ea	Fa	—	—
MAR.	3	—	—	E	F	Ca	Da	K	L	Ga	Ha
"	10	G	Fa	—	La	Ka	B	Aa	—	E	D
"	17	Ka	Ha	Ga	—	—	La	C	B	A	F
"	24	E	L	K	H	Aa	—	—	Da	Ca	Ba

FIRST DIVISION.

- A Civil Service, I.
- B Gambit, I.
- C S.M.T., I.
- D Polish Students
- E Lockharton, I.
- F 12th Leith ex-B.B., I.
- G Colonial House, I.
- H Inverleith
- K R.D.O., I.
- L Inland Revenue, I.

SECOND DIVISION.

- A Inland Revenue, II.
- B Five Racquets
- C S.M.T., II.
- D 12th Leith ex-B.B., II.
- E Indian Association, I.
- F R.A.F.
- G Lockharton, II.
- H Y.M.C.A., I.
- K Gambit, II.
- L ———

THIRD DIVISION.

- A Allan Street, I.
- B University Staff, I.
- C Fet-Lor
- D R.D.O., II.
- E Gambit, III.
- F Maccabim, I.
- G Civil Service, II.
- H Colonial House, II.
- K Indian Association, II.
- L ———

FOURTH DIVISION.

- A Maccabim, II.
- B Canonmills
- C Castle Mills
- D Y.M.C.A., II.
- E 11th Highland I.T.C.
- F Wardie
- G University Staff, II.
- H Allan Street, II.
- K 10th Lowland I.T.C.
- L ———

FIFTH DIVISION.

- A Ministry of Works
- B Fairmile Racquets, I.
- C Bank Villa
- D Railway Social
- E South Side
- F 10th Leith ex-B.B.
- G Scotsman
- H Fairmile Racquets, II.
- K Ministry of Labour.
- L _____

Results of first and second divisions to:—

Mr J. HOLT, 48 DRUMBRAE NORTH, BARTON.

Results of third and fourth divisions to:—

Mr A. BAKER, INLAND REVENUE, 114 GEORGE STREET.

Results of fifth division to:—

Mr E. FIELDING, 2 VIEWFORTH GARDENS, EDINBURGH, 10.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARIES AND PLAYERS.

1. When filling in players' names, etc., on score sheets, please use block letters. Give players' initials and registration numbers.

2. Score sheets must be forwarded as above by the Secretary of **the home team** not later than Saturday of each week. Failure to do so will mean the loss of one point to the offending team

3. To avoid possible complaints and resultant loss of points observe carefully Rule 11 of the Constitution *re* postponed matches.

4. It is essential that suitable accommodation and lighting be provided for all matches. **Players are prohibited from wearing white or light-coloured clothing which may tend to unsight an opponent.**

5. Read thoroughly and learn the rules of Table Tennis as in the S.T.T.A. Handbook. Note particularly the rules regarding service and volleying.

6. Watch the results of matches and League Tables in the *Evening Dispatch* every Thursday.

YOUR TABLE TENNIS CALENDAR.

Date	Event	Venue
1946		
SEPT. 14	Birmingham Open - - - - -	Birmingham
" 28	SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL TRIALS	Perth
OCT. 5	Thameside Open - - - - -	London
" 18	SCOTLAND v. IRELAND (Women's Europe Cup) - - - - -	Belfast
" 26	Lancashire Open - - - - -	Manchester
NOV. 9	Eastern Suburban Open - - - - -	London
" 16	Hull Open - - - - -	Hull
" 22	SCOTLAND v. SWITZERLAND (Men's Europe Cup) - - - - -	Glasgow
" 23	Central London Open - - - - -	London
" 30	Merseyside Open - - - - -	Liverpool
DEC. 1	MURRAYFIELD OPEN - - - - -	Edinburgh
" 2/7	Leinster Open - - - - -	Dublin
" 6	North Midland Open - - - - -	Mansfield
" 8	LANARKSHIRE OPEN - - - - -	Hamilton
" 13	SCOTLAND v. IRELAND - - - - -	Edinburgh
1947		
JAN. 4	SCOTLAND v. WALES - - - - -	Greenock
" 11	Yorkshire Open - - - - -	Bradford
" 13/18	WEST OF SCOTLAND OPEN (Singles and Doubles) - - - - -	Glasgow
" 19	Southampton Open - - - - -	Southampton
" 25	North of England Open - - - - -	Manchester
" 30	} Ulster Open - - - - -	Belfast
FEB. to 4		
" 1	EAST OF SCOTLAND OPEN (Singles)	Edinburgh
" 8	(Doubles)	"
" 13/15	SCOTTISH "NATIONAL" CHAMPIONSHIPS - - - - -	Hamilton
" 28	Final Stage of each District for Scottish Cup.	
" 27	} WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - - - - -	Paris
MAR. to 5		
" 10/15	ENGLISH OPEN - - - - -	London
" 19/22	IRISH OPEN - - - - -	Dublin
" ?	SCOTLAND v. ENGLAND - - - - -	
APR. 5	North-East Yorkshire Open - - - - -	Filey
" 19	Cheshire Open - - - - -	Wallasey
MAY 3	Buckinghamshire Open - - - - -	Buckingham
" 10	Wembley Open - - - - -	Wembley

LEAGUE TABLES—1945-46.

Team	FIRST DIVISION.				Games		Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	
Gambit	20	20	0	0	146	14	40
Inverleith	20	14	4	2	116	44	32
12th Leith B.B.	20	14	2	4	112	48	30
Colonial House	20	12	2	6	95	65	26
S.M.T.	20	9	6	5	89	71	24
Civil Service	20	9	2	9	74	86	20
R.D.O.	20	6	3	11	67	93	15
Lockharton	20	6	2	12	59	101	14
Police	20	4	0	16	50	110	8
R.A.F. Club	20	3	1	16	48	112	7
Turnhouse	20	2	0	18	24	136	4

SECOND DIVISION.

The final 2nd Division tables were never fully compiled, many of the matches remaining unplayed.

The position of the top teams, however, was, as nearly as possible:—1. Polish Students.

2. Inland Revenue.

3. S.M.T. 2 (Sales and Service).

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1.—Keep your eye on the ball from racket to racket.

2.—**Footwork.** Strokes cannot be executed properly unless the feet are placed correctly. Forehand strokes should be taken with the left foot forward and left side of body facing table. Backhand strokes should be taken with the right hand forward and right side of body facing the table. (The above instructions are for right-handed players. For left-hand players the opposite will apply.)

3.—For defensive strokes, follow through until the arm is straight, bringing body round slightly with the stroke.

4.—For attacking strokes, follow right through as far as possible.

5.—A chopped ball should be hit early.

6.—A ball with top spin should be hit at the top of the bounce.

7.—Use the half-volley stroke only on the backhand, and for shots which come straight for the body when the player is close to the table.

8.—**The Half-Volley Stroke.** Stand right close to the table, hold the racket, wrist and forearm in a straight line, elbow a few inches from the body, and as each ball comes over, move racket forward to meet it. The amount of push put on the racket varies according to the speed of the ball. A slow ball must be pushed back hard, and a fast ball needs no push; just hold the racket at the right angle and let the ball hit it. The art of half-volleying is in the angle of the racket for different shots. For chopped balls, get under them and push with racket. For top-spin balls the top of the racket should be sloped slightly forward.

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INTER-CITY MATCHES PLAYED DURING SEASON 1945-46.

v. KIRKCALDY (Home).

Team.—B. Chernock (Gambit), J. Zajac (Col. House), L. Kurrant* (S.M.T.), Miss Helen Elliot (Gambit), J. A. T. Brown (Inverleith), M. H. Beaubrun (Col. House).

Reserves.—R. R. Young (Inverleith), D. Richards (S.M.T.).

Result.—Edinburgh won 11-1.

v. WEST OF SCOTLAND (Away).

Team.—B. Chernock (Gambit), J. Zajac (Col. House), B. Bennet (Gambit), L. Kurrant (S.M.T.), Miss H. Elliot (Gambit), J. A. T. Brown (Inverleith).

Reserves.—M. H. Beaubrun (Col. House), R. R. Young (Inverleith).

Result.—Edinburgh won 10-2.

v. DUNDEE (Away).

Team.—B. Chernock (Gambit), J. Zajac (Col. House), B. Bennet (Gambit), L. Kurrant (S.M.T.), Miss H. Elliot (Gambit), J. A. T. Brown (Inverleith).

Reserves.—M. H. Beaubrun (Col. House), R. R. Young (Inverleith).

Result.—Edinburgh won 12-0.

v. KIRKCALDY (Away).

Team.—J. Zajac (Col. House), Miss Helen Elliot (Gambit), J. A. T. Brown* (Inverleith), R. R. Young (Inverleith), M. H. Beaubrun (Col. House), P. Cleary (12th Leith B.B.)

Reserve.—D. Richards (S.M.T.).

Result.—Edinburgh won 10-2.

* Absent.



MISS E. PITHIE.
R.D.O. hope.



M. H. BEAUBRUN.
The Editor regrets . . .



J. A. T. BROWN, ESQ.

RESULTS OF OPEN TOURNAMENTS FOR SEASON 1945-46.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL.

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Men's Singles	G. Harrower	Lieut. M. Kriss
„ Doubles	G. Harrower and P. Coia	M. Kriss and L. Sonnenblick
Ladies' Singles	Miss Helen Elliot	Miss E. Pithie

EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Singles - -	Lieut. M. Kriss	J. Zajac
Doubles - -	J. Zajac and A. J. D. Henderson	F. Adderley and R. M'Lean

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Singles - -	Lieut. M. Kriss	L. Sonnenblick
Doubles - -	M. Kriss and L. Sonnenblick	P. Coia and J. Rankin

LANARKSHIRE.

Singles - -	B. Chernock	J. Zajac
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MURRAYFIELD.

Singles - -	Lieut. M. Kriss	Miss H. Elliot
Doubles - -	M. Kriss and L. Sonnenblick	J. A. T. Brown and R. R. Young

Edinburgh League Second Division Championship (confined):—

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Hon. Secretary.

Date.....

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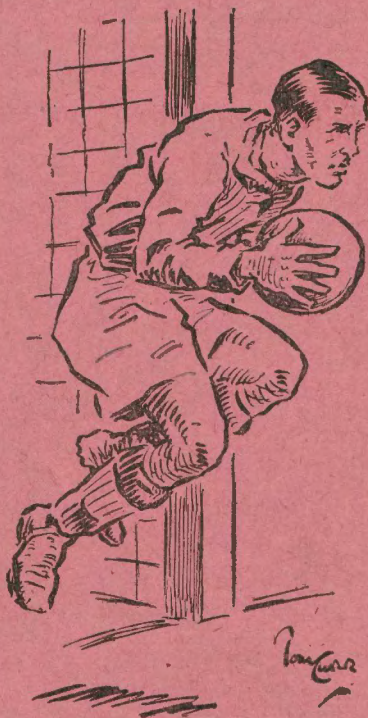
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