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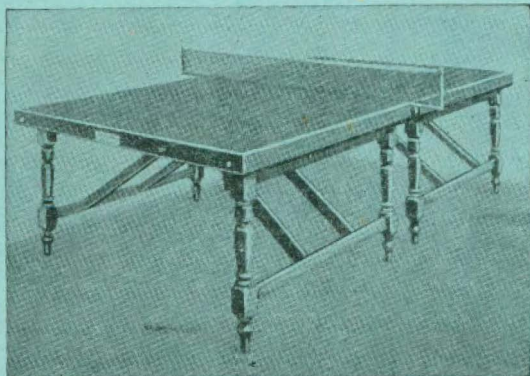
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Foreword

IN presenting the Handbook for 1947-48 the Edinburgh and District Table Tennis League is hopeful that the season will see a continued progress of the game in Edinburgh. The Edinburgh League has always been the largest of the various Leagues in Scotland, and there seems no doubt that in the current season it will again hold premier place.

It is unfortunate that a number of existing clubs have had to withdraw from membership. Their departure is regretted, and it is hoped that circumstances will soon permit of their rejoining. Several new clubs have come forward to fill the gaps, and to each and all the Committee extends a cordial and hearty welcome. It feels sure that all will enjoy participation in the League's activities, and it is certain they will find pleasure in the contacts they will make.

The year's fixtures and representative games will follow the usual lines, with, it is hoped, one or other of the International matches of the Scottish Table Tennis Association played in Edinburgh. Whether or not such matches are allocated to Edinburgh, a busy and interesting season is foreshadowed, and the active co-operation of all players, clubs, and officials will be necessary. This co-operation is essential if the League is to function properly, and the Committee looks to all who are connected with the League to give of their best. By so doing they not only help themselves, but they lessen the burden on the officials who so generously give of their time and energy in the furtherance of the League's work.

Incorporated in the present issue of the Handbook are the Laws of Table Tennis. There has been much talk in International Table Tennis Federation circles regarding spin service, and all players and club secretaries would be well advised to make themselves familiar with the present law on the subject. This, together with other minor amendments, are included in the Laws now published.

J. S. BATHGATE.

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 each delegate present shall have one vote.

4. A Special General Meeting of the League shall be convened on a resolution of the Committee or within fourteen days of receipt by the Secretary of a resolution signed by the authorised representatives of at least one-third of the Clubs in membership of the League, and paragraph 3 of the Constitution respecting circulation of Notices and procedure shall apply as at the Annual General Meeting.

5. The Committee shall have full powers to decide matters arising in connection with the League. The Committee shall have power to appoint representatives from each Division of the League to meet at least four times during the playing season to discuss the affairs of all the Divisions.

6. Five shall form a quorum of the League Committee and the Chairman at any meeting shall have a deliberate as well as a casting vote.

RULES

1. 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.

2. 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 10s., plus the current affiliation fee to the Scottish Table Tennis Association.

3. All players must be *bona-fide* registered members of the Club for which they play. Non-registered players participating in the League must register within seventy-two hours from date of match played.

4. No player shall play for more than one Club in the League in the same season. No player may play in more than one League in the same season, except with the permission of the League Committee.

5. 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.

6. 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, &c.—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.

7. All matches shall be played on an evening suitable to both teams during the week arranged by the Committee. 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.

8. 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 one side similarly playing each of numbers three and four of the opposing side. In all League matches players must be played in order of merit.

9. 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.

10. 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 Committee).

11. The Constitution and 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 Constitution and 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 LISTS

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, and FOURTH DIVISIONS

Week commencing	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K	L
1947										
OCTOBER 6	La	K	H	G	F	Ea	Da	Ca	Ba	A
" 13	B	Aa	Ka	Ha	Ga	L	E	D	C	Fa
" 20	Ca	La	A	K	H	G	Fa	Ea	Da	B
" 27	D	C	Ba	Aa	Ka	Ha	L	F	E	Ga
NOVEMBER 3	Ea	Da	La	B	A	K	H	Ga	Fa	C
" 10	F	E	D	Ca	Ba	Aa	Ka	L	G	Ha
" 17	Ga	Fa	Ea	La	C	B	A	Ka	H	D
" 24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DECEMBER 1	H	G	F	E	Da	Ca	Ba	Aa	L	Ka
" 8	Ka	Ha	Ga	Fa	La	D	C	B	A	E
" 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1948										
JANUARY 5	L	Ka	Ha	Ga	Fa	E	D	C	B	Aa
" 12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 19	Ba	A	K	H	G	La	Ea	Da	Ca	F
" 26	C	L	Aa	Ka	Ha	Ga	F	E	D	Ba
FEBRUARY 2	Da	Ca	B	A	K	H	La	Fa	Ea	G
" 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 16	E	D	L	Ba	Aa	Ka	Ha	G	F	Ca
" 23	Fa	Ea	Da	C	B	A	K	La	Ga	H
MARCH 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 8	G	F	E	L	Ca	Ba	Aa	K	Ha	Da
" 15	Ha	Ga	Fa	Ea	D	C	B	A	La	K
" 22	K	H	G	F	L	Da	Ca	Ba	Aa	Ea

FIRST DIVISION

A—Lockharton I. †—Y.M.C.A. I. C—Civil Service I. D—Five Racquets.
 E—Gambit I. F—12th Leith B.B. I. G—Colonial House I. †.—R.A.F.
 K—Gambit II. L—Inverleith.

SECOND DIVISION

A—Inland Revenue. B—12th Leith B.B. II. C—Colonial House II.
 D—Indian Association. E—Maccabim. F—R.D.O. I. G—Civil Service II.
 H—Allan Street. K—Fet-Lor. L—Lockharton II.

THIRD DIVISION

A—11th I.T.C. I. B—R.D.O. II. C—University Staff I. D—Gambit III.
 E—10th I.T.C. F—Castle Mills. G—University Staff II. †.—Wardie.
 K—Portobello. L—Inland Revenue II.

FOURTH DIVISION

A—Ministry of Works I. B—Comiston I. C—Ministry of Labour.
 D—Murrayfield Memorial. E—10th Leith B.B. I. F—Y.M.C.A. II.
 G—South Side. H—Indian Association II. K—Pleasance Trust. L—Scotsman.

FIFTH and SIXTH DIVISIONS

Week commencing	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K	L	M
1947											
OCT. 6	Bye	M	L	K	H	G	Fa	Ea	Da	Ca	Ba
" 13	B	Aa	Ma	La	Ka	Ha	Bye	F	E	D	C
" 20	Ca	Bye	A	M	L	K	H	Ga	Fa	Ea	Da
" 27	D	C	Ba	Aa	Ma	La	Ka	Bye	G	F	E
NOV. 3	Ea	Da	Bye	B	A	M	L	K	Ha	Ga	Fa
" 10	F	E	D	Ca	Ba	Aa	Ma	La	Bye	H	G
" 17	Ga	Fa	Ea	Bye	C	B	A	M	L	Ka	Ha
" 24	H	G	F	E	Da	Ca	Ba	Aa	Ma	Bye	K
DEC. 1	Ka	Ha	Ga	Fa	Bye	D	C	B	A	M	La
" 8	L	K	H	G	F	Ea	Da	Ca	Ba	Aa	Bye
" 15	Ma	La	Ka	Ha	Ga	Bye	E	D	C	B	A
1948											
JAN. 5	Bye	Ma	La	Ka	Ha	Ga	F	E	D	C	B
" 12	Ba	A	M	L	K	H	Bye	Fa	Ea	Da	Ca
" 19	C	Bye	Aa	Ma	La	Ka	Ha	G	F	E	D
" 26	Da	Ca	B	A	M	L	K	Bye	Ga	Fa	Ea
FEB. 2	E	D	Bye	Ba	Aa	Ma	La	Ka	H	G	F
" 9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 16	Fa	Ea	Da	C	B	A	M	L	Bye	Ha	Ga
" 23	G	F	E	Bye	Ca	Ba	Aa	Ma	La	K	H
MAR. 1	Ha	Ga	Fa	Ea	D	C	B	A	M	Bye	Ka
" 8	K	H	G	F	Bye	Da	Ca	Ba	Aa	Ma	L
" 15	La	Ka	Ha	Ga	Fa	E	D	C	B	A	Bye
" 22	M	L	K	H	G	Bye	Ea	Da	Ca	Ba	Aa

FIFTH DIVISION

A—Bank Villa. B—Y.M.C.A. III. C—Fairmile Youth I. D—T. & N. Sports Club I. E—Chinese Students. —11th I.T.C. II. G—Comiston. H—Ingliston. K—Grosvenor. L—Civil Service III. —R.D.O. III.

SIXTH DIVISION

—Beechwood. B—Edinburgh Telephones. C—46th Rover Scouts. D—Moir Memorial. E—Inland Revenue III. F—Ministry of Works II. G—Y.M.C.A. IV. H—Fairmile Youth, II. K—T. & N. Sports Club II. L—10th Leith B.B. II. M—North Merchiston.

Results of first and second divisions to :—
 F. H. CRYSTAL, 61 COMISTON ROAD.
 Results of third and fourth divisions to :—
 A. S. MILLER, 11 SCONE GARDENS.
 Results of fifth and sixth divisions to :—
 T. WOOD, 11 BRANDON STREET.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARIES AND PLAYERS

1. When filling in players' names, &c., 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 7 of the League Rules *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 Laws of Table Tennis as in this Handbook. Note particularly the laws regarding service and volleying.

LEAGUE TABLES FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Games.		Pts.
					For	Agst.	
Gambit	16	15	0	1	106	22	30
Inverleith	16	14	1	1	94	34	29
Civil Service	16	10	0	6	68	60	20
Nomads	16	5	4	7	55	73	14
Colonial House	16	6	1	9	60	68	13
Lockharton	16	4	4	8	58	70	12
12th Leith B.B.	16	3	5	8	53	75	14
Inland Revenue	16	2	6	8	48	80	10
R.D.O.	16	1	3	12	34	94	5

SECOND DIVISION

Gambit II.	18	15	3	0	117	27	33
Five Raquets	18	12	6	0	105	39	30

THIRD DIVISION

Civil Service II.	18	16	1	1	120	24	33
Maccabim I.	18	16	0	3	109	35	30

FOURTH DIVISION

11th (H.) I.T.C.	16	13	0	3	84	44	26
10th (L.) I.T.C.	16	11	2	3	77	51	24

FIFTH DIVISION

Ministry of Labour	18	13	3	2	102	42	29
Ministry of Works	18	13	1	4	97	47	27

INTER-CITY MATCHES PLAYED DURING SEASON 1946-47

Four Inter-City matches were played during the 1946-47 season, with the undernoted results :—

v. Kirkcaldy (away)	Edinburgh 8, Kirkcaldy 4.
v. West of Scotland (home)	„ 5, West of Scotland 7.
v. Dundee (home)	„ 12, Dundee 0.
v. Perth (away)	„ 12, Perth 0.

The following players represented the League in one or other of these matches :
M. H. BEAUBRUN (Colonial House), Miss H. ELLIOT (Gambit), W. E. KILPATRICK (Five Racquets), J. M'GOVERN (Inland Revenue), Miss B. PITHIE (R.D.O.), W. ROSS (Civil Service), R. STREVEN'S (Gambit), E. TEASDALE (Inverleith), M. JARECKI (Gambit), R. R. YOUNG (Inverleith), J. ZAJAC (Nomads).

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LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS AS ADOPTED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

SINGLES

1. **THE TABLE.**—The table shall be in surface rectangular, 274 cm. (9 ft.) in length, 152.5 cm. (5 ft.) in width; it shall be supported in such a way that its upper surface shall be 76 cm. (2 ft. 6 ins.) above the floor, and shall lie in a horizontal plane.

It shall be made of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of not less than 20 cm. (8 ins.) and not more than 23 cm. (9 ins.) when a standard ball is dropped from a height of 30.5 cm. (12 ins.) above its surface.

The upper surface of the table shall be termed the "playing surface"; it shall be non-reflecting, of a dark colour with a white line 2 cm. ($\frac{3}{4}$ in.) broad along each edge.

The lines at the 152.5 cm. edges or ends of the playing surface shall be termed "end lines." The lines at the 274 cm. edges or sides of the playing surface shall be termed "side lines."

2. **THE NET AND ITS SUPPORTS.**—The playing surface shall be divided into two courts of equal size by a net running parallel to the end lines and 137 cm. (4 ft. 6 ins.) from each. The net, with its suspension, shall be 183 cm. (6 ft.) in length; its upper part along its whole length shall be 15.25 cm. (6 ins.) above the playing surface; its lower part along the whole length shall be close to the playing surface. The net shall be attached at each end to an upright post 15.25 cm. (6 ins.) high; the outside limits of each post shall be 15.25 cm. (6 ins.) outside the side line on the same side.

3. **THE BALL.**—The ball shall be spherical. It shall be made of celluloid [white, but not brightly reflecting]; it shall not be less than 11.43 cm. ($4\frac{1}{2}$ ins.) nor more than 12.06 cm. ($4\frac{1}{2}$ ins.) in circumference; it shall not be less than 2.40 gr. (37 grains) nor more than 2.53 gr. (39 grains) in weight.

4. **THE RACKET.**—The racket may be any material, size, shape or weight [provided it be not white, light-coloured, or reflecting].

5. **THE SCORING OF POINTS.**—A game shall be won by the player who first wins 21 points, unless both players shall have scored 20 points when the winner of the game shall be he who first wins two points more than his opponent.

6. THE CHOICE OF ENDS AND SERVICE.—The choice of ends and the right to be server or striker-out in every match shall be decided by toss, provided that, if the winner of the toss choose the right to be server or striker-out, the other player shall have the choice of ends, and *vice versa*, and provided that the winner of the toss may, if he prefer it, require the other player to make the first choice.

7. THE CHANGE OF ENDS AND SERVICE.—After five points the striker-out shall become the server, and the server the striker-out, and so on after each five points until the end of the game or the score 20-all. At the score 20-all the striker-out shall become the server, and the server the striker-out, and so on after each point until the end of the game. The player who served first in a game shall be striker-out first in the immediately subsequent game, and so on until the end of a match.

The player who started at one end in a game shall start at the other in the immediately subsequent game, and so on until the end of the match. Where the match consists of only one game, or, where it consists of more than one game, in the deciding game of the match, the players shall change ends at the score 10.

8. OUT OF ORDER OF ENDS OR SERVICE.—If a player serve out of his turn, the player who ought to have served shall serve as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a group of five services shall have been completed before such discovery, when the service in the subsequent groups of services shall continue in the same order as if the sequence had not been discontinuous. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

If the players shall not have changed ends when ends should have been changed, the players shall change ends as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a game shall have been completed since the error, when the error shall be ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

9. THE ORDER OF PLAY.—The server shall first make a good service, the striker-out shall then make a good return, and thereafter server and striker-out shall each alternately make a good return.

10. A GOOD SERVICE.—The service shall be delivered by the server releasing the ball by hand only, without imparting of spin, into the air. The ball shall then be struck so that it touch first the server's court and then, passing directly over or round the net, touch the strikers-out's court.

[In the delivery of the service the free hand of any two-handed player shall be open and flat, with the fingers straight and together, thumb free, and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers. The ball shall be released by the free hand either lifting upward or dropping away.]

At the moment of the impact of the racket on the ball in service, both shall be behind the end line of the server's court and between an imaginary continuation of the side lines.

11. A GOOD RETURN.—A ball having been served or returned in play shall be struck by the player so that it pass directly over the net or round the net and touch directly the opponent's court; provided that, if the ball, having been served or returned in play, returns with its own impetus over the net or round the net, it may be struck, while still in play, by the player so that it touch directly the opponent's court.

12. A LET.—The rest is a let :—

- (a) If the ball served in passing over the net touch it or its supports, provided the service either be otherwise good or be volleyed by the striker-out.
- (b) If a service be delivered when the striker-out is not ready, provided always that he may not be deemed to be unready if he attempt to strike at the ball.
- (c) If either player be prevented by an accident, not under his control, from serving a good service or making a good return.
- (d) If either player lose the point, as provided in Law 13 (e), (d), (e), or Law 14 owing to an accident not within his control.

13. A POINT.—Either player shall lose a point :—

- (a) If he fail to make a good service, except as provided in Law 12.
- (b) If a good service or a good return having been made by his opponent, he fail to make a good return, except as provided in Law 12.
- (c) If he, or his racket, or anything that he wears or carries, touch the net or its supports while the ball is in play.
- (d) If he, or his racket, or anything that he wears or carries, move the playing surface while the ball is in play.
- (e) If his free hand touch the playing surface while the ball is in play.

14. A POINT.—Either player shall lose the point :—

- (a) If, before the ball in play shall have passed over the end lines or side lines not yet having touched the playing surface on his side of the table since being struck by his opponent, it come in contact with him or anything that he wears or carries.
- (b) If at any time he volley the ball, except as provided in Law 12 (a).

15. IN PLAY.—The ball is in play from the moment at which it is projected or dropped from the hand in service until :—

- (a) It has touched one court twice consecutively.
- (b) It has, except in service, touched each court alternately without having been struck by the racket intermediately.

- (c) It has been struck by either player more than once consecutively.
- (d) It has touched either player or anything that he wears or carries, except his racket or his racket hand below the wrist.
- (e) On the volley it come in contact with the racket or the racket hand below the wrist.
- (f) It has touched any object other than the net, supports, or those referred to above.

16. **FURTHER DEFINITIONS.**—The period during which the ball is in play shall be termed a rest.

A rest the result of which is scored shall be termed a point.

A rest the result of which is not scored shall be termed a let.

The player who first strikes the ball during a rest shall be termed the server.

The player who next strikes the ball during a rest shall be termed the striker-out.

If the ball, in passing over the net, or round the net, touch it or its supports, it shall, nevertheless, be considered to have passed directly, except as referred to in Law 12 (a).

If the ball in play come in contact with the racket or racket hand, not yet having touched the playing surface on one side of the net since last being struck on the other side, it shall be said to have been volleyed.

The racket hand is the hand carrying the racket; the free open hand is the hand not carrying the racket.

DOUBLES

17. The above Laws shall apply in the Doubles Game except as below.

18. **THE TABLE.**—The surface of the table shall be divided into two parts by a white line 3 mm. ($\frac{1}{8}$ in.) broad, running parallel with the side lines and distant equally from each of them. This line shall be termed the service-line. The part of the table surface on the nearer side of the net and the right of the service-line in respect to the server, shall be called the server's right half court, that on the left in respect to him server's left half court. The part of the table surface on the farther side of the net, and the left of the service-line in respect to the server, shall be called the striker-out's right half court, that on the right in respect to the server the striker-out's left half court.

19. **A GOOD SERVICE.**—The service shall be delivered as otherwise provided in Law 10, and so that it touch first the server's right half court or the centre line on his side of the net, and then, passing directly over or round the net, touch the striker-out's right half court or the centre line on his side of the net.

20. **THE CHOICE OF ORDER OF PLAY.**—The pair who have the right to serve the first five services in any game shall decide which partner

shall do so, and the opposing pair shall then decide similarly which shall first be striker-out.

21. THE ORDER OF SERVICE.—The first five services shall be delivered by the selected partner of the pair who have the right to do so, and shall be received by the selected partner of the opposing pair. The second five services shall be delivered by the striker-out of the first five services and received by the partner of the server of the first five services. The third five services shall be delivered by the partner of the server of the first five services and received by the partner of the striker-out of the first five services. The fourth five services shall be delivered by the partner of the striker-out of the first five services and received by the server of the first five services. The fifth five services shall be delivered as the first five services. And so on, in sequence, until the end of the game or the score 20-all, when the sequence of serving and striking-out shall be uninterrupted, but each player shall serve only one service in turn until the end of the game.

In a one-game match, or in the deciding game of a match of more than one game, the pair that served the first five services has the right to alter their order of striking-out or that of their opponents at the score 10.

22. OUT OF ORDER OF STRIKING-OUT.—If a player act as striker-out out of his turn, the player who ought to have acted as striker-out shall be striker-out as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a group of five services shall have been completed before such discovery, when the order of striking-out shall continue in the subsequent groups of services as if the sequence had not been discontinuous. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

23. THE ORDER OF PLAY.—The server shall first make a good service, the striker-out shall then make a good return, the partner of the server shall then make a good return, the partner of the striker-out shall then make a good return, the server shall then make a good return, and thereafter each player alternately in that sequence shall make a good return.

24. FURTHER AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS.—

Law 6.—Alter “server,” “striker-out,” “winner,” “he” to their respective plurals; alter “player” to “pair.”

Law 7.—Delete first two sentences of first paragraph. In the third sentence, first paragraph, and in the second paragraph, alter “player” to “pair”; “players” to “pairs”; “striker-out” to “strikers-out.”

Law 12 (b).—Insert “or his partner” after “striker-out”; “they” in place of the first “he”; “the striker-out” in place of the second “he.”

Law 12 (c).—Insert “any” in place of “either.”

Law 12 (d).—Insert “pair” in place of “player”; “their” in place of “his.”

Law 13.—Insert “pair” in place of “player.”

Law 13 (a).—Insert “the server” instead of “he.”

Law 13 (b).—Insert “one of their opponents in proper sequence” in place of “his opponent”; “they” in place of “he.”

Law 13 (c).—Insert “either partner” in place of the first “he.”

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Law 13 (e).—Insert “of either partner” after “hand” and “the” in place of “his.”

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Law 14 (a).—Insert “their” in place of the first “his”; “one of their opponents in proper sequence” instead of “his opponent”; “either partner” instead of “him.”

Law 14 (b).—Insert “either partner” in place of “he.”

Law 15 (c).—Insert “any” in place of “either”; add “or by any player out of proper sequence except as provided in Law 22.”

Law 15 (d).—Insert “any” in place of “either.”

Add as Law 15 (g).—“In service it has touched the server’s left half court or the striker-out’s left half court.”

APPENDIX TO LAWS—KNOTTY POINTS: DECISIONS OF RULES COMMITTEE

1. **EDGE BALLS.**—The phrase “table surface” is to be interpreted as including the top edges and corners of the table-top, and a ball in play which strikes these latter is therefore good and still in play; though if it strikes evidently the side of the table-top below the edge, it becomes dead and counts against the last striker.

2. **BALL RETURNED WITH EMPTY HAND.**—If a player drop his racket, he cannot return the ball with empty hand. (See definition, “The racket hand is the hand holding the racket.”)

3. **RACKET THROWN AT BALL.**—If in returning the ball the racket leave the player’s hand, it is a good return only if it were still in his hand at the moment of contact with the ball (see Law 11, “a ball . . . shall be struck”) and if it do not touch the net or move the table surface (Law 13 (c), (d)) before the ball is out of play.

4. **MISSED SERVICE.**—If a player in attempting to serve miss the ball altogether, it is a lost point (Laws 10 and 15), because the ball was in play from the moment it left the server’s hand, and a good service has not been made of the ball already in play.

5. **VOLLEYED NET SERVICE.**—A net service is a let not only if otherwise good but also if it be volleyed by the striker-out. (See Laws 12 (a) and 14 (b).)

6. **BALL FRACTURED IN PLAY.**—If the ball split or becomes otherwise fractured in play, “affecting a player’s return,” the rest is a let (Law 12 (c)). It is the umpire’s duty to stop play, recording a let,

when he has reason to believe that the ball in play is fractured or imperfect ; and to decide those cases in which the faulty ball is clearly fractured in actually going out of play, and in no way handicaps the player's return, when the point should be scored. In all cases of doubt, however, he should declare a let.

7. FIXTURES.—A moving spectator, a neighbouring player, a sudden noise—*i.e.*, any neighbouring object "in movement" (except a partner)—should be regarded as an accident not under control (Law 12 (c)), interference from which implies a let. A stationary spectator, fixed seating, the umpire, the light, a nearby table, a continuous sound of even volume—*i.e.*, any "relatively constant or motionless" hazard—should not be so regarded, and complaint against interference from it during play should be regarded as void.

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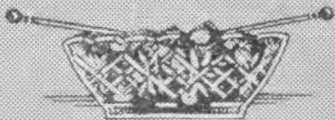
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