

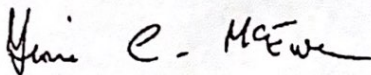
Scotland v England

21st January 2000

Honorary Referee
Joanna Flockhart

President's Welcome

Firstly allow me to offer congratulations to all those selected to represent their respective countries in this second Masters International Match between Scotland and England for the Robert McCoig Trophy. I know that here in Scotland the event has engendered tremendous enthusiasm, intense rivalry to gain selection and an optimistic desire to defeat the "Auld Enemy" - sentiments which very much epitomise the great Robert. On behalf of the Scottish Badminton Union I extend a warm welcome to you all and especially to our friends, albeit adversaries, from south of the border. I trust it will be a memorable encounter. Let battle commence!



FIONA McEWAN
President

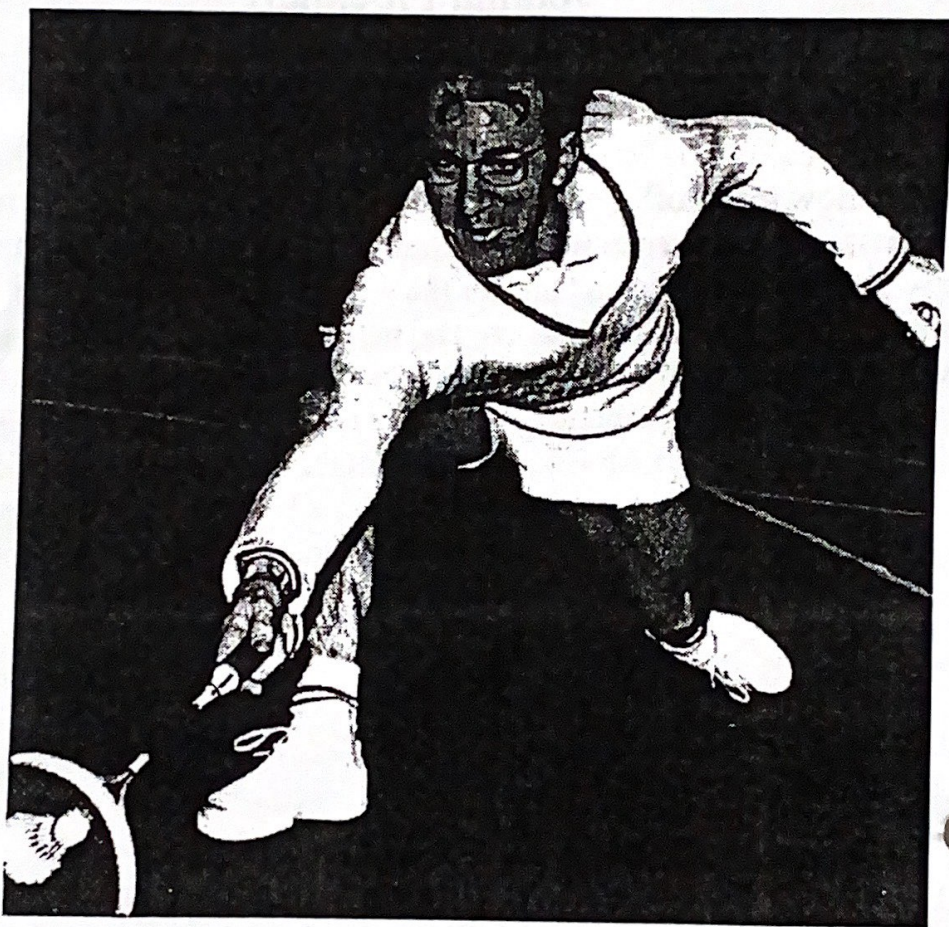
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Robert McCoig

This match was inaugurated to celebrate the memory of the greatest badminton player Scotland has yet produced. Robert McCoig was born in 1937 and began playing badminton in the early fifties at his local Church Club in Greenock.

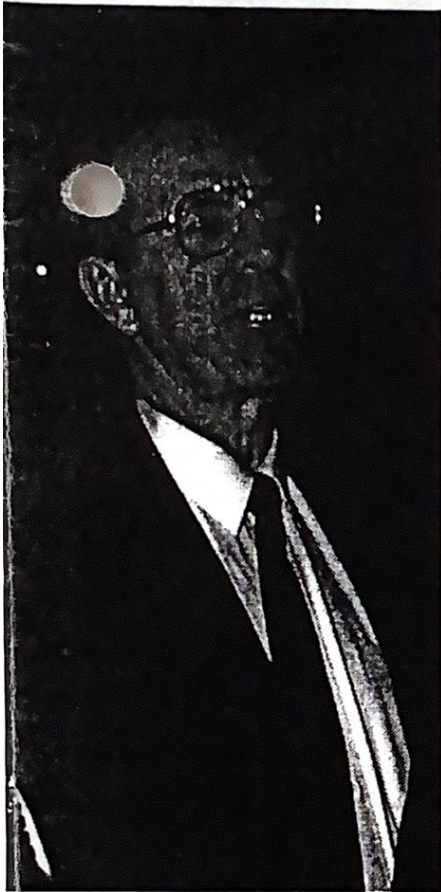
He was encouraged by his parents, and by his Uncle Robert, a former internationalist. In 1956, at the age of eighteen, he made his debut for Scotland and went on to represent his country some sixty-seven times before his retirement from International play in 1976.



Robert dominated Scottish Badminton for a period of over twenty years. He won fifteen National singles titles and a host of doubles and mixed titles with a variety of partners. He won the Scottish Open singles title four times, as well as many other international events.

In 1966 he won Scotland's first badminton medal at a Commonwealth Games in partnership with Muriel Woodcock.

On court, he was as tough a competitor as it is possible to meet, but he was always courteous and scrupulously fair. Off court, he was charming, friendly, and the best possible ambassador for Scottish Badminton. His name, as a player and as a person, is remembered around the world with respect and affection.



In 1974 he was honoured with the award of the MBE for his services to Scottish Badminton.

Robert had a great interest in the history of the game, and was punctilious about accuracy, as Mac Henderson recalls. "The Herald, one of Scotland's premier daily newspapers, recently ran a series of articles on the whereabouts of erstwhile famous Scottish Sportspersons, and Robert was included in this series. After reading the article on Robert, I phoned him to say what a good article it was. He agreed, but quickly asked if I had picked up the mistake made by the writer. I had to admit that I had not. The article stated that Robert had been Captain of the Scottish Commonwealth Games Team – a great honour for Scottish Badminton – in 1970 rather than in 1974.

Robert went on to explain that, as well as abhorring the inaccuracy, he was concerned that the wife and family of Crawford

Fairbrother, who had actually been the Captain in 1970 and who was now dead, might have read the article and been upset by the mistake."

Most people here today will have their own memories of Robert McCoig. Right up until the time of his death he was a regular attraction at Masters Tournaments, constantly adding to his list of titles and his circle of friends. One of his great ambitions was to be in a Scottish Team which defeated England. He never quite managed that but this match ensures that his name remains linked to the contest between the two countries, and so the hope lives on.

SCOTLAND

ENGLAND

S Dan Travers

15/7 ^v
15/12 _____

Eric Plane

E Jean Steen

7/11 ^v
9/11 _____

Sue Orwin

E Elizabeth Hamilton
Robin Huthwaite

6/15 ^v
15/10 6/15

Barbara Davidson
Jackie Hurst

E Dan Travers
Leon Douglas

15/10 ^v
12/15 13/15

Peter Higman
Tony Evans

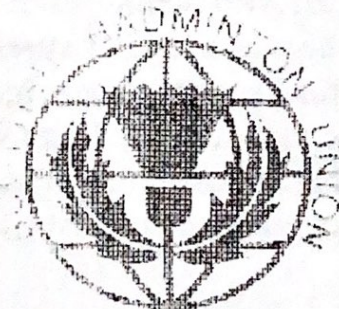
E Colin Ross
Robin Huthwaite

3/15 ^v
12/15 _____

Roger Taylor
Andi Stretch

SCOTLAND

1



ENGLAND

4

SCOTLAND

E Christine Black
Catherine Garrett

8/15 12/15 _____

S Leon Douglas

v
15/11 13/15 15/6

F Ian Campbell
Donald Campbell

v
6/15 9/15 _____

S Christine Black

v
8/11 10/0 RD

E Ian Campbell
Catherine Garrett

v
4/15 2/15 _____

ENGLAND

Betty Bartlett
Avril Sloane

John Gardner

Graham Holt
Bill Hamblett

Chris Crossley

Peter Emptage
Pam Dallow

SCOTLAND

2



ENGLAND

3

SCOTLAND

S Ian Smith 15/11 v 15/11

Jane McMahon 0/11 v 4/11

Ian Smith Billy Henderson 11/15 v 13/15

Margaret Gibson Linda Smith 9/15 v 15/7 6/15

Billy Henderson Margaret Emery 6/15 v 11/15

ENGLAND

David Eddy

Maureen Rimmer

Bob Bell Bob Northcott

Eileen Carley Susan Ely

Graham Billingham Wendy Arscott

COTLAND

1



ENGLAND

4

SCOTLAND

ENGLAND

E Mary Odell
Violet Davidson

Sue Whetnall
Beryl Goodall

9/15 10/15

E John Marshall
Tom Nelson

Peter Wood
~~Harry Shadwick~~
Michael Coley

15/11 9/15 8/15

E Charles Ellis

Peter Wood

3/15 6/15

John Marshall
E Mary Odell

Cyril Martin
Kay Brindle

15/10 5/15 8/15

SCOTLAND

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ENGLAND

4

SCOTLAND

ENGLAND

S S John Barrie

Bob Jackson

11/15 v 17/14 15/3.

J E Chris Laidler

Eileen Crossley

3/11 v 8/11

I E Rose McClymont
Katherine Quinn

Marian McFegan
Monica Irvine

7/15 v 5/15
~~15/7~~ ~~15/5~~

I S John Barrie
David Dunlop

Colin Abbott
William Houghton

15/8 v 15/13

I E Iain Martin
Ann Brown

Bill Andrew
Brenda Andrew

1/15 v 4/15

—SCOTLAND

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—ENGLAND

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