

2004 Bruntsfield

Edinburgh, having basked during weeks of glorious dry weather, were confident of retaining the Cup. Glasgow brought with them a good team but a change in the weather. A torrential shower flooded the course making play quite impossible.

After an excellent lunch other formalities were not forgotten. Since some sort of 'score' of the day's events seemed desirable, Douglas Bell provided this on the basis of relative ages of the two teams. Despite gaining byes for the two octogenarians in the Glasgow team, Edinburgh could be regarded as having won the day with an average age of 69.44 years against 73.83 years. Accordingly Edinburgh retained the Cup for another year.

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Typical of the keen play was the tied opening game by Sir Roddy and Jimmy Graham against Dick Bowie and Roger Smith. A below par middle-order Glasgow team offered the unusual excuse that the Bruntsfield Links greens had been treated with treacle, so slow was their speed compared with the West. At the after match celebrations non playing captain Douglas Bell accepting the Cup said, on such a fine day, there no losers, golf, sport and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. Sir Roddy replied in a similar vein and heartened his team by quoting Sir Walter Simpson, the famous anaesthetist, '*The most fatuously vacant the mind is, the better the play*'.

Andy Graham

Edinburgh won by 5 games to 3.



Captain Jack Newsam holds the Cup