



Isobel Davidson

Camrose 1946-56, 21 matches, 9 wins

Lady Milne 1950-71, 7 series, Winning series: 1950; 1956

Isobel and her sister Margaret Porteous, the Alexander sisters' were introduced early to high class bridge by their father in Ayr. (He won the Carlton Bridge Club Individual Championship in 1950 at the age of 83.) Isobel, arguably Scotland's best ever lady player, was an example to all who knew her. She is, and will likely remain Scotland's most capped woman player in Camrose matches where she played with David Skinner She was just as successful in women's bridge where she played with Margaret.

"I do not feel capable of adequately the deep loss Isobel's passing means to generation of bridge players here. No-one knew her could fail to have a deep respect affection for her. We salute this kind, generous gentle lady." (Jimmy Allan, 1976)

An obituary also appeared in the 'Glasgow Herald "Scotland's most illustrious woman player, only Scottish woman to appear in the 1976 Players Encyclopaedia".

In her Camrose days Isobel was based in Glasgow but when her brother-in-law, Tommy Porteous died in 1968 she moved to Edinburgh to live her sister. They offered hospitality to the younger generation, and a fund of stories. Isobel recalled a post game dance after a match with Eire. She and her partner were rather flattered that the dance floor seemed to have been cleared for their benefit, but found the music unusual. Hardly surprising since they were attempting to waltz the Irish national anthem!