

Anglo-Scottish League

This 'competition', initially called the Anglo-Scottish Midweek Cup, was formed 9 August 1956 after six clubs - Heart of Midlothian, Hibernian, Partick Thistle, Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City - met in Edinburgh. The original intention was that four Scottish clubs (the aforementioned plus another, Celtic and Rangers were not interested) would play four English ones (again the ones stated plus Arsenal, who later withdrew). A week later the Scottish League 'asked its clubs to reconsider taking part' and that 'that they may be expelled from the League if they proceed with plans for an Anglo-Scottish floodlight competition'. The English League were also against the competition. Sir George Graham, secretary of the Scottish Football Association was elected as secretary of the new competition and a further meeting was arranged for 27 August in Glasgow to arrange the fixtures. Preston North End were approached to replace Manchester City, but they declined the invitation. Harry Swan of Hibernian was elected President with a Spurs director being VP, but it had no secretary. The word 'floodlight' was later dropped, and the clubs would meet home-and-away between September and December. However the withholding of official sanction by the SFA and English League, meant all the matches had to be played as friendlies. Interestingly, tables continued to be published in official programmes.

1955-56

	Heart of Midlothian	Hibernian	Manchester City	Newcastle United	Partick Thistle	Tottenham Hotspur
Heart of Midlothian			NOT PLAYED	7 Nov 4-6		NOT PLAYED
Hibernian			1 Nov 2-1	16 Nov 2-0		NOT PLAYED
Manchester City	NOT PLAYED	NOT PLAYED			NOT PLAYED	
Newcastle United	10 Oct 2-2	19 Oct 1-2			12 Mar 1-1	
Partick Thistle			NOT PLAYED	9 Apr 1-1		14 Nov 1-0
Tottenham Hotspur	NOT PLAYED	NOT PLAYED	NOT PLAYED	NOT PLAYED	NOT PLAYED	

Hearts' games were all played at Easter Road

16 Nov 1955 Hibernian 2-0 Newcastle (played as two 35 minute halves due to fog)

This season appears to be a dry-run, in-as-much the 'League' wasn't created until the beginning of 1956-57 season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	3	3	0	0	6	2	6
Newcastle United	6	1	3	2	11	12	5
Partick Thistle	3	0	1	2	3	2	1
Heart of Midlothian	2	0	1	1	6	8	1
Manchester City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Tottenham Hotspur	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

1956-57

	Heart of Midlothian	Hibernian	Newcastle United	Partick Thistle	Tottenham Hotspur
Heart of Midlothian			5 Nov 0-0		15 Oct 3-2
Hibernian			26 Nov 1-3		17 Sep 1-5
Newcastle United	19 Sep 1-2	3 Oct 2-1		14 Nov 5-0	
Partick Thistle			17 Oct 4-1		26 Nov 2-0
Tottenham Hotspur	12 Nov 4-2	31 Oct 3-3		26 Sep 4-1	

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In the original fixture list, Manchester City would also have played Partick Thistle on 17 Sep (A) and 29 Oct (H), Hibernian on 15 Oct (A) and 12 Nov (H), Hearts on 19 Nov (A), won 4-3, and 26 Nov (A)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle United	6	3	1	2	12	8	7
Tottenham Hotspur	6	3	1	2	18	12	7
Heart of Midlothian	4	2	1	1	7	7	5
Partick Thistle	4	2	0	2	7	10	4
Hibernian	4	0	1	3	6	13	1

1957-58

	Heart of Midlothian	Hibernian	Manchester City	Newcastle United	Partick Thistle	Tottenham Hotspur
Heart of Midlothian			4 Nov 3-5	20 Nov 2-2		NOT PLAYED
Hibernian			25 Nov 3-2	NOT PLAYED		14 Oct 5-2
Manchester City	NOT PLAYED	18 Nov 1-0			NOT PLAYED	
Newcastle United	27 Nov 2-0	NOT PLAYED			NOT PLAYED	
Partick Thistle			NOT PLAYED	NOT PLAYED		NOT PLAYED
Tottenham Hotspur	NOT PLAYED	14 Apr 4-0			1 Mar 4-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	0	1	10	6	4
Manchester City	3	2	0	1	7	7	4
Hibernian	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
Newcastle United	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Heart of Midlothian	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Partick Thistle	1	0	0	1	1	4	0