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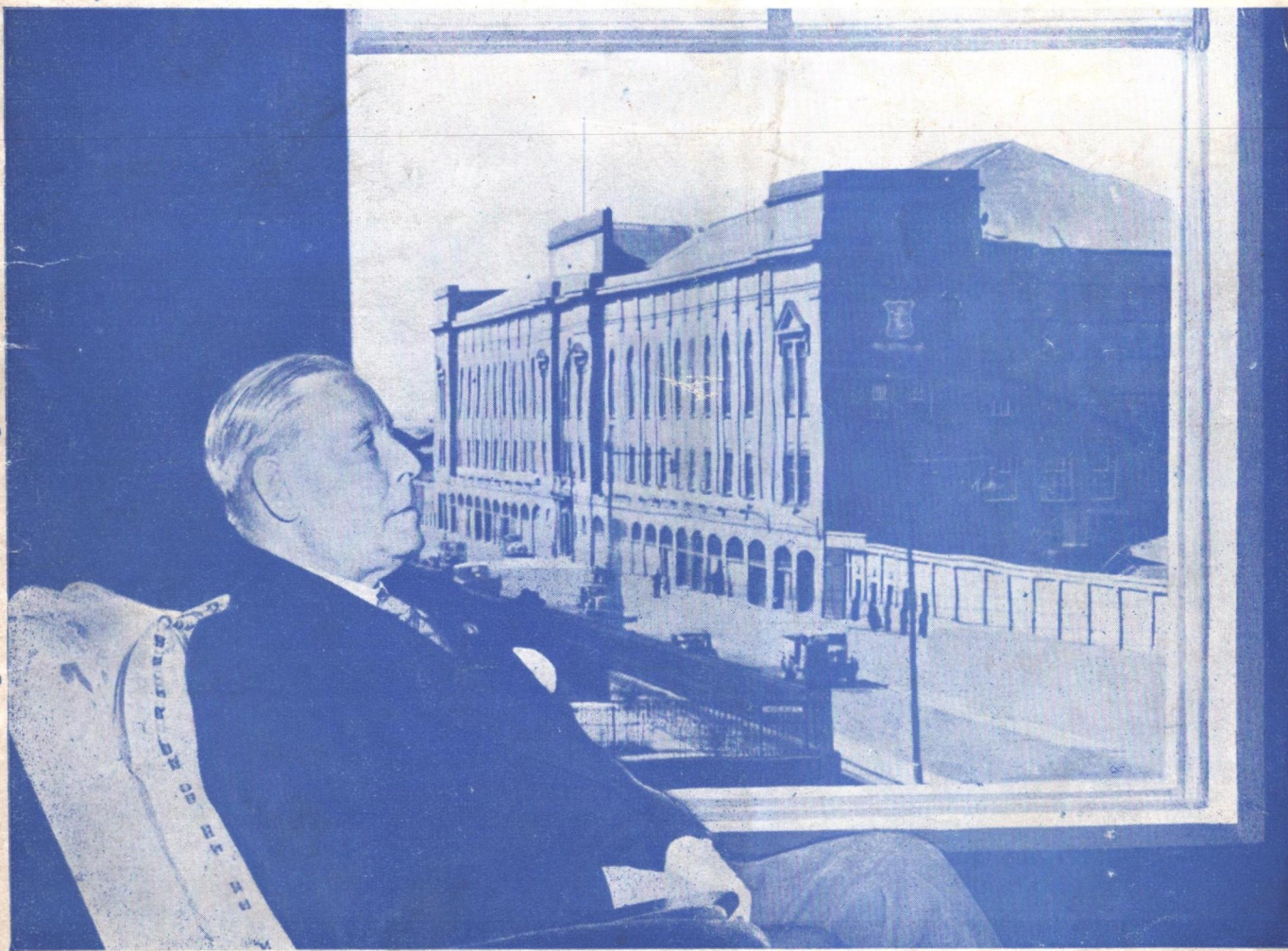


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FOREWORD



J. Scott Symon

Once again I take pleasure in writing the foreword to this year's Annual, for I know its contents are widely read, and are looked upon as a "must" in the literature of a Football Year. Indeed, it is of interest to all, Directors, Players and Association members. The new features, introduced for the first time by the Publicity Committee, are an improvement in the publication, and should be instrumental in boosting the sales to a new high level.

In reviewing the past year's results, I have mixed feelings regarding same. Satisfaction on the team winning the League Championship Flag for the 29th time, and regret at the failure to win a cup competition. In each case we were defeated by the ultimate winners, and, in congratulating our opponents and victors we are mindful of the disappointment to our Supporters.

I look forward with optimism to the new season, mindful of the fact that Football is full of "Glorious Uncertainties," yet, happy in the knowledge that the "Team Spirit" at the Stadium is 100%. We were fortunate in the matter of injuries last season, thus the team played without undue upsets, and in consequence developed a sound understanding which established confidence, a most important asset.

The Reserve Team gave a very creditable show in our Practise Match, and I am hopeful that some of the youngsters maintain their promise and develop into sound "propositions," thus coming into line with the Rangers' policy of the past.

In conclusion, I extend heartiest congratulations to the Association, and wish every success to their Social and Charitable activities throughout Season 1956-57.

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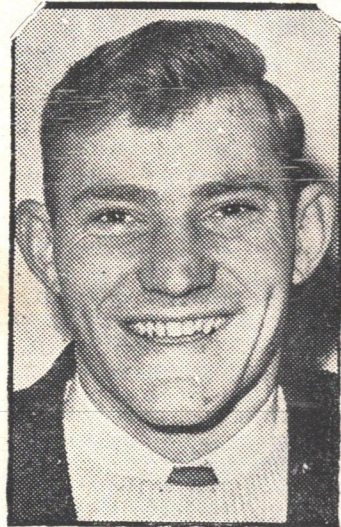
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MY "UPS AND DOWNS"

by DON KITCHENBRAND



The worst injury I have met with in my football career was this appendix operation and I was told by the sister at hospital that it was a dirty appendix. Well, dirty it was, because as I was ready to leave hospital after 6 days there

and my stitches being out, I was confident of playing in 5 weeks time. Then I had this relapse the night before my departure from hospital which cost me another 3 weeks in bed.

But what a shock it was when the specialist told me I would not play before Christmas. It was similar to loosing a close friend. I felt depressed for a couple of days but realised I could, maybe, be back sooner than the specialist thought. I also thought to myself, it could have been worse. It could have meant not playing again. Well, I am still young and have plenty playing years left and I ought to quit worrying and wait to see how things turn out. And, right now, I can say things have turned out fine and I feel I am getting back to my old self again.

Last, but not least, I want to thank all those Rangers supporters who were so kind in thought to send me "Get-well" cards. I received over 150 cards from supporters and non-supporters and these best wishes played a large part in putting me on the road to recovery again.

I will close, saying, "I will be back soon fighting for my place in the Rangers first team."

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by BRIAN NICHOLLS

To shoot from the obscurity of reserve league football to the limelight of an international match is no common achievement, but to an industrious young man like Max Murray, is a step taken in one's stride.

Twenty-year-old Max will be centre-forward in Scotland's under-23 side against their English counterparts at Sheffield next Wednesday, but even if he plays brilliantly he will probably find himself turning out for Rangers' reserves in his next game!

Owing to the advent of South African centre-forward Don Kitchenbrand to Ibrox, Max has been playing with the second eleven.

Max, who comes from Falkirk, was educated at the local High School, where he soon learned to kick a ball. He was capped for the Scottish schools, represented the A.T.C., and entered junior football with Camelon Juniors. Before long, professional clubs were trying to sign him. But Max joined Queens Park.

Six international youth caps came his way, a record for any Scottish footballer, and he

represented Scotland's amateurs four times. When he turned professional, at the end of last season, he went to Rangers.

Off-field, Max is a jack-in-the-box; one of those enviable persons who could, if necessary, do 25 hours work a day. He is studying to be a chartered accountant and travels daily to his job in the city from his Stirlingshire home.

Often when the team are travelling on the coach or train they will notice that young Murray has withdrawn from the conversation. They turn round, and there he is—engrossed in his homework.

As leader of the Scottish forward line next Wednesday, a lot will depend on Max. Of the prospects, he says: "We'll be trying to pull it off, but they've got a strong side."

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Name	Birthplace	Joined Club	Height ft. ins.	Weight st. lbs.
G. Young	Grangemouth	September; 1941	6 1	14 3
W. Paton	Glasgow	November 1943	5 9	10 12
W. Rae	Glasgow	April 1945	5 11	11 5
I. McColl	Alexandria	June 1945	5 10	11 6
R. Brown	Dunipace	June 1946	5 11	11 7
G. Niven	Blairhall	December 1947	5 9 2	11 5
W. McCulloch	Glasgow	June 1949	5 10	11 12
J. Hubbard;	Pretoria <i>S A</i>	July 1949	5 5 1	8 10
A. Elliott	Glasgow	June 1950	5 10	10 7
W. Simpson	Belfast <i>IRELAND</i>	October 1950	5 11	11 6
J. Prentice	Shotts	March 1951	5 11	12 10
R. J. Little	Calgary <i>CANADA</i>	July 1951	5 8	12 1
E. Caldow	Cumnock	July 1952	5 8	10 5
D. Grierson	Prestonpans	August 1952	5 6	10 7
R. Brand	Edinburgh	April 1954	5 7	9 7
R. Menzies	Rutherglen	August 1954	5 9	11 0
S. McCorquodale	Glasgow	August 1956	5 8	10 9
D. Wilson	Newton	August 1956	6 5	10 8
J. Millar	Edinburgh	January 1955	5 6	10 10
A. Scott	Falkirk	March 1955	5 8	10 10
A. Thomson	Kilsyth	May 1955	5 9	11 6
M. Murray	Falkirk	May 1955	5 10	11 0
W. Ritchie	Newtongrange	May 1955	5 11	11 8
J. Queen	Glasgow	May 1955	5 7	11 2
J. Walker	Stenhousemuir	May 1955	5 10	11 10
S. Smith	Arbroath	June 1955	5 8	10 4
S. Baird	Denny	July 1955	6 0 2	12 0
N. Arnison	South Africa	August 1955	5 10	11 12
D. Kichenbrand	South Africa	September; 1955	5 11	12 7
J. Dodds	Edinburgh	October 1955	5 8	11 0
R. Shearer	Hamilton	December 1955	5 7	11 4
W. Moles	Airdrie	March 1956	6 0	12 6
W. Logie	Montreal <i>CANADA</i>	April 1956	5 11	11 9
J. Atkinson	Glasgow	April 1956	5 11	11 9

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When the Austrians

Came to Ibrox

Let us look back at that never to be forgotten match at the Stadium, watched by 57,000, and read again the verdict that day of Jacky Robertson, one of the greater players ever to wear the Club colours and those of Scotland. Jacky, a magnificent half-back in an age of brilliant middlemen, was "capped" seven times against England, six times against Wales, and three times against Ireland. While he played against the English League five times from 1900 to 1905. Well, following that match against our Austrian visitors, Jacky wrote:

"When I was coaching in Hungary 20 years ago, the quality of the play among the Vienna teams was not so good as in Prague, but the Ibrox game was striking proof of how it has improved.

"It is needless to say the improvement has been by leaps and bounds, since those who were at Ibrox could see that the Rapid team played as good football as we looked for in an International. In many an International match, the play has not approached that shown by these Austrians in the first half. What I admired particularly was the sureness of the side-foot pass, either short or long. Half-backs and forwards used the instep freely, took the ball first time without waiting to trap it, and often made the pass when the ball was still in the air.

"Raftl, the Austrian goalkeeper, was marvellous. In the second half, when the Rangers forwards were driving in, he sprang to the ball that seemed well out of his reach. Raftl had too many glorious saves for me to describe them, but I shall not readily forget the one in the first half from Bob McPhail, who, tearing through at top speed, shot on the run and sent the ball low and true at tremendous pace. No wonder the big crowd cheered Raftl to the echo—and McPhail.

"Against the run of the play, Rangers found themselves two goals in arrears at the interval. Then they showed how they could play. About four minutes after the restart, Sam English went into centre and Jimmy Smith to outside-left. This brought a transformation. The forwards got going in great style, with the half-backs driving them ahead.

"The Rapid defenders had their backs to the wall. Nothing could prevent first the deficit being reduced to one and then the equaliser. The struggle for a winning goal by Rangers and the spurting raids of the Rapid forwards, in one of which Kaburek got clear away and lost control just as he was on the point of shooting, maintained the excitement at a high pitch.

"Dawson could not have saved any of the goals and yet he had only a mere tithe of the work to do that fell to Raftl. But the Rangers' custodian had some fine saves. Dougie Gray was a grand back. He made only one mistake, when he was too early to the bouncing ball which went over his head and let Kaburek through for what seemed, for an exciting second or two, a sure fourth goal.

"In the second half, the Ibrox half-backs came bang on to their game. They were forwards as well as half-backs and the combined pressure was terrific. George Brown never played better. His piercing thrusts were telling things, and he passed with perfect accuracy.

Continued

WHEN THE AUSTRIANS CAME TO IBROX.

"Davie Meiklejohn's headwork was delightful and he was shooting in the second half like a gatling gun. It would have been no surprise had he pulled off a winner. In the first half, the Rangers' forwards did not work too well together. It was the change of English to centre that worked the oracle, for besides that, he imparted a new crispness through the middle. Jimmy Smith was twice as good on the left wing as he had been in centre. The hard condition of the ground was against the big fellow as centre.

"The whole line, in the second half, rose to the Rangers' standard and it was nothing but a great defence that could have kept them from winning.

"The goals came this way. Jimmy Smith had a great chance four minutes after the start and Rangers were going well when, 11 minutes after the start, the Rapid forwards opened out cleverly and Weselik took a pass, ran into inside-left, swerved round Dougie Gray and shot at an angle into the net. Twelve minutes later, Bob McPhail headed the equaliser from English's corner-kick, but the Austrians regained the lead when, following a throw-in, Bican, badly unmarked, got the ball and very cleverly transferred to Ostermann. The winger took the ball on the drop and smashed it into the net.

"Rangers were on their toes and the Rapid goal had some narrow escapes. Jimmy Marshall came near with a screaming shot and then came McPhail's great effort, but it was at the other end that the goal was scored. A lovely piece of combination among the Rapid forwards was crowned by a wonder shot by Bican, who gave Dawson no chance.

"So at half-time we were two behind, not deservedly on play, although no one could deny the cleverness of the Austrian forwards in their snappy opportunism. It was a one-sided second half—Rangers' half-backs and forwards versus the Rapid defence.

"Eight minutes after the restart, Brown was racing through to shoot when he was pushed from behind. Smith converted the penalty-kick. The equaliser came 11 minutes later

when Smith ran in to score after English had headed the ball out for him to take. Then a thrilling tussle right to the finish with Raftl and his backs the heroes of the fight."

The teams were:

Rangers—Dawson; Gray and R. Hamilton; Meiklejohn, McDonald and Brown; Archibald, Marshall, Smith, McPhail and English. Sportsklub Rapid—Raftl; Castrab and Cejka; Wagner, Smistik and Pesser; Ostermann, Weselik, Bican, Kaburek and Luef.

During the close season, we played our Austrian rivals at the finish of our European tour and went down 3-4. It would have been better had we met the Sportsklub Rapid at the beginning, instead of at the finish, of the tour. Nevertheless, though travel-stained and wearied, our boys put up so plucky a resistance that the Austrians acclaimed us the best team that had visited them from Britain.

That was our first reverse by a foreign club team. For though we went under 1-2 at Munich, that was to a select German eleven of almost full International calibre. Rangers, pioneers of tours abroad, won their first four matches of the six-match tour, winning in Berlin, Hamburg, Bochum and Dresden.

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An unhappy dispute, such as we are unlikely to experience nowadays, led to an extraordinary sequence of events away back 51 years ago.

The late John Allan, historian, writes in his book, "The Story of the Rangers" :—

"The deplorable dispute to which the Glasgow Cup gave rise was regretted by Rangers as keenly as by others. It was not a thing of their making, however. The Glasgow F.A. Committee selected Ibrox Park for the match by 4 votes to 3, and when a draw resulted, the Committee, by a similar vote, decided that the replay should also take place there. Celtic, however, took the view that Rangers should, voluntarily, have agreed to play at Parkhead. Rangers were unwilling, but agreed to play on neutral ground. Celtic declined to replay anywhere but at Parkhead. They scratched and the Cup went to Rangers for the third year in succession. Had the Glasgow F.A. ordered the replay at Parkhead, Rangers would have gone there. It is not the purpose of this historical sketch to apportion blame, but merely to state fact."

No final was played on the ground of a competing club from that year until 1916-17, when Clyde and Celtic agreed to decide the

issue at Parkhead. In the following season Rangers and Partick Thistle agreed to decide the final at Ibrox Park.

The Glasgow Cup has produced many a classic struggle between the two famous old clubs with grim purpose on the field and the sporting handshake at the finish.

We have not met in the final since season 1944-45 when Rangers got through by the odd goal in five to complete a season which saw us win the Southern League Cup, the Southern League Championship, The Glasgow Charity Cup, as well as the Glasgow Cup. When we won the Glasgow Cup by beating Celtic 2-0 in season 1935-36 we did not lose a goal in the competition, but five years later, Celtic came to The Stadium and left with the trophy, worthily scoring the only goal of the match.

Celtic made a courageous bid to thwart us in season 1929-30 of making a clean sweep—the four Cups. League and Alliance—for in the first Glasgow Cup final, they held us to a draw and though we won the replay 4-0, there were many anxious moments in the first match that might as easily have gone to our opponents, as it went to us in the second joust. The two games were watched by 116,000. When captain David Meiklejohn failed with a penalty-kick, it looked ominous for us in the first contest, but in the second, James Fleming whipped on three spectacular goals and Sandy Archibald, always a menace to the Celtic defence, registered a fourth.

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Rangers . . . what magic that name spells to many people. From my boyhood days in teeming Clydeside as we played with a "tanner" ball almost beneath the great gantries of the shipyards, silent in those days of the depression, Rangers have meant all that could be desired in football. Rangers was our club; the players our idols.

And each Saturday at Ibrox—be it a Scottish League game or a reserve match — we boys would stand for hours outside that palatial red building with the massive blue-painted gates waiting for just a chance of catching a glimpse of the great names of those days. How we delighted to return home and recall to "the boys in the street" our after-the-match escapades in seeing the stars.

"Follow, follow, we will follow Rangers," went the words of the song. And follow them we did—but only all over Glasgow, for in those days our pocket money did not allow us to go beyond the City boundary.

But each Saturday always found us watching one of the Ibrox elevens. And it is spirit and loyalty such as that from all Rangers fans I've met, both at home and in my travels around the world as soccer writer, that makes the club so great, so awe-inspiring and so renowned. To say that Rangers are purely a Glasgow club would not be strictly correct, for they have adherents in every part of the world. Behind them they have 80 years of glorious history.

True, there have been many changes, but two things remain exactly as they were . . . tradition and enthusiasm.

It is fascinating, the story of Rangers. Formed in 1873, they played on Glasgow Green and the first colours were royal blue jerseys, white knickers and blue and white stockings. A few of the players, the dandies of the team, wore blue and white cowls on their heads, but these were discarded as time went on. The club changed to blue and white hoops in 1879, but colours became royal blue again in 1883 and have remained so since. Rangers moved to Burnbank in Great Western Road, Glasgow, for a season (1875-76) and then to Kinning Park; reaching the first Scottish Cup final in 1877 against Vale of Leven. Rangers lost 3-2 after three games. In that period since their inception and the start of the Scottish League competition (in 1890) Rangers, in addition to Scottish Cup and club matches, entered the English Cup competition and in 1886-87 got to the semi-final, in which they were beaten at Crewe 3-1 by Aston Villa. The following season saw them in the first Ibrox and in the 20th year of their existence, they won the Scottish Cup for the first time, defeating their old rivals, Celtic.

Rangers went from strength to strength. Famous names graced the playing field, famous names guided the club. The Scottish Cup, The Scottish League, Glasgow Charity Cup, Glasgow Cup, were won by the first eleven and the reserves added their quota of honours. The

S.F.A. and the Scottish League called upon the Ibrox club for men for their representative games, and now 850 "caps" have been awarded to Rangers' stars.

Take a glance down the list of players who have been on the Rangers books and you will find names that are enshrined in football's roll of honour. Some of them were before our time, like the Campbells, Drummonds, Gibsons, Vallances and the Dickies, but there is a later "school" which many of us will recall with pleasure: Jimmy Gordon, Jimmy Bowie, Jimmy Gordon, "Fister" Walls, Alan Morton, Bertie Manderson, Andy Cunningham Billy McCandless, Tully Craig, "Whitey" McDonald, Scott Symon, Dougie Gray, Car Hansen, Tommy Cairns, Bob McPhail, Alex. Venters, Bert Kinnear, Jimmy Smith, "Tiger" Shaw, Arthur Dixon, Jerry Dawson, right up to big George Young, Billy Simpson and their team-mates of to-day.

Yet, while many players have helped to write the story of that green sward in the Burgh of Govan, remarkably few "backroom" boys can be mentioned, for they have never sought the limelight. Indeed, the list is confined practically to only two: Mr. Willie Wilton, the first manager, and Mr. Bill Struth, who came to the public's notice because of their positions. Struth, who made his mark as a professional runner, left Clyde F.C., as trainer, to join Rangers before the first world war, and he became manager in 1920, with all the qualifications that brought him so much—a position held for 34 years.

Struth was a tremendous inspiration at Ibrox. In the official history of the club, author John Allan, commenting on a notable feat,

wrote: "For him the players would have brought themselves to a standstill."

Many an ex-Ranger says to-day: "I know I wasn't fit, but the Boss would slap you on the shoulder and say, 'Wish I was coming out with you,' and you just suddenly felt everything was all right."

Under his managership Rangers had some excellent years, including the clean sweep of 1931-32, when the Scottish Cup, Scottish League, Glasgow Cup and Glasgow Charitable Cup, Second XI Cup and Scottish Alliance Championship went to Ibrox—days I remember as a schoolboy.

And he was the pilot, too, when the Scottish Cup hoodoo was broken with a victory in the 1928 final, the first in 25 years. It was all the sweeter, because it was over Celtic. and by 4-0 too!

Rangers have won the Cup often enough since then. They had a "hat-trick" in 1934-5-6, repeated in 1948-9-50, in which series Billy Williamson got himself two medals with two games. They just happened to be final games!

The Struth record in his 40 years association with Rangers is this:

- Scottish Cup won 10 times.
- Scottish League — 20 times.
- Glasgow Cup — 22 times.
- Glasgow Charitable Cup — 21 times.
- Scottish League Cup — twice.

To that list can be added the War Emergency Cup, Scottish Regional League, Southern League (six times), Southern League Cup (4 times), Victory Cup, Scottish Second XI Cup (12 times), Reserve League (11 times).

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Now the boss at Ibrox is Scott Symon, a man of iron resolve who, like his predecessor, has had many successes since he left the field which he graced for so long. What a record is Symon's: he has led the teams which he managed into five Cup Finals in seven years.

While he will probably have many more honours with his great club, surely his finest hour was that November day in 1945 when he played such an important part in holding the mighty Moscow Dynamo to a draw. I can, in all truthfulness, say that it was Symon's resource and defiance which mainly enabled a great fight-back to be made after Rangers were two goals down.

The affinity between Ibrox and Windsor stretches well back into history, and while many argue that the present-day Rangers and Linfield players fall short of the standard of other days, few will deny their keenness to maintain the great traditions of "Blumen"; and tradition, after all, means a lot in Britain's national sport.

HE SAVED GEORDIE YOUNG FROM A LION

King Freddie of Uganda recently played centre-forward for a team of African chiefs in a match against a side composed of British residents in Uganda.

Yes, the football craze has spread even to the remotest parts of Africa, as the following story will amply illustrate.

A white Government Official was hacking his way through the jungle one day when he came across a clearing in which a native boy was being attacked by a lion.

The white man raised his rifle, shot and killed the lion, and walked over to the trembling native boy. "The danger's over, sonny," he said. "What's your name.?"

"Geordie Young," replied the little black boy. "Geordie Young," exclaimed the astonished white man. "That's a funny name for a native boy." The boy chuckled. "Me got a brother called Sammy Baird, and am cousin called Ian McColl. Me take you to meetum chief, maybe you understandam then." He took the white man's hand and led him through the jungle to a native village, just outside which was a signpost which read "Ibrox." The white man's eyebrows went up even further when he noticed that the main street in the village was called "Copland Road."

He was greeted warmly by the chief, who, like all the other natives, wore a Light Blue loin-cloth. "I bid you welcome to Ibrox, home of the Rangers tribe," he announced. "I don't understand," said the white man. "I am looking for a village named Uppumjumpah, which I was told was situated about here."

"Thisum village used to be called Uppumjumpah," replied the chief. "We changed name after missionary came. Missionary was supporter of great Glasgow Rangers," he went on. "Tellum us all about great white football team. Prettum soon we all go Rangers daft. Playum football allum time. Callum village Ibrox. Name chillum after Rangers players."

At this point a sudden thought occurred to the chief. "Why you come to village," he asked. "Me be glad to helpum you with anything you wantum know."

The white man looked at him. "Thanks all the same but I don't think I require any further information," he said. "You see, the Government sent me down to see if I could solve the disappearance of a Tax Collector named Tully." *Reprinted from an article by Peter Black in the "Weekly News," by kind permission.*

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THE SOUTHERN GENERAL

by JIMMY CUTHBERT



until the end of the game, I ought to be provided with a tankard of lemon juice. I passed the hint to Alec Fraser and David Buist—they laughed and brought in a bottle of Barr's Irn-Bru.

To these two gentlemen, I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks for their invaluable assistance: Alec, with his opening and closing remarks and such Association items that might be of interest and Davie with his excellent half-time and full-time summing-ups of the game—just about the best I've ever heard—and it's not easy. Try it among your friends sometime. On occasions we have invited an opposition supporter into the box to give his or her version of the play and several times we have had well-known Sports Reporters say their piece. All these diversions are greatly appreciated by the listeners. It may surprise you all to know that one of our most regular writers is a lady from Ward 39/41, and her ambition is to have a visit from any of the Rangers players, if that were possible, as a bed-mate of hers had two photos of past Rangers teams and one of Jerry Dawson. Well, the visit duly took place, and when about ten players turned up in that ward, beaming smiles and "Blue Ribbons" worn in the hair greeted them. One elderly lady knew Ian McColl's mother—and did she and Ian get "crackin'": when Billy Simpson met three "Bhoys" from Oirland, you could have cut the brogue with a knife, the shamrocks were sprouting from the floor—and finally Billy had to be dragged away. I'll bet that that was the fastest time ever from Eire to Govan. I could keep on in this strain but space does not permit, although the Committee agreed to publish excerpts from several letters; and it can be seen from them just how much your united effort in supplying this System has been appreciated by all in the Southern General Hospital.

Excerpts culled from Letters

"Please accept kind regards for get-well messages. I shall always remember you and your members for many kindnesses."—M. Inman, Ward 1.

"Jimmy must have cast-iron throat. He can certainly get it off his chest."—D.C., Ward 28.

"I get a great laugh at some of the cracks from outside the box. Repeat of get-well messages at half-time and full-time a great idea."—A.D., Ward 28.

We are now into our third season of relaying from Ibrox—and thoroughly enjoying it—and, judging from the many letters received, the patients (and quite often visitors and staff as well) are enjoying the games just as much as we are in the box.

Since the opening date, we have passed messages of good wishes and kind thoughts to hundreds of patients whose names I have recorded, and relayed to thousands, and this season alone I have received about 40 letters, although that number could quite easily be increased to about 200, as each letter carries other names of "bedmates" throughout the many wards. As a result, many patients write to thank us for mentioning their names and ask, "How did you know I was here?" Well, that is our secret. Incidentally, one of the first letters received was from the Chief Steward of a Shipping Line, a gentleman from Pakistan, who since he has returned home regularly corresponds with me. I can remember his letter—written in Bengalese—I had it translated by a student at the "Tech."

Another letter from a lady in Ward 39/41 suggested that to preserve my voice and throat

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This is an invitation to join up at 194 Oxford Street, the Headquarters of the OFFICIAL Rangers F.C. Supporters Association, who are now in their eleventh year of existence.

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Then again, you partake in the social activities of both your Club and Area, and it is a very full one, with Annual Outings, Whist Drives, Dances, Concerts and Bowling Tournaments (during the close season).

Finally, there is the pleasant feeling of knowing "you belong" and are no longer just a Rangers fan.

Another aspect of the work of the Rangers Association is the charity work they carry through each year.

The proceeds of the Annual Rally are devoted to easing the lot of the inmates of Erskine Hospital and other institutions in different parts of the country. Each week a commentary is broadcast direct to the Southern General Hospital from Ibrox Stadium and these broadcasts are eagerly looked forward to.

Having read this article and you feel you will join, simply write to Mr. Alex. Fraser, Gen. Secretary, 194 Oxford Street, Glasgow, C.5, and you will receive a warm welcome, and, remember, your Annual Subscription is only a nominal sum.

T. SETTLE ARGUMENTS HISTORICAL FACTS.

The Rangers F.C. was formed in 1873 and was incorporated as a limited company on May 27, 1899.

The present Stadium is the club's fifth ground. Starting on Glasgow Green, the Rangers removed in 1875-76 to the north side of the river to Burnbank ground. After only one season there, they returned to the south side to Kinning Park, which ground was closed on February 26, 1887. Old Ibrox Park was opened on August 20, 1887, and the present ground on December 30, 1899.

From February 12, 1898, until January 1, 1900, the Rangers were undefeated in the Scottish League. Our record for that period was :—

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THE LEAGUE CUP FROM THE BEGINNING

To veteran William MacAndrew, who, before retiring, was over forty years secretary of the Scottish League, belongs the credit for the League Cup being instituted and so having become one of the most popular of our major competitions. As the Southern League Cup for the five-and-a-half war-time seasons, it provided a valuable substitute for the Scottish Cup competition; so valuable, indeed, that when the war ended it was decided to carry on with this lucrative tourney, but with another trophy to be won.

The Southern League Cup was a gift of the S.F.A. who, with the war over, took it back from Aberdeen, who were the last winners, and transformed it into the Victory Cup which was won by Rangers and became their own property. So, left without a trophy, but determined to retain the event, the Scottish League, upon the resumption of normal conditions, found a willing donor in their then President, John McMahon, who graciously gifted the trophy now at stake.

The Winners

Whether as Southern League Cup or Scottish League Cup, the trophy has been held by only seven clubs—Rangers on six occasions, East Fife on three, Hibernian once, Dundee twice, Aberdeen, Motherwell and Hearts once.

Although Celtic are famous Cup-tie crusaders, it is a notable fact that they have still to gain this elusive trophy. This will be their first semi-final appearance.

The popularity of the tourney, apart from the many dramatic games it has given the fans, lies in the fact that it ensures a minimum of six games before entry to the knock-out stage.

Sixteen clubs took part in the Southern League at the beginning of the war, but this left a surplus of dates. How could these blanks be filled in, was the problem which assailed the League Management Committee. Many suggestions were put forward and discussed. It was then that Mr. MacAndrew tabled a proposal for the competition we now have and which has proved such a boon to our clubs.

A Monopoly

Rangers made something of a monopoly of the Southern League Cup. They became the first winners in 1940-41 and appeared in every

one of the six finals, annexing the trophy on four of them.

We have seen soccer romance and high endeavour in the tournament. For instance, there was the courageous winning thrust by East Fife as a Second Division team in season 1947-48. They cut their way through to the final to get the better of Falkirk 4-1 after a draw 1-1 and extra time. Remarkable to think that the trophy which has eluded so many of the more fashionable clubs should have three times been at Bayview, for the Fifers annexed it again in 1949-50 when, after knocking out Rangers in a memorable extra time contest won by a Charlie Fleming goal, they trounced plucky Dunfermline. Again, in season 1953-54, they beat Partick Thistle 3-2 in the final at Hampden.

Corners Decided

On two occasions custody of the Cup has been decided on corner kicks, but in both instances it was merely a war-time expediency. In season 1942-43 Rangers won by a goal and 11 corners to Falkirk's goal and 3 corners. Both teams should have got an extra special award for they played under conditions which must have been near to the worst ever.

In the following season when Hibs and Rangers met in the final, neither could find the net and so, with six corners against Rangers five, Hibernian took the trophy to Easter Road.

The teams that have been in the final of the Southern League Cup and Scottish League Cup and failed to win either are Morton, Falkirk (twice), Raith Rovers, Dunfermline, Kilmarnock and Partick Thistle. Hearts, beaten by Rangers in the initial final, came through to triumph over Morhetwell, at Hampden, last season.

They overcame Airdrie 4-1 in the semi-final at Easter Road what time Motherwell were beating East Fife, the holders, 2-1 at Hampden. The final, watched by 55,640, saw the Tynecastle team prevail 4-2, Bauld registering the hat-trick and Wardhaugh the other. Motherwell's scorers were Redpath from a penalty and Bain.

As you know, Hearts lost their grip on the trophy at Pittodrie and Tynecastle where Aberdeen beat them and moved into the semi-final to tackle Rangers with a 9-5 aggregate.

General Secretary's Review

8 Walmer Crescent,
Glasgow, S.W.1.



On looking back over the past season, my first as General Secretary, I consider it has been one of continuous progress, and growing interest among the unattached supporters.

The number of new affiliated Clubs, who are listed elsewhere is a proof of my assertion and nearly all our established clubs show an increased membership and the start of next season will show further additions to our ranks, so "long may the good work continue."

The A.G.M. This year's Annual General Meeting was the largest and most harmonious I have had the good fortune to attend, and arising from the decisions made on that occasion it has been found necessary to make alterations to our Constitution. I, therefore ask each member when he receives his Rule Book to familiarise his or herself with the new Rules.

I conclude with my thanks to my colleagues for my re-election, and I express the hope that the progress made last year will be maintained in the present season.

Yours in sport,
ALEX. FRASER,
General Secretary.

THE ARSENAL VISIT . . .

Manager Tom Whittaker and all around him graciously agreed that we worthily won Monday's floodlit match at The Stadium. Indeed, Arsenal's verdict was that but for Sullivan's superb saving, we would have beaten them by a more emphatic margin.

Our two goals were recorded by Ian McColl with a magnificent volley in 31 minutes and Don Kichenbrand two minutes before the interval. Don's perspicacity, which enabled him to pounce on the chance he so smartly exploited when Jim Fotheringham misjudged his pass back has been favourably commented on by the Press and general public.

The visit of our Arsenal friends was a success in every way and we take particular pleasure in the fact that Monday's win puts us in front with the details now reading: The Rangers 4 wins, Arsenal 3 wins, 3 draws. It was also our first win over them under the lights, although, of course, we drew last year's game at Highbury and might be considered unlucky not to have won it.

From the hour of our get-together at Turnberry to the time when it was necessary to again bid adieu to our visitors, the atmosphere was such that the bond between us was more firmly secured than ever, if such were possible. The Highbury players and officials did not hide their delight in coming among us once more and though we had to make our stay short at Turnberry—well, there is always another time.

All the time the very thought behind these, outings which create so much pleasure among the players and develop the esprit de corps, could be seen in the carefree, wisecracking mood of everyone.

Arsenal's party, gifted with shooting-sticks by the Rangers F.C., voted it a memorable trip, a sentiment all will applaud.

CANADA HONOURS— DIRECTOR LAWRENCE

Our followers, we are sure, would be greatly interested in the news that the Newfoundland

Government have appointed Director John Lawrence President of the Atlantic Gypsum Company, of Newfoundland, to assist in the expansion of building throughout Canada and North America.

Mr. Lawrence, appointed to the Board on March 3, 1953, is one of the biggest building contractors in Scotland. He accompanied Chairman John Wilson with the team on the successful Canadian tour, journeying across a country he knew so well.

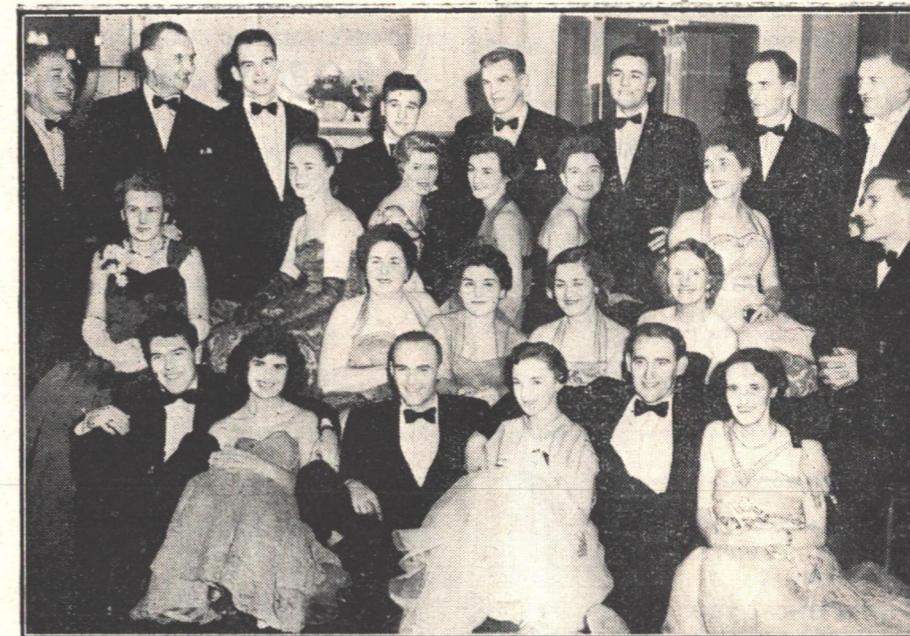
His enterprise with the Gypsum plaster house has been acknowledged throughout the world as among the most revolutionary and successful ventures of this generation. The invitation by Canada will mean the earning of millions of dollars.

Other countries throughout the world will accept Mr. Lawrence's lead by building Gypsum houses, under licence, while, of course, Glasgow people will also benefit, a large number being blueprinted for the Spring. There is a considerable saving in price by his method, which came to fruition after six years of experimenting with Gypsum as a building material.

Canadian officials, who have paid glowing tribute to Mr. Lawrence's initiative and eagerness to help them, are convinced he will go far to alleviating their acute housing problem. The house will go into mass production in 15 towns throughout Canada and in Labrador and Newfoundland.

It makes one proud to think Glasgow craftsmen will go to Canada to erect the first house under his personal supervision at St. Johns, Newfoundland. The Glasgow workmen will then train teams of Canadian workmen. United States officials have not hidden their desire to explore further this momentous undertaking, but though it would appear certain that the building will spread, Mr. Lawrence, at the moment, will concentrate on the Canadian and home projects.

He has every reason to feel proud in the fact that this gigantic scheme, which has caused so much comment in industry, was more or less conceived in Glasgow.



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"RANGERS" ANNUAL

by TED SOUTAR, Sports Editor, "Evening Citizen."



This is the tenth birthday of Rangers' Supporters' Association. It has prospered since those pioneer days of 1946, when, I am happy to record, the Green Sports *Citizen* helped considerably to fathering a most desirable football child.

With the first issue of the annual, the association officials of those days were somewhat concerned as to how best to introduce a magazine. There were snags, plenty of them, and not much money to hand either.

An approach was made to the Green Sports *Citizen* for advice. They got advice and expert assistance too, into the bargain. It was a one-man job undertaken by a member of the circulation staff. He sounded newspaper wholesalers, newsagents, and anyone else who could usefully handle the magazine. He was a very successful nurse indeed for this lusty football child.

That memory throw-back probably does prove that the *Evening Citizen* assuredly has something in common with the Rangers'

Supporters' Association.

Your Editor had asked me to write about this, that and any other thing.

The association has accomplished a great deal in its first decade, but I commend it most for its well-mannered behaviour in not clicking its own heels by trying at any time to dictate to Rangers Football Club and poking its nose into the domestic policy of the Ibrox Stadium directors.

This is very important indeed. I think the association is doing splendidly, and it cannot possibly go off the rails if directed on the present lines of non-interference.

But why should I attempt to write at random and in so doing fall into error in writing football ramblings!

Much better for me to forge a really strong 1956 link. My link then is Willie Waddell, one of Rangers' great players. He quit football and his one and only Senior Club at the end of last season.

He has been a valuable member of the *Evening Citizen* reports staff since 1950. However, following his decision to hang up his football boots, I decided at the beginning of this season that he should leave his sub-editor's desk and become a full-time sports writer.

Willie Waddell was a footballer—a first-class craftsman—and I predict as bright a career for him as a sports journalist.

My farewell to Rangers F.C. That was the theme of an article published in the *Evening Citizen* written by Willie when he first announced his football retirement.

What better link then than to reproduce in this magazine those thoughts of an Ibrox favourite, the player who made the multitude of Rangers supporters—and neutral supporters, too—gasp open-mouthed with sheer delight when Willie was on the ball and in full flight down the wing.

I give you Willie Waddell coupled with Rangers' Supporters' Association.

I'VE HUNG MY BOOTS UP FOR THREE REASONS

by WILLIE WADDELL

I've quit football as a player for three reasons:

(1) Because I feel that what I have left to give would not reach the standard at which I have always aimed.

(2) Because, at 35, I am sound in wind and limb and, valuing my health above all else, I think it would be a strain to go on; and

(3) Because first and last I was a Ranger. I got my football yardstick from Mr. Struth when I signed as a professional. He said: "Only the best is good enough for Rangers." Now, 18 years later, I substitute football for Rangers. And so I am an ex-player.

I feel that I have already given my best to football, and I would only be kidding myself and you if I tried to turn back the clock.

Since I was given a free transfer by Rangers I have had many offers to join other clubs. The terms were good. They were very tempting. One minute I would say to myself: "Go on, you can still do it." The next: "Don't be deluded." The second thoughts prevailed.

A Great Strain

I was given plenty of advice about what I should do, all with the best intention. But this is something I had to make up my own mind about.

Playing for Rangers puts a great strain on a player. Much is demanded of him. The club pay top wages and, naturally enough, want first-class service in return. Super fitness is essential if one is to maintain a high standard through a nine-month season where every match is played at the pace of a cup-tie.

I played in the Rangers first team for 17 years. And, believe me, the strain IS great.

During only one of those years was I a full-time player. During the war I was in the shipyards, training at nights and playing on a Saturday. Immediately afterwards I took up journalism as a career.

At 17, I played my first game for Rangers. Since then I have been at Ibrox. One doesn't get over that in the signing of a form for another club.

No Aspersions

I've grown up at Ibrox. No other club would seem the same. And by that I don't cast any aspersions.

I'll miss the Rangers and all they stand for. I'll miss the boys. They were a great bunch. And I go back to my early days with McPhail and Meiklejohn through to Woodburn, Young, Gillick and Thornton.

The Rangers Football Club is more than a label for a bunch of fellows who kick the ball around. It is an institution. After 20 years there, I feel I wouldn't play in any other colour than a blue jersey.

I've enjoyed all the thrills that football has to offer. And, of course, its setbacks. But he who hasn't suffered the setbacks doesn't get the full value of the thrills.

It was only after much heart-searching and nostalgic memories that I reached my decision.

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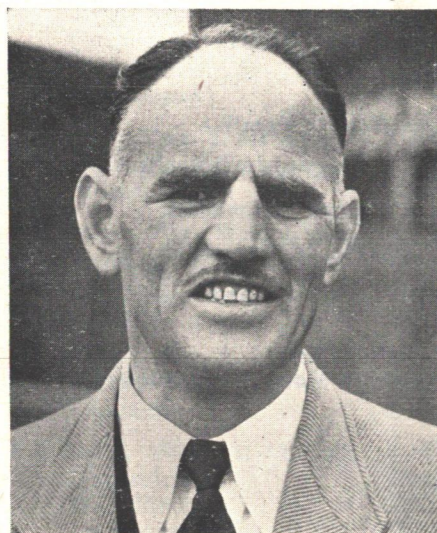
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RANGERS LEAGUE SCORERS

KICHENBRAND	24
HUBBARD	17
BAIRD	14
SIMPSON	10
SCOTT	9
MURRAY	...	...	6
PATON	...	...	1
McCOLL	...	...	1
RAE	...	...	1
PRENTICE	...	...	1
			Total—84

THE 1956 RALLY—

by JOE MURPHY, Social Convener.



appearance of Slim Whitman before he had appeared on any stage in Great Britain. It was a great pity his orchestral arrangements went amissing, as without them he was unable to sing. I already know who the "Star" will be of the next Rally but this will remain "secret" until the night of nights. Announcements of clubs during the Summer Recess will still be published in the Supporters' Columns—if required.

During the course of next season, if I receive sufficient co-operation, I propose to revive our Association Annual Dance, which has lapsed for several years.

Finally, I thank all who have helped me in the carrying out of my duties during the past year and I hope to merit a continuance of this assistance.

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH MURPHY,
Social Convener.

The 1956 Rally, as all who were present will agree, must have been our best ever. Everything went smoothly, our drawings for charity were up, and the catering arrangements were, as usual, efficiently carried out.

I am particularly grateful for the great help I received from Mr. F. C. Dench of the *Evening Citizen* and columnist Archie McCulloch of the same paper in securing the

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Copy to Secretary.

5th May, 1956.

MR. A. FRASER,
194 Oxford Street,
Glasgow, C.5.
DEAR MR. FRASER,

It is with very grateful thanks I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3rd inst., enclosing cheque for £95, being donation from Rangers F.C. Supporters Association. This very kind and generous contribution and the continued interest in our work amongst the children are very much appreciated indeed. I enclose herewith the official receipt along with a copy of our last Annual Report and shall be obliged by your conveying our thanks to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID RASTON,
Secretary-Accountant
14th June, 1956.

DEAR SIR,
Rangers Supporters Association
re: **Gift of Television Set to Erskine Hospital.**

The Television Set which the members of the above-mentioned Association so kindly donated to this Hospital was received, in good order, yesterday, 13th June, 1956—it is an extremely good Ferguson.

Such generous recognition of the disabled men is much appreciated and I would ask you to accept, and convey to all who helped to make this splendid addition to the men's comfort possible, my personal and sincere thanks for their thoughtfulness.

The set has been put in what will be, in two or three weeks time, our new Paraplegic Ward, so you will no doubt appreciate how timely your gift is and how much it will be enjoyed.

With best of good wishes to you all,

Yours truly,
J. W. FARQUHAR,
Superintendent.
15th Feb., 1956.

MR. A. FRASER,
Rangers Supporters Association,
Rangers Supporters Assoc.,
194 Oxford Street,
Glasgow, C.5.

DEAR SIR,

Please convey to your members my sincere thanks for the beautiful gift I received at the "Player of the Year" concert in the St. Andrews Halls on 29th January, 1956.

I would also like to thank your President, Mr. McKechnie, for the very nice way he performed the presentation. It is a gift that I will always cherish and hope to be spared for many days during which I will use it at every opportunity.

Yours sincerely,
GEO. YOUNG.

DEAR SIR,
Rangers Supporters Association
re: **Gift of Television Set to Erskine Hospital**

It is understood, from the Hospital Secretary, that it is the wish of the above-mentioned Association to gift a Television Set to this Hospital.

This will be most acceptable and is extremely generous of your members.

Any type of 17" set would be suitable and, as we are in the process of equipping a new Paraplegic Ward in the Red Cross Block, the offer is most opportune.

Please accept, and convey to all concerned, my personal and sincere thanks for their thoughtfulness for the disabled men at Erskine.

With every good wish to you all.

Yours truly,
J. W. FARQUHAR,
Superintendent
29th May, 1956

PART OF MY STORY

By **BOBBY SHEARER**

Every schoolboy player dreams of signing for his favourite club. Not all of them have the good fortune to achieve it. I did, when I signed for Rangers. My first dreams of becoming a Ranger began when I found myself selected at outside right for Beckford Street School, Hamilton.

School days over, I took another step along the road to Ibrox by joining Larkhall Rangers. While with this amateur team, I received my first honour when I played for the British A.T.C. against the British Boys' Clubs at Wembley.

Then came the time to serve an apprenticeship as a junior, and I joined my local club, Burnbank Athletic. My next step up was with Hamilton Accies, with whom I scored two goals in my first appearance as an inside-right.

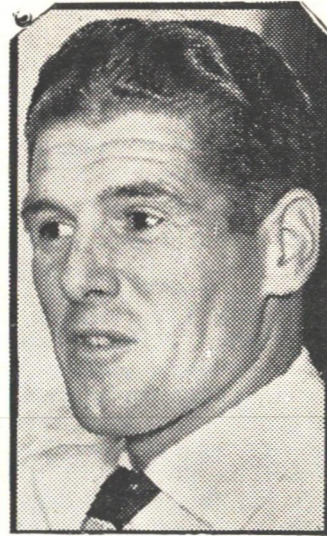
Next move was to the R.A.F., where I won a medal when the Command Team I played right half for won the British R.A.F. Championship.

Then I was posted to Inverness and became an Inverness Thistle player, on loan from Accies. That was where I gained my second medal.

Thistle won the North of Scotland Cup and I had the pleasure of scoring one of the three goals that they scored against Nairn County from the inside-right berth. And so back to Hamilton on demob. before my happiest football moment came when I was transferred to Rangers.

Some folk ask me what I think about playing out of position. They are usually surprised when I reply, "There is no such thing." I reckon that it is the manager who should decide what position you are going to play.

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- ABOUT PLAYERS -

Not before time.

A movement is afoot to form an Association of ex-Rangers Players. This is a very good idea, and while at it:—Why not an Association of ex-Rangers players who are now managers of football clubs.

Among others, I can think of Scott Duncan, Leslie McDowall (Man. City), Davie Meiklejohn (Par. Thistle), Scott Symon (Rangers), Gibby McKenzie (Morton), Willie Thornton (Dundee), and it is not long since Billy McCandless passed on (late manager Cardiff City). Jerry Dawson. E. Fife,

Menzies still lost.

After completing his training as a P.T. instructor, right-half Ross Menzies had to report for his National Service medical examination.

David Wilson.

Rangers Management have great hopes of this player, and no less a judge than Motherwell back Archie Shaw considers him the find of the year.

Stewart McCorquodale.

Another boy of great promise, and another product of Govan High School. He has served his apprenticeship with Baillieston.

Will this be regarded as a "Good Omen."

The secretary of Corkerhill Juniors, Mr. Martin Hylland, approached Manager Scott Symon and asked for the loan of a set of jerseys. Mr. Hylland figured it would inspire his young team (who play in Royal Blue and were meeting a team, also from Govan, St. Constantine's, who play in Green and White), and of this team eight were signed for the Juniors.

Well, the story had a happy ending. Corkerhill won 4-0 and landed the trophy. Rangers incidentally made a very nice gesture here. Mr. Symon said, "Never mind laundering the jerseys, we'll attend to that part."

Past and Present

New Additions to Ibrox Facilities.

A Table Tennis room has been built for recreational purposes. Anything likely to improve the speed of a players' reflexes will always be given a trial at the Stadium.

Another room, christened the "Trophy Room," has also been constructed, and this will be devoted to housing the Trophies and Souvenirs "collected" by Rangers teams abroad.

An Oval where they don't play cricket.

Glentoran's reconstructed ground (it was destroyed in the 1941 blitz) is the venue for the Inter-League meeting between Ireland and Scotland.

Jack Harkness (Ball-Puncher).

Jack Harkness once hit the punchball at Ibrox and walloped it right off its supports. A correspondent who signed himself George Neill of Arran says it was on the occasion of the annual match Glasgow Schools and Stoke Schools, when he was a Govan High schoolboy playing with Jack Harkness (who at that time must have been with either Mount Florida of Queens Park School. He further states it caused quite a stir amongst the schoolboys who witnessed it.

Rangers, who were considering abandoning their Annual Sports (this year was their seventieth) owing to the vast amount of organising entailed, received so many letters of appreciation that they decided to continue.

GEORGE



IBROX PYLON

An honourable man overladen with honours. That is apt reference to the tall, dominant right back or pivot who has reliability stamped over him from toe to scalp. Club captain, he is essentially commander-in-chief when National opposition is encountered.

On the field he is a monument of encouragement to his ten colleagues. When adverse spells mature, they look upon George Young as a rallying point—a human battery charged with electricity which he diffuses from No. 1 to 11.

His home is perennially Ibrox, nursery of stars in all positions, but his influence for all that is good and great is nation-wide. The fine physique nature gave him has been well tended and preserved, and the "fit as a fiddle" expression could well abdicate in favour of "as fit as George Young."

The range and multiplicity of his honours dim almost into invisibility the honours awarded any other player in Scotland. Here is the list—amazing! 63 full honours and some 12 honours during the war, which were not termed full honours :—

AN EXTRACT

FROM

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Add to this a world record in soccer—seven times captain of Scotland against England, (six consecutive). Will any other player in time attain this accomplishment?

Many players flicker for a few seasons then pass into obscurity. The name and fame of George Young shall illumine the path of soccer for decades to come.

We wish him success in many more Nationals, with victory on Saturday, 14th April.

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Winners—Bathgate. Runners-up—Gilbertfield.

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						Receipts	Totals
To Balance B/f. ...	£211	5	0	—	—	—	£211 5 0
Quarterly Balance ...	—	—	—	69 1 5	186 2 5	—	—
Enrolments ...	40 11 0	£194 8 6	0 17 6	12 7 6	299 4 6		
Publications (1954 ...)	40 2 0	12 2 0	21 14 0	—	73 18 0		
A.G.M. Meals ...	9 18 0	15 14 6	0 11 0	0 11 0	26 14 6		
Bowling Fees ...	1 15 0	0 10 0	—	—	2 5 0		
Donations ...	7 4 0	0 6 2	—	—	7 10 2		
Badges ...	0 10 3	6 6 9	10 10 9	12 5 0	29 12 9		
Printing Stationery ...	2 14 6	1 0 0	6 15 0	2 5 0	12 14 6		
(First Quarter) ...	£313	19	9				
To Debit Balance C/f. ...	45	5	1				
Publications (1955) ...	—	—	127 19 1	386 18 6	514 17 7		
Rent ...	—	—	—	2 0 0	2 0 0		
Plaques ...	—	—	—	3 0 0	3 0 0		
Rally A/c.—							
Hall Deposit ...	—	—	—	10 0 0	10 0 0		
Secy's Expenses ...	—	—	—	2 0 0	2 0 0		
	£359	4 10	£230 7 11	£288 8 9	£617 9 5	£1195 2 0	1195 2 0

RECEIPTS

To Balance B/f....	£23	19	3
Enrolments ...	50	12	6
Badges ...	31	5	6
Publications ...	21	18	1
Printing ...	0	15	0
Bowling ...	1	15	0
A.G.M. Meals ...	18	12	0

£148 17 4

PAYMENTS

Badges ...	£65	18	8
Rates;... ...	10	4	7
Stationery—C. M. ...	6	16	3
Gest. ...	2	0	11
Belfast Int. Refund;... ...	3	0	6
Painting Office ...	5	0	0
Office Cleaner ...	2	5	0
Delegates' Expenses ...	1	18	8
E.C. Expenses ...	5	16	0
Annuals Refund ...	1	9	11
Plaques ...	1	10	0

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The Southern General continued from p23.

“Wish all the results were as good as the broadcasts.”—J.P., Ward 26.

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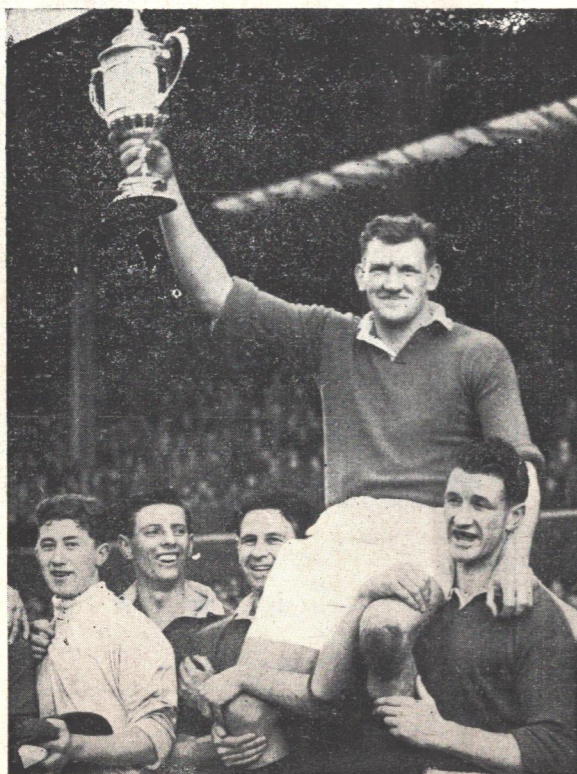
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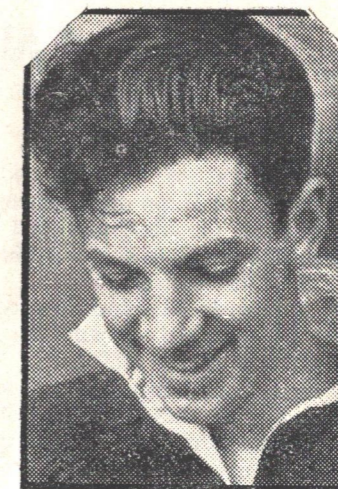
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 —THIS YEAR?



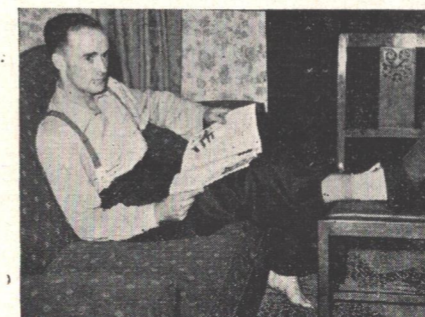
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See article by Brian Nicholls



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The Consistency Tables.

Rangers, who lost the season-by-season average totals to Hibs in 1951-52, gained the title back this year. Their total points since the war are 391 (average 43.4) against Hibs 42.7. Hearts are third with 325 points and Celtic fourth with 307.

Rangers Lady Supporter wins

Miss Margaret Smith of Crosshill won the above award in a Beauty Contest run by the *Evening News* to find the "Soccer Girl" of Scotland. A Third Lanark supporter was second and a Celtic Supporter third. The photograph shows Jean MacAuley presenting the cheques and Judges George Young and Charlie Tully looking on. John McPhail, not in the photograph was, the Chairman and did not act as a judge.

OBITUARY—

The Late Bro. FREDERICK BRIDGETT, J.P., The Late Honorary Vice-President of The Rangers F.C. Supporters Association.

He was an outstanding example of a true Orangeman. He devoted his life to the Orange Institution, and in particular to No. 5 District, in which he was an office-bearer for 31 years. All who knew him were aware of his many capabilities.

Let us who are left behind carry before us the vision of Bro. Frederick Bridgett, and make it our example.

"If."

This little effort is worth pondering over :
I often wonder if I won the Pool,
If I'd be wise, or act the fool,
If I should harvest it, like grain,
Or scatter it to the winds like rain.
This problem must remain a mystery,
Until the fates give me the chance to see.

Did you know that Ibrox stand is larger than that of Hampden? The respective capacities are, roughly, Ibrox 10,300 and Hampden 9,890.

BLUE BOOZERS — B. B. Yorks

This town must hold the record for "blue" We have The Blue Man, The Blue Dog, The Blue Cow, The Blue Pig, The Blue Bull, The Blue Horse, The Blue Ram, The Blue Bell, and recently The Blue Boat was closed.— O. Davies, Castlegate, Grantham, Lincs.

THE CUP-TIE CHOIR.

It was Christmas Eve on board ship in the Far East. The crew were West African and the third engineer announced that he'd formed them into a choir and they would perform after dinner.

I'll never forget the scene—all the officers in gold braid, their wives in evening dress, the third engineer in a spotless white uniform, the choir giving him rapt attention.

Then he rapped with the baton, and they burst forth into—"Follow, follow, we will follow Rangers."

Mr. J. McEwan, 60 Stronan's Crescent, Crosshill, Lochgelly, Fife.

To the Editor of the Sunday Post.

LUCKY LASS — — —

She walks through Govan like a Queen,
The Proudest girl you've ever seen.
And as she passed working chaps,
Respectfully they touch their caps,
In bus or tram they're on their feet,
Begging her to take their seat,
At night in pubs they raise a glass,
In honour of the little lass,
This toast, in tones of awe, is said—
"The nurse who makes Big Kich's bed!"

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

On being invited by the Publishers to wind up the Annual, and, having had a preview of the Publication, I have no hesitation in stating it is the best we have issued yet, and I express the hope that every copy will be sold.

In my first year as President, I state this has been a very happy one, and, following as I do in the steps of three capable Presidents, and feeling I did not measure up to their standard, my re-election has done much to give me assurance and confidence in the future.

With the hard-working and most efficient committee, I have the honour to lead, behind me, my job is made very much easier, so "thanks, Gentlemen all."

This is the tenth anniversary of the Rangers Supporters Association and while congratulating Mr. Symon and his boys on their winning the Championship for the twenty-ninth time, I am sure you will all agree and echo my wish that the "Scottish Cup" comes back to the Ibrox Boardroom.

I sincerely wish all our members—and Soccer fans everywhere—plenty of good Football in the forthcoming season.

Faithfully yours,

KENNETH McKECHNIE.

My earnest desire is to see the first edition of the "Ibrox Echo" in print and after the "Annual" distribution has been completed I hope to have the Publicity Committee actively co-operating with the publishers and thus to see a weekly "Ibrox News Journal" firmly established and bearing the hallmark of the Rangers F.C. Supporters Association.

KEEP YOUR OWN SCORE

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Aug.	11	EAST FIFE	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	15	CELTIC	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	18	ABERDEEN	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	25	EAST FIFE	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	29	CELTIC	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
Sep.	1	ABERDEEN	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

Sep.	8	AIRDRIE	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	15	AIRDRIE	<i>KILMARNOCK</i>	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	22	CELTIC	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	29	AYR UNITED	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
Oct.	6	ST. MIRREN	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	13	PARTICK THISTLE	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	20	DUNFERMLINE	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	27	QUEEN'S PARK	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	4-3 6-2
Nov.	3	HIBERNIAN	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	10	MOTHERWELL	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	17	FALKIRK	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	24	ABERDEEN	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
Dec.	1	EAST FIFE	...	...	...	AWAY <i>HOME</i>	...	...	...	6-1
"	8	RAITH ROVERS	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	15	HEARTS	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	22	KILMARNOCK	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	29	QUEEN O' SOUTH	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
Jan.	1	CELTIC	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	2	DUNDEE	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	5	AIRDRIE	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	12	AYR UNITED	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
"	19	ST. MIRREN	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	...
"	26	PARTICK THISTLE	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	...
Feb.	2	SCOTTISH CUP	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	9	DUNFERMLINE	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	2-1
"	16	SCOTTISH CUP	<i>CELTIC 4-2</i>	...	...	<i>2-0 for Celtic Replay 7 P.O.X</i>	...	...	...	3-1
"	23	QUEEN'S PARK	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	3-2
Mar.	2	HIBERNIAN	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	3-2
"	9	MOTHERWELL	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	1-1
"	16	FALKIRK	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	0-0
"	23	ABERDEEN	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	2-1
"	30	EAST FIFE	...	...	...	AWAY	...	...	...	4-1
Apr.	6	RAITH ROVERS	...	...	...	HOME	...	...	...	1-0
"	13	HEARTS	AWAY	4-3
"	20	KILMARNOCK	<i>DUNFERMLINE</i>	HOME <i>AWAY</i>	3-0
"	17	QUEEN O' SOUTH	AWAY



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Back Row (left to right) W. Smith, J. Millar, J. Atkinson, W. Logie, C. Wright, G. Niven, W. Ritchie, J. Valentine, H. Neil, H. Davis, A. Austin

Middle Row M. Murray, J. Currie, W. Simpson, W. Stevenson, R. Morrison, J. Walker, S. Baird, W. Moles, D. Kichenbrand, A. Thomson, J. Little, J. Queen, J. Craven (asst. trainer)

Front Row J. S. Symon (manager), E. Caldow, G. Duncan, Alex. Scott, T. Robertson, I. McCall, S. McCorquodale, J. Hubbard, R. Brand, R. Shearer, H. Melrose, D. Wilson, D. Kinnear (trainer)