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 Front row—McCulloch, Grierson, Rae, Cox, Queen, Young, Smith, Hubbard, Cunningham, McMillan, Scott and Jimmy Smith, trainer.

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New keeper Ritchie goes into action in the Rangers' trial. He dives to block a shot from Grierson as right back Elliot looks on

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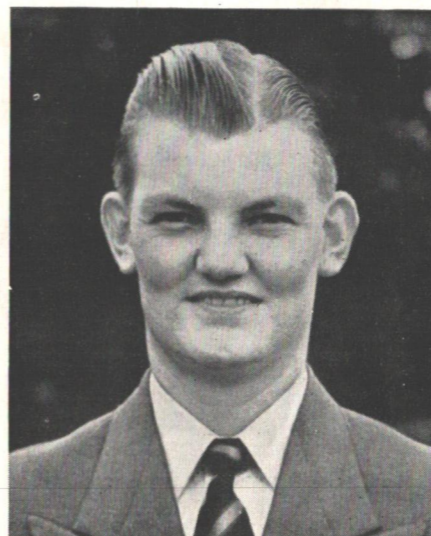
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Foreword

In May of this year I was asked, by my colleagues of the E.C., if I would undertake the duties of Editor. I agreed, with full knowledge that I only had three months in which to do the job of twelve. The months of June and July are blank months as far as the football season is concerned and my holidays also intervened. The dead-line date for everything to be in the printer's hands was September, so this left me with about six weeks actual working time.

As information of any kind and the doings of the players at Ibrox is always of interest, I first of all made myself known to Mr. J. Scott Symon, Manager of the Rangers F. C. Ltd. He was helpful in many ways, making me feel at home and gave me quite freely certain information that was necessary for the Annual.

Although I called at Ibrox several times and saw the Manager, I must say regretfully, that Mr. Symon was unable to contribute his usual article. This I can quite understand. The football season had just commenced and what with the Sports Meeting, the League Cup Ties, etc., Mr. Symon must have worked twenty-four hours a day.

I also had the pleasure of meeting our worthy Honorary President, Mr. George Brown and in the course of conversation, asked him if he

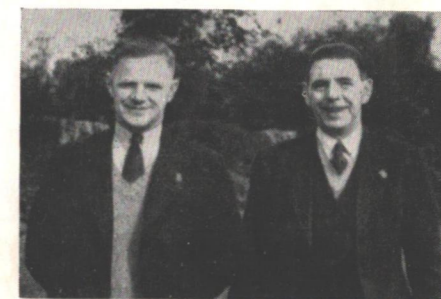
would oblige with his usual interesting contribution. He regretfully asked to be excused. Mr. Brown has contributed an article to the Annual every year and will only be too pleased to give one next year. It was with regret however, that I had to bow to his decision. Mr. Brown is as popular with the Association Members as he was in his illustrious playing days.

Mr. George Young, our popular Captain, was also approached, but unfortunately "Corkie" has been unable to give us a few of his cheery remarks.

To keep our members informed of the activities of players from other clubs, I got in touch with the Managers of the teams, who were the chief winners of our Trophies last season and asked their permission to approach certain players to give their views on any matter that would be of interest to our readers of the Annual. In every case permission was granted.

I wrote to George Hamilton, Aberdeen F.C., Winners of League Championship; A. Robertson, Clyde F.C., Scottish Cup Winners; R. Evans, Celtic F.C., Scottish Cup Runners-up; J. McGowan, Partick Thistle F.C., Glasgow Cup Winners and W. Bauld, Heart of Midlothian, F.C. Winners of League Cup.

I received a splendid contribution for our Magazine from Bobbie Evans, the popular Right-Half of the Celtic F.C., and although A. Robertson of Clyde F.C. replied to my letter, stating he would be pleased to contribute, so far, it has not arrived.



From the other players mentioned, I have, unfortunately received no reply.

I also wrote to that old Ibrox favourite Billie Williamson and to Willie Thornton, new

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NEW YEAR HOPE—FOR RANGERS FANS

by HARRY ANDREWS "Sunday Express"

For many years now, Rangers have had the (to me) unenviable reputation of playing for results only. Frankly, I think this reputation was deserved.

Now they have a new Manager, Mr. Scot Symon. I imagine that if you held a vote to find the most severely practical manager in the business, Mr. Symon would finish an easy first.

Does that mean then that we are to watch the same old die-hard Rangers for ever and a day? Perish the thought!

I have known Mr. Symon for years. He is many of the things you think of him—tough, when he has to be, a strict disciplinarian and a



firm believer in streamlined efficiency.

He is also one of the most intelligent officials in football.

And there is your answer.

Mr. Symon thinks (rightly) that results come first. But he also believes that those results should be obtained in the most attractive manner possible.

Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. As a good business man, as well as a knowledgeable football manager, Mr. Symon knows that to-day's public wants more than just a victory.

I am not guessing about this. It is a long time since Scot Symon first told me of his ideas

of the perfect team and almost the first point that he made was that it should NOT be only a winning team.

He bemoans the fact that modern football so frequently forced managers to insist on team tactics that were practical but unattractive. He was unhappy because too many youngsters were forced into the wrong groove in the interests of winning.

At Ibrox, Mr. Symon will have the scope to try all his ideas. I believe we have already seen the first fruits in the most enterprising tactics Rangers have shown recently.

It is a certainty Rangers will keep on winning more often than they lose.

It is, in my opinion, just as big a certainty that they will eventually become one of the country's most attractive sides—winning or losing.

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The Rangers F.C. Supporters' Association, in its tenth year, welcomes the Annual more than on any other occasion in the past. It is symbolic of the Association itself, in that it is a living example of the enthusiasm, endeavour and comradeship that is to be found in all the branches.

Our young Editor, Mr Macpherson, has brought the freshness of youth to mingle with the years of experience of the many well known sports writers of our time, and in so doing has produced a volume fitting the occasion.

On behalf of the Association, I thank all the contributors for their splendid response and in conclusion may I venture to say, that it is typical of our way of life when Critic, Director, Player and Supporter can combine to further the interests of the Great Game that we all love so well.

Yours sincerely,

H. McKECHNIE.

centre-half and the goal keeper in about two moves and pushed the ball snugly into the back of the net. A few moments later Johnny Hubbard was right through when as he was nearing the goal, Justice took up her cudgel and Hubbard's shot went past the outside of the post.

In these few minutes the game had been won and lost—and so on to the final against, perhaps, even greater rivalry than Celtic—The Queen's Park.

The highlights of Rangers' only trophy win of the season, were the match-winning moves of Johnny Hubbard and a gem of a goal by A. Scott.

This was a game in which many of the finer points of the game were forgotten and brawn instead of brain seemed to be the commanding feature.

Hubbard was the one forward with the ability to carry out any attacking plan. Many times on his own he had beat the Queen's Park on their Hampden turf before the knock-out blow from Alex. Scott.

The game appeared to be the best for Scott since his Falkirk debut. He always seemed confident, but his goal that night restored any lost faith in the Rangers' following.

Twelve minutes to go—Queens still had a fighting chance—when Scott ran back, took the ball from Willie Hastie and getting into his stride, swerved past both Valentine and Church and hit the ball with his right foot, shot the ball along the ground to beat Crampsey.

Up to that time, Alex Scott had not been getting his way with Church. But all's well that ends well.

The other goals were all scored by Rangers, including the one that Stanners scored when trying to clear the ball after a Queen's attack.

Johnny Hubbard scored a fine goal from about eighteen yards, after some very fine play by McMillan and Simpson.

The other scorer was McMillan, who played his best game for some time. He scored by

hooking the ball over Crampsey's head, after palming out a Simpson shot.

In this final, Rangers were not a great team, but they tried and all the world likes a trier.

The teams that night were :—

QUEEN'S PARK
M. Crampsey, I. Harness, G. Church, R. Gromar, J. Valentine, W. Hastie, J. Reid, J. McEwan, J. Ward, R. Dalziel and W. Omand.

RANGERS
Niven, Caldwell, Little, McColl, Stanners, Prentice, Scott, McMillan, Simpson, Rae and Hubbard.

Congratulations to Captain Willie Rae and his men.

Scorers :—
Queen's Park - - - Stanners (o.g.)
Rangers - Hubbard, McMillan, Scott



Baillie John F. Wilson with the "Charity Cup"

AMBASSADOR OF FOOTBALL



By the courtesy of the "Evening Citizen"

'Corky' clearing the ball during the Motherwell versus Rangers match, January 3rd, 1955

In past years we have had articles by George Young to the Rangers' Supporters, this year, we are doing the opposite—we, the Supporters are paying tribute to a Great Ranger, Captain of the Club he plays for, the country he serves—what one would term football's Mr. Ambassador.

George Young is bigger than most men, but it is more than that, that makes him head and shoulders above any other present day footballer, and it must be acknowledged, that here we have the footballer of the year.

George Young, when he is not playing for his club, is mine host at the Tillietudlem Hotel, Crossford and even on top of that, he appears to have some free time, so say the

reports that have come into me from all parts of the country.

It is through him alone, that many fans have formed Rangers Supporters' Branches and on his advice, have entered the comradeship of the Association.

This surely proves, that although he is bigger in stature than most men, he is not too big to assist the small and less fortunate than himself.

For this favour, George, we say thanks and hope that you and the Club you serve—The Rangers F.C. Ltd.—have success upon success this year and all years to come.

yours faithfully,
The Supporters.

RANGERS' PROSPECTS IN SEASON 1955-56

by CYRIL HORNE "Glasgow Herald"

Rangers have undergone their first big test of the 1955-56 season and have failed (I am writing immediately after the match against Celtic on August 27th, resulting in a 1-4 defeat for the Rangers). Though the result of one game does not mean that all is gloom for the future, within a few days there may be a somersault in form, so unpredictable are both Rangers and Celtic when they meet. It seems to me as if there will be no quick improvement in the famous club's fortunes.

Those, who may imagine that the weakness, apparent in Rangers' play in the past few seasons, are on the way to be eliminated, are unduly optimistic.

It is not my business here to suggest remedies or to apportion blame, having been invited to discuss Rangers' prospects in the new season. I need only say that the most important inside-forward positions are still not adequately manned, that Rangers players do not have the stamina, or even the will to win, of their great predecessors and that a once magnificent defense has now disintegrated.

That Rangers have on their staff some most promising young players, there is no doubt and I am certain that all intelligent supporters would like to see more of them being fielded, especially in the reserve side.

Young players need, however, coaching; on the field of play where it is of most value and particularly in attack. Sufficient coaching ability is not available at Ibrox.

I think most of you will agree with me that the possession of the best club defense in Great Britain has been a mixed blessing to Rangers, great as their contribution has been to the

successful results of the club. Those of us who criticised Rangers style of play were told to look at the results, at the championship and cup successes. That is no longer a valid answer, if indeed it ever was.

It is my opinion that before the arrival of the improvement, that inevitably must come in a club of such vast resources, there will be a lean time. For the present and near future, it looks like being a struggle to avoid further loss of reputation. A great deal will depend on the supporters encouraging the newer, younger players, who will have the task of creating the revival.

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THE McClymont Trophy, 1955



Baillie J. F. Wilson, presenting the "McClymont Trophy" to the Keppochhill 'Skip.'

On Saturday, 10th September, the Final of the McClymont Trophy was played in the Bellahouston Bowling Green.

The weather itself did not marr this occasion, although it tried its best. Due to the heavy rain the Skips of the two teams, Parkhead from No. 5 Area and Keppochhill from No. 3 Area, decided that only eleven ends should be played.

As the game progressed it became apparent that Parkhead were masters at the "short Jack" and, after six ends, they led by 8 shots to 1.

At last, the Keppochhill branch broke through to secure the Jack and started to throw it the full length of the green, and, to the amazement of all present, began to overtake their worthy opponents and after the last end,

found themselves winners of this beautiful shield by 12 shots to nine.

Let us all at this time, congratulate the Keppochhill branch on winning and at the same time say hard luck to their opponents.

Lunch was laid on for us in the clubhouse and the players and friends who were there, wish to take this opportunity in thanking Mr. Murphy, the Social Organiser, and the helpers for making the day.

The presentation of the prizes and the shield, was made by Baillie John F. Wilson, Chairman of the Rangers' Football Club.

Once again the courtesy of Ibrox Stadium was shown to us, as all the players and attending E.C. Members, were given seats in the Grand Stand, and at half-time were entertained downstairs.

CHAS. FAULTLESS . . .

What an Ambition!

During my career as a referee, I had one ambition. To referee the Cup Final? No. An International at Wembley? No.

The one thing I wanted was to be the man in the middle at a Rangers versus Celtic game and believe it or not, I waited nineteen years for the chance.

You might think me crazy. I know my friends did, especially as that game had written finis to quite a number of good referees, or at least, set them back quite a bit.

However, the obsession was with me all that time. I did everything possible to get the game, except go direct to League Secretary, Fred Donovan and ask for it.

I thought the Coronation Cup would be lucky for me. If all went well with Rangers and Celtic, they would meet in the Semi-final. I was down to referee that tie.

But Rangers let me down badly. They were beaten by Manchester United in the previous round, so I saw that opportunity go past.

Again, in the Cup Final of season 1952-53, I almost had it. Celtic got through, but Rangers went down to Aberdeen in the semi-finals (dare I remind you the score was 6-0). We had a great final. I enjoyed every moment of it. But still that ambition had not been realised.

Then one day the League ballot was delivered by Willie the postie. Casually I looked at it.

At last! There it was: 1st January, 1955; Rangers versus Celtic—Referee C. E. Faultless.

That New Year's Day was a grand one for the Officials and everyone concerned. There was no trouble on the field or in the terracing. Only the Celtic fans were disappointed, because Rangers won 4-1.

The player most satisfied with his work that day was undoubtedly "Wee Johnny Hubbard." He scored three goals, everyone a beauty. The one which will always remain with me was when he ran from mid-field and beat three opponents before putting the ball in the net. I

shall always think of this match as the "Hubbard Game."

The game itself was so easy to control that many people asked what I had said to the players before it started. Just my usual advice, "Remember gentlemen, play to the whistle."

It was as easy as that.

Honestly, I didn't expect any trouble. But you know as well as I do, that trouble on the football field comes when least expected.

Rangers' players have been involved in incidents from out of the blue—with costly results. But that is another story.

I hope it won't take me so long to realise my next ambition. Yes, now that I am no longer a referee, I like you, now try the pools.

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Old Mother's Son . . .

JOHNNY HUBBARD



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He is only 5 feet 5 inches tall, a Tom Thumb of football, but on Saturday, January 1st, 1955, he was a giant in blue, although small in stature, he is by no means a push-over as the Celtic certainly know, especially on that day.

In the 27th minute of the second half came a goal that may be called the daddy off all goals.

Johnny collected the ball from a cute slip from Simpson, cut in towards the middle—outwitting Haughney—made as if to shoot and as Meechan raced to the tackle, he dummied and advanced towards the outrushing goal-keeper.

Johnny pushed the ball round the keeper,

ran round him and calmly poked the ball into the net.

Johnny's second goal was another grand piece of play. He took the pass from Billie Simpson and swept the ball into the net.

His third goal was a penalty and again Tom Thumb was given the job of converting it, which he did.

Intelligent play led to all the goals by very clever play. It was certainly a Happy New Year for the Rangers' fans.

If Old Mother's Son keeps playing this way, the cupboard will not remain empty for long.

BOBBY EVANS

Considering the number of "Dismal Jimmies" that seem to be greet'n their hearts out about the low state of our football, I think it is about time somebody brought a little sheer into the surroundings.

I say our future has never been brighter. Our international standard has progressed wonderfully since the World Cup, while our club football can hold its own with the best of them.

All this talk about the Scottish game deteriorating has been going on for years. Why, they were saying the same things about it when my father was a lad.

And although we now mention with reverence the names of those great "Wizards" of the past I wonder did we speak about them with such awe, when they were playing.

But don't for goodness sake think I am complacent. Far from it.

I realise that Scottish Football will never reach perfection, because the better the standard gets, the higher the target to aim for will be.

That is why club coaching plays such an important part in our lives. Its technique is more skilled now than ever it was and it is only through strict adherence to its rules that we can hope to get the physical fitness so essential in these days of "speed football".

One very bright ray of hope for the future, is the quality of the youngsters just coming into the sport. Despite what people may say or think I am firmly convinced that these young players are getting far better facilities in Scotland for coaching than ever before.

True, we have not got as many playing fields as we would like for the minor grades, but there are more than there were just after the war.

Take Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, for instance. After the Empire Exhibition in 1938, this area was given over to many things, except

the right one. However, in the past couple of years we have once again seen it given over to sport and especially football.

When in Glasgow I always wander round there and have been amazed at the skill of some of those amateur players. As a matter of fact not all that long ago a member of a team spotted me watching an the touchline and asked me to act as their coach.

Because of my other commitments I had to reluctantly refuse, but it shows how terribly keen these youngsters are to get the right sort of training.

In Scotland our senior clubs just haven't got the facilities to "nurse" a promising boy right through this football career from the time he leaves school until he reaches International standard.

Down in England I know this is different. Many of the big clubs down there are able to run minor teams so that promising youngsters can "show themselves off" and at the same time gain valuable experience.

I am told that one club runs as many as six of these minor sides, to give their new talent a chance to work their way right through them from the time he is fifteen until he is old enough and experienced enough to get a place in their first eleven.

This of course, is an admirable idea. When you get juniors and seniors training together like this, nothing but good can come of it, for it means that any wrong tactics on a youngsters part are soon spotted and put right.

But there just isn't the money in Scotland to do that sort of thing, no matter how sincere our managers are to better the game and they are definitely sincere about that.

However, we will just have to make do with the facilities we have got. At least there is nothing to prevent us from becoming one hundred per cent fit, and that is a quality which must inevitably reap dividends.



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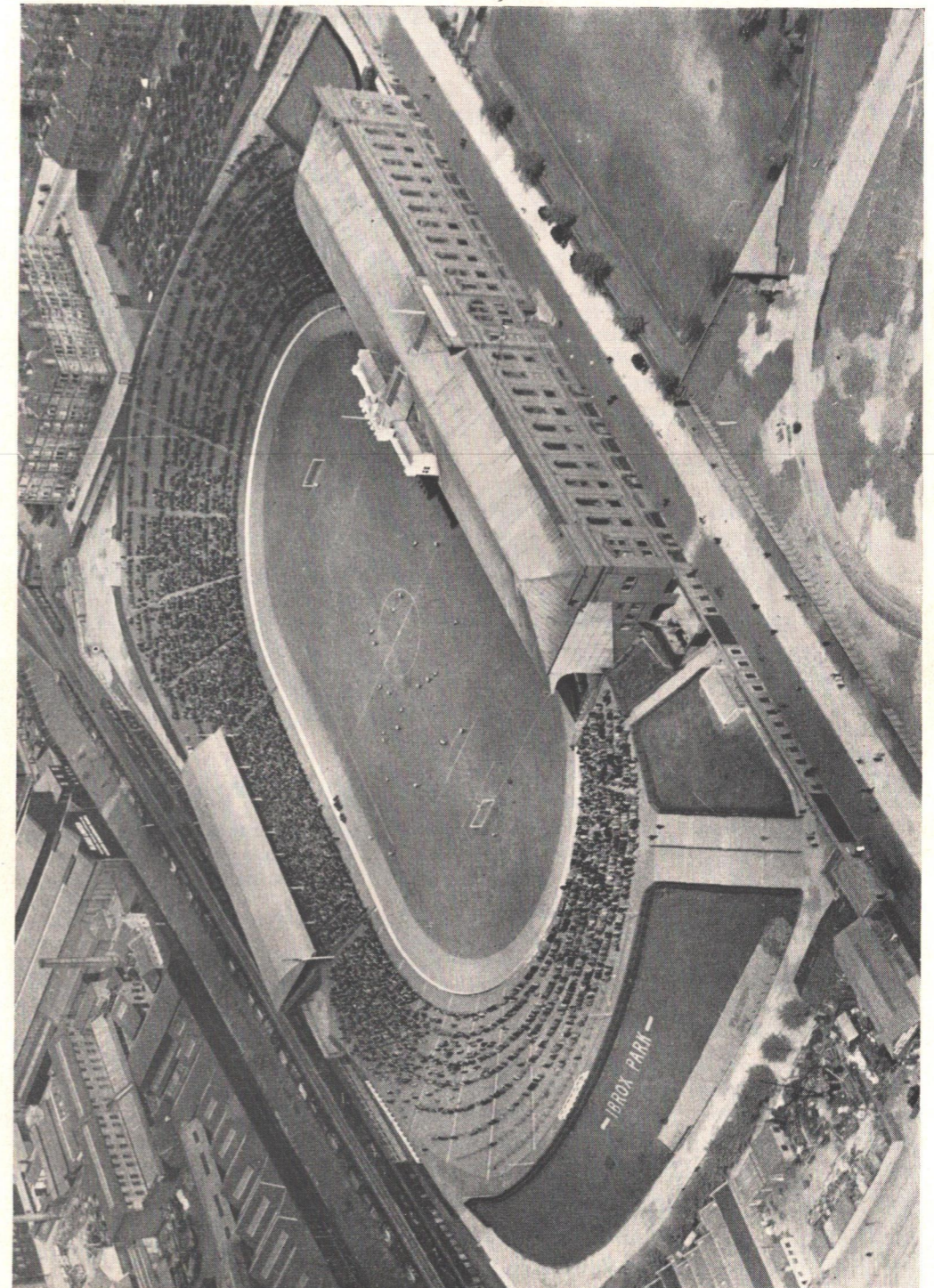
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JUST COMMENTATING

by JIMMY CUTHBERT



a sense of humour helps tremendously and a happy knack of being able to apologise (with a smile) to sighted spectators around the party—before the game or programme commences—an asset. After that, all is easy, or nearly so, for don't imagine for one moment that the Blind party will sit and drink in all you say without comment—Oh no!

If the commentator inadvertently omits to mention that the Outside-right has crossed the field and receives the ball on the outside-left position, as often happens, many of the party will ask at once: "How did he get there?"

A doubtful decision (foul or offside) brings forth comment—"The refs wrong, the rule says etc., etc.," and many a commentator has been *told* by the party: "Och! Your biased!" Enthusiastic is a mild term and they debate with the sighted spectator.

It is not the first time a spectator has been told: "Ach, your blind, it's in here you should be and you'll see a better game."

The occasion at Ibrox, when referee Craigmyle collared a stray dog and led it off the field with a piece of string tied around its neck, up jumped a Blind Party member, who was listening eagerly to my description of the scene, "Hey Peter, all ye need noo is yer tinney." Yes a crack against themselves is appreciated, they can sling back the cracks as many of you, whose branches invited the Blind Party Quiz team know.

The result did not matter, the laughs, quips and debates, arising from questions and answers were the things that mattered and more important the Blind Party members were on an equal footing with the sighted supporters and in many cases superior in knowledge.

As I say, it was not easy. A commentator must keep talking all the time from start to finish, but to hear the game discussed and players criticised is worth a great deal and gives a commentator the feeling of a job well done.

I've enjoyed it all and when I was asked to take over your broadcast system to the Southern

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Your Editor requested an article on my blind party and commentating experience with some little episodes included, personally I'd rather talk about anything else, but he requested so here goes.

It all started about eight years ago, when I answered an advert in the "Sunday Mail" asking for someone prepared to forego their Saturday—in order to talk "football" to parties of blind persons. I was successful and from that date, my hobby has been *talking, talking* and more talking.

Sports meetings of all descriptions and even the R. S. Association, Annual Rallies have been "talked" to the Rangers' Blind Party, by myself and present commentator Alec McFadyen.

Mark you it isn't easy—many have tried, but a natural gift of flow of speech, imagination and



J. Cuthbert in Broadcasting Box



Listening in Bed

The General Secretary's Message



Mr. A. FRASER

The change from President to General Secretary has furthered my education and introduced me to a different aspect of the Association.

As President the responsibility of guiding and directing your Executive and Representative Council can be very worrying and exacting, but we have always the constitution to fall back on in times of doubt (the Constitution is the backbone of any association whether small or large).

The work of the General Secretary, on the other hand, calls for something different. Beginning at branch level to Area and Area Secretaries, with their domestic troubles, I sometimes feel as I am sure a doctor must with his patients, that sense of responsibility for the health of the Association.

It is true to say that the well-being of your Association rests with the branch secretaries. It is by their endeavour and hard work that your branch will prosper, the same can be said for your Area Secretary on whose shoulder the burden of area news falls.

It is when approached by the Area Secretary with regard to the problem of the area and branches, that I feel that great responsibility that you have placed on me. In finding the solution one has sometimes to be very strict, other times encouragement, kindness and a boost talk sorts the problem, it is as if one was dealing with the blood stream of an individual. The pipe line of our Association is in your secretaries' hands, and I thank you all for the very good work that is being done by you, not forgetting to remember that in many cases this work is being done by some of our lady members.

In Mr. McKechnie, your President, I have an able chief, good luck to him in his work.

My thanks to all other office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee, may this be an outstanding year in our history especially the publication of this Annual by Mr. Macpherson, our new Editor (publications)

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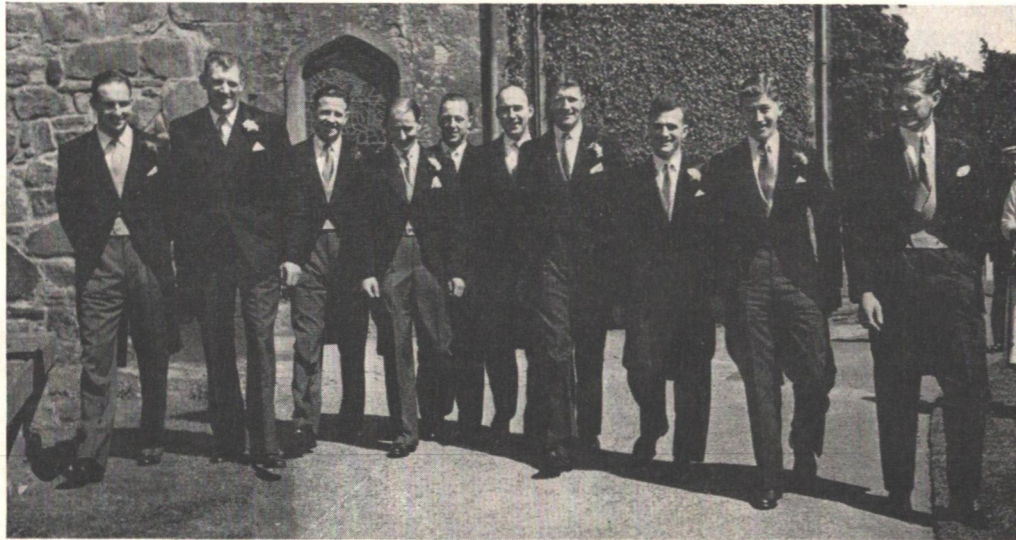
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CLOSE SEASON



In the close season many of the branches and areas, abandon until the season starts again. The Association itself arranges a bowling tourney, as well as some of the branches.

One player of the Rangers team who was not idle during the said season was Big John Prentice, who married Miss Shiela Macpherson of Edinburgh, the congratulations of all in the Association go to them and wish them much happiness for the future.

The photo above, shows his team mates who attended the wedding.

Another great occasion for Ibrox Stadium was the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh, a photo of which appears elsewhere in this annual.

BRANCH NEWS

Newton Mearns No. 2 Area

On Saturday, 25th June, the Newton Mearns Branch was entertained to a game of football (of all games) and tea, by Skelly's Garage of Motherwell.

The team was as follows: McGee McDonald, J. Carvel, Jackson, Stewart, J. N. McGee, Crawford, Kirkwood, McAdam, Macpherson and T. Carvel.

All the goals were scored in the first half—the score being: Newton Mearns 3 (McAdam 1, Macpherson 2) Skelly's Garage 2.

The members of the Newton Mearns branch wish to take this opportunity of thanking the proprietor of Skelly's Garage and his staff for making us welcome and giving us a good game.

The Newton Mearns Branch have asked me to print this with a view of having friendly matches with other clubs and Branches in the Close season any Branch desiring a game, please contact Mr. Stewart Mair.

NEWTON MEARN'S BRANCH TEAM COLOURS.—Light Blue Jerseys. White Pants. Red Black Stockings.

SKELLY'S GARAGE TEAM COLOURS.—White Shirts. Black Pants. Black and White Stockings.

JOHN PRENTICE'S MARRIAGE



'TIGER' TURNS COACH

By JOHN BLAIR

Jock Shaw, eight times capped Scotland full-back, and a stalwart in Rangers post-war years defence is coming back to football . . . to give his advice and coaching knowledge to Baillieston Juniors.

Two years ago, "Tiger" as Jock was known, retired from the game with his free transfer from Ibrox, and decided never to play for any other club.

But Saturday afternoons have been misery to Jock. Still a remarkably fit athlete for his years, he yearned for an active part in the game.

But he was determined to make no come-backs to the game as a player.

Decided Today

For the last two months, Baillieston officials have been at Jock to take over the coaching of this excellent junior nursery. Today he decided to take the job. From his home in Glenboig he will travel the short distance to Baillieston every Tuesday and Thursday, while on Saturday afternoons, Jock will travel with the team.

Shaw joined Rangers in 1938 from Airdrie. In his fifteen years at Ibrox he gained fame and glory and figured in almost all of the Rangers Cup and League triumphs. So if you junior fans see a touch of the Ibrox "Iron Curtain" defensive style, you'll know that Jock's coaching and advice is paying off.

WILLIE RAE

Johnny Hubbard and Alec Scott may satisfy the craving for the spectacular. George Young may (as, indeed he does) occupy a pedestal apart. But there are few Rangers fans who don't have a very special soft spot for Willie Rae.

When Willie made his crackerjack comeback at Parkhead last week, he was merely repeating what he had done a dozen times before. Taking Rangers out of a jam.

Any Place, Any Time

Emergency head-man. That's been his role at Ibrox for the past ten years. He's liable to disappear from big-time football for the best part of a season. Sometimes he reappears in his recognised berth at left-half. More often than not in the problem position of the day.

Willie doesn't mind, as for instance, the time Rangers were playing Falkirk at Ibrox.

Half an hour before the kick-off Ian McColl was declared unfit. Rae was the obvious deputy. But—his arm was in plaster.

With no plaster removing equipment handy, Willie cheerfully submitted while the club doctor, assisted by Adam Little and Billy Manderson, got to work on him with an ordinary fretsaw.

Five minutes before the kick-off the job was completed, the plaster-cast having been replaced by yards and yards of sticky tape. After the game he went off to hospital and had a new plaster fitted.

Two seasons ago his name appeared in the first team nine times—in five different positions! He didn't complain.

We the members of the Association would like to take this opportunity in bidding farewell to two of the Rangers stalwarts of the past.

Billy McCandless, the man who played full-back for Rangers, was capped eight times for Ireland, manager Dundee and went to Wales to manage three clubs in turn, died suddenly in Swansea, on July 18th, 1955.

Another old servant was Willie Cameron, known affectionately by his friends as "Plumb."

Willie Cameron died at the week-end of 24th July, after a long illness.

Old soldiers never die, they only fade away.



Let us take this opportunity in wishing Willie Gardner and Colin Liddell success with their new clubs, namely, Leicester City and Stirling Albion. Lots of success, may you remember us, as we remember you.

It gives me great pleasure in publishing a photo of the Keppochhill Branch, who have won their first shield for the year namely for darts. This club have since added to the collection with the Mc Clymont Trophy.

BILLY SIMPSON

Through the season one man in the Rangers team has had a helping hand in all the goals scored.

Billie may not be classified as a great centre but, oh dear! he certainly does cause havoc in the rear lines of any defence he plays against, this was clearly shown in the Hearts game at Tynecastle of Saturday December 19th.

It has been stated that, "this was a nightmare for Hearts fans, that they dreaded having to wake up.

Rangers started off as they have done in many games with a burst and within nine minutes they were two goals up—both being scored by Derek Grierson—and Duff in the Hearts goal, was certainly having a busy time.

Then it happened! What it was we will probably never know—but with the score at 2-0 in the Light Blues favour at half-time, we resigned ourselves in believing that the game was over.

The Hearts came out in the second half and played well, certainly giving the Iron Curtain some troubled moments and after half-an-hour's play, the Rangers were down three goals to two.

What a transformation took place in the Rangers front rank. Simpson shook of the shackles, held by Glidden, as if he were Houdini himself and started off with a wandering commission.

After another ten minutes play, the scarves were hurled into the air, as the fans realised that Billy-boy had scored and that the Rangers had drawn level. It all started with an excellent piece of team play, a Hubbard—Grierson move ending with the ball being whipped onto Simpson and out went his foot—into the air a great shout was rent.

Six minutes later came the goal of all goals. Prentice lobbed a ball up the centre, towards Simpson, who beat Glidden to the ball, Simpson killed the ball in mid air and smashed the ball with his left foot.

The speed of the ball stunned the crowd and then slowly but surely it dawned on the crowd, we had won and Billy had scored.

Poor Duff, he never moved, didn't see the ball until he turned round and saw the ball settling snugly in the back of the net.

They do say that Billy Simpson should take a crew cut . . . so that his halo would sit square.



THE GREATEST RANGER

CAIR HENDERSON—"Evening Times"

Name the greatest Ranger of all the great Rangers?

If you want to start up some real action in any company where they favour a dash of light blue in their Saturday afternoon dress, chuck that one in—and then beat it quick before the trouble starts.

Now who would you put forward as your candidate for fame? Alan Morton? Jimmy Gordon? Tommy Cairns? Dr. Paterson? Andy Cunningham? Bobby McPhail?

The old hands, the men who tell you day in and day out that "fitba" is no what it was," will probably plump for someone in that little short leet, but in the unlikely event of anyone calling me in as a fame judge, I'd be in two minds about the business. Old enough to see still the flying figure of Wee Allan, the long strides of Big Bob and Andy's net busters, but still too young to remember the Doc. and Jimmy Gordon. I am maybe in a fair age group to have a small vote in the poll.

And my choice is not an old-timer but a big-timer in present day football—George Young.

That's it! You can send in as many letters as you like but I am sticking to my guns, just like George sticks to any opposition centre forward.

You want reasons? Fair enough. Morton, Paterson, McPhail, Cunningham, the lot—they were all brilliant footballers, right up among the best in Scottish football history, but I cannot recollect one of them inspiring his team mates so often or so consistently as big George has done in the past five or six years. Torry Gillick used to claim in his own inimitable way that he was "hauf the 'gers team."

In my view Young has been the man who has held Rangers together in the lean years that have just gone by and also in my view he will lead them again to the great years which, I am sure, lie immediately ahead.

Young has football, personality and some other magnetic quality impossible to define. He

has it not only when he mixes with Rangers players but with every man who pulls a Scottish jersey over his head.

On the aeroplane which took the new Scottish team from Belgrade to Vienna in May of this year, I was sitting next to Alec Parker of Falkirk. The young full-back had just made a highly successful debut against Yugoslavia—and this is what he had to say about George: "He nursed me through the game like a mother, all the time shouting across advice and encouragement, but never a word of criticism. I learned more about football in those ninety minutes than in the last twelve months. You just cannot play a bad game with George to help you."

Can you beat that—or do you think it is an isolated case? Right, if you cast your mind back to May you will remember that George was injured quite badly in that Yugoslavia game and that he missed the matches against Austria and Hungary. Now George, captain of the team against Yugoslavia, should merely have been another Scottish player when he was injured. But was he? Not on your life! He could not play but every single one of our players was determined that they were going to have him with them in spirit at Vienna and Budapest.

So the pre-match conference before the Prater Stadium "battle" was held in George's bedroom and he dished out the pep talk and the encouragement and the players loved it. In my view he had a full share in the glory which was won that day.

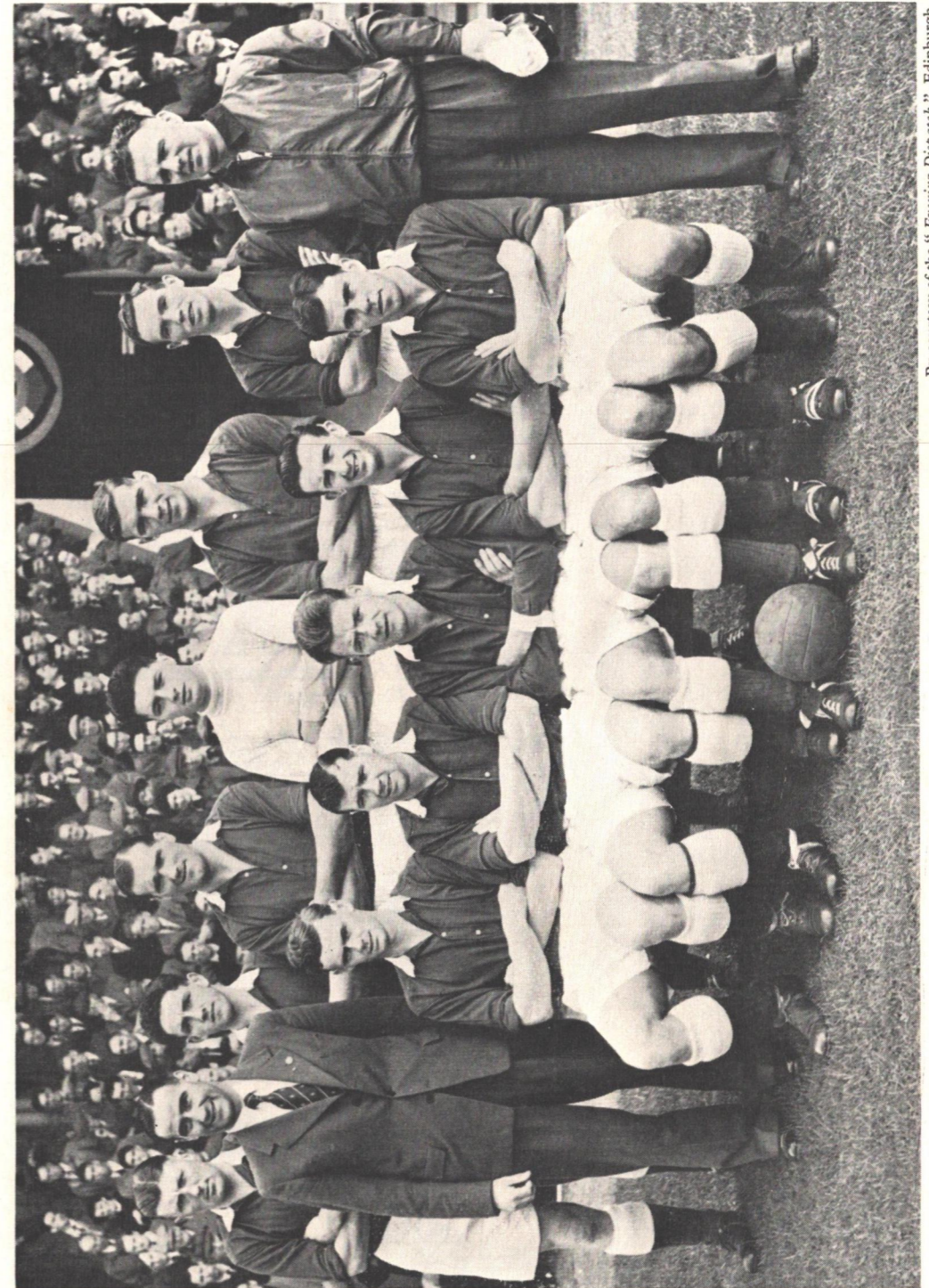
One other reason why I am certain that Young should be placed very high on the list of Rangers' immortals is that he considers no price in personal sacrifice too high to pay for success for club or country.

Go back to September 7th—it is only a few months ago—and remember with a shudder the way Young crashed into that Ibrox goal post as he saved a certain goal for Ireland.

I thought at the time that Young was out of football for good; that no man could survive

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP WINNERS HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN



By courtesy of the "Evening Dispatch", Edinburgh

Back row—Parker, Manager Tommy Walker, McKay, McKenzie, Duff, Glidden, Cumming, Trainer McLeod.

Front row—Souness, Conn, Bauld, Wardhaugh, Urquhart.

CALLING SUPPORTERS

By GEORGE HUNTER

The other day when I was in town I came across a gentleman named George Hunter.

Now many of you may wonder—may say: Who is George Hunter, and what has he got in connection with the Annual?

Well George is a past President of the Association and is at present an Honorary Member of the Association.

On talking about the Rangers and the fans, he was quite surprised at the small number of Association members and asked if he could say a few words through the medium of the Annual.

The Association of Rangers' Supporters is more than groups of people going to football matches in organised parties. It is a source of meeting different types of people and helps to improve our social status. Most Rangers fans outwith the Association still travel to the games home and away, by themselves. Do you not think it would be better to join a branch near your home or work and travel in the comfort of your friends.

Each branch of the Association is like a social club, in the Summer they have their outings and gathering, and many of them practice what they see in the footballing season. In the winter, they hold their whist drives and

hold many a bridge party—as well as many a dance.

They also endeavour to help the old as well as the young. By what I have said many of you may be under the impression that all is play and no work, but don't you believe it.

For an example, the Association as a whole, hold a Rally in the St. Andrew's Halls every year and the money collected all goes to the aid of charity—or needy institutions which do not come under the eye of the National Health Service.

One such scheme was the introduction of Tele-Radio from Ibrox Stadium to the patients of the Southern General Hospital. Now, through the great efforts of the Association, these patients can enjoy every moment of a game which is played at Ibrox.

On this page the Editor is placing a photo of a typical ward in the Hospital.

This is only one way in which the Association has assisted, there are many more, of which you will probably read in this annual or have heard So I say to you, why not join the Rangers' F.C. Supporters Association and help yourself by helping others.



There will be no sleep until the relay broadcast ends for this trio.

GREAT SCOTT

Into the history books of sport will go a new name, Alex Scott, right winger of the Glasgow Rangers.

On Saturday, 5th March, he played for his Junior Club, against Ashfield, in the Scottish Cup, and on the Wednesday following, he pulled the famous light blue jersey over his black locks.

His entrance into Senior football was something of a sensation, but he left his mark in this, his first game.

The right-winger with the twinkle-toes, scored a dream debut against Falkirk. Scarves, hats, caps and papers were hurled into the air and heralded a new star.

The first goal was a peach of a goal, he was boring into goal, took the ball with his right foot and went down the wing—making the defence dizzy and hit the leather with his left.

The second was of the same pattern. A flip with his left and a shot with his right.

The third was yet another great shot and, once again, the Falkirk keeper had to do the bending act.



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*Top Left—Alex Thomson and Willie Ritchie. Top Right—Harrie Lawrie.
Centre Left—Max Murray. Centre Right—Sammy Baird.
Bottom Left—John Queen. Bottom Right—J. Woods and Jimmy Walker.*

PLAYERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



*Top Left—Sam English. Top Centre—Derek Grierson. Top Right—R. McAulay.
Centre—Willie Rae.
Bottom Left—Woodburn, Gardiner and Woods. Bottom Right—Brown, Scott and Walker.*

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LEAGUE CUP

- 14th August, 1954—Stirling Albion at Annfield—5-0.
Simpson 3, Prentice 2.
- 18th August, 1954—Partick Thistle at Ibrox—1-1.
Prentice.
- 21st August, 1954—Clyde at Ibrox—1-3.
Grierson.
- 28th August, 1954—Stirling Albion at Ibrox—2-0.
Paton, Hubbard.
- 1st September, 1954—Partick Thistle at Firhill—1-2.
Simpson, Prentice.
- 4th September, 1954—Clyde at Shawfield—2-1.
Paton, Simpson.

LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINALS

- 22nd September, 1954—Motherwell at Firpark—2-1.
Prentice.
- 25th September, 1954—Motherwell at Ibrox—1-1.
Paton.

LEAGUE

- 11th September, 1954—Hibs. at Ibrox—1-1.
Grierson.
- 18th September, 1954—Celtic at Parkhead—2-0.
- 2nd October, 1954—East Fife at Methil—7-2.
McCulloch 1, Paton 2, Gardiner 1, Grierson 2, Young (pen.) 1.
- 9th October, 1954—Stirling Albion at Ibrox—6-1.
Gardiner 4, Grierson 2.

- 16th October, 1954—Partick Thistle at Firhill—5-2.
Simpson 2, Grierson 1, Hubbard 2 (1 pen.)
- 23rd October, 1954—Dundee at Ibrox—3-0.
Rae, Grierson, Hubbard 1 (pen.)
- 30th October, 1954—St. Mirren at Paisley—2-1.
Grierson.
- 6th November, 1954—Kilmarnock at Ibrox—6-0.
Brand 2, Paton 1, Simpson 2, Hubbard 1 (pen.)
- 13th November, 1954—Falkirk at Brockville—3-0.
Simpson 2, Prentice.
- 20th November, 1954—Clyde at Shawfield—1-1.
Gardiner.
- 27th November, 1954—Raith Rovers at Ibrox—1-0.
Hubbard 1 (pen.)
- 4th December, 1954—Queen of South at Dumfries—2-1.
Simpson 2.
- 11th December, 1954—Aberdeen at Ibrox—3-1.
Simpson 2, Grierson.
- 18th December, 1954—Hearts at Tyne-castle—4-3.
Grierson 2, Simpson 2.
- 25th December, 1954—Hibs. at Easter Road—1-2.
Grierson.
- 1st January, 1955—Celtic at Ibrox—4-0.
Simpson 1, Hubbard 3 (pen. 1).
- 3rd January, 1955—Motherwell at Firpark—2-0.
- 8th January, 1955—East Fife at Ibrox—2-0.
Gardiner Simpson.

- 29th January, 1955—Dundee at Dens Park—2-1.
Simpson.
- 12th February, 1955—St. Mirren at Ibrox—1-1.
McCulloch.
- 26th February, 1955—Kilmarnock at Rugby Park—1-0.
- 5th March, 1955—Stirling Albion at Annfield—0-2.
Prentice Gardiner.
- 19th March, 1955—Raith Rovers at Starks Park—1-0.
- 26th March, 1955—Queen of South at Ibrox—1-0.
Hubbard (pen.)
- 2nd April, 1955—Aberdeen at Pittodrie—4-0.
- 7th April, 1955—Hearts at Ibrox—2-1.
Simpson, Hubbard.
- 9th April, 1955—Falkirk at Ibrox—4-1.
Gardiner 1, Scott 3.

- 11th April, 1955—Partick Thistle at Ibrox—3-1.
Simpson, Hubbard 2 (pen. 1).
- 18th April, 1955—Clyde at Ibrox—1-0.
Simpson.
- 30th April, 1955—Motherwell at Ibrox—2-0.
McMillan, Hubbard.

GLASGOW CUP

- 25th August, 1955—Third Lanark at Cathkin—0-2.
McCulloch, Paton.
- 8th September, 1955—Clyde at Ibrox—1-1.
McCulloch.
- 9th September, 1955 (Replay)—Clyde at Shawfield—2-3.
Gardiner 2, Prentice 1. After extra time.

Final

- 27th September, 1955—Partick Thistle at Hampden—0-2.

Editorial—*Cond. from page 5*

Manager of Dundee F.C. Ltd.—but regret I am unable to record in these pages any news that would have been of interest to our readers.

The Final of the Bowling Tourney was played in Bellahouston Private Green, thanks to the courtesy of Baillie Wilson, between No. 5 Area and No. 3 Area (Parkhead and Keppochhill Branches).

I must take this opportunity of expressing my most grateful thanks to the gentlemen of the press for the courtesy and helpful advice they gave me in making this Annual possible. To Baillie Wilson, Chairman of the Rangers Football Club, for presenting the Bowling Shield to the Winners and afterwards providing us with refreshments at Ibrox Stadium.

I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. Lithgow, Printer, for his expert advice.

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General Hospital, I left the Blind Party with a capable commentator and felt that this group had given me something in return for the little I had given them.

I am sincere when I say that this Hospital relay system is about the finest thing any association has provided with its surplus cash and no matter the individual at the "mike" patients (and visitors) thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the broadcast. Many a patient has been uplifted when hearing his or her name mentioned and your Association Secretary has a shoal of letters, as well as letters to the press, to prove the appreciation of the patients.

Dr. Mackay and Matron Jolly, think it a wonderful scheme.

One request I make of you members, if you know any patient in the Southern General will you convey word to your General Secretary immediately? We will pass along any message I do sincerely hope that I will be able to carry on this pleasant past-time for many years to come.

SCOTTISH CUP

Fifth Round

5th February, 1955—Dundee at Ibrox—0-0.

9th February, 1955—Dundee at Dens Park—0-1.

Gallacher (o.g.).

Sixth Round

19th February, 1955—Aberdeen at Pitodrie—2-1.

Neillands.

CHARITY CUP

Ibrox. Third Lanark 3-1.

Simpson 2, Paton 1.

Parkhead. Celtic 0-1.

Simpson.

Hampden (Final). Queens Park—1-3.

Scott, McMillan, Hubbard.

FLOODLIGHT GAMES

5th October, 1955—The Army at Ibrox—3-0.

Grierson 2, Waddell.

27th October, 1955—Manchester City at Ibrox—1-4.

Simpson.

15th December, 1955—Sporsklub Rapide Vienna at Ibrox—1-0.

Prentice.

15th March, 1955—Arsenal at London—3-2

Scott, Hubbard

19th April, 1955—Racing Club of Paris at Ibrox—5-1.

McMillan 2, Simpson 2, Hubbard 1.

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RANGERS TROPHIES

Scottish Cup (14)—1893-94, 1886-97, 1897-98, 1902-03, 1927-28, 1929-30, 1931-32, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1952-53.

Glasgow Cup (32)—1892-93, 1893-94, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-12, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1929-30, 1931-32, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1939-40, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1947-48, 1949-50, 1953-54.

Glasgow Charity Cup (30)—1878-79, 1896-97, 1899-1900, 1903-04, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1908-09, 1910-11, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1924-25, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31, 1931-32, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1938-39, 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1950-51, 1954-55.

Scottish League (28)—1890-91, * 1898-99, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-02, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1917-18, 1919-20, 1920-21, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1936-37, 1938-39, 1946-47, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1952-53.

*Joint Champions with Dumbarton

Emergency War Cup—1939-40.

Scottish Regional League—1939-40.

Southern League—1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46.

Southern League Cup—1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1944-45.

Scottish League Cup—1946-47, 1948-49.

Victory Cup—1946.

Scottish 2nd XI Cup (18)—1889-90, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1906-07, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1940-41, 1951-52.

Reserve League Cup—1945-46.

Reserve XI League (18)—1894-95, 1898-99, 1905-06, 1099-10, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1914-15, 1923-24, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31, 1031-32, 1934-35, 1938-39, 1952-53, 1953-54.

WHERE WE LEAD

Since the League was formed, Rangers have played 1,826 matches in the competition and won 1,206, a remarkable record of sustained consistency. Over the years, 40 clubs have been met in the League and against all of them Rangers possess a majority of wins. Here is the tally of our wins and losses against present members of the League:—

	P	W	D	L
Celtic	116	45	38	33
Hearts	116	65	22	29
Dundee	102	61	18	23
Hibernian	102	61	23	18
Third Lanark	100	68	16	16
Motherwell	88	58	17	13
St. Mirren	114	75	26	13
Partick Thistle	98	69	16	13
Morton	74	56	9	9
Aberdeen	82	45	24	13
Airdrieonians	76	48	10	19
Raith Rovers	46	34	3	9
Queen of South	28	21	4	3
Clyde	94	68	17	9
Falkirk	82	53	16	13
Queen's Park	80	59	12	9
Kilmarnock	84	63	11	10
Ayr United	44	39	10	4
East Fife	16	11	2	3
Stirling Albion	8	7	0	1
Hamilton	70	49	12	9



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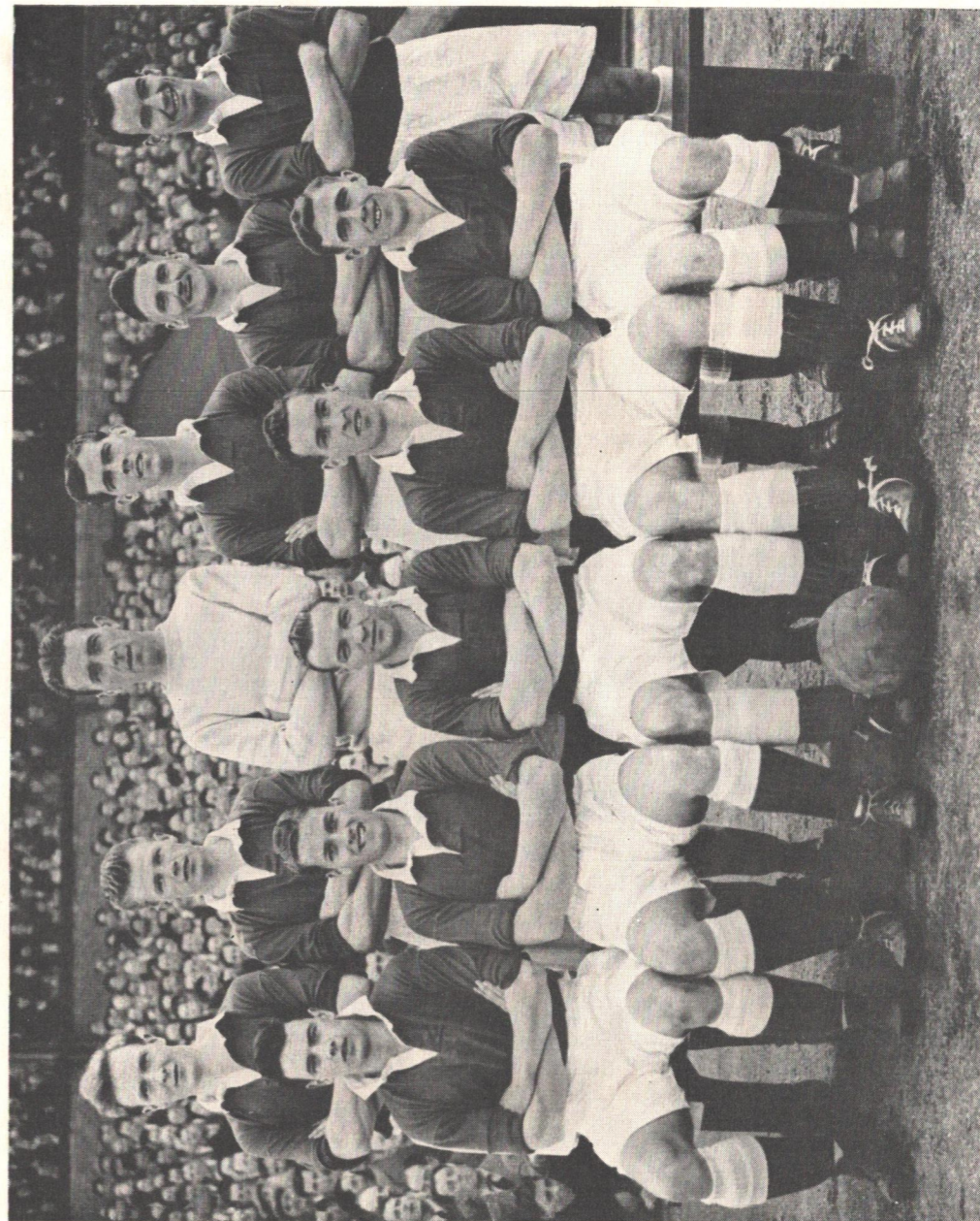
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Front row—Leggat, Hamilton, Buckley, Wishart, Hather.

THE ASSOCIATION, 1954-55

During the past year the Association had had a troubled year and the way in which much of the Business had been carried out was quite irregular.

In September the Executive Committee took steps within itself to curb the trouble and took their report to the Representative Council for ratification.

Fortunately or unfortunately, whichever the case may be, many of the members present were against the E.C.'s motion and through the vote which took place the motion was thrown out. The E.C.'s members took this as a motion of no-confidence and vacated their offices, but after much discussion stated they would carry on pro-tem until a new committee was formed.

The Special Meeting was held early in 1955 and the changes in the committee were: R. McCulloch, General Secretary; D. Buist, Treasurer; Miss Bilsland, Registrar; J. Campbell, Assistant Secretary.

The Executive Committee was at full strength once again and held office until the Annual General Meeting in May.

SHORT LEET MEETING APRIL 1955

The short leet meeting of the Association was held in the Central Halls, Bath Street, Glasgow, in the month of April, to determine the course of the Association for season 1955-56.

Once again the attendance was small in numbers. This is a great pity, as it is here that amendments to rules and constitution are brought before the body of the hall to be discussed—the "fors" and "against" all having their say.

Everything went in order, the only sensation being that the Chairman was not standing for re-election as President, but if the meeting desired, would accept the position of General Secretary.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held for the second year in succession

in the Monkland Halls, Monkland Street, Glasgow, on Sunday, 29th May, at 1.30 p.m.

The fact that the weather was excellent, no doubt, was the cause of the poor attendance.

The Branches present numbered Seventy-seven.

Mr. Fraser, the Chairman, opened the meeting with thanks to all who had helped keep the Association alive, especially through the bad times in the latter part of 1954 and stated that if the new chairman, whoever he may be, was given the same co-operation, he was sure the Association would grow from strength to strength.

At this point the Chairman welcomed Mr. A. McCall, Honorary Vice-President of the Association and a past Chairman, to the meeting and invited him to the top of the table.

Probably due to the small attendance at the Short Leet meeting, many of the members would not have a concise report on the Amendments to Constitutions and Rules, which resulted in many of them being overwhelmingly defeated.

Mr. S. Gourlay (Govan) asked the Chairman, regarding the rule pertaining to the two-thirds majority and it was clear from the discussion that followed, not only from the Chairman but from the members present that many of them had their own opinion of what the rule meant. The Chairman was unable to give a ruling, so it was decided to place the amendments to rules etc., and rule book into the hand of Association lawyer for correct interpretation of rule. All results of vote would be held over till we heard from lawyer.

The results of the vote for the Executive Council and Office-Bearers were introduced to the members in the hall. Mr. H. McKechnie made a re-appearance as an official from the position of Social Organiser to Assistant Treasurer. He now reached his "Everest" as Association President.

We all take this opportunity in wishing him success for the years to come.

Mr. F. Smith is once again Vice-President. We too wish him a happy partnership with the chairman.

Mr. A. Fraser has come down from the land of luxury to a land of hard work, he is the new General Secretary.

Mr. Hannah, the No. 5 delegate to E. C. has been appointed Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Buist is returned as Treasurer.

Miss Bilsland retains her post of Registrar.

Mr. Frankie McKenna is once again returned as Minute Secretary.

Mr. J. Murphy is once again our Social Organiser. We all wish him success for the new season.

Another new face is that of Mr. A. B. Macpherson, who has been appointed Editor. He was the No. 2 Area delegate. We also wish him success and hope the Annual, Volume 7, is a success.

The position of Assistant Treasurer is still

vacant but will be filled at the Rep. Council Meeting in August.

The Area delegates to the E.C. were then introduced to the members and a list of their names are given elsewhere in the Annual.

Due to the conditions outwith our control, it was decided that no honoraria be given, this year, but a happy note was struck with a small gift in the nature of an Electric shaver to Jimmy Cuthbert our tele-radio commentator as a gesture for the work he does each Saturday on behalf of the patients of the Southern General Hospital and ourselves. A gift of a box of chocolates was given to Jimmy for his wife, just another gesture of good-will.

Jimmy Cuthbert in his remarks thanked all the members for the gifts.

Total strength for season : 6,527.

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such a smash and play again Certainly 99 players out of 100 would have been wheeled away into the pavilion and then to hospital. But not Young. He was fighting to get off that trolley and back on to the field while Jimmy Smith was still trying to find out how many ribs had been broken. I cannot remember any of the old and famous Rangers being given the cheer after cheer which greeted George as he came staggering back to the field.

These are the things which make a footballer earn the title "great" and no Ranger has ever done more to earn it than George Young—Captain of Rangers, Captain of Scotland.



Newton Mearns Branch Team



Skelly's (Garage Team) Motherwell

THE PLAYERS 1955-56

Name	Birthplace	Joined Club	Height		Weight	
			ft.	ins.	st.	lbs.
W. Woodburn	Edinburgh	Oct. 1937	6	0	12	1
W. Waddell	Forth	May 1938	5	10½	12	4
G. Young	Grangemouth	Sept. 1941	6	1	14	3
W. Paton	Glasgow	Nov. 1943	5	9	10	12
W. Rae	Glasgow	April 1945	5	11	11	5
I. McColl	Alexandria	June 1945	5	10¼	11	6
R. Brown	Dunipace	June 1946	5	11½	11	7
S. Cox	Darvel	June 1946	5	8	10	7
D. Stanners	Denny	Sept. 1947	6	0½	11	10
G. Niven	Blairhall	Dec. 1947	5	9½	11	5
W. McCulloch	Glasgow	June 1949	5	10½	11	12
J. Hubbard	Pretoria	July 1949	5	5½	8	10
J. Pryde	Leuchars	April 1950	5	9½	10	8
A. Elliot	Glasgow	June 1950	5	10½	10	7
W. Simpson	Belfast	Oct. 1950	5	11	11	6
J. Prentice	Shotts	Mar. 1951	5	11	12	10
W. Gardiner	Larbert	July 1951	6	1	11	12
R. J. Little	Calgary	July 1951	5	8	12	0
W. Boyd	Glasgow	Aug. 1951	5	10½	10	9
I. Neillands	Edinburgh	Sept. 1951	5	9½	10	8
P. H. McMillan	Glasgow	Mar. 1952	5	9	10	4
J. Woods	Glasgow	May 1952	5	5¾	9	12
E. Caldow	Cumnock	July 1952	5	8	10	5
D. Grierson	Prestonpans	Aug. 1952	5	6	10	7
R. Brand	Edinburgh	April 1954	5	7	9	7
R. Menzies	Rutherglen	Aug. 1954	5	9½	11	0
R. Cunning	Dunfermline	Sept. 1954	5	6	11	0
J. Miller	Edinburgh	Jan. 1955	6	6½	10	10
A. Scott	Falkirk	Mar. 1955	5	8½	10	10
A. Thomson	Kilsyth	May 1955	5	9½	11	6
M. Murray	Falkirk	May 1955	5	10	11	0
H. Lawrie	Shotts	May 1955	6	0	12	0
W. Ritchie	Newtongrange	May 1955	5	11½	11	8
J. Queen	Glasgow	May 1955	5	7½	11	2
J. Walker	Stenhousemuir	May 1955	5	10	11	10
S. Baird	Denny	July 1955	6	0½	12	0

SIXTH ANNUAL RALLY

ST. ANDREWS HALLS, SUNDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1955

We have had six rallies, all good and each one being more enjoyable than the last.

Apart from a slight mishap over the programmes the preparation by the Social Organiser, Joe Murphy and his Committee were well nigh perfect and left little to be desired.

This year for the first time, the patients were receiving the programme through their sets in the hospital and once again we have Jimmy Cuthbert to thank for doing the commentary on all the acts.

Mr. George Brown (Rangers) our Honorary President, was once again in the Chair, and Johnny Hubbard was Guest Speaker.

These two notable were joined on the platform by Mr. J. Scotland Symon, the new Manager of Rangers F.C. Ltd., many players from Ibrox and other players and representatives from Sport.

Two personalities on the platform were Wm. Thornton, Dundee F.C. Ltd.'s Manager, and that true sportsman, Jimmy McGowan of Partick Thistle, who was Rex's player of the year.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr. Tom Kerr, paid a lightning visit, which was short but sweet, to the show.

The community singing was led by our old friends the Govan Burgh Band and the programme then set off with a swing.

First there was a vocal and dancing act—the McKenna Sisters.

Jimmy Chalmer a British Champion of the Trombone.

The Disc Chord in just miming, a new act and very talented.

Mr. Bellington in a sleight of hand display. Quickness of the hand deceives the eye.

The Almados, a sensational strong man act, and Billy Wyner, Scotland's Winifred Atwell.

Allan Munro, Comedian, Tom Thumb of the Artists World.

Allan McRitchie, popular Scottish tenor vocalist whose Peust-a-Ceul is in World Championship class, accompanied by a team of Highland Dancers.

Tommy McGowan, the impersonator.

Our worthy Chairman, Mr. George Brown, once again made an excellent speech his remarks wittier than ever.

Johnny Hubbard in his remarks, mentioned how hard the team were trying to do good, but seemed at that moment to be having a bad time, but, he said, he was sure that the Rangers would at least win something during the season. He finished by thanking the Association for what it was doing and wished it continued success.

Mrs. Hubbard was presented with a box of chocolates by Miss Margaret Caskie.

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August 31st

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"THE PARADISE SAMBA"

Celtic fans came to Paradise,
To see the team they idolise,
A repeat performance they expected :
Instead of that, they left dejected.

Hubbard waltzing down the wing,
Haughney hadn't any sting,
Fallon played a lonely battle
And Rangers' defence they couldn't rattle.

You've heard the score I have no doubt
And how the goals came about.
The Celtic fans blame the Committee
For playing Smith and Young McVitte.

Sammy Baird made his name :
He went tangoing through this game
And with Simpson feeding his right wing
Scott produced a Highland Fling.

Down the centre Murray did prance,
Stein was doing "The Hesitation Dance"
And at centre half stood big Cork
Doing the "Grand Old Duke of York"

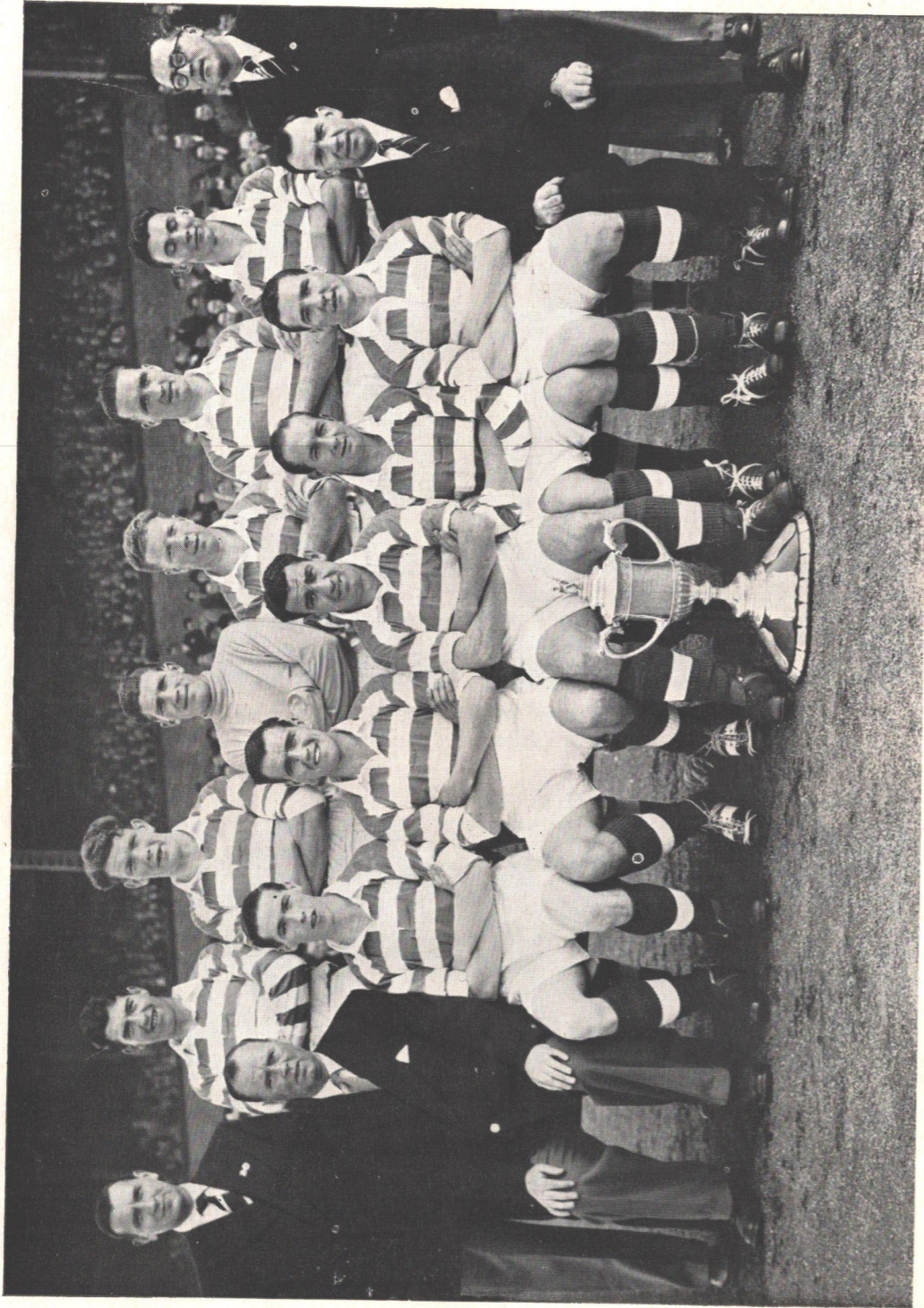
The Celtic team they were caught
Doing the "Excuse Me" at a "Slow Foxtrot."
When Rangers scored the fans were hugging
This Rangers Team were "Jitterbugging."

And so this ball came to a close,
Celtic receiving a lethal dose.
They failed to take a Golden Chance
And let Rangers lead the Warpath Dance.

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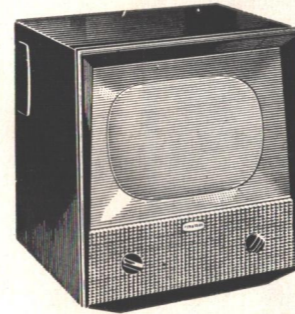
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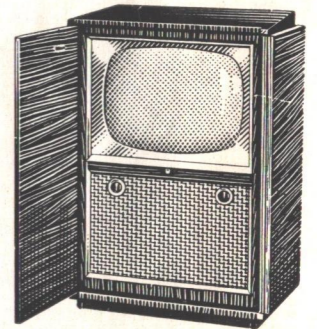
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