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AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



★ Yes, it's RONNIE McKINNON, one man who can't help being 'plastered' at Hogmanay, shooting for 1972. His goal is to get fit quickly and he hopes you have all as a good a year as he aims to have when that leg heals!

TO ALL OUR READERS!

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POP GOES WILLIE!

Winger wants to sign up 'favourite' group

RANGERS winger WILLIE HENDERSON may soon launch himself into management! But before you run away with the idea that the Wee Man is set to retire prematurely it should be said that his hope is not to become a football boss but the manager of a POP GROUP. (Stand up the man who said Wee Willie was set to go pop!).

The group, all first class musicians with great senses of humour — they actually mix their music with mirth — are called The Days.

They mostly work the North of England club circuit but recently Willie has helped boost their name in Scotland by putting them on three times at his pub in Chapelhall.

So friendly has he become with the lads, and so great an admirer of their work, he is hoping to look after their interests in the future.

Says Willie, "I think they have a great act and would like to give them all the help I can. "They have the talent to go places."

The boys in the band — namely Mike Nicholson, Terry Hodgson, Tommy Tuft, George Short (but not for long, he's huge) Charlie

Douglas and Adrian Watters — are great football fans.

Some follow Man. U., another Newcastle United and another still Sheffield United.

But quips Ulsterman, Charlie Douglas, "When we are in Glasgow we support Rangers."

He says that when, in fact, they have every right to hold a grudge against the Ibrox club.

Explains Charlie, "We like to keep in trim because being on the road so much can make you flabby so the other day Willie fixed us up to do some training at Ibrox."

"And it was murder. Big Jock (Wallace) is a stern man, a real task-master. He fairly put us through it. And after our session he turned the cold hose on us, the big so-and-so."



● BILLY MATHIESON



Inside Ibrox

Ibrox fullback BILLY MATHIESON is walking around with a relieved look on his face these days. Reason? The Fifer has just passed through six weeks of semi-torture!

It was 'way back at the end of October and the League match with Kilmarnock at Ibrox that Billy collected a nasty knock on his ribs.

It was the kind of injury for which there was no treatment.

So Billy had to grin and bear the pain which only appeared to have gone by the time Saturday's match with Airdrie came along.

Says Bill, a chap who isn't given to complaining much: "I got the knock in the last minute of the game with Kilmarnock."

"The only cure has been Nature's, one which seems to have worked at last."

"The injury certainly gave a bit bother. Before the return game with Sporting Lisbon I needed a pain-killing injection, and in every other match until Saturday's I suffered a bit when I came into contact with anybody."

"And I couldn't afford to avoid coming into contact with anybody. When you are faced with an opponent who has the ball, there's only one thing in your mind. That's to dispossess him."

Such is the spirit of Billy Mathieson then. Although every tackle in the last six weeks brought him a sharp jap of pain never once did he shirk his responsibilities. That's a character for you!

THE Rangers programme, which sells to one in three fans on average, is the liveliest of all Scottish match-day publications, according to 'The Scotsman' newspaper.

In a nation-wide review of programmes, the writer says: "The Light Blues match magazine is the liveliest with pages of action pictures, various competitions (one with a £50 prize)."

"They are not afraid to touch on controversial subjects involving the club."

So it seems your 5p is well spent.

Ibrox youngster WILLIE MASON discovered a hidden talent when he was in hospital recently for a cartilage operation — painting!

Says Willie: "Just to give me something to do I had a go at painting a landscape and I must say it turned out rather well."

Then with a grin he adds: "So well in fact, I think I'll sign my name on it and sell it."

Willie was laid up for just over a week. During his last couple of days he was allowed up — and almost landed himself in the casualty department.

Says he: "It was the first time I was on my walking stick and I fell and battered my nose on the edge of a cabinet. I had a great big bruise."

After getting his stitches out last Friday Willie, a jovial chap, is faced with the fight-back to fitness. The shorter that is the happier he'll be.

"I'm just dying to kick a ball again!" he says.

Quick Look Back

AFTER BEATING East Fife, Albion Rovers, St. Mirren, Aberdeen and Clyde, Rangers marched into the final of the 1935-36 Scottish Cup. A Bob McPhail goal was enough to beat Third Lanark in the final.

But any thoughts of a repeat the next season were quickly dashed... IN THE FIRST ROUND. Rangers had been drawn to play Queen of the South at Dumfries. The players knew that they would not have it easy, and they certainly did not approach the tie in a complacent mood. But on the day the Rangers forwards could not put a foot right and 'Queens' won through a goal scored by centre-forward John Renwick. But the misery of that defeat was soon wiped out with the winning of the League Championship flag. Only two teams beat the 'Gers in the League that season — Hearts and Clyde.

JIMMY DUNCANSON was not one of the better known Rangers players. This was mainly due to the fact that he played during the war years, but his goalscoring feats deserve some credit. During his 11 years at Ibrox (1939-1950) he scored 142 goals in 299 appearances.

His overall record showed just how valuable he was at Ibrox. He finished his career with the 'Gers by winning a Scottish Cup medal in the 1949-50 final against East Fife.

RANGERS enjoyed better Scottish Cup fortunes after the Second World War. Although being knocked out of the 1946-47 competition by Hibs in a second round replay, Rangers won the trophy for the next three seasons.

The 1947-48 final was against Morton. The first game was drawn 1-1, but the 'Gers scored the only goal of the replay. Clyde were crushed 4-1 in the '48-'49 final, and the next season Rangers won the trophy for the third time in succession by beating East Fife 3-0. On the road to the latter final, the Ibrox boys were taken to three games by Raith Rovers.

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GERS' GO FOR HOLIDAY HAT-TRICK!

Christmas with the family



● FRANK COULSTON



● JIMMY BONE

COME 4.45 p.m. on January 3, some very significant changes could have been effected at the top of the Scottish League table.

The Championship-winning aspirations of some teams could well be dented a little, while the hopes of others might be considerably raised.

And the team who have the greatest hold on the key to a possible, dramatic switch at the top are Rangers.

On Saturday, Christmas Day, they play Hibs, who are currently lying third, at Easter Road.

On Monday week, January 3, they play leaders Celtic at Parkhead.

Sandwiched between these two fixtures in the hectic holiday programme is Rangers' clash with Partick Thistle on Ne'er Day at Ibrox which should be a real cracker for the fans.

Consider then how the top of the table might read if Rangers can beat Hibs, Thistle and Celtic.

Difficult

Aberdeen, second in the race at the moment, could go in front, Hibs could drop back and Rangers could tuck themselves neatly in the slip-stream of Celtic.

All eventualities, of course, are qualified by 'could' and while Rangers know how great a favour they could do themselves by ringing up three successes at this half-way stage, they also know how difficult it will be to do so.

Hibs present tough opposition indeed for a start. In this match last season Rangers went down by 3-2.

And remember that Hibs are a better team now than they were then, although the same can also be said of Rangers.

Under Eddie Turnbull, they seem to have found a bit more consistency to add to their undoubted talent. A bit more fire too.

And you can bet they'll be belching flames when they face Rangers, for Mr Turnbull takes great delight in knocking the big boys.

Charged

Perhaps any year until this one Rangers might have felt fairly confident of a success against Partick Thistle at Ibrox.

But they will certainly treat them with great respect and caution on New Year's Day.

Thistle gave the Ibrox side an unhappy start to the current League programme by beating them 4-3 at Firhill.

Did not Thistle blast the bookie's odds to the clouds when they charged past Celtic in the Final of the League Cup?

Any team with results like that behind them cannot be treated lightly!

Although Partick are not in the Championship race they could well be challenging for a 'Team of the Year' award, if

No 'News' next week

THE 'Rangers News' will not be published next week, but will be back with a bang in the first week of the New Year on Wednesday, January 5, with exclusive pictures and stories of all the big-time Ne'erday news.

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there was such a one going, at the season's end.

They are riddled with talent, from goalkeeper Alan Rough right through to strikers Frank Coulston and Jimmy Bone (who once confessed to being Rangers-dart), and left winger Bobby Lawrie.

Revenge

Their manager, Davie McParland has certainly welded them together well and he will be hoping they can add to their prestige at Ibrox.

And so Rangers come face to face once more with their greatest rivals, Celtic.

What can be said about a game which rarely goes the way it is expected to go? To use a cliché, 'form doesn't mean a thing' when these sides confront each other?

Safe to say then that Rangers will be looking for revenge over Celtic for the results they suffered against them at the beginning of this term.

Safe to say also they will be looking for their third win in three holiday matches, which could well alter the positioning of the League pace-makers.

FOR the information of Rangers Social Club members, the new licensing hours of the Club are as follows —

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It should be noted also that in the terms of the Licensing Act, no excisable liquor will be served on weekdays and Sundays after 2.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

In the evenings, however, drinks will be served with meals between 10-11 p.m.



★ You just can't beat Christmas with the family around you . . . WILLIE HENDERSON will testify to that. And here, the wee Ibrox winger, his wife Mary, daughter NATALIELLE (aged 1½), sons GARY (4) and SCOTT (8) pose for the 'News' beside their Christmas tree. And you can bet Willie will make sure there are a few presents at the foot of that tree come Saturday morning!

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WHAT a Christmas present! Three lucky Rangers fans get a great festive boost by winning around £2,700 each in Pool 1 this week in Rangers Pools.

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If you want to become a Pools agent turn to Page 11 for the coupon.

Attention All Clubs!

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THE PAGE FOR YOUNG FANS



WHICH CLUB DOES PELE PLAY FOR?

- 1-Dinamo Zagreb are a well-known European team. Which country do they come from?
2-Which English teams played in this season's European Union Cup?
3-Who is the manager of Dundee Utd?
4-Which two Scottish clubs have not lost a goal at home in this season's European competitions?
5-When did Willie Johnston play for Scotland against Poland?
6-Which Scottish team recently decided to revert to part-time football?

LIGHT BLUE QUIZ

- 7-By what nickname is Colin Jackson known?
8-Which Second Division club play at Cliftonhill?
9-Which Swedish team beat Chelsea in the European Cup Winners Cup?
10-What was the score in the last meeting between Scotland and England at Hampden Park?
11-Which teams have Rangers beaten in this season's European Cup-Winners Cup?
12-What relation is Hamilton Accies boss Ronnie Simpson to ex-Rangers defender Jimmy Simpson?
13-Which clubs recently shared 11 goals in a Scottish league Div. One match?
14-Which club side does Pele play for?
15-Which Second Division side play in maroon jerseys?

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

PEN PAL SPOT

KENNETH HAMILTON (18), 64 Machrie Dr., Castlemilk, Glasgow S.5. Would like female pen pal of same age. Hobbies - Football, dancing and pop music. Favourite players - Willie Johnston, Sandy Jardine and Ailie Conn.

RUARDIGH MACDONALD (11), 20 Bonve, Skebast Bridge, Portree, Sliye. Hobbies - Football, swimming and pop music. Favourite players - Derek Johnston, Ailie Conn, Colin Stein and Ron McKinnon.

MICHAEL COLLINS (16), 116 Shadwell Road, North End, Portmouth, North. Hobbies - Football, dancing and music. Favourite players - Sandy Jardine, Dave Smith, Willie Johnston and Graham Fyfe. I would like a female pen pal in the 15-18 age group.



The "Black Pearl" of Brazil, PELE, in a challenge with England keeper GORDON BANKS. See question 14.

Jock Wallace's Coaching Corner

The best defence for Free Kicks . .

EVERY club devotes time in training to working out various scoring moves from direct free kicks in front of goal.

So when a 'free' is given during a game the situation becomes a battle of wits between the attacking and defending teams.

The defending team, however, should be in little danger of conceding a goal if they line themselves up properly.

Here's how this can be done.

FOR A FREE-KICK TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT OF GOAL: The defending team should form a line of about four men angled between the ball and the NEAR post, overlapping that post by about a yard.

The space between the end of the line and the far post is covered by the goalkeeper.

This means that, with a straight shot, the attacking team cannot see the space at the near post. So they must go for the far post.

But because of the greater distance the goalkeeper, positioned at the far post, has plenty time to get the ball.

That's the basic formation for a defence at a 'free' to right or left of goal.

But just in case the attacking team try a side pass for somebody to run on to or a lob over the 'wall' the defending team must also position players to the goal-side of their wall and behind it.



PIC 1-The defensive wall as formed when a free-kick is awarded to the left of goal. The defenders block the way to the near post and the goalkeeper covers the far post.



PIC 2-The cover formation for a 'free' in front of goal. Not one wall but two, covering both sides of the goal, with the goalkeeper guarding the gap in the middle.

FOR A FREE-KICK DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF GOAL: In this situation I'm a great believer in having two walls. One covering either side of the goal with the keeper covering the gap in the middle.

And any other spare men can be dotted about in space to combat any 'tricky' moves the opposition may try.

Note: The man responsible for forming defensive walls should be the goalkeeper. Because he's right at the back he is in the best position to judge the situation.

And whatever line-up he advocates is a WRONG one if he cannot see the ball.

He must be able to see the kicker or else he might easily be caught out.

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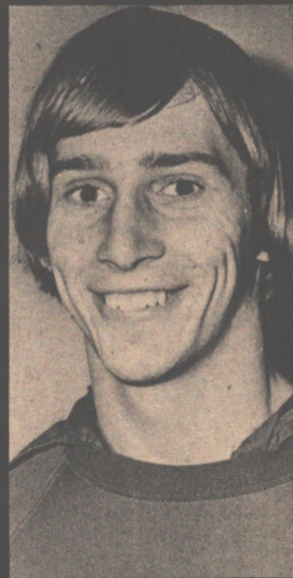


DEAR RONNIE McKINNON. Do you think your leg break will affect your future in football? - Richard Sinclair, Priesthill, Glasgow.

★ Do YOU have any questions you'd like to ask your favourite Rangers players. If you have, then don't waste any time. Get that pen and paper out and write to: 'Shoot to the Stars', Rangers News, 104 West George St., Glasgow, 92 1PS.



DEAR WILLIE HENDERSON. Do you like playing on the right wing or would you rather play in another position? - Ian Donnelly, Dalmellington. I'm quite happy to play on the right wing, Ian, and happier still when I'm playing well.



DEAR TOM ALEXANDER. Do you have a brother who plays with Rangers? I say you do, and my friend says you don't. - David Robertson, Ayr. I DID have a brother at Ibrox, David, Dillon's his name, but he left the club at the end of last season.



DEAR COLIN STEIN. Have you always been a centre-forward? - Gordon Walker, Irvine, Ayrshire. No, Gordon, I've played several defensive positions in my time. When I was at school I played at centre-half, then became a wing-half with Broxburn Strollers. Then when I moved on to Armadale Thistle, it was as a left-back. Only when somebody was injured did I become a centre, and I've been there ever since.

PROGRAMMES

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Tommy nearly 'signed away' his Ibrox chance . . .

ACE RANGER- THANKS TO HIS EAGLE EYE!

WHEN the conversation gets around to great Rangers of the past the name Tommy Muirhead inevitably crops up.

The older fans remember him as a player of great versatility, imagination, style between the years 1917 and 1930 and the 'New Era' so eloquently says of him . . . 'with the subtlety and flair of the natural footballer he etched his personality on the turf of many fields at home and abroad'.

Yet the same Tommy might never have become a Rangers player had it not been for his eagle eye.

He remembers, "I had signed for Hibs as an amateur midway through a season and come the beginning of the new season I went to see the manager about signing on again.

"He pushed a contract in front of me and said, 'Sign here, Tommy'. I picked up the pen and as I was about to write out my signature I spotted the words at the top of the paper.

"It was in fact a professional form I had in front of me, not an amateur one, and I quickly pointed out the fact to the manager. Duly an amateur form was produced.

"I believe if I had signed that professional form it might have altered the whole future for me."

By that Tommy means that, as a pro he would not have been free to move when he fancied. But as it turned out he was free, and willing, to move a few months later when Rangers pulled him into Ibrox.

War wounds

The Ibrox club had probably got interested in Tommy about a year before — 1916. Then stationed in Dunfermline with the Argylls he played alongside Ranger Scot Duncan for an Army Select against Scotland and was introduced to the then Ibrox trainer, Bill Struth.

Following his transfer from Hibs to Rangers Tommy played only a handful of matches before he went to Trinity College, Oxford, to take a commission. Then, as a lieutenant, he was posted to France — from where he almost never returned.

Says Tommy, gently smoothing his hand over the back of his head, "During one battle shrapnel pierced my helmet and some pieces are still lodged in my skull."

As a result of his war wounds Tommy was duly invalided out of service but they did not prevent him picking up his career at Ibrox in season 1919-20.

And going on to etch his name in the annals of Ibrox.

Although he had signed for Rangers as an inside-forward it was as a left-half he really came through, in a team much quoted by the older generation.

It was: Robb; Manderson, McCandless; Meiklejohn, Dixon, Muirhead; Archibald, Cunningham, Henderson, Cairns and Morton. (It should be said at this point that when Tommy was asked to quote the team of the day, he didn't even mention himself. Modestly, he named Walls at left-half!)

Looking back on that side, Tommy enthuses greatly over many of its members.

"Manderson and McCandless were a fine pair of full-backs," says he. "Both Irishmen but of contrasting styles. Manderson was very fast while McCandless was more studied, always in control.

"And there was Davie Meiklejohn, a great player. He was right-half then and I suppose he really made his name later on at centre-half.

"But at centre-half then was Arthur Dixon, an Englishman, and what a player he was. Not a footballer but a man of great heart and strength although he was not particularly big. An excellent player to have in your side."

Then Tommy goes on to talk about the late Alan Morton, a person he obviously respected and admired a great deal.

"A fine little chap, Alan, and a terrific footballer," says he. "He was so fast and everything he did was timed to perfection. He was the complete contrast to another outside-left Rangers had then called Doctor Paterson.

"The Doc was also a very clever player but he gave opponents time to recover after he had beaten them. Not

so Alan. Once he was past his man he was away."

Came 1924 and Tommy Muirhead dropped a bombshell at Ibrox. He announced he was emigrating to America to start up a team in Boston. And he went through with it.

"It was midway through that season an old Army friend of mine contacted me and asked if I could recommend anyone in Scotland who might be interested in going out to begin this team in Boston.

"I thought and thought about it and eventually wrote back and said, 'What about myself'. You see, I'd been at Ibrox a while and thought it would be a good experience.

"So I was taken up on my offer. I went in to see Bill (Struth) and said I wouldn't be re-signing at the season's end. That I was going to America. He looked at me and said, 'Get out. Away with you'. He didn't believe my story.

Memorable triumph

"But sure enough when it came to re-signing time I said to Bill, 'Now I told you months ago that I was going to America'. And so I went."

Tommy quickly began his duties in Boston, gathering players around him, and very soon he had established a good side who did quite well in their first season.

Then came the end of that season and Tommy decided to come home to Scotland for a holiday.

"The first thing I did when I got back was go to Ibrox to look up some of the boys," says he. "Then Bill called me in one day.

"He asked me if I would come back as a player and I said that I could hardly do that. I had an obligation towards the folk in America who had treated me so well.

"But Bill made the point that I had done what I was asked to do — start up a team — and eventually he talked me into staying.

• 'Rangers News' brings you No. 6 in a series of articles on some of the great Ibrox names of the past . . . their deeds, their disappointments, the games they remember most, and what they are doing now. This week TOMMY MUIRHEAD talks about his playing days at Ibrox.

"My American association ended, however, in the most amicable way. Some time later, when I was a member of a Scottish touring party to America, I went back to Boston to look up my friends."

So, a year after leaving the Ibrox fold Tommy had returned to it. And at a great time, too. Things were on the boil at Ibrox.

Duly came the occasion of one of their most memorable triumphs — the winning of the Scottish Cup in 1928, for the first time in 25 years. But, tragically, Tommy missed that match against Celtic, which ended in a 4-0 win, through a knee injury.

"You can imagine my disappointment at missing that game," says Tommy. "At last the Scottish Cup bogey was laid, after all those years and I was out through injury."

"I don't know what went wrong with us in the Scottish Cup before then. We could win everything else but there was just something about the 'Scottish' which made it so elusive."

Tommy did not have to wait long, however, for the chance to win his Scottish Cup badge. The next season, Rangers lined up against Kilmarnock in the Final — and lost! Imagine again his disappointment!

Tommy Muirhead retired from Rangers in 1930 and duly took up a career as a manager, first with St. Johnstone, then with Preston, before he settled as a leading sports journalist with a Scottish daily paper.

Remembering Bill Struth, Tommy who is 74 and living in Helensburgh, says, "He was a wonderful man. He had such a great personality that enabled him to control people so well. But there were so many wonderful folk at Ibrox then."



• TOMMY MUIRHEAD and his pet Scottie pictured in his Helensburgh home.

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• TOMMY MUIRHEAD (front row) pictured with his teammates on the 1927 American tour. Back row — J. Simpson (Rangers), Patsy Gallacher (Celtic), Tom Scott (Falkirk), Morrison (St. Mirren), Adam McLean (Celtic), W. McStay (Celtic) and T. Swallow (St. Johnstone). Middle row — Danny Blair (Clyde), T. Craig (Rangers), J. McStay (Celtic), T. Cunningham (Rangers), Munro (St. Johnstone), T. Hamilton (Rangers), J. Buchanan (Rangers). Front row — Muirhead, J. Hunter (Falkirk), J. Phillips, W. McIntosh, J.P., R. Campbell, T. M. Colquhoun (all S.F.A. officials), E. McGarrie (Dundee), trainer, and W. Cook (Dundee).



TOMMY GIVES 'EM TONIC!

'NEWS' MATCH SLANT



THIS was just the kind of performance the Ibrox fans must have been hoping for on the eve of the hectic holiday programme. Here we had Rangers chalking up an easy, almost effortless win, in which they scored three times, and might well have doubled the total.

In fact, **THREE GOALS WERE CHALKED OFF** and Rangers hit the woodwork on two other occasions.

And best of all, this was the day when wee **TOMMY McLEAN** showed what a wonderful weapon he could be in the Light Blues' fight to capture major trophies this season.

He had a hand in all three goals, especially the third, where he set up the scoring chance for **GRAHAM FYFE** with a superb through pass.

And one of those shots which hit the Airdrie woodwork after the interval was a fabulous 20-yarder from wee Tommy.

Here too, we saw further proof of the versatility of the current Ibrox squad.

After wee **WILLIE HENDERSON** came on for **BILLY MATHIESON** in the last 30 minutes **ALEX**

MacDONALD was a stand-out when moved to left back.

Rangers faded somewhat after the interval, but this was hardly surprising as the game was already won.

COLIN STEIN had opened the scoring from a McLean pass in two minutes. In 33 minutes **SANDY JARDINE** smacked home the second from the penalty spot, and Fyfe's goal came 4 minutes later.

RANGERS — McCloy; Jardine, Mathieson (Henderson), Greig, Jackson, Smith, McLean, Conn, Stein, Fyfe, MacDonald.

AIRDRIE — McKenzie; Jonquin, Clarke, Menzies, Delaney, Whiteford, Wilson, McKay, Busby, Jarvie, Cowan.

Referee — I. M. D. Foote, Glasgow.

● ABOVE: Centre forward **COLIN STEIN** rounds a dejected-looking Airdrie keeper **RODDY McKENZIE** from a Tommy McLean through pass to put the Light Blues 1-0 up after only 2 minutes.



● RIGHT: Right back **SANDY JARDINE** is right up there to demonstrate the perfect penalty, as he sends Airdrie 'keeper McKenzie the wrong way to put Rangers two up.



● BELOW: **ALEX McDONALD** slips the ball past **McKENZIE** as **MENZIES** looks on, but the ball scraped narrowly past the post.



● BELOW RIGHT: Ibrox skipper **JOHN GREIG** (extreme left) races on to a loose ball and smacks it home, but he was ruled offside. **GRAHAM FYFE** (on the ground) keeper **McKENZIE**, fullback **CLARKE**, and **COLIN STEIN** look on.





A XMAS

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT CHRISTMAS CONTEST!



● COLIN STEIN again. This time he volleys the ball into the net as GRAHAM FYFE and keeper McKenzie look on, but the goal was disallowed.



● Airdrie keeper McKenzie makes a fantastic leap to save a JOHN GREIG thunder-bolt.



● Mr. Ken Russell (left), Sales Manager of 'Rangers News,' and Mr. Sandy Messor, Senior Representative of Rothmans, with just some of the entries to the Christmas competition.

ONE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN! What a fantastic entry to the "Rangers News" — Rothman's Christmas hamper competition.

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John A. Urquhart, 69 Dochfour Drive, INVERNESS.

We have no doubt they will have a very Merry Christmas!

The correct solution to the competition was:— A-Willie Johnston. B-Tommy McLean. C-John Greig.



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OUR TRIBUTE TO TWO GREAT

ALAN MORTON — HIS GREATNESS

by
WILLIE WADDELL

ALAN MORTON was a wonderful little man and a great colleague. He was also the best left-winger I've ever seen.

He was completely two-footed, speedy along the line, and plucky. Altogether he was a delight to play with.

Although I was inside-right in the Rangers team I played inside-left to Alan on, I think, four occasions for Scotland.

You always knew where to find him. He had great intuition. Any time I had the ball he knew where I was going to send it. Right to the corner flag and he would be there.

Alan was famed for his crosses. It's difficult to describe them. They took the most deceptive swerve and inevitably dropped behind the goalkeeper.

How much Alan intended them to happen that way I don't know.

I remember we asked him out on to the field for a demonstration of one of his crosses and he couldn't do it!

Alan was quite a wit, too, you know. A full-

● **ANDY CUNNINGHAM** a fellow player and admirer of Alan Morton's, pays his tribute to the 'Wee Blue Devil.'

back, whom Alan had been giving the run-around, said to him — 'You little so-and-so, I'll kill you for that,' when Alan beat him once more, and Alan replied — 'Where do you bury yer deid yins?'

Alan was also a true Ranger. He never harped back about his Queen's Park days.

It wasn't long after his signing that the Ibrox crowd completely adopted him, but there was never any animosity between Alan and the rest of the players because of this "worship".

I really regret Alan's passing. He was a good Ranger and a grand little man.

I say little man. He was that, but he was strong with it. He could take punishment although perhaps he didn't take a lot because he seemed to be able to anticipate it and avoid it.

I can still picture Alan Morton coming into the dressing room at Ibrox and quietly sit on the seat beside me as I stripped to play my first game for Rangers.

I was nervous. I could scarcely tie my bootlaces. My tummy was rumbling like Niagara Falls. I needed someone to talk to me.

But Alan Morton, of all people! I knew him by sight as a Rangers director. I knew of him, of course, by reputation as the greatest Scottish winger of all time.

If there was anyone I would rather not have seen at that time it was "The Wee Blue Devil."

The thoughts raced through my head. How could I, a young whippersnapper of 17, ever hope to do the things that Alan Morton had done for Rangers.

At ease

How could I compare with him. What will he think of me on that right wing. Will he make comparisons with his own play? I was going dizzy with these thoughts.

But that was when the real greatness of Alan

★ **ALAN MORTON** . . . the 'Wee Blue Devil', a shining example for every footballer . . .



Morton shone through like a beacon. For Mr Morton did not talk to me like one player trying to give instructions to another.

Oh, no. In two short sentences he set me completely at ease.

"Son," he called me. I can hear the words as though it were just yesterday.

"Son," he said, "the greatest sight on a football field is a winger flying up the wing past a full back. You've got speed. Give that Rangers crowd out there a treat."

And as he rose to go, he added — "Just enjoy yourself as I did here for

many, many years. Good luck!"

That was the tranquilliser I needed. No more. And over the years that I played while he was a director he never once again gave me any advice.

Once in a while he would just come up quietly and whisper — "Remember what I told you that first day? Never forget it."

That was the Morton way. Not once did he ever give the impression that he was the example for all who came after. Never did any player feel that Mr Morton was hanging over their head like a vulture.

It was rather a unique characteristic, for ex-players are inclined to be harsh critics once their careers are over.

Fortunate

But Rangers were very fortunate in this respect for our present director Mr George Brown, like Alan Morton, is of exactly the same mould. Mr Brown is very balanced in his ideas, always fair and considerate.

I very much regret that I did not see Alan Morton play, but I know just what a fabulous performer he must have been.

For in my early days I played with some of the greats who had been in the team with him. Men like **DAVIE MEIKLEJOHN**, **BOB McPHAIL** and **GEORGE BROWN**.

He must have been quite a player to have been such a big star beside these men.

Rangers and Alan Morton were synonymous. And I only hope that I can rear

some young players at Ibrox in the mould of Alan Morton.

He is a shining example for every footballer.

The Morton Record . . .

● **MEDALS** — League Championship 9, Scottish Cup 3, Glasgow Cup 7, Charity Cup 8, Airdrie Schools 2, Stirlingshire Juvenile Cup 1, Scottish Amateur League 1, Ayrshire Charity Cup 2, Belgian War Relief Fund 3, Lord Provost's Relief Fund 1, Scotland v England (for the Engineers' Benevolent Association) 1, International Caps 31, League Caps 13.

	Matches	Goals
1920-21	50	9
1921-22	44	9
1922-23	43	5
1923-24	43	9
1924-25	48	10
1925-26	34	5
1926-27	41	16
1927-28	44	15
1928-29	47	20
1929-30	34	5
1930-31	39	9
1931-32	21	0
1932-33	7	3
Total	495	115

● **CAPS** for Scotland v. England in 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932. (11).

He appeared on the winning side six times and on the losing side only once. The other four matches were drawn.

For Scotland v. Wales in 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932. (10). He appeared on the winning side six times, and on the losing side only once. Three of those games were drawn.

For Scotland v. Ireland in 1920, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. (9). He appeared on the winning side eight times and on the losing side only once. One of these matches was drawn.

For Scotland v. France in 1932. Scotland won 3-1.

● **LEAGUE CAPS** — For the Scottish League v. the English League in 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930 and 1932. (11). He appeared on the winning side only twice. Two games were drawn and seven lost.

For the Scottish League v. the Irish League in 1920 and 1925 (2). Both games were won.



One of the great sides in which Alan Morton (front row, third from the right) played. Here they are pictured with the Scottish League flag, the Glasgow Cup, The Charity Cup and the Second XI Cup all won in season 1924-25. The group shows (back row, left to right): Directors Duncan Graham, W. G. Small, John McPherson, Joseph Buchanan (Chairman), James Bowie, W. R. Simpson (Secretary). Middle: Archibald, Henderson, Manderson, Robb, Craig, Cunningham, Dixon, Meiklejohn. Front: W. Struth (manager), McCandless, Muirhead, Cairns, Morton, Jamieson, G. T. Livingston (trainer).



RANGERS ...

TORRY GILLICK

— MY FRIEND

If he told me once he told me a thousand times — "I kept you in the game ten years longer than you would have been. Get down on your knees and thank God you played in the same era as Gillick!"

Naturally enough the reply he got was in a similar vein — "You got ten years longer in the game after you met me. You were finished if it hadn't been for me. Nobody had ever heard of you!"

That was the kind of banter there was between Gillick and Waddell. But our relationship was much deeper than that,

by
WILLIE WADDELL

an understanding and mutual respect for each other that time could never erase or break. Both on and off the field.

Why even on Saturday nights I couldn't get clear of him. As if I hadn't had enough of him for ninety minutes on the field earlier in the day!

Every Saturday night for years he would appear at our door with his wife Molly. Around eleven o'clock he turned up "Just in for a chaff," he would say. "And we'll be staying for a while for I've got my house slippers on." This was the side of Torry Gillick few people knew. He belied his looks. He was a friendly wee fellow, full of character ... and how he loved to talk and tell his stories.

He could sit for hours on end as he did every Saturday night and repeat the same wonderful stories about that great England and Everton centre forward Dixie Deans and big Jimmy Smith of Rangers, and each time we felt as though we were hearing them for the first time.

He used to love recalling how he told big Jimmy — "Hey Smithie, you and me are at the wrong game. We could have made a fortune together on the stage. Me as the manager promoting you. We could have filled the Empire Theatre!"

Like Torry, Jimmy Smith was one of the great characters of the game.

The Gillick anecdotes on the football personalities of his era were legendary. Once started you just couldn't get him stopped.

And he wouldn't leave until he had told my wife, Hilda, to get the soup pot on for his supper about two o'clock in the morning.

Gillick was a man of many parts and as every footballer lover knows, not the least of his talents was playing football.

Torry was one of the "greats". I never ever expressed that opinion to him, of course. But now I write it without reservation.

Yet to look at him you would never believe it. As I used to tell him he had play feet like Charlie Chaplin. In civvies he shaughelled around.

But give him a ball at his feet — he never worked very hard to get it — and he was in a class of his own.



PICTURE BY COURTESY OF THE 'EVENING TIMES'

★ **TORRY GILLICK ... he could recall a situation, move by move, many months after the game.**

He could size up the situation in a flash and do in one move what others took three to do.

As he pinpointed a pass inside the back for me he would shout "Get, and now it's up to you."

More often than not he got back the retort, "Do you think it's one of your greyhounds that's playing at outside right. You should be able to judge the passes better than that."

But he always had the last word. And more often than not it was "I'll see that Mr Struth gets another outside right next week!"

Every match we played together it was the same. We were like cat and dog.

But Gillick and Waddell never "fell out". Not once.

"We had an understanding. Playing for each other. And more important of all ... playing for Rangers."

Quite often he popped in at Ibrox after I returned as manager, even although he was not a regular attendee at the games.

He knew well the road upstairs to the manager's office.

For in his playing years he was more often in Mr Struth's office than all the other players put together.

And it was not an unusual occurrence to see Mr Struth at the head of the stair waving his stick, as Torry hurried down, shouting — "And don't let me see you up here for another month Mr Gillick."

But Bill Struth had a great love for Torry Gillick. As had all who knew him.

Gillick as much as everyone fitted to a tee that old cliché, "He had a football brain." He could talk the game till the cows came home.

Gillick could recall a situation move by move many months after an incident had happened.

And it was his long memory for play and players that pulled out one of the best Gillick stories.

And I know that the person involved will not object to it being told.

Whenever Rangers met Morton there always was a head on collision between left back Andy Fyfe and wing-half Jimmy Whyte (father of the present Kilmarnock full back) and Waddell and Gillick. To each other we were like red rags to a bull.

The fixtures had it that Rangers were due to play at Cappielow in a league match the week before a very important Cup-tie.

Gillick was worried that if he played against Morton there was the possibility that he could get knocked about and be unfit for the cup match.

So he talked Mr Struth into playing him in the reserves against Morton at Ibrox; so that he would be fit for the Cup.

You can imagine Gillick's face when he ran out at Ibrox and discovered that Jimmy Whyte had been dropped from the Morton first team and was his immediate opponent in the reserves.

But that is only one of a million stories in the life of Torry Gillick the footballer. And none of them will be forgotten at Ibrox.

It was a football treat to play side by side with him over the years. He was easy to play with. He was a craftsman. And like all great craftsmen he made his job look easy.

If a pass was on he made the pass. I never had to wait and wonder what he was going to do with the ball. His sense of judgment was developed to a high degree.

What he lacked in physical strength he more than made up with in craft. But probably his greatest football asset was his quick football brain. And this flash thinking added to the deceptive natural pace he had.

This often gave him yards over opponents. He was exceptionally quick over the first ten yards.

And these are the very vital distances in football.

Football was good to me. So too, was Torry Gillick ... as a fellow player and most important of all as a great friend.

The Gillick Record ...

• Torry Gillick played in five full internationals between 1937 and 1939 and in three League internationals between 1947 and 1948. He was never once on the losing side.

Full internationals — v. Austria (1937, 1-1), v. Czechoslovakia (1937, 3-1), v. Hungary (1939, 3-1), v. Wales (1939, 3-2), v. Ireland (1939, 2-0).

League caps — v. Irish League. (1947, 7-4), (1948, 3-0) and v. English League, (1948, 1-1).

BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL



• STAN ANDERSON attends to WILLIE JOHNSTON'S injured ankle.

RANGERS Reserves bounced back after a couple of defeats with a fine 3-1 victory over Airdrie's second string at Broomfield last week.

The Ibrox team, with trialists at centre-half and left-half, played some fine football, according to trainer Stan Anderson, and thoroughly deserved their result.

After losing Willie Johnston early on with an ankle injury Rangers swept into the lead in 35 minutes with a goal by GRAHAM FYFE.

Iain McDonald, who had an excellent first-half, laid on the chance. He carried the ball from the half-way line past his opponent and crossed for Graham to steer the ball into the net.

So it was at half-time — 1-0 Rangers — and with the wind now at their backs, the Light Blues scored a second goal in 64 minutes.

Actually it was an own goal by McKinlay but the credit went to DEREK

RESERVE FOCUS

PARLANE, Willie Johnston's replacement, who hustled him into making his mistake.

Eight minutes later full-back ALEX MILLER scored a spectacular third goal for Rangers. Tearing through on the outside he worked a quick one-two with Fyfe and rifled a shot into the net.

One minute from time Airdrie's perseverance was rewarded when they scored through Malcolmson.

Altogether it was a satisfactory outing for the Rangers side and as Stan Anderson adds, "The win gave the lads a nice boost after a couple of not-so-good results."

The Rangers team was: Neef; Denny, Miller; Jackson, Newman, A. N. Other; Penman, Conn, Fyfe, W. Johnston, I. McDonald. Sub: Parlane.



• GRAHAM FYFE beats 'keeper GOULLAY for Rangers' first goal.



• DEREK PARLANE shoots for goal past an Airdrie defender.



JOCK'S RIGHT! IT'S PETER THE GREAT

THE 'NEWS' READERS WRITE IN!

★ Let's hear from you on any topic. Just drop a line to The Editor, 'Rangers News', 104 West George St., Glasgow, G2 1PS.



● PETER McCLOY . . . filled his defence with confidence.

I COULDN'T help smiling when, in one of the early 'Rangers News' editions, I read Jack Wallace saying that Peter McCloy would become better than that great Russian goalkeeper, Lev Yashin, in time.

Jock's comment struck me as pure propaganda. Like he was doing a sales promotion job in behalf of Peter McCloy.

I've since changed my opinion, however. I now believe that Jock Wallace might be right after all. For Peter McCloy, in recent matches, has looked a terrific player.

He has been in command of every situation. He seems to have filled his defence with confidence. And some of the saves he has made . . . For a big fellow he amazes me the way he can get to the low balls so quickly.

I would say that if Peter continues to improve he will, with the help of Scottish team boss Tommy Docherty, come to be recognised as one of the greats. Just as good as Yashin! — S. Thorburn, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

The other Penman

CAN you settle an argument I have had with an English friend.

In the 'Rothman's Year Book', under Swindon Town, it says 'A. Penman, transferred to Glasgow Rangers 1968-69.' I say this book is wrong.

Surely Rangers swapped George McLean for Andy Penman, who has never been with Swindon. He had a short spell with Everton before joining Dundee. — James Morton 6 Blane Terrace, Rothesay.

*** You are quite right, James but on checking the latest Year Book, we see that this mistake doesn't appear.

Perhaps the confusion surrounds Willie Penman, a former Ranger, who was with Swindon until recently. He's now with Walsall.

Dance success

I WOULD like to thank Rangers Football Club through the 'News', for letting GEORGE DONALDSON and IAIN McDONALD attend our first dinner-dance. It was a huge success and the two players 'went down a bomb.' — Peter Moffat, Social Convenor, Alfie Conn Rangers Supporters Club.



● DEREK GRIERSON, Rangers forward of the 50's, at work as a teacher. See letter below.

VERSATILE DEREK

— and it's no surprise at Ibrox

CENTRE-FORWARD, centre-half . . . everybody, it seems, has been surprised by the versatility of young Derek Johnstone. Everybody, that is, except those at Ibrox INCLUDING Derek Johnstone.

For the Dundee lad has found himself shuttling between the two positions before. IN A NUTSHELL, THE CENTRE-HALF POSITION WAS NOTHING NEW TO HIM.

Says Derek, "When I was at Linlathen Junior Secondary in Dundee I quite often found myself at centre one week and centre-half the next.

"It all depended on the opposition where I played. I think the general rule was that if the opposing centre-forward was a big fellow then I played at centre-half.

"So really I had a fair idea of what I had to do when I was switched to centre-half in the reserves a month or two back and later promoted to the first team.

"I had also benefited from practice matches. You know, sometimes Jock Wallace would stop a game and say to whoever was at centre-half 'Now you shouldn't do that or go out there' or whatever.

"Really, you just pick things up as you go along."

Having said that, was Derek not surprised when he was asked to fill in at pivot against Ayr United?

"I was and I wasn't," says he. "With Ronnie McKinnon and Colin Jackson both out I began wondering who the Boss could play. I thought maybe I had a chance since I had been at centre-half in the reserves and in practice.

"But, at the end of the day, I was a bit taken aback when I was actually told I was playing there against Ayr."

Whether or not Derek remains a centre-half is something for the manager to decide. And deciding might prove quite difficult.

For while the youngster has proved



● DEREK JOHNSTONE

he has talent for scoring goals the fact emerged during his four-game run at centre-half that he is a most able defender.

The record backs that up. Against Ayr, Clyde, Hapoel-Maccabi and Dunfermline, only one goal was conceded.

As a final thought . . . Where would Derek like to settle — centre-forward or centre-half?

Says he: "I don't mind. Whatever the Boss decides will suit me."

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Royal blue

WOULD you let me know when and why Rangers changed their Royal Blue strips to Light Blue?— Jim Lambe, 60 North Road, Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland.

*** They got a new-style jersey three seasons back— crew-necked with a crest on it — and while many thought it looked a shade lighter it is still officially classed as Royal Blue.

My teacher

WE have two teachers at our school, Crookston Castle, called DEREK GRIERSON and JOHNNY LITTLE. My dad says they were both great Rangers players. Is this true? — A girl pupil.

*** Your dad is right enough about Derek Grierson (pictured above with his class), who was a forward with Rangers in the '50's. But the teacher, JOHNNY LITTLE, is not the same Little who played full-back for Rangers.



SUPPORTERS CORNER

'Old-time' touch for the Fans' new Club

THE Rangers Supporters' Association Social Club may not be completed yet but already general secretary, DUNCAN PERRATT, has got a couple of 'unique' pieces of wall decoration lined up for his office.

NEXT WEEK'S POOLS LIST

THE following list of teams for Week 20 of the competition is comprised of matches played only on Monday, December 27. See bulletin for further details.

- 01 Scunthorpe, 02 Southend, 03 Nuneaton B., 04 Poole T., 05 Bangor, 06 Southampton, 07 Stoke C., 08 Preston, 09 Sheffield Wed., 10 Romford, 11 Shrewsbury T., 12 Swansea, 13 Stockport, 14 Workington, 15 Wimbledon, 16 Barry T., 17 Tottenham, 18 West Brom, 19 Swindon, 20 Watford, 21 Burton Alb., 22 Cliftonville, 23 Walsall, 24, Wrexham, 25 Barrow, 26 Brentford, 27 Dunstable Town, 28 Gloucester, 29 Coleraine, 30 Chelsea, 31 Everton, 32 Birmingham, 33 Burnley, 34 Ilkeston T., 35 Glentoran, 36 Bolton, 37 Brighton, 38 Cambridge, 39 Colchester, 40 Barnet, 41 Bath C., 42 Leeds, 43 Leicester, 44 Manchester C., 45 Hull, 46 Middlesbrough, 47 Bedford, 48 Linfield, 49 Bristol Rov., 50 Chesterfield, 51 Exeter, 52 Gillingham, 53 Dartford, 54 Dover, 55 Newcastle, 56 Nottingham F., 57 Millwall, 58 Norwich C., 59 Portadown, 60 Halifax, 61 Plymouth, 62 Newport Co., 63 Reading, 64 Hereford U., 65 Orient, 66 Rochdale, 67 Rotherham.

They are two old photographs he received recently from an elderly gentleman he met at the annual dance of the Burnbank Branch.

One is of the present Ibrox Stadium just after it was opened in season 1899-1900.

The other is of a team of that era showing such names as Speedie, R. G. Neil and manager William Wilton.

Says Mr Perratt — "They are quite fascinating pictures. The gentleman at Burnbank said he had been holding them for years, meaning to hand them over to the Supporters Association when they got some big place of their own.

"He felt that the new Social Club would be just the place for them to be hung. I will probably put them in my own office in the Club.

"The picture of the Stadium is of particular interest. It shows that the running track round the field was circular then, not oval.

"It also shows the old grandstand, which couldn't have held many people, and which collapsed in 1902."

OLD FIRM TICKETS...

Rangers 'ticket king' Kenny McFarlane would like to remind branches of the Supporters Clubs to apply as soon as possible, if they have not already done so, for their allocations for the Old Firm game at Parkhead on January 3.

The remainder of Rangers' allocation of tickets from Celtic have all been sold.

Your Club Notices

CLACHAN LOYAL: Bus for Easter Rd. 12.30. at usual place; Bus for Parkhead, Mon. Jan. 3. 2.0 at usual place.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus Sat. 12.0; Meet Mon. Brock Bowling Club; All dance ticket money to be paid as soon as possible.

FRYING PAN LOYAL: Bus for Easter Rd. 12.0 Blackie St; Visitors welcome.

GRANGEMOUTH: Dec. 11 — 200 club winning no, 101; Dec. 25. v Hibs, Falkirk 1.0, Elwynn 1.10. Jan. 1. v Partick, Elwynn 2 hrs. before k.o.; Jan. 3 v Celtic, Elwynn 2 hrs. before k.o.; Jan. 8. v Falkirk, Elwynn 1.0 and Falkirk 1.15

HOWE OF FIFE: Bus v Hibs leaves Abbey Garage, Newburgh at 12.30, Cycle Tavern, Auchtermuchty 12.45; New members welcome; No bus for Partick game; Names must be forward by Sat. for Celtic game; Meeting Mon. 27 at 7.30.

KINGSWAY: Bus for Edinburgh 12.30; Bus for Thistle game 2.15; Bus for Celtic game 1 1/4 hrs. before k.o.

BLANTYRE LOYAL: Bus leave Calder St. at the following time for the following games — Hibs 1.0; Partick Thistle; 2.0 and Celtic 1.30; Clear dues before Aberdeen game.

KIRKCALDY: Names for Celtic game; Bus leaves "Buccaneer" at 1.0 for Hibs game; 12.0 for Celtic.

Secretaries who wish their club notices to be carried in "Rangers News" must send them in no later than first post on the Saturday before publication.

JOHN GREIG LOYAL (MARYHILL): Bus Easter Rd., 12.30; Names and tickets for Celtic game; Merry Christmas to all our members and "News" readers.

REIDVALE: Bus Easter Rd., 12.45. Good Year Tyre Co., Reidvale St., Sat. Jan. 1, Bus 2 p.m. leaves Good Year Tyre Co.; Mon. 3, No bus to Parkhead.

HOLYTOWN: Forecast Pool, 11-12-71; Winning nos. £16, 2-40; Acc £20, 21-15-17.

HELEN ST. Bus Ibrox Garage 12; Ibrox Social Club 12.10; Jester 12.15. Seats non-members.

COWCADDENS: Easter Rd. bus leaves Wyndford 12.30; Subway Bar, 1 p.m., Non members welcome. Names for Aberdeen week-end.

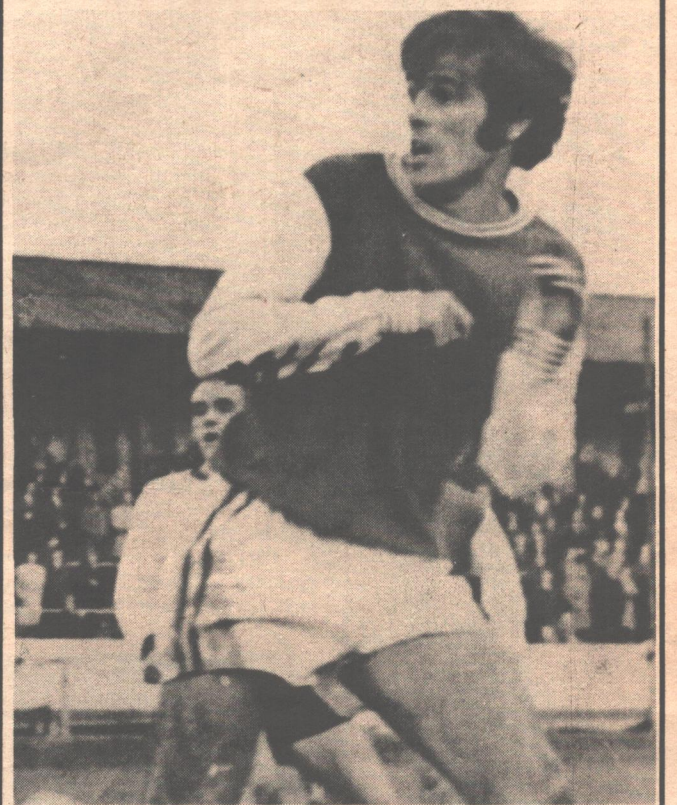
SWINTON LOYAL: Bus for Edinburgh two hours before K.O. Members return all raffle ticket money.

NITHSDALE: Bus v. Hibs leaves Clydedale at 12.15; New Regent bar at 12.30; Aberdeen arrangements to follow. Any members wishing to travel who have not already given names please contact J. A. Jeffrey at 041-427-3952. Dance on 4th. Feb. 4. Details later.

MY MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT

The Rangers Players talk about their most difficult opponents individually. This week ALFIE CONN tells why he finds Hibs. skipper PAT STANTON such a difficult opponent.

Alfie Conn picks PAT STANTON (HIBS)



Perhaps I haven't played against every team often enough to be able to say 'So and so' has caused me bother every time. That he's my most difficult opponent.

But going by my experience so far I would nominate PAT STANTON of Hibs as being the player who has given me the most trouble.

Pat's very difficult to play against. He reads every situation so well, and when he's in the midfield he marks very tightly. You just cannot get away from him.

Results, Scorers, League Tables ...

Scottish Cup—First Round

- BURNTISLAND 2 COLDSTREAM 0 (H.T. 0-0)
ELGIN C. 2 STENHSMUIR 0 (H.T. 0-0)
GALA F. 1 Q.O.S. 5 (H.T. 1-2)
QUEEN'S P. 2 E. STIRLING 1 (H.T. 1-1)
ST. CUTHBERT 0 BRECHIN 3 (H.T. 0-0)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. I

- ABERDEEN 3 DUNDEE UTD 0 (H.T. 1-0)
AYR 0 FALKIRK 3 (H.T. 0-0)

- CLYDE 2 DUNFERMLINE 1 (H.T. 1-0)
DUNDEE 2 KILMARNOCK 0 (H.T. 0-0)
EAST FIFE 2 ST JOHNSTONE 2 (H.T. 1-1)
HEARTS 0 PARTICK TH 0 (H.T. 0-0)
MORTON 1 HIBS 1 (H.T. 1-0)
RANGERS 3 AIRDRIE 0 (H.T. 3-0)
MOTHERWELL 1 CELTIC 5 (H.T. 1-4)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. II

- FORFAR 0 RAITH ROV 1 (H.T. 0-1)

- DUMBARTON 7 ALLOA 1 (H.T. 4-0)
ALBION ROV 0 ARBROATH 3 (H.T. 0-2)
STIRLING ALB 1 CLYDEBANK 1 (H.T. 0-0)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. I

Table with columns: P, W, D, L, Goals, F, A, Pts. Rows include Celtic, Aberdn, Hibs, Rangers, Hearts, Dundee, Partick, St Johns, Morton, Falkirk, Dndee U, Kilmrnck, Ayr, Motherwell, Clyde, Airdrie, E Fife, Dnfrmlne.

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE

- FALKIRK 0 AYR UNITED 6
KILMARNOCK 3 DUNDEE 1
PARTICK T. 1 HEARTS 3
ST. JOHNSTONE 3 EAST FIFE 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. II

Table with columns: P, W, D, L, Goals, F, A, Pts. Rows include Cwdbnth, St Mirr, Dumbrin, Arbroath, Stirling A, Q.O.S., Raith R, Strrae, On's Pk, Berwick, Albion R, Clydebnk, Alton, E Stirl, Alloa, Stnhsrn, Brechin, Forfar, Hamilton.

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RANGERS SIGN UP STAR

BABE...

—Thanks to tip-off on the Bonnie Banks!

THANKS to a chance meeting on yon bonny banks of Loch Lomond between the manager, Willie Waddell, and a Rangers fan the Ibrox club have beaten a host of others to sign a talented midfield player, PHILIP BONNEYMAN, of Anniesland Waverley.

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It was a few weeks back that Mr Waddell took a Sunday trip up to Luss to visit a friend. This friend introduced the manager to a Mr John Lobban, a Rangers fan.

Naturally, the conversation swung round to football and it was then Mr Lobban began to sing the praises of young Bonneyman, who he had spied in a game.

Mr Waddell jotted the name in his book and duly alerted assistant manager WILLIE THORNTON, who in turn sent a scout to watch Philip play.

Things happened quickly thereafter. Philip was pulled in to play in the



● PHILIP BONNEYMAN

S. form boys' trial a couple of Sundays back, then he turned out against Dunfermline reserves and last week against Airdrie reserves.

So well did he show up in all three matches Mr Thornton signed him BEFORE HE HAD GOT TIME TO HAVE A BATH AT BROOMFIELD!

Says Mr Thornton—"I had to move quickly. A few other clubs were represented at the game."

Philip Bonneyman, who is 17, and was listed as A.N. Other against Airdrie, has already been called up.

A second piece of

HERE IT IS . . . THE RANGERS SHOP!



● Well, here it is, the new Rangers shop! As you see there is quite a variety of items available already. In fact for Light Blue fans of all ages, there are 24 souvenirs in stock, from keyrings to tracksuits.

The shop, which is at the front of the Social Club, is open from 11.0-3.0 p.m. on matchdays, and during the week you can pop in between 9.0-5.0 p.m. In our picture, GRACE HENDERSON, who was on the Pools staff before moving to the Social Club, helps a customer to choose a Christmas present for some lucky youngster!

business was conducted after the Airdrie game. The other Rangers' trialist, centre-half 'Newman', known to his friends as Ian Thomson, of Port Rovers, was also signed.

Which, no doubt, was to the great disappointment of Aberdeen. They had been watching him for some time and had invited him to play against Dundee United reserves on Friday.

Ian, who is also 17, is to stay with his Port Glasgow team meantime.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Yugoslavia.
2. Wolves, Spurs and Leeds.
3. Jim McLean.
4. Celtic and St. Johnstone.
5. In a World Cup qualifying game at Hampden in 1966.
6. Kilmarnock.
7. "Bomber".
8. Albion Rovers.
9. Avitaberg.
10. 0-0.
11. Rennes (France) and Sporting Lisbon (Portugal).
12. His son.
13. Partick Th. and Motherwell.
14. Santos.
15. Arbroath.

Competition Winners for the the Ne'erday match...

THE six lucky Rangers fans who win free seats in the Stand in our 'New Year Competition' for the Light Blues' match with League Cup Champions Partick Thistle in the League at Ibrox on Saturday, January 1, are as follows:

- ALEX CLARK, 5 Mansefield Road, Eddeewood, Hamilton.
- JOHN LOVE, 13 Kelvin Way, Kilsyth.
- DAVID BENNETT, 14 Waukmill St., Carnwadric.
- DAVID THOMSON, 99 Kinghorn Dr., Glasgow.

● STEPHEN NICHOLSON, 36 St. Boswells Cres., Balgowie Estate, Paisley.

DOUGLAS McCOOL, 23 Balgair St., Glasgow.

They each receive two top Stand tickets for the match with Jags, which lets them bring along a friend to the game. It's sure to be a certain thriller.

Hope you enjoy the game, lads!

Solution to the competition was — JIM DONALDON (St. Johnstone).



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