



RANGERS NEWS



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Ibrox countdown after pre-season games...

WE'RE READY FOR CELTIC!

HERE we go again...poised on the threshold of a brand new season. And the chips are down for Rangers right from the first kick in 1971-72.

The Scottish League Cup ballot box ensured an explosive kick off when it paired two great rivals in the qualifying section.



● COLIN 'BOMBER' JACKSON

Spice was added when Rangers and our arch rivals Celtic were set up for the opening match.

Venue problems started the pot boiling early, but now that the dust has settled with the decision that both matches in the section will be played at Ibrox it's down to the real thing.

All the words and off-the-field problems will be forgotten at the first note of the referee's whistle on Saturday afternoon.

Rangers go right in at the deep end... in defence of the Scottish League Cup they won with a victory over their "Old Firm" rivals at Hampden last season.

Rangers players know they must start the brand new season on a high note — the challenge is crystal clear.

And Rangers are ready. The tough build-up in pre-season matches against Everton and Spurs can pay dividends at Ibrox on Saturday.

Manager WILLIE WADDELL deliberately set a course of hard games in the last few weeks because he wants his men ready for the hardest of them all — a Cup-tie against Celtic.

Tough opener

The gap between the two great sides narrowed dramatically last season — and now Rangers are better equipped than ever.

Not just for a tough opener against Celtic, but for a long tough season ahead in which EVERY game is a challenge.

Many of the "boys" proved they are now mature footballers on the recent trip to Sweden.

No longer can anyone be an automatic choice on reputation alone.

But this rivalry can only benefit the club. Players like COLIN JACKSON, ALFIE CONN, SANDY JARDINE, and new boy JIM DENNY have shown they can now shoulder responsibility.

And the two games against Celtic in the League Cup can only further sharpen this mood of competition at Ibrox.

Not that Rangers look on this section as merely a two-club race. The fact that four of the qualifying matches will be played at the Stadium will not bring any complacency. Ayr United and Morton are also worthy foes who cannot be underestimated.

But in this type of tournament, in which one mistake can be fatal, Rangers must get straight into the driving seat against their great rivals Celtic on Saturday.

Calling all season ticket holders....

FOR the attention of Rangers' season ticket holders. Tickets will be valid for the Glasgow Cup Final between Rangers and Clyde at the Stadium on Monday night, kick off 7.30.

The clubs tossed for venue of this hangover final from last season because Hampden Park is not available.

Rangers won—so the venue is Ibrox.

And for any Clyde fans who may be reading 'Rangers News'... Clyde stand season tickets will be valid and holders should enter by the Complimentary Ticket gate at the West End of the Stand.

Clyde ground season ticket holders enter by the Complimentary Enclosure gate.

A BRONZE TROPHY FOR EVERTON



● Mr JOHN LAWRENCE, Chairman of Rangers, presents Everton Vice-Chairman Mr HACKING, with a special souvenir to mark the meeting of the two clubs last Friday. The handsome trophy has a bronze stag mounted on a solid plinth with the inscription "Rangers F.C. v Everton F.C., Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, 6th August, 1971."

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● SANDY JARDINE

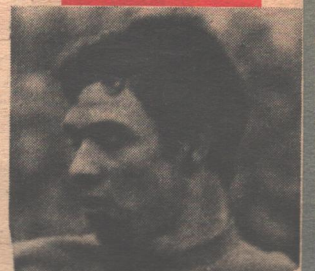
A Ranger for 6 months - and he didn't know

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Meet the man who finds the Ibrox stars

★ What Alan Ball says about 'Gers'

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Dave Smith's 'amazing' fightback



A WARM WELCOME FOR THE "NEWS"!

WE WERE WRONG!

We thought we had printed enough copies of the first issue of "Rangers News" to satisfy demands, but now we know better!

All over Scotland copies of the "News" were SOLD OUT within hours of shops opening.

In Glasgow itself, it was almost impossible to find a copy by lunchtime, and distributors John Menzies were bombarded with newsagents wanting extra supplies.

Mark you, we were not too surprised. Light Blue fans can usually sniff out a good thing and the "News" seems to have been rated a hit by everyone.

NATURALLY, WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO BE DISAPPOINTED AND THIS WEEK WE HAVE PRINTED THOUSANDS MORE COPIES.

The one sure way to be sure you will get "Rangers News" every week is to place a firm order with your newsagent.

FOR READERS WHO WANT TO DO THIS WE HAVE PRINTED A SPECIAL ORDER FORM ON THE BACK PAGE.

And remember, if there is something you want to see in "Rangers News"; a story you want to tell us; then write to The Editor, Rangers News, 104 West George St., Glasgow, C.2. or phone 041-332-2798/9

— Even a Celtic supporter says "It's Great . . ."

MAY I, a Celtic supporter, congratulate you on launching "Rangers News". It's a great club newspaper. I thoroughly enjoyed the action-packed stories, exciting features and wonderful photographs — they really were terrific. — John Brown, 4 Whitsun Road, Edinburgh.

WELL WORTH every penny! I found all the articles on Rangers very interesting and the photographs were super. Keep up the good work . . . and let's hope the team has the same quality every week too. — G. Robertson, 18 Balmoral Drive, Carmyle, Lanarkshire.

TERRIFIC! What a great new paper! Both the features and the pictures in particular are the best I've seen anywhere. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the first edition of the "Rangers News" — the best club newspaper of the lot. — Brian Potts, Kingsway Court, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

I WOULD like to congratulate "Rangers News" on a wonderful first edition. Apart from the fact that it is Rangers' official newspaper, it is well worth a 'bob'. Every success to the club and the "Rangers News" in the new season. — S. Hannah, Gen. Secy., John Greig Loyal Supporters Club.

THE WEE BLUE BOOK

GOT YOUR COPY OF THE "WEE BLUE BOOK" YET? IF NOT DON'T DELAY!

IT IS NOW ON SALE PRICED 5p.

IT'S A MUST FOR RANGERS FANS. IT'S SMALL AND CAN FIT EASILY INTO YOUR POCKET. BUT IT'S GOT 50 PAGES CRAMMED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB, THE PLAYERS, AND THE FIXTURES.

I'VE JUST finished reading the first edition of Rangers' official newspaper, "Rangers News" and I was so impressed with it I had to write and offer my sincere thanks. My friend, Mrs Carey, and I are great Rangers fans. Neither of us are teenagers and have never been to a football match in our lives. But I'll bet we both know more about Rangers than some who follow them every week.

Now, thanks to the "News", we can read ALL about our favourites. Best wishes to Rangers and the "News" in the new season. — Miss Anne Thomson, 10 Shaw Street, Glasgow.

DEREK'S DOUBLE



★ GOAL! Young Rangers centre DEREK JOHNSTONE beats Everton keeper GORDON WEST to the ball to put Rangers one up. It was the first of a great 'double' for the youngster.



★ New star TOMMY McLEAN rounds Everton's international full back KEITH NEWTON. McLean had an excellent game and his accurate passing gave the Everton men a lot of headaches.



SINKS THE MERSEY MEN

All-action 'Gers in Everton thriller

RANGERS kicked off the first game of the new season at Ibrox with a magnificent 2-1 victory against English First Division cracks Everton, the millionaire club of the South.

The super fitness and exciting football of the Light Blues had Everton reeling, especially in the first half.

Young DEREK JOHNSTONE, the boy with the flair for being in the right spot at the right time on big occasions, scored two fine goals — the second was a real beauty — to beat an Everton side with no fewer than six internationals on display.

They were more than unlucky not to be three up at the interval and only some fine goalkeeping by goalkeeper GORDON WEST kept the score down.

The near 50,000 crowd certainly got a taste of things to come, and new signing TOMMY McLEAN, in his first game at Ibrox, showed that his skill and accurate passing is going to help Rangers put a lot of defences in trouble this season.

A great start, this prestige win . . . with promise of exciting football ahead.



★ Above — ALFIE CONN beats HOWARD KENDALL and BRIAN LABONE to hammer in a piledriver.

★ Left — Rangers WILLIE JOHNSTON looks on as Everton's COLIN HARVEY clears his lines with a flashing header.

★ Right — It's young DEREK JOHNSTONE again . . . this time he's proving a hot handful for Everton centre back BRIAN LABONE.

★ Below — COLIN 'BOMBER' JACKSON outjumps England international BRIAN LABONE



★ Rangers ALEX McDONALD hits a mid air volley into goal as KEITH NEWTON rushes in to intercept.



★ ALEX McDONALD again . . . this time challenging Everton's COLIN HARVEY for the ball in the penalty area



YOUR SPACE, BOYS

FREE! COMPETITION CORNER

(And girls, too!)

YES boys, this PAGE belongs to YOU! Every week "Rangers News" will be setting aside this spot for the young Light Blue fans. There will be a great FREE and simple competition each week. This week it's your chance to win stand tickets for the Rangers v. Celtic return League Cup clash on Saturday, August 28 at Ibrox.

And, as you can see, Rangers coach JOCK WALLACE will be making a weekly date with you, giving you expert hints on the skills of the game. And the Ibrox stars will be demonstrating those skills. This week it's TOMMY McLEAN, showing you the three ways to trap a ball properly.

Can Mr Waddell win me a bet?

I WONDER if manager WILLIE WADDELL could win a bet for me. I say he scored Rangers only goal in a 1-1 draw at Palmerston against Queen of the South in a midweek game during his playing career. This goal won the League Championship for Rangers, but none of my friends remember the game. I was there and have gambled on my memory. — Allan Porter, 1095 Pollokshaws Road, Shawlands, Glasgow.

● You've won your bet, Allan. Willie Waddell did score the equaliser.

OUR father brought home the first edition of the "Rangers News", and while we think it is a great paper we are very angry. You said you think all young Ibrox fans will enjoy "Your Space Boys". Why boys? Lots of girls follow Rangers too, you know. My sister and I are as loyal as any boys. Sorry to criticise the first edition, because otherwise it is terrific. — Carol and Hazel Orr, 38 Bearford Drive, Hillington, Glasgow.

WHY IS THE page in the Rangers News called "Your space boys"? Should it not be called "Your space Boys and Girls", for girls read this paper too. — A female Rangers' fan.

● Point taken, girls. The page is for ALL young Rangers fans.

I THINK Rangers should adopt Celtic's policy of pre-season friendlies against EASY opposition. Rangers have taken on Continental opposition and have met Everton and Spurs, while Celtic went on a tour of Ireland against weak opposition and have found the scoring groove very easily. — Kenneth Stewart, Moncrieff Ave., Lenzie, Dunbartonshire.

● You've got to face the tough ones some time, Ken. Some would say the sooner the better.

LET'S have some information and pictures on the other Rangers teams. We're interested in the first team, but we like to know how the younger players are doing. — A. Kerr, 152/30 Kingsway Court, Scotstoun, Glasgow.

A POSTAL souvenir shop selling such things as Rangers books, records, car stickers, photographs, badges, pennants, and back number programmes, would be a super addition to the "Rangers News".

These sort of things are sometimes extremely difficult to obtain and it is surprising the interest shown in them.

I am sure it would be a great success. — Norman Lawrie, 17 Devonview Street, Airdrie.

A WEEKLY DATE WITH COACH JOCK WALLACE

Three ways to trap the ball - properly



A great shot, a perfect pass or a full blooded clearance all give a young player tremendous satisfaction but before he can do any of them he must first get possession and control.

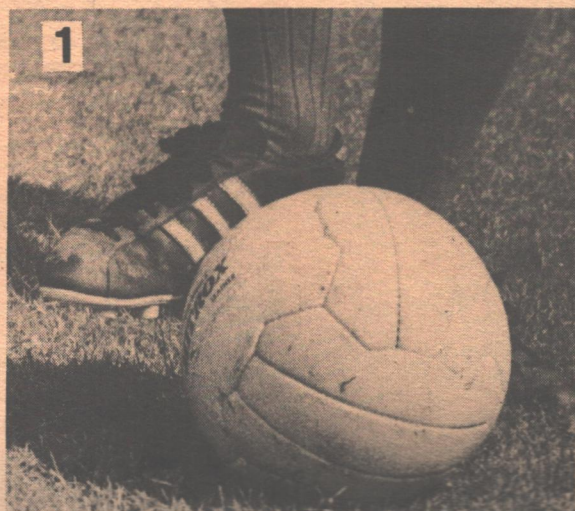
And that is what the art of trapping is all about. It is not often noticed but trapping a ball is vital to the good footballer... because so often it is the start of any move.

It's a simple operation when done correctly as TOMMY McLEAN shows below.

PIC 1: Trapping a ball on the ground — the most used variation of the art. The first essential is judgement and that means the eye always being on the ball. Balance and timing must be right with the foot "killing" the ball at the moment when it hits the ground.

PIC 2: Trapping the ball in the air with the foot. A player must master this to control any awkward pass. Again, the eye must not be taken off the ball. Balance is also vital. This time the foot rides slightly at the moment of impact to take the pace out of the ball and allow it to drop for control on the ground.

PIC 3: Trapping with the chest — yes, any part of the body can be used to trap the ball. The head and chest must be over the ball and the body should be allowed to sag at the moment of impact. This will prevent the ball breaking outwith the distance of control. It must drop just in front of the feet to allow the next move to be made without any gap.



NEXT WEEK — HEADING.

Win six seats in the stand for Celtic 'tie'

HERE'S a chance for young Rangers fans — up to the age of 15 — to win FREE stand tickets for Rangers return game with Celtic at Ibrox on August 28... and have your picture published in "Rangers News".

We are giving away SIX FREE STAND TICKETS for the League Cup tie with Celtic. There will be three lucky winners who will receive two stand tickets each.

They can bring along a friend, their Dad, brother or uncle to see the Light Blues in action... courtesy of "Rangers News".

And our photographer will be at the match to take a photograph of the three winners and their companions sitting in the stand. Their pictures will be published in the following week's issue of "Rangers News".

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS IDENTIFY THE FOUR RANGERS PLAYERS PICTURED BELOW.

Then fill A, B, C, D in the coupon below stating clearly in ballpoint pen your name, address and age. Send your entry to Competition Corner, "Rangers News", 104 West George St., Glasgow, C.2 to arrive not later than first post Wednesday, August 18.

THE FIRST THREE CORRECT OPENED will each receive two stand tickets for Rangers v. Celtic on Saturday, August 28.

The Editor's decision in all matters is final.



● I think the four Rangers players pictured above are:—

- A ANDY PENMAN.....
- B BILLY JOHNSTON.....
- C A.L.F.I.E. CONN.....
- D DEREK JOHNSTONE.....

Name

Address

Age

Let's hear from YOU!

Write and tell us about the things you'd like to see in "Rangers News" and on this page... your comments on football; the type of stories and features you like best; who your favourite stars are —and why; and even any queries about Rangers you'd like answered. REMEMBER, this is YOUR spot in "Rangers News" so drop us a line to — Your Space Boys, "Rangers News", 104 West George St., Glasgow, C.2.



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STAR CLOSE-UP

THIS WEEK-SANDY JARDINE

★ "RANGERS NEWS" BRINGS YOU A GREAT SERIES OF EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS EACH WEEK WITH THE TOP NAMES AND SOME OF THE UP-AND-COMING STARS AT IBROX. THE SECOND IN THE SERIES IS SANDY JARDINE OF RANGERS AND SCOTLAND, ONE OF THE FINEST FOOTBALLING FULL-BACKS IN THE GAME TODAY.



★ SANDY JARDINE ...one pet hate in football — dirty players.

A Ger for six months — and I didn't know!

THEY say a woman cannot keep a secret . . . and SANDY JARDINE is glad of that. "I was booked for Rangers six months before I knew it myself," says Sandy. "I was getting ready to leave my school in Edinburgh and naturally was a bit edgy about my future.

"I wanted to be a professional footballer but nothing seemed to be coming up. Then one day my mother couldn't keep her 'secret' any longer and blurted out that my father had promised six months earlier that I would go to Ibrox when I left school."

Sandy, 22, married with a one-year-old daughter Nicola, makes no pretensions to being a Rangers fan from way back.

HE ADMITS: "WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL I WAS A HEARTS FAN AND I ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT GOING TO TYNECASTLE. MY HERO AT THAT TIME WAS THE GREAT HEARTS CENTRE WILLIE BAULD — AND THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO BE."

Sandy Jardine has become a soccer star in a very different way from which he dreamed — as a right back with Rangers.

And Sandy is happy on both counts. After becoming something of a jack of all positions in his early Ibrox days he got his big chance two seasons ago.

'Have a go'

He takes up the story — "About the third last game of the season the Manager Mr Waddell told me he was looking for a full back for the reserve team and he asked me to have a go.

"I played that game against Partick Thistle Reserves, went in again against Clyde Reserves, and in the last game of the season played my first game at full back in the big team against Kilmarnock.

Before the start of last season Mr Waddell told me I would start at full back and the rest was up to me. I knew it was make or break and that if I failed there could be a question mark over my future at Ibrox."

BUT SANDY JARDINE MADE IT — FOR RANGERS AND FOR SCOTLAND.

Sandy's ambitions in the game are clear cut — to play for Scotland and win everything for Rangers.

He also wants to kill

his Scottish Cup final hoodoo.

Three years ago he was 12th man when Rangers lost to Celtic in the Hampden final. That day he was so sick that he didn't even collect his runners-up medal — WILLIE HENDERSON took it to the dressing room.

Cup hoodoo

Last season he broke his leg only a few weeks before the Cup final against Celtic and had to watch the replay

defeat from the Hampden stand.

"I hope that this season it will be third time lucky for Rangers — and for me."

Sandy Jardine has only one pet hate in football — dirty players. He has only one real hobby too — golf with an 11 handicap at the Braid Course.

When he gets back to Edinburgh from training he likes to relax by listening to records or if the weather is good taking his daughter for a walk in the park.

NEXT WEEK: COLIN JACKSON

LIGHT BLUE QUIZ...

Who was the 'ghost'?

1—Who played in goal for Rangers in the 1946-47 League Cup Final win over Aberdeen?

2—Who played right-back for Rangers in last season's Scottish Cup Final replay?

3—Who did Walter McCrae succeed as manager of Kilmarnock?

4—For which teams do ex-Rangers Alex Willoughby and Denis Settrington play?

5—Which defender did Dundee Utd, recently sign from Morton?

6—Who won the Swedish tournament in which Rangers played?

7—In which season did Rangers first win the Glasgow Cup?

8—With which countries have Scotland been paired in their World Cup qualifying section?

9—At which grounds do the following clubs play — East Fife, Stranraer, Man. City, and Tottenham?

10—Which ex-Rangers manager was born in the Perthshire village of Errol?

11—How many Scottish Cup medals did Bobby Shearer win?

12—Which ex-Ranger is now manager of Airdrie?



• ALFIE CONN. See question 14.

13—Which ex-Scottish internationalist was known as the "Ghost"?

14—What have Kenny Watson, Alfie Conn (Rangers), Eric Carruthers (Hearts), and Jimmy Brown (Aston Villa) in common?

15—Who is the manager of Alloa?

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

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★ THE OFFICIAL RANGERS TEAM PHOTOGRAPH FOR SEASON '71-'72. MANAGER WILLIE WADDELL LINES UP HIS 30 FULL-TIME PLAYERS AND HIS TRAINING STAFF.

★ BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): GEORGE STRUTHERS, ALFIE CONN, GRAHAM FYFE, COLIN JACKSON, GERRY NEEF, PETER McCLOY, BOBBY WATSON, DEREK JOHNSTONE, GEORGE DONALDSON, ALEX MILLER, IAIN McDONALD.

★ MIDDLE ROW: COACH JOCK WALLACE, PHYSIOTHERAPIST TOM CRAIG, COLIN STEIN, NEIL PIRRIE, WILLIE MATHIESON, JIM DENNY, RONNIE McKINNON, GUS McCALLUM, SANDY JARDINE, ANDY PENMAN, DAVE SMITH, GEORGE WALKER, ASSISTANT COACH STAN ANDERSON, TRAINER JOE CRAVEN.

★ FRONT ROW: MANAGER WILLIE WADDELL, WILLIE HENDERSON, BILLY SEMPLE, ALEX MacDONALD, TOM ALEXANDER, JOHN GREIG, DEREK PARLANE, TOMMY McLEAN, ALEX MORRISON, WILLIE JOHNSTON, ASSISTANT MANAGER WILLIE THORNTON.



'RANGERS GAVE US A REAL GOING OVER...'

- says Everton World Cup star Alan Ball



● Everton and England star ALAN BALL... "Rangers would hold their own with any club in the English First Division."

They've got a great set-up at Ibrox — and a great support

RANGERS would hold their own with the top clubs in the English First Division. That is not just a boast from Ibrox... it's the considered opinion of England World Cup star ALAN BALL.

He bases his prediction on first hand knowledge too... he came, saw and led Everton to a 2-1 defeat at the Stadium in the thrilling friendly last Friday night.

The little red head wasn't exactly the pin-up boy of the fans at Ibrox, but he took it in the right spirit and indeed was quick to praise the Rangers support.

"The atmosphere was fantastic" he said. "Down South we get that kind of enthusiasm perhaps in vital League or Cup matches.

"But to play in that kind of electric atmosphere in a pre-season friendly — that's really something.

"PLAYERS RE-ACT TO THAT KIND OF SITUATION AND IF RANGERS PLAYERS GET THAT KIND OF THING ALL SEASON THEY ARE LUCKY. THEY'VE GOT A GREAT SET UP AT IBROX—AND A GREAT SUPPORT."

Ball was certainly impressed with the off the field set-up — and with what happened on the field too.

He was unreserved in his praise for the winning display by Rangers.

He reckons: "Rangers were really sharp — and really fit. I'm not trying to make excuses but in the first half we tried out a new system.

"IT DIDN'T CLICK AND RANGERS GAVE US A REAL GOING OVER. WE'LL NEVER GET IT HARDER FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

"We reverted to our old pattern in the second half and got back into the game a bit. But I don't want to take anything away from Rangers — they were really good."

Ball as a good professional refused to dwell on individuals in the Rangers side.

He made it clear — "They've certainly got top class players, but what is more important in football to-day they have tremendous team work.

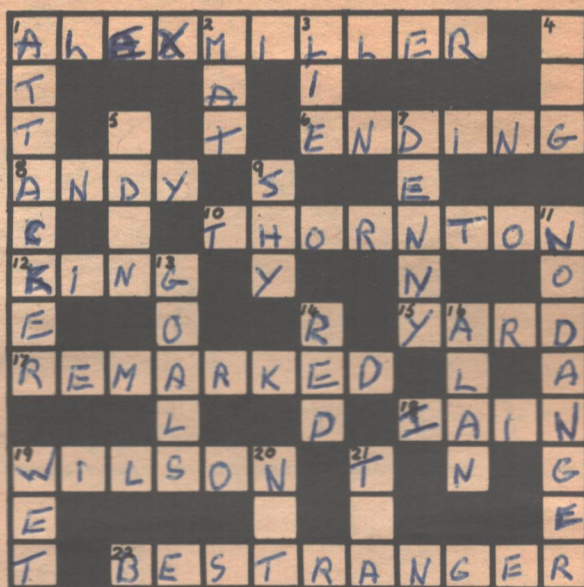
"They really did well playing for each other and the team."

LUCKY DOGS...



● A beautiful girl with two beautiful dogs... meet 15-year-old TRIXIE DUNN from Airdrie, who takes WILLIE HENDERSON'S two Afghan hounds, Jason and Sacha, for walks four nights a week. Trixie, who attends Caldervale High School, is an ardent admirer of Willie and Rangers, and she's only too happy to make sure the dogs get the right amount of exercise. Sacha, the dog on the right, had to get her coat clipped before a recent small bone operation on her foot, but she's fully fit again and 'Manager' Trixie says she'll definitely play if chosen!

IBROX CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1—Rangers full back (4, 6).
- 6—A happy 'finish' to the game (6).
- 8—Lynch of Hearts (4).
- 10—Assistant manager who was a great header of a ball (8).
- 12—Jim Baxter was crowned with a nickname (4).
- 15—Add up three feet (4).
- 17—Commented (8).
- 18—Young McDonald (4).
- 19—Davie's at Tannadice (6).
- 22—Top Ibrox man of the match (4, 6).

DOWN

- 1—Forward (8).
- 2—On the 'carpet' (3).
- 3—An untrue tale (3).
- 4—To give way (3).
- 5—Need a garden? (4).
- 7—Jim, a new young Light Blue star (5).
- 9—Throw-in (3).
- 11—Safe as houses (2, 6).
- 13—Counters (5).
- 14—Aberdeen colour (3).
- 16—Gilzean of Spurs, to name one (4).
- 19—Soaking (3).
- 20—Kernel (3).
- 21—Period of years (3).

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE.



□ "THE IBROX FOLK YOU NEVER MEET . . ." A great new series which takes you behind the scenes at Ibrox to meet the people you never see or hear about. The series will be covering anyone from the ground staff to the folk who will be working in the new Social Club. They all play a vital part in the running of Rangers Football Club. The second in the series is on Ibrox scout LAURIE CUMMING — himself a former player — the man who finds the Rangers stars of of tomorrow . . .



● LAURIE CUMMING . . . the Ibrox scout.

MEET THE LIGHT BLUE 'STARFINDER'

— And to think Laurie once helped k.o. Rangers

MENTION Scottish Cup defeats down Ibrox way and the re-action is immediate — Berwick Rangers.

But there was another time when Rangers crashed to a no-hope team in the first round of the Scottish Cup and LAURIE CUMMING, one of the men who is now finding the star material for Ibrox, certainly remembers it well.

Playing for Queen of the South he was the man who made the goal which knocked out Rangers, that January day in 1937.

Laurie can well remember that Rangers team — Dawson, Gray, McDonald, McKillop, Simpson, Brown, Main, McPhail, Smith, Venters, Kinnear.

He knew them well — because he trained at Ibrox with them. And even at that time he was a self-confessed Rangers fan.

To-day he still supports "Rangers, Rangers Reserves, and any team that beats Celtic."

Seven months ago Laurie Cumming realised a life long ambition when manager WILLIE WADDELL asked him to join the staff at Ibrox.

His job would be to work under assistant manager Willie Thornton in building the Rangers of tomorrow.

Laurie says: "I was honoured and delighted. I had been retired only four months and I felt I had the time to devote to the job."

HE ALSO HAD A BACKGROUND FOR THE TASK WHICH MONEY COULDN'T BUY — ALMOST 30 YEARS WITH A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER COVERING THE JUNIOR SCENE.

Laurie Cumming knew everyone in the junior grade — and they knew and respected him.

Now his beat is even wider, it takes in the schools, amateurs and juveniles too.

But Laurie went back to his old love for his first big capture for Rangers. He was the man who "discovered" JIM DENNY playing for Yoker Athletic and now a boy who promises to break through to big things at Ibrox.

HE RECALLS: "JIM DENNY GOT THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE WHEN I APPROACHED HIM AND INVITED HIM TO MEET MR THORNTON AT IBROX.

His big worry was that he might not be good enough for Rangers. I told him straight that if I didn't think he had the character, quality and determination to be a future player under Willie Waddell's leadership, he wouldn't be going to Ibrox."

Great honour

Laurie is first to concede that because of the white hot competition from the south for star material, captures from junior clubs will be the exception. The top stars of tomorrow have to be found much earlier.

Laurie Cumming answered this challenge by spotting Rangers youngest-ever discovery — a 12 year old playing for Barrhead School.

And when Gordon Boyd reached the age of 13 earlier this season he was signed on an "S" Form by Rangers.

Laurie sums up this youngster "He's the best schoolboy I've seen in many years. He's already nicknamed the PELE of Barrhead, and he can be a great Rangers player of the future."

To Laurie Cumming, scouting for Rangers is a great honour — but it is also hard work.

IN MAY AND JUNE ALONE HE WATCHED SOMETHING LIKE 100 GAMES IN EVERY GRADE. HE WATCHED FOOTBALL SIX DAYS A WEEK, MANY TIMES TWICE A DAY.

He says — "Today you have got to go out and find

the players — they don't come on a plate. I never refuse to check on any recommendation from anybody who has the interest and future of Rangers at heart.

"I've been to strange places, seen strange teams, but when you spot a player like Denny or Boyd — it all becomes worth it."

What must a scout look for in a player at the tender age of 12, 13 or 14. How can he see greatness in a boy of that age.

Laurie Cumming sums up his requirements simply — "A boy must have character, ability, a will to win spirit and as important as any of these he must at heart want to play for Rangers and no other club."

The last is why Laurie never takes a cheque book on his scouting missions.

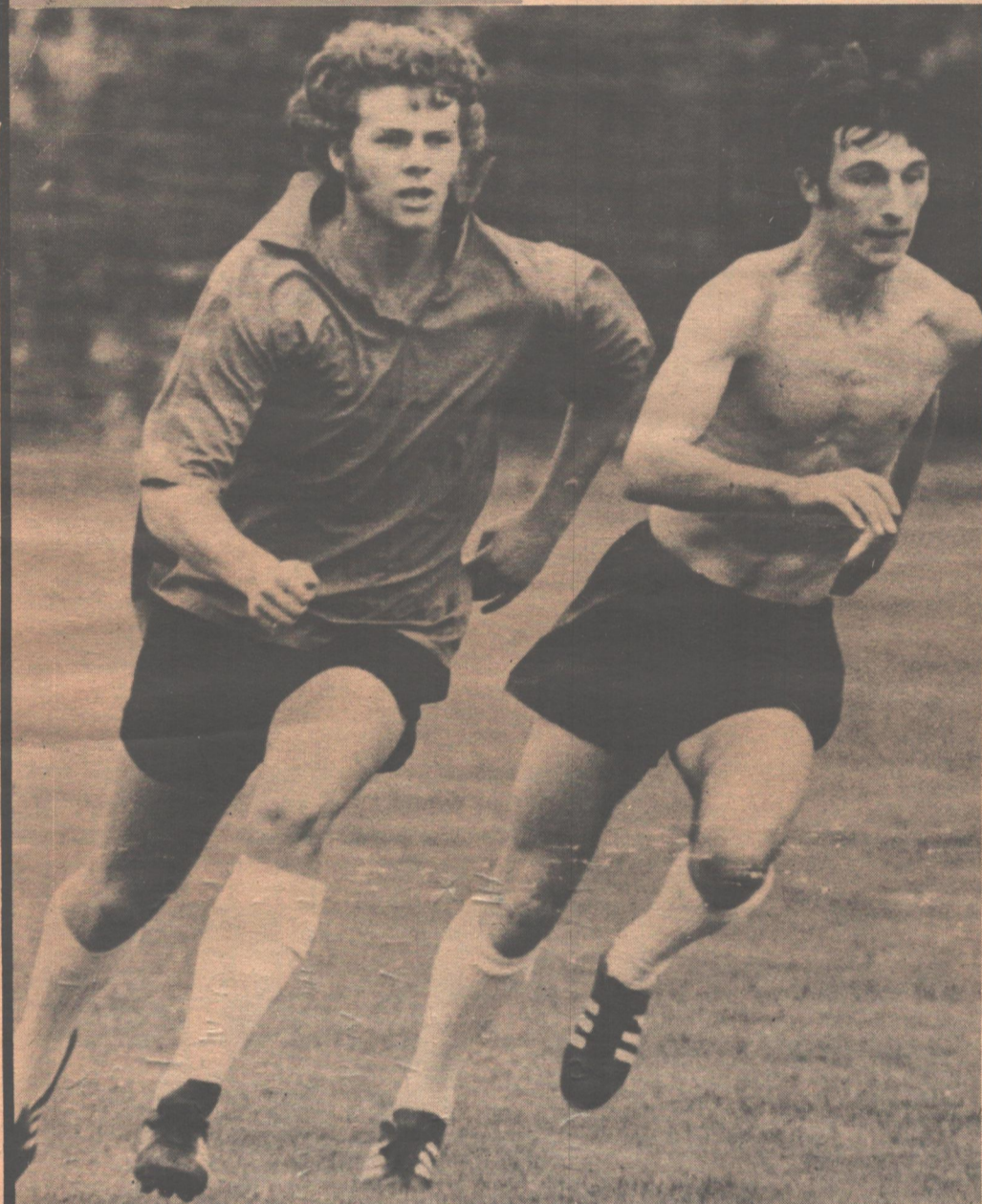
He explains: "I'm not interested in any player who is looking for cash inducements. I must first be convinced that he wants to play for Rangers and only after that will he talk about terms with Mr Waddell or Mr Thornton.

"I RECENTLY HAD OCCASION TO INTERVIEW A PLAYER AND I ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD LIKE TO PLAY FOR RANGERS. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED OFFERS FROM TWO OTHER CLUBS AND WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER THEM.

I told him — "You take one of them son, because Rangers are no longer interested."

"And I am not interested in any player, no matter how good, who will put any club in front of Rangers."

Today the former Irish international forward, who played under the leadership of the great Herbert Chapman, and in the same forward line as the famous Alex Jackson, has three interests in life — gardening, golf but most of all Rangers.



● ALFIE CONN and new find JIM DENNY . . . "Denny didn't think he was good enough to join Rangers."

Now Caskie Jr. makes a name for himself



CHANGED days indeed when Jimmy Caskie is scoring goals against Rangers.

But in this case it is Jimmy JUNIOR. He popped in two for Clydebank in a recent friendly against Rangers Reserves at New Kilbowie Park.

And one of the first men to congratulate the youngster on this feat was manager WILLIE WADDELL.

The Ibrox boss is, of course, no stranger to JIMMY CASKIE SENIOR. They were team-mates at Ibrox and as wingers with contrasting styles they gave many a defence a roasting.

● JIMMY CASKIE JR. . . . following in his famous father's footsteps.

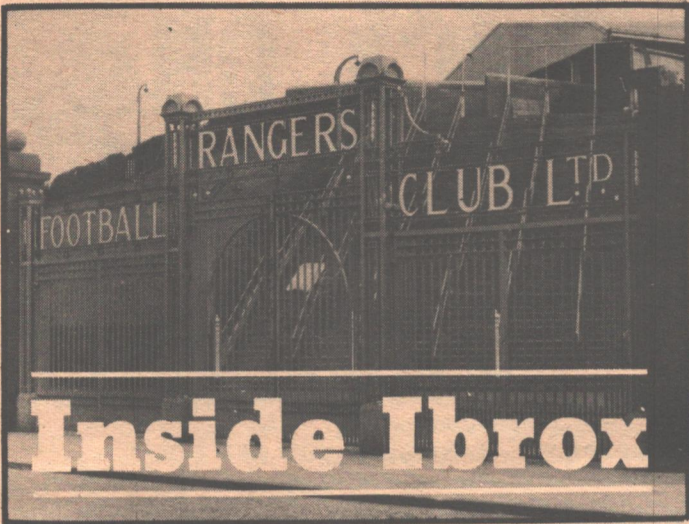
Willie Waddell was the man with power and speed; the slightly built Caskie had a bagful of tricks.

Now Caskie junior is making a name for himself in football.

Manager Waddell says: "Young Jimmy bears no resemblance to his father in his style of play. His dad was an orthodox winger who clung to the touchline.

"But young Jimmy, who reads the game very well, comes inside quickly. He's fast on his feet, always looking for a chance and he took his goals against us very well.

"I think he has what it takes to become a football personality in his own right, and not just as the son of a famous ex-Rangers player."



Inside Ibrox

All the way from Lisbon — just to watch Rangers

ALL the way from Lisbon to watch Rangers... that's the soccer safari of a Swede, BORJE LANTZ and his wife (see picture right).

They flew to Scotland for the challenge matches against Everton and Tottenham Hotspur at Ibrox.

But Mr Lantz is no stranger to Rangers. He is a FIFA accredited football agent and he was the man responsible for arranging Rangers recent pre-season trip to Sweden.

He was so impressed by Rangers players both on and off the field over there that he immediately arranged to bring his wife to Glasgow to watch them in these two games.

The Swede is the man who deals mainly with the Russians and the Brazilians when they have any tour ideas in Europe.

His wife is a Laplander — and speaks no fewer than nine languages! So her husband is naturally never at a loss when trying to make arrangements for foreign clubs.

• The ankle injury COLIN STEIN got on the recent trip to Sweden was not only a Soccer set back — it hit his golf too.

Colin, who smites the "wee" ball great distances over the Linlithgow and Glenbervie courses, needs only one more good score to bring his handicap down to 3.

He says: "I've got three of the necessary four rounds to get this cut, but because of the injury I've had to steer clear of the golf course."

"I still hope to make it before the end of the year."

• Still on golf... skipper JOHN GREIG collected a natty silver salver for winning a club tournament at his local course, Prestonfield.

"I've had to take a lot of stick from the rest of the lads in the dressing room. They keep telling me that I can't win a cup for football, so I've had to switch to golf for a trophy!"

But John had the last laugh... his handicap has now been cut by seven strokes to 9.

• WILLIE HENDERSON is just waiting for the "Happy Event"... in his kennels.

His Afghan hound bitch is due to have puppies and Willie reckons: "I may get anything up to ten pups."

Willie is also negotiating with a London owner to buy another Afghan Hound and he reckons it could be a prize winner.

The right winger has ambitions in this field too. "Once I get a bit more experience I want to go into the breeding dogs seriously."

• This is not just a short story... but a tale of short back and sides.

It concerns a young player who, in fairness, will remain anonymous.

He recently reported for two weeks intensive training at Ibrox with a beautiful head of hair, tresses flowing down to shoulder length in the best Pop style.

But if he felt he looked a bit different in the dressing room the rest of the young players didn't leave him in any doubt.

They gave him two choices — either to pay for the services of a professional barber or take his chance with the man with the scissors at Ibrox — JOE CRAVEN.

But Joe had to put his clippers away next



• WILLIE THORNTON (right), Assistant Manager of Rangers, welcomes Swedes Mr BORJE LANTZ and his wife when they flew into Glasgow to see Rangers games with Everton and Spurs. See Inside Ibrox.



• COLIN STEIN... heading for a golf handicap of 3.



• WILLIE HENDERSON... the wee winger is going to breed beautiful Afghan hounds. See picture on Page 7.

morning... because the boy duly reported with a neat back and sides which would have passed inspection by a sergeant in the Guards. Lesson learned — the easy way.

• BOB MOFFATT, the keeper of the door at Ibrox Stadium, can tell you the time... but not to the second.

The explanation is simple — Bob's watch doesn't have a second hand. Instead it has the crest of Rangers Football Club.

The watch was presented to Bob for 50 years association with the club.

He says: "It's unique. There's not another one in the world and I'm really proud of it."

• Manager WILLIE WADDELL gave his young "S" form boys a welcome talk when they reported to Ibrox for full time training.

That included a run down on what was expected of them and one of the examples the manager quoted was... a former Celtic star.

Strange, but very true, and manager Waddell is the first to admit: "I pointed to BOBBY COLLINS as an example for all young players in the game."

"No youngster whether at Ibrox or anywhere else should be ashamed to mould himself along the Collins' lines as a professional footballer."

Willie Waddell went to Greenock to watch Collins playing his final game in Scotland.

He says: "As manger of Rangers I must pay tribute to Bobby Collins. Although he played so much of his top football in the south he is still a Scot and has done the game credit."

well in his new venture in Australia."

That trip to watch Collins last game, also gave the manager a good chance to run the rule over League Cup opponents Morton against top opposition Leeds United.

With first hand knowledge of Everton and Spurs on their visits to the Stadium and also having seen Wolves in action in Sweden manager Waddell certainly has a good dossier on the top clubs in the English First Division.

• It was re-union night when Everton came to Ibrox.

Early visitor was TORRY GILLICK — who had a foot in both camps. Torry, of course was a big favourite with both Everton and Rangers in his playing days.

His verdict on the game — "I enjoyed the football."

Supporters SPOT

New Jersey - the latest Light Blue fan club!

RANGERS Supporters Association have welcomed a new member into the family for season 1971-72... in KEARNEY, NEW JERSEY.

Association secretary Duncan Perratt reports that he had a request from this newly formed branch on the other side of the Atlantic asking to be accepted in membership.

"I got a telephone call from Kearney with the news that 52 Rangers fans had got together and decided to form their own club."

"I posted on the necessary forms and have received them back, all completed and also the necessary enrolment fees. They are now officially members of Rangers Supporters Association."

The Kearney Branch will now receive the full monthly reports of the Association and go on the trans-Atlantic mailing list along with existing clubs in New York, Toronto, Detroit, and Hamilton, Ontario.

"This new branch seems to be catching on fast," says secretary Perratt "because I have just had news that after only one meeting, they have had to hire a bigger hall in Kearney because of the demand for membership."

NOTES . . .

CAMLACHIE (No. 5 area): Meet Friday usual place; uplift Ibrox tickets; Bus Sat. 14th, 1.45, usual place.

WISHAW EAST CROSS. Bus leaves Sat. 14th, 1 p.m. Steel St. Tickets on bus; meeting Friday 13th, 7.30 p.m. usual place.

CLYDEBANK LOYAL. Bus Sat. 14th August, 1.30 p.m. bus Wed. 18th August, 6.30 p.m.

MOTHERWELL ORANGE & PURPLE: Bus v Ayr Utd., on tonight (Wed.) leaves Orange Hall at 6.15 p.m. Any person interested in joining club should contact:— D. Scholefield, 8 Kilwell Quadrant, Motherwell.

JOHN GREIG LOYAL: Bus Sat. 14th August, 1.45 p.m., uplift tickets on bus. Bus Wed. 6.30 p.m. All members must re-enrol by Sat. 14th August.

ARDROSSAN BRANCH: Bus leaves Sat. 14th August, 1.30 p.m. Jocks Lodge. Old and new members still welcome to re-enrol and join club.

COBURG (LEITH): Bus Sat. 14th August, Ibrox, 12.30 p.m.

STRATHLEVEN LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves Bungalow 12.30 p.m. Meeting Monday 7.30 p.m., at Bungalow. All members must attend.

REIDVALE: Bus for Ibrox leaves Sat. 14th August, 1.45 p.m. from Angus Bar (corner Reidvale/Bellgrove St.) Bus for Ibrox leaves Wed. 18th August, 6.45 p.m. from Angus Bar. New members welcome.

GRANTS: The following buses leave Cowie Street at the stated times — Parkhead 1 hour before kick-off; Ayr 25th August, 6 p.m., Greenock 1st September, 6.30 p.m.; Firhill 4th September, 2 p.m. Dues to start Sat. 14th August.



SOCIAL CLUB: THE ROOF IS BACK ON!

THEY'VE threatened to take the roof off at Ibrox many times in the past. "It required a fantastic amount of steel work — and a lot of time."

But the good news from Social Club and Pools Director DAVIE HOPE is that . . . the roof is back on!

And that's a vital step towards the target of getting the Social Club back in operation by the end of next month.

Mr Hope reports: "The fire caused extensive damage to the roof. That gave one of the major headaches in restoring the club again."

But he added — "The work is now completed and work is going apace at what is under the roof. Sometimes it doesn't go quick enough for me but the club, like Rome, cannot be rebuilt in a day."

"I appreciate that the progress is as much as any one can ask. And I'm confident we are running to time and that it will still be ready for the fans within the next eight weeks."

YOU CAN WIN £50 ... for 5p.

THE Light Blues match magazine, Rangers' official match programme, will be on sale at the Celtic game on Saturday at Ibrox.

There will also be the facts and figures column plus the most popular item of all . . . the £50

special prize for the lucky number magazine. All this for 5p.

There will be pen-portraits and action pictures of the "Old Firm" stars who go into action in this dynamic League Cup kick-off to the new season.

MAKE SURE YOU GET A COPY.

A SIX-GOAL CRACKER AT CLIFTONHILL

RANGERS made a great fightback after being two goals down in a thrilling six-goals challenge match against Albion Rovers last Saturday at Cliftonhill Park, Coatbridge.

Two goals by ANDY PENMAN, one a penalty, and a goal by DEREK PARLANE gave the Light Blues a fighting 3-3 draw in a rather tousy match.

Keeper GERRY NEEF and Albion Rovers' McLEOD were sent off after a clash in the penalty area and forward BILLY SEMPLE was pulled back into defend Rangers goal.

The fans certainly got their money's worth in a game packed with incidents, goalmouth scrambles and some good football, and it was only in the last minute that Albion's NEWMAN scored the equaliser.

DAVIE SMITH made a welcome return again to competitive football. The big wing half has made a tremendous fight back after breaking a leg for the second time last season. SEE OPPOSITE PAGE. The 'News' photographer has captured some of the best action with these EXCLUSIVE PICTURES.



• ANDY PENMAN (above) challenges Albion's R. HALLIDAY for a loose ball. Andy scored two goals in the 3-3 draw.
• BILLY SEMPLE (left) the Ibrox wing man, in an unfamiliar role as keeper. He went into goal after GERRY NEEF was sent off.



• DEREK PARLANE at full stretch to tackle S. SAGE of Albion Rovers.



• It's DAVE SMITH back in action as he outjumps Albion Rovers' R. TUDDENHAM for a high ball.



• Rangers' young star ALEX MORRISON bursts through to goal between the Rovers' defence.



THE COURAGE OF DAVE

SMITH...

Two legs broken but he bounces back to fitness

DAVIE MacKAY did it, Willie Ormond did it — and now **DAVIE** SMITH of Rangers joins this select band — the stars who have come back after two leg breaks!

Smith got the first legbreak in a Scottish League game against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park on April 4, 1970. He got the second in training on March 25 this year.

Pools requests pour in

STILL the flow of applications pours in . . . requests for new cards for Rangers Pools.

The staff of nearly 20 is at full stretch and the end is certainly by no means in sight.

Pools director **DAVIE** HOPE admits: "Every time I think we are hitting the peak we pass that target and roll on . . . I knew when it started that this thing could be big, but believe me, it's now reaching the gigantic stage — and still going strong."

Despite the strain on resources by ever mounting numbers the "girls" have coped. But despite all this it is now all systems go for the official opening day — on Saturday.

So what about it. If you don't have a card already what about taking your chance in the Computerised Sorting Machine?

There was only 51 weeks between the two tragic breaks and Davie Smith still reckons he was lucky . . . lucky that the first break was the left leg and the second on the right.

He says: "I knew there was no connection between the two breaks or that the first had left a weakness that led to the second."

ALTHOUGH ON THE MEDICAL SIDE THE SECOND BREAK WAS THE MORE SERIOUS SMITH RECKONS THAT THE FIRST TIME HE BROKE HIS LEG WAS THE WORSE OF THE TWO.

"When I broke my leg at Kilmarnock I was literally going into the unknown. The second time I knew the drill."

It takes a lot of courage to come back after one leg break. It takes one heck of a lot more to do it after the second.

Davie says that it can be the things you don't take into account which can be among the hardest in such an injury.

He says: "When you are in plaster you cannot do so many things that normally you take for granted — such as getting up and crossing a room for a book."

"Also when you

finally get the plaster off you have to learn to walk and run again.

"THE TRAINING WHEN YOU GET TO THAT STAGE IS HARD WORK TOO, BUT AGAIN PERHAPS THE HARDEST BIT IS THAT YOU HAVE TO TRAIN SO MUCH ON YOUR OWN."

Davie feels that an important part of the work is not giving in to the fact that you cannot get around in a heavy plaster.

"Although you cannot walk or run you can keep the rest of your

body fit, with the right exercises."

"It is no longer a catastrophic injury, but one that will heal without any after effects."

"Getting that straight in your mind must be the first step back to fitness."

Smith says — "Different players re-act differently to injuries, but if I had to give one piece of general advice to anyone who breaks a leg it is — don't think it is the end of the world."



● **DAVE SMITH** shows the reason why he's back in action after breaking a leg for the second time in this all action hurdling stint. **JOCK WALLACE** keeps an eye on him.

● **TESTING THE LEG AGAIN . . .** Smith puts the pressure on during this sprinting session.

Once a Ranger—always a Ranger

ONCE a Ranger always a Ranger . . . a fact proved by **GORDON** MacKAY, a master at Grange Secondary School.

Not many Rangers fans will recognise the name but **Mr MacKay DID** play for Rangers.

He was reserve centre forward for a short spell to Willie Thornton, and was also on the staff at the same time as the manager **WILLIE** WADDELL.

Gordon MacKay never broke through, he never displaced Willie Thornton and he never

hit the headlines.

But his short and unsung career at Ibrox made sure of one thing — **Mr MacKay** will always be a Ranger.

And perhaps his protegee will do what Gordon failed to achieve and become a first team player at Ibrox.

It was because of the school-teachers allegiance to the club that Rangers have got 15 years old **ALEX** O'HARA signed on an "S" form.

Assistant manger Thornton explains: "I got a letter one day

from Gordon. He told me that he had a cracking player in his school team. He didn't guarantee anything, but he felt the boy was worth his chance. That youngster was O'Hara."

The boy duly arrived at Ibrox, showed his paces, and as far as **Mr Waddell** and **Mr Thornton** are concerned he's really got potential.

Manager **Waddell** and **Thornton** have built up one of the finest scouting systems in the game. It's been hard work but Rangers will

really reap the benefit of this work in the future.

For all that, one or two must slip the Ibrox scouting net.

But **Willie Thornton** points out: "Our official scouting staff is really on the ball. But they cannot see every young player in Scotland."

"This is where the fans can come in. They can be the unofficial side of our scouting system."

"**Gordon MacKay** has shown the way."

He's also proved that . . . once a Ranger always a Ranger.

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Clubs should remember it's entertainment that counts

LET'S HAVE ACTION - NOT WORDS

THE IBROX STARS OF THE FUTURE?



The Rangers under-16 team who played a 30 mins each way match with an Albion Rovers select last Saturday at Cliftonhill before the start of the Rangers-Albion Rovers game.

BACK ROW (left to right) — Graham, Hawker, Watson, Dowie, O'Hara, McDade.
FRONT ROW (left to right) — Nelson, Muir, Scott, McNicol, Burke, Masson, Martin.

FOOTBALL'S "Cure all" will take place this week when the League Management Committee meet representatives of all their 37 clubs.

The subject of this high powered talk-in is how to improve the state of the game in Scotland and how to bring back the many missing fans.

Call it a crisis meeting if you like . . . because many of the clubs are certainly feeling the pinch.

A lot of talk has been bandied around already and the meeting has not even started.

Of course words have always been plentiful when Scottish football is having a lean time — unfortunately they are rarely followed by actions.

The usual crop have already been aired. Points for goals scored, changes in the rules, making the goals bigger.

The basic step must be taken by the clubs themselves — a sentiment echoed by Rangers' Manager Willie Waddell.

Good sense

In his opinion — "If clubs are honest they have got to realise that football is show business and clubs will only get the return for the entertainment they provide.

"That means no matter what changes may be discussed in the rules the club must change their attitude to the game as the basic step.

"Without that it will be like trying to build on a foundation of sand. The style of Scottish football must change."

That is not the entire remedy of course. But it is an appraisal of the situation which makes good football sense.

What is the good of a team playing defensive, dull football merely to finish in the middle of the table? Those clubs rarely find the turnstiles clicking briskly.

Negative football pays few dividends — and they are not only counted in points.

The damage done to the game of football — and that involves every club in every grade — is the most serious aspect.

It's not enough for one



A fine action study of Rangers centre half RON MCKINNON.

or two to carry any banner — the whole outlook must be changed and that means by every club.

The rewards for entertaining, adventurous teams are only too obvious.

Airdrie, and St. Johnstone, attacking teams, have already reaped the harvest.

Both won places in the Drybrough Cup because of goals and they each took £2,000 in prize money out of that tournament.

St. Johnstone go into

Europe and Airdrie take part in the Texaco Cup in the new season — further rewards for their scoring efforts.

They have proved that provincial clubs can win their way into some of the glamour of the game.

Manager Waddell sums it up — "I'm sure a lot of good ideas will be raised at this meeting and I'm all for that.

"But the basis for any step forward must come from within the clubs themselves."

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- 2—Jim Denny.
- 3—Malcolm MacDonald.
- 4—Aberdeen and Falkirk.
- 5—Billy Gray.
- 6—Wolves.
- 7—1892-93.
- 8—Czechoslovakia and Denmark.
- 9—Bayview, Stair Park, Maine Road and White Hart Lane.
- 10—Scot Symon.
- 11—Three.
- 12—Ian McMillan.
- 13—John White.
- 14—They have all played together for the Scottish Youth team.
- 15—Ian Crawford.

X-word Answers

- ACROSS
1. Alex Miller: 6. Ending: 8. Andy: 10. Thornton: 12. King: 15. Yard: 17. Remarkd: 18. Iain: 19. Wilson: 22. Best Ranger.
- DOWN
1. Attacker: 2. Mat: 3. Lie: 4. Sag: 5. Eden: 7. Denny: 9. Shy: 11. No danger: 13. Goals: 14. Red: 16. Alan: 19. Wet: 20. Nut: 21. Era:



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