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• 1891, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902,
1911, 1912, 1913, 1918, 1920,
1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927,
1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933,
1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1947,
1949, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1957,
1959, 1961, 1963, 1964.

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SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (19)

1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928,
1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936,
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1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1964,
1965, 1970.

OTHER STATISTICS

Glasgow Cup holders 37 times;
Charity Cup (32) Southern
League, (4); Southern League Cup
(4); Emergency War Cup and
Scottish Regional League (1939-
40) Victory Cup 1946. Reserve
League champions (25) 2nd XI
Cup (23); Reserve League Cup (5).
In Europe—Runners-up European
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TODAY'S TEAMS

RANGERS

McCLOY **1**
JARDINE **2**
MATHIESON **3**
GREIG **4**
JACKSON **5**
SMITH **6**
McLEAN **7**
CONN **8**
STEIN **9**
MacDONALD **10**
JOHNSTON **11**
HENDERSON **12**

THISTLE

ROUGH
HANSEN
FORSYTH
GLAVIN
CAMPBELL
STRACHAN
McQUADE
COULSTON
BONE
A. RAE
LAWRIE
T. RAE

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee Eddie Thomson from Edinburgh has his own claim to fame in soccer history — he was in charge of the new famous Scottish Cup tie between Berwick Rangers and Rangers in 1967 when the little Borders club shocked the football world by beating the men from Ibrox 1-0. Mr. Thomson has been refereeing since 1958, the last seven as a Grade One whistler. He is a former Junior footballer with Bonnyrigg and Arniston. A civil servant in St. Andrews House, Edinburgh, he is married with two children and rates refereeing and woodwork as his main hobbies.

*Linesmen — G. R. Stewart, Clydebank (orange flag)
T. R. Thomson (Glasgow) (red flag)*

JANUARY—THE VITAL MONTH

Starting with today's meeting with Glasgow rivals Partick Thistle, Rangers face a hectic programme of SIX important League matches in the month of January.

A successful run in this vital month would boost the Ibrox Leagues hopes, which have already been spurred by a sequence of only one defeat in the past dozen League games.

Rangers' progress up the table since the start of October has been tremendous — and that victory over Hibs at Easter Road last week takes the Light Blues into 1972 in third top place.

Once more goalkeeper Peter McCloy and his defensive colleagues take a lot of credit for the victory against Hibs, putting up a tremendous display against the powerful attacks of the Easter Road side.

Keeper McCloy has now had shut-outs in his last four League games (and also in the friendly matches against Chelsea and Hapoel) and is really in top form.

Another top Ibrox defender at Easter Road was sweeper Dave Smith, who turned in a display which earned him a special word of praise from manager Waddell.

Now the aim is to keep the form going in the next month. Coming on Monday, of course, is the Old Firm clash with Celtic at Parkhead.

Then on January 8 Falkirk come to Ibrox. After that the Light Blues face two more tough games against Aberdeen at Pittodrie on the 15th and Hearts at Ibrox on the 23rd.

Vital January ends with a meeting with East Fife at Bayview on the 29th. Quite a month — but what opportunities it holds.



Dave Smith in fine form against Hibs.

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B	CLYDE CELTIC	
C	DUNDEE ABERDEEN	
D	DUNFERMLINE EAST FIFE	
E	HIBS HEARTS	
F	KILMARNOCK FALKIRK	
G	MORTON AYR UNITED	
H	ST. JOHNSTONE DUNDEE UNITED	
J	CLYDEBANK DUMBARTON	
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PRIZE PIX



RESERVE REVIEW

The Ibrox reserve side continue to run into a series of tough matches. On Monday of this week they fought out a 2-2 draw with Partick Thistle at Firhill, while on the Saturday previously they went down 2-1 at Ibrox to Hibs.

"We are still missing a lot of chances" says coach Stan Anderson "Our striker have shaded off slightly at the moment".

However, Andy Penman showed he had the scoring touch with a double against Thistle, while young Iain McDonald scored a magnificent goal against Hibs... his first of the season.

"Iain beat about half the Hibs team, including the goalkeeper, after picking the ball up 40 yards out" says coach Anderson.

"It was a marvellous goal, and it should help do a lot for his confidence. He is beginning to really shape up well again now".

Young Iain has now played five reserve team games after his long, long injury lie-off. With every match he is getting stronger and more confident.

The team against Hibs: R. Watson; Alexander, Hawker; Donaldson, McCallum, Bonnyman; Penman, Morrison, Parlane, Semple, I. McDonald. Substitute - Struthers.

Against Thistle, the line-up was: Neef; Alexander, Miller; Donaldson, McCallum, Bonnyman; Henderson, Penman, Parlane, Fyfe, I. McDonald.

"Andy Penman's first goal was a real Penman special" says coach Anderson. "He bend a free kick round the defence as only he can".

Reserve appearances

25 - Miller; 21 - Parlane (s1); 20 - Alexander; 19 - Semple, Donaldson; 18 - Denny, Neef; 17 - Morrison (s3); 13 - Smith, Penman; 12 - Struthers (s3); 11 - Fyfe (s2); 10 - Johnstone (s1); 8 - R. Watson, McCallum (s2); 5 - Pirrie (s1), McLean, Walker, Jackson, Henderson, G. McDonald; 4 - Conn; 3 - Burke; 2 - K. Watson, Mitchell, W. Johnston, Hawker, Bonnyman.

Scorers

10 - Parlane, Penman (3 pen); 6 - Denny; 5 - Semple (1 pen); 2 - Mitchell, McLean, Fyfe; 1 - Struthers, Conn, Miller, McDonald.



Iain McDonald
scored a wonder goal



Andy Penman
... netted with a 'special'.

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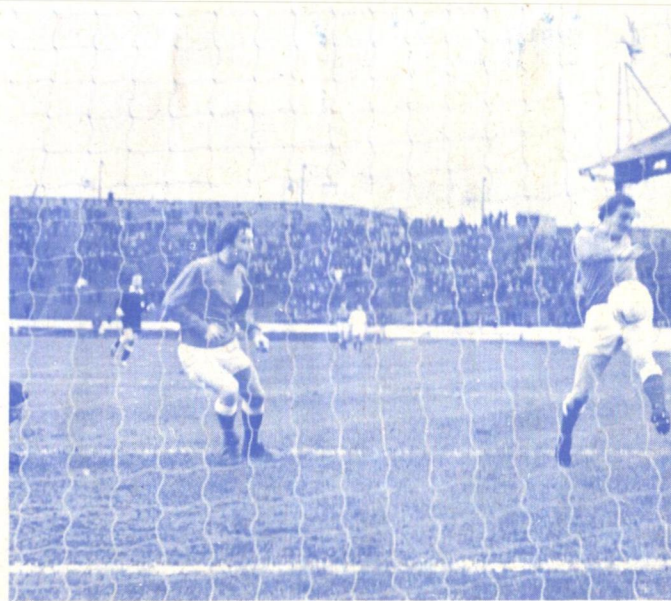
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COLIN GETS THE TELLING TOUCH

Rangers' £100,000 striker Colin Stein has certainly found his scoring form this season. His tally in all games is now 19 – but there will be few more vital goals from Colin than the one he netted against Hibs in the dying seconds of the match at Easter Road. It gave Rangers a 1-0 win – and put them into third place in the League table. In the picture on the **RIGHT** Colin gets the telling touch as he beats both colleague Willie Johnston and goalkeeper Jim Herriot to the ball to nod home. **BELOW LEFT:** Another counter for Colin – this time in the opening minutes of the match against Airdrie at Ibrox as he rounds goalkeeper Roddy McKenzie to net the first goal in Rangers' 3-0 win. **BELOW RIGHT:** Colin is out of luck this time. He cracks a left foot drive into the Airdrie net, watched by keeper McKenzie and Graham Fyfe – but the 'goal' is ruled out because of offside.

Pictures by courtesy of Scottish Sunday Express.



Graham gets a cracker – Sandy is spot on



ABOVE

The ball flashes into the Airdrie net past goalkeeper McKenzie for a great third goal . . . scored by young Graham Fyfe. This was his fourth of the season.

BELOW

Full back Sandy Jardine sends the keeper the wrong way as he slams home Rangers' second goal.



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Spotlight on...

PARTICK
THISTLE

There are few people, including Partick Thistle fans, who would have dreamed at the start of this season that Jags would be 'first-footing' Ibrox today as holders of the Scottish League Cup.

And proud holders. For Thistle succeeded Rangers to the trophy in dramatic style — with a 4-1 hammering of Celtic which was the shock result of 1971.

No-one could have predicted that stunner — particularly from a team which had just won back promotion to the First Division.

Jags have always been capable of handing out a shock or two against bigger clubs. But they always lacked consistency — and that is a quality which their young manager Davie McParland is determined to add to his team.

That he has still a bit to go is shown by the variation in results in recent weeks — Jags are still capable of taking eight off Motherwell at Firhill, then losing at home to Ayr United a couple of weeks later.

However, there can be no doubt that Thistle have proved to be formidable opponents this season — and they already have a 3-2 win over Rangers to prove it.

That was in the opening League match of the season at Firhill. So the Jags will be treated with the respect they have earned.

This will be Thistle's first League visit to Ibrox since January 1, 1970 when they went down 3-1. The teams for that day were:

Rangers: Neef; Johansen; Mathieson Greig, McKinnon, Smith; Henderson, Penman, Semple, Johnston

Partick Thistle — Ritchie; Campbell, Holt; Johnston, Gray, Clark; T. Rae, Smith, Coulston, Hansen, Duncan.

Billy Semple, Colin Stein and Willie



Frank Coulston

Johnston were Rangers scorers, and Tommy Rae netted for Thistle.

There have been considerable changes in the line-ups of both teams since that time.

Today's game will be the 130th League meeting between the clubs — with the 'score' standing at 93 wins for Rangers, 15 victories for Partick Thistle and 21 drawn games.

In their visits to Ibrox, which stretch back to 1897-98, Thistle have only been victors four times — the last occasion being 21 years ago when they won 3-1.

However, the new, youthful Jags won't let the statistics impress them. They will be out to add to that early-season victory. The Thistle pool will come from the following players:

Goalkeeper **Alan Rough**. A highly talented young man who has put himself into the international reckoning with his displays for Thistle. A former youth internationalist, he joined Thistle in 1969 from Sighthill Amateurs. This season he has really blossomed, and has been in Scotland's national pool. Certain to win an Under-23 cap. Tall, courageous and a very safe handler.

Right back **John Hansen**. Another young Thistle man who has pushed his way into the international scene, making his debut against Belgium at Pittodrie a couple of months ago. Has played in many positions for Jags since he signed for them from Sauchie in 1967, but has now settled at full back.

Left back **Alex Forsyth**. Thistle got Forsyth, formerly an inside forward, on a free transfer from Arsenal three years ago and converted him into a full back. But he still retains the forward's love of going forward and is always ready to overlap.

Right half **Ronnie Glavin**. A powerhouse in midfield. Was a centre forward when signed from Lochend Rovers in 1968. Not big, but stocky and an aggressive tackler.

Centre half **Jackie Campbell**. Thistle's longest serving player. He was signed in 1963 from Greengairs United as a right back and was indeed a full back until only a few months ago. But now has settled to be a very solid, reliable pivot.

Left half **Hugh Strachan**. Hugh doubles up as coach at Firhill, and his experience gained with clubs like Motherwell and Morton is invaluable to Jags. Reads the game really well. Joined Jags from Kilmarnock on a free transfer in 1969.

Outside right **Denis McQuade**. Tall, spindly character who can be brilliant on his game. Hard to dispossess when he gets going and the kind who likes to cut inside to have a go for goal. Was signed from St. Roch's two years ago. Can also play on the left wing.

Inside right **Frank Coulston**. One of the most improved players in Scottish football. Part-timer (he's a school teacher in Bishopbriggs). Frank has lined with Jimmy Bone to form a deadly striking

Danger Man



Jimmy Bone is the other half of the scoring partnership (in conjunction with Frank Coulston) which has brought plenty of goals to Thistle.

partnership which has brought Thistle many goals. Frank is the man who does the running off the ball which helps create the openings. But he can take chances as well as make them. Signed from his home town team of Stranraer in 1967 on a free transfer.

Inside left **Alex Rae**. Red-haired Alex is the team skipper — and a real grafter in midfield. Started his career with Renfrew Juniors — he was brought up near Ibrox and spent his young days supporting Rangers — then went senior to East Fife. He was later transferred to Bury for £8,000 but didn't hit it off with the English club and returned to Scotland two years ago.

Outside left **Bobby Lawrie**. A real flyer. The former Irvine Meadow man likes to use his pace to go on the outside of full backs, then whip over a cross for the strikers. Have been three years at Firhill.

Forward **Tommy Rae**. The handy man of the attack. He was bought back from Aberdeen in 1969 for £5,000 after having gone north from Firhill a few seasons earlier.

**Alan
is one
for
the
future**



Alan Mitchell, 18-year-old striker, is one of the young men of the future. Provisionally signed Alan is currently with Forth Wanderers, but the red-haired centre has had two games for the Rangers Reserve side and scored in each game.

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Code—League Cup (LC); League (L); European Cup Winners Cup (ECC); Glasgow Cup (GC); Friendlies (F); Substitute (s) Possible appearances—35.

	LC	L	ECC	SC	GC	F	TOTAL
McCloy	6	17	4		1	6	34
Jardine	6	17	4		1	7	35
Miller						2 (s1)	2 (s1)
Greig	6	16	4		1	7	34
McKinnon	6	7	4		1	4	22
Jackson	6	9	3		1	6	25
McLean	6	7 (s1)	1 (s1)		1	6 (s1)	21 (s3)
Conn	2 (s2)	10 (s2)	1 (s1)		1	5	19 (s5)
Johnstone	6	3			(s1)	3 (s1)	12 (s2)
Johnston	6	11 (s1)	3		1	7	28 (s1)
MacDonald	4 (s2)	17	4			6	31 (s2)
Henderson		10 (s2)	3		1	4 (s2)	16 (s4)
Mathieson	6	16	4		1	4 (s1)	31 (s1)
Stein	5 (s1)	17	4		1	4	31 (s1)
Neef						1	1
Denny	1	3	s1			2	6 (s1)
Parlane						s2	s2
Penman	(s1)*	6 (s1)	2				8 (s2)
Smith		13	1 (s1)			2	16 (s1)
Fyfe		8	1				9

SCORERS

19—Stein
12—MacDonald
11—W. Johnston (3 pen.)
7—D. Johnstone, Greig
5—Jardine (2 pen.)
4—Fyfe
3—Conn, Henderson
2—McLean (1 pen.)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Celtic	17	15	1	1	55	15	31
Aberdeen	17	14	1	2	53	10	30
Rangers	17	12	5	0	40	18	24
Hibernian	17	10	4	3	30	14	23
Dundee	17	8	4	5	30	19	21
Hearts	17	8	4	5	31	24	21
Partick Th.	17	5	5	7	29	31	17
St. Johnstone	17	6	6	5	27	27	17
Morton	17	7	9	1	27	28	15
Falkirk	17	6	9	2	24	35	14
Kilmarnock	17	6	9	2	26	35	14
Dundee Utd.	17	6	9	2	34	44	14
Ayr	17	4	8	5	16	26	13
Motherwell	17	4	9	4	23	43	12
Clyde	17	4	10	3	16	33	11
Airdrie	17	3	9	5	22	47	11
East Fife	17	2	9	6	16	36	10
Dunfermline	17	2	11	4	13	27	8

. . . AND FIXTURES

Date	Competition	Opponents	Venue	For	Against
Aug. 14	League Cup	Celtic	Ibrox	0	2
Aug. 16	Glasgow Cup (1970-71 final)	Clyde	Ibrox	2	0
Aug. 18	League Cup	Ayr Utd.	Ibrox	4	0
Aug. 21	League Cup	Morton	Ibrox	2	0
Aug. 25	League Cup	Ayr Utd.	Somerset	4	0
Aug. 28	League Cup	Celtic	Ibrox	3	0
Sep. 1	League Cup	Morton	Cappielow	3	0
Sep. 4	League	Partick Thistle	Firhill	2	3
Sep. 11	League	Celtic	Ibrox	2	3
Sep. 15	Euro C.C.	Rennes	France	1	1
Sep. 18	League	Falkirk	Brockville	3	0
Sep. 25	League	Aberdeen	Ibrox	0	2
Sep. 28	Euro C.C.	Rennes	Ibrox	1	0
Oct. 2	League	Hearts	Tynecastle	1	2
Oct. 9	League	East Fife	Ibrox	3	3
Oct. 16	League	Dundee Utd.	Tannadice	5	1
Oct. 20	Euro C.C.	Sporting Lisbon	Ibrox	3	2
Oct. 23	League	Motherwell	Ibrox	4	0
Oct. 30	League	Kilmarnock	Ibrox	3	1
Nov. 3	Euro C.C.	Sporting Lisbon	Lisbon	3	4
Nov. 6	League	St. Johnstone	Perth	4	1
Nov. 13	League	Dundee	Ibrox	2	3
Nov. 20	League	Morton	Cappielow	2	1
Nov. 27	League	Ayr Utd.	Somerset	2	1
Dec. 4	League	Clyde	Ibrox	1	0
Dec. 11	League	Dunfermline	E. End Park	3	0
Dec. 18	League	Airdrie	Ibrox	3	0
Dec. 25	League	Hibs	Easter Road	1	0
Jan. 1	League	Partick Thistle	Ibrox	1	0
Jan. 3	League	Celtic	Parkhead	1	0
Jan. 8	League	Falkirk	Ibrox	1	0
Jan. 15	League	Aberdeen	Pittodrie	1	0
Jan. 22	League	Hearts	Ibrox	1	0
Jan. 29	League	E. Fife	Bayview	1	0
Feb. 5	S. Cup 3rd rnd.				
Feb. 12	League	Dundee Utd.	Ibrox	3	0
Feb. 19	League	Motherwell	Fir Park	2	0
Feb. 26	S. Cup 4th rnd.				
Mar. 4	League	Kilmarnock	Rugby Park	1	0
Mar. 11	League	St. Johnstone	Ibrox	1	0
Mar. 18	League	Dundee	Dens Park	1	0
Mar. 25	League	Morton	Ibrox	1	0
Apr. 1	League	Ayr Utd.	Ibrox	1	0
Apr. 8	League	Clyde	Shawfield	1	0
Apr. 15	League	Dunfermline	Ibrox	1	0
Apr. 22	League	Airdrie	Broomfield	1	0
Apr. 29	League	Hibs.	Ibrox	1	0

Friendly results: G.A.I.S. (Sweden) 4 Rangers 3; Orgryte (Sweden) 1 Rangers 2; Helsingborg (Sweden) 0 Rangers 4; Rangers 2 Everton 1; Rangers 1 Spurs 0; Chelsea 0 Rangers 1; Hapoel 0 Rangers 0.