



BRING ON THE CITY SLICKERS

The Manchester aces ideal test before Europe

RANGERS are keeping their fingers firmly crossed that English aces Manchester City get through their English Cup tie with Middlesbrough on Saturday.

For their challenge match against them at Ibrox on Tuesday promises to be such a thrilling affair it would be a heart-break if an English Cup replay were to wipe it out.

The City Slickers are currently one of the big noises in England. Better than Everton and Spurs, both of whom Rangers licked in pre-season games. Ibrox fans must get a look at them.

They are a star-spangled outfit indeed.

For a start they have in COLIN BELL, a midfield player rated as one of the best in the world by manager MALCOLM ALLISON, and highly respected by England boss, Sir ALF RAMSEY.

Best's Buddy

Then there is FRANCIS LEE. Now there's a player. Only 5 ft. 6 ins. but a giant for all that among England's strikers. Strong, brave and electric in his acceleration.

Next, MIKE SUMMERBEE. A buddy of Georgie Best's, and he has every right to be.

Like the United magician, Summerbee is an artist with a ball at his feet. He can never be pinned down to the one position.

And let's hear it for long, tall WYN DAVIES, City's costly purchase

By
'News' Reporter

from Newcastle United. It's a toss-up between he and his namesake Ron, of Southampton, as to whom is the best header of a ball in the South.

Stars on parade all right ... and Rangers will be ready for them. For this is no throw-away game for the Ibrox men. They are flexing their muscles in preparation for the next round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup, and City are ideal opposition for them to gauge their strength.

Explains manager WILLIE WADDELL — "City have a bit of everything. They play the ball around like the Continentals and they are also hard.

"One way or another they can give us a better test than any side before we go into Europe again."

The match will bring back memories for Mr Waddell and assistant manager WILLIE THORNTON. Both played for Rangers the last time they met City, at Maine Road in season '46-47. The score then: 2-1 for City.

A reversal of that score would be a perfect European tonic for Rangers.

Meanwhile, here's wishing City all the best on Saturday!



★ FRANCIS LEE . . . THEY SAY DOWN SOUTH THAT MONEY COULDN'T BUY HIM. HE'S RATED, ALONGSIDE GEORGE BEST, AS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING PLAYERS IN FOOTBALL. LEE IS ONLY 5 ft. 6 ins. BUT A GIANT AMONG ENGLISH STRIKERS.

POOLS FLASH

GLASGOW

STUDENT

SCOOPS

£8,000!

WHAT a way to start 1972! Miss Fiona Morrisson, of 66 Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow has hit the jackpot in Pool 1 of Rangers Pools ... and lifts the outright first prize of £8,347.20!

Fiona is a student at Edinburgh University.

And her agent, Mr Frank Baird, who is the Manager of the 'Snaffle Bit' Bar in Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, gets an extra 10 per cent of that figure ... £834.72. Not bad for commission!

Single winner

There is also a single winner in Pool 4 — Mr A. Vallance, of 6 The Firs, Bannockburn, Stirling, who wins the handy sum of £521.70.

Here is the complete list of winners:

POOL 1: One winner — £8,347.20.

POOL 2: 21 goals, 3 winners, £170 each approximately.

POOL 3: 19 goals — 10 winners, sharing £521.70.

POOL 4: Single winner, £521.70.

POOL 5: 224 winners. If you want to become an agent for Rangers Pools just turn to Page 11 for the coupon, and get in among the money.

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INSIDE IBROX

TROPHIES FROM A GREAT RANGER...

TWO more treasured items have found their way into the Ibrox trophy show-case. A 'cap' awarded for the Glasgow v. Sheffield game in season 1911-12 and a Glasgow Cup Winners' medal from the same period.

Both were won by the late **JIMMY GALT**, a stalwart Rangers defender and Scottish international. And the story of their arrival at Ibrox is an interesting one.

Over the years Jimmy gave away most of his footballing keepsakes, Scottish caps, medals and the like. But not the Inter-City cap and the Glasgow Cup badge.

Then after his death, Mrs Galt became a wee bit concerned about the fact she still had such valuable items in the house.

So just a couple of weeks back she contacted Rangers and asked if they would take them for safe-keeping.

Certainly! Mrs Galt duly delivered her husband's prizes to Ibrox. And now she has peace of mind and Rangers have boosted their collection of footballing treasures.



• **RONNIE MCKINNON**

THE Social Club will be closed on the evening of Monday, January 31, for the occasion of the Rangers Annual Dance.

Over the years the dance has been held in City hotels, but this time it was thought only fitting that it should be held at the Club.

The dance promises to be a great occasion, in keeping with tradition. And bigger than ever before too. Some 600 invitations have been sent out.

Players and officials apart, many 'big names' will be there. Like Glasgow's Lord Provost, Sir DONALD LIDDLE, the Chief Constable DAVID McNEE, and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Scottish Football Association and Scottish League.

Also to be in attendance are representatives of the Press and Television.

'arm' came away in his hand!

YOU wouldn't go to a cinema to play golf. But a party of Rangers, including **DAVE SMITH** and **TOMMY CRAIG**, went along to a golf



• Manager Waddell's secretary, **LAURA TARBET** places **JIMMY GALT'S** trophies in one of the Ibrox showcases.



• **PHILLIP BONNEYMAN** ... he was playing in Juvenile football just a month ago.

club this week to watch films.

Football films, to be exact, during a special 'cine-evening' at Ralston G.C. Doesn't sound so strange after all ...

THEY'RE a big-hearted lot at Ibrox. And that, amongst many other things, was proved at the Club this week when the players were examined by a team of doctors.

Electro-cardiographs, blood tests, you name it — the players had it

RONNIE MCKINNON is looking forward to becoming a father once more in about a fortnight's time. But, jokingly, he says it will be the last time.

Why? When his son was born two and a half years ago he was out through injury. This time he's out again, with a broken leg, of course ...

A 'JAG' IN THE IBROX CAMP?

WHISPER it ... there's a Partick Thistle fan in the Rangers camp! He's **PHILLIP BONNEYMAN**, Rangers' latest signing, who began as a full-timer at Ibrox last week.

Phillip, the former Anniesland Waverley midfield man, was born in Maryhill and brought up to follow the Jags.

Despite that, however, Phillip was delighted and honoured to join Rangers with whom he is settling in nicely.

Just a month ago the 17-year-old was playing away in Juvenile football and working in an estate agent's office.

Now he's playing in Reserve League football and working with the 'professionals'.

How's he liking it? 'Just great', says Phillip. 'Of course the football is much faster. You don't have nearly so much time to hold the ball but I'm getting the idea.'

RESERVE FOCUS

Gerry's in wars again...

GERRY NEEF is in the wars again! In the Reserve match with Falkirk at Brockville on Saturday the German-born goalkeeper broke a finger for the second time this season.

He collected his injury after only three minutes of the match when he hurled himself at the feet of an intruding opponent.

But typical Gerry, he elected to play on, even after the fracture was confirmed during an examination at half-time.

Says assistant manager **WILLIE THORNTON** — "All credit to Gerry. He was very brave to carry on in the game."

Unfortunately, jovial Gerry was not the only Rangers casualty.

ANDY PENMAN injured an ankle in the first half and did not reappear in the second. **GEORGE STRUTHERS** replaced him.

One-handed

To complete an unhappy day the young Rangers lost 2-0, although it should be said that a fit **GERRY NEEF** would probably have prevented the second score.

As it was, he had to dive for the ball, using only one hand.

Reflects Mr Thornton — "We did not play well and altogether it was a costly defeat, what with the two injuries we sustained."

Both Falkirk goals came in the first half. After the turn Rangers had their chances to retrieve the situation, but they did not enjoy the best of luck.

First, Struthers lashed a shot against the post and later **ALFIE CONN** hit one narrowly past.

Back in the Ibrox side for the first time in a while after injury was young **GEORGE WALKER**. Playing at centre forward he came through the game without mishap.

RANGERS RESERVES: Neef; Alexander, Miller; Donaldson, McCallum, Bonneyman; Penman, Conn, Walker, Fyfe, Semple. Substitute: Struthers.



DEREK JOHNSTONE . . . four games in the No. 5 Jersey.

Derek takes tip from Tel Aviv ace

DEREK Johnstone's recent outings at centre-half have been of great value to him as a centre-forward, according to the Dundee youngster.

The teenager played four games in all in the number five spot — against Ayr, Dunfermline, Clyde and Hapoel — before re-appearing in the firing line as substitute against Partick Thistle.

And he says, "I think I have learned quite a bit of the centre-forward's craft thanks to the move.

"For example, it used to be that I just stood in the middle all the time. Now I've learned to try to lose my direct opponent by wandering out to the touchlines.

"I got my real lesson in this from Spiegler in Tel Aviv. He was always on the go, back towards the centre-circle and out to the flanks.

"As a centre-half I realised I couldn't follow him. So in other words I realised it was good tactics for a centre-forward to move where he couldn't be followed.

"You see, only when a team plays man to man marking can a centre-half follow his opponent all over. But few Scottish teams play such a game now and we certainly don't.

"This is only one aspect of a centre-forward's play I learned from being at centre-half. And there are others.

Another great benefit Derek derived from his move is added confidence. Confidence he's been able to call on since as a striker.

For example, did you see some of his runs in from the touchline against Celtic? In one, he jinked his way past three opponents!

As he says, "I could only do that because I had the confidence. That added to the realisation I had to take on a few men to get out of tight situations."

It's inevitable when talking to Derek that the subject of goals crops up.

And what about that late one against Thistle which gave Rangers two points?

Jokes Derek, "I think substitute is my best position!"

And you know what he means when you remember some of the valuable counters he has got after coming on late in matches.

CONFIDENCE

...and Tommy will be on top of the world!

FORGET the Alka Seltzers, TOMMY McLEAN just needs a few goals to make him feel one hundred per cent settled in a Rangers jersey now.

And who's making out the prescription? None other than Wee Tam himself.

Larkhall's greatest export is the first man to admit his start at Ibrox, following his close-season move from Kilmarnock, was a slow one.

But things have looked up for him in recent weeks. The magic has started to return and he hopes to be bang on form soon . . . if he can get himself on target a few times.

"I'm feeling fairly satisfied with the way I'm playing now," says Tommy. "But there's a bit to come yet and I think a couple of goals would help.

"They would be just the tonic for my confidence, you see, and it was the lack of this which held me back for a while after I came to Ibrox.

"More than anything else I wanted to do well for Rangers, but I couldn't relax.

TOMMY McLEAN . . . a few goals will settle him.

"I was going out on to the park too strained and as a result not going about things properly.

"But all the lads were great with me, cracking jokes before games and helping me to unwind.

"This has helped a great deal and, like I say, maybe a few goals now would settle me completely."

The benefit Tommy has already gained from the upsurge in his play is that he can sleep at night now.

He admits that for a time he was so worried about his form he was going home and re-playing matches.

Or as he sums it up— "Now I don't take my worries home with me."



THE BRIGHTER PINT



CLEANER, SHARPER, BRIGHTER.

Saturday's Matches

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

Aberdeen v Rangers
Ayr Utd. v Hibernian
Celtic v Airdrie
Dundee U. v Kilmarnock
East Fife v Clyde
Falkirk v St. Johnstone
Hearts v Dundee
Motherwell v Dunfermline
Partick v Morton

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION II

Arbroath v Clydebank
Montrose v Stenhouse

SCOTTISH CUP SECOND ROUND

Albion Rovers v Queen's Park
Burntisland Ship v Elgin City
Forfar Athletic v Stranraer
Huntly v Hamilton Acad.
Inverness Thistle v Inverness Cal.
Queen of South v Berwick Rangers
Raith Rovers v Brechin City
Stirling Albion v Alloa Athletic



THE PAGE FOR YOUNG FANS



Who Scored Xmas Winner?

- 1—Who is Britain's costliest footballer?
- 2—For which First Division side does Wilson Wood play?
- 3—The following ex-Rangers players are now playing for which clubs? Denis Setterington, Billy Laing and Dave Provan?
- 4—For which East of Scotland Junior club did Colin Stein once play?
- 5—Tommy Docherty was once manager of Q.P.R. But for how long?
- 6—Clodoaldo was one of the stars of the Mexico World Cup. Who did he play for?
- 7—Dundee Utd. forward Alan Gordon has played football in another country. Which one?



● BILLY LAING . . . See Question 3.

Jock Wallace' Coaching Corner



● Rangers' GRAHAM FYFFE demonstrates the volley shot.

FASTEST SHOT IN THE GAME!

LAST week it was the volley pass, this week it is the volley shot — which is most spectacular if executed properly. And firstly I'll tell you the basic principle is the same.

As the ball approaches you, the striker, you have a quick look to see where you are going to hit it. Then you cast your eye back on the ball and strike it. Having a quick look first saves you time . . . which is valuable with a volley shot for it is most used in the penalty box. Now to get right down to the art of the volley

shot: Let's say you are running on to a knee-high cross or a cut-back from the right. Having observed the basic principle, you take your weight on your left foot and to keep the ball low, you should do two things.

1. Lean as far forward as possible.
2. Try to strike the ball with the lace on your boot.

To expand on this second point I mean that the toe should be pointed as much as possible to the ground.

In other words, do as Graham Fyfe is doing in our picture.

If you volley a shot properly, you'll find it will travel with greater velocity than an ordinary one. For you are merely changing the direction of the ball. And you'll find, if your aim is correct, that the goalkeeper will really be pushed to save it.

Like the volley pass, the shot is difficult to perfect. It needs much practice. So get the ball and throw it against a wall and strike it before it hits the floor. Again, again and again until the action comes naturally.

Then you'll be well on the way to becoming a Bobby Charlton or an Andy Penman, both of whom are very good at the volley shot.

SHOOT TO THE STARS ★★

★ 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 ANDY PENMAN, I got a new pair of boots for my Christmas and would like to know how to keep them in good condition — Derek Ellis, Milton, Glasgow.

● After every game, Derek, scrape the dirt off them as quickly as you can. If they are wet allow them to dry slowly. That is, don't lay them beside the fire where they would dry too quickly, and harden up. Then give them a good coating of boot polish and shine them up.

DEAR PETER McCLOY, How did you feel when Celtic scored their winning goal with only a few seconds left of the recent match at Parkhead? — Ian Sutherland, Hopeman, Morayshire.

● Like every other Rangers player I felt terribly dejected Ian. After we had got our equaliser I thought we might even win the game.



DEAR GERRY NEEF, I am a goalkeeper and would like to know if you had any other club in mind when you came to Scotland, or did you go straight to the 'Gers? — Jack Belshaw, North Drumry, Clydebank.

● I just had football in mind, Jack. I played a trial period for Aberdeen before I was lucky enough to be signed by Rangers.



DEAR ALEX MACDONALD,

Has anybody ever told you you look a bit like Alan Ball of Arsenal? Also what kind of boots do you wear, please? — Billy Scougal, Uddingston.

● I can't say anyone has ever remarked on a likeness between Alan Ball and myself, Billy. What kind of boots do I wear? Same as the rest of the Ibrox boys — Adidas.



● ALAN GORDON . . . See Question 7.

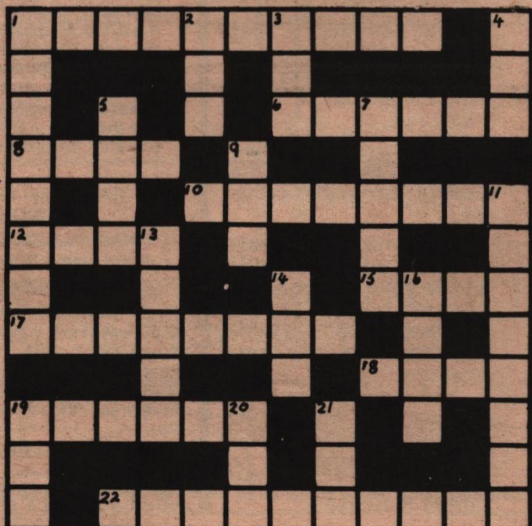
- 8—Which English international full-back was recently placed on his club's transfer list?
- 9—In which regional Junior League do Downfield play?
- 10—Who scored Rangers' winning goal against Hibs on Christmas Day?
- 11—Jackie Stewart is manager of which Second Division side?

Programmes

- Wanted — Rangers away progs. v. Hearts, St. Johnstone, Morton, Ayr and Dunfermline. In the League Cup against Morton, Ayr and Celtic (30th) at home and v. Morton away. I will pay 5p each for first ones received in good condition. — John Howden, 15 Arran Pl., Linwood, Renfrewshire.
- Wanted — Rangers v. Man. City (1954). Will pay or exchange many old progs. from 1947 onwards. — I. Armstrong, 126 Turnberry Dr., Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 4NG.
- Wanted — Will buy any collections of Rangers home and away all seasons. Write first giving details. Best prices paid. — Boyd Miller, 39, Raise St., Saltcoats, Ayrshire KA21 5JX.

YOUR QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1, Manchester City ace striker (7, 3).
 - 6, Germans have been Rangers' opponents in Europe (6).
 - 8, All square (4).
 - 10, Salutes (8).
 - 12, Small piece of information (4).
 - 15, Bubbly water? (4).
 - 17, Alf Ramsey was 'put to the sword' (8).
 - 18, Parkhead Player. (4).
 - 19, Victory clincher (6).
 - 22, Star men on the flanks (3, 7).
- DOWN**
- 1, 'Foul' given (4, 4).
 - 2, International honour (3).
 - 3, Short submarine (3).
 - 4, Possess (3).
 - 5, Light Blue 'keeper' (4).
 - 7, Anglo Scot Ron (5).
 - 9, Perform (3).
 - 11, 'Destroys' defence (8).
 - 13, Musical instrument (5).
 - 14, Strikers aim to put it in here (3).
 - 16, Above the crossbar (4).
 - 19, Victory (3).
 - 20, Quarrel (3).
 - 21, Supporter.



Pen Pal Spot

- KENNETH ROBERTSON (16), 2 Bell Terr., Tyre, Nr. Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire; Hobbies — football, pictures; would like female pen pal of same age. Favourite players — John Greig, Colin Stein and Alfie Conn.
- VIVIAN TOSH (22), 13 Sclattie Cres., Bucksburn, Aberdeen; Hobbies — football, pop music and dancing. Favourite players — Colin Stein, Sandy Jardine and Willie Johnston. Male or female pen pal.
- ALAN JARVIS (15), 5 West Rd., Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire; Hobbies — following Rangers, pop music and dancing. Favourite players — Colin Stein, Sandy Jardine and Alfie Conn.
- STEPHEN COCKBURN (11), 8 Gordon Pl., Ellon, Aberdeenshire; Hobbies — football, pop music, cycling and collecting Rangers pictures. Favourite players — Colin Stein, Willie Henderson and Sandy Jardine.

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THE MAN WHO TAMED STANLEY MATTHEWS

WHEN you think of right-wingers, great right-wingers, the name which comes first to mind is probably STANLEY MATTHEWS.

There wasn't a thing he couldn't do with the ball and there wasn't an opponent who wouldn't tell you so — from bitter experience.

Except one, perhaps. His name? **SAMMY COX**. For the great Rangers defender, now living in Canada, was probably the only man ever able to tame the Matthews menace.

Sammy was recognised as a left-half at Ibrox but he was generally a left-back with Scotland.

And it was at Wembley in 1949, when Scotland scored a memorable 3-1 victory, he made Stanley look an ordinary mortal.

What was the Cox secret?

On a recent trip back home he revealed "I just played Matthews like any other winger. And like any other winger he tended to use the same tricks over and over again.

"It was just a case of anticipating which trick he was going to use and taking the necessary action.

"But I had had the advantage of knowing the Matthews style before that '49 international.

"You see, I had played against him during the war in an Inter-Services match. I was playing for the Army and Stanley was with the R.A.F.

"During that game I got the chance to weigh up his style, to assess the moves he worked. This knowledge came in handy later."

BASICALLY, all Sammy Cox's football knowledge was learned during those war years when he played with various teams, including Queen's Park and Dundee.

He only began to put it to use for Rangers in 1946 after his transfer from Dens Park.



● **GEORGE YOUNG** . . . he played along with Cox in the 'Iron Curtain' days.

Sammy knew the English Wizard's Secret . . .

★ **SAMMY COX**, one of the all-time Ibrox greats, is our **NAME TO REMEMBER** this week. In the eighth article in our series Sammy talks about his memorable career with the Light Blues.

And the way he did so for the next ten years at Ibrox stamped him as one of the all-time greats.

Sammy was attack-conscious and fearless in the tackle, but he certainly did not merit the 'over-robust' tag pinned on him by many.

Although you could have fooled a lot of Celtic fans on one occasion back in the early fifties . . . on the day Sammy almost brought the Ibrox house down!

During the particular Old Firm game, as tense an occasion as any other, Sammy perpetrated a real manly tackle on the great Celtic favourite **CHARLIE TULLY**.

The original Cheeky Charlie fell to the ground and the fans went wild.

Said Sammy — "Suddenly, all hell was let loose. Everything came flying on to the park. It was a near riot.

"And the next day when I reported to Ibrox the groundsman took me onto the track for a look-see.

"Literally, there were lorry-loads of bottles and other missiles needing cleared away. I won't forget that game in a hurry."

SAFE to say Sammy was what they call an 'Iron Man'. As all the Rangers defenders were then, when their defence became known as the Iron Curtain.

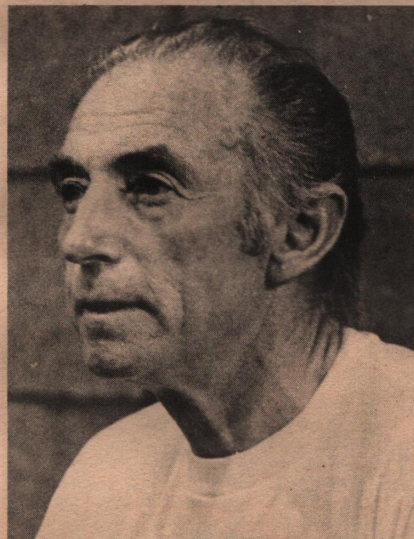
In front of **BOBBY BROWN** were such powerhouses as **GEORGE YOUNG** and **JOCK SHAW**, **IAN McCOLL**, **WILLIE WOODBURN** and Sammy.

"It was quite a defence," said Sammy. "But I don't think we were called the Iron Curtain because of strength alone.

"More the case that we just



● Old friends meet again at Ibrox as Rangers manager **WILLIE WADDELL** greets a famous Ibrox colleague, **SAMMY COX**, who was over from Canada on a visit to Scotland.



● The great **STANLEY MATTHEWS** . . . he was outplayed by Cox at Wembley in 1949.

worked so well together. We had a great understanding between one another.

Although Sammy was recognised as a left-half with Rangers he did in fact play many positions, both in defence and attack.

"We were playing Clyde this day and I had the number 11 shirt," recalled Sammy. "Before the game I had joked with the lads that I was going to win them their bonus.

"And do you know what happened in that game? I scored the winning goal!"

Sammy remembers every day, every happening, in those ten years at Ibrox. Although everything has been to his liking in Stratford,

Ontario, where he emigrated to in '58, desperately wishes he could turn the clock back a bit on his 47 years, to allow him to relive some of the earlier ones.

"You know, the greatest thrill I ever had was pulling the Blue jersey over my head for the first time. Against Airdrie it was . . . before a Victory Cup game."

GREAT days, indeed. It was the spirit at Ibrox which meant so much to Sammy. Each man was everybody's buddy. On the field and off it. And some times it was just as well . . .

The Rangers players then enjoyed many a laugh, some of the heartiest of which rung out in the baths.

"The cold hose was the source of many a practical joke," remembered Sammy. "It would be turned on some poor unsuspecting chap as he made his way through to the treatment room in his underwear.

"Many's the time I left the ground, my soaked underwear in a brown parcel under my arm!

"But eventually, everybody got a bit wiser. So that when they were passing through the bathroom to the treatment room they wore somebody else's underwear!"

Sammy's latest trip home was his fourth — a fact which helps illustrate how much he misses the old country, and Ibrox in particular.



● COLIN 'BOMBER' JACKSON leaps high between Falkirk centre-half MARKIE and full-back ABEL to head home brilliantly for Rangers' second goal in nine minutes.



● This time it's centre-forward COLIN STEIN in the air, outjumping pivot MARKIE to head for goal.



● Who would be a goalie! Falkirk 'keeper RENNIE lands on his head after COLIN JACKSON had put the Light Blues 2-0 up with a fine header. A delighted WILLIE JOHNSTON turns away as the 'dejected' JONES (far left) and ABLE look on.

'NEWS' MATCH SLANT

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—But Ibrox att

RANGERS were two up after only ten minutes and only a series of first-class saves by Falkirk's excellent 'keeper RENNIE saved the Bairns from being a long way behind at the interval.

Indeed even in the early stages of the second half the Ibrox men continued to bombard him, but he continued to defy them so that when inside-forward SHIRRA got Falkirk's goal after an hour it put new life into them, as they saw the chance of salvaging a point from what might have been a hammering.

In the last minute, however, teenager IAIN McDONALD gave the scoreline a more realistic look

when he grab third.

In the end may have been boys didn't g goals.

The import is that Ran chances, and that.

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ir grabbed the was the other half-back line,

DAVE SMITH, who was outstanding in the defence itself with SANDY JARDINE not far behind him.

And the hardest worker of all throughout the ninety minutes was wee ALEX MacDONALD.

RANGERS — McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson; Greig, Jackson, Smith; McLean, Johnston, Stein, A. MacDonald, I. McDonald. Subst. — Johnstone.

FALKIRK — Rennie, Abel, Jones; Bryce, Markie, Gibson; Hoggan, Ferguson, Sumner, Shirra, Settrington. Subst. — McLeod.

Ref. R.C. Greenlees, Lochgelly.



● Some jersey-tugging going on here as rivals JOHN MARKIE and COLIN make a determined bid to win the ball.



● Flying full-back WILLIE MATHIESON leaves Falkirk's JOHN MARKIE trailing as the Ibrox man cuts in on goal.



● Falkirk 'keeper RENNIE to the rescue again as Rangers' WILLIE JOHNSTON and COLIN STEIN wait for any slip-ups.



● Keeper RENNIE makes a spectacular leap to punch clear from Rangers' WILLIE JOHNSTON.



● IAIN McDONALD strokes home Rangers third and final goal past the outstretched RENNIE.



OUR NEXT GAME

PITTDODRIE 'LUCKY' FOR LIGHT BLUES

'GERS WILL

FEEL 'AT HOME'!



FLASHBACK: DAVIE ROBB is beaten in the jump by RONNIE McKINNON in the last encounter between the two clubs. Looking on is JIM FORREST.



FLASHBACK: Aberdeen keeper for the day ANDY GEOGHAN snatches a cross before high-flying COLIN STEIN can connect. Looking on is Aberdeen's giant pivot WILLIE YOUNG.

CELTIC did Rangers no favours by scoring that late goal in the match at Parkhead recently. But, ironically, the Ibrox side are now in the position to do them one — and a big one at that.

On Saturday they travel to Pittodrie to play Aberdeen and if Rangers can snatch one point or two from their journey they can indirectly strengthen the Parkhead side's League challenge.

We say IF they can, but in point of fact there is every likelihood that Rangers will do better than that.

For it is a funny thing that the 'Gers record in League games against Aberdeen in recent years has been better at Pittodrie than Ibrox.

Example — Last season they were beaten 2-0 at Ibrox and drew 0-0 at Pittodrie. This season they went down by the same score at home...

You wonder why? Let's bring Ibrox skipper JOHN GREIG in to throw some light on the subject.

"When Aberdeen come to Ibrox they tend to play it tight and look for goals on the break," says he. "They are very good at this kind of game."

"But at Pittodrie, in front of their home



• ALEX WILLOUGHBY

crowd, they come out more which suits us. We like teams to come at us and not many of them do, even on their own grounds.

"Really, playing against the Dons is like playing in Europe. When you face them on your home ground they play it tight, like a European team would do, and when you go to their ground they open up.

"In contrast, many other teams in Scotland play it tight home and away against us.

"BECAUSE OF THE WAY ABERDEEN PLAY AT HOME AGAINST US WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO A TRIP TO PITTDODRIE. IT'S USUALLY A PRETTY OPEN GAME AND AN ENJOYABLE ONE IN A GOOD ATMOSPHERE.

"Pittodrie is a nice ground and generally there's a big crowd there which helps all the players.

"I would say in fact that the games against Aberdeen at Pittodrie are more enjoyable than those at Ibrox. Because the Dons are less frustrating to play against. And it is more enjoyable for the fans."

The trip to Aberdeen will be a sentimental journey for two Rangers — DAVE SMITH and COLIN JACKSON both of whom hail from there. And in turn the visit of the Ibrox side will bring back a flood of memories for two Dons — Alex Willoughby and Jim Forrest, both former Rangers.

Glasgow fans will be very interested to watch Willoughby, for this season he has been given a great vote of confidence by manager Jimmy Bonthronne

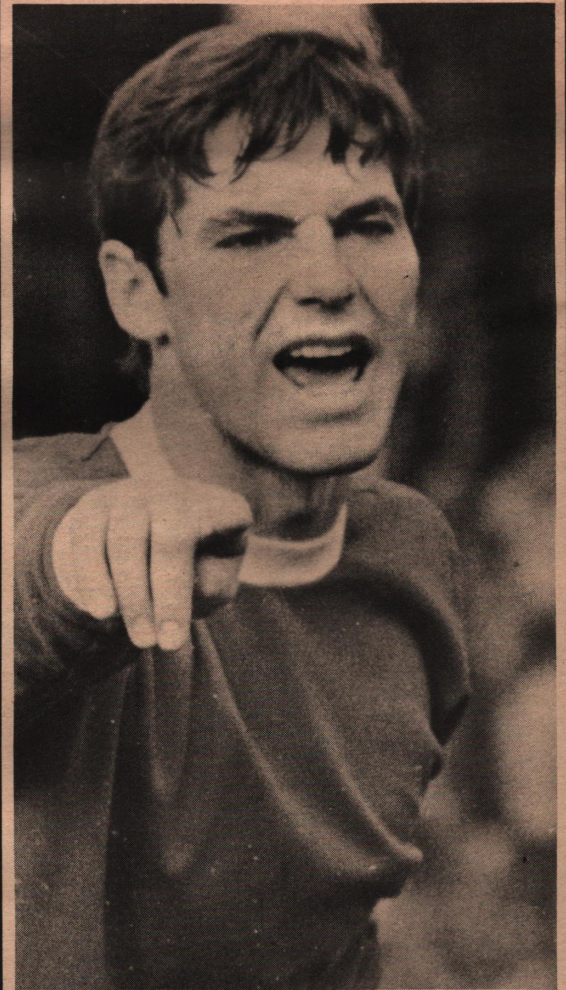
MY MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT

• The Rangers players talk about their most difficult opponents individually. This week TOMMY McLEAN tells why he finds Aberdeen skipper MARTIN BUCHAN such a difficult defender to beat.



Tommy McLean picks

MARTIN BUCHAN (ABERDEEN)



WHEN he was playing as a more conventional wing-half, and I was with Kilmarnock, Martin Buchan gave me a tough time.

He marked me so tightly, you see, that I hardly got room to breathe.

This, you might think, was a purely negative role for him, but to Martin's credit he still found time to move up and create.

All of which makes him not only a difficult opponent but a fine all-round player.



IAIN COULD BE WORLD BEATER



In all my years watching football I've never been so impressed by a young player as IAIN McDONALD in the game against Partick Thistle on New Year's Day.

This lad looks to have everything. Great natural ability, speed, and an abundance of confidence. His first-half showing reminded me of Willie Johnston's great international debut against Poland a few years back.

I would say that, given time — and Iain has got plenty of that on his side — this latest Ibrox starlet could become a world beater.

— John Bateson, Newington, Edinburgh.



• IAIN McDONALD

Rangers' style

AFTER Rangers had lost by that last-gasp goal to Celtic on January 3, I heard several folk say that Celtic were still far ahead of Rangers in sheer football.

I just can't understand what they mean. Football is football; there are many ways to play it.

Rangers play it differently from Celtic simply because they have different players.

As it was, Rangers' style matched Celtic's for most of the 89 minutes before Celtic scored their winner. In fact they outmatched Celtic for much of the time.

So if the Ibrox team's style is different from Celtic's it does not stand badly in comparison, does it? — True Blue, Paisley, Renfrewshire.

London fan

I am an ardent Rangers fan living in the outskirts of London with few opportunities of seeing the team in action. My consolation is in reading your excellent 'Rangers News'. It is passed on to several exiled Rangers supporters here in the Metropolis.

As a favour to myself and others like me I would be delighted if you could publish in your paper each week the Scottish Reserve League table and the winning numbers in the Rangers Pools.

Best of luck in 1972 and a long winning run for the greatest team in the world.

— Willie Failes, Wallington, Surrey.

*** We'll consider your suggestion, Willie.

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, 92 IPS. The best letter each week will receive TWO STAND TICKETS for a Rangers home match.



Don't knock Colin Stein...

I'VE heard a few folk knock COLIN STEIN. Hibs fans, in particular, during the game at Easter Road recently. But this can only be jealousy.

What team could not find a place for this great centre-forward? His goals apart, his enthusiasm for the game is tremendous. Never have I seen him give up.

If a few more sides had a few more Colin Steins football would be a much more exciting game to watch.

As it is, every Rangers game is exciting for me, just watching Colin rushing about, breathing fire wherever he goes. — D. Low, Dundee, Angus.

Shearer's race-horse?

CAN you settle an argument, please? Did BOBBY SHEARER, the former Rangers skipper, own a race-horse in his playing days at Ibrox? —

Two Ibrox 'punters'. **** Bobby DID have a race horse which as far as we can remember, ran in the Rangers colours of red, white and blue.

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT CALDOW



14-goal Jimmy

• ERIC CALDOW ... after that leg break

FASTEST FULLBACK

IT was good to read in the "Rangers News" last week about ERIC CALDOW. What a player he was. Probably the fastest full-back I ever saw, although current Ibrox defender WILLIE MATHIESON looks to be pretty sharp also. — Derek Jameson, Newcastle-on-Tyne.



IT was interesting to read ERIC CALDOW say that the leg-break he sustained against England in 1963 had no long-term effect on him.

For it was widely held by the Press and public that he was never quite the same when he came back. — J. McNeil, Kirkaldy, Fife.

• DAVE SMITH ... The Aberdonian can shift.

Dave Smith — always in right place

CONGRATS on the story last week about the new Dave Smith. In my book Dave's a stick-out, the best 'model' we have yet seen of him.

It's funny too. It took me a while to get to appreciate Dave. He has a funny style of running which tends to make him look a bit slow at times.

But if any opponents have thought the same before they have faced Dave in a match, they have known better at the end of it.

Funny style or no, the Aberdonian can shift — and always to the right place at the right time — A Smith Man, Cupar, Fife.

The top Ranger

LOOKING through pen-pal spots in back numbers of the 'News' I find the favourite player is Sandy Jardine, closely followed by Colin Stein.

Would it not be possible for the 'News' to have its own 'Player of the Season' by asking writers of letters to mention their top two players and see who heads the table at the end of the season? My two — Colin and Sandy. — Chris Burke, Glasgow G53 5RW.

RE the query about JIMMY FLEMING'S goal-scoring, in "Names to Remember", after the Scottish Cup first round tie against Blairgowrie in which he DID score nine goals, Rangers went to Dens Park on the last Saturday of January 1934, and won 6-0.

Fleming scored five and Jamie Smith the other. And a Glasgow evening paper carried this headline 'Fleming's fourteen in a Fortnight'.

To cheer our fans after the Celtic defeat, Rangers beat Celtic five times in season 1963-64. The scores were: League Cup — 3-0, 3-0. League — 2-1, 1-0. Scottish Cup (at Ibrox) — 2-0. — A. V. Bradley, Glasgow G22, 6BI.

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The night they wanted 'club' kept open...

DID YOU have a Good New Year? Song, cheer and crates of good beer?

Well, so did the lucky hundreds who came to the Social Club for the special Hogmanay Show, featuring the Alexander Brothers and Jan Douglas.

In fact they had a Great New Year! Says the Club's managing director, Mr DAVID HOPE — "It was a wonderful night. The best ever. Everybody was in great spirits."

Mr Hope introduced a novel touch by piping over the 'Bells' from the television.

And then the real enjoyment began. With the Alexander Brothers leading the merriment the Club began to swing.

Everybody was wearing a poky hat, real party style, and the year 1972 was suitably brought in. No New Year had ever had a welcome like it!

Alas, like all good things the night had to come to an end at 1.30. But only under 'protest' from the members.

According to Mr Hope, everybody was enjoying himself so much a deputation of members actually approached him and asked if he could keep the Club open until 3.0 a.m.!



WILLIE JOHNSTON tries a spectacular flying header against Falkirk last Saturday but his header went wide. Looking on is JOHN MARKIE, the Bairns pivot.



THE RANGERS SHOP



TICK OFF A LIGHT BLUE SOUVENIR...

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RECENTLY we announced in the "News" that Rangers Shop had opened. Since then we have had a lot of letters from fans pointing out that, while they are as daft on Rangers as anyone they rarely get the chance to come to Ibrox.

So specially for them we intend to publish regularly a list of items available in the shop and how you can get them by post.

All prices given on this up-to-date list are INCLUSIVE of postage and so if you want goods from the Rangers Shop all you have to do is tick off the items required and send off the form below, enclosing the appropriate amount in postal orders.

Orders should be made payable to "The Rangers Shop" and in items like a track suit, be sure to write in the size required.

There are two dozen different souvenirs available at the moment and as new goods are added to the stock this list will be brought up to date.

Prices shown here are all applicable to the United Kingdom, but obviously you must include extra for postage in other parts of the world.

REMEMBER, postage is INCLUDED in the prices shown so if you wish a key ring you send postal orders for 24p and no more.

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| 4 | 27p | 16 PICTURES. GREIG, STEIN, JOHNSTON. 17p |
| 5 | £2.65p | 17 STRIPED TIES 89p |
| 6 | 24p | 18 PLAIN TIE WITH RANGERS CREST 70p |
| 7 | 17p | 19 L.P. RECORD (FOLLOW, FOLLOW) 84p |
| 8 | 15p | 20 L.P. RECORD (GLORY, GLORY) 82p |
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JACKSON GIVES 'EM 'JITTERS'!

Why Colin didn't wipe blood away

MAYBE you've heard of the full-back who made a point of not shaving for two days before a game so that his grizzly chin would frighten opponents.

Next Week's Numbers

HERE is the official list of teams for Saturday, January 15 —

- 01 Crystal Pal., 02 Derby Co., 03 Darlington, 04 Doncaster, 05 Queen of South, 06 Raith Rov., 07 Southampton, 08 Stoke City, 09 Barnsley, 10 East Fife.
- 11 Falkirk, 12 Leeds, 13 Manchester City, 14 Grimsby, 15 Hartlepool, 16 Stirling Albion, 17 Sunderland, 18 Swansea, 19 Hearts, 20 Motherwell.
- 21 Ards, 22 Millwall, 23 Newcastle Un., 24 Partick Thistle, 25 Lincoln, 26 Swindon, 27 Tottenham, 28 Albion Rov., 29 Norwich, 30 Orient.
- 31 Northampton, 32 Arbroath, 33 Walsall, 34 Watford, 35 Ballymena Un., 36 Burntisland, 36 Oxford, 38 Peterborough 39 Aberdeen, 40 Blackburn.
- 41 West Brom, 42 West Ham, 43 Forfar Ath., 44 Ayr Un., 45 Preston, 46 Q.P.B., 47 Huntly, 48 Southport, 49 Wolves, 50 Birmingham.
- 51 Aldershot, 52 Celtic, 53 Blackpool, 54 Blyth Spartan, 55 Montrose, 56 Chester, 57 Sheffield Un., 58 Bolton W., 59 Inverness Th., 60 Bradford City.
- 61 Boston Un., 62 Burnley, 63 Dundee Un., 64 Oldham, 65 Bury, 66 Charlton, 67 Crewe Alex.

Or the defender who always sounded a growl as he thundered into his man, hoping for the same effect?

Now, from Ibrox, comes a new one from the manual of psychological warfare as applied to football.

It concerns husky centre-half COLIN JACKSON and physiotherapist TOMMY CRAIG.

In the first-half of a recent match Colin sustained a small cut to the side of his eye. When he came off at half-time he had a bright streak of blood down the side of his face.

He called to Tommy for a sponge to wipe it off ... but Tommy, always thinking of a new angle, said — "No leave it. Maybe the sight of blood will put the wind up some of the other team!"

And while nobody can say for sure that Tommy's psychology DID work, nobody can say it didn't. For Rangers won that day.

Explains Tommy — "You've got to try these things. If a player sees blood on an opponent's face he might just think 'This guy's a real hard man, playing on when he's injured.' And so he might just think twice about going into him.

You get teams who make sure they turn out impeccably, not only for the sake of good appearance, but also to make the opposition think, 'Well, this lot LOOK good, so they MUST be good.



• COLIN JACKSON . . . cut at the side of his eye.

IBROX MARKSMEN Skipper's seventh - in 60 seconds!

RANGERS skipper JOHN GREIG didn't take long to find the net again — in the first minute against Falkirk at Ibrox on Saturday — to consolidate himself in fourth position in the first team target table.

And two 'new' men made their bow in the first-team scoring list — COLIN 'BOMBER' JACKSON and young star IAIN McDONALD.

This is the complete chart of Ibrox scorers in the League Cup, League Championship and European Cup-Winners' Cup.

| | |
|------------------|----|
| COLIN STEIN | 19 |
| ALEX MACDONALD | 11 |
| WILLIE JOHNSTON | 10 |
| JOHN GREIG | 7 |
| DEREK JOHNSTONE | 5 |
| GRAHAM FYFE | 4 |
| WILLIE HENDERSON | 3 |
| TOMMY McLEAN | 1 |
| SANDY JARDINE | 1 |
| IAIN McDONALD | 1 |
| COLIN JACKSON | 1 |



• JOHN GREIG . . . a flying start against Falkirk

ALL THE CLUB NOTICES

COWCADDENS: Bus for Aberdeen weekend leaves Wyndford at 7.30 and Subway Bar at 7.45.

SWINTON LOYAL: Aberdeen bus 9.00 a.m. Return midnight. New members welcome.

CARNWATH: Bus for Aberdeen at 7 p.m. Bellshill 7.45.

REIDVALE: v. Aberdeen, Bus 8 p.m., Goodyear Tyre Company, Reidvale St., Dinner at Stonehaven.

EAST KILBRIDE: Bus v. Aberdeen; Westwood 7.45, Murray 7.50, Parkhall St. 7.55, and Calderwood 8.00.

HOWE OF FIFE: Bus for Aberdeen leaves Abbey Garage, Newburgh 10.15. Cycle Tavern Auchtermuchty 10.30, and Fluthers Car Park Cupar at 10.45. Non-members welcome.

BLACKBURN: Any club interested in running a beauty queen contest please contact William Gilfillan, 10 Murrayfield Terrace, Blackburn, West Lothian for details. Rangers Club Supper and Dance in Golden Hind Hotel, February 11, 8 p.m. — 2 a.m. Tickets 50p. Non-members welcome.

KINGSWAY: Bus for Aberdeen at 8.00. Only those who gave their names for this bus.

JOHN GREIG LOYAL (MARYHILL): Aberdeen bus leaves Harrington St. at 8.00 p.m. prompt. Few seats for non-members.

NITHSDALE LOYAL: Bus Aberdeen, 8 a.m. from New Regent Bar; Return from Aberdeen 11.30 p.m. (unable to arrange overnight accommodation); Members who have not already given names; please telephone 041-427-3952.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus Sat. 8.00 at Church St. Meet Brock Bowling Club on Monday at 7.45.

GRANGEMOUTH: Bus v. Aberdeen leaves Falkirk 8.00 a.m. and Elwynn 8.15 a.m., Bus v. Hearts leaves Elwynn 1 p.m. and Falkirk 1.15 p.m. Bus v. E. Fife leaves Falkirk 12.30 p.m. and Elwynn 12.40 p.m. Date for Pavilion show is now March 10.

LINTHOUSE LOYAL: Train to Aberdeen. Meet Queen St. at 7.30.

THIRTY TWO TRUE BLUES: Bus leaves Buchanan House, Port Dundas Road, at 8.30, returns immediately after the game. Visitors welcome.

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Scottish League—Div. I

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| AIRDRIE | 1 | ABERDEEN | 2 |
| (H.T. 0-1) | | Robb | Willoughby |
| CLYDE | 0 | PARTICK TH. | 2 |
| (H.T. 0-2) | | Coulston (2) | |
| DUNFERMLINE | 1 | AYR | 1 |
| Gardner | | Fillipi | |
| (H.T. 1-1) | | | |
| HIBS | 3 | DUNDEE UTD. | 0 |
| Stanton | | | |
| Brownlie | | | |
| Duncan | | | |
| (H.T. 1-0) | | | |
| KILMARNOCK | 1 | MOTHERWELL | 0 |
| Mathie | | | |
| (H.T. 0-0) | | | |
| MORTON | 1 | CELTIC | 1 |
| Gillies | | Hood | |
| (H.T. 1-1) | | | |
| RANGERS | 3 | FALKIRK | 1 |
| Greig | | Shirra | |
| Jackson | | | |
| McDonald, I. | | | |
| (H.T. 2-0) | | | |
| ST. JOHNSTONE | 1 | HEARTS | 1 |
| Aird | | Ford | |
| (H.T. 0-0) | | | |

Scottish League—Div. II

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| BRECHIN | 1 | ALLOA | 1 |
| Cunningham | | McCulloch | |
| (H.T. 0-0) | | | |
| CLYDEBANK | 0 | BERWICK | 0 |
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| E. STIRLING | 3 | ST. MIRREN | 1 |
| McLindon | | Bryceland | |
| Miller | | | |
| Scanlon | | | |
| (H.T. 3-1) | | | |
| FORFAR | 1 | DUMBARTON | 1 |
| Stewart | | Kidd | |
| (H.T. 1-1) | | | |
| HAMILTON | 0 | QUEEN OF S. | 3 |
| | | Dempster, Law | McClesney |
| (H.T. 0-3) | | | |
| RAITH ROV. | 1 | QUEEN'S PARK | 1 |
| Wallace | | Campbell | |
| (H.T. 1-0) | | | |
| STENHOUSEMUIR | 0 | COWDENBEATH | 0 |
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| STIRLING ALB. | 1 | ARBROATH | 2 |
| Lawson | | Fletcher (2) | |
| (H.T. 0-2) | | | |
| STRANRAER | 2 | ALBION ROV. | 2 |
| Campbell (2) | | Rutherford, Sage | |
| (H.T. 2-1) | | | |

• For the benefit of our readers overseas, here is a compiled list of results, scorers and league tables for the week ending Saturday, January 8.

| SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. I | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| P | Home | | | Away | | | Goals | | | Pts | | |
| | W | D | L | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | | | |
| Celtic | 20 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 17 | 36 | | |
| Aberdn | 20 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 14 | 35 | | |
| Rangers | 20 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 48 | 22 | 28 | | |
| Hibs | 20 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 16 | 26 | | |
| Dundee | 20 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 21 | 24 | | |
| Hearts | 20 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 33 | 26 | 24 | | |
| Partick | 20 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 36 | 35 | 21 | | |
| St Jhns | 20 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 32 | 32 | 20 | | |
| Kilmrnck | 20 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 29 | 35 | 19 | | |
| Avr | 20 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 27 | 17 | | |
| Morton | 20 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 29 | 34 | 16 | | |
| Falkirk | 20 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 27 | 41 | 16 | | |
| E Fife | 20 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 31 | 11 | | |
| Motherwll | 20 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 29 | 45 | 16 | | |
| Dundee U | 20 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 35 | 50 | 15 | | |
| Stirling Alb | 20 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 39 | 14 | | |
| Dnfrmlne | 20 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 31 | 11 | | |
| Clyde | 20 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 46 | 11 | | |
| Airdrie | 20 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 55 | 11 | | |

Scottish Reserve League

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|-------------|---|--------------|---|
| ABERDEEN | 2 | AIRDRIE | 2 |
| AYR | 5 | DUNFERMLINE | 3 |
| DUNDEE UTD. | 3 | HIBS | 0 |
| EAST FIFE | 2 | DUNDEE | 1 |
| FALKIRK | 2 | RANGERS | 0 |
| HEARTS | 3 | ST JOHNSTONE | 0 |
| MOTHERWELL | 2 | KILMARNOCK | 5 |
| PARTICK TH | 1 | CLYDE | 0 |

IT'S THE RANGERS RAIDERS ... IN FORCE



● ALFIE CONN . . . he graduated to first team status from the reserves in a year or so.

AFTER a recent match which Rangers won only narrowly the Press were speaking to the manager of the Opposition. He dismissed a suggestion that Rangers had not played as well as they might, and added longingly — "I wish I had some of their forwards."

It was easy to see what he meant. For with the return of Iain McDonald to fitness and the first team, Rangers' reservoir of forward line talent has been topped up to a high level indeed.

In point of fact the Ibrox club could field two forward lines, one as good as the other on top form.

Take the front five in Saturday's game against Falkirk: TOMMY McLEAN, ALEX MacDONALD, COLIN STEIN, WILLIE JOHNSTON, and IAIN McDONALD. Then consider those who did not play: WILLIE HENDERSON, ALFIE CONN, DEREK JOHNSTONE, ANDY PENMAN and GRAHAM FYFE.

Perming five from ten you could come up with these two front lines — McLean, Fyfe, Stein, A MacDonald and W. Johnston; and Henderson, Conn, D. Johnstone, Penman, and I. McDonald.

Who would not put his pennies on either of these formations to do the business? Not many, that's for sure.

Some, of course, would argue that it is unrealistic in the 70s to talk of five-men forward lines. That the players only line-up as a quintet on paper.

But they would see on looking again at the two sets mentioned, that both include midfield players and strikers.

Such is the depth of Rangers' talent. And depth is strength. With ten tried and trusted men from whom to choose a forward line, Rangers are in a position to suffer injury and loss of form and carry on almost regardless.

THIS STRENGTH IN DEPTH ILLUSTRATES THE GOOD WORK GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES AT IBROX.

Four of the top ten forwards — Conn, Fyfe, Johnstone and Iain McDonald — have



● GRAHAM FYFE . . . he could step into the first team anytime.

graduated from the reserves this past year or so, and there are others like Derek Parlane who are striving hard to break through.

Rangers wealth is not confined to their attacking forces. They are building up good cover at the back too.

Consider that pushing PETER McCLOY is GERRY NEEF. Able to step into either full-back position is ALEC MILLER, and equipped to slot in anywhere is the versatile JIM DENNY.

And remember too that DEREK JOHNSTONE has proved he has a talent for



● ALEC MILLER

playing at centre-half as well as centre forward. Altogether, it is a heartening picture.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1—Alan Ball (Everton-Arsenal — £225,000).
- 2—Hearts.
- 3—Setterington (Falkirk), Laing (Cowdenbeath) and Provan (Plymouth).
- 4—Armadale Thistle.
- 5—28 days.
- 6—Brazil.
- 7—South Africa.
- 8—Paul Reaney, of Leeds.
- 9—Midlands.
- 10—Colin Stein.
- 11—He is the only one who is not captain of his side.
- 13—Dundee.
- 14—Two. Willie Waddell and Ian McMillan (Airdrie).
- 15—Alloa Athletic.

X-WORD ANSWERS

ACROSS

- 1, Francis Lee.
- 6, Bayern.
- 8, Even.
- 10, Acclains.
- 12, Info.
- 15, Soda.
- 17, Knighted.
- 18, Celt.
- 19, Winner.
- 22 Ace Wings.

DOWN

- 1, Free kick.
- 2, Cap.
- 3, Sub.
- 4, Own.
- 5, Neef.
- 7, Yeats.
- 9, Act.
- 11, Shatters.
- 13, Organ.
- 14, Net.
- 16, Over.
- 19, Win.
- 20, Row.
- 21, Fan.

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