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IT'S ARSENAL!

Gunners say 'yes' to Rangers' 100—year celebrations!

EXCLUSIVE!

ARSENAL, the mighty London club who completed the fabulous League and Cup double in 1971, are coming to Ibrox next year!

Why? Because 1973 is Centenary Year for Rangers and this home fixture with the Gunners is the first big event to be announced in what is sure to be a year of super celebrations at Ibrox.

Giving this exclusive story to the "News" this week a delighted Willie Waddell said: "The links between Rangers and Arsenal go back for many, many years and naturally they were the first club we thought of when we came to discuss Centenary Year celebrations.

"More than that they are probably as glamorous a side today as they have ever been with World Cup star Alan Ball and Scottish international players like McLintock, Graham and Wilson on their books."

General Manager Waddell made the approach to Arsenal recently knowing how much fixture congestion there can be in football nowadays, but in no time at all he got a reply back from the Highbury bosses saying they were honoured to be asked to take part in the Centenary celebrations and delighted to accept the invitation.

The Light Blues have had some memorable matches with Arsenal in the past, but this will be more than just another friendly encounter.

The Ibrox bosses are determined that everything about their Centenary celebrations will be rather special, and you can be sure Arsenal's visit will be made into a real glamour occasion which will almost certainly attract a capacity crowd.

The appearance of fiery redhead Ball — the little Englishman Scots fans love to hate — is a surefire crowd-puller and players like Frank McLintock, George Graham and Bob Wilson are all well worth watching, to say nothing of the Londoners' £125,000 defender Blockley, whom they recently bought from Coventry.

While much depends on Arsenal's own commitments, the Ibrox boss is happy to leave the date open until he has finalised all his other plans for the Centenary programme of events.



● GEORGE GRAHAM, the Arsenal midfielder star who is currently playing so well with Scotland.

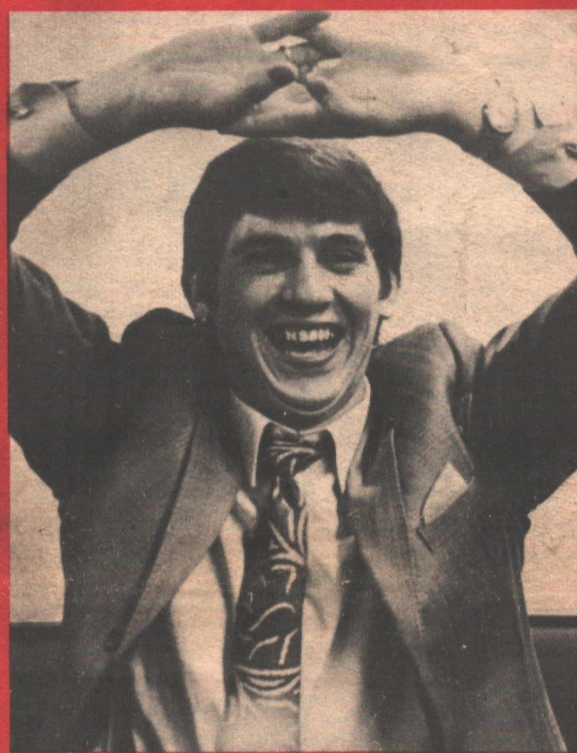


● FRANK McLINTOCK . . . the driving Scots skipper of the Highbury men.



● ALAN BALL . . . the fiery little redhead the Scots fans love to hate.

What is Tom up to?



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The Rangers Official Handbook — famous throughout the world as 'The Wee Blue Book' is now on sale.

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A bargain — and still only 5p.

HE'S TOP OF THE POPS WITH ALFIE AND ALEX!

ALFIE CONN and ALEX MacDONALD are now confirmed fans of pop star Gilbert O'Sullivan — after watching him in his show in Glasgow last week, then meeting him in his hotel afterwards.

Alfie and his fiancée, Sue, Doddie and his wife Christine were invited to the show by Alfie's cousin, Tony Evans whose band, the Association of that name, accompany Gilbert.

"He's a great performer," said Alfie, and Doddie gave his confirmation by breaking into one of the pop stars numbers.

"And he's very down to earth, too. He seemed a nice fellow and from what we heard he hasn't changed a bit since he hit the top.

"After the show we went back to Gilbert's hotel where my cousin Tony introduced us. Gilbert gave Sue and Christine autographed L.P.'s and a book about himself.

"No doubt about it — we're all big fans of his now!" said Alfie.

EVER wondered why the Germans, both West and East, have made a great impression in recent Olympics. Rangers physio, TOMMY CRAIG, discovered good reasons recently when he lectured at a conference at Meadowbank.

"This West German coach I met there gave me a tremendous insight into the athletics system over there," says Tommy.

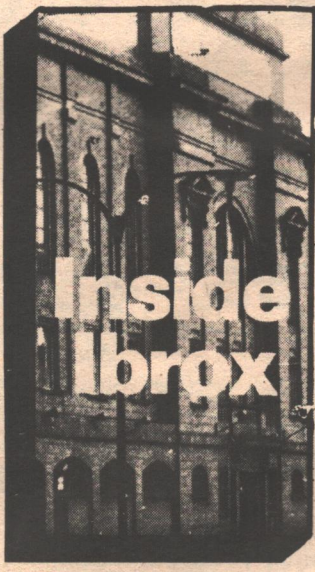
"In West Germany, for example, the Government operates a grants scheme called 'Sport-hilfe' (Sport Aid). Through this athletes can draw great money each month.

"The scheme works like this. Young athletes are graded A, B or C, depending on their performances and they are paid accordingly.

"Take a sprinter, in Grade A for the 100 metres. His grant is £74 a month. Chances are he's also graded for the 200 metres, so he gets another grant to cover him for that event. In Grade B he gets £37 per month, and in Grade C he gets £22 per month.

"It makes you wonder about the likes of Heide Rosenthal who, as a

The night Rangers stars were entertained by Gilbert O'Sullivan



Alex MacDonald and his wife Christine and Alfie Conn and his fiancée Sue (below), received autographed L.P.'s from Gilbert O'Sullivan (right).



pentathlete, specialises in five events!

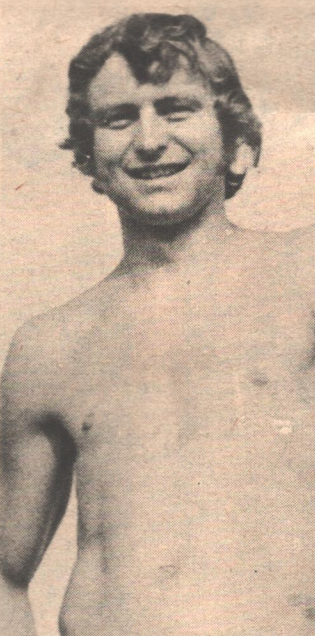
"In East Germany, there's no grants system but a schooling system which is obviously a good one. Youngsters at the age of 13 are sent to a summer sports school.

"There they are classified as shot-putters, jumpers or runners or whatever. Then they go away to a school where they specialise in their event and learn their ordinary lessons at the same time.

"It's amazing really, but it just shows you how these countries get on in athletics."

SPEAKING of West Germany brings GERRY NEEF to mind. The Ibrox goalkeeper is working on a side-line these days — as a football coach.

"I take a team called Cardonald Juniors on Tuesday and Thursday



GERRY NEEF.

evenings," says Gerry, "and they play in a Corporation Sunday league.

"They are Under 15 — and made up of boys who play for all sorts of teams on Saturday.

"Actually, I do this coaching through the

Further Education scheme. Which means I am paid for enjoying myself and helping the youngsters.

"I have a pretty good side to work with. Just a week past Sunday we lost our first game of the season.

"Celtic Boys Club, by the way, are always on to me about the players — but I tell them they are not for 'sale'.

"One or two of the lads, I feel, could make the Senior grade. But my rule is not to recommend them to Ibrox. It wouldn't be good for the lads themselves if they didn't show up well.

"However, they play every Sunday if Rangers ever want to look for themselves."

OUT of hospital after his cartilage operation is Ibrox sprint coach TOM PATERSON. But it will be a few weeks before he's back in action.



TOMMY CRAIG



THE NEW GENERATION



● Derek Parlane

Now Donaldson steps out from 'Ibrox Process'

LIKE the two Dereks, Johnstone and Parlane, who broke through before him the latest first team recruit George Donaldson can play in at least a couple of positions. And with comparative ease.

Yet although manager Jock Wallace is likely to play on the Edinburgh lad's versatility for a while yet he already has his mind pretty well made up about which position George will finally settle in.

"He's going to be a midfield player, I think," says the Boss. "He can tackle well and passes a pretty good ball. He doesn't try to do anything fancy. Often enough the passes he makes are the simple ones but very effective for all that.

"However, there is no harm in playing George in a few positions at this stage. Moving around gives him a better insight into football.

"I believe Derek Johnstone and Derek Parlane have benefited from moving around. It's important by our way of thinking they should do this.

If Donaldson may move around in the first team he may also move in and out of it too. For if today is not his day — tomorrow will be.



● George Donaldson

THE STORMY WEATHER DOESN'T STOP 'GERS

NOTHING could be worse for a player's morale than sending them out to train on a wet and windy day. Like last Thursday when you wouldn't have sent your dog out.

So what do Rangers do? They keep their players in from the cold, where they can work without chilling their spirit or 'freezing' their muscles and making them prone to injury.

Lucky Rangers. Indeed. For how many clubs can boast of the indoor facilities such as are at Ibrox? Not many.

Work out

There's what is known as the indoor track which runs the length of the stand. Also there is a large gymnasium and a smaller one which now serves as a rehabilitation room where players recovering from injuries can work out on their own.

Last Thursday, however, the players worked on the indoor track. They did sprints and also gymnastic-type exercises with equipment such as the buck.



● Derek Johnstone

He is one of the New Generation at Ibrox. As the weeks and months go by, evidence of others in this class will be thrown up.

"Fish (that's George's nickname) has had two years here," says manager Wallace. "He's responding to the system and is a player for the future.

"Likewise, lads like Phil Bonnyman, who has had a turn in the first-team, Ian Thomson, Billy MacNicol and Hiram Ford will respond with a bit more Ibrox experience behind them.

"Really, it can't be a quick process, but looking back I think we have achieved a fair bit in bringing on youngsters.

When a boy comes raw to Rangers he is immediately pitched in with the professionals. He watches what they do and the management watches him do so.

When they feel that he is progressing they give him a little boost. It might be in the form of an extended run in the second team.

It might be a trip with the first team. Whatever the case the boy's appetite for the game is whetted. Ambition is planted in him.

If he goes with the first team Rangers want him to say 'I should be playing with these fellows. I want to play with these fellows.'

In time he does . . . just like Johnstone, Parlane and Donaldson, products of the system.

Keep To Ibrox Code

RANGERS Football Club urge all supporters to follow the Ibrox Code of Conduct. It is:—

- 1—BAN the carrying of ALCOHOL on buses.
- 2—BAN members from taking ALCOHOL INTO the STADIUM.
- 3—BAN the singing of PROVOCATIVE SONGS in buses and on terracings.
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- 5—Have greatest respect for residents in the vicinity of football grounds. DO NOT BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE.
- 6—PUT AN END TO MEMBERS URINATING at the road-side when travelling.
- 7—MORE AND MORE YOUNG SUPPORTERS ARE TRAVELLING. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO THEM.
- 8—For the future, IMPRESS ON the YOUTH the importance of GOOD BEHAVIOUR.
- 9—HAVE RESPECT FOR LADIES who attend matches.
- 10—PLEASE NOTIFY Ibrox Stadium of any sign of hooliganism both home and away, giving report and details.

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TWO 'CLASSIC' CLASHES WITH TURNBULL'S TORNADOES

Ibrox Boss talks about those five vital days for 'Gers

MANAGER Jock Wallace views the five most vital days of his Ibrox career with the eye of an old philosopher.

Next Saturday Rangers play Hibs at Easter Road in a League match and face them again on Wednesday in the League Cup semi-final at Hampden and the Boss says: "If we win both, that will be great. If we don't we must simply work that bit harder.

"Some might suggest we'll be looking for revenge for our dismissal by Hibs from the Scottish Cup last year. But I don't think in these terms.

"If I did I'd be thinking of revenge over almost every team for at some time in the past they've all beaten us."

Fine side

Of course manager Wallace would like to beat Hibs. Twice — and really well, if it comes to the bit. That goes without saying.

A League win would help keep Rangers in touch with the Championship situation while victory in the League Cup . . . well, who doesn't want a place in the League Cup Final?

But he knows it will be hard to record one win far less two over the Easter Road side.

"They are a fine side," he says. "Blended very well and they are hard with it. Eddie Turnbull has done a fine job with them. I certainly respect him."

Doing well

For the two matches the Ibrox boss will find himself in a situation the duplicate of which cropped up a few weeks back.

It was then that Rangers played St. Johnstone in the League at Ibrox on a Saturday with new boys Tom Forsyth and Joe Mason . . . but had to be without them come the Wednesday League Cup tie at Muirton.

"Yes, I will have to field two teams again," says the manager. "However, I have the players.



FLASHBACK 1:

Alex MacDonald, John Brownlie (centre), and Dave Smith in a race for the ball when Rangers last met Hibs in the Scottish Cup semi-final.

FLASHBACK 2:

Tommy McLean of Rangers lets one fly for the Hibs goal in last season's Scottish Cup. Looking on (left to right) are: Jim Black, Dave Smith, Pat Stanton, and Colin Stein.



PAT STANTON



ALEX EDWARDS

Tom McLean should be ready, Alex MacDonald will be on call, so too will Jim Denny and a few others."

That's not to mention George Donaldson, who has recently followed the likes of Derek Johnstone and Derek Farlane along the teen-age trail from reserves to first team.

He's doing well is young George," comments the Boss. "That's two years he's been at Ibrox now and he's beginning to respond to the system. There are a few more where he came from."

Likely to line up for Hibs against Rangers is one of Jock Wallace's 'old boys' Alan Gordon, the centre-forward. The Ibrox boss had the blond-haired striker under his wing at Tynecastle and comments: "He's playing better than ever now."

Mind you, Gordon is not the only one playing 'better than ever' in the Hibs side.

How about Alex Edwards. Always a good player with Dunfermline but now he's an authority

in the Easter Road side, commander of operations along with captain Pat Stanton.

And then there's Jimmy O'Rourke. Gone is the day when the inside-man was simply 'one of the pool.' He's very much in the swim of things these days and responding with a stream of goals.

Famous team

A Rangers player had this to say of Jimmy recently: 'There are greater players around but what can you say against a fellow who scores the goals as he does?' In other words this Ranger has a deal of respect for that Hib!

Hibs have recently been compared with the famous team of the fifties — that which starred manager Eddie Turnbull in the Famous Five.

Rangers, however, are coming on a ton too. So both encounters should be classics, with the results, we hope, going Rangers way, of course.



Jim O'Rourke, who is in great goalscoring form for Hibs this season.



THE FOULS I REALLY DETEST ...

How are you finding things at Ibrox?

I'm enjoying everything. The training is harder than what I've been used to, but I'm getting into the way of it. Really, it's just like starting a new job.

What has impressed you most about Rangers and Ibrox?

The fact that they represent the big time. Everything is laid on so it is up to the player to make the best of everything, which of course I'm trying to do.

How did you feel when you knew your transfer was on?

Just great. I'd always dreamed I might play for Rangers but never believed such a thing would come about. So much so, I lost a couple of nights sleep before the deal finally went through.

At the time you were quoted as saying you had a great admiration for John Greig. Tell us more.

That's all there was to say, really. John is a player I've always admired for his application to the game, I don't think there are many players around who wouldn't say the same thing.



● JOHN CONNOLLY now with Everton.

'THIS ANKLE TAPPING AND JERSEY PULLING GET MY GOAT ...'

If you hadn't come to Ibrox would you have fancied England? It was said that Liverpool were after you.

I don't know really. I would have had to be put on the spot before I could have answered the question. Maybe my style would suit England but whether I would have fancied playing there I cannot say.

How would you describe yourself as a player? What is your greatest asset?

Difficult questions? I don't know how to describe myself as a player, but I suppose I would say my greatest asset is my tackling. Yes, I think I can hold my own in the tackle.

Has your tackling got you into bother with referees?

It has I dare say although I've never deliberately stepped out of line. I've been guilty of late-tackling a few times and late tackles always look worse than they really are. I'm certainly not a dirty player.

Does dirty play annoy you?

Very much so. It's the niggling fouls which really get my goat. You know, the ankle tapping, the jersey pulling and the like. I detest it.

In which position do you prefer to play? Midfield or at the back?

It doesn't really matter. I'll play where I'm told to play. I could say I prefer being at the back but like I say, I'll play anywhere.

A Ranger Answers

This week — Tom Forsyth



● TOM FORSYTH . . . "I always dreamed I might play for Rangers."

Have you a most difficult opponent?

I can't think of one now that John Connolly has joined Everton from St. Johnstone. The way he moved on the ball really made life difficult for me.

Have you a favourite player?

He has to be John Connolly as well. I really think he is a great player.

Playing for Rangers . . . is it harder than playing with Motherwell?

You feel greater pressures when you play for Rangers. But these are part of the job. They have got to be overcome. Right now I'm trying to meet them and get over them.

Having come from a so-called provincial club can you give any reason why they shouldn't challenge more for honours?

I suppose most provincial clubs lack the money to make a real

go of things. Also they lack consistency. They can record a couple of good results then fall the next week. To be at the top you must be consistent.

When playing against Rangers or Celtic do some players feel they are beaten before they begin?

Some of them do, although I always went out hoping and thinking we would do well. Then again some players seem to accept defeat too easily. They'll go a goal or two behind and say 'Well, that's it,' whereas they should say 'We can still fight our way out of this situation.'

What about the general standard of players with provincial clubs?

I've always believed that players with these clubs are as good as any others. The big difference is in attitude and application.

'EVERYTHING IS LAID ON AT IBROX — REST IS UP TO PLAYERS'

Any memorable matches against Rangers?

The question should be 'How many?' But one in particular comes to mind — a Scottish Cup tie last season, at Fir Park. We were winning 2-1 with minutes to go before Colin Stein equalised. In the replay we went ahead before Rangers pulled away. Nothing will ever tell me we shouldn't have won that first game.

You've played for Scot-

land. How did you fancy the experience?

I've played for the Under-23's and the Scottish League and loved every minute of it. Certainly it was a great surprise to me when I was chosen.

What do you do away from football, Tom?

Working about the house mainly. I'm a joiner to trade and have made a lot of improvements to my home in Stonehouse. I go in for a bit gardening too.

Ibrox stars who rise in the East

To the average Glasgow man, Edinburgh doesn't have a lot to offer. But he cannot argue with the quality of its football talent. Particularly if he's a Rangers fan.

Over the years the Ibrox club has captured many great players from the Capital. One thinks of WILLIE WOODBURN, JIMMY MILLAR RALPHIE BRAND.

More recently JOHN GREIG, SANDY JARDINE, ALFIE CONN and IAIN McDONALD. And, to keep the pot boiling, GEORGE DONALDSON, the latest Ibrox youngster to display his talents in the first team.

What is it about Edinburgh? Who knows, but the seam of talent obviously spreads up the East coast. Maybe the question is — 'What is it about the East coast?' — when you think of the Ibrox players who hail from there.

From Aberdeen there's DAVE SMITH; from Dun-



● JOHN GREIG

dee — DEREK JOHNSTONE and DEREK BURKE; from Fife — WILLIE MATHIESON and ANDY PENMAN.

Having said all this there is no need for the West to develop an inferiority complex!

No, it's supported by PETER McCLOY, JOE MASON, CUTTY YOUNG (Ayrshire), TOMMY McLEAN, TOM FORSYTH (Lanarkshire), ALEX McDONALD and BUD JOHNSTON (originally) Glasgow.

East, West . . . which is best? Well, it's a pretty even contest.

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● Alfie Conn beats Airdrie's Menzies to the ball to head home a beauty for Rangers' winner. Looking on are Derek Parlane and Airdrie's Montgomery.



● Montgomery nips in to clear the danger from Joe Mason as Menzies keeps tabs on Derek Parlane in the background.

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The facing page carries autographs of everyone in the picture.

These cards can be bought only from official vendors outside Ibrox at home games, or from the Souvenir Shop attached to the Rangers Social Club.

This classy souvenir costs 25 new pence plus 3p postage, if you are sending to the shop for it . . . and you may have to be quick off the mark as only a limited number have been printed.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP - 1971 - 1972



Back row—Manager Willie Waddell; Coach Jack Wallace; Clerk Steve Allan; Derek Parlane; Peter Menzies; Don Smith; Sandy Jardine; Billy McNeill; Forward line—Tommy Craig; Front row—Tommy McLair; John Gray; Alex MacDonald; Willie Johnston.

ALL IT TAKES A NOD FROM ALFIE CONN

AMAZING DISPLAY BY AIRDRIE 'KEEPER . . .

RANGERS 1 AIRDRIE 0

It often happens in football that beating a team at the bottom of the league proves to be much more difficult than expected . . . and that's how it was here.

The Light Blues did not claim the points until six minutes from time when Alfie Conn scored with a header, and there were two main reasons why the winner was so delayed.

An injury to skipper John Greig early in the first half upset the balance of the team and an amazing display by Airdrie's 17-year-old 'keeper Poulton foiled the Ibrox forwards time and time again.

Heavy rain made conditions diffi-

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● Airdrie's young 'keeper Marshall Poulton clears Derek Johnstone and Derek Parlane, with the Skipper Whiteford.





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● A flying leap by Airdrie's 'keeper Poulton prevents Rangers' Joe Mason connecting with a cross.



● Alex MacDonald gets well up to a high ball but just fails to get his header in as Montgomery challenges.

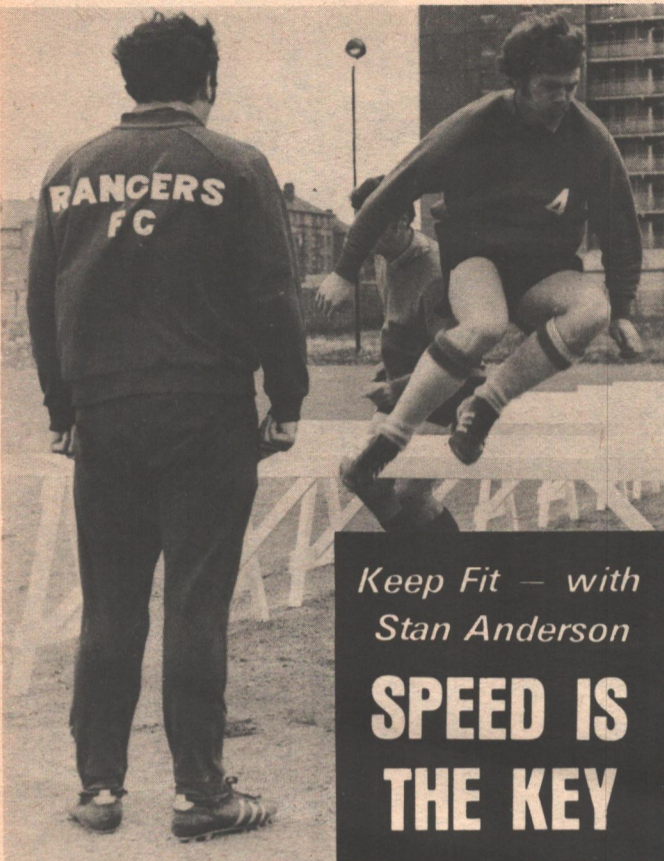


● Alfie Conn, the Light Blue goal hero, whips round Paul Jonquin on his way to goal.



● Airdrie's Menzies and Joe Mason in a tussle for the ball as Paul Jonquin looks on.

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Keep Fit — with Stan Anderson

SPEED IS THE KEY

THIS week we look at 'speed perception.' Sounds very involved. In actual fact it's merely a name used to describe some exercises that can improve a player's speed and reflexes.

Players should pair off, each pair with a ball. One player stands with his back to his partner . . . about five yards away. The player with the ball throws it to his partner and shouts 'turn!'

It's up to the other player to turn as fast as he can and try to catch the ball.

Now vary it a bit. Rather than catching the ball, the player should attempt to control it and play it back to the thrower. Remember to keep your eye on the ball. And to make it that wee bit harder, the thrower should alter the height of his throws.

Chest height first. Then perhaps to the thigh so that the receiver has to use all parts of his body to control the ball.

Good ball control is a must for any player, and this exercise is great for improving control, reflexes and speed on the turn.

For exercise number two the players should face each other. Again one man holds the ball. Every 20 seconds or so he throws the ball at his partner who has to control it and play it back to the thrower.

To control it well, he should keep his eye on the ball and move himself into the best position to receive it. With the ball coming at him every 20 seconds he has to be alert as a certain amount of pressure is put on him.

Of course, the players should reverse positions so that each man has a chance to throw, and to receive the ball.

The point of these exercises? Consider the number of times in a game a player is asked to turn quickly. Or how often he's asked to control a sudden pass. Think of the player who has to control a pass under pressure and 'lay it off' to his team mate.

1—When did Dave Smith join Rangers? Was it 1962, 1966 or 1969?

2—Who is the odd man out — Billy Ritchie, George Niven, Eric Caldwell or Bobby Brown?

3—Which club plays at Central Park?

4—From which club did Jim Baxter join Rangers?

5—Mike Lawson is a forward with which Scottish club?

6—Players Union secretary Willie McLean has a connection with Ibrox. Do you know what it is?

7—Who is the manager of Hamilton Accies?

8—Why was season 1929-30 special for Rangers?

9—Where was Denis Law born?

10—Which Rangers player captained Scotland against England in 1953?

11—From which Club did Hibs sign Alan Gordon?

12—If Zoltan Varga played against Joe Wark, which teams would be playing?

13—How many goals did Tommy Muirhead score for Rangers? Was it 49, 157 or 234?

14—What height is Rangers winger Iain McDonald?

15—Which Rangers player is nicknamed 'Fish'?

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE



● DENIS LAW . . . See Question 9.

Light Blue Quiz

WHERE WAS DENIS BORN?



● IAIN McDONALD . . . See Question 14.



● BOBBY BROWN . . . See Question 2.

IT'S FREE

Win six seats in the stand!



HERE'S another great chance in the 'Rangers News' Stand Seat competition for Light Blue fans up to the age of 17 to win FREE seats in the Stand for the Rangers home game against Dumbarton on Saturday, November 25.

The 'News' is giving away SIX seats for the League game with the Boghead men. There will be three lucky winners who will each get two tickets and they can bring along their Dad, brother, uncle or a friend to watch the Light Blues in action against Dumbarton . . .

All you have to do is identify the four well-known First Division players (pictured above) and the clubs they play for.

Then fill in the coupon below, stating clearly the answer, your name address and age in ballpoint pen.

Send your entries to 'Name the Stars,' Rangers News, 104 West George Street, Glasgow G2 IPS to arrive not later than first post, Monday, November 20.

The first three correct entries opened after all the entries are in will receive two stand tickets each for the clash with Dumbarton.

The Editor's decision in all matters is final.

ENTRY FORM

The four players (pictured above) and their clubs are . . .

A

B

C

D

Name

Address

Age

PEN PAL SPOT

● ANNE JOHNSTONE (17), 23 Hillurew Road, Elderslie, Renfrewshire. Would like pen pal same age or older. Favourite players: Colin Jackson, Derek Parlane and Alex MacDonald.

● GEORGE McMEEKIN (12), 19 Townhead, Beith, Ayrshire. Hobbies: Football, golf and pop music. Favourite players: Sandy Jardine and Willie Johnston.

● JOSEPH FARNWORTH, 60 High Park Avenue, New Cumnock, Cumnock, Ayrshire. Hobbies: Football, pop music and all sports. Favourite players: Tommy McLean, Derek Johnstone, Tom Forsyth and Quinton Young.

● EXCHANGE: Forfar v. Rangers (Sc. 1970), St. Johnstone v. Rangers (Lg. 1970), Dundee v. Rangers (Lg. 1972) and many other Scottish for best offer. — Leslie Dear, 64 Newtoon Crescent, Arbroath, Angus.

SHOOT TO THE STARS

Derek's top players

DEAR DEREK PARLANE, Who is your favourite player in England and what is your favourite English team? — Jim Baillie, 14 Kennishead Avenue, Glasgow.

*** Well Jim, that's hard to answer 'cause I have a number of favourites. Martin Chivers is a great striker and George Best is a fantastic winger. Favourite team? My top three teams in England are Man. Utd, Spurs and Arsenal.

DEAR QUINTON YOUNG, Have you ever played for Scotland and what has been the greatest moment in your career? — Dave Miller, 9 Sinclair Drive, Wick, Caithness.

*** I've not been capped yet, Dave, although I'm always hoping! As for my greatest moment, it took place only a few weeks ago when I signed on the dotted line to become a Rangers player.

DEAR JOHN GREIG, To settle a bet please tell me when you joined Rangers; which club you used to play for and what is your height. — John Walker, Roseburn Terrace, Perth.

*** I signed for Rangers 'way back in 1960, John. I used to play for Whitburn Juniors. In my bare feet I stand 5ft 11in. Hope you win your bet!

DEAR RON McKINNON, Against which club were you playing when you broke your leg and what was the score in that game? — William Muir, 75 Glasgow Road, Greenock.

*** It was against Sporting Lisbon, William. You may remember that game was the 'penalty fiasco,' but we went through to meet Torino in the next round by virtue of our away goals counting more.

PROGRAMMES

● FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE: 'Captain of Scotland' by George Young. Cash or exchange for progs. Please write first — Stewart Barholm, 133 Auchinairns Road, Bishopbriggs.

● EXCHANGE: Football Made Easy—by George Young for any progs. Write first. — Alan Munro, 25 Queen Street, Invergordon, Ross-Shire. IV 18 OBN.

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300 CHEER GREAT NIGHT IN THE CLUB

SUPPORTERS



CORNER ...

No ONE could have blamed them if they had sang 'We shall not be moved'. As it was, the 300 or so men in the Rangers Supporters Association Club last Wednesday preferred to roar their approval after enjoying one of the most successful nights in the Club for many a long day. They almost raised the roof!

The evening began with a Sports Quiz. In the Blue corner was Gerry Neef, Joe Mason and Tom Forsyth. And their opposition, in the red and white corner, was Bobby Shearer, Craig Watson and former referee, Willie Webb. Gerry Neef proved to be the quiz king — but the battle of the brains ended all even.

After a short break the nights entertainment continued with cabaret. Hypnotist Cliff Leslie, the 'Master of Sleep,' brought the house down when he put one or two of the audience 'under'. He had one bloke barking, another sound asleep and another, much to the amusement of the fans, believing he was a Celtic supporter!

More was to follow when Bert Cohen took the stage. Bert, with his mad comedy was a knock out!

Both Cliff and Bert have been invited to return to the Club early in the New Year. And plans are already being made for another 'Men Only Night' . . . sometime in February.

THE Club will be open on Christmas Day from 6-30 in the evening. Same applies to January first.

On December 24 the Ivor Jones cabaret will be in charge of entertainments at the Club. And if their last visit is anything to go by, then you can be sure the Club will be packed full.

On Christmas Day the John Slimen Cabaret will be doing their merry-making. Again, it should be an entertaining evening.

XMAS lunches will be served at the Club as from December 18. Anyone interested in a party booking should contact Andy Anderson.

The Master of Sleep — at work!



Now then, lad . . . you're just going for a little sleep! Hypnotist Cliff Leslie puts one of the Club members 'under.'



Okay folks . . . let's have a little bit of hush — the lad's trying to get some shut-eye!



There we are now . . . he's sleeping as sound as a baby! What, you haven't heard a baby snore?



And just to prove the chap is sleeping soundly Cliff Leslie jumps up and sits on his stomach . . . and he's no lightweight!

Even Ibrox stars were spellbound



● Hypnotist Cliff Leslie had the folks in the Association Club doing all sorts of things . . . he asked them to clasp their hands above their heads and then try to unlock them . . . and they couldn't! Here Rangers stars Tom Forsyth and Gerry Neef enter into the spirit of the evening. They are obviously enjoying it!

Reserve Round-up

SLOW START THEN COLTS GO TO TOWN

WITH Tommy McLean included after a late fitness test Rangers Reserves lined up against Airdrie's second string at Broomfield on Saturday, and ran out comfortable winners in the end.

However, the Light Blues failed to find the net in the first half once again. But after the interval it was a different story.

MacNicol scored a spectacular goal early in the second half. Struthers did the spadework and sent a searching through ball to McDougall. The young centre backheeled beautifully into the tracks of MacNicol, who was delighted to hammer the chance into the back of the net.

Rangers one ahead, and pressing the Airdrie defence. McDougall made it 2-0 when he netted after drawing the Airdrie 'keeper from his line.

Then it was Hiram Ford's turn. He connected with a through pass, used his pace to outstrip Airdrie's rearguard, and poked the ball into the net in cool fashion.

And that was how it ended . . . 3-0 for the Ibrox Colts.

Coach Stan Anderson, though well pleased with

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE

AIRDRIE	0	RANGERS	3
AYR UNITED	3	HEARTS	...	1
DUMBARTON	1	KILMARNOCK	4	
HIBERNIAN	1	MORTON	0	
PARTICK TH.	2	DUNDEE U.	2	
S JOHNSTONE	3	FALKIRK	..	1

the result, felt that the team could have doubled the score.

He added: "There's certainly room for optimism about the Reserve side. They are young, very fit and play for each other . . . that's important."

"Big Colin Jackson did a good job for us at the back. Tommy McLean was replaced by Davie Young in the second half. He was feeling a wee bit of pain and we decided not to risk any further injury."

The Reserve line-up was:

NEEF; THOMSON,
STRUTHERS; MILLER,
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John, Laurie make first visit to Scotland

NEXT week the Rangers Social Club extends a warm welcome to the John and Laurie Duo. The two, very talented singers will be appearing for one week, and it's their first ever visit to Scotland.

The boys will be appearing on their own so you can bet your bottom dollar that their act is of the highest calibre.

An 'X' ray of their act reveals that John Caswell, aged 22, grew up in a musical background. His father is a well known Midlands pianist.

John began playing the guitar when he was still at school. At the age of 14, John decided to enter the Pop scene and he formed a very successful group named 'King Biscuit.'

Well known

He is also a prolific song writer and the well known Pop group, The 'Tremeloes' have shown a lot of interest in recording some of his songs.

It was while John was working in Malta as a member of a showgroup named 'Flair' that he first met his partner Laurie and they decided to form the John and Laurie Duo.

Laurie Hornsby born and bred in Birmingham, began playing the piano when only six years old and made his first stage appearance at the ripe old age of seven! He sang 'Sirging the Blues' to a delighted club audience. His family encouraged him to learn the guitar and become a professional cabaret artist.

The Duo have played at all the leading Cabaret Clubs in England and have appeared on TV and radio in this country and in Amsterdam.

They have just completed recording sessions for BBC TV in their very successful current series called 'Contact.'



● The John and Laurie Duo . . . two very talented singers.

Renewal of Club memberships ...

● RANGERS SOCIAL CLUB — Renewal of Membership, 1973: Renewal notices for membership numbers 1-8014 have already

been posted out to members.

If your membership number is included in this first issue, and you have not yet received your renewal

form, will you please inform Mrs Parkhill, at the Club Office, between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

THE YOUNG ONES

● The 'News' continues its series giving you an insight into the younger players at Ibrox. The groundstaff boys and 'S' form lads who may one day take over the first team jerseys. This week — DEREK BURKE.

Burke just keeps on bouncing back ...

DEREK Burke's football career reads, just a little, like a fairy story. He used to play for Butterbank Youth Club. Now he's a Rangers player. Quite a change, especially when you consider that Derek had no intentions of becoming a footballer!

He didn't even go to see 'Gers at the time.

When he wasn't playing he would pop along to Dens Park to watch Dundee. Now, of course, he's Rangers daft.

It was the Butterbank manager Gordon Gallagher who showed Derek the Light Blue light. Gordon was an ardent Rangers man. And it was his dearest wish that Derek should play for Rangers.

So when Ibrox scout Tommy Gray arrived on the scene Gordon advised Derek that he should sign on.

Derek looks back and says: "Gordon wanted me to sign o.k. . . . it was the greatest moment of my life when I joined up at Ibrox.

"I was a bit of a Dundee fan, but now I know I am with the greatest team in the world."

Young Derek certainly hasn't had it easy at Ibrox. For the past year he has been plagued by injury. In January he was sidelined for eight weeks after contracting jaundice in Portugal. Then came a mysterious stomach complaint that turned out to be a 'grumbling appendix.' Luckily no operation was required.

But just when the future looked bright



● Derek Burke

he landed himself a severe foot hurt that once again put him out of the game.

Only recently has Derek began to find the form that won him a place in the first team pool last season.

Derek well remembers his first and so far only inclusion to the big team pool.

He says: "I was ready to travel to Edinburgh for a Reserve match. Then came a telegram asking me to report to Dundee — I was to be on first team call.

"I can tell you I was choked . . . I was so proud. I didn't play that day, but when my chance comes I'll be ready to take it."

PLAY IT SAFE

RANGERS Football Club ask all fans to cooperate and make sure that everyone leaves the ground with the maximum of comfort and safety by following this procedure at the end of the matches at the Stadium.

1. Take your time leaving the Stadium.
2. If you see that passages or stairways are becoming jammed — hold back. You will only be delayed for a few moments.
3. Help any youngster, old person — anyone, in fact — if you think they are having difficulty.
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This week's winners

POOL 1 25 GOALS 10 POSS. 4 WINNERS
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6240 04 10 15 24 38 W. Clark, 12 Bunbury Terr., East Kilbride.
3716 09 10 15 24 38 Mrs Lloyd, 44 North Lodge Road, Renfrew.
7141 10 15 23 31 38 D. Davidson, 63 Millburn Ave., Clydebank.

POOL 2 10 GOALS 1 POSS. 1 WINNER
789 11 17 30 34 39 G. Smith, 6 Walmer Cres., Glasgow.

POOL 3 17 GOALS 5 POSS. 4 WINNERS
5096 07 12 19 31 38 Mrs Shulta, 25 St. Charles Ave., Carstairs.
5488 07 12 19 38 40 (NP)
3021 07 19 31 38 40 Mrs M. McCue, 68 Oronsay Ave., Port Glasgow.
3766 12 19 31 38 40 Mrs N. Hamilton, 8 Polbeth Cres., Polbeth, West Calder.

POOL 4 36 GOALS 2 POSS 1 WINNER
1799 10 15 19 31 38 Mrs Jack, 2 George St., Avoch, Ross-shire.

POOL 5 NO GOALS 6 POSS. 4 WINNERS
6647 03 21 27 35 42 Mrs McCarron, c/o 74 Lomond Dr., Wishaw.
6713 03 21 27 41 42 Mr G. Caird, 4 Featherhall Terr., Edinburgh.
996 03 21 35 41 42 C. Macaulay, 1833 Dumbarton Rd., Glasgow.
6558 03 27 35 41 42 R. Keen, 19 Islay Court, Dreghorn.

(ALL POOLS SUBJECT TO RESCRUTINY)



● Alex MacDonald in a duel with the Airdrie defence on Saturday as Alfie Conn, the Ibrox goal hero stands by.

A great header — and Alfie shares the top place

NEXT WEEK'S TEAMS

Here is the official list of numbers and teams for Saturday, November 18:

01 Dundee,	02 East Fife,	03 Huddersfield,	04 Nottingham F.,	05 Queen's Park,	06 St. Mirren,	07 Southampton,	08 Stoke C.,	09 Darlington,	10 Hibs.	11 Partick Th.,	12 Q.P.R.,	13 Sheffield Wed.,	14 Shenhousesmuir,	15 Stranraer,	16 West Ham,	17 Wolves,	18 Cowdenbeath,	19 East Stirling,	20 Sunderland.
21 Swindon T.,	22 Aberdeen,	23 Airdrie,	24 Arsenal,	25 Coventry C.,	26 Forfar Ath.,	27 Aston Villa,	28 Blackpool,	29 Ayr Un.,	30 Crystal Palace.	31 Leicester C.,	32 Hamilton A.,	33 Brighton,	34 Carlisle Un.,	35 Celtic,	36 Liverpool,	37 Manchester City,	38 Montrose,	39 Gillingham,	40 Fulham.
41 Dumbarton,	42 Norwich City.																		

NUMBERS AND SCORES

FOLLOWING are the results of matches played on Saturday, November 11, as identified by the numbers in the team list for that week:

01 1-2	12 0-3	22 0-1	32 2-1
02 2-1	13 0-2	23 4-1	33 1-0
03 0-0	14 2-1	24 5-1	34 2-2
04 3-0	15 7-2	25 1-2	35 0-0
05 1-1	16 1-1	26 0-2	36 2-0
06 1-2	17 2-2	27 0-0	37 1-0
07 1-3	18 3-1	28 1-1	38 4-3
08 1-2	19 0-5	29 1-1	39 2-2
09 3-1	20 1-0	30 2-2	40 0-3
10 6-2	21 0-0	31 4-3	41 0-0
11 2-2			42 0-0

WITH a brilliantly taken header from a Sandy Jardine cross Alfie Conn nodded Rangers home against Airdrie at Ibrox on Saturday. . . and nudged himself up alongside Derek Parlane to share TOP SPOT in the Rangers goalscoring chart.

After his tremendous solo goal recently against Dundee Alfie followed up with yet another fine effort to serve notice that he means to stay in the scoring groove.

Derek Johnstone, who is on the six-goal mark, was unlucky not to get on the score-sheet too. The big centre half had two net-bound efforts brilliantly saved by young Airdrie 'keeper Marshall Poulton.

The Ibrox scoring table includes goals scored in League, League Cup and friendly games:

THE IBROX MARKSMEN

PARLANE	8
(2 penalties)	
CONN	8
STEIN	7
W. JOHNSTON	6
D. JOHNSTONE	6
A. MacDONALD	5
GREIG	5
T. McLEAN	5
(2 penalties)	
FYFE	3
Q. YOUNG	2
D. SMITH	1
MASON	1

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DEREK'S JUST DANDY IN HIS "BEST SPOT"



● A happy group of 'News' Stand Seat winners at the Airdrie match on Saturday. They are (left to right): George Denholm (front), and his Dad, of 72 Langlaw Road, Dalkeith; George Martin (front), and his uncle, of 26 Tofthill Avenue, Bishopbriggs; and Rachel Kirk (front), and her Dad, of 159 Balsusney Road, Kirkcaldy. The correct solution to this "Name The Stars" competition was A—Alex Cropley (Hibs.) B—Joe Harper (Aberdeen) C—David Hay (Celtic) D—Colin Jackson (Rangers).

DEREK JOHNSTONE is enjoying his longest run at centre-half, the position he prefers. And one good reason for this could be the fine form of Derek

CLUB NOTES

BLACKBURN BRANCH: Golden Hind Rangers supporters wish to thank the bar staff of St. Thomas's Bar, Arbroath, for an exceptionally warm welcome. We will be glad to welcome any visitors in return.

HELEN STREET: Bus for Easter Road leaves Ibrox Garage 11-45; The Club 11-55; the Jester 12-00 Bus for Hampden—Ibrox Garage 6-15; The Club 6-25; The Jester 6-30.

COWCADDENS: Easter Road bus leaves Wyndford 12-30. Pick up Cowcaddens 1-45. Hampden bus leaves 6-30; Cowcaddens 6-45. Non-members welcome.

EDINBURGH JARDINE: Bus for Hampden leaves Waterloo Place at 5-00.

POSSILPARK: Bus for Easter Road leaves 12-30; Meeting Sunday at Mrs. Lawson's house on Sunday at 7-00.

YOUR QUIZ ANSWERS...

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

1—Dave joined in 1966. 2—Eric Caldwell, the others were all goalkeepers. 3—Cowdenbeath. 4—Raith Rovers. 5—Stirling Albion. 6—Willie is brother of Rangers' Tommy McLean. 7—Billy Lamont. 8—That season Rangers won the Scottish Cup, the First Division title not to mention the Glasgow Cup, the Charity Cup, the 2nd XI Cup and the Reserve League! 9—Aberdeen. 10—George Young. 11—Dundee United. 12—Aberdeen and Motherwell. 13—Tommy scored 49 goals for the 'Gers. 14—Iain is 5ft. 5in. 15—George Donaldson.

YOUR RATING

*IF YOU SCORED BETWEEN 12-15: Front runner!
 *IF YOU SCORED BETWEEN 6-12: Not bad.
 *IF YOU SCORED UNDER 6: Not good!

The young striker from Rhu apparently improves with every game — so that one of his greatest admirers is, yes, Derek Johnstone whose 'second' position he's taken.

"He's doing very well, up front," says D.J. "He's shielding the ball well and fighting for it too. Take the game against Dundee recently.

"On at least two occasions Derek dispossessed their George Stewart on the by-line. That shows he's really working.

"There was a time when Derek's heading wasn't all that good. I think he would admit that.

"But he's working hard in training to brush up his work in the air, and making great progress."

"I'm not complaining about being taken out of the forward line. I prefer playing at the back to be perfectly honest.

"And may I say, I reckon I'm doing not too badly. After all, we haven't lost many goals in recent weeks, which says something for our defence."

The lads follow on!

WE will follow, we will follow Rangers... a motto certainly taken by the London Supporters branch. Last week the London lads wrote to the 'News' saying they were hoping to run a bus to the League Cup semi-final game against Hibs.

They want any exiled 'Gers fans to know that they regularly run a coach to Ibrox, so if anyone fancies a visit, they could get in touch

(If you are interested and you live in the London area, Phone 01-476-1188).

Although it's almost an 800-mile round trip, they have no trouble at all in running buses during the season. In fact, the boys were up to watch the last home game versus St. Johnstone.

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