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EUROPE DOUBLE INVITE TO 'GERS

POOLS FLASH..

Glasgow woman's record £8,353!

A GLASGOW woman has scooped a record-breaking first prize in Pool 1 of Rangers Pools this week . . . the fantastic sum of £8,353 12p.

And her agent, Mr. A. R. Baillie, of 108 Cartside St., Glasgow, S.2, picks up the handsome commission prize of £835 31.

In Pool 2 there are five winners, who each receive £104 41p.

There is a single winner in Pool 3 — Mrs. Quinn, of 57 Aberdalgie Rd., Glasgow, E.4 — who wins £522 07p.

Her agent, Mr. D. R. MacRae, picks up an additional 10 per cent. of her figure as commission. He lives at 2 Colebrooke Terrace, Glasgow, W.2.

Pool 4 has three winners, each receiving £174 02p and Pool 5 has 13 winners, who each get £40 15p.

You can see it pays to be an agent in Rangers Pools, like Mr. Baillie, for example, so if you want to join the Pools boom turn to Page 2 for the coupon.

Here is the complete list of winners.

● **POOL 1**—Single winner, receives £8,353 12p.
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● **POOL 3**—Single winner, receives £522 07p.

● **POOL 4**—Three winners; each receives £174 02p.

● **POOL 5**—Thirteen winners; each receives £40 15p.



● The John Greig flashing header that could have proved the winner in Saturday's great Cup battle with Falkirk. 'Keeper Donaldson is well beaten but Falkirk's Jim Shirra is there to head off the line!

Let's have a repeat thriller!

"THIS was all a Cup-tie should be. It was what people pay to see. You could not get any better, I don't think."

So said manager WILLIE WADDELL after Saturday's rousing contest at Falkirk which ended in a 2-2 draw. Brockville boss WILLIE CUNNINGHAM endorsed the Ibrox Manager's every word, and how many of the 20,000 fans present would have argued.

From first to last the match was played with great spirit. Falkirk fans might say they deserved a win. Equally, Rangers fans, who remember that great fightback and

a late John Greig header being cleared off the line, might say they were unlucky.

And so to the replay today. Same again? Yes please! Football is all about excitement and fans cannot be served enough.

Ibrox is certain to be a busy place. A 40,000 crowd can be expected to converge on the Stadium to watch Rangers and Falkirk contest for the right to move into the fourth round of the Scottish Cup.

More pictures and "Match Slant" on the centre pages.

RANGERS are lined up to make a two-fronted assault on Europe come the end of the season. They have received invitations to play in two youth tournaments — one in Portugal, the other in Holland — and seem likely to accept both.

This double Europe invite, for players of up to 20 years old, proves just how respected the name of Rangers is abroad.

Tournament No. 1 is being run by Benfica on April 23-30. Tournament No. 2 is in Deventer on May 26-28.

The opposition in both promises to be very stiff. For example, Benfica have sent invitations to Ajax, Red Star, and Rangers' Cup opponents Torino of Italy, as well as Portuguese sides Oporto, Setubal, and Academica.

Deventer have requested the appearance of Drumchapel Amateurs, G.K.S. Zaglebic (Poland), Olympique De Jointville (France), Go-Ahead Eagles (Holland), Santos (Italy), and Kovostroy (Czechoslovakia).

Deventer have already indicated that Rangers would be in the same section as Drumchapel Amateurs — which makes for an intriguing match.

Ibrox manager WILLIE WADDELL is most enthusiastic about this double opportunity for his young players.

But he is sorry that the Benfica tournament could not have been going on later than April.

For such players as ALFIE CONN, IAIN McDONALD, and DEREK JOHNSTONE, who will still be eligible, may have to stay at home to serve Rangers, depending on end-of-season commitments.

Other youngsters can benefit greatly from the tournament, however, and from the one in Holland. A taste of European football at any level is excellent experience.

Scottish Cup Draw

St. Mirren v. Rangers/Falkirk.
Ayr United v. Motherwell.
Celtic v. Dundee/

Queen of South
Dumbarton v. Raith Rovers.
Hibs. v. Airdrie.

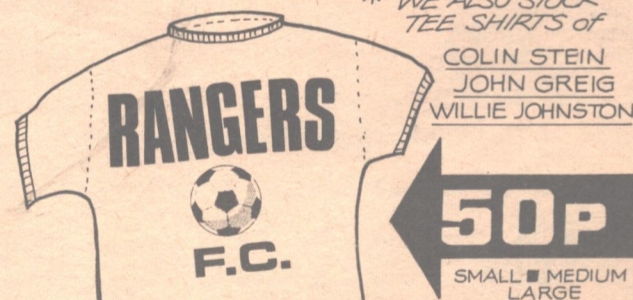
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Elgin v. Kilmarnock.
Hearts v. Clydebank/East Fife.

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IBROX STADIUM 'DOUBLE' FOR NIGERIA?

Inside Ibrox

● The feature that takes you behind the scenes at the Stadium.

YOU would never dream that Ibrox and the National Stadium in Lagos, Nigeria, might have anything in common. But they may well have soon . . .

A visitor to Ibrox this week was a Mr Animashaun who is general manager of the Stadium in Lagos which is being built for the All-African Games next year.

He came to have a look around the home of

Rangers to note the layout of the place.

So impressed was he by all the sections of the stadium and its facilities he could well be incorporating some of the Ibrox ideas in his own project.

Says Rangers

secretary FRANK KING who showed Mr Animashaun around, "He was very impressed, particularly with the games room where the weight-training circuit is laid out.

"I got the idea that Mr Animashaun might well have picked up a few ideas for the National Stadium in Lagos."

Curiously, the Nigerian's visit to Ibrox was not his first. On a trip to Scotland in 1963 he dropped into the Stadium and met then manager Scot Symon.

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WHO are the hardest-worked players at Ibrox? Without doubt, the goalkeepers PETER McCLOY and GERRY NEEF.

Every day when training is over they stay out on the field for a session of special work under coach JOCK WALLACE.

Explains Jock: "Goalkeepers are specialists so it is important that they keep working at their game in addition to normal training.

"In these sessions with Peter and Gerry we go over all points of goalkeeping, right back to the basics too."

Who can argue that this extra work has not been of great value? Peter McCloy has shown great improvement this season — so much so he's rated by many as just about the best in the country — and before his recent injury Gerry Neef had been going very well in the Reserves.

Top official 'looks in' for ideas

ALFIE Conn, who recently became engaged, has fixed his wedding date for March next year. But he will not be setting up home in Glasgow. No sir!

Says Alfie: "Glasgow does not turn me on, I'm afraid. We'll probably get a house in Kirkcaldy which of course is near where I live in Kinghorn."

Alfie's house actually overlooks the Forth estuary. His fiancée lives in the Granton district of Edinburgh which is directly across the water.

"We could probably flash 'Goodnight' by torch if we tried," he jokes.

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POOR GEORGE WALKER! What a season the Ibrox youngster has had.

He started it with a broken bone in his foot, then he developed a stress fracture in his foot. Only a few weeks back did he return to the Reserves . . . and now he's down with flu.

Comments assistant trainer Stan Anderson: "George has had a rough time but he's a game lad. Takes everything in his stride."

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IBROX groundsman Jock Shaw reckons he could open just about every door in Glasgow, gain entry to a dozen motor cars and a few other places besides.



● ALFIE CONN . . . wedding date fixed for March next year.

Why so? Because in the last few weeks he has collected on the Ibrox terracings after matches at least 100 keys for all purposes.

"Amazing," he said when gathering them all up in a pile. "There must have been a lot of folk stuck on their doorsteps these past few Saturdays."

Also in Jock's treasure chest are such unlikely finds as ladies shoes, spectacles and you name it.

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WEE WILLIE MASON, who is currently recovering from a cartilage op., almost suffered a setback the other day. He took a head-first tumble down the stairs of the Copland Road tube station . . . but bounced back on his feet completely unhurt.

He promises to reenact the drama next week for our camera.

THE jokes are flying in the Ibrox back-room again! Assistant trainer JOE CRAVEN is back in business after his recent illness.

RONNIE McKinnon became a father again last week when his wife, Val, gave birth to a boy. They're going to call him Ross.

"That's two boys we have now," says Ronnie. "One's going to be an inside-forward, the other a wing-half."



● FRANK KING, the Rangers secretary

Mystery 'Rangers' have 'em baffled

WHO are these mystery Rangers of 1899? We still haven't discovered the answer to the poser we set last week when we published the photograph (right). But we have had a few interesting suggestions.

One correspondent says he believes the team is not a Rangers team of sorts, but Sheffield United just before the turn of the century.

He reckons the theory on the ball is not Rangers 1899 but Winners 1899 and identifies such as Fred Priest and 'Nudger' Needham. Interesting . . . but sorry, sir, the actual-sized photograph definitely shows the wording 'Rangers 1899'. And there is no Priest or Needham in the caption.

Another reader reckons the team could be a South African outfit called Rangers, yet another suggests Berwick Rangers.

Well, they could be right. Who knows for sure . . . Anybody?



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UNITED OUT TO TURN THE TABLES

IT IS true to say that Rangers' superb 5-1 win over Dundee United at Tannadice in October, hard on top of their victory over East Fife, marked the beginning of their revival this season.

After dropping to the lower reaches of the Championship table the Ibrox side used United as a spring-board to leap into third place.

Now, half a season later, United come to Ibrox on Saturday with the intention of turning the tables. They hope to use Rangers as their spring-board for a League revival.

Says General Manager Jerry Kerr: "Rangers' victory over us was really the turning point of their fortunes. They have never looked back since beating us."

Now we are hoping that something big will begin for us at Ibrox. We had a slow start to the season but things are looking up and a good result could set us on our way up the table.

All the same Mr. Kerr will be hoping that Rangers do not hit anything like the form they did at Tannadice. Of Rangers' performance then, he says: "They played very, very well."

"I would say it was the best showing I had seen from any Rangers' team at Tannadice in years."



● JERRY KERR . . . 'We are looking for a good result to set us on our way up the table!'



Everything just seemed to click with them.

"John Greig had a particularly good game at full-back. He caused a lot of trouble to us on the overlap. Sandy Jardine also had a fine match and so did Alex MacDonald."

"But, of course, the Ibrox side's biggest star that day was Colin Stein. He really turned it on."

United are a much-changed side since their last meeting with Rangers. Former Ranger Alex Reid is away to Newcastle, Alan Gordon is with Hibs while Ian Mitchell has returned and Pat Gardner, Archie Knox and Frank Kopel have been signed.

These players have injected a new spirit into the ranks — exactly what Jim McLean was looking for when he took over as team manager — and all things considered they could give Rangers a hard fight.



● ALEX MACDONALD . . . had a good game against United at Tannadice.

TOMMY WILL HAVE NO "BROTHERLY" LOVE HERE

THE Footballing McLeans are a pretty close lot. But for 90 minutes on Saturday Tommy McLean will show no brotherly love towards Jim, the team boss of Dundee United.

Says Wee Tam: "I always make a point of looking for United's result on a Saturday since Jim is with them but I will not have their interests at heart on Saturday."

"I want to be on a winning side, that's for sure. The fact that Jim is United's boss will certainly not make me show any sympathy."

"Actually, the score between me and Jim is about equal at the moment. When I was with Kilmarnock and he was with Dundee as player and coach I think we each had about the same number of victories."

Switched

"So a win for Rangers on Saturday would put me ahead in the family League table."

You would expect a fair number of McLeans to be at Ibrox on Saturday for the family confrontation. But no, Tommy expects his uncle to be the sole representative.

"He comes every week," says Tam. "My father might but he doesn't finish business until 2-30 on a Saturday afternoon."

"And I don't think anybody follows Jim around. Not even his son, Colin. HE'S A DUNDEE FAN. Actually, when Jim was at Dundee Colin supported United but when Jim switched over so did he!"



● ABOVE — TOMMY McLEAN and (below) brother Jim, the Dundee United manager.



'We'll give Torino 'spies' something to worry about'

SAYS SKIPPER

RANGERS will be out to put on a show against Dundee United — for two good reasons!

First is the obvious one . . . so they can win and win well. Secondly, so as they can worry Big Brother in the stand — the Torino film crew who will be there to tape Rangers as part of their preparations for next month's European Cup Winners' Cup tie.

Says skipper JOHN GREIG: "It would be nice to hit a game. Then Torino will have something to think about. In fact, if we can play anything like the way we did against United early this season we will really put the wind up them."

"Actually, the Italians have chosen a good match in which to film us. Our games Against Dundee United at Ibrox are usually pretty close affairs. "But then again just how much value their film will be, I don't know. I should think the tactics we use against United will not be the same as we use against Torino."

"At the end of the day, I suppose the film will just give them a chance to assess to a degree the ability of the individual players."

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Which clubs has Denis Law played for?

1. Who scored Rangers goal in their 1-0 win over East Fife?
2. Dundee recently transferred goalkeeper Ally Donaldson to which other First Division side?
3. Before joining Manchester Utd. Denis Law played for three other clubs. Can you name them?
4. Rangers coach Stan Anderson played for which clubs during his playing career?
5. Against which club did Colin Stein make his debut for Rangers?
6. Sandy Jardine recently captained the Scottish under-23 side which defeated the Welsh under-23's. Can you remember the score?
7. Which Manchester City player holds the British penalty-kick scoring record for one season?
8. What is the full name of English club Bournemouth?
9. Who is the team manager of Wales?
10. Leighton Phillips has been cauped at international level by which home country?
11. Cowdenbeath wing - half Willie Benton has played for two other Scottish clubs. Can you name them?
12. Ron Greenwood is the manager of which London club?
13. Only two clubs outside The "Old Firm" have won the League Cup since 1960. Can you name them?
14. Which English Second Division club play at the Den?
15. Denis McQuade and Peter McQuade play for which two First Division clubs?

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE



● ALLY DONALDSON See question 2.



THE PAGE FOR YOUNG FANS

JOCK WALLACE'S COACHING CORNER



● Derek Parlane, who is covered from behind by Assistant Trainer Stan Anderson, cannot turn with the ball so he lays off the pass to a team-mate in 'free' position.

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, G2 1PS.



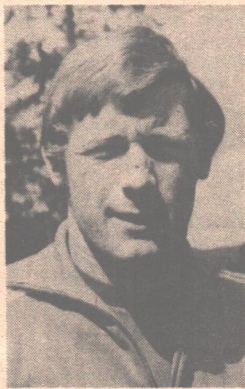
● SANDY JARDINE

SKIPPER'S SERVICE

DEAR JOHN GREIG, How long have you been playing for Rangers, what age are you and how many Scottish caps do you have? — Bobby Eskine, 49 Montrose Gardens, Kilsyth.

FULL-BACK COLIN . . .

DEAR COLIN STEIN, I am a full-back for my school team and would like to know if you really

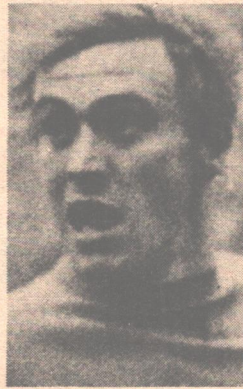


● WILLIE JOHNSTON ● JOHN GREIG

were a full-back with Armadale Thistle and whether you liked playing there — Martin Lees, Sighthill, Edinburgh 11.

PENALTY FEELING

DEAR WILLIE JOHNSTON, How do you feel just before taking a penalty kick? — Neil Van Nuil, 45 Redhall Crescent, Edinburgh 11.



● COLIN STEIN

When it goes in, of course, I feel plenty — pleased that is.

SANDY'S NAME

DEAR SANDY JARDINE, I say 'Sandy' is only a nick-name but two of my pals say it is your real name. Can you settle the argument, please? — Billy Steele, 21, Nobles View, Bellshill.

PROGRAMME SPOT

- WANTED . . . I will pay 10p. for the following progs. Rangers away v. Dundee and Aberdeen and any English First Div. and F.A. Cup progs. Also wanted, Chelsea v. Rangers. I will give 15p.— James Pirrie, 1571 London Rd., Glasgow E.1.
- WANTED . . . I will give 15p. for each of these progs. Rangers away v. Hibs, Celtic, Aberdeen and E. Fife (all this season).— Donald Irwin, 6 6 Kings Link, Belfast BT5 7ET.
- WANTED . . . Rangers away v. Morton (I.C.), St. Johnstone, Morton, Dunfermline, Aberdeen (League), Rennes, Sporting Lisbon (E.C.W.C.) and Chelsea (Friendly).— Thomas Barr, 112 Baltic St., Flat 12/5, Bridgeton, Glasgow S.E.
- Wanted . . . Rangers v. St. Mirren, Dundee Utd., Mother-

- well and Cowdenbeath (all away season 70-71. Also Rangers v. Aberdeen (h) and Celtic (a) both season 71-72. I will pay 5p for each copy received in good condition. — A. G. Foster, 71 Hillfield Road, Inverkeithing, Fife.
- Wanted . . . Ballymena and Crusaders (N. Ireland) from this season. In exchange I will give Newcastle, Rangers and other progs. Write first. — M. A. Kenny, 55 Tavistock Road, West Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- Wanted . . . Rangers home and away progs. for 1970-71, and 71-72. Write first with lists. — Jim Dewar, 136, Lanark Road, Crossford, Carluke ML8 5QQ.
- Wanted . . . Rangers v. Aberdeen and also v. Ayr

- (away) in the League Cup. Will give 10p for each prog. — Alan Fleming, 38 Berwick Drive, Rutherglen, Glasgow.
- Wanted . . . Any 1970-71 home Rangers league progs. Will pay 7½p for each prog. — Robert C. Cosgrove, 56, Findowrie Place, Dundee DD4 9NR.
- WANTED . . . Rangers away v. Falkirk, Dundee Utd, Hearts and Chelsea. I will exchange Rangers v. Partick, Falkirk and Aberdeen (this season), Scotland v England (1970), Rangers v Cowden (L.C. s-f 1970), Partick v Rangers (1969), Celtic v St. Johnstone (1970), Morton v Chelsea (Fairs Cup 1968), St. Mirren v Rangers (1971 Scots Cup) and St. Mirren v Rangers (1970) — Murray Morton, 6 Ferguson Ave., Renfrew.

Set them up for success!

WOULD you believe me if I said that a forward could turn in a five-star performance without even looking at his opponent's goal?

He could you know. By being the man in the middle of attacking moves, the 'wall' for team-mates to play the ball off as they move in-for the kill.

The particular function, I'm talking about is what I like to call 'setting up passes.'

Take the situation when the ball is played through to the centre-forward. He's tightly marked. So if he tries to turn he loses the ball.

What does he do then? He acts as a wall to set up a pass for a mate. With his back to his opponent he simply plays the ball to a colleague in space who takes it from there, perhaps with a through ball to the winger who has made ground on the flank.

This set-up pass is mostly made by forwards to gain them support in attack. Big Geoff Hurst does it well. How often have you watched him take a ball from say, Bobby Moore, with his back to the opposition's goal?

He doesn't try to turn with it. He simply backs into his opponent, plays the ball to a mate, then chases into space himself.

So there's a good tip for forwards. Instead of trying to turn on the ball when you are tightly marked set them up for success.

Remember though that all your team mates must be wise to what is happening.

They have to be moving off the ball all the time to take advantage. But then again football is all about moving off the ball.

● WANTED — Any Dundee F.C. progs. pre-1969-70 away. Rodney Webster, Rossie, Auchtermuchty, Fife.

● WANTED — Rangers v. Clyde Scottish Cup Final 1949. Will pay good price or exchange. — Ian Armstrong, 126, Turnberry Dr., Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 4NG.

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JIMMY MAPPED OUT HIS MAGIC ON THE TACTICS TRAIN...



● JIMMY MILLAR in Ibrox playing days.

Ibrox 'Double Act' was formed on journey from Edinburgh

EVERY Saturday afternoon Jimmy Millar takes to a public park in Edinburgh to play for his pub team in a Welfare League. There's enthusiasm for you! Thirty-seven he is.

Then again Jimmy always had plenty of that. Courage and strength too, and a defiant look in his eye. In his days at Ibrox he was rightly named the Warhorse.

The same man also had more than his fair share of skill. He was adept at winning games for Rangers with his boots or his head. To be exact he beat the opposing goalies 166 times during his career at Ibrox.

But to talk of Jimmy Millar in this context we must mention his other half — Ralph Brand. Late Fifties and early Sixties they formed one of the deadliest partnerships Rangers have ever had, and will be remembered for a long time.

The relationship these two had verged on the telepathic. Which wasn't surprising really. They worked at it . . . on the Tactics Train.

"Ralphie and I travelled from Edinburgh every morning on the 8-30 and back again after training," says Jimmy. "That was like two hours we had together each day.

"During this time we would work things out together. Various moves which we were able to put into practice on the park.



● DAVIE WILSON

★ Our series, 'Names to Remember', continues with JIMMY MILLAR, The Old Ibrox Warhorse, who formed such a great partnership with Ralph Brand in the Fifties and Sixties.

"In a way we might have been ahead of our time, although I don't mean to sound big-headed when I say this. You see, there were no real tactics then. It was up to us.

"Folks used to laugh at Ralphie and I—team-mates at that — for the thought we put into our sessions, but then again I think all our talks paid off."

Millar came to Ibrox on January 12, 1955 from Dunfermline for a fee of around £8,000 and a 'handshake' of four or five pounds. "That was my signing-on fee," he confirms.

He was bought as a utility player for he could play just about anywhere. Full-back, wing-half and any of the three inside-forward positions.

But the Warhorse only got a couple of months to impress the Ibrox fans before he was off to war. Egypt and Cyprus with the Royal Scots, who claimed two years of his career.

Only after service did he get the chance to show what he was made of — and how!

Scotland and Europe soon cocked up their ears when Jimmy's name was mentioned. And Ralph Brand's for that matter.

"I always thought Ralphie was a most under-rated player," Jimmy reflects. "He was a great foil for me. He had that bit speed which I didn't, and we were able to compliment each other's style.

"Ralphie was particularly good coming through from behind. And he could read situations so well. He was a great player off the ball."

Looking back on the good times at Ibrox Jimmy reckons his finest moment came near the end of his career. The night he won his fifth Scottish Cup medal in the Kai Johansen replay against Celtic, in 1966.

"I had been scrubbing about in the reserves for most of the season," he says. "But then Scot Symon pulled me in at wing-half in the replay.

"Celtic were favourites to win and maybe they deserved to, but what a feeling anyway collecting that medal. I think I felt better then than when I got my first medal."

Jimmy, in fact, got his first Scottish Cup badge in 1960 after Rangers had beaten Kilmarnock 2-0 at Hampden. But he didn't keep it. He handed it to a Glasgow doctor!

Explains Jimmy: "About two weeks before the Final I developed back trouble and it looked as though I had no chance of being fit in time.

"That was until I went along to this specialist in Glasgow. He worked his magic and got me into playing condition. I was so grateful to him I gave him my medal."

Unfortunately that was not to be the end of Jimmy's back trouble. On and off it bothered him right until the end of his career and it got so bad on occasions Jimmy remembers he could hardly bend down to tie his boot-laces.

In January for example Jimmy damaged his back in a match against St. Johnstone and was out for months. His first game back in fact was against Fiorentina in the Cup-Winners' Cup final at the end of that season.

And speaking of Europe, Jimmy has a few vivid memories from that theatre also. Like a match against Seville in the European Cup-Winners' Cup of 62-63.

"We had beaten them 4-0 at Ibrox," says Jimmy, who was on target three times that match," and what a pummelling we took in the return before we went down 2-0.

"Honestly, I've never played in a game like it. They tried everything. Kicking, spitting, pulling jerseys. Bobby Shearer, Ronnie McKinnon, Jim Baxter, Davie Wilson and John Greig were all injured.

"The Spaniards were like butchers, really. And often enough they got up to their tricks when the ball wasn't even near us. Everything to put us off our game."

When it came to winning Scottish caps Jimmy was a bit unlucky. Several times he had to back out of internationals because of injuries.



● The Mighty Millar now uses his strength to pull pints for customers in his Pub in Leith.

At the end of the day he had only two full caps to his name, and four League ones. Funny thing though, he never finished either of the full internationals for which he was selected.

"The first was against Austria at Hampden," says Jimmy, "and it was abandoned with a while to go. The second international was against Eire over there and I missed the second half because of a pulled muscle. That must be something of a record."

Jimmy left Ibrox in 1966 and travelled on to Dundee United with whom he had a couple of seasons. Then he had a season and a half as manager of Raith Rovers, but the job didn't work out too well.

"I was advised not to play," says Jimmy. "To be manager and nothing else. But on looking back I think I might have been better off combining the two tasks.

"On the field I probably could have taught the youngsters a few things. However, we all learn by our mistakes."

Now Jimmy works his pub in Leith . . . and football is only a Saturday afternoon incidental. Or is it? His team are in the last eight of a national tournament so the pressure might be on again. Just like the old days.

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A John Greig

B CHIT

C WIEKLANC

NAME WIEKLANC

ADDRESS WIEKLANC

(Block letters please)



● Young Rangers centre Derek Johnstone (left) shoots for goal but his shot is blocked by Falkirk's John Markie and 'keeper Donaldson. The ball rebounded high and Derek nodded it home for the equaliser.



● It's Derek following up the rebound from his own shot to head home Rangers' first and equalising goal, despite the desperate dive by Donaldson.



● Skipper John Greig drives in a ferocious shot past Gibson for Rangers' second goal to put them 2-1 up.



● Young Derek again . . . he shoots past the grounded Donaldson into the net but the goal was disallowed for offside.



THE BAIRNS GAVE US A REAL FIGHT

RANGERS expected a hard fight in this Scottish Cup third round tie at Ibrox — and they certainly got it!

At the same time the crowd got a 90-minute thriller and you can be sure nobody who saw the first tie will miss tonight's replay at Ibrox. Jack gave Falkirk the lead in 34 minutes and that put the strain on the Light Blues, but Derek Johnstone eased it with yet another headed goal three minutes on the interval.

And three minutes after the teams came out again John Greig shot Rangers into the lead, but this Falkirk side was full of fighters and in 72 minutes former Ibrox favourite Alex Ferguson grabbed the equaliser.

From then until the end both sets of fans spent a lot of time holding their breath, but on the way home most Falkirk men were ready to admit the Bairns had probably missed their chance of victory.

Rangers, showing a tremendous zest for the game, had much of the play in the second half and they brought a lot of good saves out of former Dundee keeper Donaldson.

Teenager Derek Johnstone had another good game and Tommy McLean made his mark too, although home left-half Shirra followed him like a shadow and it should be interesting to see how manager Willie Waddell counters these tactics in the replay.

Dave Smith showed once again how he revels in his present "sweeper" role and, needless to say John Greig was his usual tireless self.

Sandy Jardine and Alfie Conn had their moments, and all things considered manager Waddell had good reason to feel pleased with his team's performance here against a Falkirk side who had a fair bit of ability, quite apart from their fighting qualities.

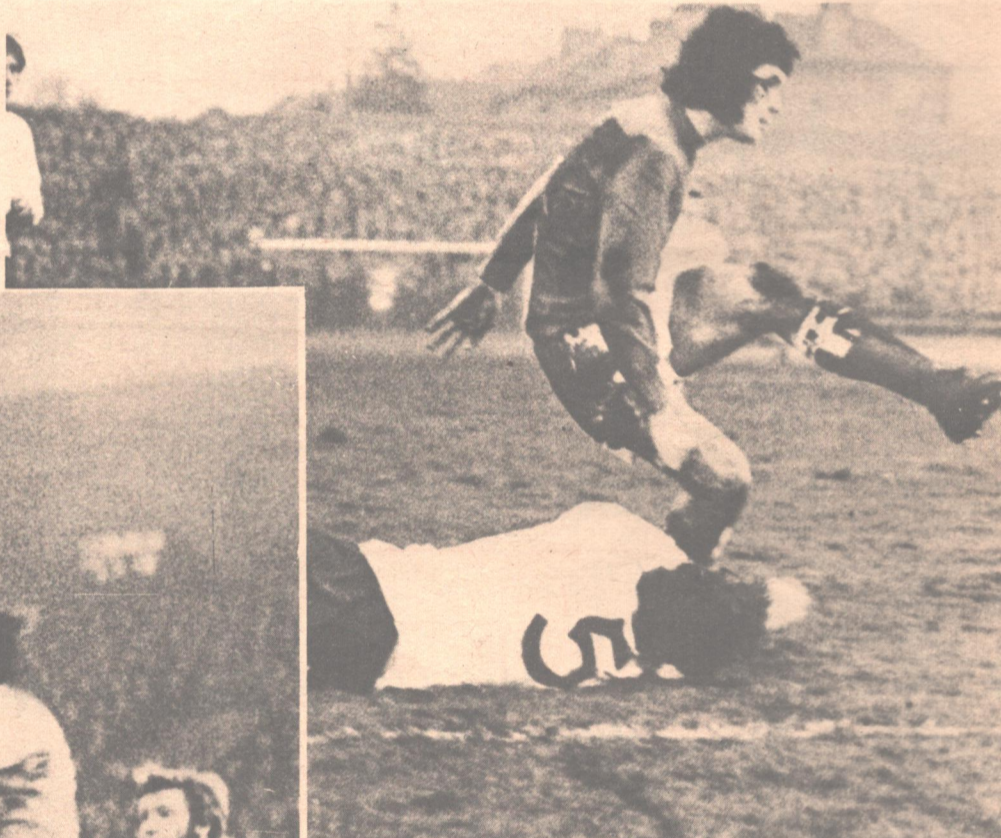
FALKIRK — Donaldson, Jones, Gibson, Cattenach, Markie, Shirra; Hoggan, Ferguson, Jack, Young, McLeod. Subst — Harley.

RANGERS — McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson; Greig, Jackson, Smith; McLean, Conn, Johnstone, MacDonald, Johnston.

REF — R. H. Davidson, Airdrie.



● Up goes Falkirk's Gibson to head clear from Ibrox striker Derek Johnstone.



● Falkirk's John Markie lies sprawled as Johnstone sends in a shot for goal.



● Everybody takes off in this all-action goalmouth scramble . . . but Gibson (left) manages to clear before the ball reaches the poised Willie Johnston.



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Take a bow, 'Bomber' Jackson

DAVE SMITH has been getting a lot of praise heaped on him in recent weeks, and rightly so. But one man who doesn't get nearly enough credit for his defensive work is, I think, Colin Jackson.

He's not a showy player but he always seems to be in the right place at the right time. Not only that he's hard as nails and good in the air.

I should say Rangers were very lucky to be able to call upon such a man to fill in for Ronnie McKinnon when he broke his leg. — Garry Beaton, Troon, Ayrshire.

Light Blue alphabet

RECENTLY in the 'News' I have read some very good poems. I thought some readers might like to read my alphabet:

- G is for the goals they are scoring.
- L is for the loyal fans,
- A is for all the thrills they are giving.
- S is for the S-form plans,
- G is for their growing talent.
- O is for the old park true.
- W is for Willie Waddell who's there to guide the boys in blue,
- R is for the Royal Blue banner.
- A is for the added power
- N is now the time it's telling,
- G is for the glory hour,
- E is for their every victory.
- R is for the team of course,
- S is for the many supporters who will cheer until they're hoarse.

— A. Nisbet, 37, Annbank Rd., Annbank Stn., Ayr.

One of the greatest. . .

THANKS for the article on Andy Cunningham. He was one of the greatest forwards Rangers have ever had. He seemed to have a telepathic link with Alan Morton, although they played on different sides of the field.

Andy would get the



● COLIN JACKSON . . . 'always in the right place'

WILLIE, FASTEST IN BRITAIN

WILLIE Johnston must surely be Britain's fastest forward. I've watched him week after week and his speed is really exciting. He panics defences throughout every game. And his value to Rangers is immense. Take him in the match against St. Johnstone at Perth early this season. The team wasn't playing too well until he came on in the second-half.

His speed completely upset the Muirton defence and he forced three penalties all of which he scored. Johnston's a brilliant player and working up to another cap. — Brian Sinclair, 40, Lochbrae, Sauchie, Clacks.



● WILLIE JOHNSTON . . . 'upset the defence'

Italians had no right to argue . . .

TORINO SHOULD GET RAPPED BY EUROPEAN BOSSES. . .

So Torino have finally come to an agreement with Rangers about the date for their European Cup-Winners' Cup tie. It was about time.

All those weeks of haggling, with Manager Waddell doing his best to come to some satisfactory arrangement and just being messed around.

I suppose you could say it was worth Torino

trying to get the first leg at Ibrox. But why, oh why, was the European committee not more strict?

When the S.F.A. say 'you play your tie on such and such a date' there's no arguing. There shouldn't be any more room for arguing when U.E.F.A. name a time and place for one of their ties. — A. Thomson, Chiswick Place, Eastbourne.

THE WEE, BIG ONES!

IT was great to read Andy Cunningham recalling that famous old team — Robb; Mander-son, McCandless; Meikle-ohn, Dixon, Muirhead; Archibald, Cunningham, Henderson, Cairns and Morton.

What a line-up that was. The best Rangers side I think I ever saw. I was a bit surprised at Andy saying they were all big fellows.

though. As I remember them, Arthur Dixon, Tommy Muirhead and Wee Alan were not tall men. — 'Older than thou,' Dunfermline.

Let's hear about Billy

IN your 'Names to Remember' spot I would like to read about Billy Simpson, the Rangers centre-forward from Belfast. I thought he was a great player.

I would also like to see articles on Alex Scott, Jimmy Millar, Ralph Brand, and Sammy Baird, who were all great Ibrox players.

By the way, I enjoyed the article about Sammy Cox very much. And the photo of George Young was great — John Hendrickson, Milton, Glasgow N.2.

* * * Turn to page five, Mr. H., and read all about one of your favourites Jimmy Millar. And he's doing plenty talking about Ralph Brand.

Quick reply by John!

I DIDN'T know John Greig was such a character. I was on the terracing at East Fife when Rangers were there and some fans were giving him big licks when he took throw-ins.

But even though his mind was on his job he still found time to throw a few, fast and funny answers back. — Ronnie Scott, Letham, Perth.

Ibrox Marksmen

Johnstone goes into double figures



RANGERS teenage centre forward Derek Johnstone is quickly racing up the scoring chart . . . in fact he has moved into double figures alongside the three other players who have scored more than nine . . . Stein, McDonald and Johnston.

Derek's fine headed goal against Falkirk last Saturday puts him on the 10 mark.

And Ibrox skipper John Greig, who's popping them in with some regularity too, was right up with his forwards once again to score Rangers' second goal against the Brockville men. That puts him on nine.

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

COLIN STEIN	17
ALEX MACDONALD	11
WILLIE JOHNSTON	10
DEREK JOHNSTONE	10
JOHN GREIG	9
SANDY JARDINE	4
GRAHAM FYFE	4
WILLIE HENDERSON	3
TOMMY McLEAN	1
IAIN McDONALD	1
COLIN JACKSON	1
ALFIE GONN	1



'GERS PUT BRAKES ON YOUNG IAIN...



● IAIN McDONALD . . . very pleased the way things are going.

RANGERS have put the brakes on young Iain McDonald's rip-roaring comeback after a heart-breaking spell of injuries — for his own good.

NEXT WEEK'S NUMBERS . . .

HERE is the official list of teams for Rangers Pools on Saturday, February 12:—

- 01 Northampton, 02 Peterborough Un., 03 Hamilton Accies, 04 Raith Rov., 05 Ards, 06 Manchester Un., 07 Nottingham F., 08 Norwich, 09 Orient, 10 Kilmarnock.
- 11 Morton, 12 Swansea, 13 Wrexham, 14 Reading, 15 Scunthorpe, 16 Ballymena Un., 17 Sheff. Un., 18 Southampton, 19 Preston, 20 Q.P.R.
- 21 Rangers, 22 St Johnstone, 23 York C., 24 Aston V., 25 Stenhousemuir, 26 Stirling Alb., 27 Crusaders, 28 Stoke C., 29 Wolves, 30 Sunderland.
- 31 Swindon T., 32 Airdrie, 33 Bradford C., 34 Brighton, 35 Southend Un., 36 Southport, 37 Stranraer, 38 Brechin C., 39 Derry C., 40 Arsenal.
- 41 Crystal P., 42 Watford, 43 Burnley, 44 Clyde, 45 Dundee, 46 Bristol R., 47 Chesterfield, 48 Bury, 49 Clydebank, 50 Linfield.
- 51 Everton, 52 Huddersfield, 53 Carlisle U., 54 Charlton Ath., 55 Dunfermline, 56 Hibs, 57 Mansfield T., 58 Oldham Ath., 59 Darlington, 60 Hartlepool.
- 61 E. Stirling, 62 Forfar, 63 Portadown, 64 Leicester C., 65 Fulham, 66 Rotherham, 67 Newport Co.

His matches are being specially selected for him to cut down the risk of injury at this, a critical stage in his return to action.

Iain's first comeback match with the big team was against Partick Thistle at Ibrox.

Then he sat out the Celtic game before returning to play against Falkirk and Aderdeen.

Next games on the card were those against Hearts and East Fife for which the Edinburgh lad was substitute.

Tough going

Note the pattern? If the going has promised to be tough or the pitch has been a small one Iain has sat the games out just in case.

Comments manager Willie Waddell — "At this stage we must be very careful that Iain doesn't get injured.

"We have kept him out of games on tight pitches, for example . . . the chance of injury there is greater.

"Really it is best that Iain has plenty room to move" . . . which of course means that he will be involved in less physical contact.

Even at that, young Iain has not shirked a tackle or steered clear of any potentially dangerous situation.

No twinges

In every match he has played he has shown no fear of attacking his opponents. But he's a brave and spirited lad.

Very pleased he is too about the way things are going, and not at all disgruntled by the fact he's not been played every week.

"I'm happy to play as and when the manager sees fit," says Iain. "I realise I can't play every game and I don't mind sitting on the bench.

"As for my knee, it's standing up well. Since I've come back I haven't even felt a twinge of pain, which is very encouraging."

It's amazing what they'll do to follow Light Blues!

IF THERE was a prize going for the Football Fans of the Year two schoolboys from Arrochar, 20 miles north of Helensburgh, would certainly be in contention.

Too young to join their local Supporters Club they make their way under their own steam to just about every Rangers match.

And often enough they have to TRUDGE OVER NINE MILES OF COUNTRY ROAD IN COMPLETE DARKNESS TO GET HOME IN THE EVENING.

Word of their dedication came in a letter this week to assistant manager Willie Thornton from one of the lads, 15 year old Hamish Mackintosh, who was writing about another matter.

Nine-mile walk

Hamish writes: "My friend and I are both ardent Rangers fans and travel from Arrochar every Saturday to see the team . . . you can well imagine the travel problems we have.

"For example, take the game against East Fife. We left home at 9.50 a.m. on the Oban-Glasgow train. From Glasgow we caught a train to Kirkcaldy before travelling on to Methil.

"On the return journey we travelled to Helensburgh and then to Garelochhead by bus . . . and then we had to walk back to Arrochar which is nine miles away.

"The walking procedure takes place when we are not back in Glasgow by 6-30 as there is no means of transport right to Arrochar after this hour."

Now there's dedication for you!

Results, Scorers, League Tables ...

SCOTTISH CUP — Third Round

ARROBATH 1	AIRDRIE 3	FORFAR (H.T. 0-0) 0	ST. MIRREN ... 1
Milne (H.T. 0-1)	Whiteford, D., Busby, Jarvie	Blair	
CELTIC 5	ALBION ROV. 0	HEARTS 2	ST JOHNSTONE 0
Macari, Deans, Callaghan (2), Murdoch (H.T. 2-0)		Anderson, Wincroster (H.T. 0-0)	
CLYDE 0	AYR 1	KILMARNOCK 5	ALLOA 1
(H.T. 0-1)	McLean	Mathie (2), Maxwell, Morrison, Cook (H.T. 3-0)	Johnston
CLYDEBANK 1	EAST FIFE 1	MORTON 1	COWDENBTH ... 0
Kane (H.T. 1-1)	McPhee	Osborne (pen) (H.T. 1-0)	
DUMBARTON 3	HAMILTON ... 1	MOTHERWELL 2	MONTROSE ... 0
Wilson (2), Gallacher, C. (H.T. 2-0)	Atherton	McCabe, Lawson (H.T. 1-0)	
DUNDEE U. 0	ABERDEEN ... 4	PARTICK TH 0	HIBS 2
(H.T. 0-1)	Miller, Harper (2, 1 pen.), Young	Gordon, Schaedler (H.T. 0-1)	
ELGIN CITY 3	INVERNESS C. 1	RAITH ROV 2	DNFRMLINE ... 0
Thom, Graham (2) (H.T. 2-0)	Brankin	McGuire (pen) Robertson (H.T. 1-0)	
FALKIRK 2	RANGERS 2	BERWICK 3	BRECHIN 0
Jack, Ferguson (H.T. 1-1)	Johnstone D., Greig	Tait, Hall (2) (H.T. 1-0)	

Scottish Second XI Cup

AIRDRIE 0	PARTICK TH. 1
Reserve League	
ABERDEEN 2	MOTHERWELL . 3
STENHOUSEMUIR ... 3	STRANRAER ... 4
Traynor, Campbell (2), Murdoch (H.T. 2-3)	McCall (pen)

● For the benefit of our readers overseas, here is a compiled list of results, scorers and league tables for the week ending Saturday, February 5.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE I

Home	Away	Pts
P W D L F A.	P W D L F A.	Pts
Celtic..... 23 10 1 1 34 11..	10 1 0 38 7 42	22
Aberdeen... 23 10 1 1 41 11..	7 3 1 23 6 38	21
Rangers.... 23 9 0 3 29 11..	8 1 3 24 11 33	19
Dundee..... 23 5 5 1 22 8..	5 4 3 21 17 29	16
Hibernian.. 23 7 1 3 19 7..	5 2 4 19 14 28	16
Partick.... 23 7 2 3 29 26..	3 5 3 15 16 27	15
Hearts..... 23 6 4 2 21 15..	3 4 16 22 26	14
St. Johnstone 23 4 4 3 15 14..	4 2 6 21 25 22	14
M'well..... 23 7 1 4 26 21..	2 3 6 11 26 22	13
Kilmarnock 23 7 1 3 22 16..	2 2 8 12 28 21	13
Ayr..... 23 1 5 6 7 17..	4 3 4 16 18 18	10
Morton..... 23 3 3 5 10 12..	4 0 8 20 26 17	10
Dundee U.. 22 4 3 5 25 30..	3 0 7 13 23 17	10
East Fife... 23 5 3 4 17 18..	2 0 9 14 31 17	10
Clyde..... 23 2 4 6 14 25..	1 6 4 8 17 16	10
Dnfrmline.. 23 4 0 7 11 21..	1 4 7 11 30 14	10
Airdrie.... 23 2 4 5 11 17..	1 3 8 8 20 13	10
	Hamilton.. 24 3 1 9 13 38..	9

SCOTTISH LEAGUE II

Home	Away	Pts
P W D L F A.	P W D L F A.	Pts
Cowdenbth.. 25 8 2 2 28 9..	6 6 1 23 9 36	22
St. Mirren.. 24 9 2 2 35 15..	6 0 5 26 20 32	22
Arbroath... 24 8 3 1 31 15..	5 2 5 19 20 31	21
Q.O.S..... 23 5 1 4 18 12..	3 4 5 24 31 30	16
Dumfries... 22 6 1 3 29 16..	6 3 3 25 23 28	19
Stirling A.. 21 6 4 1 21 11..	5 1 4 25 18 27	19
Stranraer.. 24 4 5 3 20 23..	6 2 4 24 23 27	19
Clydebank.. 25 4 3 6 22 21..	5 2 17 15 36	16
Montrose.. 24 4 3 5 20 17..	6 1 5 30 21 24	16
E. Stirling.. 22 5 2 4 29 15..	4 4 3 15 16 24	16
Queen's F.. 22 7 2 2 22 10..	2 4 5 10 21 34	16
Berrick.... 23 2 4 19 13..	5 1 6 18 17 23	16
Stenhamr.. 25 4 3 5 18 17..	3 3 7 13 22 20	16
Albion R... 25 6 2 4 19 12..	1 3 9 11 28 19	16
Alloa..... 22 2 1 9 12 27..	4 2 4 17 17 15	15
Forfar..... 23 3 2 7 9 27..	1 2 8 11 27 15	15
Hamilton.. 24 3 1 9 13 38..	0 1 10 5 34 9	15

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IN DARKEST Nigeria, possibly at this very moment, a group of people might be in a huddle and talking in their native tongue — ABOUT RANGERS!

Not any Bush Rangers either. The Glasgow Rangers. For the people in question are all members of the Ibrox team's latest supporters club.

They set themselves up recently after a friend of a friend of Alfie Conn's from Nigeria, on a visit to Scotland, dropped in to watch a match at Ibrox. But let Alfie fill in the details.

"The Nigerian came along to Ibrox with this

pal of mine from Dumbarton," says Alfie. "And he was so impressed that he formed a Supporters Club when he returned to his own country.

AMAZING

"It's quite amazing. I understand that those in the Club aren't Scottish exiles either. They are all Nigerians."

It all backs up the point we made a few months back. There are Rangers fans in just about every corner of the the globe! Amazing right enough.

ALL THE CLUB NOTICES

JOHN GREIG LOYAL (MARY-HILL): Bus Sat. 2-15; Motherwell game bus 1-00.

GRANGEMOUTH: 29th Jan. 200 club winning No. 180; Feb. 12 v. Dundee, Elwynn 1-00, Falkirk 1-15; Feb. 19. v. Motherwell, Elwynn 1-00, Falkirk 1-15; Dance in Bowhouse Comm. Centre, Dinner 7-00, Dance starts 8-00.

EDINBURGH JARDINE: Meeting Sat. 11-45; Bus leaves 11 Albany St., 12-15, Waterloo Pl., 12-30; Non-members welcome.

CARNWATH: Bus Sat. at 1-00. Bellshill 1-45; Names for Rally.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus. Sat. 1-30 at Church Street.

EAST KILBRIDE: Bus Feb. 12 v. Dundee United, Calderwood 1-40, Westwood 1-55.

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

KINGSWAY: Bus Ibrox 2-15; Seats non-members.

NITHSDALE LOYAL: Bus for Motherwell leaves Clydesdale 1-30, New Regent Bar 1-40; March 25 dance details later.

ALFIE CONN: Bus leaves Mayfield Roundabout at 12 noon; Non-members welcome.

BRISTOL: Meet tonight (Wednesday) 6.30, and Saturday 2.15.

Your Queries

● Would you tell me where I can contact a Rangers Supporters Club in the Dunfermline area. — Iain Haywood, The Whins, Hill St., Inverkeithing, Fife.

The nearest branches are at Cowdenbeath and Lochore, Iain. Mr. C. Bartie, 180 Broad St., is the man to contact in Cowdenbeath, and Mr. E. Greenlees, 106 Kirkland Gardens., Balingry, Fife, is the man to get in touch with for the Lochore branch.

● Could you tell me if there is a Rangers Supporters Club in Aberdeen? If so could you give me the address. — Ashley Burt, 35 Hopetoun Ave., Bucksburn, Aberdeenshire.

No club in Aberdeen, Ashley. Nearest branches are at Peterhead and Fraserburgh. Your man in Peterhead is D. Donaldson, 93 Queen Street, Peterhead, and the man to contact in Fraserburgh is M. Mutch, 44 Watermill Road, Fraserburgh.

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 50p each for first ones received in good condition. — John Howden, 15 Arran Place, Linwood, Renfrewshire.

● WANTED — Rangers v. Man. City (1954). Will pay or exchange many old progs. from 1947 onwards. — I. Armstrong, 126, Turnberry Drive, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 4NG.

IT'S THE



● Included in this happy group are George Donaldson, Tommy McLean, Colin Stein, Tommy Alexander and Bobby Watson, accompanied by their wives and girlfriends.



● Rangers GEORGE STRUTHERS and GUS McCALLUM and their girlfriends.



● It's all smiles before the Rangers dance gets underway. In the happy picture are Alfie Conn, Derek Parlane, Jim Denny, Gus McCallum, George Struthers, Alex Miller and Peter McCloy, along with wives, fiancées and girlfriends.



● The backroom boys get in front of the camera . . . Stan Anderson, assistant trainer, Jock Wallace, coach and trainer, and physiotherapist Tommy Craig, together with their wives.

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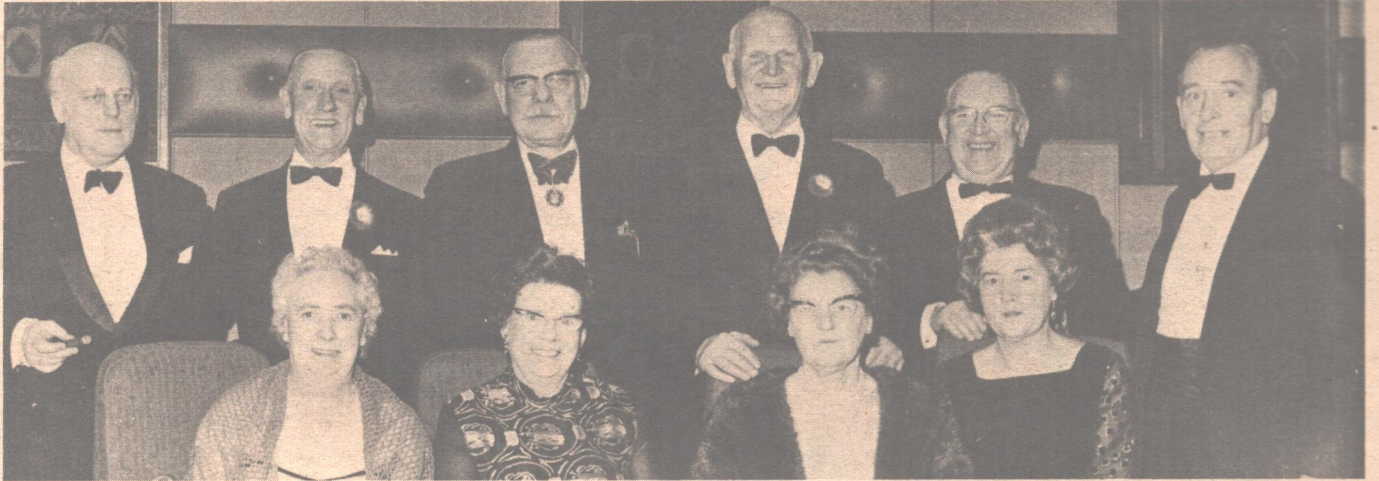
SWINGING LIGHT BLUES!

THE Rangers management, players and staff, and close on 600 guests including Glasgow's Lord Provost, Sir Donald Liddle and his wife, had a swinging night in the Social Club last week.

The occasion was, of course, the Ibrox's club's annual dance. The merriment continued until 1-0 a.m. and even then everybody was game to carry on.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was not the dancing, however, but the buffet. The food was really superb . . . fit for a Royal Banquet. Step forward the catering staff and take a bow!

On the cabaret for the evening were vivacious singer Jan Douglas and singer Tam White of STV fame.



● Some of the principal guests at the dance . . . Lord Provost Donald Liddle and his wife, Mr. John Lawrence, chairman of Rangers, Vice-Chairman Matt Taylor and Miss Kinnon, Sheriff Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone, Bailie Davis, Bailie Wardlaw and Mrs. Wardlaw.



● Another happy group arrive at the Dance. They are Billy Mathieson, Dave Smith, John Greig, Sandy Jardine and Alex MacDonald, accompanied by their wives.



● It's a change from wearing the Light Blue strip . . . smartly turned out Ibrox men in this picture are Dave Smith, Sandy Jardine, John Greig, Alex McDonald and Billy Mathieson.



● It's the players turn to support . . . Billy Mathieson, Colin Stein, Gerry Neef, Sandy Jardine and Tommy McLean lend a helping hand to vivacious singer Jan Douglas, who was on the cabaret at the dance. Lucky lads.

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• **TOMMY CRAIG**, the Ibrox physiotherapist.

He aims to return before season's end

RONNIE McKinnon, the Lisbon leg-break victim, has set his heart on a comeback before the season's end. But he has got a lot of hard work to put in and meantime **HE IS LEARNING TO WALK AGAIN!**

Back and forth along the Ibrox corridor he limps every day, and up and down the stairs in a programme designed to give him the freedom of movement he lost during his 12 weeks in plaster.

Says Ronnie—"It sounds funny but in point of fact I am learning to walk.

"Trouble is my ankle stiffened up when I was in plaster and the object of all the walking I'm doing is to loosen the joint.

"I've just got to do things bit by bit. Walking along the corridor is not too bad, but going up and down stairs is a little difficult.

"More weight is thrown on to my ankle when I'm on the stairs and it gets a bit painful. But we're making progress. Every day brings a little more improvement.

"Actually, I do a lot of 'training' when I go home too.

Ronnie's work at Ibrox is supervised by physio Tommy Craig. Tommy stands back and instructs Ronnie to do this and that — 'don't bend your knee so much, — place your foot down a bit harder' etc.

And at the end of a 'walk-in' Tommy gets his patient on the table and pulls his foot this way and that to try to free the ankle that bit more.

As Ronnie says every day sees a little improvement — and every day brings that comeback date a little nearer.

THE three lucky winners in our Stand Seat competition for the match with Dundee United at Ibrox on Saturday are Innes MacLeod, 63 Dunvegan Avenue, Elderslie, Renfrewshire; A. Syme, 31 Panbrae Rd., Bo'ness; and Andrew Brown, 178 Curtis Avenue, Glasgow.

They each receive two stand tickets for Rangers' clash with the men from Tannadice and their photographs will appear in next week's issue.

The correct solution to the 'Mystery Player' competition was **GRAHAM FYFE**.



• **RONNIE** McKinnon . . . he's hoping all the walking he does will pay off.

Rangers won't be caught napping in Turin

RANGERS will not be taken aback by the footballing atmosphere of the Municipal Stadium, Turin, when they run out for their vital Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Torino on March 8.

Why? Manager Willie Waddell has made arrangements for a party of players to sit in on the Juventus-Wolves U.E.F.A. Cup tie the evening before Rangers' match . . . just to get an ideal of what's in store.

Says he — "This is

an ideal chance for the players to assess the type of crowd they'll be playing before. Also the atmosphere will impress on them the importance of the occasion."

That apart, of course, the Juventus-Wolves match will be of great general interest to the players. It is always worthwhile seeing what teams from other parts are doing.

Turnin's Municipal Stadium, where Juventus play, is used by Torino for big matches.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1—Derek Johnston.
- 2—Falkirk.
- 3—Huddersfield Town, Man. City and Torino (Italy).
- 4—Hamilton Accies and Clyde.
- 5—Arbroath in season 1968-69.
- 6—2-0 Scotland.
- 7—Francis Lee. Up till time of writing he had scored 14 times from the spot this season, therefore breaking the previous record of 12.
- 8—Bournemouth and Bournemouth Athletic.
- 9—Dave Bowen.
- 10—Wales.
- 11—St. Johnstone and St. Mirren.
- 12—West Ham.
- 13—Hearts (1959-60) (1962-63) and Partick Th. (1971-72).
- 14—Millwall.
- 15—Partick Th. and East Fife.

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