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'Our fans the best behaved they've ever been, but . . .'

ALL EYES STILL ON YOU

WHEN you take your place at Hampden on Saturday, whether it be on the terracings or in the stand, remember one thing, the eyes of the world are upon you.

10,000 more seats at the Stadium

THE stadium of the future — that's what the plans are now well under way for the building of the new stand opposite the main one. A stand which will seat 10,000.

And those 10,000 seats, added to the same number in the old stand, will give luxury viewing for 20,000 fans, one of the biggest seating capacities in Britain.

And Rangers know that the fan wants a little luxury to enjoy the game. To sit in comfort with room to move his feet, stretch his legs and breathe.

Says general manager Willie Waddell, "Architects are well advanced in their plans for the new stand.

And it won't be too long before we start building."

Can you imagine what Ibrox will look like in a couple of years?

One of the best, most handsome grounds in the country — all built with the fan uppermost in the minds of the planners.

For more than anything else, it's the Rangers-Celtic clashes that are at the root of the public outcry for greater crowd control and a complete clamp-down on the louts and hooligans.

So any trouble — no matter how small — at the game, will destroy the efforts of the club and the decent fans in restoring their good name.

In fact, the fans have been so well behaved that General Manager Willie Waddell told the news: "THE FANS HAVE BEEN TRENDSHOWERING. IN FACT THEY ARE THE BEST BEHAVED THEY'VE EVER BEEN. SO I'M NOT ONLY GLAD FOR THE CLUB'S SAKE, I'M GLAD FOR THEIR SAKE TOO."

"But all the weeks of hard work and heart-searching would go to nothing if trouble was to start before, during, or after the Celtic match."

Testing point

The General Manager is REALLY impressed with the Light Blue fans, for they have been following the ten-point code sent out by Rangers to the letter, and have been winning admiration for their efforts.

SATURDAY IS THE TESTING POINT, THOUGH, THE POINT OF NO RETURN, IF YOU LIKE. FOR IF THE FANS CAN BEHAVE THEMSELVES IN A GAME AGAINST CELTIC THEN THEY CAN BEHAVE THEMSELVES ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

For the corner will be turned, the precedent set. For instead of hearing about 'X' number of arrests, or even 'X' — certificate Old Firm games, they will hear about decent, civilised supporters who watched, enjoyed and roared their way through a good football match.

No matter what efforts Rangers make, the future respect of the Club lies in the hands of the fan.

He can be well behaved, set a good example to others, and make watching football a pleasure — or

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HERE SHE IS . . . MISS RANGERS NEWS, 1972

★ This is MARGARET WAUGH of Falkirk, the first "Miss Rangers News" . . . and if you have ever wondered what qualities a beauty queen should have then take a long look at this picture.

You will note the long blonde hair; the flashing irresistible smile; the super figure; and . . . need we say more? Turn to centre pages for more pics of Margaret and all the other girls.

HAMPDEN SPECIALS

THERE will be 'special' trains to take you to Hampden on Saturday. If you're travelling to the ground from Glasgow, there will be a frequent service of trains from Central Station, 16p return being the fare.

There is also a 'special' leaving from Motherwell at 10.40, arriving at King's Park at 11.06, returning after the match at 14.00. Return fare here is 30p.

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he can tear the good name of the club apart by not following the Ibrox Code.

Says Mr Waddell, "The players will do their utmost to make sure they do nothing on the field which could incite any kind of disorderly behaviour."

So. Congratulations on being so well behaved up till now. Go to the game on Saturday, watch it, sing the old, famous Rangers songs which spur the team on, but offend nobody.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Rangers 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.
- 4—BAN the use of OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

5—Have greatest respect for residents in the vicinity of football grounds. DO NOT BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

6—DO NOT BE DRUNK TO REMEMBER.

7—DO NOT BE DRUNK TO REMEMBER.

8—DO NOT BE DRUNK TO REMEMBER.

The Club, the Police, local authorities and S.F.A., will back the Supporters Association in these measures.

THIS WAS 'A PIECE OF CAKE'!



● ALFIE CONN ... 'Man-about-Town'

ALFIE CONN is the proud possessor of a very up-to-the-minute suit. Because not only is the suit in the height of fashion, style-wise, it's also in the latest colour — light purple!

And with a purple shirt of a different shade to go with it, Alfie looks a real young man-about-town!

THE Olympics have seen some great arguments between the players, with some for David Bedford, others against him, and still more interested in the women's gymnastics.

But everybody is agreed on one thing — they think Cuban boxer Teofilo Stevenson, who whipped Duane Bobick, the great American white hope for a heavyweight gold, is the greatest.

And there is some doubt about how many yards of a start flier WILLIE JOHNSTON should give Valerie Borzov, the 'fastest man in the world'!

"It would be a good race," quipped one Ibrox wit.

RANGERS received a highly unusual phone call last week — a call for assistance in making, of all things, a wedding cake!

We kid you not, people. KENNY McFARLANE, who handles a fair amount of requests as well as dealing with the tickets at Ibrox, had a phone call from David Leggate, of Hasties, a Cambuslang bakers.

David wanted to know if Rangers could lend them the crest of the Tottenham Hotspur badge — so that they could do a replica in marzipan for the top of a wedding cake.

Kenny, never one to fail to do a 'Good Samaritan' act, got his hands on one of the pennants Rangers received from Spurs when the London club were up here for a friendly before the start of last season.

And before you could say 'icing sugar', David had popped in to Ibrox, picked it up, and was heading back to Cambuslang with all speed so that the bakery could get to work on the objet d'art!

Says David, "We do quite a number of football colours on our cakes, but this is certainly an unusual request. However, the baker, as a committed fan, he was asked us to mount the cockerel which appears on the Spurs badge, on top of the cake, instead of the usual bride and groom affair.

"We are certainly indebted to Rangers and Kenny McFarlane for helping us out."

It's a piece of cake!

RANGERS will have a lucky mascot looking on when they play Celtic at Hampden on Saturday. He's an ex-player, JOHN LAWRIE, who played at Ibrox between 1945-47 at wing-half.

For owing to a bad car accident thirteen years ago, John has only seen Rangers play twice since then — and both times they've won!

He saw them beat Aberdeen, and two years ago was at Hampden to see the 'Gers lift the League Cup trophy.

John bought a couple of stand tickets and afterwards was taken on a short tour of the trophy room, with of course, the European Cup-Winners' Cup being the objective of the exercise.

Said John, "The cup is marvellous, a real beauty. And I'm glad I'm going to Hampden next week, because with me there they just can't lose!"

Inside Ibrox

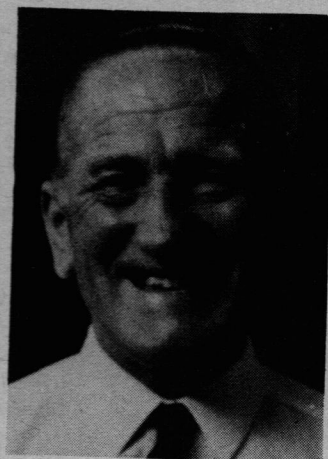


● WILLIE JOHNSTON ... could he beat the Olympic Champion?

picture of good health and will soon be back. Says STAN ANDERSON, "We don't want Joe back until he's absolutely 100% fit, and that means he must be able to beat Derek Johnstone to the jump every time!"

FITNESS report on head cleaner LIZZIE LOVE — her corneal eye graft operation in the Western Infirmary last week was a complete success, and before long Lizzie will be back cooking the Ibrox dinners.

Meanwhile, her daughter Irene is filling in for her, and doing a grand job too!



● JOE CRAVEN

JOE CRAVEN, assistant trainer at Ibrox who's been off ill for the past few months, popped in for a few minutes last week.

Joe's still recovering, but is looking the

My team RANGERS

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Why Every Match Is A Cup Tie For Millar...

ALEC MILLER has surprised a lot of people around Ibrox with his form this season in the Reserves. For in every match he's been a real stand-out. And, into the bargain, has notched three goals.

But Alec himself is anything but surprised. In fact, if he doesn't feel himself that he was a star man, he's disappointed.

Says Alec, "I want a place in that first team more than anything else. It's everything to me, and I'm working as hard as I know how to get in."

Alec is so determined to make that first team that he gets himself into a very special frame of mind before every game. He tries to convince himself that the game is a cup tie.

THE EASY

...and that's why I can really get myself settled up before the game, and go into the pitch feeling I MUST play my heart out, then I do. It's simple psychology, really, but it works.

"Playing in the Reserves it's all too easy to relax a bit, and not concentrate very hard. But not me. Every tackle, every pass, every shot I make has as much determination as I can give — just what I would be like if I was playing in a cup final."

Fine goals

Miller's thinking is paying dividends, all right. Manager Jock Wallace is tremendously impressed by him, as is assistant trainer Stan Anderson.

Perhaps the most improved part of Miller's game is his overlapping and shooting. Last week he scored two fine goals through overlapping, passing, then running on for the return.

"I've been told to be as attack-minded as possible," Alec said. "And that suits me,

He wants his first team spot so badly

because the more positive you can be, the more you will do in the game. When you are determined to win, you will win.

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Determined

There's no question of Miller, just married, setting any kind of time limit for himself, though, no matter how determined he is to break through for keeps.

For Alec is first and foremost a Rangers player, and is happy to play anywhere for the club, just as long as he's wearing a Light Blue jersey.

Play better

Another reason for not having a time-limit is that he's sure he'll get into the first team eventually anyway!

"I intend to turn in first-class performances every week.

"By trying to be as perfect as possible, I may not achieve that, but I'll certainly play better than I've ever done before."



● ALEC MILLAR . . . a real stand-out for the Reserves.



BILLY MACNICOL

Ibrox babe Billy steals limelight

IT was a night of missed chances for Rangers Reserves as they went down to Thistle Reserves by 2-1 on Friday night at Firhill.

The Rangers side was bolstered by Stein and Conn, but it was babe Billy MacNicol who stole the limelight.

Reserve Round-up

In the 20th minute he hammered in a glorious 25-yarder that left keeper Wright clutching air.

Minutes later he finished in a powerful header which just cleared the bar.

The woodwork came in Thistle's second half again when fullback Mac Miller jumped in and scored the goal.

Had they been able to convert their chances into goals the Ibrox side would have come out on top.

But chances went slipping, and despite the substitution of George Struthers for Young in the 80th minute Thistle just held out.

RANGERS RESERVES: Watson, Alexander, Miller, Donaldson, Thomson, Bonnyman, Young, Conn, Stein, MacNicol, McDonald.

Congratulations... Sandy and Shona!



● The first new baby ever to appear in 'Rangers News' — that's the distinction for 10-day-old Steven James Jardine, the new son of the Rangers fullback Sandy and wife Shona. And isn't it a bonny family picture? The Jardines have one other kiddie, daughter Nickolla, who is two. And while she's going to be busy learning how to cook and sew in later years, no doubt the most junior of the Jardine household will be showing he's a future Scotland fullback in the making!

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THE GREATEST CLUB



● Derek Johnstone fires one for goal between Celtic defenders Jim Brogan and George Connelly in one of last season's Old Firm games.



● High flying Willie Johnston head flicks the ball past Evan Williams during an encounter last season. Tom Callaghan looks on.

SATURDAY sees Rangers first battle of the season with great rivals Celtic. And there can be no question that the game will be full of great football, supercharged tension and excitement and drama.

Even if there were no points at stake, nothing to be won except the victory itself, the 'Old Firm' game would still be the red-blooded, nerve tingling affair that it is.

No other game can generate the excitement and interest which this one does — ALL OVER THE WORLD!

Our reporter asked Rangers full-back Sandy Jardine just what it's like before and during a match with Celtic, and just how he expects the game to go.

"An 'Old Firm' game is like no other," says Sandy. "And the build-up starts right from the beginning of the week before you're due to play them.

"For no matter whether it's 'just another game' or not, you're training that bit harder, thinking that bit more about the game than normal.

"Everybody's the same. I mean, if you're not affected by this then you must be made of stone ...



● DEREK JOHNSTONE and BILLY McNEILL ... the pair have had some great jousts.

"Then there's the pre-match tension. Again that's like nothing else. Players who normally are fairly free from bad nerves are jumpy, or stay very quiet.

"In the dressing room as you change the atmosphere seems to creep under the door and set you tingling. You can hear the crowd building up and the singing.

Crowd yells

"It's the occasion which really get you going."

"In fact you're glad to get outside, and get the game started. It's much better on the park compared to the electric, tense feeling you have as you slip on your boots or pull your jersey over your head."

As far as Sandy Jardine goes, once he's out on the park, the tension disappears, because he's immersed in the game. And no matter how loud the crowd yells, he can't hear them!

He continues, "Once the game is underway, it's so hectic that you

MATCH IN THE WORLD

just HAVE to push everything else out of your mind. The game is so fast, you never have a moment to think. It's just action, action all the time.

"Enjoy it? Well, if we're winning I do, but if not, well it's like any other game then, it's not quite so good."

Sandy has a very high regard for Kenny Dalglish.

"Kenny is a great player, and he's bound to improve. I was with him in the Scotland squads and he really loves the game. He's fast, can use both feet, and is great at finding space for himself in packed defences."

The Light Blue full-back feels Rangers can beat Celts, provided the team plays to its capabilities. "If we can all hit it off together, then I reckon we can do it.

Trump card

"We certainly won't go to Hampden with any sort of complex. Man for

man we're as good as them — or any team for that matter. And even present form goes for nothing, because all that goes out the window when Rangers and Celtic kick-off against each other."

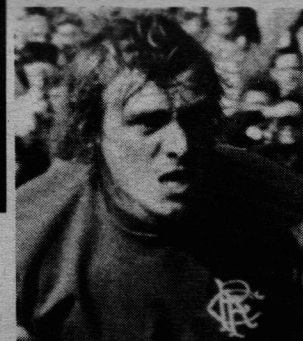
Rangers' trump card could be big Derek Johnstone, who always seems to give Billy McNeill, George Connelly and Co. heaps of trouble.

Who could forget the header which gave Rangers the League Cup against them two years ago, for instance? Well, Derek has improved beyond recognition since then, and he's one Celts are bound to be worried about.

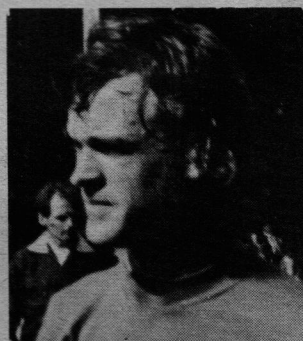
Excitement

Willie Mathieson, and Jardine himself, can cause havoc in the Parkhead rearguard with their fast overlapping, and Willie Johnston and Colin Stein, who have developed a good understanding up front, will cause a lot of trouble.

'The atmosphere seems to creep under the dressing room door and set you tingling'



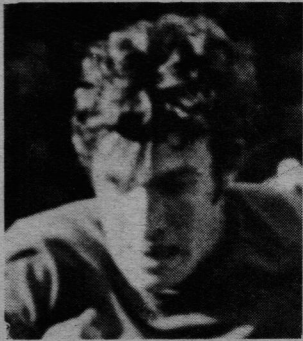
● COLIN STEIN



● WILLIE MATHIESON



● ALEX MACDONALD



● SANDY JARDINE

All in all the game has all the ingredients of being a 'normal' Rangers-Celtic clash. Which means every adjective you know which describes action — endeavour, excitement, tension, glamour, drama, frustration, joy.

It's a tough one for Rangers. But then Rangers earned their tradition through getting over the toughest of obstacles ... like winning through to lift the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

They can get over this one, too.

IBROX MARKSMEN

7—Colin Stein. 6—Alex MacDonald, Willie Johnston. 4—Alfie Conn. 3—John Greig. 2—Derek Parlane. 1—Derek Johnstone, Tommy McLean, Graham Fyfe.



'That roar makes you feel just champion!'

This week - Graham Fyfe

How do you feel you've played since you got back into the team?

Well I'm playing much better than last time for a kick-off, and I feel quite good on the park.

What do you feel is the difference in your play from you last stint in the team?

I have much more confidence in myself now than I used to. Also, with a wife and family to look after, I reckon I try a lot harder.

You seem much sharper than before and are finding the open spaces easily. Why is this?

All the sprint work has helped me a great deal. And I'm not only faster physicaly. I'm seeing situations develop sooner than I used to.

You are a comparative newcomer to the scene. What's it like running out onto the park with Rangers?

Tremendous! You can't ever get used to the feeling you get when that great roar hits you. It puts you on top of the world — a good way to go into a game.

The team take on Celtic on Saturday, and there's a good chance you'll be in it. But you had a bad experience the first time you played in an Old Firm game. What happened, and why?

Well, I suppose I was lacking in experience, that's all. I made a few mistakes early on and as things went on I couldn't do anything right.

Will it be different this time?



● WILLIE JOHNSTON

You bet! For one thing I'm more confident. Also I have a great deal more experience now. In fact it would give me the greatest pleasure to play my best-ever game.

Who do you think will be the hardest team to beat this season? Will it be Celtic, or some other club, and why?

Celtic are a fair start! But we'll also find it tough against Hibs and Aberdeen. They seem ready to make a real challenge this year and have a host of really good players.

Real work

Who's given you most help since you joined Rangers?

Jock Wallace. He really 'sat' on me and got me doing real hard work. I'm reaping the benefit now, though I still work as hard at training as ever. Also, he got me thinking about the game more.

Is there any player at Ibrox you particularly admire?

Yes, 'Bud' Johnston, he gives everything he's

A Ranger Answers..



● GRAHAM FYFE

got when he's out on that park. He's so fast too. He's absolutely dedicated to playing well. It would be going against his grain not to go all-out.

At 21, you've a long time left in the game, in fact you've only just started. What part of your game would you like to improve on?

My heading. It's diabolical! The timing's all wrong, and I don't seem to get enough height when I jump. But I'm working on that.

What do you think of the way the fans have been behaving recently? Does it mean a lot to you to know that they are trying hard to behave themselves? Is there any added pressure if you think there could be trouble on the terracings?

Firstly, the fans have been doing well, and I'm glad, because a number of hooligans were getting the club a bad name. But even the worst seem to be controlling themselves,

way, I always play well against them.

Who is your favourite player in Scotland right now?

Davie Smith. He's so cool, never gets flustered, and is always there to help you out. At training he gets on with the hard work and never complains. To me he's the perfect pro.

What do you think of Scotland's chances of qualifying for the latter stages of the World Cup?

I hate to go against the general run of opinion, but I'm a bit doubtful. Tommy Docherty has done a great job, yes, but I think we'll be hard-pressed to beat Czechoslovakia, especially away from Hampden.

Any player at Ibrox you think should be in Tommy Docherty's pool?

A few actually. Dave Smith, Peter McCloy, Willie Johnston, and Alex MacDonald. Why wee Alex? Well, he gets through a heck of a lot of work and could do the same job for Scotland in the middle.

Very cool

You played in the reserves a lot last season. Who do you reckon of the youngsters will make the big breakthrough this term?

George Donaldson, the wing-half. He's very hard, can tackle, and can read the game very well. He's also very cool under pres-



● DAVE SMITH

sure. By the end of the season he could well be a regular.

How will Rangers fare this season?

It's early to say yet. But if we can start playing the way we can then we could do very well.

And what are your ambitions for this season?

To hold down a regular place and help Rangers win everything in sight!

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and it can only do themselves and the club good. As for thinking about the crowd during games, I never do.

In the games you've played, have you come up against any defender you've found it difficult to beat?

Yes, Filippi of Ayr. He's a fine reader of the game for one so young and is a tough tackler.

Move around

How will the defeats Rangers have suffered affect the team, do you think?

It will make us all fight harder. One defeat isn't going to spoil our League chances. And we'll be there at the death, don't worry about that!

Is there any team you like playing against?

Aberdeen. They usually play man-to-man marking, so you get the chance to move around a bit and go into open spaces. Any-

IT'S QUEEN MARGARET!



★ Here's three smashing reasons why the Rangers Social Club was the place to be last Tuesday . . . Joan McGill (3rd), winner Margaret, and runner-up Tricia Chennell.



★ The smile that shows how beautiful Margaret Waugh feels to be Miss Rangers News, 1972 . . . plus a cheque for £100 and a kiss from Colin Jackson.



★ It's Miss Rangers News with the men who make Rangers news . . . Ibrox skipper John Greig and Colin Jackson. Oh to be a Rangers player!



AND HER WHITE ROLLS ROYCE . . .

★ 'Cinderella' touch for Miss Rangers News . . . a gleaming white Rolls Royce to take her home after the night of her life!

Miss Rangers News steps out – and



one thousand fans roar approval!



★ The 16 finalists (left to right): 1—Tricia Chennell (Glasgow), 2—Alexandra Darrock (Shettleston), 3—Agnes Kelly (Glasgow), 4, Margaret Lees (Ayr), 5—Margo Lindsay (Lanark), 6—Ann Millar (Falkirk), 7—Maureen Miller (Port Glasgow), 8—Ann Moscrop (Duns), 9—Elaine Macnamara (Hamilton), 10—Joan McGill (Motherwell), 11—Carole McGowan (Cambuslang), 12—Irene McRae (Glasgow), 14—Barbara Shankland (New Cumnock), 15—Lindsay Spence (Glasgow), 16—Margaret Waugh (Falkirk), 17—Nancy Welsh (Glasgow).

A TALL, shapely blonde lass from Falkirk, stepped on to the stage of the Rangers Social Club last Tuesday night — and more than one thousand customers in the packed cabaret room roared their approval.

For that was the moment when 21-year-old MARGARET WAUGH was named Miss Rangers News, 1972!

Mark you, Margaret was far from the only beauty on view.

Runner-up TRICIA CHENNELL from Glasgow and Motherwell's JOAN MCGILL,

who was third, both got a noisy reception from the Social Club regulars, who obviously enjoyed the first glamour show held on the premises.

Indeed the standard of the sixteen finalists from all over Scotland was remarkably high and one experienced photographer from a national newspaper said: "I've covered a lot of these shows, but I can't remember seeing so many good-looking girls at one time."

The reasons for the excellent entry, of course, were the bumper prizes which

went with success.

Winner Margaret, for instance, got a £100 cheque, presented by Colin Jackson, plus a year's supply of L'Oreal cosmetics plus a gold pen and pencil set from the Gillette company. The sponsors who put forward the final five girls also received a pen set.

Runner-up Tricia Chennell got a cheque for £50 while third girl Joan McGill's cash prize was £25. They and the fourth and fifth girls also collected bulky packages of L'Oreal cosmetics.

Most envied male present was Colin Jackson who gave out kisses with the winning cheques. He had been one of the panel of judges along with skipper John Greig, the lovely Liz Stevely, Brian Christie, the millionaire "News" car driver from Aberdeen, John Day, Scottish sales manager for Rothmans, Ian Peebles managing director of Peebles Publications and "Rangers News" circulation manager Ken Russell.

Margaret, the new "News" queen from Balmoral Drive, Falkirk, has won other prizes in the beauty world, but when she heard her name called she still said: "I just can't believe it . . . it's fabulous."

A shorthand typist with Falkirk Town Council, Margaret says her hobbies are driving and her boy friend. When asked if she planned to make her "hobby" her hubby she replied "Not yet".

Social Club boss and Rangers director Davie Hope had arranged for a special catwalk to be added to the stage so that the competition went off in style.

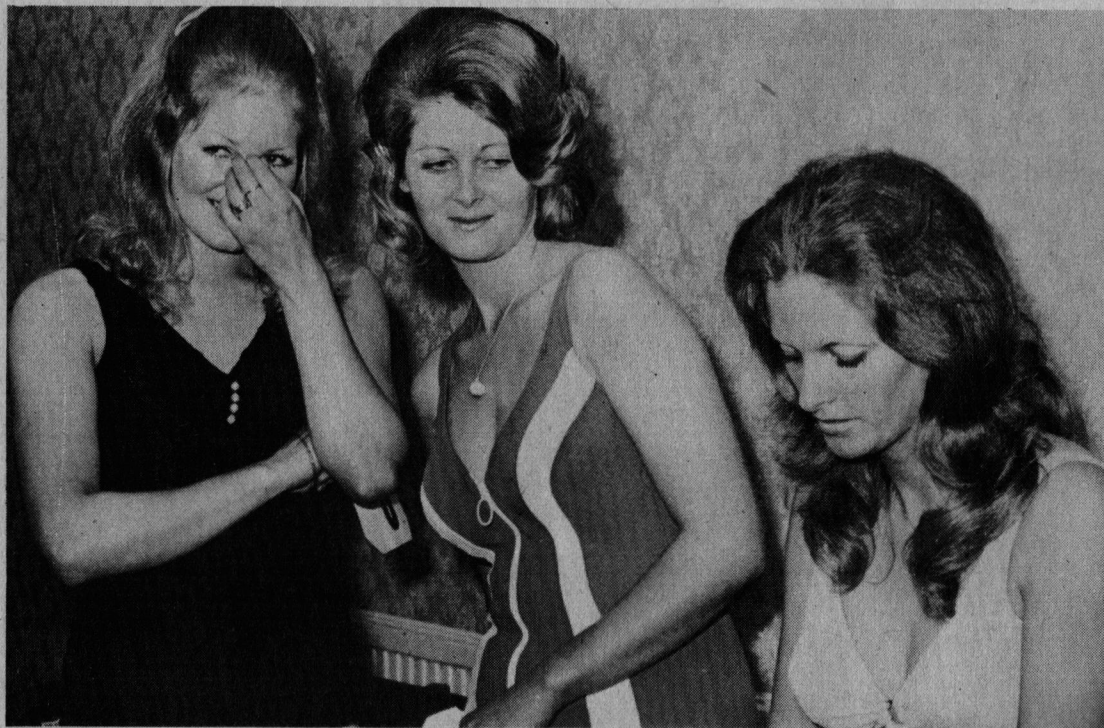
And the perfect ending to an unforgettable night for Margaret came when she climbed into a white Rolls Royce specially laid on by the 'News' for a run home in style.



★ The final five . . . and what a forward line! They are — Joan McGill, Tricia Chennell, Ann Millar, Ann Moscrop and Margaret Waugh . . . beat that team!



★ Leaving for home in her Rolls Royce . . . Margaret is helped in by Aberdeen millionaire Brian Christie, the man who drove the 'News' car to Barcelona.



★ Behind the scenes . . . and the tension is really something. The third girl has been named, and the second . . . and Ann Millar, Ann Moscrop and Margaret Waugh wait to hear who will be Miss Rangers News.



★ A shot of the judges table shows Rangers captain John Greig, Rothmans Sales Manager John Day, and current Scotland Beauty Queen Liz Stevely.



IT'S LULU!

WHEN flight 5046 is announced at Glasgow Airport Lulu will be back in town . . . ready to take up a week's engagement at the Rangers Social Club starting on Sunday. And her show is bound to be a sell out, for the popular Glasgow girl always plays to capacity crowds.

Lulu . . . born Marie McLaughlin Lawrie, shot into the charts at the age of 14 with her hit recording of 'Shout.' She's had many hits since.

Lulu . . . rubs the chalk mark on the wall at five feet high, weighs 102 lbs, has green eyes and red-gold hair.

SOCIAL CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Lulu . . . voted Britain's best girl singer, Top Television Performer and the Best Dressed Girl in the country.

Lulu . . . as an actress, picked up plaudits from America for her starring role in the film with Sydney Poitier, 'To Sir With Love.'

Lulu . . . has appeared in the Royal Variety Performance and has been presented to her Majesty the Queen.

Lulu . . . was married to Maurice Gibb of the Bee Gees in 1968.

Lulu . . . her latest record 'EVEN IF I COULD CHANGE' . . . a thought that is furthest from our minds, she's great the way she is — a lovely talented bundle of singing dynamite.

● There are only a few tickets left for certain nights. Price £1.25p.

Attention, members

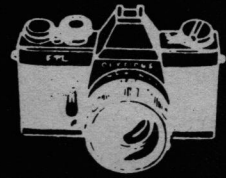
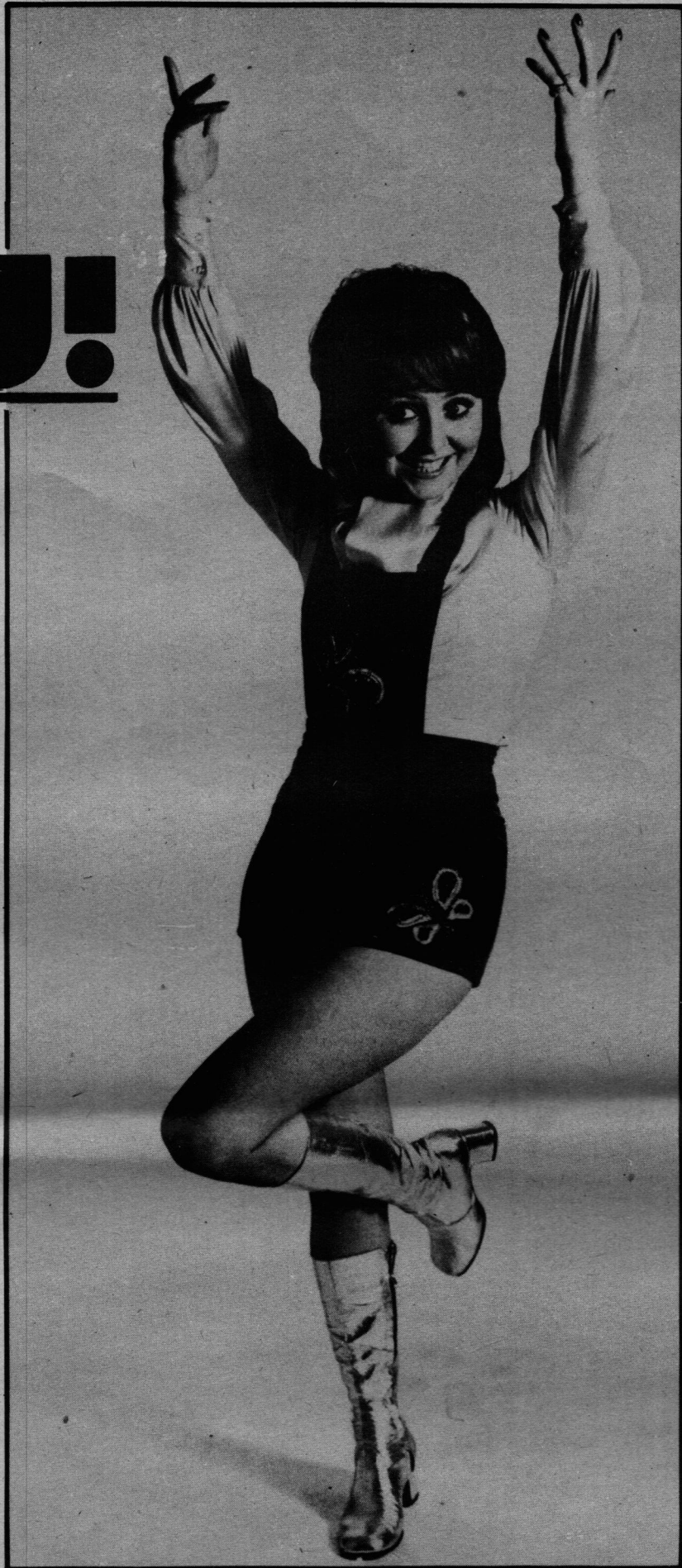
The renewal fee for 1973 is due by 31st January, 1973. To assist the administration, renewal notices will be sent out by post to existing Members from November, 1972. These will be sent out in strict numerical sequence and Members are asked to wait until they receive their official renewal notice before remitting money.

Will Members who have changed their address and have not notified the Club, please do so before the end of October.

New Memberships will not be allocated before 1st February, 1973 by which time existing Members will be deemed to have indicated their desire for renewal.

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ALL

'Gers had Jags on the rack...

DON'T let the score-line fool you — Rangers won this first League match of the season at Ibrox with a lot in hand.

They had Jags on the rack from the start and with a lot more care the Light Blues might easily have been three up in the first 20 minutes. Instead, they found themselves a goal down on the half hour when Forsyth scored after a penalty award against John Greig for a tackle on Glavin.

People who think referees favour the home team could never say that about Mr. Foote . . . when he is at Ibrox. His penalty award against skipper Greig came for the kind of tackle in which most referees give the benefit of the doubt to the defender.

But Mr. Foote wasn't finished. Before the interval he put John's name in his book after another tackle, and in the second half sent off Willie Johnston after the flying Ranger had scored a great winning goal.

Johnston could hardly escape punishment for fighting with Thistle's Forsyth. But it was hard to understand why Referee Foote did not speak to the other man in the fight.

Alex MacDonald headed the other goal for a Rangers team which played a lot of fast, exciting football against a clever young Thistle side in which Glavin was outstanding and Smith took Lawrie's place in the second half.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Jackson, Smith, McLean, Denny, D. Johnston, A. MacDonald, W. Johnston.



● One of the many narrow escapes for Thistle as 'keeper Rough just manages to clutch a JIM DENNY shot on the line

THE YOUNG ONES . . . FOCUS ON PHIL BONNYMAN

HE'S A HOT BET FOR THE TOP!



THE youngster under the spotlight this week is Phil Bonnyman, one of the hot tips for a first team place before very long.

The best present Phil Bonnyman ever received at Christmas was the form which told him he was a Rangers player, because the 18-year-old signed on the dotted line at Christmas of last year after a trial against Airdrie reserves.

He was playing for Anniesland Waverley at the time, and just couldn't believe that Rangers wanted to sign him, for he never thought he'd ever be good enough to sign for any senior team!

Phil, a stylish wing-half, is good enough all

right. But you won't catch him going around with a big head, for he's far from happy about his form so far this season.

"I'm not nearly sharp enough yet," he says. "I'm working on it of course. When I played juvenile I thought I was quite fast, but it's like starting all over again."

Greatest thrill

Phil didn't always play at half-back. As a schoolboy he played most of his games at centre-half. "I don't think I was that good. It was just that I was fairly tall, and if you're tall you're usually played at centre-half, whether you're suited to it or not."

It was the greatest

thrill of Bonnyman's 18 years to sign full-time forms with Rangers, and even now he wonders if he's dreaming sometimes.

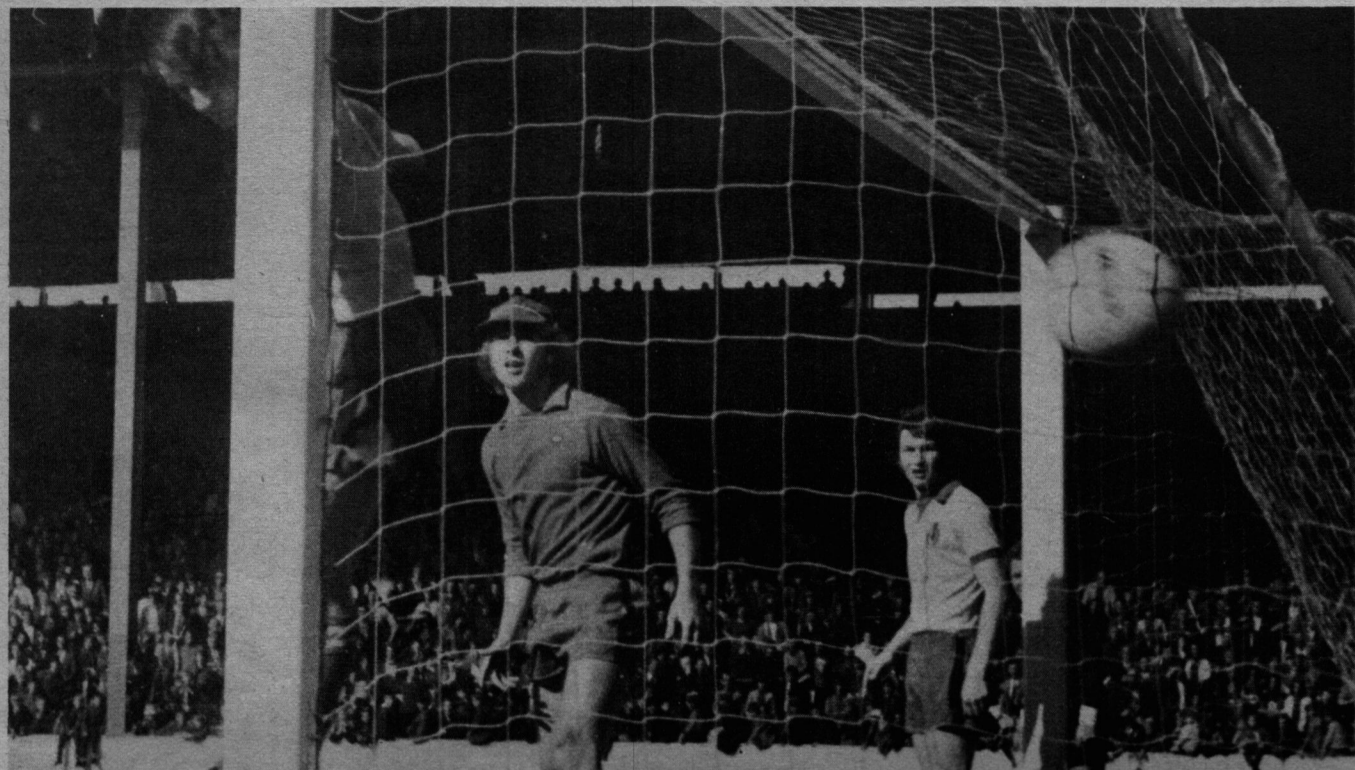
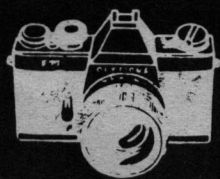
"When I run over to the Albion for training, for instance," says Phil, "and look around me at all the top stars like John Greig or Dave Smith, it's sometimes difficult to take in that I'm part of the same club."

"At first I was a bit over-awed, but that was only natural. Now instead of gaping at them I have my ears cocked permanently to pick up any advice going."

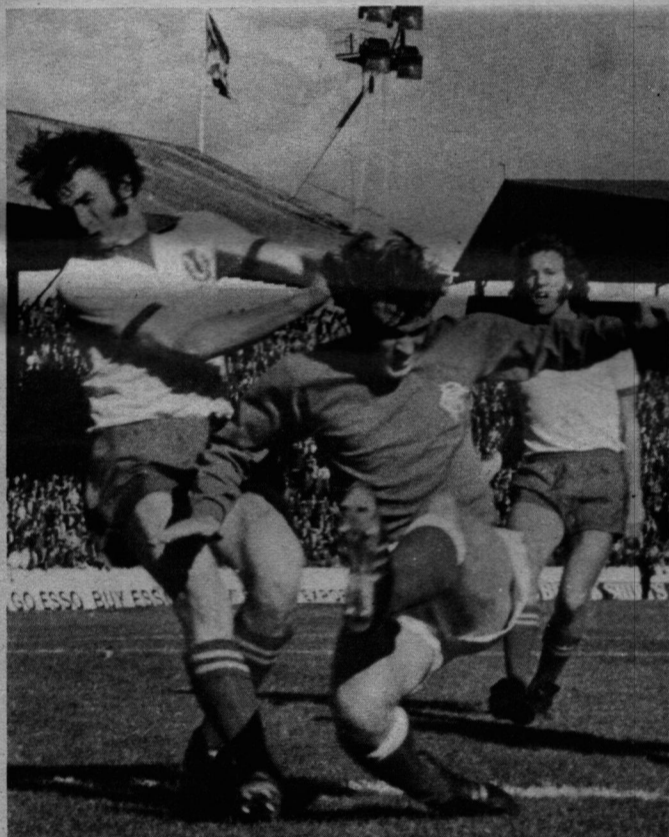
It's common sense like that which could well see young Phil as one of the brightest stars of tomorrow.



THE ACTION...



● The Thistle defence and goalkeeper Alan Rough are well beaten as this powerful ALEX MacDONALD header hits the net for Rangers' first goal.



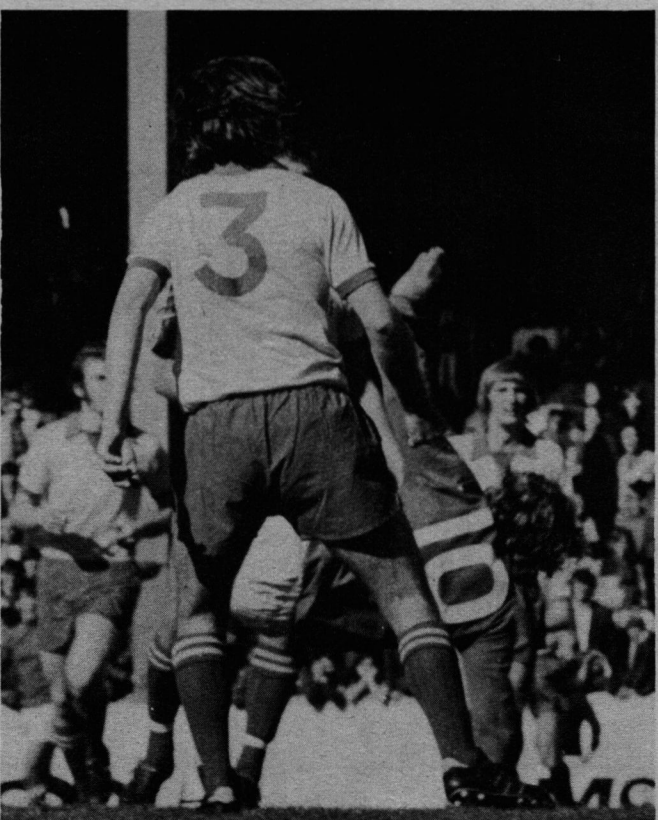
● It's all action Ibrox fullback BILLY MATHIESON as he assists his forwards in this Rangers attack.



● WILLIE JOHNSTON hammers home Rangers' winning goal with a powerfully hit left foot drive.



● High flying JIM DENNY gets well up to challenge Partick Thistle keeper Rough for this crossball.



● ALEX MACDONALD tries a spectacular overhead kick which beats the Thistle defence but the ball goes wide.

CALLING ALL SUPPORTERS

GET READY - FOR A TOUCH OF THE WILD WEST

THE 'Currie-Hayes Trio' will provide the Western flavour at the Club on Saturday, October 16.

The group took their name from the popular T.V. series which revolves around these likeable 'bandits,' Currie and Hayes, alias Smith and Jones.

The Trio do all the well known Country and Western numbers and a few of their own special brand too. Mosey along with your partner!



SORRY fellas, but Tuesday, October 31 is reserved strictly for the ladies, and the 'birds' will be entertained by the Show Case from Paisley. The highlight of the night is—wait for it—a STRIP TEASE . . . Victorian style.

This part of the cabaret is extremely funny (?) and is sure to have the g.r.s tittering!



LOOKING well ahead, the club have arranged for Ernest Broadbent to appear early in February. Ernest is resident organist at the Blackpool Tower and is an attraction worth waiting for.

Kim Davis who is a singer in the 'Bassey' mould is also due to appear at the same time, although dates have yet to be arranged.



JIM McSorley and Alice Callaghan are the latest entertainers who have won their way through to the final of the talent competition.



CLUB manager Andy Anderson points out that Ladies Nights are being held every Tuesday and that any other social clubs who would like to visit the Rangers Supporters Club should get in touch.

The Easterhouse Masonic Ladies will be guests at the club on Tuesday, November 7 and a return visit looks like being arranged.



IN the sports front, the Darts team beat Bells Bar 8—7 and the Snooker team managed a draw against the Pollock Ex-Servicemen's Club. The final score was 3—3. Both the Darts and the Snooker teams have been entered for the social club league.

YOUR CLUB NOTES

POSSILPARK: Bus Saturday leaves Saracen Cross at 11 a.m.; Tickets and seats. Meet Sunday 2.30; All money must be paid for Blackpool.

EASTMUIR: Bus Saturday leaves 11 a.m.

NITHSDALE LOYAL: Next meeting Thursday September 21, Orange Halls, 40 Cumberland Street, Glasgow.

KINGSWAY: Bus Saturday 11 a.m.; Tickets to be uplifted not later than Friday night.

EAST KILBRIDE: Bus this Saturday leaves Calderwood 10.25; Westwood 10.40.

CARNWATH: Bus Saturday leaves Carnwath 9.30; Bellshill 10.15.

PENILEE: Meeting Friday 8 p.m. at Sandwood School; Bus leaves Hillington Road at 11 a.m.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus for Saturday 1½ hours before K.O. at Wilson Street, Alexandria.

HELEN STREET: Meeting this Friday at 7 p.m.; Bus Saturday leaves Ibrox Garage 10.45; The Club 10.50; Jester 11 a.m.; Tickets on bus.

LINTHOUSE: Bus Saturday leaves Clachan Drive and Skipness Drive junction at 11 a.m.

EDINBURGH JARDINE: Meeting Saturday at 9; Bus leaves 11 Albany Street at 9.15; Waterloo Place 9.30; Tickets on bus.

Keep fit the Rangers way



● **TOM ALEXANDER** demonstrates exercise number five . . . hands clasped behind the head and bending from the abdomen. A tough part of the 'weight circuit' and extremely good for the back and stomach muscles.

Put your back into it, lads

THIS week Stan Anderson introduces the 'weight circuit' to his training guide. Stan points out that it's only part of the circuit — the rest will follow next week.

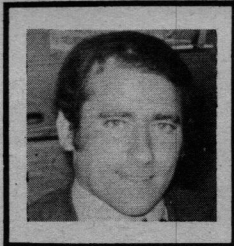
The exercises are designed to develop and strengthen the body and can be carried out, with just a little improvisation, in the home.

1—The player takes a 15lb weight in each hand. The left hand is raised high above the head, and then the right. This is repeated 20 times and the outcome is improved arm, chest and shoulder muscles.

2—The player takes a 60 pound weight (a lot less if you are a younger player) and places it across his shoulders. He stands in an 'at ease' position. He then does 10 half-squats, i.e. bending at the knees. This exercise helps strengthen the thighs.

3—Next comes the alternate jack-knife exercise. The player lies flat on his back and

WITH STAN



ANDERSON

reaches up with both hands and touches his raised left foot. Then the right foot. This helps heart, lungs and thighs. Do this one 15 times.

4—Now for the bench steps. A 50lb weight is placed by the player on his shoulders (as in number 2) and he steps on to the bench, keeping his back straight. Left foot first, then leading with the right. It's of great benefit to the abdomen and leg muscles. Repeat ten times.

5—The back raise is next — and it's tough. The player lies on his stomach and his waist, chest, head and shoulders protrude from the end of the bench.

A couple of other players are used to pin down his legs. With hands clasped behind his head, he bends from the abdomen . . . lifting his head as high as possible.

This exercise toughens up the stomach and back muscles and should be done ten times.

★ PEN PALS

● **HELEN MUNRO** (12) 20 Robertson Square, Wick, Caithness, would like male pen pal same age or older. Hobbies—swimming, watching T.V. and pop music. Favourite players — John Greig and Colin Stein.

● **FRANK STENNETT**, 6 Alexander Drive, Lydiate, Nr. Liverpool, would like pen pal who supports Raangers and who is willing to swap progs.

Who did 'Gers meet in the Europe final?

1. How many Scottish Cup medals did Bobby Shearer win?
2. Which ex-Rangers manager was born in the Perthshire village of Errol?
3. Derek Johnstone hails from which city?
4. Rangers played an Italian team in the Final of the 1960-61 European Cup-Winners' Cup. Who were they?
5. If Rangers visited Palmerston Park, which club would they be playing?

Light Blue quiz

6. Which club does Tommy Murray play for?
7. Which Scottish Club played for seven years without conceding a goal?
8. How many Rangers players played for Scotland against Brazil in 1966?
9. Who is the manager of Dundee?
10. Which player has recently joined Rangers from Bonnyrigg Rose?
11. Rangers once shared the Scottish League Championship with another club. Which club?
12. Have Scotland ever played America in an international?
13. If Kevin Hegarty played in opposition to Alan Gordon, which clubs would be playing?
14. In which year did Rangers first win the Glasgow Cup?
15. In which position did 'Tiger' Shaw play for Rangers?

PROGRAMMES

● **FOR SALE:** Over 100 progs. These include Rangers, Internationals, Cup Finals, Texaco Cup, European Cup Finals and many others. Send S.A.E. for full details—**Dale Paterson, 200 Shields Drive, Motherwell, Lanarkshire.**

● **FOR SALE:** 188 Rangers progs. dating from 1949-1950 to this season. Cup Finals, European home and away, friendlies, etc. Best offers accepted. List available —**Allan Jones, 10 Maleking Street, Wishaw, Lanarkshire.**

● **FOR SALE:** All 'Gers home progs. 1971/72 (1p each). Also away versus Aberdeen, Airdrie, Hibs., Ayr, Morton, Motherwell, St. Mirren, Clyde, Partick, Kilmarnock and Scottish Cup versus Motherwell, Hibs, Falkirk. Also 'The Road to Barcelona' — 20p. — **E. Russell, 78 Moraine Drive, Glasgow.**



● **DEREK JOHNSTONE** . . . See question 3.



● **ALAN GORDON** . . . see question 13.

SHOOT TO THE STARS

DEAR ALEX MACDONALD

What was your best goal of the season so far and who do you find it hard to play against? — **JAMES FEENEY** Jr., 26 Paterson Terr., Murray 5, East Kilbride.

The best goal I've scored so far was against Malmo in Sweden during the close season, James, it was a real cracker, and the build-up for it was also great. I don't find any player hard to play against . . . so long as I'm playing well!



DEAR JOHN GREIG

Could you please tell me how many times you have been capped for Scotland? — **ROBERT GRIER**, 38 Dalzell Tower, Muirhouse, Motherwell.

I've been capped forty times for my country, Robert, and I also have 13 League caps to my credit.



DEAR COLIN STEIN,

Who is your best friend at Ibrox? Were you sorry that you played only one game for Scotland in Brazil? — **CHARLES BARRIE**, 362 Liddedale Road, Milton, Glasgow.

I don't really have a 'best' friend at Ibrox, Charles, we all get on pretty well together. I was a bit sorry I didn't get another game in Brazil, but I did enjoy the one I played in, although I only came on as substitute.



DEAR DEREK PARLANE,

Do you own a car, if so what kind is it and what is its colour? — **NICOLA WATSON**, Sikeside, Coatbridge.

I do own a car, Nicola. It's a yellow Escort.

How Did You Score

1, Bobby won three medals; 2, Scot Symon; 3, Derek hails from Dundee; 4, Fiorentina; 5, They would be playing Queen of the South; 6, Hearts; 7, Queen's Park; 8, Two. John Greig and Ron MacKinnon?

9, Dave White; 10, Hiram Ford has recently joined the 'Gers; 11, They shared with Dumbarton; 12, Yes. In 1952 when they met in Glasgow; 13, East Fife and Hibs; 14, 1892-93; 15, 'Tiger' used to play full back for Rangers.

YOUR RATING

IF YOU SCORED BETWEEN 12-15: Bobby Fischer!
IF YOU SCORED BETWEEN 6-12: Even Stephen!
IF YOU SCORED UNDER 6: Silly Willie!

Win six stand seats at Ibrox

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 Ibrox men's home games this season.

This week the 'News' is giving away SIX seats for the League game against Falkirk at Ibrox on Saturday, September 23.

There will be three lucky winners who will each receive two stand tickets and they can bring along a friend, their dad, brother or uncle to watch the Light Blues in action against the 'Bairns' . . . by courtesy of the 'News'.

All you have to do is name the well known player in the picture challenging Rangers' Colin Jackson in a League match last season.

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

Send your entries to Ibrox Tickets', Rangers News, 104 West George St., Glasgow, G2 1PS to arrive NOT LATER THAN FIRST POST MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

The first three correct entries opened after that date will receive two stand tickets each for the match with Falkirk. The Editor's decision is final.



Mystery player: _____
Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____



YOUR RANGERS POOLS GUIDE

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

POOL 1 4 POSS. 3 WINNERS 17 GOALS
 1163 02 08 17 20 35 (N.P.)
 4556 02 08 17 35 37 (N.P.)
 547 02 17 20 35 37 Brenda Wilson, 110 Tanfield St., Glasgow



POOL 2 28 POSS. 14 WINNERS 14 GOALS
 892 08 21 24 26 37 Mrs E. MacKinnon, 6 Islay Rd., Oban
 3729 08 21 26 32 37 Miss H. Gray, 20T/115 Kirkton Ave., Glasgow
 4198 08 21 26 34 37 G. Leask, 35 Elibank St., Glasgow
 4411 08 21 26 35 37 Wm Brackenbridge, 53 Carrick Drive, Crosshill
 5098 08 21 26 37 41 (N.P.)
 1937 12 21 22 26 37 Mr Donaldson, Flat 10 F231 Wester Common Rd., Glasgow
 1181 12 21 24 26 37 F. McCormack, 61 Marnoch Drive, Glenboig
 1018 12 21 26 32 37 Mrs E. Harvie, 8 Coalhall Ave., Motherwell
 1536 12 21 26 35 37 Mr J. Glass, 24 Birdston Rd., Glasgow
 918 21 22 24 26 37 D. Mitchell, 132 St. Brides Way, Bothwell
 737 21 22 26 34 37 R. Munro, 35 Park Cres., Eaglesham
 1617 21 24 26 34 37 (N.P.)
 1703 21 24 26 35 37 Mrs M. Blair, 52 Halkett Cres., Alexandria
 423 21 24 26 37 41 Mr John Smith, 75 Dalriada Cres., Motherwell



POOL 3 1 POSS. 1 WINNER 27 GOALS
 742 02 08 26 35 37 Mr D. C. Elder, "Tregair", Newmill Rd., Dunlop



POOL 4 20 POSS. 10 WINNERS 6 GOALS
 1709 01 10 27 33 37 K. Potter, 6 Andrew St., Paisley
 2316 01 10 27 36 37 Mrs M. King, 41 Linden Lea, Hamilton
 3049 01 10 33 36 37 Eliz. Forrest, c/o 1B Deedes St., Airdrie
 423 09 10 27 33 37 Mrs E. McClymont, 23 Cumbrae Dr., Motherwell
 1103 09 10 27 36 37 Mr J. Rodger, 8 Lonmay Path, Glasgow
 2917 09 27 33 36 37 D. Nixon, 6 Springfield Rd., Glasgow
 3661 10 15 27 36 37 (N.P.)
 2871 10 27 30 33 37 Mrs C. Giffin, Flat 19, 6 Fountainwell Sq., Glasgow
 6613 10 27 30 36 37 A. Barratt, 42 Crawfield Ave., Bo'ness
 999 27 33 36 37 40 (N.P.)



POOL 5 45 POSS. 29 WINNERS 1 GOAL
 4013 01 04 09 30 40 Mr A. McLaughlan, 24 Trossachs Rd., Rutherglen
 6542 01 04 15 30 40 Mrs Clarke, 16 Beechwood Rd., Stranraer
 6818 01 06 09 15 30 G. Macrae Jnr., 292 Berryknowes Rd., Glasgow
 7194 01 06 09 15 40 Mrs J. Bryden, 75 Doonbank Cresc., Patna
 3721 01 06 09 30 40 (N.P.)
 4932 01 06 15 30 40 Margaret Canning, 2 Kilmeny Cresc., Coltness
 6483 01 07 09 15 30 C. McDonald, 45 Prieston Rd., Dundee
 6614 01 07 09 15 40 A. Brown, 16 Blantyre St., Glasgow
 2861 01 07 09 30 40 J. Grant, 71 Rye Road, Barmulloch, Glasgow
 1653 01 09 15 16 30 G. Pitcairn, 11 Carlowrie Ave., Blantyre
 8221 01 09 15 16 40 H. Purves, 109 Polton St., Bonnyrigg
 2028 01 09 16 30 40 (N.P.)
 3232 01 09 18 30 40 A. Campbell, 17 Campbell Cresc., Kingussie
 6403 01 09 19 30 40 B. Montgomery, 13 Moray Place, Chryston
 3242 01 09 29 30 40 (N.P.)
 117 01 09 30 40 42 Mr B. McCabe, 19D Kyle Rd., Kildrum, Cumbernauld
 5436 01 15 16 30 40 Mgt. Thomson, 30 Highmill Rd., Carluke
 5278 01 15 18 30 40 Mrs Halliday, Killantrimgan, Portpatrick
 865 01 15 19 30 40 W. Elliot, 184 Levern Cresc., Barrhead
 363 01 15 25 30 40 Neil Clark, 11 Fereneze Cresc., Glasgow
 593 01 15 29 30 40 N. Davies, 59 Stronend St., Glasgow
 630 01 15 30 40 42 James Elborn, 9 Miller Terr., Rutherglen
 3405 04 09 15 30 40 P. Paxton, 360 Victoria Rd., Glasgow
 3371 06 09 15 30 40 Mr J. Renfrew, 437 Clarkston Rd., Glasgow
 270 09 15 16 30 40 M. Hodge, 3A London St., Larkhall
 1451 09 15 18 30 40 Mr A. Law, 40 Pentland Rd., Chryston
 3827 09 15 19 30 40 J. Barclay, c/o Munns Vaults, Maryhill Rd., Glasgow
 5139 09 15 29 30 40 Mr E. Steel, 31 Clynder St., Glasgow
 6236 09 15 30 40 42 G. B. Wylie, 130 Sandy Rd., Renfrew

Rosie rakes in £8,250 - at her first attempt!



● A delighted Rosemary McLelland, Pools Manager Hugh Adam, and that cheque for a cool £8,250!



● Rosemary's agent, William Burr and his wife, and a cheque for £800 . . . the sum he picked up for selling the winning ticket.

Their first holiday, Blackpool rave-up

US MEN, you know, we pour over pools, take in past form, allow for different things in each game, and stake a lot of money, all in the usually vain hope that we can win a fortune on the pools.

But women, like Mrs ROSEMARY McLELLAND of Castlemilk, never bothers about things like that. If they're doing the pools, they pick any teams which take their fancy, or stick a pin in.

OR, IN MRS McLELLAND'S CASE, BUY THEIR VERY FIRST RANGERS POOLS TICKET — AND WIN £8,250!!!

There just isn't justice in the world, is there? But, as the men of this world are bashing their heads against brick walls and asking themselves if it's all worthwhile. Rosie (that's what her friends call her) feels anything but sorry about her win.

In fact, she's thrilled, for it means the first holiday for herself, husband and children since they were married.

At the presentation lunch last week in the Rangers Social Club, where pools manager Hugh Adam presented the cheque for £8,252.66, the lucky lady's husband John said, "I've been doing the Rangers Pools for ages, and never even got near a winner.

"But what happens. Rosie is persuaded by Mr Burr, the agent, to fork out six pence for a ticket, and next thing she wins a fortune!

"If I didn't feel so happy I think I'd go somewhere and shoot myself!"

John's only joking of course, although there are a few of us who couldn't agree more about going somewhere quiet and putting an end to it all, first equipping ourselves with a pin and a pools coupon!

Overjoyed Mrs McLelland, hugging the cheque, said, "We're going to Blackpool for a right two-week rave-up, then we'll decide what to do with the money.

"Neither of us can drive, so a car's out of the question until one of us passes the test.

"We may buy a house, but we're not sure. After we come back from holiday we'll try to decide what to do."

The McLelland's agent, Mr William Burr, also of Castlemilk, picked up a cool £800 for selling Rosemary the ticket, and he wasn't complaining either!

NUMBERS AND SCORES

Following are the results of matches played on September 9th, 1972, as identified by their numbers in the team list for that week.

01 0-0	12 0-2	23 2-0	33 1-1
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04 0-1	15 0-0	26 1-4	36 1-1
05 2-1	16 0-1	27 1-1	37 3-3
06 1-0	17 3-1	28 2-1	38 2-1
07 1-0	18 1-0	29 1-0	39 2-0
08 3-2	19 1-0	30 0-0	40 0-0
09 0-0	20 3-1	31 2-0	41 0-2
10 1-1	21 1-3	32 1-2	42 1-0
11 2-0	22 1-2		

NEXT WEEK'S TEAMS

Here is the official list of teams for Saturday, September 16:

01 Queen's Park, 02 St. Mirren, 03 Port Vale, 04 Swansea C., 05 Motherwell, 06 Partick Th., 07 Northampton, 08 Peterboro', 09 Albion Rov., 10 Alloa, 11 Blackburn Rov., 12 Bournemouth, 13 Aberdeen, 14 Ayr Utd., 15 Aldershot, 16 Barnsley, 17 Berwick Ran., 18 Clydebank, 19 Charlton	Ath., 20 Grimsby T. 21 Celtic, 22 Dundee Utd., 23 Bury, 24 Crewe Alex., 25 Q.P.R., 26 Cowdenbeath, 27 Forfar Ath., 28 Darlington, 29 Exeter C., 30 Portsmouth, 31 East Fife, 32 Falkirk, 33 Halifax T., 34 Notts Co., 35 Sunderland, 36 Queen of South, 37 Hartlepool, 38 Hereford Utd., 39 Newport Co., 40 Hearts, 41 Oldham Ath., 42 Plymouth A.
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IBROX BABES GIVE WARNING



● PHIL BONNYMAN . . . already in the first team running.

They're going great guns and they'll get first team chance - says Boss

THEY'RE coming . . . and before long too. The youngsters, we mean, the keen young men who will one day be wearing the Light Blue jerseys of the first team. And if manager Jock Wallace is anything to go by, his bright young men will be the 'greatest'.

Last week he went overboard about the lads in the Reserves, who, not including Saturday last, have scored a fantastic 24 goals in only seven games, with a very good 'goals against' tally.

He tips a number of youngsters to hit the top, perhaps before the New Year.

Says manager Wallace, "These lads are playing out of their skins right now, and believe me they are pushing as hard as blazes for a spot in the first team.

"Players like Phil Bonnyman, Gus McCallum, Ian Thomson, Alec Miller, Iain McDonald, Jim Denny, George Struthers, Tom Alexander, George Donaldson, Derek

By 'News Reporter'

Parlane and Billy MacNicol are all certain first-team players of the future.

"Some have already been quoted. Phil Bonnyman travelled to Wolves with us, Iain McDonald, Jim Denny, Alec Miller and Tom Alexander have all played in the first team, some more than others. George Donaldson was substitute.

Try harder

"Each one is working very hard to get into the first team, and this can only do the first-team boys a power of good. Because they know more than anybody else that these boys are breathing down their necks."

Wallace is certainly delighted about the form of his youngsters, all of whom are 21 and under. He's also impressed with the way they've been shaping up during training matches.

For in every training match a couple of the reserves are placed in the recognised 'first' team to get the feel of playing with the regulars, and each time



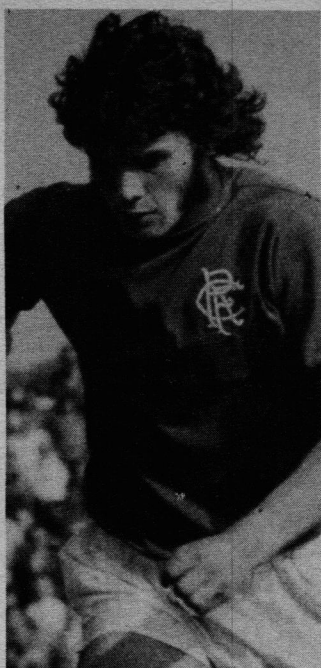
● IAIN McDONALD . . . playing brilliantly for the second string.

DEREK'S JUST ITCHIN' FOR ACTION

WITH the first joust of the season with Celtic just two days away, one player in particular just can't wait to step onto the Hampden turf. His name — DEREK JOHNSTONE.

And the reason Derek is looking forward to the Old Firm encounter so much is that he feels come Saturday, he'll have achieved his first big goal of the season — peak fitness. Which can spell only trouble for the men in green and white.

Derek, of course, missed out on the early part of the training because he went to London while Rangers were in Sweden.



● DEREK JOHNSTONE weeks ago, he wouldn't have been ready.

Says the big fella, "I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to the game. So far this season I've been below my peak. Not because I haven't been working, but because it's a thing

you reach only after weeks of hard training and playing in matches.

"I feel in great shape now. Sharp, just itching to get my boots on and start playing."

There's another reason why Derek is looking forward to the game so much . . . he loves playing against the Parkhead men.

Hardest match

He never seems to put a foot wrong, yet this is the hardest match any player can take part in — both skill-wise and physically.

He started off, of course, with that memorable goal against Celtic in the League Cup Final. His great header gave Rangers the trophy.

And ever since then he has come up trumps time and again whether he plays in defence or at centre — for they know just how lethal he is in corner kick situations.

First come... First served

IT'S first come, first served for tickets for the Stenhousemuir League Cup tie with Rangers at Ochilview next Wednesday.

No priority will be given to Supporters Clubs. As yet no official allocation has been made to Rangers for the game, which will have a 5.30 kick off, but a crowd limit of 10,000 has been fixed.

the youngster is the star man!

Jock sings the praises of Iain McDonald ("He's come onto a great game"), Derek Parlane ("Certain to do well"), Alec Miller ("If Willie Mathieson wasn't playing so well he'd be in the team like a shot"), Jim Denny ("works like a demon in the middle"), and so it goes on.

Continues Jock, "Some of the lads aren't quite at the first-team stage yet. But they are on the way, make no mistake about that.

Shaping up

In smaller clubs some would be regulars right now, but I want to keep them in the reserves until I know that they are ready, and that they won't let the team down.

"But the way these boys are coming on, it could be very soon for most of them. Then the first team players will have great competition for their places."



● GEORGE DONALDSON