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CONSISTENCY!

OUR TARGET FOR THE NEW YEAR - WALLACE

RANGERS' MAIN AIM in the second half of the League programme—which began on Monday—is consistency in performances.

Manager Jock Wallace is looking for a good Scottish Cup run of course, but wants, principally, to string the wins together in the League as well.

'When you consider our poor start to the season we are doing really well now. We reached the semi-final of the League Cup and after the East Fife game we were third in the League,' said Jock.

'Yet at the start of the season everybody was writing us off. From being near the bottom of the First Division we have worked our way through the teams to third spot. When I think of the points we have dropped, I realise we could easily have been top.'



● JOCK WALLACE

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ALL EYES ARE ON IBROX... NOW IT'S UP TO THE FANS!

RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB moved into 1973—the centenary year—on Monday with the eyes of the football world fixed firmly on the game with Celtic at Ibrox on Saturday.

But people will not only be watching what we hope will be a classic Old Firm match, they will be watching YOU—the fans—to see how you behave.

The Club does not want a repeat of Barcelona. They want everybody to remember the game, not the aftermath.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PIC?



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Rangers have worked very hard to rid themselves of the minority of foul-mouthed supporters since Barcelona and they have achieved results.

Recently the Club have been busy transforming the old terracing into a new Centenary Stand to give the decent fans a chance to watch the games in comfort and in a pleasant atmosphere. The Club has done its part, now it is up to the fans.

The Celtic game on Saturday will be an early test of character. Already Rangers Football Club have refused a Glasgow magistrates' request to have the match played at noon again because they feel that the time has come to give the huge decent support their football when they want it.

By doing this, Rangers have taken a chance—let's hope nobody regrets it.

The Celtic match, of course, is just the start of a series of big games which are likely to attract thousands of fans to Ibrox.

The Club has done everything possible to make sure 1973 will be a year to remember by fixing up Ajax, Amsterdam, and possibly Moscow Dynamo. The rules of behaviour don't only apply to the Old Firm game, therefore, but every match.

Remember, then, that Rangers Football Club and its supporters will be under the spotlight on Saturday. Make sure this gala occasion isn't spoiled by anyone or anything.

BIG RALLY DATE

RANGERS Supporters' Association 1973 Rally is to be held in Green's Playhouse in Renfield Street on Sunday, March 4.

And the next meeting for 'Toronto 1973' is at 3 p.m. on January 28 at headquarters—250 Edmiston Drive. The second deposit is due then.

More details of both these meetings will be given in next week's News.



THREE BOYS WHO'RE GOING PLACES

MEET three of the brightest of the youngsters who have been training at Ibrox during the schools' Christmas holidays.

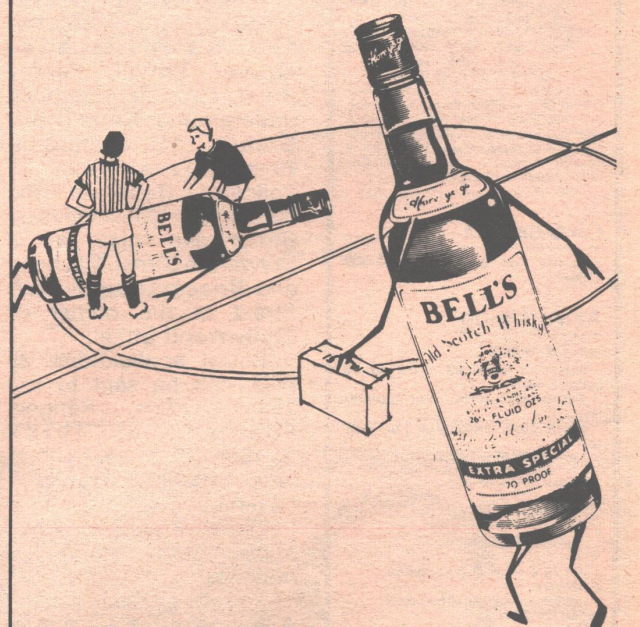
John Black, Gordon Boyd and Gordon Pettie are three Ibrox boys who are in the squad for the final Scottish under-15 trial to be held at Stenhousemuir later this month.

The News has already featured young John and Gordon Boyd on page 5 of this issue.

The other Gordon—Pettie—is another 'S' form lad and plays for his school team, Bo'ness Academy, in midfield. So far this season he's scored four out of the five goals the school team have mustered.

Now the boys are hoping they'll make the final 16 after the trial, who will be given special training for the internationals later in the year.

there is no substitute for BELL'S



SCOTLAND'S NUMBER ONE SCOTCH WHISKY



GOING TO THE NEW STAND?

Club's eight-point plan to help you to your seat . . .

RANGERS have issued an eight-point plan to help supporters who have seats in the new Centenary Stand for the Celtic game on Saturday.

All the points the club have made are designed to help the fans. They are:—

(1) Come in good time for the match. (2) Enter TERRACING TURNSTILE and numbers are as per first portion of ticket. (3) Follow large colour signs giving directions to Centenary Stand. (4) Ensure ticket colour matches colour 'lanes' near turnstiles and guide rails will assist.

(5) ENTER CENTENARY STAND by appropriate colour of turnstile. (6) Follow colour guide signs in Centenary Stand. (7) Stewards will assist with directions to your seats. (8) After the match, TAKE YOUR TIME when leaving the stand and the ground.

The new Stand will give the club the most number of seats in Scotland—and will be the largest seating capacity in Britain after Tottenham, Everton and Sheffield Wednesday.

By transforming the old terracing Rangers have provided greater comfort and at the same time greater safety and the club firmly believes that seating is the method of spectating of the future.

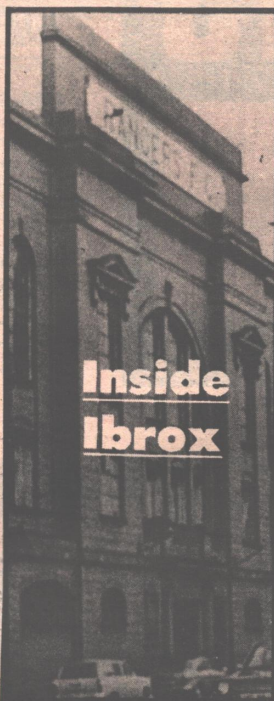
The Centenary Stand will give Rangers a seating capacity of over 20,000 and this is unmatched anywhere in Scotland.

All aboard for Amsterdam!

CROSS TRAVEL have already arranged transport to the Rangers game with Ajax in Amsterdam. They have a couple of flights well on the way to being booked and they are leaving from Glasgow Airport on Tuesday morning, January 23 and arriving back Thursday evening, January 25. Cost of the excursion is £35.50.

Train times for Falkirk

FROM planes to trains British Rail have arranged a special train for the Falkirk game on January 13 at Brockville. It leaves Queen Street station at 1.35 p.m. and



Inside Ibrox

arrives at Grahamstown Station at 2.06 p.m. The return train leaves at 4.57 p.m. and arrives in Glasgow at 5.25 p.m. Cost is 57p return.

Players made their day ..!

A party of youngsters from Allanton, Shotts, Youth Club were shown round Ibrox last week.

And the boys timed the visit just right, for when they were finishing their tour the players were coming back in from the Albion training ground and first to be caught for autographs was skipper JOHN GREIG.

After Greig, it was the turn of JOSY MASON and CUTTY YOUNG who both thought it was harder work signing than training!

But meeting these players made it an even more memorable day for the youngsters.



Quinton Young . . . celebrated Christmas with a goal at East Fife.

CUTTY AIMS TO HELP HIS MATES SCORE

QUINTON YOUNG celebrated Christmas by scoring a goal against East Fife—his first since November 25 against Dumbarton at Ibrox.

Nevertheless, Cutty and Jock Wallace are quite happy with his game since joining Rangers from Coventry City a couple of months ago.

Goals for Cutty aren't so desperately important although he likes to score them. It's just that he's equally happy setting them up for the other players.

'I've never scored all that many goals,' said Quinton. 'While I was at Ayr I only scored a few and it was the same at Coventry where I got a couple, but not very many.'

Against East Fife, Cutty not only scored a goal, he set up two others in the 4-0 win.

'As long as the team is scoring the goals, it doesn't really matter how many I get although I thoroughly enjoy scoring.'

'We've struggled a bit at home as far as goal-scoring is concerned yet we seem capable of knocking them in when we're away.'

'There doesn't seem any particular reason behind it, we just can't take our chances. I mean, we're setting up chance after chance, but the forwards have had no luck at all. I even hit the post against East Fife, although Derek Parlane followed up to score.'

So far this season Cutty has scored against Motherwell, St. Johnstone in the League Cup, Dumbarton and, of course, East Fife.



Derek Parlane . . . followed up a Cutty rebound to shoot home at Methil.

Ajax tickets now on sale

TICKETS for the Ajax game on January 16 are on sale today at a number of agents throughout Glasgow, so why bother to go out to Ibrox to collect them?

The tickets are on sale at: Buchanan's Newsagents at Paisley Road Toll; Crookston Travel at the corner of Crookston and Paisley Roads; Gower Travel, Paisley Road, opposite Cessnock underground; Knox (now Stead) of Shettleston Road; Cross Travel in Tollcross Road at the corner of Causewayside Street and also at 3 Stewarton Street, Wishaw, and Soccershop in Bath Street at the corner of Blythswood Street.

Postal applications, as well, can be sent to the Ticket Office, Rangers Football Club, Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, along with a stamped addressed envelope.

These arrangements apply to Rangers all-ticket matches.

Ticket prices for the Ajax game are: Main Stand, £2 and £1.50; Centenary Stand, £1.50 and £1; Enclosure, 75p and Terracing, 50p.



Joe Mason . . . thought signing autographs was harder work than training!



John Greig . . . see Players made their day.

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RANGERS BABES LEARN THE HARD WAY

European debut was a nightmare from start to finish



● Billy MacNichol

THE trials and tribulations, which go hand in hand with the glamour, of going abroad to play football were brought home to Rangers youngsters George Donaldson and Billy MacNichol during their recent trip to Las Palmas.

The lads were in the Scottish Professional Youth Squad which finished third in the Atlantic Cup tournament the week before Christmas.

They flew out on December 17 with the prospect of hard work—but the sun—ahead of them. They came down to earth, literally, to find the rain pouring down.

It was so heavy, in fact, there was no football for the first two days and the competition was in grave danger of being cancelled altogether.

Then in stepped Ernie Walker, assistant secretary of the S.F.A., who suggested the tournament should be run on a knockout basis. This was accepted and the Scots' first game was against favourites West Germany.

HIT POST SEVEN TIMES— THEN PENALTY DISASTER

Then it all began to happen! Said George: 'What a game! The score at full-time was 1-1 and we couldn't believe it. We'd hit the bar and post SEVEN times in the ninety minutes.'

So the result was decided on penalties, which is where George came in again. 'Nobody really fancied taking a penalty but the boss asked me because he said I was one of the more experienced boys.'

We couldn't believe it had happened

Anyway, I've never taken a penalty before in my career. I missed it, too, like everyone else who took one, but when I came home I read that I'd sent it wide. Honestly, it glanced off the bar! So we lost that game eventually. The side then played Holland for third place and they won 1-0. Fish played in that game as well and Billy MacNichol came on as a substitute near the end.

So the team finished a disappointing third out of four sides, yet the West German manager hailed them as favourites to win the European Youth Cup to be held later this year!

On the way home, too, the lads experienced some more of the problems of playing abroad. They were stranded in London for six hours and Fish reckons that that was where he picked up the flu he's had ever since!



● George Donaldson

Despite all the difficulties, though, Fish reckons the experience was valuable. 'That was the first time I had met some of those lads since we played together in the Scottish school-boys team so it was good to see them again and play together. There's a great atmosphere on all these kind of trips—despite the setbacks.'

The boys arrived back in Scotland on Christmas Eve and then, at least, it was good news for George for he became engaged to eighteen-year-old Barbara Cotton the same night.

Barbara works in a drawing office and lives near him.

Wanderin' star hopes to settle down

GRAHAM FYFE got back into full training last week for the first time since he went down with flu a couple of weeks back.

And as he built his strength up he gave notice to his Ibrox colleagues that he was after a first-team place in the New Year.

Graham has made only ten 'big-team' appearances this season and has had a couple of games with the Colts. But most of the first half of the year he's been in the pool and either been on the bench in most games or just missed having the sub's jersey.

In the ten games Graham has played, he's had at least one match in each of the five forward positions.

He was listed at outside-right against St. Johnstone in the

League Cup and scored a goal, at inside-right in the League and League Cup games against Hibs and again scored at Easter Road.

He was at centre against Stenhousemuir and notched another goal and played at No. 10 in our game with Ayr. He had three outings at outside-left, against Clydebank, Ayr again, and Stenhousemuir at Ochilview.

But now he's hoping his 'wandering' days are over. 'That flu really knocked it out of me. It saps away your strength completely but before it I reckoned I was playing reasonably well and that's where I want to continue from.'



○ Alistair McDonald . . . has had a number of television appearances.

FROM IBROX TO AUSTRALIA: NOW ALLY RETURNS

IT'S a far cry from Ibrox to Australia but that's how things worked out for Alistair McDonald when he was a young lad.

For Alistair was born near the Stadium and left with his family to go Down Under before returning when he was 12 years old.

Now he's due back at Ibrox again, this time appearing at the Social Club next week.

Alistair started by singing trad jazz and then was on radio in 'Come Thursday' and 'Heather Mixture'. After that he appeared on television in 'Show of the North', 'Sing Hi, Sing Lo' and 'Capital Folk'.

Reserves head north

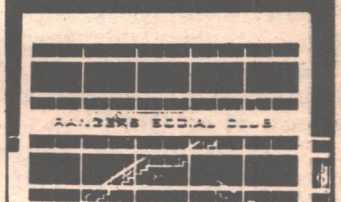
RANGERS reserves are due for another trip north soon when they face Aberdeen in the third round of the Second Eleven Cup.

A few weeks ago 'Gers played at Pittodrie and went down 2-0 in a league match.

So it will be a hard tie for the side which beat Partick Thistle in the last round. And if the Colts get through they meet the winners of the Queen of the South v Hearts match—again away from home.

The game with Aberdeen has to be played on or before February 3 and the other ties in the third round are Dundee v Dumbarton and Celtic v Dundee United.

SOCIAL CLUB



SPOTLIGHT

The principal artistes Alistair has played with are Rod McKuen, the Settlers and Calum Kennedy whom he appeared with at the Kings and the Gaiety in Ayr.

Not surprisingly, Alistair's favourite song is called Glencoe. 'Being a McDonald, it must be,' he says.

He's recorded an L.P. recently on the Nevis label called 'Scotland in Song' and he is sure to do a couple of numbers from it when he appears at the Club.

This will be Alistair's first appearance at the Social Club and his Scots songs are certain to go down well with the audience.

Charlie's eight passes proves them all wrong

QUITE a lot of people are still under the mistaken impression that the only place footballers have brains is in their feet.

It's been proved that, although it possibly used to be the case, it certainly doesn't apply now. And one youngster who is determined that it certainly won't be applied to him is Charlie McDade.

Charlie's at Port Glasgow High School and last year he gained seven 'O' levels and Higher English. Next term he'll be trying to get Highers in Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Meanwhile, though, he has been working hard through his Christmas holidays—at Ibrox.

For he was signed up on an 'S' form in 1970 from Port Glasgow Rangers, a juvenile side for whom he had played for three seasons.

Then this season Charlie was farmed out to junior side Ashfield where he is playing in midfield. Although he has been at Ibrox 'full-time' for the last couple of weeks, he still trains with Rangers twice a week during the school term.

Now Rangers-daft Charlie hopes to get his Highers and is considering going on to have a university career as well as playing for Rangers.

MEET THE YOUNG ONES



○ Charlie McDade

He's always been a Rangers fanatic and used to go to all the games.

'I'll never forget the moment I signed for Rangers. I couldn't believe my luck, having supported the club for such a long time.

'Being with Ashfield is good for me and I'm enjoying the experience. I think it's good for the likes of me to get this experience at junior level and I'm sure it will stand me in good stead.'

IT'S THE No. 1 GAME IN



● All the drama of an 'Old Firm' struggle is written on the faces of DEREK JOHNSTONE and COLIN JACKSON as they pressure the Celtic defence.



● JOHNSTONE again threatens danger to Celtic as he bursts through between CONNELLY and McNEILL.

—AND DEREK WANTS TO KICK OFF WITH IBROX

VICTORY!

THIS is it. The time has come round again for what is without doubt the greatest club match in the world—Rangers against Celtic.

It always seems, too, that the New Year battle of the giants has a little bit more feeling even than a 'normal' meeting between the great rivals.

For the players, fans and everybody connected with the game there is nothing to match the excitement, tension and atmosphere of an Old Firm encounter.

These games are seldom football classics, full of all that is great in the game, but few could deny there's never a dull moment!

The last few meetings between the clubs have been hard-fought affairs and this one will be no exception.



● Wee Lou Macari . . . sharp as a needle in the box.

One player who will find the whole thing a bit unreal is the probable Ibrox striker for the big game, Derek Parlane.

Says Derek: "I've never played in a first team game against Celtic so, if I'm picked, the experience should be really something. I'm looking forward to it, mind you, because I think the better the atmosphere and the bigger the crowd, the better I play."

"And one thing's for sure, there should be a fantastic crowd at Ibrox. I think the only two Celts I have played against before are Evan Williams and Lou Macari—and that was only in a reserve game.

"All the boys are really looking for a win here for the fans' sake as much as our own."

So it sounds as if the players are set for a match which could rank alongside the very best games of the past between the clubs.

Robbed

And there have been some great games! To go no further than the League games with the Celts last season. On each occasion Rangers went down by the odd goal, but the results could have gone either way.

Take the first league encounter in September at Ibrox. Thousands of Rangers fans left the ground convinced that referee John Paterson had robbed their side of victory when he chalked off a Colin Stein goal which almost everybody else thought was a good one.

That goal would have put the 'Gers 3-2 ahead and was therefore a vital one.

Sickener

In the second league match at Parkhead in January a goal by Colin Stein levelled the scores after 82 minutes. Then, in the dying seconds of the game, Jim Brogan popped up to snatch the winner for Celtic. Eight corners to Celtic's one in the second half of that match was a fair indication of the run of play so that last-gasp winner was a real sickener.

Celtic, like Rangers have supplied international player after international player to the Scotland squads and representing the Parkhead squad at the moment are two of their bright youngsters, Kenny Dalglish and Lou Macari.

Both are figuring in Scotland's World Cup plans. Celts, of course, have fine players in the other positions and none more so than club skipper and longest-serving Bhoys, Billy McNeill. 'Caesar' has been at Parkhead since signing from Blantyre Vics in 1959 and has been involved in countless Old Firm matches.

So the stage is set for another Old Firm encounter where past form goes for very little in the red-hot atmosphere.

This one, as we've said, should be a classic so let's get set for a great game, watched by a great crowd.



● Derek Parlane . . . looking forward to his first Old Firm game.



● Kenny Dalglish . . . master of the half chance.



THE WORLD!



● CONNELLY and JOHNSTONE in another tussle for the ball.



● High-flying action as CALLAGHAN and JACKSON go up for a high ball.

CAPTURED!

The most wanted 'babe' in years

AN English club offered his father a job down south and accommodation for his family . . . he visited Arsenal EIGHT times . . . and almost every top club in Britain was after him. But last week fifteen-year-old John Black, a pupil at Clydebank High School, signed for Rangers.

And it was a move which suited everyone. John's father was 'delighted,' assistant manager Willie Thornton and scout Laurie Cumming were 'very happy' and John himself was 'over the moon.'

The list of clubs chasing the 'most wanted schoolboy for ten years' was almost endless. Arsenal, Leeds, Wolves, Birmingham, Manchester United, West Brom, Leicester, Ipswich, Partick Thistle and a few other English Second and Third Division sides!

The clubs became interested in John when he was 13 and between the summer of 1970 and until he signed for Rangers, he visited Arsenal eight times, Leeds for a weekend and Wolves for a week.

He plays for his school on Saturday mornings and in the afternoon turns out for Spurs Boys Club. Already John has played for Dunbartonshire at under-12 level and he is in the final Scotland under-15 trial at Stenhousemuir on January 20.

'I love playing football but when I'm not, I can always be found at Ibrox watching 'Gers. Obviously, this is a fantastic move for me and I've been in at the ground during the holidays for training.'



● John Black . . . almost every top British club wanted him.

And, said scout Laurie Cumming: 'This boy has been in great demand and could prove to be an all-time great. He has been the most wanted schoolboy in the last ten years—that's how highly everyone has rated him.'

Laurie added that John could be one half of the future Rangers left wing. The other lad he has in mind is Barrhead High School inside-left Gordon Boyd, also on an 'S' form.

'Gordon has done well since he came to Ibrox and has put on about six inches in height and quite a bit of weight. He's another really good 'un.'

'Mark my words, these two will be really something.'

If they turn out half as good as they sound, Ibrox fans are in for a treat.



'News' pictures of the Year



AND HERE'S
THAT TOPPER

WEE TOMMY PULLS IN VOTES FOR PIC OF YEAR

WELL, here it is folks . . . the exclusive shot YOU have voted 'News Picture of the Year' . . . the snap that tells its very own special story.

You voted overwhelmingly for that shot of wee Tommy McLean reaching for the moon after Derek Parlane had scored Rangers second goal in the Cup Winners Cup semi-final second leg against Bayern at Ibrox.

The sheer delight on the wee man's

face sums up perfectly the ecstasy of having reached a major European Cup Final and most of you thought the picture, snapped by *News* photographer Eric McCowat, was in a league of its own.

But readers liked other pictures, too, and another *News* exclusive of John Greig weeping in the dressing room after the Barcelona triumph, finished in second place.

A close third was that splendid shot of manager Jock Wallace taking a reluctant dip in the water, courtesy of the players, during the close season trip to Sweden.

But the Tommy McLean pic was way ahead of the rest and the first five entries opened from our big mailbag will each receive a copy.

They are Jim Breckenridge, 26 Firth View Terrace, Ardrossan; George Beaton, 179 Hyndland Road, Glasgow; Billy Hilland, 4 West Glebe Terrace, Hamilton; Brian McLeod, 189 Maryhill

Road, Glasgow; and Jim Loudon, 22 Graffham Avenue, Giffnock.

A typical comment of the five came from Mr Hilland, who thought the McLean shot was among the best pictures he had ever seen.

Said Mr Hilland: 'The expression on wee Tommy's face is delightful. He might be a small guy, but by the looks of it he felt seven feet tall after Derek Parlane's goal.'

But the general response to the contest was so good that readers even wrote to tell us about pictures they liked but weren't published last week.

So here, we have decided to bring you another spread of pics . . . unfortunately it will have to be the last . . . of highlights from Rangers '72 adventures.

So just sit back, put your feet up, and relive those magical moments from the year when Ibrox was firmly established on the European scene . . . the year the Rangers 'babes' grew up.

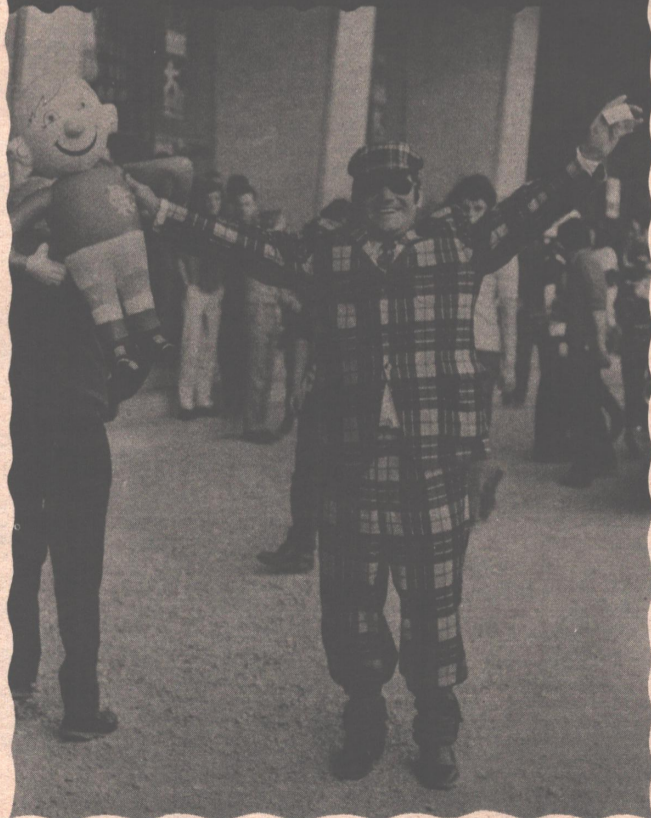


IT'S THE HOVERCRAFT - - - RANGERS STYLE



Picture the scene at the Channel Ferry as thousands of fans headed for Barcelona. There it was on the side of the Hovercraft in big letters . . . *Rangers News*. Well, it's a nice thought anyway.

RANGERS' TARTAN TAM



Rangers colours may be light blue but the tartan was strongly to the front in Barcelona. Here, one fan looks every inch a Scotsman . . . Who could mistake him for Russian?

CARAMBA—IT'S LIZ



Rangers took a lot of fans to Barcelona but it is a safe bet Miss Scotland, Liz Stevely, was the most eye-catching. Apart from her looks, who could miss that sombrero?

KISS FROM COLIN



How lucky can you get? Colin Jackson turned everyone green with envy when he gave a 'congratulations kiss' to Margaret Waugh after she had been chosen 'Miss Rangers News'.



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THE PICTURE
AND THE POLL!



WHAT WE HAVE, WE HOLD



SPLASH HIT 'GERS



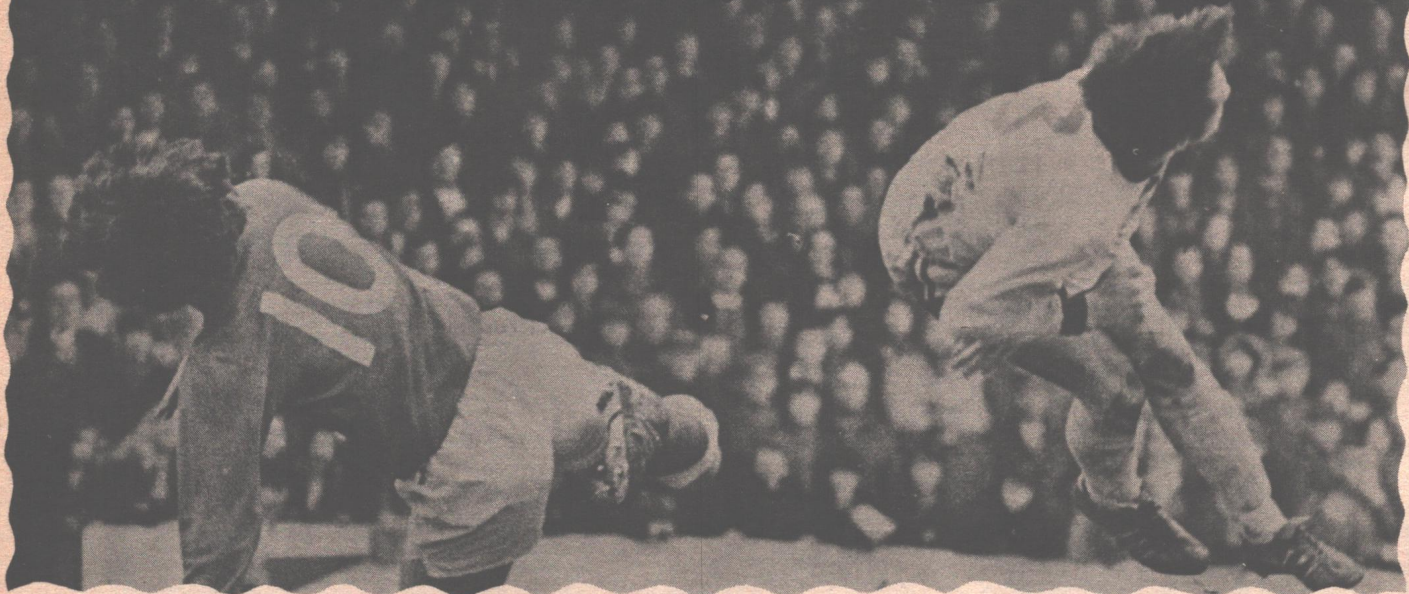
● John Greig makes it clear (*left*) as he holds triumphantly the European Cup-Winners Cup. Rangers had won it . . . now no one could take it from them. Meanwhile, Alfie Conn and Tommy McLean (*above*) have an off-the-cuff splash-around after a training session at Gullane.

OK, YOU'RE COVERED



● Who said toys were just kids' stuff? Certainly not John Greig, Bobby Watson and Tommy McLean. They all thoroughly enjoyed a visit to this shop during a European mission last season . . . and then there's Colin Jackson . . . they couldn't drag him away from the model racer (*below*).

WHERE THE HECK DID THE BALL GO?



FOLLOW THE LEADER - - - !



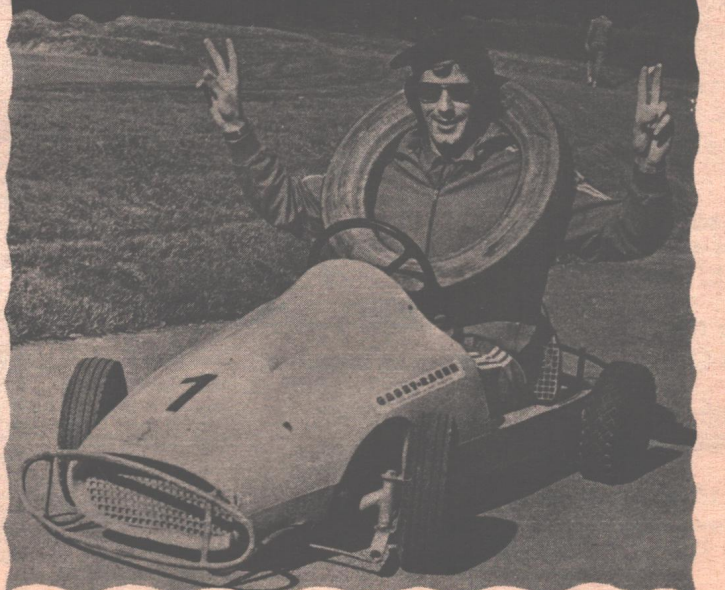
● HOW about this for acrobatics as Derek Johnstone and Joe Wark (*above*) seem to go in opposite directions for the same ball during a league match at Ibrox against Motherwell.

We bet you wouldn't see better at a circus—even if Derek and Joe didn't know quite what it was all about at the time.

And what's that Rangers are playing on the left? That's right, it's 'follow the leader' as the players and training staff join Jock Wallace for an impromptu, if 'unconscious', game.

Or maybe Jock had hypnotised the entire squad into an 'anything you can do, I can do better' sort of attitude. Whatever it was it made a great off-the-cuff picture for the *News*.

TRACK ACE JACKSON





LIGHT BLUE QUIZ

WHICH RANGER LED SCOTS AGAINST AULD ENEMY?



● Willie Thornton—see question 15.



● Derek Johnstone—see question one.

- 1—Against which club did Derek Johnstone score a hat-trick this season?
- 2—Which Rangers player captained Scotland against England in 1966?
- 3—Kirkie Lawson is a forward with which Scottish club?
- 4—How many games did Ian McColl play for Rangers—was it 392, 592 or 792?
- 5—Who is the manager of Aberdeen?
- 6—When did Dave Smith join Rangers?
- 7—If Rangers visited Starks Park, which club would they be playing?
- 8—From which team did Tommy McLean join Rangers?
- 9—Conn, Bauld and Wardaugh were famous players with which club?
- 10—Which Rangers player is nicknamed Jethro?
- 11—Tommy McLean's brother, Jim, is manager of which Scottish club?

- 12—What nationality are club side C.S.K.A. Sofia?
- 13—Alfie Conn played left half against Hibs in the Drybrough Cup this season. True or false?
- 14—Where was the 1962 World Cup held?
- 15—During season 1943-44 Willie Thornton didn't play for Rangers. Do you know why?
- 16—Kenny Aird plays for which Scottish First Division side?

- 17—If Willie Carr played against Ian Phillip which teams would be playing?
- 18—From which Scottish club was Peter Marinello transferred to Arsenal?
- 19—Joe Harper, now with Everton, played in England before with which club?
- 20—Sir Alf Ramsey steered a club side to the English First Division Championship—True or false?



● Kenny Aird—see question 16.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12

SHOOT TO THE STARS

DEAR DEREK PARLANE,

How do you feel when you are kicked and do you ever want to retaliate? Colin Burton, Kilmarnock Road, Shawlands, Glasgow.

● Of course I hate being kicked or pushed off the ball, Colin, but the game would suffer if players took the law into their own hands. The only answer is to count up to ten . . . and get on with the game.

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DEAR PETER McCLOY,

I'm hoping to be a goalkeeper but my friends say I'm far too small, although I'm only twelve. I say that height doesn't matter. What do you say? John Browning, Glasgow Road, Greenock.

● I'm with you all the way, John. If you are good enough it doesn't matter how tall you are. Of course you have to be able to touch the crossbar. Best of luck!

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DEAR JIM DENNY,

You seem to play in a number of different positions for Rangers. Where do you like to play most of all? Kenny Buchanan, Broomhall Road, Edinburgh.

● It's true that I've played in a few positions, even as goalkeeper with the reserve team. But I honestly don't care where I play . . . as long as it's in a light blue jersey.



PICTURE PUZZLER



● This week's picture puzzler should really set you guessing. If you know who Willie Waddell is talking to in the pic give yourself a pat on the back. We'll even help with a clue—he's boss of a top English club. The answer is on the back page.

IT'S FREE

Win SIX Stand seats!

Just name the team pictured

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, this time for the Rangers v Kilmarnock game on January 20.

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All you have to do is identify the team (pictured right) whom Rangers are playing.

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A Ranger Answers

THIS WEEK : ALEC MILLER

Q—How long have you been a Ranger, Alec?

A—Six years this month. I joined Rangers in January, 1966.

Q—You broke your jaw in a game with Celtic once and played on for the rest of the match, didn't you. Can you remember it?

A—Remember it! I'll never forget it. It was in the 1970 Scottish Cup Final against Celts and I went up for a high ball and something hit my jaw. At that point—after only 20 minutes—I knew I'd done some-

thing but I didn't know what. Even at half-time I didn't realise the full extent of it so I just played on.

Q—Was that your worst injury?

A—Probably. Though I had a knee injury which kept me out of the game for ten weeks not long after I came to Ibrox.

Q—You've played abroad Alec . . . what's been your favourite country?

A—Germany. It's like Scotland and they play Scottish-style football. That's been my favourite place.

Q—Do you enjoy playing in these European games?

A—Yes, definitely. It's great experience playing against all these wonderful players and must do you good.

Q—In any of your games against foreign clubs, have you a 'most-difficult opponent'?

A—There's no doubt about that one. Estrekov of Moscow Dynamo. I played against him in the friendly we had with them at Ibrox and he was great. He's got everything. It was him, of course, who came on as substitute in Barcelona.

Q—He won't be your favourite player, then?

A—Not really. I have two favourite players though. Both are Scots, Jim Baxter and Denis Law. I could watch them all day, particularly Baxter. He was a fabulous player.

Q—Have you a game you'll never forget, Alec?

A—The time we beat Celtic in the final of the League Cup was an unforgettable experience. It was in 1970 and we won 1-0 that day. It was great.

Q—Before the likes of these games, Alec, do you get very nervous?

A—A bit, but any nerves I have always clear when I get out on the park.

Q—How do you rate Scotland's chances in the World Cup?

A—I think we can do quite well. We've a great squad and the team spirit seems to be good so we must have a chance.

Q—Who do you reckon will be our biggest dangers?

A—West Germany and England. The Germans must be in with a great chance playing at home but don't rule out England. They maybe don't score many goals, but they don't give many away either. They'll still be one of the hardest sides to beat.

Q—Talking about goals, have you scored many since you came to Ibrox?

A—Well, I was a striker originally and knocked in 30 goals in 26 games in my first season in the reserves. The side won the treble of Reserve League, Cup and League Cup that year. So far this season I've scored five from the full back position.

Q—You obviously enjoy going up with the attack, Alec. How do you feel generally about attacking play?

A—I really enjoy going up on the overlap when it's possible. There must still be a bit of the forward in me, I think. Obviously, it's goals the fans want to see.



● Alec Miller in action for Rangers.

Q—Do you enjoy the training at Ibrox?

A—Yes, I really quite like it. It's varied here which makes a big difference.

Q—Is there anything in the game that niggles you at all?

A—There's one thing in particular that really gets me. I hate players shamming injury. It only means that they get another person in the same profession as themselves into trouble.

Q—Looking back, Alec, did you always support Rangers?

A—Yes, I was always at the games when I was at Kingsridge School in Drumchapel. You could have found me on the terracings every week.

Q—Who's helped and encouraged you most in your career with 'Gers?

A—There's three people. My dad, Stan Anderson and Jock Wallace. My father follows me at every game, whether I'm in the reserves or the first team. He's been great. Stan and the Boss, too, have really helped me.

Q—What is your ambition now, Alec?

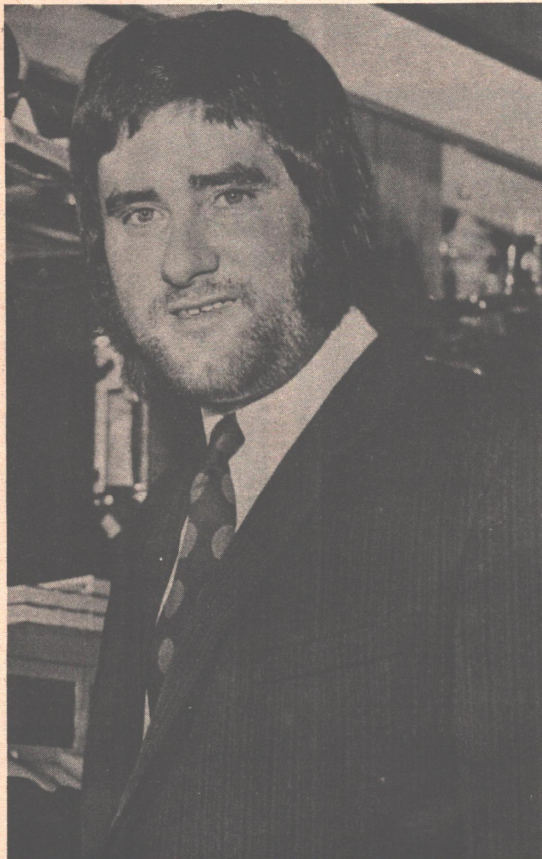
A—That's easy. To get back into the first team and get among the medals the team's sure to win.

Q—Away from football now. Have you a favourite personality outside the game?

A—Two really. I enjoy listening to both Frank Sinatra and Lee Marvin.

Q—What age are you and are you married?

A—I'm 23 though people usually think I'm older because I've been at Ibrox for quite a long time. I'm married and my wife's name is Ann. She's expecting our first baby at the end of March.



● Jim Baxter . . . one of Alec's favourite players. The other is Denis Law.

SUPPORTERS' SPOT**Merry Xmas—thanks to True Blues!**

GOVAN TRUE BLUES Supporters Club gave over 40 pensioners a night out last week—and the food was supplied by a staunch Celtic fan!

That was the first time the Branch had tried to have a Christmas party for the old folk (some are pictured above), but judging by the singing and dancing that went on, the whole affair was a big hit.

The Club paid for the evening out by getting donations every Saturday night throughout the year and that was where Celtic-daft Mr Hugh Rafferty came in.

Mr Rafferty pops in to the Commercial Bar in Govan quite regularly and he offered to supply all the food for the old folks' night out.

He said: 'I've been a Celtic fan for the past 30 years but I go into the Commercial—where the True Blues leave from every week for the game—quite often and I enjoy it.

'I'm totally against all the bigotry that goes on and anything I can do to help makes it all worthwhile. It gave the pensioners a nice night-out.'

It certainly went a long way towards it. For apart from Mr Rafferty's generosity, pub manageress Louis Maliska and all her staff gave their time free as did the band. The old folk didn't pay for a thing!

Said Branch secretary Tommy Sinclair: 'We gave the kiddies a treat in the summer but this is the first time we've tried this. I think it's been a success. Everybody has been very good in helping us out.'

But if the committee were pleased with the way the evening went, the old folk were thrilled!

'It's been a lovely night,' said 'Gers fan Mrs Jane Finnie (71). 'This is the first time for quite a while my husband George and I have been out and it was very good of everyone to help. I used to go to Ibrox a lot but not now I'm afraid.'

From one Light Blue supporter to another. Said life-long Rangers fan Mr Archie Fordyce, also 71: 'It was great of the committee to organise this night out for us. We're all having a wonderful time—especially the older folk!'

Special Scots night for Ajax fans**CLUB NOTES**

HOLYTOWN: Bus for Celtic game leaves 1½ hours before k.o. May I take this opportunity on behalf of the members of the Holytown Branch to wish you and your staff a 'Very Merry Xmas' and a Happy New Year! And we at the *News* wish you all the very best too!

EDINBURGH JARDINE Wreath service at Cenotaph 10.30 a.m., bus leaves 11 Albany Street 12.00, Waterloo Place 12.15 p.m. Uplift tickets on bus.

BRIDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Bus for Holland £18. Leaves for Hull 9 a.m., ferry leaves 4 a.m., few seats left. Breakfast, supper included. Names to Jimmy Clark, Station Bar, Bridgeton Cross.

RANGERS match with Ajax of Amsterdam won't be the only highlight on January 16 for the Supporters Association Club are holding an all-Scottish night.

It's the committee's intention to get in touch with the Ajax club's supporters association and offer hospitality to the visiting fans.

And the committee feel that an evening with the accent heavily on Scottish entertainment would be just the thing to please the Dutch fans.

They hope to do the same thing when the date for the Arsenal match is fixed and will then get in touch with the London club's supporters association and invite them along to the club.

On January 16, Sonny and Jeff are the main performers and their act includes Scottish songs and comedy sketches, two Highland dancers, a piper and a tenor who has a large repertoire of Scots songs.

It should be a good night and an ideal way to round off the evening for the Dutch supporters.

GRAND TALENT contest final was held in the Club last Sunday with the customers beating the committee team in a rip-roaring 'match'.

Judges for the contest were Rangers players Bobby Watson, Jim Denny and Gerry Neef and they were helped out by Bobby's wife. The score finished 159½-153.

Representing the committee were Andy McMillan, Betty McDonald, Wallace Watson and Jimmy Curley with Stan Lind as 'substitute.'

Appearing on behalf of the customers were Jimmy Bry-

ers, Jim Collins, 'Big' Frank and Willie Hudson with 'Big Beany' on the bench.

One of the highlights was when the three players took to the stage and gave the company a rendering of 'Jingle Bells.'

It was a great laugh but maybe their talents are better suited to football.

One thing which came out of the contest was a firm challenge from the Club to the Rangers Football Club for sometime in January. The Supporters Association team reckon they can take on anybody now!

Congratulations...

SUPPORTERS Association Club manager Andy Anderson and his wife Dorothy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary recently.

Andy and Dot had a meal out with a few friends before going back to the Club where Dot was presented with two bouquets of flowers and several presents to mark the occasion.

Then the couple led off the dancing before settling back to enjoy the night.

'Gers hit Fifers for seven**BIG DEREK 'HEADED' THE WAY...**

RANGERS gave manager Jock Wallace four Christmas presents all in the shape of goals—when they romped home against East Fife at Bayview.

And although all the goals were gift-wrapped up to a point by the Fife side's defensive lapses, the boss was well pleased with the showing.

It was big DEREK JOHNSTONE who sparked off the first-half goal rush when he rose above the East Fife defence to nod home in just five minutes. JOHNSTONE put Rangers two up after 20 minutes when he again headed home, this time from a Jardine free-kick.

And two goals in two minutes just before the interval ensured there would be no East Fife comeback. CUTTY YOUNG got the third with a diving header after quick thinking by Joe Mason. Josy saw the Fife defence anxiously watching big Derek at the far post so dropped his cross short and Cutty was right on the spot.

And it was the winger again who made the fourth goal when his shot hit the post to leave DEREK PARLANE the easy task of scoring.

The second half was little more than a formality although Peter McCloy had one or two good saves and Willie Mathieson cleared a shot off the line. In the end, though, Rangers won comfortably.

and 'Bomber' hit target as well

THE 'WEE TEAM' got back on the rails last week in their match against East Fife reserves at Ibrox.

Goals by Alec. Miller, Colin 'Bomber' Jackson and Alex. McVake was easily enough to give the reserves a convincing win and boost the goals tally against East Fife over the weekend to seven, with the 'big team' winning 4-0.

'Bomber' came through his second run in the reserves since his injury well and seventeen-year-old Alex. McVake also did well and took his goal cleverly.

Team: Newman, Burke, Struthers, Jackson, McKinnon, Miller, McVake, Denny, McDougall, Ford, McDonald. Sub Bonnyman.



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● Colin Jackson.

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In Pool 2 there were 12 winners, each receiving £4.68.

Pool 3 had approximately 160 winners, each collecting £3.51. Owing to late postal deliveries, the exact number of winners was not known at time of publication.

The same applied to Pool

5 where there were approximately 60 winners, each receiving £9.37.

In Pool 4 four punters struck it rich with pay-outs of £140.67 each.

Start off the New Year right—join the Rangers Pools (see coupon below). You can see it pays whether you're a winner or an agent.

Numbers and Scores

Following are the results of matches played on December 23rd, 1972, as identified by their numbers in the team list for that week.

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

WEEK 21 WINNERS

POOL 1	35 POSS.	30 WINNERS	20 GOALS
7131	02 07 16 29 30	(N.P.)	
2066	02 07 16 30 34	Mrs G. Ross, 8 Muirkydes Ave., Glasgow	
2174	02 07 16 30 35	Mr M. McIntosh, Templeford, Forgue, Huntly	
3662	02 07 29 30 33	Mrs Nicolson, 37 Glamis Drive, Greenock	
613	02 07 29 30 34	G. Wilson, 14 Auldlea Road, Beith	
905	02 07 29 30 35	R. Findlay, 7 Newview Crescent, Bellshill	
62	02 07 29 30 39	A. Miller, 40 Kingsway Court, 3/2, Glasgow	
1520	02 07 30 33 34	J. Murray, 31 Finhaven Street, Glasgow	
2875	02 07 30 33 35	Mrs H. Joyce, 176 Haugh St., Bainsford, Falkirk	
192	02 07 30 33 39	Mr D. McDougall, 10 Alford Pl., Linwood	
149	02 07 30 34 39	J. Matheson, 21 Sycamore Drive, Clydebank	
4988	02 07 30 35 39	Frank Walker, 2 Glebe Park, East Wemyss, Fife	
1141	02 16 29 30 33	R. Law, 8 Balfour Court, Kilmarnock	
1890	02 16 29 30 34	Mrs C. Fulton, 225 Linthaugh Road, Glasgow	
3379	02 16 29 30 35	(N.P.)	
409	02 16 29 30 39	Mrs Margaret Reid, 27 Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen	
2497	02 16 30 33 34	Mrs J. Fisher, 160 Ardencraig Rd., Glasgow	
2580	02 16 30 33 35	R. Edgar, 12 Riverside Road, Larkhall	
3968	02 16 30 33 39	E. Crane, c/o Glasgow Necropolis, Cathedral Square, Glasgow	
197	02 16 30 34 35	J. Burnside, 10 Sinclairston Drive, Drongan, Ayrshire	
4618	02 16 30 34 39	R. O'Brian, 88 Clarence Drive, Glasgow	
1065	02 29 30 33 34	Mrs Malarkey, Hobshill Croft, Hatton, Aberdeenshire	
1132	02 29 30 33 35	Miss J. Campbell, 55 Ladybank Dr., Glasgow	
647	02 29 30 33 39	Mrs E. Scott, 54/14 Floor, 33 Dougrie Place, Glasgow	

1305	02 29 30 34 35	R. Noble, 103 Bolton Drive, Glasgow
1314	02 29 30 34 39	T. Quate, 22 Ailsa Road, Coatbridge
5038	02 30 33 34 35	Mrs M. Mucci, 8 Reelick Quad., Glasgow
5345	02 30 33 34 39	Kenneth Lang, 39 Abbotshall Ave., Glasgow
5623	02 30 33 35 39	James Morrow, 160 Henderson St., Glasgow
1003	02 30 34 35 39	Mr John Lowrie, 6 Downcraig Dr., Glasgow

POOL 2	15 POSS.	12 WINNERS	6 GOALS
1813	06 14 18 19 38	M. Smith, 2 Royston Sq., Glasgow	
3098	06 14 18 32 38	John McEwan, 54 Dougrie Rd., Glasgow	
3992	06 14 18 37 38	Mr A. Mulligan, 14 Orchard View Drive, Kirkfieldbank, Lanarkshire	
1568	06 14 19 32 38	Mr A. Gow, 39 Balfour St., Bannockburn, Stirling	
1158	06 14 32 37 38	Mrs McGilvary, Verona Corse, Barrhead	
3859	06 18 19 32 38	R. W. Kelly, 56 Leslie St., Glasgow	
3933	06 18 19 37 38	R. Huggins, 7 Hallside St., Howwood, Renfrewshire	
4519	06 18 32 37 38	Mr E. Reilly, 367 Tollcross Road, Glasgow	
7352	06 19 32 37 38	J. S. Nicoll, 'Elbon', 36 Park Place, Lockerbie	
5721	14 18 19 32 38	Eddie Doherty, Stewart Street, Dysart, Fife	
5779	14 19 32 37 38	Mr Moffat, 4 Millburn Pl., Larkhall	
776	18 19 32 37 38	(N.P.)	

POOL 4	15 POSS.	4 WINNERS	27 GOALS
1358	07 16 29 30 34	Mr D. Shaw, Faery Knoll, Stronachlachar, By Stirling	
2606	07 16 30 34 39	(N.P.)	
5724	07 29 30 34 39	John Wilkie, 7 Barclay St., Cowdenbeath, Fife	
5589	16 29 30 34 39	(N.P.)	

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DEREK GOES ONE UP...

DEREK PARLANE'S goal against East Fife at Bayview last week put him into the lead in the Ibrox marksmen stakes with 12 goals—one ahead of Alfie Conn.

Big DEREK JOHNSTONE moved up a couple of places on the ladder too, when he scored twice. Bah's now on the eight-goal mark which isn't bad for a centre half!

In fact, Derek's double makes him third top scorer behind Parlane (pictured right) and Conn. Against East Fife QUINTON YOUNG scored our third and his own fourth goal for the club, and, of course, came close to adding another when his shot came back off a post for Parlane to net.

● How the table stood after the East Fife game!

PARLANE	12
CONN	11
D. JOHNSTONE	8
STEIN	7
W. JOHNSTONE	6
A. MacDONALD	5
GREIG	5
McLEAN	5
FYFE	4
YOUNG	4
SMITH	1
MASON	1
JARDINE	1



£10 WINNERS...

HERE THEY ARE—the last five winners in our Christmas spending money contest.

First correct entries opened came from Mrs Fotheringham, 14 Runa Terrace, Whitlawburn, Cambuslang; David J. Pearson, 82 Prospecthill Circus, Toryglen, Glasgow; G. Carlyle, 1089 London Road, Bridgeton, Glasgow; J. Adams, 55 Willow Drive, Johnstone; G. Clark, 11 Fereneze Crescent, Knightswood, Glasgow.

The Mystery Players were Steve Chalmers (Partick Thistle) and Bobby Clark (Aberdeen).

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CONSISTENCY—OUR TARGET FOR THE NEW YEAR

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'Look at the results. We lost to Kilmarnock which was ridiculous and then we had these games against Hearts and Aberdeen when we were streets ahead yet we only took one point from the two games.

'Just think of the League positions if we had won these three games.'

The Boss has a point. If Rangers had won these three games they would have been five points better off—and equal top of the League with Celtic after the East Fife game.

But the past is in the past and now big Jock is looking to the future.

'I'm looking for a continuation of the steady improvement of the past few months and above all the same 100 per cent effort the players have shown.'

'We have the games against Ajax, Arsenal, and possibly Moscow Dynamo. These games will be a boost to the players and—against Ajax—will let them travel abroad again. They miss the European games, it gives them the edge they need.'

'Now we are back on the rails we must string the results together, we can't afford to drop the silly points we have been dropping. Consistency is the key word from now on—that's what we are aiming for.'

Jock is looking, too, to the younger players to continue the challenge for first team places. Derek Parlane and George Donaldson are two of the players who have done well in the first half of the season although each has still a bit to go.

'Now I'm looking for more of the likes of them. Lads like Billy MacNichol who came back from Las Palmas really buzzing and Jim Denny who's challenging strongly for a place. I'm looking for the same from the rest of the lads. If a player is playing well enough to merit a first team place, he'll get it. There is NO doubt about that.'

So the ball is literally in the players' court. The way is open for the youngsters to try for places and they give the older players every incentive to hold on to their first team spots. It should add up to an interesting 1973.

RANGERS BACK M.P.'s 'SAVE FOOTBALL' BILL

AT EXACTLY the same time as the 'News' was exclusively revealing Rangers Director David Hope's 'Save Football and Curb Hooliganism' plan three weeks ago, a Member of Parliament was proposing a Bill along similar lines in the House of Commons.

The M.P., Mr. Joe Ashton of Bassetlaw, told Members in the House on December 13 that 'if football is to survive the House must introduce legislation to set up a Football Betting Levy Board.'

Club Notes

GRANGEMOUTH branch of the Rangers Supporters' Association are opening their new social and recreation club in Wood Street, Grangemouth, on January 22. The branch hope to have a Rangers personality along to perform the honours.

STEVENSTON Supporters' Club have managed to change the date of their annual dance from January 22 to January 29 to avoid a clash of dates with the return game against Ajax in Amsterdam.

The dance is being held at Seamill Hydro in West Kilbride and the supporters' 'Player of the Year' is Peter McCloy.

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Committee meeting in Sandwood School at 7 p.m. on Friday. Usual meeting at 8 p.m. All attend please.

In the News issue of the same day Mr. Hope suggested the Government should give football back the thousands of millions of pounds clubs will contribute over the next few years.

'Football does not ask for something that is not its own. Millions of pounds are contributed by clubs' pools and use of their fixtures.

'Just give us it back and let us seat and heat all the stadiums,' he suggested to the Government.

Mr. Hope went on to urge the Government to act—NOW!

And Mr. Ashton raised the question in the afternoon of the day Mr. Hope's article was published.

Mr. Ashton's plan is to set up a Football Betting Levy Board—on similar lines to the Horserace Betting Levy Board—which would have powers to impose levies on football betting and allocate such monies to the sport of football in general.

The Bill, of course, has had its first reading, and is to be read again on January 26.

After Mr. Ashton's speech in the Commons, Mr. Hope

'Levy on betting only way football can survive'

wrote to him pledging full support and received a reply thanking him and saying: 'I am certain the Bill is the best thing for football and I am hoping the Government will find time for it.'

Both these men have started the ball rolling, so to speak, let's keep our fingers crossed that action will be taken.



● DAVIE HOPE . . . pledged support for new 'Save Football' Bill. RIGHT—An extract from Hansard reporting Mr. Ashton's plea for a levy on football gambling.

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3 per cent. profit on turnover. That means that they make about £7 million profit on £168 million turnover. But profit on turnover is very different from capital employed. It could well be that the pools are making £7 million profit on annual expenses of £35 million to create a turnover of £168 million. In other words their actual profit is not 3 per cent. but more like 20 per cent.

If football is to survive—and it must, because it is a national game giving great enjoyment to the millions who watch it on television and bet on it on the pools—the House must take notice of the Chester Report and introduce legislation to set up a football betting levy board.

In conclusion, I should like to quote what the Chester Report said about the proposal for a betting levy board:

'We hope that the very necessity of our proposal will charm the Government and Parliament into giving general support to the necessary legislation.'

Question put and agreed to.
Bill ordered to be brought in by Mr. Ashton, Mr. Dulyell, Mr. Connamon, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Mason, Mr. Harold Walker, Mr. Varley, Mr. Forrester, Mr. Booth and Mr. McBride.

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HOW DID YOU SCORE?

1—Stenhousemuir in the League Cup. 2—John Greig. 3—Motherwell. 4—592. 5—Jimmy Bonthron.

6—1966. 7—Raith Rovers. 8—Kilmarnock. 9—Hearts. 10—Tom Forsyth.

11—Dundee United. 12—They are Bulgarian. 13—True. 14—Chile. 15—Willie was on active service overseas.

16—Partick Thistle. 17—Coventry and Crystal Palace. 18—Hibernian. 19—Huddersfield. 20—True. He was manager of Ipswich when they won the title in season 1961-62.

YOUR RATING?
IF YOU SCORED BETWEEN 12-15: Super marksman!
IF YOU SCORED BETWEEN 6-12: On target.

IF YOU SCORED UNDER 6: Wooden spoon!

PIC PUZZLE

Ten out of ten if you got it right. Willie Waddell is talking to Chelsea manager Dave Sexton during Rangers visit to Stamford Bridge last season.

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