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RANGERS NEWS



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Alfie starts the goal romp



Alfie Conn slams in Rangers' equaliser against St. Johnstone on Saturday... the start of a five-goal hammering for the Perth men. Match Slant on page 5.

A 'FAMILY GATE'

Rangers help out the Dads

AT IBROX

Hazel's a Knock-out

LOOK OUT for a new gate appearing at Ibrox early in the New Year... a "Fathers and Sons" gate!

Yes, it seems likely that fathers who take their sons to see Rangers play at home will be able to go into the ground with them through a special gate at no extra charge.

The Ibrox bosses are working out the final details at the moment and there is little doubt they will get the scheme into operation as soon as possible since they are eager to encourage as many young fans as possible.

As General Manager Willie Waddell says: "The youngsters of today are the supporters of tomorrow and we must try to help them as much as possible."

"We have had a number of requests recently from fathers who don't like the business of having to leave their boy at one gate while they enter by another."

"Others have pointed out that rather than put their son through the "Boys Gate" they are paying full price for him at another turnstile."

Rangers, like clubs everywhere, know only too well that if football is to prosper fathers must be encouraged to bring their boys to a match as often as possible.

So watch out soon for that new gate sign which will make for "happy families" at Ibrox.

...And a 'special' thank you to Ibrox faithful

RANGERS gave their 'weather-beaten' supporters an early Christmas present on Saturday when they allowed fans to transfer from the ground to the Centenary Stand at no extra charge.

On one of the worst footballing Saturdays, weather-wise, for many a long day, it was a great gesture from the Club... and one that was much appreciated by the supporters.

Ibrox general manager Mr Willie Waddell told

the "News": "In view of the extremely bad weather, we decided on this move as a thank-you to our fans for coming out on such a day."

So instead of having to fork out another 25p to escape from the wet, cold terracing, around 3000 fans sought the dry and comparative warmth of the Centenary Stand at no extra cost.

It was a nice gesture on a really miserable afternoon and another example of the Club's policy of giving their fans the best of treatment.



The Rangers Supporters Association club in Edmiston Drive held their prize-giving night last week... for the various different sports tournaments and Miss 'Rangers News', lovely Hazel Duncan, came along to present the PRIZES. She was given a rousing welcome by the partons. In this champions' line-up are, back row (left to right) — Louie Bam (snooker competition runner-up), Bill Daly (darts champion), William Ralston (medal winner), Hugh McLachlan (golf champion), Jim Lafferty (darts runner-up). Front row — Frank Bova (domino champion), Tommy Sinclair (snooker champion), Hazel, William Freeland (one of the runners-up) and president Peter Patrick.

Five share almost £10,000 on Pools!

YES, the magic figure of almost £10,000 was shared equally by five very lucky people in Pool 1 this week of Rangers Pools. The exact figure to each client was in fact £1,923.84p.

It's a magnificent pay-out and just in time for Christmas! The agents of these clients of course each receive an additional 10 per cent of their clients' winning totals.

In Pool 2 there are 13 winners each receiving £46.24p and in Pool 3, 18 winners pick up £33.40p.

There are 13 winners again in Pool 4, who have each won £46.24p.

And finally in Pool 5 a host of winners up and down the country — 53 in all — each receive £11.34p.

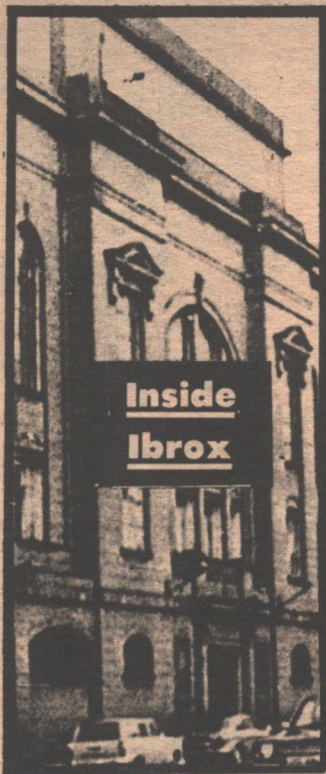
If you want to get in on the money in 1974 why not join Rangers Pools... the biggest of its kind in Britain.

Your 'News'—and the power crisis

YOUR "News" has eight pages this week instead of the usual twelve... and we apologise to readers everywhere.

The sudden announcement of new Government restrictions last week created great difficulties for a newspaper like ours and we were forced to produce a smaller edition rather than run the risk of having none at all. You will find we have managed to include all the regular features.

We should also warn you that during the Christmas and New Year period the next two editions will arrive a day later in your local newsagents.



YOU just can't trust anybody these days! That's the conclusion reader Willie Wilson in far-off Algeria has reached.

Willie is working at the moment in Skikda, Algeria, which is in the heart of the desert. But let him tell the story: "I am working out here at the moment and when I was out in the desert recently an Arab stole my Rangers Handbook!

"My wife sends me the 'Rangers News' every week but she can't find a handbook anywhere. I would be much obliged if you could help."

Incidentally, Willie signed his letter, "Skundell" which apparently means — translated roughly "Happy New Year to Rangers!" The handbook is on its way, Willie.

*** WILLIE MATHIESON — star of Kirkcaldy Victoria Hospital's local radio show — may find himself called on by another broadcasting station in the New Year.

For Willie's friend, disc jockey Dick Park, is leaving the Kirkcaldy show and joining former Radio One D.J. Steve Jones with Radio Clyde.

The new station starts operations on January 1 so it might well be that Willie will find himself fame — on the new station.

*** RANGERS manager JOCK WALLACE and general manager WILLIE WADDELL unlike their players, didn't have a day off last Saturday when the Dundee match was postponed.

The two Ibrox officials quickly made arrangements to take in the Ayr United v Falkirk game at Somerset Park as soon as the referee's inspection at Dens Park had ruled out play.

And while Rangers had the day off Celtic were playing Dundee United at Parkhead. A 3-3 draw means the loss of a point for the Celts... who said the League's all over?

*** A telegram from former Ibrox centre half GEORGE

IMAGINE... AN ARAB STOLE HIS RANGERS HANDBOOK!

YOUNG was read out at the civic reception in Rangers' honour at the City Chambers recently.

"Corky" couldn't manage along to the celebrations because of work commitments but he sent his best wishes. But there was an interesting sequel to the telegram

Glasgow Corporation presented Rangers with two inscribed ice buckets and a couple of bottles of champagne as a centenary gift and later on, after the bubbly had been opened, it was decided to send one of the corks to Big 'Corky' to let him know he wasn't forgotten!

*** ALISTAIR SCOTT, like the rest of the Ibrox players, finished a punishing training stint under manager Jock Wallace's eagle eye last Wednesday, drove to his home in Ayr... and then started another stint of hard work!

But the afternoon's efforts were of a different type... for the big striker was moving from his parents' home in Ayr to a Glasgow flat!

After loading everything into his car at the Ayr end he drove back up to Glasgow and then spent a couple of hours unloading and carting it up two flights

But he's happily settled in now and reckons the toil and trouble was worth it.

With the expected petrol rationing imminent and also the thought of the daily trek to and from Ayr, Ally reckoned it was the right time to move.

*** THE not-so-glamorous side of being a professional footballer was revealed in all its glory... or rather in all its mud, rain and sweat last week.

For the Rangers players spent the first three days of the week sweating it out either at Ibrox or the Albion in conditions more suitable to ducks! They looked a sorry sight as they trooped back to a hot bath from these sessions.

*** TOMMY McLEAN, hardly the tallest of the Rangers players, came in for a bit of "Stick" from the rest of the lads because of his size.

So after training one day last week it was the turn of JOHN GREIG and ALEX MacDONALD to have a friendly "Go" at the wee fellow.

With the rain teeming down outside the Stadium John shouted to Tam: "Watch you don't drown in one of the gutters now, Tam!" And, quick as a flash, Doddie added: "It's alright, I'm going to carry him over to the car in my pocket!"

It's not so bad when Greigy dishes it out but when Alex — who's only HALF AN INCH taller than Tommy — starts, then it's a bit much!

Social club corner

A CHRISTMAS TREAT AROUND THE 'CORNER'

A NUMBER of groups and bands who appear at the Rangers Social Club prove so popular that they return later on. And one such outfit is Speaker's Corner who are making a welcome "habit" of being at Ibrox... much to the delight of the patrons.

In the past the lads have done a couple of Sunday lunchtime spots but next week they top the bill at one of the Club's busiest times of the year — Christmas week.

The prospect of large audiences, though, merely makes the boys more determined than ever to be at their best and a cracking show is on the cards.

Speaker's Corner will be finishing off a highly-successful year with their week at Ibrox and a repeat in 1974 will give the lads just as much work as they can handle.

For 1973 was perhaps their best-ever year during which they had the couple of visits to the Club and did a five-week summer season at the Glasgow Pavilion.

At the Pavilion they were on the same bill as top comedians Hector Nicol and Ron Dale as well as signer Neville Taylor so the experience there was invaluable.

The Social Club, however, remains one of their favourite places despite travelling all over the place fulfilling dates... and making return visits.

At one stage last year they were so busy they were cancelling about as many dates as they were accepting which is, perhaps, a fair measure of their popularity.

Robert McCart, brothers Colin and Gordon McKenzie and Bill Gisby cater for most musical tastes so if you want to have a really "Happy Christmas" why not enjoy an evening out listening to them.

Davie... Honorary President!

RANGERS director Mr. David Hope, who resigned his Social Club position on doctor's orders, has been made honorary president of the Social Club and in addition has been made a life member.

WARM WELCOME FOR THE 'YOUNG' SCENE...

YOUNG TALENT is always appreciated by Rangers Social Club audiences... so Sunday lunchtime's band, The Scene, are assured of a warm welcome as the oldest in the group is an ancient 25!

And when you consider that the youngest guy in the band is a tender 15 you can see they're not exactly overloaded with experience.

But, like young Janette, what they lack in experience is offset by their enthusiasm and load of talent so they're sure to provide a good session.

The group have only been together a year but already they've won a major talent contest and appeared at various clubs and hotels throughout the country. This, indeed, is their second tour of Scotland in only a couple of months.

The group concentrate on pop numbers principally but are equally adept at country and western with singers nineteen-year-old Eugene Roddy and seventeen-year-old girl Majella doing all the vocal work.

Eugene is not unlike Tony Christie while Majella — a Carole King fan uses quite a lot of her 'favourite' numbers during the act.

Apart from Majella and Eugene, there are five others in the band including two brothers who can play a wide range of instruments.

So, The Scene on Sunday is definitely at the Social Club! Be sure you don't miss it.

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The Honours

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RUNNERS-UP 1961, 1967
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (34)
1891, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902; 1911; 1912; 1913; 1918, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1970.
In 1891 the championship was shared with Dumbarton.
SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (20)
1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1973.
LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (7)
1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1970.
OTHER STATISTICS
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'Wee Mac' makes his bow...



• It's obvious three-week-old Nicholas John MacDonald isn't quite used yet to the publicity accorded to his famous Dad... Alex of Rangers! In fact, the youngster seems to think all this fuss and attention is all one big yawn! Alex's wife Christine, though, is a very proud Mum and Nicholas is the couple's second child. They also have a daughter, Lisa.



TOM KNOWS HIS TARGET

IBROX GOAL TABLE

WHAT A BOOST!

RANGERS showed no signs of their recent enforced idle Saturday afternoons when they demolished St. Johnstone at Ibrox with five well-taken goals.

The weekend's tally was equal second-highest Ibrox score this season — alongside the 5-1 over Falkirk — with Dumbarton the top when they were hit for six in a League Cup tie.

This big win against Saints was a real boost to the Ibrox players but what has gone slightly unnoticed is that the five goals were scored by five DIFFERENT men!

First off the mark on Saturday to level the score at 1-1 was Alfie Conn. He's now reached a total of a dozen goals for this season.

Then came Quinton Young, playing in his comeback game, with a cracking shot from all of 30 yards. Cutty has scored three goals this season . . . and none of them has been from less than 25 yards! Remember his double against Dumbarton?

Alex MacDonald got in the act to give 'Gers a 3-1 half-time lead . . . but even Doddie would be the first to admit it wasn't one of his best efforts!

He had a simple task of tapping the ball home after everybody else had missed it! The same, however, couldn't be said of his last goal — against Celtic — which he bent away from Alistair Hunter into the far corner of the net.

It was a great goal and, along with Saturday's effort, gives Alex six in our marksmen's table.

Derek Parlane got the goal he so badly wanted on Saturday for the young striker had still to find the net since coming back into the team. Watch out now for a few more from him . . . and a challenge to Alfie Conn as the No. 1 scorer at Ibrox.

Dave Smith doubled his previous tally of one by completing Saturday's rout with a shot from all of three yards! Nevertheless, they all count and it capped a great comeback game for Davie.

The table reads:

Conn	12
Parlane	10
Greig	8
O'Hara	6



• TOMMY McLEAN . . . he knows only his best form every week is good enough for a regular first team spot.

NOBODY need tell Tommy McLean that he hasn't been playing well. He knows it himself and for that reason he wasn't too surprised when he was relegated to the substitute's bench for the League game against St. Johnstone on Saturday.

Obviously he wasn't pleased but the wee winger is professional enough to realise he must now fight his way back into the reckoning without further delay.

"I know what I have to do and, indeed, what I haven't been doing," he admitted. "My whole problem is about consistency — or lack of it — and lack of confidence as well.

"The first part I simply can't explain. I've felt I've played well in patches, but I know that that simply isn't good enough.

"You have to turn it on week in, week out and I realise I haven't been doing that. In fact, I haven't felt entirely comfortable all season."

Tommy is only being realistic when he admits he hasn't struck the consistent form expected of him. At his best he is brilliant . . . at other times frustrating.

The second problem is a bit more difficult to assess . . . lack of confidence.

Tam himself admits he is basically not a very confident person: "It's just part of me and I can't seem to change."

But what the former Kilmarnock player can do himself is make a determined bid to get his place back . . . and only his very best form will manage that.

Colts draw blank — again!

RESERVE coach Joe Mason must be wondering if fate is against the Ibrox second string. For the reserve side haven't had a game for weeks because of the weather!

They came close to it on Saturday, mind you, when

they got as far as Muirton Park, Perth, only to find "Match Off" signs outside.

The squad quickly did an about turn and arrived back in Glasgow in time for the last half hour or so of the first team's game against St. Johnstone at Ibrox.

Your birthday greetings

TO THE greatest . . . who was 14 last Friday.

happy birthday and best wishes from Mum, Dad, and Maxine. That's the greeting his family — through the "News" — want to send to Rangers-daft MAXIE SPANNER, of 700/23 Hillpark Drive, Giffnock,

Maxie almost shares a birthday with Ibrox reserve defender IAN THOMSON who was 20 last Thursday. Congratulations and happy birthday to both from the "News".

BOMBER — PATRON OF ART!



• Rangers star Colin Jackson left the conventional world of the average footballer far behind him last Tuesday night when he became surely Britain's only football professional to open his own art gallery! The gallery — featuring all kinds of paintings — is housed in Bomber's own design business in Glasgow's West Regent Street, and all the early signs indicate it could be a big success.

A number of the works on show have been painted by Colin's school-teacher cousin, Janet Fraser, whose home town of Ballantrae has provided quite a number of the scenes in her paintings. All the works are originals and prices vary from the reasonably cheap to the £100 mark.



• TOM FORSYTH, who was accompanied by his wife LINDA to the Calderwood function, is obviously delighted as club president Mr Watson presents him with a beautiful coffee percolator.

Calderwood R.S.C.

honour Forsyth

RANGERS sweeper-cum-midfield man Tom Forsyth was honoured recently by the Calderwood branch of the Rangers Supporters Association at a dinner dance in East Kilbride.

"Big Tam" was presented with a coffee percolator during the evening, held in the Westwood Function Halls, and the night was a tremendous success.

Tom was given the gift by branch president Mr Watson, who also helped the Ibrox player cut the branch's Centenary cake.

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Oh, how they roared when our girl Hazel walked in . . .

MISS 'RANGERS NEWS' TAKES 'EM BY STORM!

MISS 'RANGERS NEWS', the gorgeous Hazel Duncan, made her first public appearance since winning her title at the end of October, when she presented the prizes to sports champions of the Rangers Supporters Association Social Club in Edminston Drive.

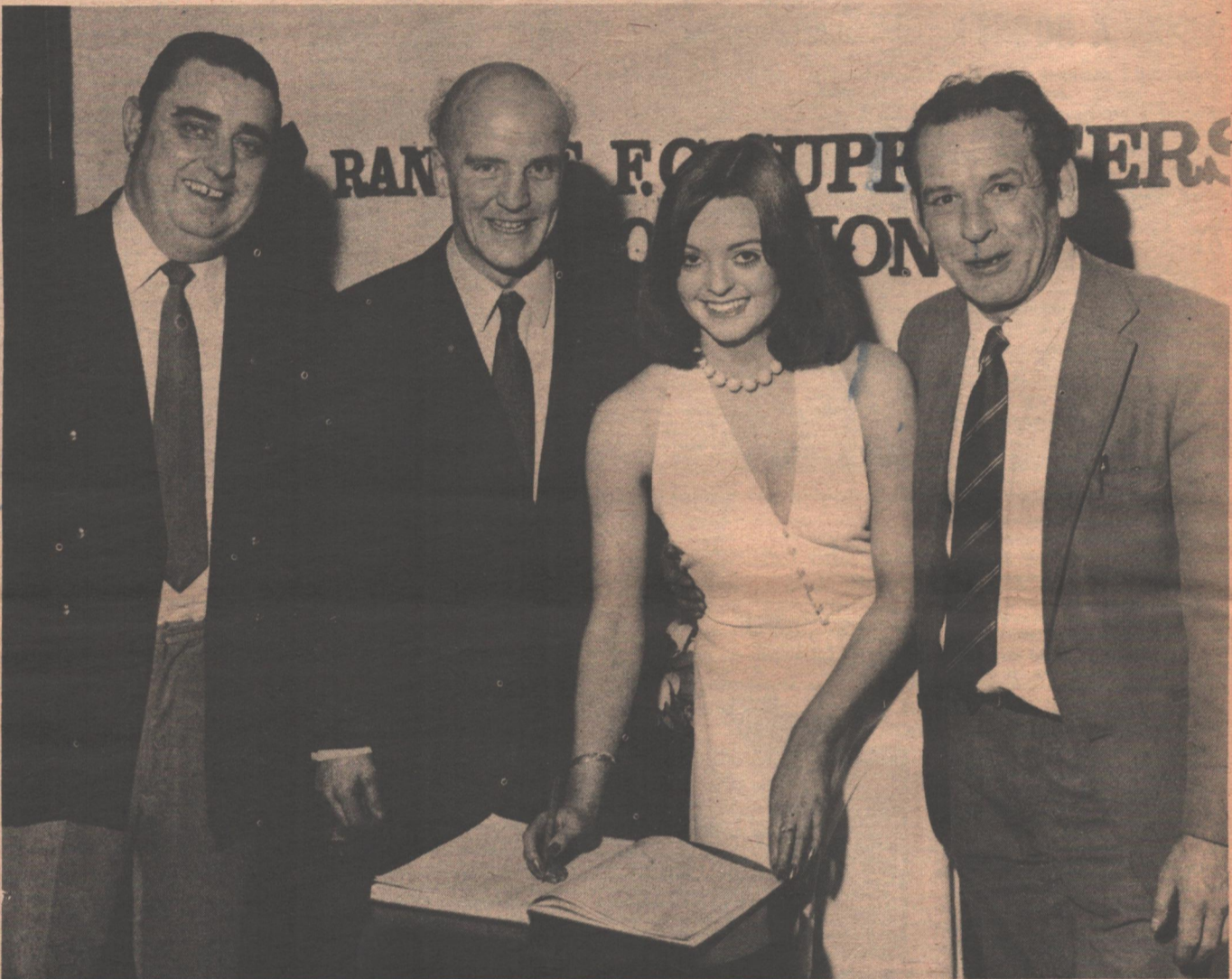
It was the second annual prize-giving for the lads who had come out on top over the season at darts, dominoes, snooker and golf, but they were all knocked out by the delicious Miss Duncan.

The cabaret lounge of the Club was packed for the occasion and a crowd of 250 burst into sustained applause when "News" girl Hazel appeared wearing a stunning white "cat suit".

Hazel intends to enter the "Miss Scotland" competition in the spring and if she needs a supporters club she needn't look further than Edminston Drive, where members and officials were as impressed by her quiet charm as her appearance.



• On to the snooker competition now and winner for the second year in succession, Tommy Sinclair, lets Hazel have a close up view of the trophy.



• Rangers Supporters' Association club officials meet Hazel Duncan, Miss 'Rangers News', at the entrance to the Club. She had, of course, to sign the visitors' book. Picture shows (left to right) Wallace Watson, Andy McMillan and Peter Patrick.



• Hazel with the winner of the Whitbread Shield for darts, Bill Daly.



• On the receiving end of the presentation this time is domino champion Frank Bove.



• McKinlay-McPherson golf competition winner Hugh McLachlan.



Light Blues' five-star show in conditions fit for ducks . . .

THIS WAS MORE LIKE IT, 'GERS!

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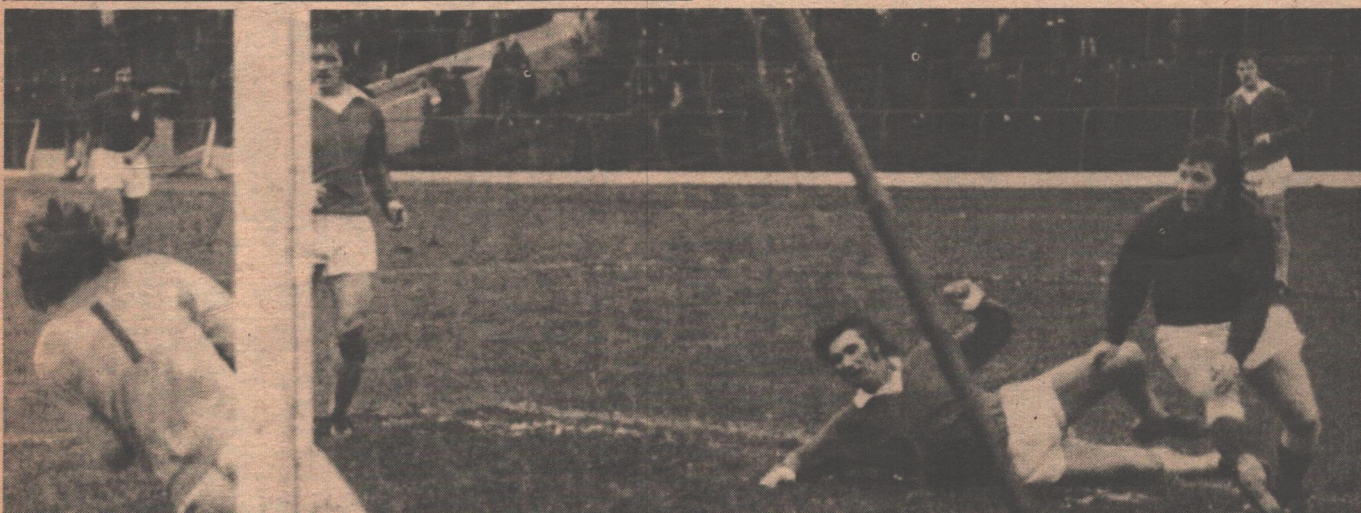
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SUPPORTERS CORNER

POSSILPARK: Bus for Dumbarton 1½ hours before kick-off. Meet Monday at 7.00.

COWCADDENS: Bus v Dumbarton leaves Wyndford 11.45 pick-up Cowcaddens 12.00. Bus v Ayr leaves Wyndford 11.45, Cowcaddens 12.00. Early times because of kick-off changes. Non members welcome.

TRADESTON: Dumbarton bus leaves Shields Road 12.30 and Ayr bus, December 29, 12.00. Non members welcome both buses.



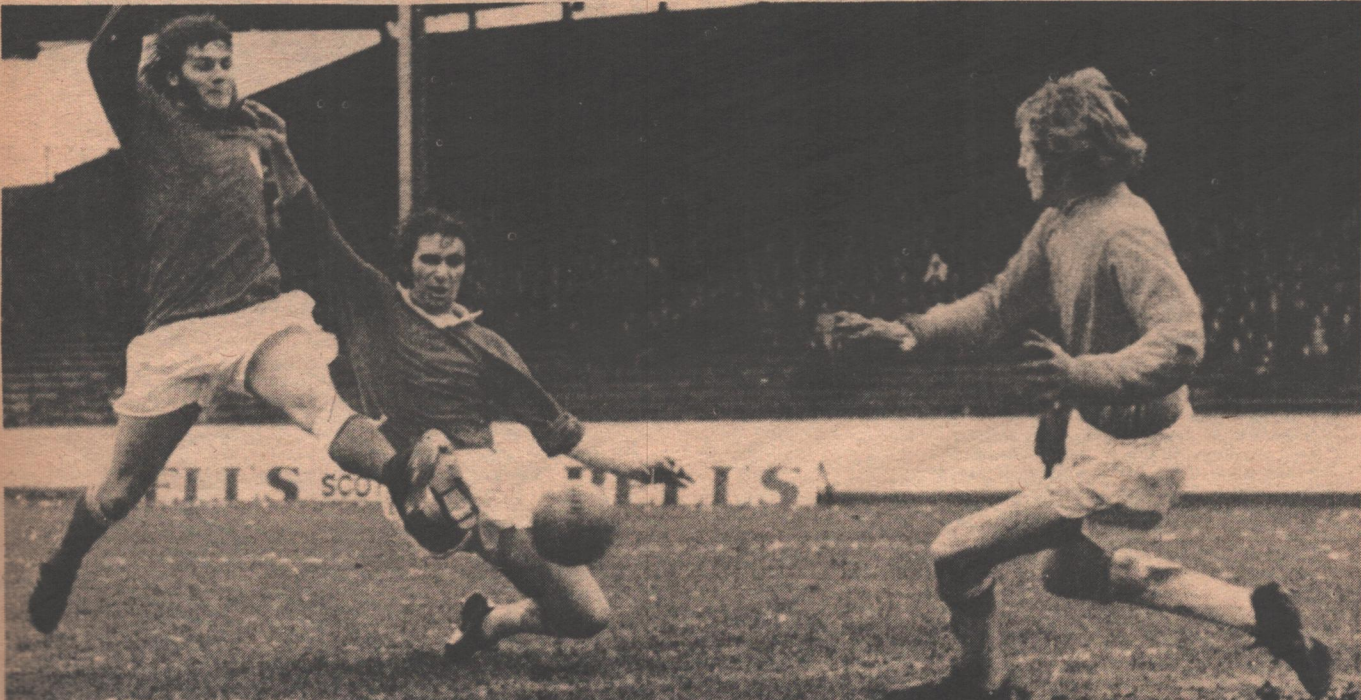
• Alex MacDonald, looking rather soaked, skids a low left foot shot across goal but St. Johnstone 'keeper Robertson dives to hold it.



• 'Keeper Robertson lands a beautiful right to punch away the danger as Quinton Young sails past him.



• Derek Parlane beats his man to send in a volley on goal, but the ball was safely held by 'keeper Robertson.



• So near! Alfie Conn gets his foot to the ball first but Saints' 'keeper Robertson made an almost point-blank save.

MANAGER Jock Wallace's pre-match message to his players before the St. Johnstone game on Saturday was plain enough . . . ATTACK, ATTACK and ATTACK again. And the team responded with a five-star, five-goal display which not only routed Saints — despite them being ahead early on — but also overcame conditions fit for ducks.

"That was more like it," Jock told the "News". "I was delighted with that performance . . . some of the football was brilliant in view of the slippery, snowbound pitch and it's always good to see your team hit five goals."

It was good, too, to see them shared around, with two of the men brought back into the team, Dave Smith and Quinton Young, both scoring.

Yet this new-look Light Blues outfit, with John Greig as sweeper and Tom Forsyth, Dave Smith and, at time, Alex MacDonald in midfield, didn't get off to the most auspicious of starts.

For in the third minute Tom Forsyth did an excellent imitation of Santa Claus when he "gifted" Saints a goal by leaving a pass-back woefully short, allowing Muir to run on and beat Peter McCloy.

But 'Gers quickly shrugged that setback aside and gradually settled down to play some really attractive football. They equalised through Alfie Conn, went ahead when Cutty Young fired in a tremendous 30-year grounder and wrapped it up before half-time when Alex MacDonald was right on the spot to prod home a Sandy Jardine cross.

The fans had further cause for joy in the second forty-five minutes

by 'News' reporter

when Derek Parlane scored Rangers' fourth goal with a cracking shot from the edge of the penalty area and a last-minute tap home by the immaculate Dave Smith.

So Rangers went nap and, for comeback men Derek Johnstone, Dave Smith and Quinton Young, it was an excellent outing. Saints forced Peter McCloy into three excellent saves in the middle of the second half but apart from that their neat football got them nowhere.

The only black marks as far as Rangers were concerned were the booking of Tom Forsyth and a knee injury to Alfie Conn . . . otherwise, a first class day.

Rangers — McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Johnstone, Smith, Young, Forsyth, Parlane, Conn, MacDonald. Substitutes, McLean for Conn and Houston, not used.

St. Johnstone — Robertson, Ritchie, Argue, Kinnell, Cochrane, Crammond, Muir, Smith, Pearson, McQuade, Aitken. Substitutes, McManus and Hotson, not used.

Results, Scorers, Tables

Scottish League Cup—Final

CELTIC 0 DUNDEE 1
(H.T. 0-0) Wallace

Scottish League—Div. I

DUNFERMLINE ... 2 HIBS 3
Shaw Duncan
Leishman Stanton
Gordon

HEARTS 0 Ayr 1
(H.T. 0-1) Fleming

MORTON 3 DUMBARTON . 1
Osborne (2) Heron
Murray

MOTHERWELL ... 3 EAST FIFE ... 1
Muir McIver
Graham Goldthorp

RANGERS 5 ST JOHNSTONE 1
Conn, Young Muir
MacDonald
Parlane
Smith

Scottish League—Div. II

FORFAR 1 BRECHIN 2
Stanton Young, Duff
(H.T. 0-2)

STRANRAER 1 STENHSEMR ... 1
(Abandoned after 60 minutes)

McCall (pen.) Boyle
(H.T. 1-0)

KILMARNOCK ... 2 Q.O.S. 1
(Abandoned after 55 minutes)

Robertson Donald
Crook
(H.T. 2-1)

Scottish Cup First Round

BERWICK 0 ALBION ROVS. 0

HAMILTON 0 ALLOA 0

LOSSIEMOUTH ... 3 FRASERBURGH 3
Fraser, B. Bowie (3)
Collie (2)

Scottish Reserve League

ARBROATH 2 DUNDEE UTD. . 3

Ayr UNITED 2 HEARTS 2

DUMBARTON 4 MORTON 4

HIBS 0 DUNFERMLINE . 2

PARTICK TH. 1 FALKIRK 0
(Abandoned at half-time)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. I

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	14	4	2	0	7	0	1	36	12	24
Hearts	15	3	3	2	4	2	1	27	18	19
Hibs	13	6	0	0	2	3	2	26	18	19
Rangers	13	4	1	3	4	1	0	22	11	18
Ayr Un	15	4	2	1	3	2	3	21	17	18
Abdeen	12	2	3	0	4	2	1	18	10	17
Dndee U	13	3	1	1	3	3	2	20	17	16
Mthrwll	15	3	4	2	2	1	3	19	16	15
Dumbrtn	14	3	0	4	3	1	3	18	17	13
Dundee	13	3	0	4	2	2	2	18	12	12
Dnfrmlne	14	1	2	4	3	2	2	22	24	12
Clyde	14	3	1	3	1	3	3	14	29	12
Arbroath	14	1	1	5	2	4	1	20	24	11
Morton	13	2	3	3	1	1	3	14	16	10
East Fife	15	1	2	5	2	1	4	11	21	9
Partick	13	2	1	3	1	2	4	14	24	9
St Jnstne	14	1	2	4	2	1	4	14	27	9
Falkirk	14	0	4	2	0	1	7	11	28	5

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIV. II

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	16	7	1	0	5	1	2	40	13	26
Hamilt	16	4	2	2	6	2	0	30	19	24
Berwick	17	5	4	0	4	1	3	29	14	23
Kilmarnock	15	6	1	1	4	1	2	37	23	22
Alloa	15	4	1	1	5	2	2	29	16	21
Stirling A	16	6	0	1	3	1	5	33	22	19
Q.O.S.	16	5	1	2	3	3	3	30	22	19
Raith	16	4	0	3	3	3	3	28	23	17
St Mirr	14	3	1	3	4	1	2	37	31	16
E Stirling	15	4	1	4	3	0	3	29	23	15
Qn's Pk	15	4	0	4	3	1	3	20	27	15
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Forfar	15	1	2	5	0	1	6	13	37	5
Brechin	18	0	0	9	1	1	7	17	56	3



HOME SWEET HOME!

'Sons' make it so tough for visitors

DUMBARTON have had one really bad result this season . . . against Rangers in the League Cup when they were beaten 6-0 in the first leg at Ibrox.

The Light Blues followed that up with a 2-1 victory at Boghead to go through on a comfortable 8-1 aggregate score.

But that big first leg victory was "just one of those days" for Sons . . . an evening actually when nothing went right for Dumbarton and everything went right for Rangers.

And, a little ironically, it was "local boy" Derek Parlane who put three nails — in the shape of a hat-trick — into Sons' coffin, ably aided and abetted by a John Greig penalty and two fabulous long-range goals from Quinton Young.

The return at Boghead was a much different proposition with the Light Blues scraping through by 2-1, Alistair Scott and Graham Ffye being the goal men.

But, forgetting these two matches against Rangers, Dumbarton have been something of a revelation in Scotland this season and certainly no team — and we mean no team can be completely sure they will come away from Boghead with two points.

The Sons can count among their home victims this season alone such sides as Hibs — by 4-1! — Motherwell (3-0) and St. Johnstone (2-1). And a commendable away victory over East Fife and Bayview's never an easy place to win at either — a draw at Tynecastle, and a big win at Shawfield against Clyde. All first class performances.

The man who's starring in goals for Sons right now is **Lawrie Williams**. A bit on the small side for a goalkeeper, Lawrie makes up for it with his agility and reflex saves.

Former Motherwell player **Alan McKay** is the regular right back al-



• Jump to it! Alex MacDonald and ex-Ranger Brian Heron get up together for a high ball during last season's Boghead encounter. Former Celt John Cushley stands by.

though he only came into the side when ex-Celt **Donald Watt** was injured. Either of those two could play against Rangers.

It's a similar situation at left back where **Peter McQuade**, formerly of East Fife, spent the first dozen or so games in possession before losing his place to **Willie Wilkinson**. The latter seems the likelier to be playing on Saturday.

Dumbarton's only ever-present is right half **Gordon Menzies** who's been with the club a couple of seasons now and has been played in a few positions.

A man who never seems to grow any older . . . that's centre half **John Cushley**. "Cush" has been around a bit yet never seems to be struggling. His experience at the heart of the Boghead defence is invaluable.

When **Dennis Ruddy** used to hit the headlines it was usually because of the huge black beard he sported then but nowadays people are noticing his football ability as well and he's proved a useful signing since arriving at Dumbarton from nearby Clydebank last year.

Outside right appears to have been a bit of a problem this season with several different players having a spell on that touchline. **Peter Coleman** started the season off there, then his place was taken by **Kenny Jenkins**. Next to be tried was **John Bourke**, but of them all it's Coleman who seems certain to play against 'Gers.

Ex-Celt **Willie Wallace** is another of Boghead's experienced men who is using all his guile and craft in a very worthwhile midfield role. Even at that he still manages to pop in

the odd goal. **Big Roy McCormack** has been knocking in the goals for Dumbarton for half a dozen seasons now and invariably he finished as his side's top scorer. His greatest asset is his skill in the air . . . as a number of defenders have discovered over the years.

Johnny Graham, **John Paterson** and maybe even **Tom McAdam** are in the running for the number 10 jersey, but Graham looks to be slight favourite for his experience may weigh against the two youngsters.

The man who's really buzzing at the moment, is former Ibrox player, **Brian Heron**. "Flight," as he's nicknamed, has had a rough time through injury over the past few months, but he's now completely recovered and scored four goals in his first five games back in the side.

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**ONLY TWO GAMES IN 25 DAYS
BUT NO LET UP FOR THE 'GERS**

LIGHT BLUES GET READY FOR THE 'BIG PUSH'

AFTER several months of a couple of games a week, Rangers have found themselves recently with only TWO matches stretched over a 25-day period up to today!

The postponement of the League games against Motherwell at Ibrox and Dundee at Dens park was the reason, of course for the free Saturdays. These games will be fitted in within the next two or three months.

But if the Ibrox players — either first team or reserve — haven't been playing much recently they've been making up for it in training where

manager Jock Wallace has driven his men hard. Last week, for instance, the Ibrox boss had the players either over at the Albion or out on the Stadium's own cinder track in all kinds of weather.

And the accent on these punishing sessions was on FOOTBALL. For, especially at the Albion, the players split up into two teams and had full-scale practice games . . . with interesting results.

"Some of the goals that have been scored have been out of this world," said Jock. "Everybody looked good in these sessions and, really, there have been some tremendous goals. "Dougie Houston, Alfie Conn, Ally Scott . . . they've all been at it with cracking efforts from all over the place we had several good days."

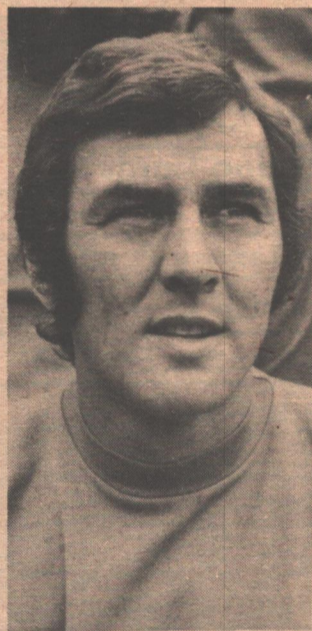
The players will testify to that for several admitted that they've really felt the last couple of weeks' training and that's after a season and more of being under manager Jock Wallace!

But, seriously, even the wind and rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm and effort of these training stints and the Ibrox teams look in good shape for the Christmas and New Year matches.

One thing's for sure, if they carry on on a Saturday afternoon where they left off at the Albion during the week then let the opposition watch out!



• JOCK WALLACE



• DOUG HOUSTON

QUIZ ANSWERS

1 — Celtic v Dundee United, East Fife v Hearts and Ayr United v Falkirk. 2 — Jimmy Smith of Newcastle. 3 — Dunfermline's new goalkeeper. 4 — True. 5 — August, 1966. 6 — Jimmy Adamson. 7 — a) East Fife, b) Hibs and c) Hearts. 8 — Johnny Haynes of Fulham. 9 — Colin Stein, Tom Hutchison, Willie Carr and Brian Alderson. 10 — Martin Peters. 11 — Hibs. 12 — January 5, 1974. 13 — West Germany as host nation and Brazil as holders. 14 — Carlisle United. 15 — Everton.

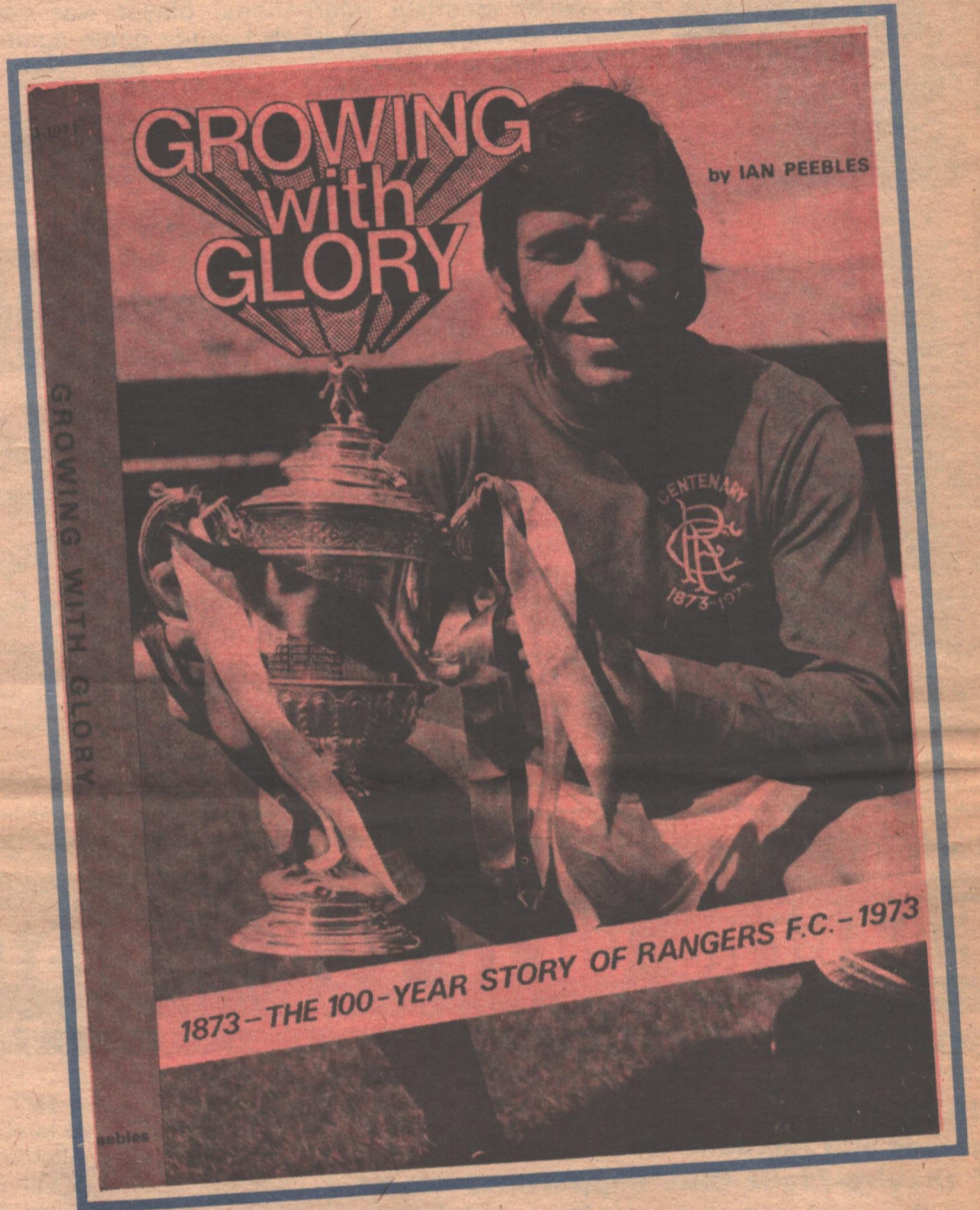


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