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'HONEST MEN' BLOCK ROAD TO THE FINAL

Skipper helped youngster in fight for life

'Miracle' recovery — thanks to John

A young Rangers supporter who was critically ill just a few weeks ago was at Ibrox on Saturday after making a miracle recovery — and his dad gives much of the credit to John Greig.

Eleven-year-old Mark McGowan, from Clydebank, was in the intensive care unit of the city's Yorkhill Hospital for several weeks but he always longed for a Friday afternoon ... and a visit from the Ibrox skipper.

"It was these visits from John which gave Mark the will to live as much as anything," said the lad's father, Mr William McGowan.

"I can't thank John enough for what he did and I am deeply indebted, too, to Mrs Kay and Mr Laing, of the Social Club, for their help."

Mark, of 70/6 Windsor Crescent, Clydebank, was admitted to Yorkhill in November but his condition was not serious.

Then he developed a stomach abscess and complications set in. "It was touch and go whether or not Mark would survive," said Mr McGowan. "It was that serious."

When John heard about the youngster he decided to try to cheer him up. So, before the Celtic game early in the New Year, he visited Mark — and made the lad's day!

Said Mr McGowan: "Mark couldn't believe it when John came in for he has always been daft about Rangers — and the team's captain in particular!"

Promised

"You can imagine how my son felt when John promised to visit him every Friday. It gave him heart and from then on his recovery was something of a miracle."

"John brought along pennants and photos and several different things to do with Rangers. He was really wonderful."

And the climax to young Mark's wonderful recovery came on Saturday when he visited Ibrox along with dad and his brother Anthony (10).

John was there to meet them and took them along to the dressing room to meet the other Rangers players and then up to the Ibrox trophy room. And to crown a great day, they boys and their dad watched Rangers win 2-0!



● Mark and a picture to remember with John Greig, Alex Miller, Peter McCloy, Sandy Jardine and Alex Mac Donald before Saturday's cup-tie at Ibrox.

Rangers turn down Israeli 'fives' invite

RANGERS have turned down an invitation from Israel to take part in an eight-club five-a-side tournament in May.

General manager Willie Waddell received the invitation this week but, because of club and possible international commitments at the time of the competition, the offer had to be refused.

Taking part in the fives tournament are six British clubs and two Israeli teams and host club is Maccabi. The competition starts on May 14 and lasts for seven days.

Mr. Waddell was delighted to receive the invitation but regretfully had to turn it down.

"Unfortunately, the competition is being held at a bad time for us—and, I would imagine, all the British teams involved."

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"It comes hard on the heels of the end of our own domestic season and this in itself would make it difficult. "But, in addition to that, it is bang in the middle of the Home International Championships and we don't know what calls will be made on Rangers players for that tournament. It's just an unfortunate time of the season." The competition is being held in Tel Aviv and 'Gers, of course, have been there recently.

Ibrox men face United in 'Semi'

RANGERS will play Ayr United in the Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden on Wednesday, April 4, and Manager Jock Wallace will accord the tournament's "shock team" the utmost respect.

Boss Wallace was delighted with the draw and, as soon as it was known, he told the "News": "This is a great one for us and what a game it will be! I am very pleased."

The last time the two sides met was at the end of last year at Ibrox in the League when Rangers won 2-1 through goals by Alfie Conn and Derek Parlane. It was close then and there's no reason to suggest anything else this time round.

Since then in fact, Ayr have been improving steadily and they astounded many people in the last round of the Cup when they beat Partick Thistle 5-1 at Firhall.

And that result certainly indicates Rangers won't have it all their own way. Says Jock: "That was an excellent result. And gave us any reminder we might need that they will be formidable opposition."

"They are going really well just now and, of course, we are not doing so badly ourselves. Everything points to it being a great match and one we are certainly looking forward to."

Ayr boss Ally McLeod has moulded a fine team at Som-

er Park and players like goalkeeper Davie Stewart fullback Davie Wells, midfielder Joe Filipi and forwards George McLean and John Doyle are all on top form just now. One way or another, as Jock Wallace says, it should be quite a game.

It was a busy day at the S.F.A. headquarters on Monday for apart from the Cup draw, the Scottish League pool for the game against the English League on Tuesday was announced.

And no less than five Rangers players were included in Willie Ormond's 16 man squad. The Ibrox stars who will be trying to wipe out the memory of the centenary international are Peter McCloy, Sandy Jardine, Derek Johnstone, Tommy McLean and Derek Parlane.

All have figured in past international squads

THE DRAW

Rangers v Ayr United, at Hampden Park, April 4.

Celtic or Aberdeen v Dundee, at Hampden, April 7.

A safety warning to fans

IN the interests of safety supporters MUST NOT try to go from the west end of the ground to the east end and vice versa through the Centenary Stand.

The club broadcast an announcement to this effect at half-time and at the end of the Scottish Cup tie with Airdrie at Ibrox on Saturday.

Says general manager Willie Waddell: "It is for the benefit of our supporters that we must ask them not to try and go from one end to the other through the new stand."

"We do this in the interests of safety and comfort and fans should not attempt it, particularly at the end of a match."



● Airdrie Skipper Derek Whiteford heads clear from Tom Forsyth and Derek Johnstone during Saturday's cup-tie at Ibrox. More big match action on Pages 6 and 7.



IT COULD BE AN OLD FIRM 'FIVES' FINAL

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In 1891 the championship was shared with Dumbarton
SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (19)
1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966
LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (7)
1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1970
OTHER STATISTICS
Glasgow Cup holders 37 times
Charity Cup (32), Southern League (4), Southern League Cup (4), Emergency War Cup and Scottish Regional League (1939-40), Victory Cup 1946 Reserve League champions (25), 2nd XI Cup, (23), Reserve League Cup (5)

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RANGERS manager Jock Wallace will be sending a strong team to the five-a-side tournament being organised by Giffnock North Amateur Athletic Club in the Kelvin Hall on Monday night.

It will be a great night for several other senior teams will be taking part in the competition including Celtic, Hamilton Aca's, Motherwell, Morton, Clydebank and Queen's Park.

In the first round, 'Gers are due to meet Morton and, if they get through, they will then play the winners of the Motherwell and Queen's Park tie. The draw, then, leaves the way open for an "Old Firm" final!

The competition is being sponsored by Guinness, the brewers, and they have again presented prizes. This football spectacular starts at 7 p.m. and all the proceeds will be used for the development of the Giffnock Club's sports ground.

Amateur clubs will be taking part in a five-a-side tournament as well and included in that line-up are Dumbarton F.P., Douglas Amateurs, Giffnock North, Morrisdon Amateurs, Netherlee, P.O. Telephones, Viewfield Amateurs and Weirs Recreation.

Rangers were beaten early on in last year's tournament but this season manager Wallace will be sending a strong team to the Kelvin Hall.

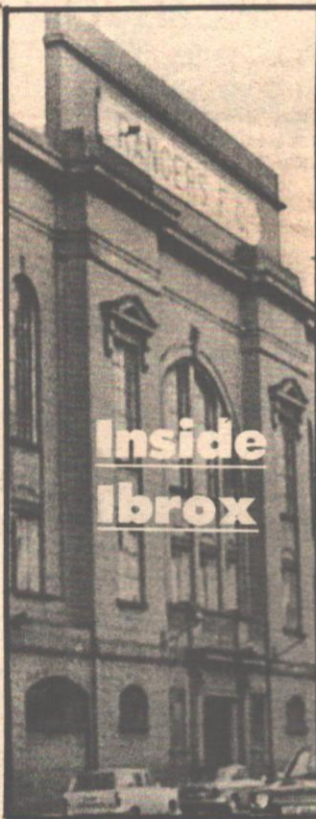
"Depending on the fixtures, I will be sending a good squad," said Jock. "The inter-league match is the following night so a lot will depend on who is in that pool. But I certainly hope to send along a strong side."

The competition in these five-a-sides is just about as keen as it is in a full-scale match and already well over 1000 tickets have been sold.

BIRTHDAY REPEAT

RANGERS midfielder ALEX MACDONALD celebrated his 25th birthday on Saturday. Congratulations from the "News", Dottie. But one or two coincidences emerge from the day and game on which Alex's birthday fell last season.

Fog, then it was also Scottish Cup time although the actual game fell on March 18 and 'Gers opponents were another Lanarkshire side — Motherwell. It took the Ibrox side two games to beat



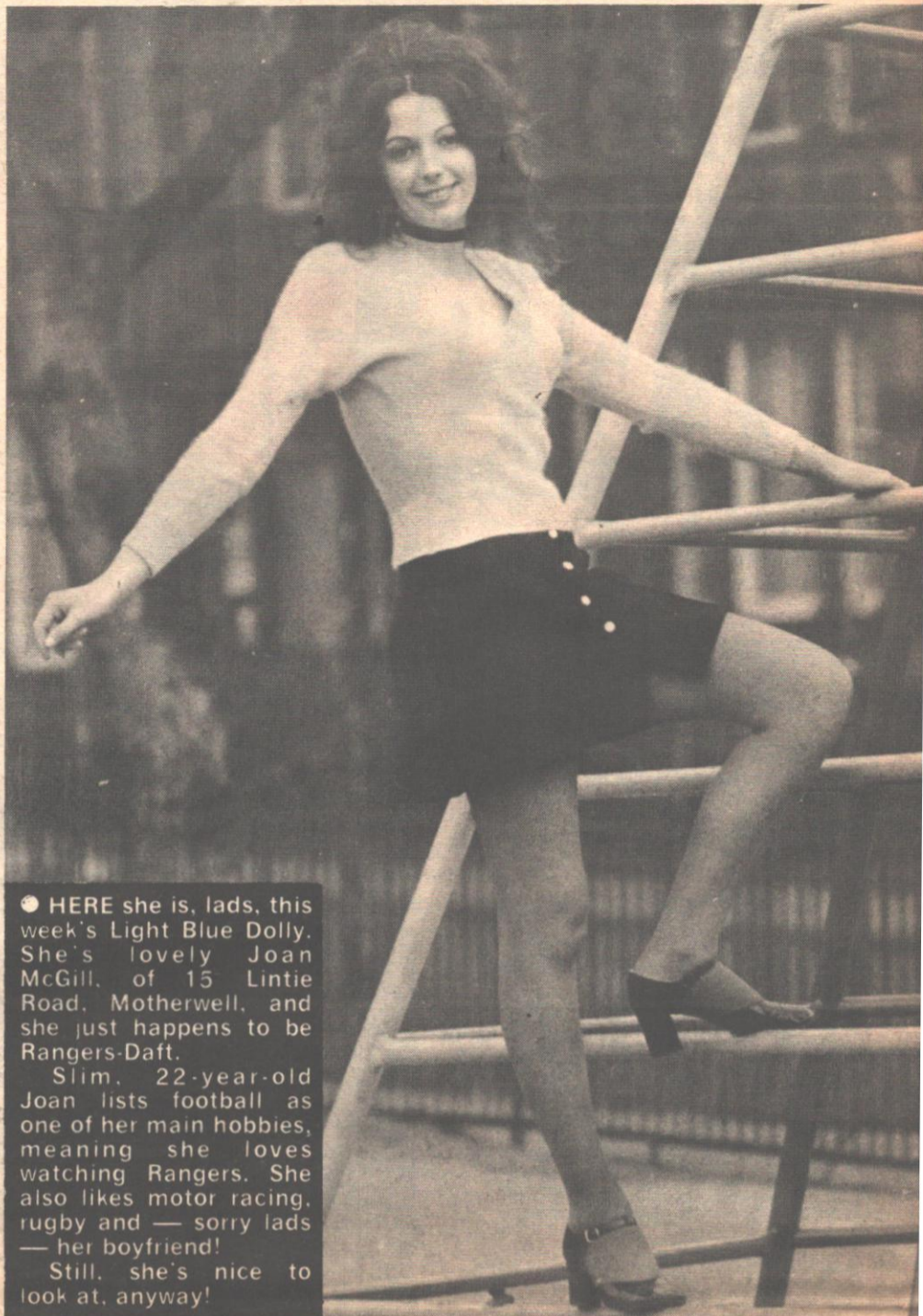
Inside Ibrox

'Well but in the first match at Fir Park, Dottie scored in the 2-2 draw.

TOM GETS 'EM GOING

AMONG the players who have been back in at Ibrox in the afternoons this last couple of weeks have been full-backs SANDY JARDINE and WILLIE MATHIESON. Both have been sprinting under the watchful eye of Tom Paterson who says: "The boys have been back doing work over short distances.

"Principally they have been working over distances between five and twelve yards just to sharpen them up."



● HERE she is, lads, this week's Light Blue Dolly. She's lovely Joan McGill, of 15 Lintie Road, Motherwell, and she just happens to be Rangers-Daft.

Slim, 22-year-old Joan lists football as one of her main hobbies, meaning she loves watching Rangers. She also likes motor racing, rugby and — sorry lads — her boyfriend!

Still, she's nice to look at, anyway!

KIDS LAP UP TOUR

A 30-strong party of children from the CHRICHTON ROYAL HOSPITAL, near Dumfries, visited Ibrox last Thursday afternoon. Earlier the kids had been to Prestwick Airport for the morning.

The children visited the Stadium last year as well and again they thoroughly enjoyed their tour.

It's not surprising the kids enjoyed themselves for a few of the players were at Ibrox — including SANDY JARDINE, WILLIE MATHIESON and BILLY STEEL.

But the children also left a present for LIZZIE LOVE — a pot plant. And in addition to that, they presented the club with a blue and white rabbit they had made with a red and white ribbon round it.

AWARD FOR PARLANE

DEREK PARLANE was due to be presented with the Player of the Year award at a Dumbarton

branch's do at Helensburgh on Friday night.

Unfortunately, the young centre couldn't make it because of Rangers game with Airdrie in the Scottish Cup on Saturday. Nevertheless, he fully appreciated the gesture.

A BOGHEAD RECORD?

RANGERS game with Dumbarton at Boghead on March 31 will be an all-ticket affair — and the Sons are expecting a record crowd for the season.

The gates will be closed when 15,000 are in the ground and the previous best for the year was when Celtic drew 14,500.

WEDDING RING LOST

A wedding ring has been found at Ibrox. It's a broad-shaped gold band and has inscribed on it: "ANN AND DUNCAN. 23/6/71".

If Ann or Duncan — or anyone who might know the couple — get in touch with Ibrox they can get the ring back.



● Alex MacDonald . see "Birthday Repeat"



● Sandy Jardine . see "Tom Gets 'EM Going."



STEP FORWARD SANDY —AND TAKE A BOW!

SANDY Jardine moved out of the number two jersey for the second time this season for the game against Dundee recently. And the move which took Sandy from the back to midfield was partly forced on Manager Jock Wallace by injuries to no less than FOUR of his other middle-of-the-park men.



● John Greig . . . broken toe ruled him out.

● Alfie Conn. . . niggling injury problem.

Yet Sandy moved forward and played as if he'd been there all his life—especially in an excellent first half.

His forceful play was an asset to the side and on two occasions, at least, he came close to scoring goals. Sandy himself was reasonably happy with his play.

"I didn't know about the switch involving myself going to number four and Jim Denny coming in at right back until just before the kick-off," he told the "News".

"In the first half, I thought I did alright but I struggled a bit after the interval when the team lost the initiative.

"I can hardly remember the last time I played anywhere else but right back," said Sandy. "Mind you, I enjoyed the move forward and think of the honour in taking Greigy's place!"

Jock Wallace, too, was quite happy with Sandy's performance in what was, after all, a strange role for him.

"Sandy was very effective in that first half and might have got himself a couple of goals through being in the right position at the right time. On both occasions he was a bit unlucky," said the boss.

"In the second half he was affected by the slump just after the interval, but he was still doing well at the end of the game."

The principal reasons—and there were four of them—for Sandy coming into the midfield for the Dundee match were . . . John Greig, Alfie Conn, Joe Mason and George Donaldson.

Greigy, of course, was still out following his broken toe against Hibs in the Scottish replay at Easter Road.

Alf has been stricken by a niggling injury for the past two months although he did come on as substitute against Hibs. So he, too, was ruled out.

Joe Mason, as well, took a nasty knock at training which required three stitches in a knee so unfortunately he couldn't figure in the manager's plans.

Into the reckoning, too, might have come George Donaldson but the youngster had a trip to Italy and France recently and played for the reserves at Dens Park on Friday night.

Reserve coach Stan Anderson, too, was quite happy with the big man's display. "Ronnie had that injury which kept him out for some time but he came back well in the match at Dens Park.

Scarcely

"In fact, between Ron, Colin Jackson and the rest of the defence, the Dundee attack was scarcely seen. The side, though, in general played better than they have done recently and this would help Ron settle down into the team a bit better."

So, once more, Ronnie has recovered from an irritating injury and begins his fight for a first team place again.

Wallace

salutes

Jardine

for his

midfield

patrol



● Sandy Jardine . . . "I enjoyed the move forward, but struggled a bit after the interval."

'Ton-up' Gers!

DEREK HITS THE 'CENTENARY' GOAL

WHAT has escaped general notice among all the talk of League Championships and Scottish Cups recently is the fact that Rangers passed the 100-goal mark for the season in the game against Dundee.

And it was fitting that the man who scored our "centenary" goal was teenage forward Derek Parlane. That first goal against Dundee, in fact, was a real cause for celebration and, when Derek added another late in the game, it was his 21st of the year as well.

Header

So Derek's header from Tommy McLean's cross made the total in 48 matches—including the one against the Dens Park team—100 and by the end of the day it was, of course, 102.

The goals have come in League, League Cup, Scottish Cup, Drybrough Cup and friendly matches.

In the League, Rangers have scored 58 goals in 27 games; in the League Cup the total was 25; in the Drybrough it was three goals in two games; in the Scottish Cup, excluding last Saturday's match, the tally is four; and

in friendlies the Ibrox side have beaten the opposition 'keeper 12 times in five games.

The fact that Rangers notched number 100 provoked a letter from "News" reader Terry Scott, of Newton Farm, Hawick, in Roxburghshire.

Terry remembers it was 'Gers other Derek—Johnstone—who got the 100th goal last season in a game against St. Johnstone.

Previous

And in the previous season Colin Stein took the honours against Queen's Park after 59 matches. Andy Penman was the man who made it 100-up in season 1969-70 against Raith Rovers after 45 matches and prior to that Alex Ferguson got the 100th against St. Mirren.



● Derek Parlane . . . scored Rangers' 100th goal of the season.

RON SHAKES OFF 'INJURY BLUES'

RONNIE McKinnon came back into the reserve side after an absence of six weeks against Dundee last Friday night—and had his best game for months.

Ron came back with Colin Jackson alongside him at the heart of the second string defence and the pair blotted out the Dens Park attack.

It was a heartening return for the big centre half for he has had rough luck with a niggling injury these last few weeks.

It was a groin injury which caused all the trouble and, said Ron: "It was a nuisance because it just wouldn't clear up. This type of injury is always the same."

Pleased

"Still, I was reasonably pleased with the game at Dundee and it was good to get a game again."

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● Tommy McLean . . . see question 5.

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Pen Pal Spot

JAMES BOWMAN (11) wants male pen pal, same age group, anywhere in Scotland. Must support Rangers. Hobbies are football and pop music. Favourite players Derek Johnstone, Tommy McLean, Tom Forsyth, Derek Parlane, Peter McCloy and Quinton Young. Write to 44 Morton Road, Stewarton, Ayrshire.

ALBERT TOPPING, Jnr, 30 Slimma Close, and **IAN HOLMES**, 30 Trassey Close, both Gregaah EST, Belfast 6, Northern Ireland, would like to hear from two girls (18-20) who support Rangers and are interested in football generally and pop music. Their favourite Ibrox players are Alfie Conn, Tom McLean and John Greig.

ANDY FULTON (24262570), Corps of Drums, Supp Coy, 1st Batt. Grenadier Guards B.F.P.O. 801, would like pen pal who supports Rangers. Hobbies: Listening to pop music.

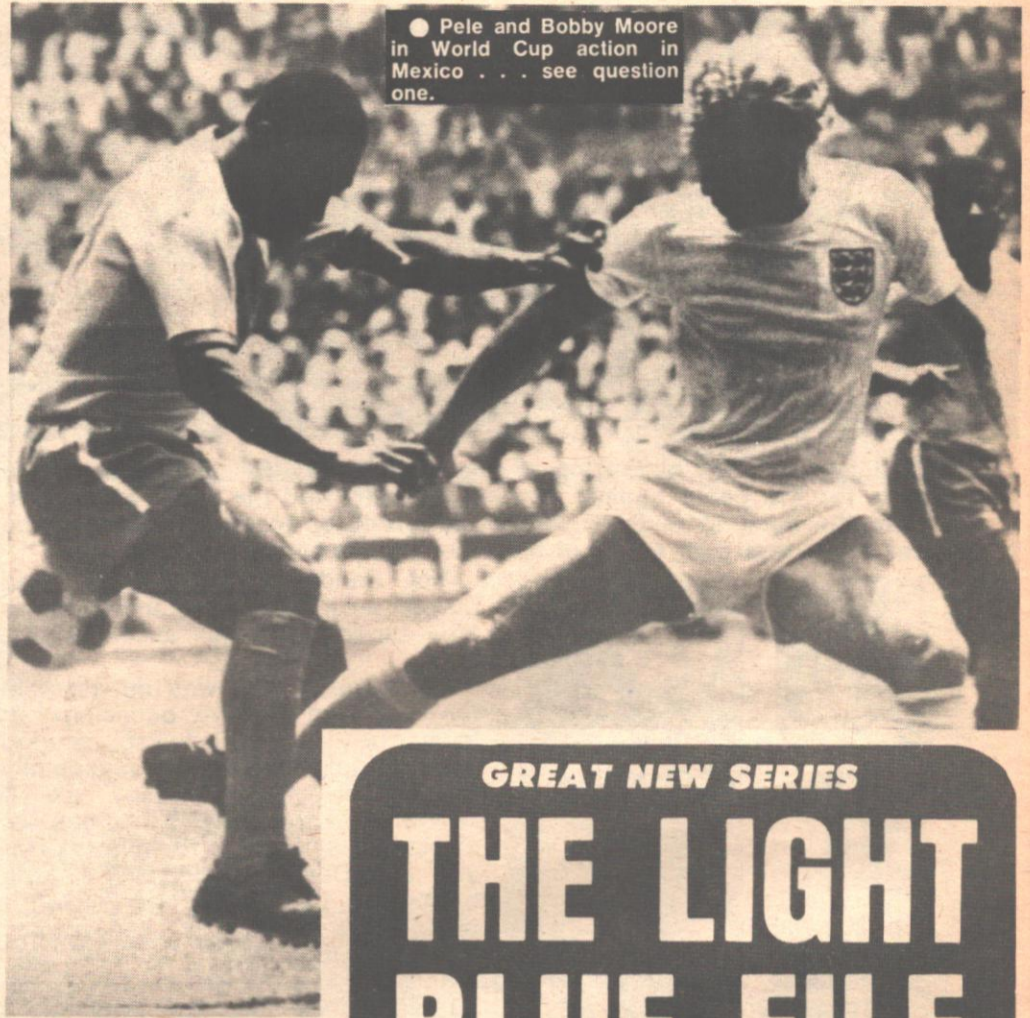
United?

- 1—The fabulous Pele was in Britain last week to play Fulham and Plymouth but with which club?
- 2—Joe Mason has scored two goals for Rangers since joining from Morton. Can you say against which teams?
- 3—Which two former Old Firm stars play for English Second Division club Sheffield Wednesday?
- 4—If the "Warriors" played the "Spiders" which two Scottish Second Division clubs would be playing?
- 5—Tommy McLean once played for Ayr United. True or false?



● Joe Mason . . . see question 2.

- 6—If Rangers travelled to Goodison Park for a European tie which English team would they be playing?
- 7—Bobby Lawrie, Quinton Young, Arthur Duncan, Jocky Scott. Which player is the odd man out?
- 8—England won the World Cup in 1966 but do you know which country they beat in the Wembley Final?
- 9—If Derek Rylance played against Rikki Fleming which two clubs would be playing?
- 10—When did Alex Miller join Rangers. Was it 1965, 1968 or 1970?



● Pele and Bobby Moore in World Cup action in Mexico . . . see question one.

IBROX QUIZ

- 11—Who won the U.E.F.A. Cup last season. Was it Liverpool, Ujpest Dozsa or Tottenham Hotspur?
- 12—Which team was the first Scottish side to enter European competition?
- 13—Derek Johnstone is to Rangers as Jackie Campbell is to which club?
- 14—Hamilton Accies were knocked out of the Scottish Cup by St. Mirren. True or false?
- 15—Which French team did Rangers play on the way to their Barcelona triumph last season?

FREE— TO ALL 'NEWS' READERS

Name the bosses-win stand seats!



IT'S another great opportunity for all 'Rangers News' readers to get the chance to win FREE Stand Seat tickets for a Light Blue home match.

This time it's for the all important match with Dundee United on April 14—one which promises to be a thriller.

There will be THREE lucky winners who will each receive two tickets, and they can bring along their Dad, brother, sister, uncle or school chum to watch the match.

All you have to do in this simple competition is identify the 'Mystery Managers' on the left then fill in the coupon, stating clearly the answer, your name and address in ballpoint pen.

Send your entries to: 'Mystery Managers,' Rangers News, 40 Kelvin-grove Street, Glasgow G3 7JZ, to arrive not later than first post Monday, April 9.

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GREAT NEW SERIES THE LIGHT BLUE FILE



★ This week, the "News" continues its great new feature called the "Light Blue File" by switching wings! Last week, of course, we featured outside right Tommy McLean to start the series off and this week it's the turn of number eleven QUINTON YOUNG.

- What age are you?
I'm 25.
- Where do you live?
In Alloway, Ayrshire.
- Are you married?
Yes, my wife's name's Molly and we have three boys. Keith is six, David five, and Colin two.
- What's your favourite car?
I don't drive but I like Ford Capris like wee Tam McLean's or big Peter McCloy's.
- Who's your favourite comedian?
Without doubt Tommy Cooper.
- What's your favourite food?
I like scampi but I'm also very keen on a good steak.
- Who are your favourite singers, male and female?
It must be Frank Sinatra and my favourite female singer is probably Lulu.
- What about favourite film stars, again male and female?
I like films with Steve McQueen and, naturally, I like Brigitte Bardot!
- What's been the best country you've visited?
Oddly enough, Korea and then probably Japan. I was in both places with Coventry City last year.

Quinton Young



The "News" continues its EXCLUSIVE coverage of the Rangers Social Club with a look at two artistes sharing top spot next week. It's certain to be another week's great entertainment . . . and, remember, you read all about it in the "News", the only paper to give the Club top class coverage. Make sure you order your copy NOW!

AT THE SOCIAL CLUB

HEY PRESTO! HERE'S TO A 'MAGIC' SHOW TIME

Jeanette and John top bill

It's another double star bill at the Social Club next week with singer Jeanette Melville and magician and vocalist John Shearer sharing the top spot.

This is another chance for Social Club audiences to get "two bites at the cherry" and both Jeanette and John should provide great entertainment.

"There's no business like showbusiness" could be the motto for Jeanette's family, for her father was a comedian in his youth and her sister Betty is a well-known theatre star.

Excellent

Jeanette, herself, is an excellent singer and made the unusual switch from being an opera singer to doing folk numbers.

Jeanette has been singing since she was nine years old but didn't turn professional until 20, although before then she sang with a dance band.



● Jeanette Melville . . . turned from opera to folk singing.

The next step in her career was to study opera for three years in Glasgow before becoming part of a very successful folk trio who did a number of broadcasts.

Unfortunately, the trio split up when the two male members were married and one went to Canada while the other emigrated to South Africa!

That left Jeanette on her own—but she certainly hasn't struggled for recently she had a season in Dunoon and a spell at the Dundee Whitehall.

Looking

This is Jeanette's first visit to the Social Club and she's looking forward to it. "I've heard a lot about the Club and I believe it's one of the best in Europe," she told the "News".

John Shearer shares the top-of-the-bill spot and this magician is one of the most-travelled entertainers in the land. He has visited Malta, Germany, Finland, Sweden, the Canary Islands, West Africa, France and Holland.

In addition John has an extra claim to fame for he was the first professional British magician to appear in Moscow and Leningrad.



● John Shearer . . . his act is sheer 'magic'.

He has also entertained on luxury cruises throughout the world and has twice been on coast-to-coast tours of America and Canada with Jimmy Logan.

Nearer to home John is in equally great demand, especially as a children's entertainer, and he appeared on both television channels over Christmas.

As well as being an expert magician, John can turn his hand to compering shows and in this field he has done very well.

Over the past few years, he has compered shows featuring most of Scotland's top artistes and last summer he appeared in the Andy Stewart Show in Aberdeen.

More recently he has been at the Pavilion in Glasgow, the King's in Edinburgh, the Gaiety in Ayr and a couple of theatres in Ireland.

Cabaret

On the cabaret scene, he has appeared at most of the top North of England clubs and a few in Wales and Ireland as well as Dunblane and Peebles Hydros and the Baron Suite in Edinburgh.

John, incidentally, holds the highest award in the magic world, the gold star of the inner magic circle of London, and recently featured in an all-magic show in Blackpool.

THE READERS WRITE



● Iain McDonald . . . one fan is glad to see him back on form.

It's great to see Iain back

I thought I would drop a line to say how pleased I am that Iain McDonald is now back to form and ready to step into the first team again.

I watched Iain in his debut match against Ayr at Ibrox and thought he was fantastic and one to watch for the future. Unfortunately, due to a string of niggling injuries the youngster was denied a first team run.

I think he is now ready again for a place in the first team pool and he will give Quinton Young a run for the number eleven jersey.

Also I congratulate your cameraman at the recent Arbroath reserve match. The picture of 'keeper Wilson with his hand round Iain's leg, ready to pull him down, is a masterpiece of split-second photography.

Well, I look forward to coming home on leave and seeing the 1972-73 League flag flying at Ibrox.—Signalman J. Howat, 4 Guards Armoured Brigade, B.F.P.O 17, West Germany.

DAY JERRY WAS KO'D

WOULD you please tell me if Rangers goalkeeper Jerry Dawson was ever hit over the

head with a bottle just before a game began and if so did he manage to play on. If not, can you tell me who played in goal for 'Gers that day.—Billy Noble, 82 Ravenscraig Road, Peterhead.

★ Keeper Jerry Dawson was, in fact, hit by a bottle which was thrown from the terracing at Easter Road in season 1941-42 and he was taken off with concussion. Hibs went on to win the match 8-1 and Scott Symon took over in goal.

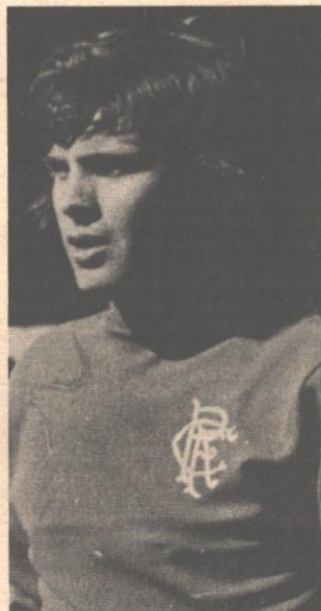
TRIBUTE TO DEREK

MY name is Betty Brown and recently I had a letter printed in the "News". In my letter I asked Derek Johnstone some questions and I was thrilled to get the answers in your paper.

I just had to write and thank you. After some thought I decided on a poem about Derek as a way of thanking him and you and I hope you like it.

P.S. You made me the envy of all my friends.

A brilliant footballer, in his own right,
He plays at Ibrox to my delight,
At centre half he is very capable,
At centre forward he is most able.
His black curly hair is shoulder length,
His deep dark eyes so intense,
The gentle giant he is called,
He's travelled all around the world.
You could say he is a superstar,
Only to be worshipped from afar,
He fills my heart, he fills my mind,
Derek, a Ranger for all time.



● Derek Johnstone . . . a poem in his honour.



'News' Action Special

SPOT-ON SHOWS



ALL Rangers injury problems cleared up before Saturday and thus they became even stronger favourites to beat an under-strength Airdrie in the Scottish Cup quarter final tie at Ibrox.

Prior to the game, both Derek Johnstone and Derek Parlane had been doubtful but they made it and Joe Mason recovered from his knock to be listed as substitute.

In sharp contrast, the Broomfield side made EIGHT changes from the official programme and this made their already difficult task seem well-nigh impossible.

Airdrie, however, have a reputation as cup fighters and they proved this with a first half performance that frustrated Rangers and their fans alike.

Rangers were so much on top in that opening forty-five minutes that it seemed a question of how many they would score ... and not if, in fact, they would score at all!

Their nearest efforts, then, were from a Tommy McLean shot on the turn which just slipped past McKenzie's post, a Derek Parlane header which went narrowly over the bar, a Willie Mathieson shot which was just scrambled for a corner, another good header from Derek Parlane and a Quinton Young shot which hit the post.

In the Rangers goal, Peter McCloy touched the ball for the first time in the 17 minute — and that was from a Sandy Jardine pass-back! It was a fair indication of how the game was going.



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● Roddy McKenzie is beaten all the way (above) as Derek Parlane puts Rangers ahead from the spot after Tommy McLean had been brought down. (Left)—Jonquin and Cutty Young get tangled in a run for the ball. (Below)—Alex MacDonald has a determined look as he shrugs off a challenge from Billy Hulston.



● It's clever stuff from Alex MacDonald (left) as the Ranger gets in an overhead k'ick, watched by Airdrie's Billy Wilson, during a fierce spell of pressure. This ball, though was off target, although it was a good try.

● Right — It's three against two as Alex MacDonald, Cutty Young and Derek Johnstone scramble for the ball with Airdrie's Whiteford and Fraser. This time the ball was cleared, though not before it gave the "Diamonds" defenders a lot of trouble.





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PARLANE THE WAY!

This time it was Cutty who got the goal when he sent a fine header past McKenzie from a Sandy Jardine cross.

That goal at last drew Airdrie out of their defensive shell, but, by coming forward, they left themselves open at the back. And Derek Johnstone nearly exploited this when he went on a brilliant run only to be thwarted when Jonquin stopped his parting shot on the line.

It was still all one-way traffic and a fabulous move involving Tommy McLean, Alex MacDonald and John Greig deserved a goal. Greig's shot, though, hit the side netting. Derek Johnstone, too, deserved better than he got on a number of occasions as 'Gers went all-out to do justice to the run of play.

Nevertheless, two goals was enough to take the side through to the semi-final — even if six goals would have been a better indication of their supremacy.

Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Grieg, Johnstone, Smith, McLean, Forsyth, Parlane, MacDonald, Young. Substitute Mason.

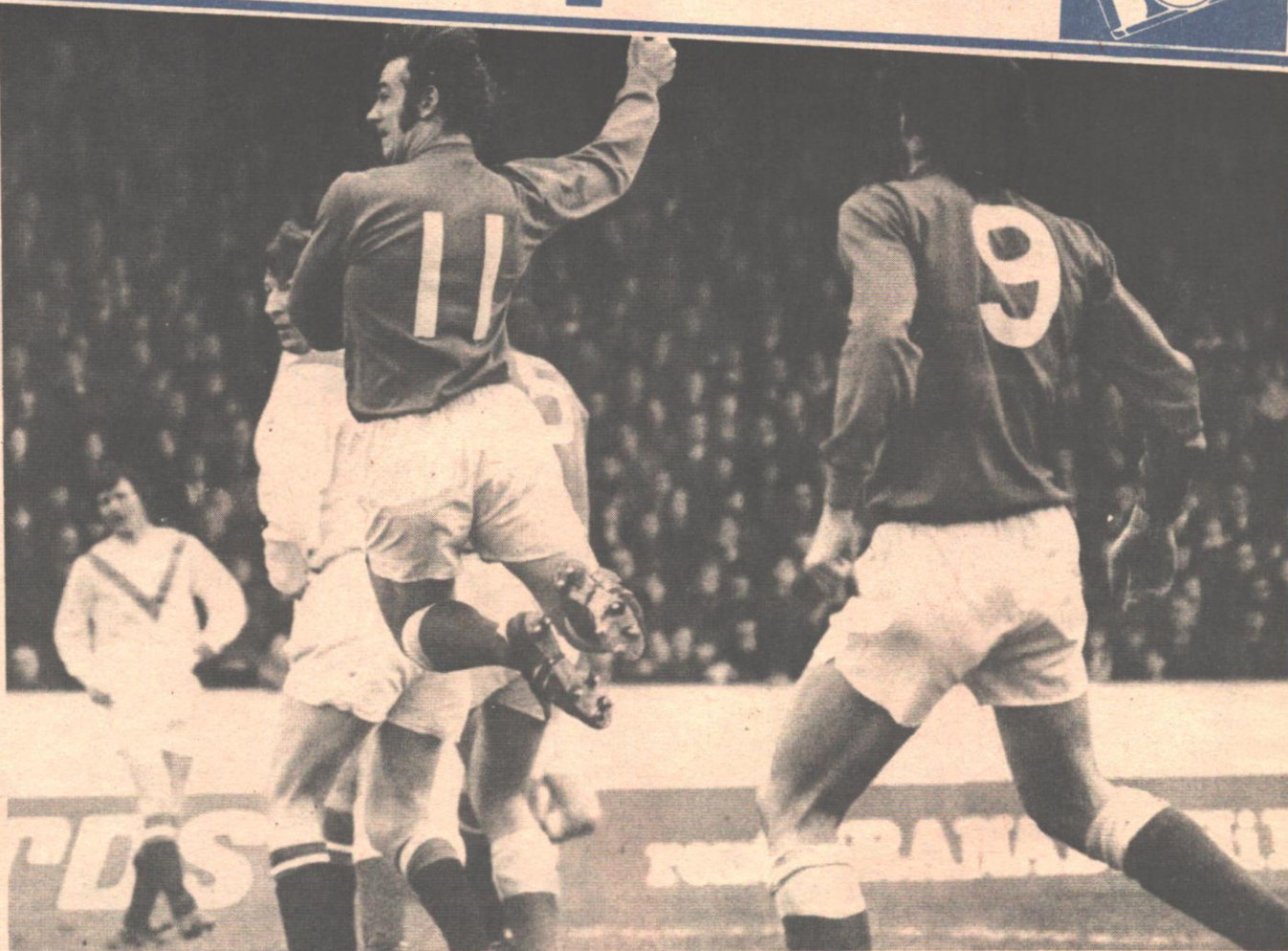
Airdrie: McKenzie, Jonquin, Clarke, Fraser, Montgomery, Whiteford, Wilson, Hulston, Busby, Cowan, Gallacher. Substitute Caldwell.



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● Cutty Young (above) seals the tie as he leaps to send a header flashing past Roddy McKenzie as Derek Parlane and Jim Fraser look on.



● (Left)—Foul! Airdrie skipper Derek Whiteford brings down goal hero Young as Rangers go all out for more goals to boost their cup tally — and make absolutely certain of a place in the semi-finals.



● Derek Parlane (left) gets in the action again as he rises with Airdrie's Fraser, Montgomery and 'keeper McKenzie to a high cross. McKenzie got this one safely.

● Willie Mathieson (right) takes the ball from Wilson to set up another Rangers' raid on the visitor's goal.





THE highlight of the week in the Supporters Association Club looks like taking place tonight when there is a men-only evening.

For, apart from the show, the finals and presentation of prizes for the snooker and darts competitions are being held.

The entertainment is being provided by vocalist and guitarist Mark Winston and comedian Happy Howden so there should be plenty to listen to and, in Happy's case, laugh about.

The snooker tournament will have reached the final by tonight and at stake for the winner is the prize of a cue and case being donated by a Milngavie sports equipment firm. So there's plenty to play for!

The darts competition, too, will be decided tonight and again there is a tip top prize to be won. This time an electric razor and a table lighter are the prizes being given by a local cash and carry owner.

It should be a good night with plenty of laughs and some serious competition.

SUPPORTERS Association Club man Dick Gaw is interested in starting a social dominoes league. Any club interested in forming such a league should get in touch with Dick at the Club.

The individual and team's darts league is now under way and there should be plenty of exciting games during the forthcoming weeks

FOURTEEN men will be taking part in the snooker league games and at the end of the season they will be split into two teams to take part in different leagues.

A new social league may be starting, so, in addition to the Glasgow and District League, the Supporters Association Club will be able to enter that.

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CORNER ...

EDINBURGH JARDINE: Meet Saturday 11.30, Bus leaves 11 Albany Street 12p.m., Waterloo Place 12-15.

EAST KILBRIDE: Bus for Hibs game leaves Calderwood 1.30, Parkhall Street 1.35, Murray 1.40, Westwood 1.45. 100 Club, Week 31, winning number 10.

HELEN STREET: Names for Aberdeen, April 21, to J. Boyce 881-6224. Fare £1.50.

GRANGEMOUTH: Bus on Saturday leaves Social Club, 12.45, Falkirk 1 pm. Committee Meeting, Monday, March 26, 7.30 pm.

CARNWATH: Bus, Saturday, 12.45, Forth 1 pm, Bellshill 1.45.

NITHSDALE LOYAL: Bus v. Hibs leaves New Regent 2.25. All members still to get dance tickets, contact A. McPhee 637-1221.

It's all at stake



● Peter McCloy . . . "The best 'keeper in the country at the moment," says Pat Stanton.

The guests of honour — 4,000 miles away!



● New Jersey Branch President Bill Bruce presents Mr. and Mrs. Cox with a clock-radio.



● Sammy returns the honour by presenting Past President John Muir with a plaque.

New Jersey branch honour Sammy Cox

EX-RANGER Sammy Cox and his wife were guests-of-honour at the first annual banquet of the New Jersey Branch of the Rangers Supporters Association in America recently.

Secretary of the N.J. Branch, Duncan Ballantyne, sent the photos and details of the occasion to the "News" this week.

Sam and his wife had a great time when they were visitors at the branch and they were taken round the Scots, Ulster and Irish clubs as well during their stay.

At the banquet, Sammy and his wife were presented with a clock radio from the Rangers branch and on the Sunday before they left for Canada the Scots Club took the couple and the Rangers committee to dinner.

Presented

Duncan, himself missed the banquet as he was in hospital but, the morning before the evening out, Sam visited him along with Duncan's girlfriend, Doreen. Nevertheless,

Duncan did get along to the Scots Club dinner with Sam on the Sunday night.

The New Jersey Branch were delighted that Sam and his good lady were present at the banquet for, says Duncan:

Great

"We have had a lot of football players over here on occasions but Sammy Cox must head the list as everybody here thought he was a great guy."

The New Jersey Branch, too, have asked the "News" to send out 60 copies of the paper every week and we will be sending details out to America soon.

It's always good to get letters from places like the United States and we were delighted to hear from Duncan.



● John Greig



● Pat Stanton

Fans are the big winners

JOHN GREIG and Pat Stanton, the rival captains for Saturday's big championship clash have had many meetings on the field of play over the seasons . . . but none so vital as this one.

A win for either side would mean a tremendous advantage in the race for the flag. If the Light Blues win they'll go three points clear of the Easter Road men. Likewise, Hibs would take a single point lead.

The two skippers are playing it cool about the outcome but there's little doubt the result will have a big impact on where the league flag will fly next season.

Hibs, of course, still have to play Celtic at Easter Road in the last game of the season and it could well be that the championship won't be decided until the last kick of that game.

But, whatever happens, there's one set of winners already . . . the fans who follow the championship challenging teams. They're in for a bumper climax to the season . . . and that can't be bad for Scottish football as a whole.

Ibrox will have its biggest crowd of the season on Saturday. So make sure, if you're going to the match, to be there early.

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— but the two skippers play it cool

DON'T CALL THIS

THE 'DECIDER'!

There's a long way to go yet

IT'S only natural for two captains to disagree about the outcome of a match between their sides . . . and John Greig and Pat Stanton are no exceptions.

But what the skippers do agree on is the fact that this, the **SIXTH** match between Rangers and Hibs this season, will be close.

And the "score" so far this year is — Rangers 2, Hibs 2 with one drawn. It's easy, then, to see why Greig and Pat arrive at the conclusion that the League meeting between the teams on Saturday will be a close-fought affair.

But the players agree on one other point, too. That this is "just another game" and by no means a "championship decider".

It's a realistic attitude for John and Pat to take despite the fact this game may prove to be the "decider" between the clubs for this season.

Says Greig: "As far as Rangers are concerned the match with Hibs is just another game. We still have a few games after meeting the Easter Road men so, although the two points are vital, they are all crucial from now on.

"The league championship is at stake and many people consider the meeting between Rangers and Hibs will let Celtic in. I don't think so.

"Hibs are obviously a very good side but we have beaten them twice this season. We have nothing to fear and we've certainly proved already that we are in no way frightened of them.

Confident

"One thing you can be sure of . . . there won't be much in it at the end of the day. Equally though, we are quite confident that we can win."

Over to Easter Road and Hibs captain Pat Stanton. Says Pat: "It will be a very interesting match and you can be sure it will be hard-fought and close.



● Jim Herriot rises to a high ball as Alex MacDonald and Derek Parlane wait for a slip. Hibs player watching anxiously is Jim Black.

"I reckon we didn't deserve to be beaten in either of the games at Easter Road in the League and in the Cup replay. I think we were robbed a bit and one man was especially responsible for that — Peter McCloy.

"The big man put up a great show against us and made saves at crucial points in the games.

"There's no doubt in my mind that he's the best in the country at the moment and he's the man we have to get past.

"But, I would agree with John, it's not right to put the emphasis on this one game. There are several matches left after this and anything could happen. Sure, this is an important match for both sides, but they all are from now on!

"We have done better against Rangers when we haven't been playing at Easter Road, oddly enough, so we reckon we can do alright again on Saturday.

"The League is far from finished with ourselves, Rangers and Celtic all in there. It's going to be an interesting finish."

So, as you can see, both men have the greatest respect for each other's team and, certainly, it's hard to disagree with their summing-up.

Results

Results so far this season show they are quite right. The Edinburgh men won 3-0 in the first meeting between the sides this year in the Drybrough Cup but Rangers came back to beat Hibs at Easter Road in the League.

In the League Cup it was back in favour of Hibs and, in the Scottish, a draw at Ibrox was followed by Rangers winning 2-1 in the Easter Road replay.

Involved

Hibs have had a good season, in fact. They won the Drybrough Cup and the League Cup, beating Celtic on both occasions.

They are, of course, still very much involved in the League and next week they are bound for Yugoslavia for the second leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Hadjuk Split.

They hold a 4-2 lead from the first game at Easter Road and look a good bet for the semi-finals.

It's hardly surprising the Easter Road men have done so

‘Big Peter is the best keeper in the country’

— SAYS PAT STANTON



● It's the goal that sent Hibs reeling from the Scottish Cup at Easter Road as Tommy McLean scores from the penalty spot past Herriot.

well this season for they have several players of outstanding ability in the ranks.

And skipper Stanton, is top of that list. Pat is the ideal man to have in your side and allies skill and strength to a fine sense of leadership. He's one of the best all-round players in the country.

But one thing you could never call Hibs is a one-man band . . . something Pat would be the first to agree with. For players like John Blackley, Arthur Duncan, Alex Edwards, Alan Gordon, Alex Cropley and youngsters Des Bremner and Tony Higgins are all top class men.

Alan Gordon, of course, is very much in contention for the "Golden Boot" award for the highest league scorer in Europe and the tall striker has probably been the bargain buy of the season.

Included

Youngster Des Bremner took over from the unlucky John Brownlie and quickly hit the forefront when he was included in Willie Ormond's Scotland Under-23 pool for the match with Wales last week.

Higgins, too, has been playing well and he could be another of Eddie Turnbull's youngsters to feature on the international scene before long.

Everything

There's plenty of football in this side and with both Hibs and Rangers having everything to play for in terms of the league championship, it should be some game.

And if anybody doubts that, just let them think back to the two recent Scottish Cup meetings!



New faces in the Ibrox team, but-

'BABES' KEPT RANGERS AT THE TOP

-And Willie got a great debut goal

THE start of season 1938-39 scarcely gave Rangers fans a hint of better things to come, for before the season started in earnest the Ibrox side were knocked out of the Empire Exhibition Cup . . . and not long after were beaten 6-2 by Celtic in the League!

It wasn't the best of starts by any manner of means. But soon results were produced and, at the end of the year, the League Championship flag was again flying high above the Stadium.

It was a difficult time for the Club for a number of players were nearing the end of long and illustrious careers. Household names like Dougie Gray, Bob McPhail, Jimmy Simpson, Jimmy Smith, George Brown and Bob McDonald had all given Rangers great service but even they could not go on for ever.

Dougie, for instance, had been thirteen seasons at the top and the others only just fell short of that total.

So it would be fair to say that Rangers were entering what is nowadays called a "transitional period" and for the flag to end at Ibrox was all the more commendable.

However, in the close season before the start of the footballing year Jock Shaw, Willie Waddell, Scott Symon and Jimmy Duncanson had arrived at Ibrox and Willie Woodburn, too, was on the books by now.

Everton, Sunderland, Brentford, Chelsea, Celtic, Aberdeen, Hearts and Rangers took part in the Empire Exhibition Cup before the season started but it wasn't a cup of joy for 'Gers.



● Jimmy Simpson . . . nearing the end of a great service with the Ibrox club.

The Ibrox side were drawn against Everton in the first round at the Stadium and were beaten 2-0. The only excuse to be offered for that defeat was an injury to goalkeeper Jerry Dawson just after half-time. The Liverpool outfit finished runners-up in the tournament.

All in all, though, it wasn't the ideal way to begin a season and a further blow came in their sixth league match against Celtic.

Defeat

The Light Blues had done well in the opening few games but then came the trip to Parkhead and a 6-2 defeat. That, though, was one of only four defeats and the fourth one came after the League was won at that!

Rangers notched some mammoth victories during the year including scoring 12 goals over the two games against Albion Rovers. They took the Championship with 59 points and in doing so scored a



● Willie Woodburn in action against Partick Thistle . . . Season '38-39 was one of his first at Ibrox at the start of a great career with the Light Blues.

total of 112 while losing 55.

In the Ne'erday fixture with Celtic, Ibrox was bursting at the seams with an official crowd of 118,561 which still stands as a record.

Revenge

Goals from Alec Venters and Davie Kinnear as against a goal by Celtic's Carruth gave Rangers revenge for their defeat earlier in the season and that, in fact, signalled a run of unbeaten matches until Aberdeen beat them 2-0 in the last game of the season by which time the Championship was sewn up anyway.

Earlier in this season Rangers met Arsenal for the sixth time in five seasons and won by the only goal of the game.

The goal, incidentally, was scored by a young player making his debut for Rangers and the youngster's name was . . . WILLIE WADDELL.

If Rangers had great success in the League they didn't do so well in the various cup com-

petitions of the time and won only the Charity Cup—and even that was on corners!

In the Scottish Cup Rangers beat Raith Rovers 1-0 at Stark's Park and then won 2-0 against Hamilton Accies at Ibrox. Their next opponents were Clyde and they fell 4-1 in a nightmare game — for Ibrox fans at least.

Better

There was no doubt Clyde were the better team and that was borne out by the fact they went on to win the Cup, losing only one goal—to Ranger Alec Lyness—on the way.

And in the Glasgow Cup, there was more disappointment when the Ibrox men lost 3-2 to Queen's Park at home after a 0-0 draw at Hampden.

Success

Success in a knockout tournament did come, though, for Rangers won the Charity

Cup after beating Queen's Park 2-1 in the first round and then meeting Third Lanark next in the final.

Corners

The match finished a 0-0 draw but Rangers won the trophy because they scored seven corners as against Thirds' four. It wasn't the best way to win the match, but they all count!

The Club had their usual representation on the international scene with Jerry Dawson and Alec Venters playing against England and Jerry against Ireland. Alec and Davie Kinnear played against the English League and Jerry against the Irish League.

Change

There was no doubt that it was a time of change at Ibrox as one team of great players gradually drifted away after doing so well . . . to be replaced by young men who went on to become great as well.

The 'News' this week continues its bright, exclusive feature on the past with a look at season 1938-39 . . . what can be described as a "transitional period" in the history of the club. It was a season which saw "youngsters" like Willie Waddell and Willie Woodburn come into the side and, despite a poor start, the league flag and League Cup still came to Ibrox.



● Jerry Dawson . . . injured in the first half against Everton in the Empire Exhibition Cup first round at Ibrox, the blow was too much for the team.



YOUR RANGERS POOLS GUIDE

GLASGOW WOMAN SCOOPS £9,092

And agent dad gets 10 per cent

No wonder Mrs Irene Taylor was walking on air on Monday . . . for between herself and her agent, she had just learned they had won £10,000 on Rangers Pools. And her agent is . . . her dad, Mr Thomas Rae.

This means yet another "first" for Rangers Pools, for it's the first time a Pool One-winner and agent have come from the same family.

Irene received £9,092.16 and her dad gets an additional 10%, amounting to £909.21.

Irene, who lives at Causewayside Street, Toll-

cross, Glasgow, and her husband George are especially over the moon about their windfall, for they had planned a six week holiday in Australia in December!

Agent-father Thomas, of 1/2,80 Charles Street, Townhead, Glasgow, was just as delighted at his daughter's win. Laughing, he told the "News":

"What a season this could be! My daughter winning all that money and the 'Gers winning the League and Cup double. Who could ask for more?"

There should also be quite a celebration this week in the Tollcross factory of MacFarlane-Lang, biscuit makers, for both Irene and George work there.

Elsewhere on the Pools no one was complaining with three winners getting £189.42 in Pool Two, one client scooping £568.26 in Pool Three, three collecting £189.42 from Pool Four and one raking in £568.26 in Pool Five.

● Clash of two pivots as Airdrie's Jim Montgomery and Rangers' Derek Johnstone challenge for this ball in Saturday's big cup-tie at Ibrox. The other player looking on is Broomfield striker Billy Hulston.



This Week's Winners

Pool 1

ONE POSS. 20 GOALS ONE WINNER

127 03 07 26 30 39 Mrs Irene Taylor, Causewayside Street, Tollcross, Glasgow

Pool 2

FIVE POSS. SIX GOALS THREE WINNERS

1071 08 09 27 32 42 Mrs E. Rae, 87 Islay Avenue, Newmains, Wishaw
2848 08 09 28 32 42 Mrs M. Robertson, 56 Americanmuir Road, Dundee
6626 09 27 28 32 42 Mr A. E. Smith, 107 Todd Street, Glasgow G31

Pool 3

ONE POSS. 21 GOALS ONE WINNER

6310 06 10 11 38 40 Mr W. Bebbington, 18 Glen Carron, East Kilbride

Pool 4

FIVE POSS. 31 GOALS THREE WINNERS

5260 06 07 26 30 39 Mrs Irene Phillips, 24 Lilyburn Place, Glasgow W.5.
5185 06 10 26 30 39 Mr W. Madden, 26 Muirbank Avenue, Rutherglen
2279 06 26 30 39 40 M. Munro, 7 Finch Road, Greenock

Pool 5

ONE POSS. 0 GOALS ONE WINNER

6548 05 13 23 33 35 N.P.

Next Week's Numbers

Following is official list of teams for Saturday, March 24:—

01 Hereford, 02 Lincoln, 03 Kilmarnock, 04 Morton, 05 Nottingham F., 06 Orient, 07 Port Vale, 08 Rochdale, 09 Mansfield, 10 Newport.

11 Motherwell, 12 Rangers, 13 Portsmouth, 14 Preston, 15 Scunthorpe, 16 Southend, 17 Reading, 18 Workington, 19 St Johnstone, 20

Albion R.

21 Q.P.R., 22 Swansea, 23 Walsall, 24 Barnsley, 25 Bury, 26 Berwick, 27 Brechin, 28 Fulham, 29 Bournemouth, 30 Bristol R.

31 Cambridge Utd., 32 Clyde, 33 Arbroath, 34 Luton, 35 Charlton, 36 Chesterfield, 37 Crewe, 38 Dundee Utd., 39 Falkirk, 40 Middlesbrough.

41 Halifax, 42 Hearts.



Mixed luck for the two Dereks

THE two young Rangers players who were included in the original Under-23 squad for the match with Wales last week again had mixed luck.

For centre half Derek Johnstone had to withdraw from the pool before the party left for Swansea, but Derek Parlane played . . . and did well.

Even our teenage striker, though, suffered for he was taken off with an injury midway through the second half.

For Derek J., it was particularly disappointing, for this was the SECOND time in almost exactly a month he had to withdraw through

injury from one of Willie Ormond's Young Scotland squads.

The last time, of course, was before the Under-23s match against England on February 13 a month to the day he withdrew this time — and naturally the big defender was "sick".

"I thought I was disappointed last time but this time I'm really sick. It seemed as if I was about to win my first 'cap' and then I got that injury against Dundee last week. I just hope Mr Ormond doesn't forget me!"

There's little chance of that, for each time Derek has been named, the Scottish boss has hinted he would be playing . . . which makes it even more galling!

● Wee Tommy McLean (left) gets attention from Physio Tom Craig after the winger had been brought down heavily in the second half. But the wee fellow didn't mind at all for Derek Parlane scored from the spot kick.

● (Below)—It's a case of "Spot the ball" as Quinton Young and Billy Hulston keep a determined eye on a high cross only they can see.



VIA REGGIO INVITE IS CONFIRMED

RANGERS have now received written confirmation of their invitation to return to next year's youth tournament in Via Reggio, Italy.

In the letter the club received at the weekend the competition organisers spoke highly of the Ibrox youngsters and congratulated them on doing so well against more experienced opposition.

The youngsters were beaten in both their games against Bologna, of course, but the crack Italian outfit finished runners-up in the tournament.

And it seems likely that Rangers will accept the invitation at a later date — depending on likely commitments

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THREE CHEERS FOR THAT OTHER IBROX 'TEAM'

'We wouldn't be same without them' — Jock

RANGERS manager Jock Wallace took time out from his preparations for the Scottish Cup match with Airdrie last week to praise, not his players, but another very valuable "team". And the men the boss talked about were the backroom staff who, he says, have contributed as much as anyone to the club's revival over the past few months.

The people to whom manager Wallace paid tribute were assistant manager Willie Thornton, assistant trainers Stan Anderson and Joe Craven, physiotherapist Tommy Craig and sprint coach Tom Paterson.

And the boss is right enough, for, as he says, no club can "tick over" without these people.

"Not everybody appreciates the work these folk do," said Jock. "But, make no mistake, they do a very valuable job for Rangers and it is they who keep things going."

"Assistant manager Willie Thornton gets through a lot of work in a week, as do trainers Stan Anderson and Joe Craven."

"There's no doubt too, of the value of physiotherapist Tommy Craig and sprint coach Tom Paterson who do a power of good which not many people notice."

These are the folk, the manager emphasised, who have done as much as anyone to get the club to where they are at the moment.

"Since the start of the season they have worked really hard and it's time their work received some credit."

"After all, Rangers Football Club is a big organisation and no such business can run without the aid of people like them."

"I must say here and now just how much I owe to them for, without their help and encouragement, Rangers wouldn't be where they are now. They have all done a good job for the club," added Jock.



● Jock Wallace . . . "It's time the backroom staff received some credit."

QUIZ ANSWERS

1 — Santos; 2 — Arbroath and St. Johnstone; 3 — Willie Henderson and Jim Craig; 4 — Stenhousemuir and Queen's Park; 5 — False. His other club was Kilmarnock; 6 — Everton; 7 — Jocky Scott, the rest are wingers; 8 — West Germany; 9 — Arbroath and Ayr United; 10 — 1968; 11 — Spurs; 12 — Hibernian; 13 — Partick Thistle; 14 — False. It was Montrose; 15 — Rennes.



● Tommy Craig



● Willie Thornton



● Stan Anderson



Four lucky people with only one thing in mind — to enjoy Saturday's Cup tie at Ibrox in comfort.

They are, of course the winners of our stand

seat contest in which we asked readers to identify the team Rangers were playing in our picture.

The answer was Hearts and the winners guessed correctly win-

ning seats in the stand on Saturday.

The winning line-up is Claire Somerville (12), of 13 Summerlee Cottages, Coatbridge, James,

Lanarkshire and her sister Christine (16), and Morag Rush (11), of 57 MacGregor Road, Cumbernauld, and dad James,

Debut day was a hit for Billy

IT was debut day for one young Rangers player last Friday night. For Billy Steel played his first game for the reserves against Dundee at Dens Park. And he did well in helping the Light Blues to a 1-0 win — their best performance for some time.

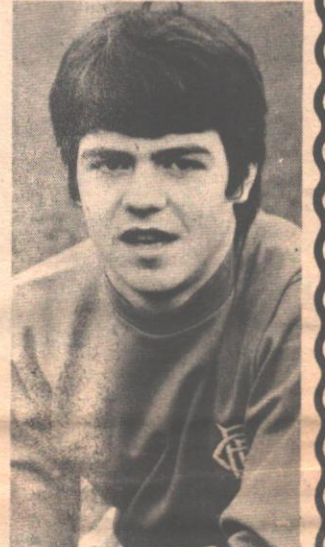
Billy has been starring with junior side Benburb this season and, only recently, he scored two goals for them in the Sectional League Cup Final victory over Rob Roy. He might, in fact, have played for the Reserves earlier but he has been away in Italy with the youth squad and this delayed his debut.

But he was delighted when it did come. "It was great to get that game in the reserves," he said. "There is a big difference between playing at Junior level and playing in that kind of match."

"The pace is different but I certainly enjoyed the game. It was good to get away from the Junior scene, in fact, although I realise that I am benefiting from it all the time."

"I've been playing at inside left for Benburb but I was on the left wing in the game against Dundee and the change of position too, did me good."

"Now, naturally, I would like a run with the second team, but, on the other hand, Benburb are still involved in a number of competitions and I enjoy playing for them. Besides, Rangers will decide where



● Billy Steel . . . a promising debut in the reserves.

they feel I can get the experience."

One thing's for sure, Steely's career is certainly moving in the right direction for reserve coach Stan Anderson was pleased with the boy's debut against Dundee.

So, with his own talent, and a name like Billy Steel, the youngster seems destined to go places.