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Light Blue "Spy" will go to Turkey



● JOCK WALLACE

RANGERS open their quest for European glory in far-off Turkey on September 19. But rather than face the tie "blind", the Light Blues will DEFINITELY have somebody out to watch opponents Ankaragucu before then.

And the likely date for the "spy" mission will be the previous Sunday when the European Cup-Winners' Cup entrants play Galatasaray. It was because Galatasaray won both the League and the national Cup, of course, that Ankaragucu are in the competition.

It would be the ideal match for a Rangers official to take in and the 'spy' will be either general manager Willie Waddell, team boss Jock Wallace or trainer Stan Anderson.

Rangers, however, play Celtic in the League on September 15 at Ibrox and this brings problems of getting out of the country in time. With no flights to Turkey until late one Sunday morning, the "spy" will almost certainly have to leave before the Old Firm game.

One way or another, though, somebody will watch the Turks in action before Rangers meet them.

Boss Jock Wallace considers it imperative: "I only know that Leeds played them before and that they struggled a bit. That, in itself, would suggest the Turks can play a bit.

"I always like to see opponents myself or at least have them watched before they play Rangers.

"We are certainly not going to meet the Turks stone cold, without doing our homework."

No side in European competition can be taken lightly and this attitude shows that Rangers don't intend to make any mistakes.

Meet our Europe opponents



● The unknown men of Ankaragucu . . . they're a formidable-looking bunch, but team manager Jock Wallace is laying plans to have them watched before the Light Blues tackle the Turks in the first leg of the European Cup-Winners' Cup on September 13. More exclusive pictures on Page 6.

WE DO NOT WANT THESE THUGS

They should not be wearing the colours of this club. . .

— GENERAL MANAGER WILLIE WADDELL

Rangers Football Club, unfortunately, was let down in the eyes of many people last week when a tiny MINORITY of the travelling support at the Hibs game caused trouble.

But today, the Club reiterates that it does not want those few thugs and that, in fact, they have no place in anything connected with Rangers.

Said general manager Willie Waddell: "WE DO NOT WANT THESE SO-CALLED SUPPORTERS. LET ME MAKE THAT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR."

It's a clear-enough message to the few idiots who caused the trouble, that they are just not wanted by Rangers.

Celebrate — with £100!

RANGERS are a hundred years old. Arsenal are helping us celebrate the Centenary at Ibrox on August 20. And when the Gunners come to Glasgow YOU may be able to celebrate the "hundred" by putting a £100 note in your pocket!

All you have to do is buy a programme when you come to the Arsenal game. There is, of course, a £50 prize to be won

with a lucky number any time you buy a programme, but to recognise the Centenary, General Manager Willie Waddell has decided to boost the prize to £100 in the Arsenal programme.

And to make the prize-giving that much more memorable for the lucky winner the cash will be handed over in the shape of £100 note.

Nice one, somebody!

Mr Waddell was delighted at the behaviour of Light Blue supporters last season . . . and he would like that to continue — not just at Ibrox but also at away games.

"No matter who baits who or who starts trouble, Rangers fans should ignore them. Their behaviour is good at Ibrox. Let it continue at away games too.

"We were let down by a small section of fans at Easter Road but let me repeat, they should not be wearing the colours of this Club.

"We will be intensifying our own efforts to keep our fans well-behaved. But let me make one other point absolutely clear.

"The responsibility of fans travelling to away matches rests with British Rail, NOT with Rangers Football Club. A carriage was damaged on the train returning from Edinburgh. If British Rail are not happy with the arrangement the answer is simple . . . they can withdraw the trains."

Mr Waddell once again has laid it on the line what Rangers think of the troublesome minority section of their support. And it's straightforward enough for the people concerned to heed the message. STAY AWAY FROM RANGERS.

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SCOTLAND'S NUMBER ONE SCOTCH WHISKY



DOUG'S JUST ITCHING FOR ACTION

'I'm 100 per cent now and raring to go'

WHILE most of the rest of his team mates have managed to get a couple of pre-season games under their belts Doug Houston has had an unhappy start to his Ibrox career.

Denny aims to stake that first team place



JIM DENNY, one of the "first team fringe" men at Ibrox, made his initial appearance of the season against Hibs on Wednesday . . . in the unfamiliar role of outside right! Jim came on for wee Tommy McLean midway through the second half and stuck more or less to the outside right role — with a good deal of success.

In difficult circumstances, he worked hard and showed flashes which confirmed manager Jock Wallace's view that Jim is another player who will be fighting hard for a regular place this season.

However, back to last Wednesday, and the first time Jim has played on the right wing for more years than I can remember!

"I think the last time was probably when I played for Eadie Star. Obviously, I'm disappointed with the result against Hibs.

"Now, that's behind us and I think we'll really go from here. I would like to be part of it too, and I'll be fighting for a place."

For the former Dundee skipper has been sidelined with an injury he received in pre-season training and only this week has he been passed one hundred per cent fit.

"My injury came about in a tackle with Tom Forsyth in training," said Doug. "It was completely accidental of course but it's meant I've missed the start of the season.

"The problem is a strain of a bone in my foot and it was the type of injury which could heal a bit in a day and then stay the same for a couple of days after that.

"Naturally I'm disappointed at missing the start and it worries me a little that the rest of the lads have all played a few games and have these matches already under their belts.

"I'm a lot happier now that the foot has come on a ton in recent days. Everything seems to be alright."

Doug, signed from the Dens Park team at the tail-end of last season, is raring to get going properly again and has been to most of the matches Rangers have played in so far.

"I'm desperate to get going regularly but there wouldn't have been any point in rushing back, of course."

Doug's naturally delighted to be fit and manager Jock Wallace is equally pleased at the prospect of having him back in the running for a place.

Having a player of Doug's calibre in any squad is the ideal way to keep regular first team men on their toes and you can take it for granted that he'll be knocking on the door for a place before long.



● ALISTAIR SCOTT.

● **DOUG HOUSTON** . . . "I'm desperate to get playing regularly again."



Light Blue fans were very fair — says Ally

THE newcomer who, without doubt, made the biggest impact of all in the opening game of the season against Montrose last week was ex-Queen's Parker Alistair Scott.

The big striker had the fans roaring every time he touched the ball and his display alongside Derek Parlane was most encouraging.

But after his debut for the Light Blues, Ally still had one regret . . . he didn't score a goal.

"That would really have made my day," he admitted. "I had a couple of chances which I missed unfortunately, but otherwise I enjoyed it and was reasonably satisfied."

The "couple of misses" Ally's talking about shouldn't blind anybody to the amount of excellent work he did. In the circumstances the misses could be put down to over-enthusiasm, excitement, and inexperience. It's early days yet in the Rangers' career.

And his running, challenging, chance-making, positional sense and general work-rate all pleased manager Jock Wallace, which is after all the most important factor.

Those misses

"It was tremendous playing in front of such a big crowd — and such a fair one. I thought they were very good to me, even with those misses!" said Alistair.

"Obviously it's completely different playing at Ibrox in front of 30,000 instead of a

few hundred folk at Hampden watching Queen's Park. It takes a bit of getting used to.

"It's also quite different playing for Rangers . . . although the other players were very helpful and made it that bit easier.

Good news

"It will take a few games — that's if I'm chosen", of course — before Derek Parlane and I get our understanding absolutely right too. This is the kind of thing which improves the more you play together."

The height and strength of the tall forward are not the only advantages to Rangers, for he is capable of taking much of the striking weight off Derek.

The pair of them struck up a fair understanding in their first game together and suggested there were better things to come, which is good news for Ibrox fans — and bad news for everybody else!

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* 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
Glasgow Cup holders 37 times.
Charity Cup (32) Southern League (4).
Southern League Cup (4).
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CAN ANYONE HELP?

● I emigrated to Sydney, Australia, three months ago. As I was an ardent Rangers supporter back home, I enquired and found out that there was a Rangers Supporters' Club in Sydney.

Since arriving, I have tried information centres, yellow pages, telephone books and generally asked about town but have had no success.

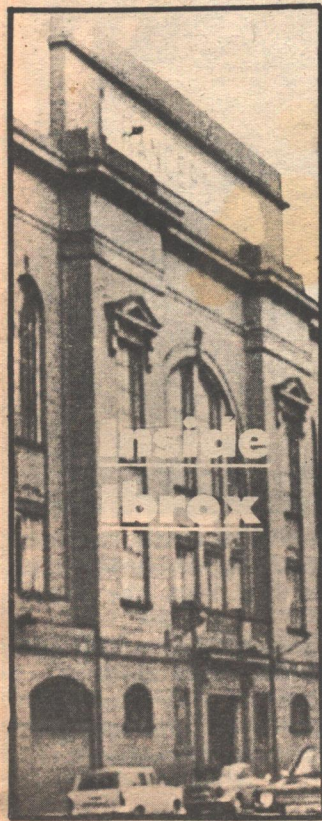
I wondered if anyone knows of any such club in Sydney and if so, could they please let me know the address. It would be much appreciated as I miss all my Rangers friends back home and would love to meet some of our Australian counterparts — and, of course, some exiled Scots. — **George**

Hall, c/o 439 Park St., Campsie, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

● I will be going to Australia in about six weeks time and I would be obliged if anyone could inform me of any Rangers Supporters' clubs in or around Sydney. I would very much like to keep in touch with things and this seems one of the best ways of doing it — **Peter A. Harcourt, c/o 7 Major Street, Todmorden, Lancs.**
*** Unfortunately, the "News" doesn't know if such a club exists. But many copies of "News" are sent to Australia and if anyone there knows of an address could they let Peter and George know?



PETER TAKES THE GOLF PRIZE



PETER McCLOY earned his first prize of the season last weekend when he won a set of woods in a pro-am golf tournament at Irvine Ravenspark.

The big 'keeper was highest-placed amateur in the big field, although he and his professional partner didn't fare quite so well in the actual pro-am event.

Peter set off on a further quest for golfing glory on Sunday when he played in the Final of the Stranraer Club Championship. As yet, we don't know how he fared but we'll let you know next week.

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EVERY year, the Evening Times publish the excellent annual for football enthusiasts called the "Wee Red Book." But this year, they get a black mark for missing out the name and



● **PETER McCLOY** . . . the leading amateur at the Irvine Ravenspark pro-am golf tournament.

IBROX 'KEEPER PICKS UP NEW SET OF WOODS

'caps' of brilliant Ibrox centre half **DEREK JOHNSTONE** from their list of players honoured by Scotland throughout the years.

A number of Rangers fans have been on to the "News" to point out the omission and one said his young son was quite upset because he hadn't seen his hero's name on the list!

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THREE Rangers babes have been farmed out this season to junior clubs as part of the Ibrox club's policy of rearing youngsters through the different grades to give them maximum experience.

ALEX McVAKE will continue with Cumnock, where he was last year, and will be joined there by **ALAN CUTHBERTSON**. The third "junior" is **DAN MCKINLAY** who's going to Beith.

These three should certainly benefit from their spell on the junior scene, an ideal grounding for senior football.

Several players who were on Rangers books last season have stepped up and are now full-time at Ibrox. Among them are **BILLY STEEL**, who was with Benburb, and **ALEX**

O'HARA, who was with Glasgow Amateurs.

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WITH the Arsenal Centenary match just twelve days away, Rangers have sent out all their invitations and general manager **WILLIE WADDELL** has been "absolutely delighted" by the response.

"We've had a tremendous number of acceptances and it looks like being a great night. A lot of memories will certainly be stirred at Ibrox, said Mr Waddell.

Arsenal, of course, are top-line guests and with all the ex-players adding the nostalgia, it all adds up to being a night to remember.

Around 200 invitations have been sent to former Rangers players and already the signs are that the vast majority of them will be accepting.

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FANS should make a date in their diaries for August 26. That's the date when a couple of ex-Rangers players will be part of a Glasgow Select which will play Edinburgh in aid of the Guide Dog for the Blind charity at the St. Anthony's ground. No



● **DEREK JOHNSTONE** . . . his name and international honours were missed.

names have been fixed yet, but when they are, the "NEWS" will bring you the "star-studded" line-up!

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THE "News" received a number of phone calls from holidaying Scots last week enquiring about the result of the Hibs game.

A couple of blokes phoned from Bournemouth and another from London. They were desperate to know the result for it wasn't in any of the English newspapers.

But to one supporter who actually works in Torquay, the result was even more disappointing than most. When told the score, he expressed his dismay and added: "I was in the process of arranging a bus to go up for the Final. I suppose I'll need to forget that now!"

Never mind, we play Hibs again . . . and we've a feeling that will be a different story!

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POLICE are to ban parking near Ibrox Stadium and "no parking" signs will be erected on a number of roads leading to the ground.

Large blue signs saying

Where to get your Old Firm tickets . . .

THE season gets under way properly on Saturday when the opening League Cup matches are played. But already the one big game everybody is waiting for is the first Old Firm tussle of the new season at Ibrox a week on Saturday, August 18.

And tickets for the Rangers - Celtic game are on sale at the moment. Prices are: Main Stand £1.65, Centenary Stand £1.10 and 88p, Enclosure 45p and terracing 35p.

The tickets are available from the following agencies: Buchanan, Newsagents, Paisley Road Toll; Crookston Travel, 3 Crookston Road; Cross Travel, 1159 Tollcross Road (also at Cambuslang and Wishaw); Stead, Newsagents, 1579 Shettleston Road; Soccer Shop, 173a Bath Street.

Any postal applications to Ibrox Stadium, however, should contain remittance and stamped, addressed envelope.

"Fire and Ambulance route — no parking" will be put up in Broomloan Road, Dumbreck Road and Pollakshields . . . the emergency route between Ibrox and the Victoria Infirmary.

The signs will be permanent but the restrictions will only be enforced during matches — starting on Saturday for the Falkirk game.

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LIKEABLE Rangers forward **JOE MASON**, bought from Morton last season, celebrates his 31st birthday on Saturday and on Tuesday reserve striker **IAN McDOUGALL**, ex-Pollock Juniors, is 19. Best wishes to both players from the "News."

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Val Doonican, Max Bygraves, Frankie Vaughan, Tommy Steel, Des O'Connor, Ken Dodd, Morecambe and Wise, etc., etc. It's a list of high-class entertainers, and the pocket-sized Barbara has starred with them all.

Since she began her career as a cabaret artiste, Barbara has visited countries all over the world.

She has appeared in all the principal night clubs and her theatre engagements include seasons with Ken Dodd at Manchester, Liverpool and Blackpool, Des O'Connor at North Pier in Blackpool, Morecambe and Wise in Great Yarmouth, and Val Doonican at Torquay.

Sunday Night at the 'London Palladium,' 'The Good Old Days' and the 'Mike Yarwood Show' . . . you can see there's obviously quite a demand for her talents.

But of all the various forms of media, Barbara's greatest success is on radio, having broadcast on more than 500 occasions — and on many of these with the B.B.C. Northern Dance Orchestra.

Recently the 4ft 11ins entertainer represented Great Britain in the Nord Ring Song Festivals, which is an association of the radio organisations of countries which form a ring around the North Sea.

This led to Barbara making broadcasts in Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Holland and Belgium. At other times during her impressive career she's also been to Singapore, Bangkok, Malta, Bahrain, Cyprus, Malaya and North Africa, to entertain the troops.

Barbara is billed like this: The Pocket Dynamo . . . vivacious, glamorous international cabaret star." That's not a bad build-up for the entertainer who's sure to win over Social Club audiences next week.

● Lovely Barbara Law (pictured below) is only 4ft 11ins . . . but she packs a powerful singing voice into her shapely frame. She has had engagements on

television, radio and in the theatre with most of the top stars in show-business. 'Babs' is all set to win over yet another audience next week . . . at the Ibrox Club!



This is a nicer-looking line-up than the normal sight at Ibrox! Certainly, John Greig, Peter McCloy, Tom Forsyth and Co., never had legs like these beauties.

However, this is what Social Club audiences might be seeing for a revue before very long.

The Ross Bowie Organisation who book acts for the Club, are in the process of negotiating to bring the Brian Marley Dancers to Glasgow. Let's wish them luck, lads!

Friendlies round-up

Ibrox 'Pool' men show their paces

RANGERS played their second game of the season at New Kilbowie Park against Clydebank last Monday night — and beat the home team comfortably by 4—1.

A fair-sized crowd saw the Light Blues take the lead through Davy Young after Joe Mason had put the wee winger through. Then Eric Morris scored a brilliant goal with Alfie Conn getting one and Alex Miller the other with a penalty after George Donaldson had been brought down. Fallon got Bankies' consolation goal.

It was an excellent exercise from Rangers' point of view, for it gave the men who didn't play against Montrose a run and, in addition, gave manager Jock Wallace a chance to see his other players.

And of the players who appeared against Clydebank, a couple went into the first team for the game against Hibs in the Drybrough Cup. Derek Johnstone, for instance, played at Easter Road and Jim Denny went on as a substitute.

The build-up for the season continued after that Hibs game on Thursday night at Firs Park against East Stirling. Again it was a worthwhile exercise, although the end result wasn't as good.

Joe Mason was the



● JOE MASON

the 'Gers scorer in the 1—1 draw just after the interval, when he accepted a pass from Alfie Conn to beat the East Stirling keeper.

As in the Clydebank game, youngsters Alex O'Hara and Davie Young played well and showed plenty of promise for the future.

Manager Wallace was happy with these two games as part of the preparations for the season, and, of course, the Light Blues had another build-up against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park on Monday night.



A CUP-THRILLER WITH THE

NEW-LOOK

'BAIRNS' ...

UNDER New Management . . . that's the position of Falkirk, who meet the Light Blues on Saturday at Ibrox in the opening League Cup Clash. As opposed to most clubs in this situation, however, the Bairns new boss John Prentice is having his **SECOND** spell at the helm of the Brockville outfit.

Big John's managerial career is packed with experience. He's been in the 'Hot Seat' with Arbroath, Clyde, Falkirk of course, Dundee, and the Scotland team job.

Before his managerial days, he was associated with Rangers, Hearts and Falkirk in a playing capacity. During that time, he was well-known as a strong and skilful wing half and, in fact, skippered the Brockville team to a Scottish Cup win in 1957.

Nowadays, however, he's happy to be back in the business and aiming to put Falkirk right back at the top.

They're always a stuffy team to beat — particularly at home — and last season, for instance, Rangers had to go all the way in their two League meetings.

In the first of those matches at Ibrox it took a Tommy McLean penalty to keep the points at home. The penalty came about when John Markie brought down Willie Johnston. The same "Bairn" was in trouble shortly after that when Falkirk were awarded a spot kick . . . and Markie watched as Peter McCloy brilliantly saved his shot.

It wasn't a great game, with only one goal in it. But the "return" at Brockville was a different matter altogether, with SIX goals being scored.

Hard fight

On that occasion Quinton Young got two goals, Alfie Conn notched one, and Derek Parlane stroked home a penalty. Rangers again had a hard fight to get the points.

Falkirk celebrate their centenary in a few years' time, and in their history so far they have won several honours. Included in those are two Scottish Cup wins, a couple of runners-up places in the First Division, beaten finalists in the early days of the League Cup and a number of "firsts" and "seconds" in the Second Division. They were last promoted as Champions in season 1969-70.

Prentice, however, will be looking to make

an early impression in the toughest League Cup section of them all.

And although he realises it will be hard, he makes no secret of the fact that he's looking forward to being involved right from the kick-off.

"It would be unrealistic to think past Rangers and Celtic as qualifiers from our section," he said. "Naturally, we will be trying as hard as we can, but the Old Firm teams must be favourites.

Nevertheless, it's a good section for us, financially at least, and gives us a terrific chance to sample the big atmosphere.

"We've pushed the players hard in training and several of them have looked good. Apart from that we've just had a couple of closed-door trial games which have given me a look at the boys in a kind of competitive atmosphere.

"In these games I've given all the players a run and it's let me see them in action. Remember, I've only been back here for less than a month so I've hardly had a chance to get to know the players at all."

Big John probably sounds cautious as he looks forward to the League Cup and, for that matter, the League. He's in very early days yet, and the playing staff has changed virtually one hundred per

cent since his last spell at Brockville.

So it's by way of an interim year for the Falkirk manager. And in that time he'll be introducing his own youth policy.

"Already we've had a lot of youngsters in over the past couple of weeks. It's the only way for a club like Falkirk to survive. We've got to breed our own youngsters right from an early age.

"We can't compete with the likes of Rangers or Celtic or the English outfits when it comes to paying out money for transfers so that's the only way."

Experienced

However, there are one or two bright up-and-coming youngsters on the Brockville books . . . players like full back Stewart Kennedy, and forwards Doug Somner, Tom McLeod and newcomers Bobby Thomas and Billy Fowler.

There are other experienced players, though, like goalkeeper Ally Donaldson, defenders John Markie, Dave Cattenach, Tommy McMillan, and forwards Wilson Hoggan, John Whiteford (ex-Airdrie) and Dennis Settrington.

It looks a fairly balanced squad although John Prentice will have his own ideas — and Rangers fans will get a chance to see them on the park this Saturday.

● Quinton Young opens the scoring for Rangers with a cleverly taken free kick past 'keeper Ally Donaldson in the League match at Brockville last season.



—Boss Prentice is happy with tough start



● Tom Forsyth in the thick of the action as he beats the Falkirk defence for a high ball.

★ CALLING ALL CLUBS

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POSSILPARK: Club opens Sunday August 5 at 2-30 p.m. All attend, important business. New members welcome.

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EDINBURGH JARDINE: Will meet Saturday 11-45. Bus leaves 14 Picardy Place at 12-15, Waterloo Place 12-30. Non-members welcome.

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MOTHERWELL: Bus v. Falkirk, Crosshill Street 1-30, Motherwell Station 1-35, Bellshill Cross 1-45. Non-members welcome. Membership fees now due.

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CAMLACHIE: Meet Friday August 10. All attend. Bus Saturday 2-15.

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CARNWATH: Bus on Saturday, August 11. Carnwath 12-45; Forth 1-00, Bellshill 1-45.

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HELEN STREET: Bus v. Arbroath, Ibrox Garage 1-30, Club 1-35, Jester 1-45. New members welcome.

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NITHSDALE: Bus v. Falkirk 2-14 and 2-25 usual places. Details of meeting to follow shortly.



The 'News' brings you another 'First'

MEET THE MEN FROM TURKEY!

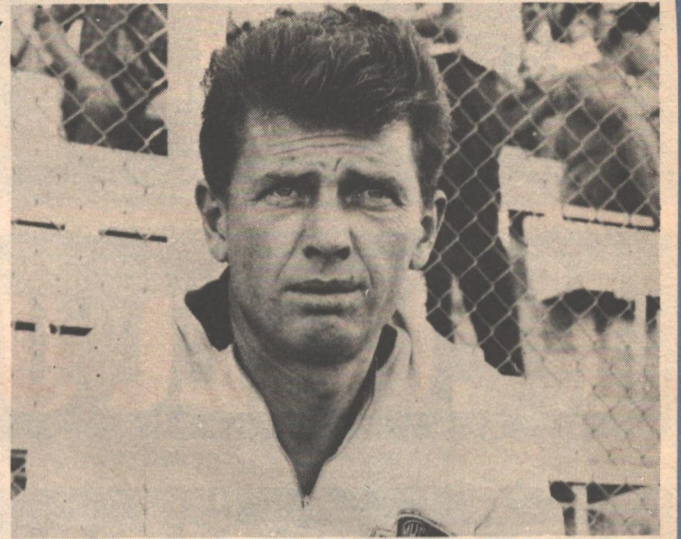
ONCE again 'Rangers brings its thousands of readers another 'first' . . . and this time it's the mystery men of Turkey, Ankaragucu F.C., the team Rangers meet in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. The first leg is on September 13 in Ankara, and then the return at Ibrox is on October 3.

The 'News' has been making arrangements through Turkey's National Daily Newspaper "Milliyet" to bring you these photographs of the Turks.

London correspondent KASIM YARGICI sent us the information in return for the help he'd got from the "News".

Said Kasim: "Your newspaper was very helpful to us to fulfil our task of reporting to Turkey about Rangers."

We'll be keeping in touch with Kasim during the build-up to the tie and anything else relevant to the two games from the Turkish end will be brought to you via the 'News'.



● Gent with the worried look is Ankaragucu coach ZIYA TANER. Perhaps he's thinking ahead to the games against Rangers!



● Above: Happy Ankaragucu players salute their fans after the Turkish Cup Final. They lost that match to Galastaray but qualified for the European Cup-Winners' Cup nevertheless.

● LEFT: Turkish players go through a tough training session while a wee boy looks longingly at a whole bundle of footballs . . . maybe hoping for the day when he too becomes a footballer.

● BELOW: Ankaragucu goalkeepers Aydin (left) and Baskin. It's likely that Aydin will play against Rangers.





★ THE GREATEST FANS IN THE WORLD

SEVENTEEN - year - old Elizabeth McCance had one regret while she was busy lapping up the sun in Spain last weekend — she had to miss Rangers' game with Montrose!

And that, for Elizabeth bordered on being a major disaster! For it was only the THIRD game in three years she's missed.

You can gather from these facts then that Elizabeth, of 127 Appin Road, Dennistoun, Glasgow, is something of a Light Blue fanatic!

She first started following 'Gers after listening to her father talk almost non-stop about the Ibrox men and before long she joined the ranks of those fans who can safely be described as being "Rangers-daft."

The first game she saw, too, was a good one to start off with . . . the first game Colin Stein played for Rangers against his old team Hibs — and scored a hat-trick.

MEMORIES

From then on there was no stopping Elizabeth, with her most-cherished memories since then being the 1970 League Cup Final and, of course, last season's Scottish Cup Final.

In fact, Elizabeth has been a Rangers fan for FIVE years but, as she said: "I only went to games at Ibrox then so you can't really count them."

Since she first started following the team "properly" Elizabeth has missed only three games — against Arbroath and St. Johnstone last year and, of course, Montrose last week.

Naturally, she's tra-



● ELIZABETH McCANCE, 'Liz' to her friends, is on top of the world now that the new season is here again, and as usual, she's set to follow Rangers wherever they play.

Old Firm

matches

Keep Liz off her sleep!



● DEREK PARLANE . . . Liz thinks the Rangers striker is just "fabulous."

velled about a lot following the team and now she's a member of the Townhead Supporters Club — and their 'Supporter of the Year' into the bargain.

However, before she joined the Townhead branch she got to games

by various methods. She remembers one occasion for instance, when she and her friend hitchhiked to Edinburgh for a Hibs game. That time they were picked up by another supporters' bus before they had even left Glasgow.

After some time passed Elizabeth and a friend, Grace Morris, decided to join the Townhead branch and last year Liz was named "Supporter of the Year." Unfortunately she couldn't go to the annual dance which, incidentally, Dave Smith attended as 'Player of the Year.'

SO EXCITED

"Supporter of the Year," seems an apt title, for Elizabeth gets so excited before a Rangers and Celtic game for instance, that she can neither eat nor sleep!

"It's terrible," says her mother. "She gets so worked up about an Old Firm game she affects the rest of the family who, mind you, are just about as bad."

"But Elizabeth is the worst. When she started putting posters and things up on her bedroom wall it got so out of hand we had to have



● Liz with her dog Laddie . . . even he wears a Rangers scarf!

some of them taken down . . . and that didn't please her at all! "Now most of them are back up and we've threatened that we'll not bother putting new wall-

—And she can't eat a thing before big game

paper up, just have the room covered in Rangers things."

Said Elizabeth herself: "I just live for Rangers and my favourites are John Greig and Derek Parlane. When people tell me they don't think John's a very good player I get mad because I think he's great. And Derek Parlane is fabulous."

Elizabeth is so much of a fan that she's even trained the family dog, Laddie, to "give a Rangers paw!"

Elizabeth, her father, and of course, Laddie aren't the only members of the McCance family to support 'Gers . . . there's Catherine (15) as well. Apparently she goes to most of the

Rangers games and is following in her sister's footsteps.

But Elizabeth, as her mother said, is the No. 1 fan in the family. After the disappointment of missing the Drybrough Cup-tie against Montrose she went through to Edinburgh for the Hibs game — and promptly cheered and shouted so much that she lost her voice!

In the circumstances the following day, mind you, that might not have been such a bad thing . . . for all her work-mates are Celtic supporters!

In fact, the McCances can see the Parkhead floodlights from their Appin Road home.

Despite losing her voice, Elizabeth assured the "News" that she'd be 100 per cent okay for the Falkirk game . . . and the start of another season.

● LIZ McCANCE is just one Ibrox fanatic. There must be thousands more. Do you know any relation or friend who deserves to be featured. He (or she) may be young or old, may have never missed a Rangers match or perhaps have overcome a physical handicap to follow the team. Write to 'Top Fan,' 'Rangers News,' 40 Kelvingrove St., Glasgow G3 7RZ, giving details of the fan concerned and where he or she can be contacted.



JAN'S SECRET IS OUT

AT LAST!

A YOUNG girl who sneaked into Tynecastle Park for a reserve match between Hearts and Rangers some time ago wasn't up to any mischief, but she was breaking one of her husband's strictest rules.

The girl in question was Jan McDonald, wife of young Ibrox reserve forward Iain.

Iain, you see, has always laid down strict instructions to his wife, even before they were married, that she was not to go to watch him play.

And until that game at Tynecastle,

LIFE WITH THE RANGERS STARS

Jan had only seen Iain play on television.

"He told me years ago that he didn't want me to go and watch. I think really he would get embarrassed if he thought I was at a game.

Favourite sport

"But that time I just had to go. So my sister and I sneaked into Tynecastle, watched most of the match, then left well before full time in case Iain saw us. There weren't many there, naturally, and he might have spotted me easily."

And Iain might never have been any the wiser if it hadn't been for the "News!" Because when Jan realised the story would appear in this paper she said: "Oh! I'd better tell him in that case. Until now I'd never bothered but he'd better hear it from me rather than read it!"

Iain's wife's real name is Janet but, she says, "everybody calls me Jan and it's more or less stuck at that now." She met her husband three years ago at the Longstone Club when he was playing his second favourite sport — after football naturally — table tennis.

String of injuries

The couple became engaged almost exactly two years ago — July 31, 1971 — before marrying on May 19 this year. And if that date rings a (wedding) bell for football fans all over Scotland, it's hardly surprising.

For the couple chose the day England versus Scotland Home international match to marry! It seems that Jan just can't avoid football!

When the couple first met it was about the time that Iain suffered the first of a long string of injuries which sidelined him for months after a



● JAN McDONALD . . . enjoys reading and listening to records.

The day she sneaked into ground — and defied Iain's order

brilliant start as a Ranger.

In a match against Hibs he was badly injured and spent some time afterwards with a plaster on his leg. It was about then that Jan first met her husband-to-be.

Since then, of course, Iain, or Dougal as he's known at Ibrox, has been dogged by bad luck. "He never talks much about his injuries, though," said Jan. "Obviously he got worried about his leg quite a lot and I suppose I was too.

"But, touch wood, that all seems to be behind him now and he's playing again."

Mind you, if that's a bit of relief to Jan, it's considerably better news for her husband!

Jan, a key-tape operator with Scottish Omnibus in Edinburgh, has

several other hobbies apart from following her husband's football career.

Enjoys reading

"I enjoy dancing and Iain and I got quite a lot. Mind you, when we go out in a crowd it usually ends up that all the boys get together for a chat and leave us to bletcher as well. There's certainly never much dancing done!

"Apart from that, though, I enjoy listening to records, and reading."

Jan, as it turned out, married a footballer . . . and that's really the only profession Iain was ever likely to follow. "He was a slaterer for a while, but instead of going to work half the time he went to football matches!"



● IAIN McDONALD . . . doesn't like his wife watching him play.



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Peterborough, 20 Kettering.

21 Maidstone, 22 Run-corn, 23 Skelmersdale, 24 Aberdeen, 25 Airdrie, 26 Plymouth, 27 Margate, 28 Nuneaton, 29 Altrincham, 30 Barrow.

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41 Stranraer, 42 Hearts.

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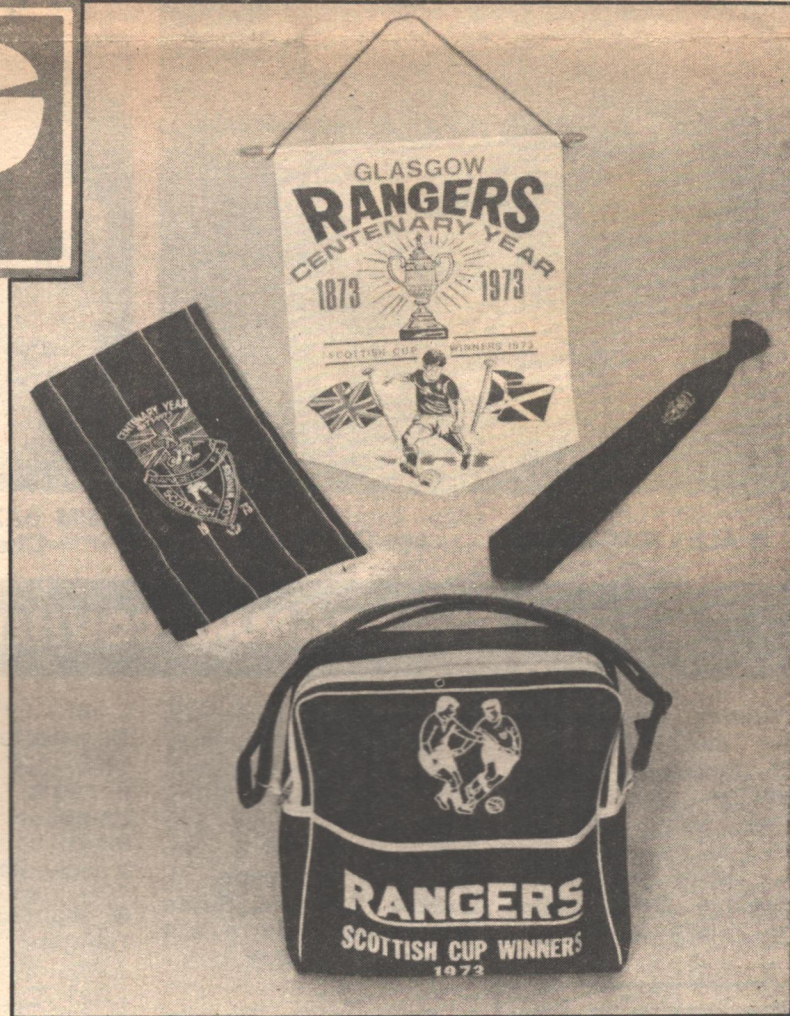
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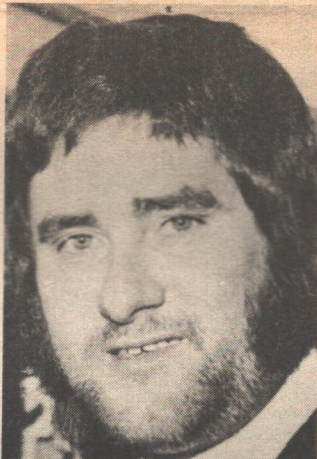
WHEN DID 'SLIM JIM' GO TO SUNDERLAND?



● ALEX MACDONALD . . . see Question 6.

And who is known as "Der Bomber"?

- 1—Who were the Rangers scorers in the game against Clydebank last week?
- 2—There are two players called Young at Ibrox, what are their first names?
- 3—Middlesbrough team played Morton, Partick Thistle, and Hamilton last week. What were the scores of the matches?
- 4—If Tommy Gemmell played against Willie Wallace, which two clubs would be in opposition?
- 5—Which Scottish team plays at Gayfield?
- 6—Which club was Alex MacDonald with before his transfer to Rangers?
- 7—When was Jim Baxter transferred from Rangers to Sunderland?
- 8—Which former Rangers player was nicknamed 'Corky'?
- 9—Who are the "Bully Wee"?
- 10—Dunfermline won the Scottish Cup twice in the 1960s. Who were their Final opponents on each occasion?
- 11—Which famous European player is nicknamed "Der Bomber"?
- 12—Who was England's scorer against Scotland at Wembley in May?
- 13—Which team last achieved the League and Cup double in England?
- 14—Who is manager of Clyde?
- 15—Who was the last Scot to be "Footballer of the Year" in England?



● JIM BAXTER . . . see Question 7.

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 11)

LIGHT BLUE FILE

ON

IAIN McDONALD



- What age are you?
I'm 20.
- Where do you live?
Edinburgh.
- Are you married?
Yes, my wife's name is Jan.
- What's your favourite car?
A Ford Capri.
- Who is your favourite comedian?
Tommy Cooper.
- What's your favourite food?
Mince and tatties!
- Who are your favourite male and female singers?
Alice Cooper and Carly Simon.
- Have you any hobbies?
Table tennis.
- Who are your favourite film stars?
Roger Moore and Jane Seymour.
- What's been the best country you've visited?
Germany.
- What's your favourite television programme?
Tom and Jerry and Top of the Pops.
- What are your pet hates?
Being injured.
- What's your favourite sport outside football?
Tennis and badminton.
- What's your favourite colour . . . after blue?
Maroon.
- What are your ambitions?
To get a regular place in the first team.



● TOMMY GEMMELL . . . see Question 4.

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One such fan is Alex Duguid, of 271 Glasgow Road, Ralston, Renfrewshire, who has been Rangers-draft for the last 20 years and goes everywhere to follow the team.

Great season

And despite last Wednesday's Drybrough Cup defeat by Hibs, Alex reckons Rangers are in for a "great season."

"They did well last year, winning the Scottish Cup and doing so well in the League. But I think they'll do

THE V.I.P. FANS OF IBROX

even better this season with the new players and the competition for places."

Alex lost his sight when he was 15 but, as far as football is concerned, that has presented "no problems." "We go a'long for the atmosphere and we all feel the same as any other supporters.

"Anyway, we have our own commentators who do a tremendous job for us and take us to games so we can keep in touch with the play

easily. Sometimes not being able to see is an advantage!

"We enjoy watching Rangers tremendously and we're very grateful, incidentally, for the facilities we get at Ibrox. The Club is tremendously helpful and probably copes with one of the biggest blind parties at any football ground in Britain.

"It's obviously a bit more difficult when 'Gers travel away but usually everybody is very helpful."

Alex remembers one funny moment when he and several friends were at their usual places at Ibrox, just at the side of the players' tunnel.

"This bloke, a friend of mine, had been a referee before he went b'ind," said Alex, "but this Saturday the match referee was having a terrible time and my friend was getting more and more angry.

"At the final whistle he was so incensed that as the referee was passing he leaned over and shouted: 'Take my white stick, ref., you've got more use for it than me!'"

Marvellous match

That memory apart, however, Alex particularly remembers last season's Scottish Cup Final when Rangers beat Celtic 3-2. "That was a marvellous match. We all enjoy Celtic games, especially when Rangers win!"

Drybrough—Tom keeps up the spirits

IF any good can come from a defeat, and you'd find it hard to make manager Jock Wallace believe any could then there were a couple of interesting points out of last week's Drybrough Cup defeat by Hibs.

The first, although it's little consolation now, is that Rangers played below form and Hibs played well last Wednesday. Yet the Ibrox men were just pipped in extra time.

The second is that they have started this season better than last when, in a similar fixture, they lost 3-0 to Hibs.

One must also take into account that the game at Easter Road was only the Light Blues' second competitive match, whereas Hibs had had three tour games and their opening Drybrough Cup tie against St. Mirren.

These points, however, should not be mis-

taken for excuses. Hibs played very well and probably deserved to win over the piece.

Yet looking back to the second half and also the period of extra time, appeared far fitter, and Rangers certainly made more chances in that time.

For the record, Hibs' goals were scored by full back Des Bremner and youngster Tony Higgins, while Derek Parlane got Rangers.

Incidentally, a large number of fans at the game, Hibs supporters included, thought the best man on the pitch was Ibrox sweeper Tom Forsyth. He strolled through it and even managed to come forward to lend a hand on several occasions.

Teams:
Hibs: McArthur, Bremner, Schaedler, Stanton, Black, Blackley, Duncan, Edwards, Gordon, Munro, Cropley.

Substitutes, Higgins and Smith.

Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Johnstone, Forsyth, McLean, Scott, Parlane, MacDonald, Young. Substitutes: Hamilton and Denny.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1—Davie Young, Eric Morris, Alfie Conn and Alex Miller. 2—Quinton and Davie. 3—Morton 0, Middlesbrough 2; Hamilton 1, Middlesbrough 3; P. Thistle 0, Middlesbrough 2. 4—Dundee and Dumbarton. 5—Arbroath.

6—St. Johnstone. 7—1965. 8—George Young. 9—Clyde. 10—Celtic and Hearts.

11—Gerd Muller of Bayern Munich. 12—Martin Peters. 13—Arsenal. 14—Archie Robertson. 15—Frank McLintock of Arsenal.



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And just to give you an idea of what we mean we publish this week yet another of the lovely candidates for the title. She is Miss Anne Herriot of Rutherglen.

If this young lady is anything to go by the "Rangers News" readers are certainly in for an eye-ful come the finals.

Last year's finals, watched by thousands of members in the Ibrox Social Club, were fought out by sixteen of the most attractive fans a club could wish for. And the winner, Miss Margaret Waugh, set a standard that will be hard to follow.

If you are a Rangers supporter with a shapely wife or girl friend and you reckon she has what it takes to be a beauty queen, read on.

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