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# RANGERS NEWS



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## £2,843,795 pay-out -it's just amazing

THE SUCCESS of the Rangers Pools just keeps on and on . . . that was the message from Ibrox director David Hope at the special dinner to celebrate yet another record win last week.

Said Mr Hope: "I forecast ages ago that we would reach a single win of £10,000 before very long. The fact that we haven't yet is due to the various increased costs of overheads etc.

"I'm still confident, however, that this total will soon be reached. The Pools money is still increasing week by week."

And to back up his words Mr Hope produced some staggering figures, such as the fact that, up to the middle of March, the total

number of folk who contributed to the Pools is 164,693,897 . . . OR the donations to the development fund have been a startling £1,517,858 . . . OR the huge sum of £2,459,635 which has been paid to the Customs and Excise . . . and perhaps most intriguing of all, that £2,843,795 has been paid out in prizes!

That's not bad going . . . in anybody's financial language!

### Chrissie's the latest winner

# WHAT A FINISH!

## 10 games in five weeks

WITH THE season almost over, Rangers are set for their busiest spell for months with a series of two games a week at both first team and reserve level until the end of April.

Because of postponements and calls on players for internationals, the Ibrox side are four games behind schedule in the First Division programme, and a mammoth TEN games away from completing their Reserve League commitments.

Which means, in effect, that the Club will call on all their players in a bid to win a place in Europe for next season and also win the Reserve Championship.

"These are the two targets my players have," said manager Jock Wallace. "It's going to be pretty hectic from here on in but we prefer it that way."

"We are desperate to get into Europe next season and with that in mind the players cannot relax for a minute. We have a backlog of fixtures to catch up on and they will be involved twice a week as from next week."

In fact, Rangers will probably have midweek fixtures for the next FIVE weeks.

They have to play postponed games against Aberdeen, Dundee, Motherwell and Dunfermline and, of course, have a friendly against Everton in Liverpool on the Wednesday after the League season officially ends.

### Favourites

As well as these matches there are scheduled games against Clyde, Motherwell, Dundee (again!), St. Johnstone and Dumbarton. That gives the Light Blues ten games to complete by May 1 . . . and it's nearly the beginning of April already!

One of these games could have been played tonight if it hadn't been for the international against West Germany in Frankfurt.

The Reserves are in a similar position. For a variety of reasons they too have fallen behind in the fixture list and have a number of postponed games still to re-arrange.

The Colts of course, are very much in contention for the Reserve League and this hectic finish to the season may not be to their benefit. Coach Joe Mason, though, isn't worried.

The games have to be played sometime between now and the end of April so it looks as if we'll be playing every midweek from now on.

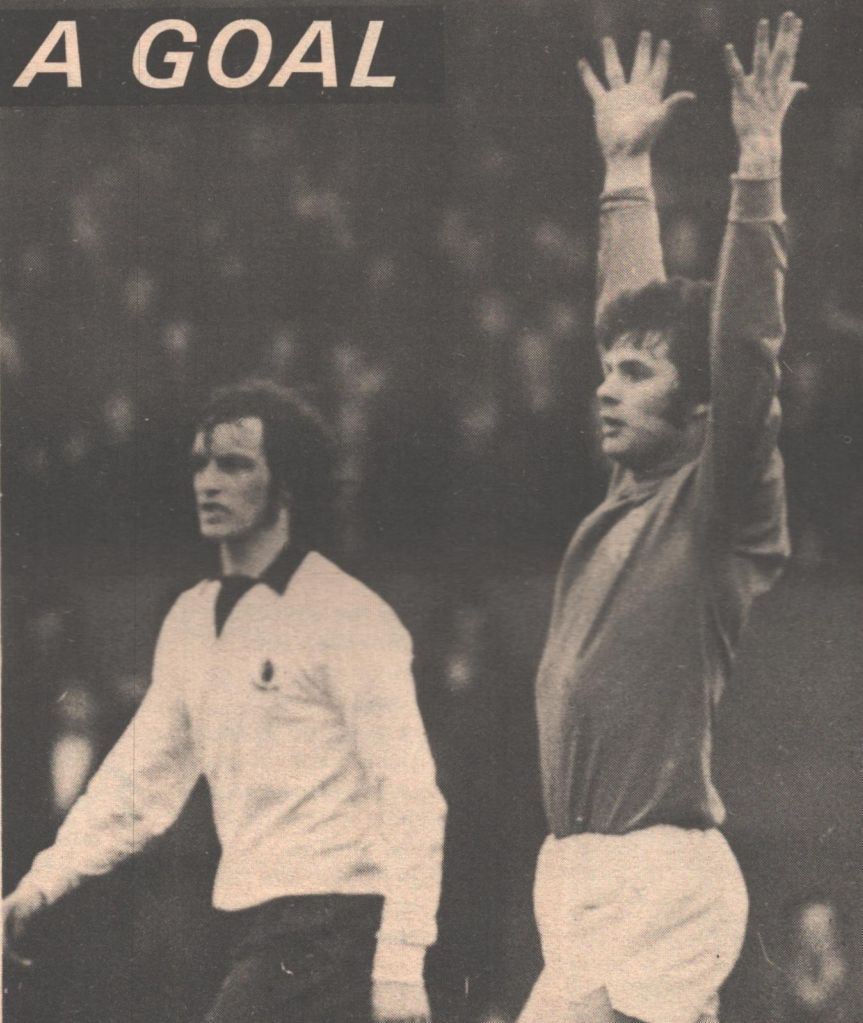
"It'll help keep the players on their toes and with the Championship within reach there's plenty left to play for."

The Reserves have still to play their near challengers Aberdeen once and fellow title prospects Hearts twice . . . home AND away.

Nevertheless, the Ibrox second string are favourites to bring a trophy to Ibrox and after the hard work done by everyone this season it would be disappointing if nothing new was placed on the Ibrox Trophy Room.

## YOU'RE RIGHT, LAD . . . IT WAS

## A GOAL



• Derek Johnstone acclaims Derek Parlane's shot as a 'goal' against Bairs on Saturday, but the referee didn't agree. Everyone else said it was, EVEN Falkirk boss John Prentice and 'keeper Donaldson himself. A very sporting touch. Match report and more pics on Page 5.



• Chrissie Robertson's feeling just dandy . . . with a cheque for £9,633 and Sandy Jardine for company. Full story on Page 4.

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● Fixture pile-up k.o.'s Greig's sporting dinner date

# SKIPPER JOHN MISSES BIG BOXING HONOUR

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**EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP CHAMPIONS — 1972**  
**RUNNERS-UP 1961, 1967**  
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1891, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1964.

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) 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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**JOHN GREIG** last week was forced to turn down an offer to be a guest of honour at the fabulous Anglo-American Sporting Club in London's Hilton Hotel.

The date of the occasion — the finals of the senior boxing championships of the Association of Boys' Clubs — was Monday.

But during next midweek Rangers are almost certain to be involved in the first of a number of midweek fixtures and Greigy simply couldn't get away.

The reason for the invitation, incidentally, was because John is a member of the Scottish Boys' Club. Another guest of honour at the function is to be the rider of next Saturday's Grand National winner.

★ ★ ★

Rangers have five players on international duty again this week . . . **Sandy Jardine, Derek Parlane, Derek Johnstone, Alex O'Hara and Billy Steele.**

Sandy and the two Dereks flew out to Germany at the beginning of the week with the full international squad for tonight's friendly against West Germany. That Ibrox trio have been in the Scotland limelight a lot recently what with Under-23 and League matches as well.

And, also tonight, the Scotland Professional Youth team will attempt to make sure of a passport to the European Youth finals this summer when they play their second leg match against Belgium at Somerset Park.

Alex and Billy have been in all the recent squads and both have been named again for this important match. Best of luck, lads.

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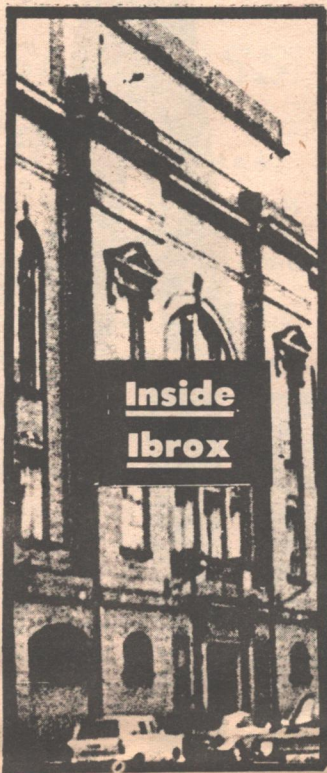
**Willie Mathieson** has taken delivery of the "Willie Mathieson Trophy" — all properly inscribed — which will be competed for in the mile event at the Markinch Games in Fife on June 2.

The full back will be presenting it to the Games organisers in the near future.

★ ★ ★

**Sandy Jardine**, who was chosen as the Cumbernauld branch's Player of the Year, unfortunately had to miss the club's annual "do" on Saturday night.

What with his recent bout of flu' and the fact that he had to join up with the Scotland



● Alex O'Hara



● Billy Steele

## NEWS MAIL

THROUGH the courtesy of the Rangers News may I express a sincere thank you to Rangers F.C. for the hospitality accorded to the patients and staff from Chrichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries, on our recent visit to the Stadium.

We have been visiting Ibrox once a year for some ten years and on each occasion Mrs Lizzie Love does everything in her power to make us more than welcome. This time she was extremely busy but she still made us feel very welcome and we can't thank her enough. May I also mention Mr Tommy Craig, who we are proud to say worked at Chrichton for a spell, and who took the time to greet us warmly on our visit.

As a small gesture we left a mascot made by the patients here and we are certain it will bring much success in the future. — **Robin Love, Male Nurse, Social Therapy Department, Chrichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries.**

★ ★ ★

I WOULD appreciate it very much if you could possibly put in your next edition my thanks to the two Rangers supporters who helped me when I was kicked by a police horse. I will thank them personally if they write to 94 Shakespeare Road, Vale, Lancaster. I will also forward their scarves which they lent me to wrap round my leg. — **Grahame Henderson.**

## Big Tam coming along, swimmingly!

international party on Sunday, Sandy felt a function on Saturday night might be too much. He is honoured, of course, that the branch should choose him.

★ ★ ★

**Colin Foster**, the lad from Canada who's been training with Rangers for the last few weeks, left last Friday.

Colin travelled down to Newcastle for a week to stay with relatives before flying back to Canada tomorrow.

He was tremendously grateful for the help and co-operation he received at Ibrox and, on his own admission, has left a much-improved player.

It just could be that Scottish football followers might hear of him again . . . if he plays for Canada in the 1976 Olympics!

★ ★ ★

**Derek Johnstone** wandered into Ibrox the other day sporting quite a natty line in ties!

The one he was wearing on Friday was the official Preston North End tie which was given to him by Bobby

Charlton's Scottish scout who lives in Derek's home town of Dundee.

★ ★ ★

One of the most popular films to hit Glasgow for some time gained a few more admirers on Friday.

For among the afternoon audience at 'The Sting' were Rangers players **Ian Thomson, John Gardener and Donald Hunter.**

All the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the film.

★ ★ ★

Who was the unluckiest person at Ibrox last week? . . . that unfortunate title must go to **Lizzie Love.**

For very early on Friday morning Lizzie woke up to a smell of burning in her Argyle Street home . . . to find one of the bedrooms ablaze.

Fortunately the fire brigade arrived promptly and confined the fire to the one room.

What was not so fortunate, though, was that a couple of suitcases full of presents and new clothes which Lizzie had bought for her forthcoming trip to relatives in South

Africa were completely destroyed.

Now she's having to start all over again and get herself organised before she flies out at the beginning of May.

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**Tam Forsyth**, who can't train seriously because of his stomach injury, is still managing to keep fairly fit . . . by swimming.

Two or three days last week the big defender took himself along to Larkhall Baths where he could do light exercises.

Three Ibrox weddings are coming up in the not too distant future. **Alfie Conn, George Donaldson and Jim Denny** have all arranged dates to get hitched within the next few months.

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Last Saturday was a sad day for reserve full back **George Struthers.** For that defeat by Queen of the South in the Palmerston friendly was the first time he had been on a losing Rangers side in Scotland this season!

## Garry Moore

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# WANTED MAN!

## Zambia so keen to get Big John's comments!

COUNTRIES like Zaire are becoming more and more prominent in the football world nowadays and, as a result, the clubs in these countries are always trying to improve their standards.

So when the subject of coaching came up in the dressing-room, directors box or whatever the Zambian team Kabwe United use, the conversation turned to John Greig!

Yes. They've heard of the Rangers captain and his tremendous reputation as far afield as Zambia!



• Sandy Jardine

That prompted a chain of events which, unfortunately, finished this week with John having to opt out of an invitation to go there this summer.

But let the Ibrox skipper take up the story: "This club, Kabwe United, wrote to me the other day and asked me over there to coach the side for eight weeks during the summer.

"Unfortunately, I won't be able to manage it because I have too many other commitments for this close season.

"Even at that, I tried around various friends in the football scene here in Scotland to see if anyone could take my place... either players who were retiring or unmarried lads who might have been able to get away.

### His Knowledge

"Without being big-headed in any way, they didn't want exactly anybody. They wanted someone with a bit of experience.

"It's a pity I couldn't get anyone so last week I had to write back to them pointing out that, since it's World Cup year, there are obvious snags with players availability."

John, in fact, has too many responsibilities, football and business at home to be able to get away for eight weeks but there has been some talk around the football scene recently that a couple of Scottish players might yet be asked to work — commenting or writing — on the World Cup this summer.

Should that be the case, John, with his knowledge and experience in the game, would be a natural.



• Willie Mathieson.



• John Greig... too many commitments at home both in business and football to take up the Zambian offer.

## MARTIN SET TO

## MAKE HIS MARK

JOCK WALLACE'S maxim since he took over at Ibrox has been a simple one as far as his bright youngsters are concerned.

"If they're good enough, they're old enough" is his straightforward philosophy and it has been put into effect more than once this season.

And the Ibrox boss may well find himself using that phrase again before the end of April for another of his bright young starlets is on the verge of being rewarded for his hard work.

His name is Martin Henderson and, if he does make the top team this season, it will be a remarkable feat.

For Martin only signed for the Light Blues at Christmas time and there can hardly have been a quicker promotion than that at Ibrox.

He's not guaranteed a place, of course, but if he maintains his recent steady improvement he may well find himself on the first team sheet before much longer.

"He's done really well since he came here at the end of last year," said Jock. "He's played a number of games for the Reserves and has scored a few goals.

"If he maintains that kind of improvement for the next couple of weeks he'll certainly be in with a shout for a game before the end of the programme."



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## A Beautiful partnership

AT ONE stage last week, it looked as if two Rangers players' tremendous record of consistency over the past few years was about to be shattered.

For, practically without a break for almost a couple of seasons, Sandy Jardine and Willie Mathieson have been the Ibrox full backs.

Yet that partnership looked in dire danger for a time last week. The first thing was that Sandy Jardine was reported to have flu early on in the week. It laid him low for a few days. It wasn't until Thursday, in fact, that the internationalist reported back for training.

Then he went through more or less the same training as the rest of the squad and on Friday he had another work-out and was pronounced one hundred per cent.

And Sandy's full back partner, Willie Mathieson, almost lost a record himself last week.

For Willie, who was named in the reserve squad for the game against Dunfermline at East End Park on Wednesday, hasn't played for the second string for over two seasons!

Willie kept his record safe, though, when Dunfermline phoned Ibrox on Wednesday morning to say that the game had been postponed because of the state of the East End Park pitch.

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## POOLS SPECIAL

**A £3 win on Littlewood's, then  
£9,633 on the Ibrox pools...**



• Chrissie Robertson flashes a £9,633 smile as she gets a kiss from Sandy Jardine. Happy looking gent on the left is agent Robert Storie, who picked up £963.

# CHRISSIE CASHES IN!

**THERE was £9630-worth of a difference between Christine Robertson's first win on the pools and her most recent "victory" on the Rangers Pools.**

For Chrissie's first win was on Littlewoods several years ago . . . and she won £3. Last week, after three years of doing the Rangers Pools, she won £9633!

She first heard about her win last Monday and even when she received her cheque at a special dinner in the Ibrox Social Club four days later, she still couldn't believe it!

Chrissie, a warehouse worker of 37 School Road, Paisley, still can't decide what to do with the money although, she said: "I'll buy a television and some other things for the house I share with my sisters Nancy and Jessie."

"Other than that I'll just put it away for a while and think about it. Once it's really dawned on me just how much I've won I'll probably have a better idea of what I'm going to do. I still can't believe it, though."

But it's all true and, on Friday, Chrissie received a cheque from Rangers full back Sandy Jardine for the fabulous £9,000-plus prize which was, incidentally, another record.

Also present at that celebration dinner was Chrissie's agent Mr Robert Storie, of 93 Netherhill Road, Paisley, who got £963 as his winning share.

He was another who couldn't believe he had won any money . . . but for different reasons.

"My sister heard about it before me and when she told me I didn't take much notice because she's been wrong twice before!

"I don't know what I'll do with the money either. This is the biggest win I've had although, not so long ago, I won £200 and before that I've had wins of £20 and a couple at £6.

"It's a great thing to have at your back. Now I know that if anything major comes up I'll be able to afford it."

Robert, who works on the same floor of the works Chrissie is in, actually added eight clients to his total after the win was announced and this week had nearly 250 "customers!"

The Pools isn't the only connection the Storie family have with Ibrox, however. Robert's son David was the founder member of the group called Fourth Storey who have often played at the Social Club.

All in all, it was a busy lunchtime for Sandy who handed over cheques worth over £10,000 to the winner and her agent.

## ★ This week's lucky folk ★

### Pool 1 4 possibles 20 goals 4 winners.

Mrs B. Nicolson, 37 Glamis Dr., Greenock.  
Mr J. Walker, 40 Logan Dr., Troon.  
C. Cairns, c/o 8 Greenhill Ave., Mount Ellen, Gartcosh.  
Mrs J. Miller, 24 Bonnington Ave., Glasgow, W.3.

(Each receives £2,404.80p.)

### Pool 2 6 possibles 9 goals 3 winners

J. Blake, 5 Lamlash Square, Cranhill, Glasgow, E.3.  
Jean McMillan, 33 Park Ave., Laurieston, Falkirk.  
Sid Grant, Garage, Harbour Street, Nairn.

(Each receives £200.40p.)

### Pool 3 10 possibles 19 goals 7 winners

Mrs J. Graham, 133 Heathfield, Gowkthrapple, Wishaw.

E. Donohoe, 31 Glencairn Dr., Moodiesburn.  
Mrs McIsaac, Kipperochie Cottages, Dumbarton.  
Robert Wardrope, 57 Second Ave., Auchinlock.  
M. Campbell, 26K Afton Rd., Kildrum, Cumbernauld.  
S. Bridgewater, c/o Hamilton, 37 Glebe Cresc., Maybole.  
Mr T. Fitzgerald, 300 Westmuir St., Glasgow.

(Each receives £85.88p.)

### Pool 4 1 possible 34 goals 1 winner

J. Daly, 6 Hillview Place, Brodick, Arran.

(Receives £601.20p.)

### Pool 5 36 possibles 2 goals 31 winners

Combination: 09, 10, 28 with any two from 08, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 26, 35, 39.

(Each receives £19.39p.)

ALL POOLS SUBJECT TO RESCRUTINY

## Rab's got 'em all Rangers' daft...

**WHATEVER** kind of match — be it reserve or first team — is being played at Ibrox you can rest assured that the Muir family of 15 Invershin Drive, Glasgow, will be represented.

It may be dad Robert, but if it's not him then it might be mum Jean . . . or son Bobby . . . or other son Raymond!

But one thing which is certain — at least one member of the family is guaranteed to be there!

Dad Muir, you see, has been a Rangers fan as long as he can remember, although his father still can't understand that. For his dad is a staunch Partick Thistle supporter and can never understand where his son "went wrong!"

### Instant Liking

In fact, it was Mr Muir senior who took his son to his first match . . . and guess who were playing? Right! Thistle and Rangers!

Perhaps Mr Muir expected his son to take an instant liking to the Jags but it didn't quite work out that way and, instead, Rab chose their opponents to start following.

And ever since then he's been a confirmed Light Blue-nose. "I can't remember the result of that first match but I do remember it was my first game. I've gone practically ever week since."

As Rab says, it may have been his first, but it certainly wasn't his last! He's been to so many others he's frightened to begin counting them . . . and he's still only 37!

### Glorious Winner

In all these years it's the most recent games Rab remembers best. Games like the Scottish Cup Final when Kai Johansen scored that glorious winner . . . or Barcelona . . . or last season's Scottish Cup victory.

"I've got a terrible

### FAN FOCUS

memory so it's these kind of games I remember more than when I first started watching the boys. But they were all tremendous occasions.

"The great players of around that time were the likes of Jim Baxter and Davy Wilson. Everybody has said all there is to say about Slim Jim but I think Davy was a great Ranger . . . so whole-hearted and devoted."

### Always Travel

As a player those are some of the qualities Rab thought that Davy had . . . and as a fan they are the qualities Rab has himself.

You couldn't get a more wholehearted supporter for Rab is at practically every game and has even managed to "spread the gospel" to the other members of his family.

"My wife Jean goes along quite a lot and Bobby — my elder son — is a ballboy at Ibrox which means that he's to be there every week whoever's playing.

"And young Raymond always travels with me on our supporters bus to the away games. So the whole family is involved."

And you could reasonably say that Rab's devoted to Rangers as well. "The wife says I love the Rangers more than I love her. Good grief, I love the Celtic more than that!" he jokes.

### Lot of Time

But his "devotion to duty" has made him vice-chairman of the Rangers Association Social Club and president of the Cowcaddens branch.

"I've been a member of the Cowcaddens branch for about 20 years, but I became president six years ago. What with the work for the branch and my spells at the Club I spend quite a lot of time being involved."



• It's thumbs up from 'bread-winner' Rab Muir.



# OVER THE LINE BUT REF SAID

# ...NO GOAL!

AFTER the previous weeks' successive victories over Manchester United and Morton, the goal-less draw against Falkirk at Brockville on Saturday was a big disappointment.

Particularly because of the very fact that there were no goals. In the games at Old Trafford and Cappielow Rangers had scored three times.

The big talking point, though, after Saturday's match was whether or not Derek Parlane's late shot had gone over the line. The player himself was in no doubt: "I definitely thought the goalkeeper dragged it back," he said.

And that verdict seemed to have general agreement... even from the Falkirk players and officials!

## Controversy

Still, over the piece a draw was probably the correct result for Rangers never really got into their stride against a plucky Falkirk outfit who lost centre half George Gibson after only five minutes.

Certainly, the Light Blues had their chances... notably Alex O'Hara, John Greig, Derek Johnstone and Quinton Young among others. But so too did Falkirk and but for some excellent defensive work by Peter McCloy and Colin Jackson they might have won both points.

Apart from the controversy

over the "goal," the crowd had little to cheer about and, indeed, the other notable incidents occurred in a brief spell minutes before the interval when referee Eddie Pringle of Edinburgh booked three players — Willie Mathieson, Henry Hoggan and Jim Shirra — for the mildest of offences.



Winger Tommy McLean hooks a drive past Falkirk defenders Cameron (left) and Wheatley for goal but 'keeper Donaldson brought off a fine save.

# Colts close in on Title!

THERE'S still a long way to go... but Rangers Reserves continued their bid for the Reserve League Championship in no uncertain manner when they beat Falkirk 4-2 at Ibrox on Saturday.

The score would have been more respectable had it stayed at 4-1 for Falkirk got their second goal only in the dying seconds of the match.

Still, the Colts keep right on winning which is what it's all about and that title is getting closer.

On Saturday they went into the lead after 20 minutes when Billy Steele scored with a great header. That lead, though, lasted only a couple of minutes and the half-time score was 1-1.

Then came a second half blitz which put the Ibrox second string into an unsailable position.

## "Pleased"

Alex McVake put them into a 2-1 lead after a fine run down the right wing and then Johnny Hamilton added a third... again a good goal.

Rangers made it 4-1 through Alex Miller but then, just on the final whistle, Falkirk pulled another goal back to make the final score 4-2.

Fifteen minutes from the end, Alan Cuthbertson replaced a winded Ian Thomson.

As long as his side keeps on winning coach Joe Mason is happy. "They didn't play as well as they can but it was, after all, another two points.

"I'm particularly pleased

## Reserve round-up

with the younger lads who are playing well. Alex McVake, for instance, is doing a good job and Billy Steele, too, is playing in top form."

TEAM: Stewart Kennedy, Jim Denny, Ian Thomson, George Donaldson, George Struthers, Alex Miller, Dave Smith, Alex McVake, Johnny Hamilton, Billy Steele, Eric Morris. Substitutes, Alan Cuthbertson for Thomson, Iain McDonald not used.



★ IAN McDOUGALL

# Derek clinches winner again!



Derek Parlane scored what proved to be the winning goal against Morton last Saturday then made his way from Greenock to Dunoon where he was presented with the local supporter's club 'Player of the Year' award. Club president Mr James Whyte made the presentation of a beautiful punchbowl and glasses, and in our picture are committee members and guests, including Derek and Ibrox colleague Billy McNichol with Mr Whyte between them.

## Next week's numbers

HERE is the official list of teams for Saturday, March 30—

01 Huddersfield, 02 Plymouth, 03 Darlington, 04 Exeter, 05 Celtic 06 Dundee U., 07 Preston, 08 Sheff. Wed., 09 Rochdale, 10 Gillingham.

11 Mansfield, 12 Alloa, 13 Clydebank, 14 Sunderland, 15 West Brom., 16 Shrewsbury, 17 Newport, 18 Dunfermline, 19 Falkirk, 20 Aldershot.

21 Walsall, 22 Rotherham, 23 Hamilton, 24 Kilmarnock, 25 Bournemouth, 26 Cambridge U., 27 York, 28 Swansea, 29 Montrose, 30 Queen's Park.

31 Chesterfield, 32 Bradford C., 33 Workington, 34 Hibs, 35 Morton, 36 Hereford U., 37 Rangers, 38 Raith R., 39 Oxford U., 40 Portsmouth.

41 Aberdeen, 42 Arbroath, 43 Bury.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION			
AYR UNITED	(1) 1	ARBROATH	(2) 2
CLYDE	(0) 0	MORTON	(1) 2
EAST FIFE	(0) 0	DUNDEE UNITED	(0) 2
FALKIRK	(0) 0	RANGERS	(0) 0
HEARTS	(0) 0	ABERDEEN	(0) 0
MOTHERWELL	(1) 1	DUNFERMLINE	(0) 0
PARTICK THISTLE	(0) 2	CELTIC	(0) 0
ST. JOHNSTONE	(0) 3	DUMBARTON	(1) 3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Div. 1					
P	W	D	L	Pts	
Celtic	25	10	2	1	30
Hibernian	23	11	0	1	33
Rangers	25	5	3	4	23
Aberdeen	25	4	6	1	32
Ayr Utd.	27	7	3	4	30
Motherwell	25	6	4	3	28
Hearts	25	4	4	5	27
Dundee U.	24	4	2	4	26
Dundee	22	5	1	5	32
Arbroath	26	4	2	8	34
Dumbarton	25	4	2	7	31
St Jhnstne.	26	2	6	6	21
Clyde	26	4	1	7	31
Partick Th.	26	5	3	6	30
East Fife	27	2	2	9	20
Morton	24	3	6	3	19
Dunfermline	25	1	5	7	17
Falkirk	26	1	8	3	10

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — SECOND DIVISION			
ALBION ROVERS	(0) 0	RAITH ROVERS	(0) 1
ALLOA ATHLETIC	(2) 3	STRANRAER	(2) 2
BRECHIN CITY	(1) 2	STIRLING ALBION	(2) 5
CLYDEBANK	(1) 2	QUEEN'S PARK	(0) 0
COWDENBETH	(0) 4	MONTROSE	(2) 3
FORFAR	(3) 3	KILMARNOCK	(3) 5
QUEEN OF SOUTH	(0) 1	AIRDRIE	(1) 1
ST. MIRREN	(1) 2	HAMILTON	(2) 2
STENHOUSEMUIR	(2) 3	E. STIRLING	(0) 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Div. 11					
P	W	D	L	Pts	
Airdrie	29	13	2	0	25
Hamilton	29	10	2	2	24
Kilmarnock	27	9	2	1	31
Q.O.S.	27	9	3	2	37
Berwick	30	8	6	1	36
Raith Rov	27	6	2	4	32
Stirling A.	28	8	2	3	31
Alloa A.	26	7	2	5	28
Montrose	27	7	4	2	27
St Mirren	27	5	4	5	27
Stranraer	28	4	3	7	25
Cowdenbth.	29	5	3	6	24
Stirnsuir	29	7	2	7	23
Clydebank	24	5	4	3	21
E Stirling	28	5	1	10	20
Queen's P.	25	6	1	7	20
Albion R.	26	2	4	6	18
Forfar A.	28	1	3	11	10
Brechin C.	30	2	1	12	10

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE			
ABERDEEN	3	HEARTS	2
ARBROATH	2	AYR UNITED	1
DUMBARTON	1	ST. JOHNSTONE	2
DUNFERMLINE	1	MOTHERWELL	1
HIBERNIAN	0	DUNDEE	1
RANGERS	4	Falkirk	2



Quinton Young slips past Falkirk's David Whiteford.

## Join the Pools Boom

The Pools boom has continued to grow bigger and better than ever this season—and you could join by becoming an Agent—all you need is 10 prospective clients.

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★ ALL THE NEWS FROM THE SUPPORTERS FRONT ...

# NOW BLACKPOOL LIGHTS UP IN THE "COLOURS"

## Club Call

• Calling all club secretaries ... keep in touch with your members through the columns of the 'News'. We give a FREE service for any details you wish conveyed to your members in our 'Club Call' spot.

All you have to do is either post or hand in your Club Notice to 'Rangers News', 4 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, G3 7NT NO LATER than the Friday before the 'News' is on sale (which is the following Wednesday).

**EDINBURGH JARDINE:** Bus for Clyde game leaves 14 Picardy Place 12.15, Waterloo Place 12.20.

**CARNWATH:** Bus for Saturday, March 30, at Carnwath 12.45, Forth 1.00, Bellshil 1.45. Dinner-dance names by March 30.

**GRANGEMOUTH:** Buses for Saturday leave Social Club 1.00 and Falkirk 1.10.

**KILMARNOCK INDEPENDENT:** Tickets for dinner-dance on April 27 now on sale. Uplift before April 15.

**STRATHLEVEN LOYAL:** Dance buses leave 7.00. Saturday bus 1.00. Meeting on Monday 7.30.

**Irvine & District:** Clyde bus leaves Ravenspark Arms:— 1.30 p.m. Irvine Cross:— 1.45 p.m.

**YET ANOTHER** branch has been added to the Rangers Supporters Association ... this time in that holiday centre for so many Light Blue fans ... Blackpool!

The new branch has 90 members and, surprisingly, a large number of them are women.

It's always good to see another club being formed and this one will be particularly popular with visiting Scots during the summer months.

The new branch was visited recently by several people connected with the Association. They were absolutely delighted with what they saw.

Chairman Stan Lind went down along with General Secretary Mr Miller, Ticket convenor Mr Fullarton, Shettleston branch member Mr Fullarton Jnr., and Chairman of the Development Fund, Mr Laird.

**TONIGHT'S** the night for all you snooker fans with ten-times World Champion John Pullman playing an exhibition match against North American and Canadian champion J. Webeniuk.

It's a members-only night with tickets priced 50p and you get a snack as well. With a good cabaret on, too, it will be an entertaining evening.

The cabaret, incidentally, will be provided by Gordon Sinclair who's also starring at the Social Club along the road next week. Tomorrow night there's dancing and bingo to the popular Freeway group and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday New Day will be the group who are entertaining you.

IF YOU weren't at the Club on Tuesday March 12, you certainly missed out! For the ladies held their talent contest final that night ... and it was a roaring success.

Pride of place, though, goes to Mrs Rose Young who was in tremendous form and thoroughly deserved first place.

Second was Mrs M. McKenna and there was a tie for third between Mrs M. McComb and Mrs S. Cook.

The standard of entertaining was high and in our picture you can see a finalist

## Association Round-up

being presented with a bottle of whisky by members of the committee, Mrs McLean and Mrs Robertson.

**THE CHANCE** is still open to anyone who wants to enter the big talent competition sponsored by White Horse Whisky.

The prize money totals £125 so it's an opportunity not to be missed ... especially by all you talented members!

Anyone interested should contact either Wallace Watson or Andy McMillan at the club.

STILL on the subject of the ladies' nights, parties are welcome to come along and enjoy a social evening which includes bingo and dancing.

Snacks can be arranged if required by phoning either Mrs McLean or Mrs Robertson at 041-427-5429.

THE Associations' Development Fund winners for the week beginning March 18 are as follows ...

	£15	£10	£8
Mon:	10264	1718	6287
Tues:	11351	8248	13824
Wed:	10505	4766	8803
Thurs:	13879	3408	8517
Frid:	14053	6072	959
Sat:	695	14766	8138
	(£100)	(£25)	(£10)

**Two snooker results** from recently ... and both Association teams were successful.

The Rangers "A" team beat Langside 3-2 and the "B" side trounced Polmadie 4-1. Both fixtures were held on March 18.

SO NEAR and yet so far ... that was the darts team in the Fairshaws spots league this season.

Unfortunately, the Association side lost their last game against Pollok and finished third in the league with 30 points.

There wasn't much in it, however, for winners Rolls Royce had 32 points and runners-up Benburgh Juniors had 31!

The Association team would like to congratulate the winners on their success.



• One of the talent competition finalists is presented with a bottle of whisky by committee members Mrs McLean and Mrs Robertson.



• JIM BURNS

**AN OLD FRIEND** returns to Ibrox on Saturday in the shape of former Rangers coach Stan Anderson who's now, of course, manager of Clyde.

But Stan is hoping that his return to the Stadium isn't a happy occasion for his former team because Clyde are desperate for points to haul themselves even further clear of the relegation zone.

You don't need a bigger incentive than that to go looking for two points!

In recent weeks Clyde have been making a determined effort to pull clear and have, in large measure, been successful.

## Good spell

But there is still a few weeks left till the end of the season and you can be sure Stan won't allow the Bully Wee to let up in their efforts.

In that way, he's not unlike Rangers manager Jock Wallace who never allows his players to give anything less than 100 per cent.

The Shawfield side,

## THERE'LL BE NO FAVOURS FOR AN OLD FRIEND!



• WILLIE McVIE

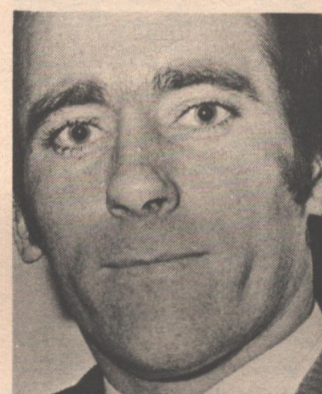
Manchester United's Jim Holton — Lesmahagow in Lanarkshire — so that can't be bad. In John's case, you simply have to wonder just how much longer he can turn in first-class performances. He's been with Clyde THIRTEEN years now.

In midfield, Jim Burns and Brian Ahern are doing very well and both have grabbed vital goals recently. Jim got the only goal of the game against Thistle and Brian hit the back of the net last weekend against Dunfermline. You can't ask for more than that!

## Talented

Up front — although they all can drop back to help out in the middle of the park — are four talented players ... Dom Sullivan, Sam Ferris, Sam Miller and Peter Boyle.

Likely substitutes for Saturday's game are Bobby Harvey and Joe McGoldrick



• STAN ANDERSON

time ago.

There are still a number of fair players on the Shawfield books and one man who has earned his corn over and over again this season has been goalkeeper Phil Cairney.

Full backs Eddie Anderson and Alan Swan have settled nicely, too, this season and have been mainstays in a solid Shawfield defence.

And between them in recent weeks have been Willie McVie and John McHugh. Centre half Willie comes from the same neck of the woods as

really, have done well this season since Stan took over. Early on under his leadership they had a good spell then fell away a bit but now they're back to something like their best form again.

In the last few weeks they've made the best possible use of fixtures against fellow-strugglers. They've beaten Partick Thistle, drawn with Dunbarton and beaten Dunfermline — at East End Park incidentally — all virtually four-point games.

This Saturday they aim to collect another couple of points to ensure they don't fall back into the danger area.

When you think of their commendable efforts in recent weeks it looks even better when you consider they've been without skipper Danny McGrain who, of course suffered severe head injuries some



### ALFIE SHOWS' EM WHAT IT'S ABOUT!

YOU could be excused for thinking the fabulous Tom Jones was on at the Social Club last week if you walked in at the end of the cabaret every night.

For on stage was a gent taking off the jacket, undoing the tie and generally looking every inch like the famous Welsh star.

Instead, it was singer Alf Freeman who may not be Tom Jones... but he certainly excites his audience just about as much!

Last Saturday night, for instance, Alf had the Club patrons going wild and now it seems only a matter of time before he's back at the Club again.

# COMIC CUTS!

## From a Dandy Singer

YOU DON'T have to remember very far back to recall a tremendously popular group called "Just Two Plus One" who made a big hit on the pop scene a few years ago.

Well, the former lead singer of that group, Gordon Sinclair, has gone solo and is appearing at the Rangers Social Club all next week.

In his act Gordon is, of course, a talented singer but he is also, a bit of a comedian AND an impressionist of some note!

So, if nothing else, you're in for a varied and highly-entertaining cabaret next week!

He's already appeared at the Ibrox Social Club before... in March of last year. In fact, it was his first engagement as a solo artiste.

That was a successful show and since then he has signed contracts with a leading recording company and is awaiting a release date for his first single.

So you can see that Gordon's move to become his "own boss" has proved a successful one and a measure of his success can be gauged from the fact that he was invited to sing at the Tokyo Song Festival in September last year, but eventually had to call off through illness.

That was an unlucky break for Gordon but he's had more success since then and has appeared recently on B.B.C. television's variety show, "Debut".

That was a big boost for him for he received a tremendous press for that show with his performance, being widely acclaimed in both national and local press all over the country.

However, next week Gordon is at Ibrox and he could



• ALLY SCOTT

## Do you know big Ally's nickname?

1 — What three Rangers players were included in the Scotland squad for the game against West Germany tonight?

2 — What have the following Second Division managers in common... (a) Eric Smith of Hamilton, (b) Willie Cunningham of St. Mirren and (c) Ian McMillan of Airdrie?

3 — What is Alistair Scott's nickname?

4 — True or false... (a) Sandy Jardine lives in Kirkcaldy, (b) Tommy McLean lives in Lanark and (c) John Greig's from Edinburgh?

5 — When did Scotland last beat England at full international level?

6 — If Doug Houston played against Stewart Houston, which two Uniteds would be in opposition?

7 — Who is Rangers' most recent signing

### TEST YOUR FOOTBALL I.Q.

8 — Where do Nottingham Forest play?

9 — Who won the Scottish Cup in 1954?

10 — Which team knocked Leeds United out of the F.A. Cup this season and who scored the all-important goal?

11 — Who's older — Derek Johnstone or Derek Parlane?

12 — Dave McKay was a player with which clubs?

13 — Who are the four seeded countries in the World Cup?

14 — Which former St. Johnstone player is now with Everton?

15 — Who scored for the English League against the Scottish League last week?

(ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE)



★ Gordon Sinclair... it's doubtful if he'll appear at Ibrox like this, but he's still certain to raise the laughs.

### Programme Market

★ WANTED: Will pay £2 each for Rangers Supporters annuals, seasons 1952, 1955 & 1956. For Sale — 40 Rangers programmes. Please list requirements and send S.A.E. — M. Homer, 8 Sefton Drive, Holywood Road, Belfast 4, N. Ireland.

★ FOR SALE: "Football Supporters Pictorial" (September 1969 to December 1972) — 15p each, "Football Monthly" (January 1960 to March 1966) — 17p each (April 1966 to January 1972) — 20p each, "Striker" (No. 1 10th January 1970 to No. 104 1st January 1972) — 6p each, "Soccer Stars" (August 2nd 1968 to No November 22nd 1968) — 10p each, Marshall Cavendish, "The Game" bound complete in 8 vols £40. — David Purdie Jnr., Hartfield, St. Anns, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire DG11 1HJ.

• FOR SALE: Autographed football from the friendly game v Manchester United. All Rangers autographs brand new. What offers? — Jim Doak, 20 Cairnban Street, Drumoyne, Glasgow G51 4E2.

★ FOR SALE: Mexico World Cup programmes — 15p, Rangers v Celtic (Lge Cup) — 3p, v Hibs (Lge 1973) — 3p, v Moenchengladbach — 3p, Ayr Unt v Celtic (1971-2) — 3p, Morton v Hibs (1972) — 3p. Send S.A.E. — A. Law, 18 Bouverie Street, Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire.

## TAKE A MUSICAL STROLL WITH 'MEMORY LANE'...

IF YOU fancy a nostalgic reminder of all the good old songs then the Social Club has the very group playing for you this Sunday lunchtime... Memory Lane!

The four lads and one lass who make up Memory Lane can cater for all tastes but their one speciality, as that name suggests, is a look back at the past.

Mind you, they wouldn't really need to sing, for if they told you of how they were formed it would take about as long as their act!

It seems that as long ago as seven years two of the group — Davy Smith and Billy Hunter — had a band in operation.

Then, four years later, they decided to form Memory Lane... and it became a four-piece group after Davy's brother Jim and drummer Eric Mills joined them.

Everything went well but perhaps the lads realised they were missing a female's touch.

For not long after they got an engagement in a restaurant... and were soon joined by the boss's daughter, Margaret, who's been with them since.

Not only that, though, for Billy later discovered that he and Margaret were distantly related AND a few months after that, she and Davy got married! So now there are three Smiths in the group!

Back to the music scene, though, and Memory Lane can be seen every Friday night at the Normandy Hotel as well as regularly in the other top hotels and clubs in the Glasgow and West of Scotland area.

So, if you are reminiscing over the weekend, take a trip down Memory Lane and visit the Club on Sunday lunchtime.



★ Memory Lane... let yourselves go back in time with this group who are certain to bring back some memories.

