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'GERS WALK TIGHTROPE TO EUROPE!



•Derek Parlane lies injured after taking a hefty knock in the penalty area during last Saturday's match with Dundee. Also in the picture are keeper Thomson Allan, Ian Philip (on ground) and Jocky Scott

— They must win last four games to have that vital place...

RANGERS, after that defeat from Dundee, now face four crucial fixtures to round off the season . . . and the players know that only by winning EVERY game have they a chance of playing in Europe next season.

— by
'News' Reporter

The defeat at Ibrox on Saturday was a set-back after a run of good results and what made it all the worse was the fact that near-rivals Hibs also lost.

So the opportunity to make up some ground was wasted . . . something the Light Blues can't afford to let happen in their remaining fixtures.

As you read this, the Ibrox players were "getting-away-from-it-all" at Carnoustie where they went immediately after the game against Aberdeen.

They'll stay in the famous golfing town until Saturday, then make the comparatively short journey to Perth to play in the first of these vital games.

Full effort

Hopefully this break from the normal routine will serve as a vital spur.

After the game against Saints, Rangers play Motherwell at Ibrox on Wednesday, Dumbarton at home a week on Saturday, then Dundee at Dens Park to finish the programme.

But even if the Light Blues do win them all there is no guarantee of Europe, for Hibs must slip up along the way and Aberdeen will still have to be watched as well.

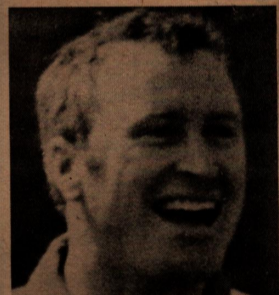
It's hardly the situation the Light Blues like to be in but manager Jock Wallace believes that Europe can still be reached and, this week, has been demanding full effort from his players to reach that target.

Cup-ties

"Everybody — the players, officials and fans — miss being involved in the

special atmosphere of Europe," said Jock. "We must make every possible effort to get there."

What Rangers have to do is there for everyone to see . . . what they will do remains to be seen.



•Jock Wallace

But one thing you can be sure of . . . these remaining games will seem more like cup-ties than end-of-the-season fixtures as 'Gers go all out to make sure of that place in Europe.

FOOTBALL SPECIAL

BRITISH RAIL are running a special train for the **St. Johnstone game on Saturday leaving Glasgow Queen Street at 12.35 and arriving in Perth at 13.51.**

It leaves Perth again at 17.25 and gets into Glasgow at 18.43 and the return fare is £1.20p.

• **213 winners get among the Ibrox Pools cash**

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Light Blues ballot big game tickets

THE BALLOT for tickets for the Scotland v England international at Hampden on May 18 started at Ibrox on Saturday when Dundee were the visitors.

Because of the Hampden crowd limit and the limited number of tickets available for Ibrox fans, Rangers introduced the ballot as the fairest method of allocating tickets.

So on Saturday boxes

were placed behind the turnstiles at the entrances. Members and "season" holders should tear ticket number 13 from their book and place it in any of the boxes.

The boxes will remain in position for the forthcoming home games against Motherwell, Dumbarton and Dundee and successful applicants will be notified soon after.

EXAMS DAVE WILL NEVER FORGET — P.4



They'll get the 'news' a thousand miles from home...

RANGERS-DAFT ON THE TINY ISLAND OF GOZO!

FROM Argyll to Malta . . . the Rangers "gospel" somehow gets everywhere!

Now the latest place to hear all about the Light Blues is the tiny island of Gozo near Malta where, for the first time, a copy of the "News" will soon be winging its way!

Last week, you see, we got a letter from a Miss **Margaret Mackenzie** of Kilmartin in Argyll who told us that when she spent some time in

Gozo recently she met a 'Rangers-daft family!

Now she'd like to keep them in better touch with what happens around Ibrox and the natural way, she thought was through the "News."

Apparently, among many others the family in Gozo have photographs of the Rangers team which played the Scots Guards in Toronto some time ago!

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DEREK JOHNSTONE certainly doesn't like to stay in one place for very long!

Last week for instance the big centre half was at home in Dundee most of the time before coming north to stay over Sunday night with **Derek Parlane** at the young centre's home in Rhu.

Then, along with **Sandy Jardine**, the pair flew down



•Derek Johnston

to Manchester early on Monday morning for a recording session for Top of the Pops.

Altogether, there were about a dozen of the Scotland squad "put through their paces" at Old Trafford as part of the show's "Easy, Easy" film.

Missing, though, were the lads from Celtic, Hearts, Hibs and Dundee who all had important midweek matches.

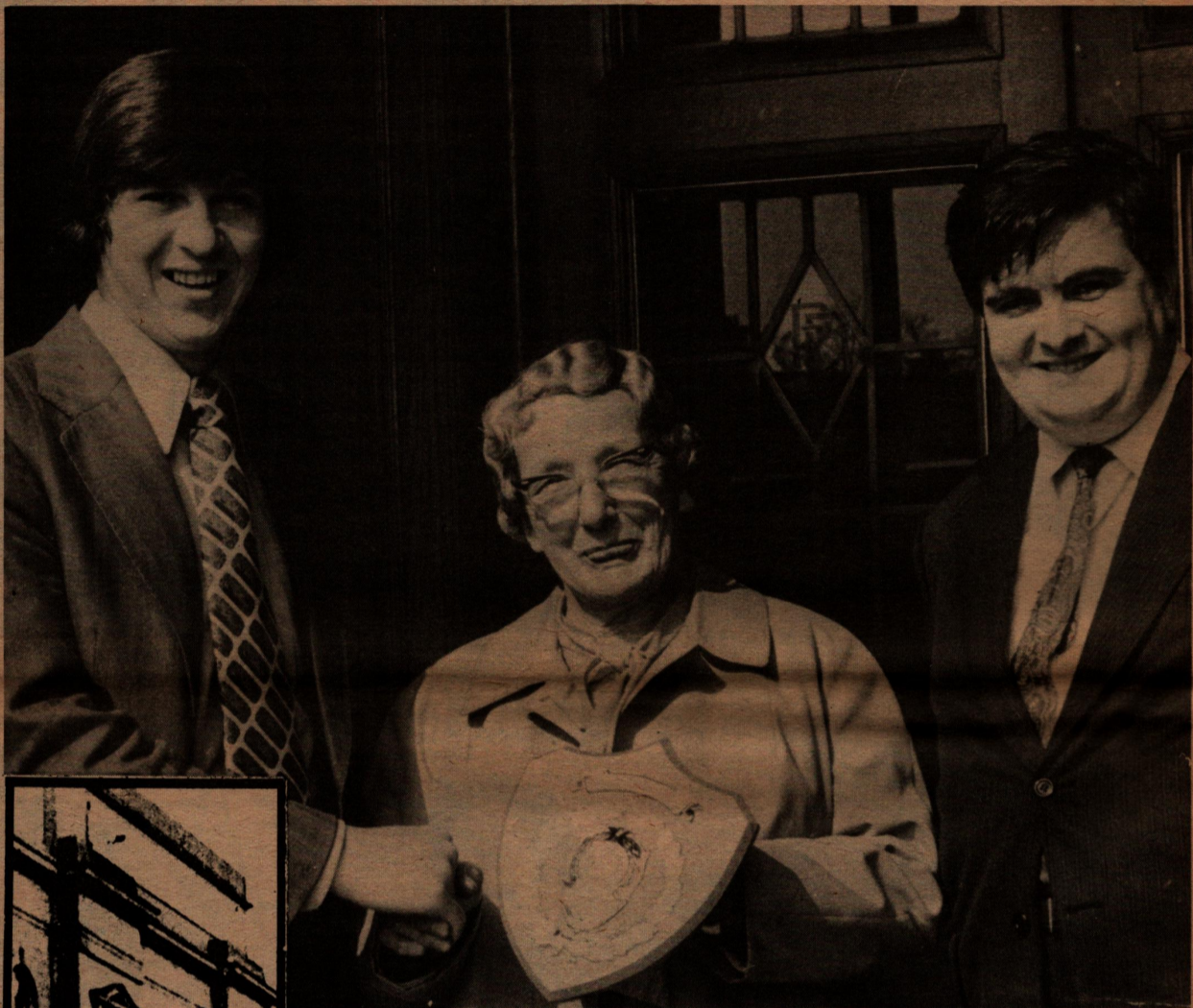
Then, of course, it was back to Glasgow and, for Derek, the journey north home again. Tuesday and Derek was back in the city before going to watch Dundee United win through against Hearts at Hampden in the Scottish Cup semi-final. After all that, it was home again and, we would think, bed!

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One of the greatest competitors on the Ibrox staff is without doubt coach **Joe Mason**.

We reckon Josy would get worked up whether it was tiddlywinks, table-tennis or the Scottish Cup Final!

Last week Joe took on full back **Sandy Jardine** at a



Big Tom takes their top award

TOM FORSYTH, who had to call off from the Carnwath branch's recent Player of the Year dinner-dance in Carluke, made up for it on Saturday.

For big Tom was presented with the branch's award before the League game against Dundee and with him in our photograph are two members of the Carnwath club.

Incidentally, Tom is the first player to receive an award from Carnwath.



To complete the coincidence both went on and that's the first time they've played against each other competitively.

It was Alfie who had the last laugh, though, for 'Gers won 3-1!

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On May 18 Scotland play England at Hampden . . . but Rangers forward **Alfie Conn** could be excused for having other thoughts on his mind that weekend.

For on May 20, Alf gets married and already he's well under way with the preparations. Along with his fiancée Sue, Alf is spending all his spare time at the moment getting things organised.

Only yesterday, for instance, he and Sue completed the deal which will give them a home in Kirkcaldy after the big day.

Rangers, who have been invited back to the youth tournament in Croix, France this summer, have already begun preparations.

Last Thursday Ibrox officials watched a number of their lads play in the first of a series of "trial" games at the Albion.

Lads like **Murdo Finlayson** are odds-on certainties to make the trip to France but assistant manager **Willie Thornton** has fixed up other games in which he'll assess all his youngsters.

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Rangers youngsters **Chris Robertson**, **Alistair Dawson** and **Gordon Boyd** all played for Eastercraigs in the youth tournament which was held in Glasgow at the end of last week and through the weekend.

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Apart from the league game against Dumbarton, **Sandy Jardine** has another date pencilled in for Saturday, April 27.

For after the game Sandy is scheduled to be guest of honour at the Gourrock branch's annual dinner-dance where he will be presented with the Player of the year award.

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Scotland team boss **Willie Ormond** watched Saturday's League game against Dundee . . . and seated not far from him was the writer of the Scots World Cup tune "Easy, Easy," **Bill Martin**.

Also in the stand on Saturday were the Manchester United youth team who were taking part in the tournament over the weekend and **Pat Crerand**, who was in charge of the lads.

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (34)
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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.
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GOALDEN ALLY!

Back on form and blasting home some real beauties

TWO OF THE best goals seen in the past few months at both Ibrox and Fir Park came from the same player . . . Alistair Scott.

Who, for instance, could forget his glorious diving header which made it 4-0 in that record-breaking game against Clyde a couple of weeks back?

Or that tremendous solo effort which did as much as anything to finish off Motherwell only last Saturday?

And, just for good measure, sandwiched in between these two crackers was another goal — against Dunfermline — which made it a case of . . . "Hullo, hullo, three in a row!"

Mind you, even Ally would be the first to admit that his counter against the Fifers wasn't a spectacular affair as he hit it home from all of five feet! Still, as the saying goes, they all count.

The ex-queen's Park striker came back to goal-scoring form almost immediately after he was brought back into the first team reckoning from a spell "out in the cold."

"I was substitute against Falkirk at Brockville and then it was the Clyde game and I was in," said Ally.

And from then on he hasn't looked back.

Disaster

But why the sudden — and dramatic — improvement in form?

"Well, for a start, it took me quite a while to get over the Dundee Scottish Cup game. It was a disaster for everybody concerned but for some reason I took ages to forget it.

"But I've been doing extra training in the afternoons with the Boss watching over and that has helped quite a lot.

"There isn't really one particular reason, though, for starting to score goals again.

Confidence

"It's just that the ball has been running my way and whereas before I might have messed it up, now they go in."

That's perhaps being a bit over-modest but the one thing the recent goals have given Ally that he hadn't a lot of after the Dundee tie is confidence.

When you score goals like the ones he got against Clyde and Motherwell, you're bound to get a lift and try things you might not have tried previously.

So it could be that from now to the end of the season we'll see Ally grab a few more goals . . .



•Ally Scott charges in on the attack but Dundee's Bobby Robinson thumps the ball clear during Saturday's game with the Dens Parkers.

No wonder Alex feels he's seen it all before!

IF THE END of this season is taking on that old familiar feeling for Ibrox reserve Alex Miller . . . it wouldn't be too surprising. For Alex was in exactly the same position last season as he has just found himself in again!

Namely that he's been moved forward from full back to midfield at more or less exactly the same time as last year!

"This time it's because Willie Mathieson is in the reserves but I don't mind at all because, actually, I prefer midfield."

Last season Alex was moved forward from the left back position with twelve games to go and he did well.

Six penalties

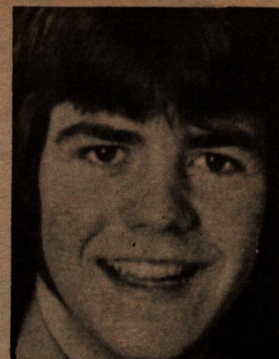
"I enjoyed it thoroughly and I finished the season with thirteen goals.

"At the moment I've scored ten this season so I'm hoping the move forward will allow me to beat last year's total.

"There's nothing I like better than going forward for a shot at goal."

That would suggest that most of Alex's goals were from various parts of the field yet, in actual fact, six of those ten have come from the penalty spot!

Alex is the second string's penalty expert and with them going so well this season he's had plenty of practice with spot kicks!



• Billy Steele

Top grade displays

...and they're all 18!

Last Saturday in the Reserve game against Motherwell, Rangers fielded a front three of Alex O'Hara, Martin Henderson and Billy Steele.

Two of the three players in midfield that afternoon were Alan Cuthbertson and Alex McVake.

What, you may be asking, have they all in common. Well, the answer is that they're all under 18!

It's an astonishing fact that these babes all played major roles against the Fir Park men . . . and that the Light Blues won 3-0!

Handful

And, before anyone suggests that they are all nevertheless experienced for their ages, let us point out that only Alex has first team experience.

Of the others, Billy is the most experienced having playing for both Junior Scotland and the Professional Youth team. Alan is junior with Cumnock, Martin was signed at Christmas and Alex has

only played a handful of reserve games!

Admittedly, against 'Well they were backed up by more experienced players like Willie Mathieson and Dave Smith but even at that it was quite a performance.

High hopes

Alex O'Hara apart, all these youngsters have still to make their names . . . but that might happen sooner than they dared hope.

Manager Jock Wallace has already hinted that Martin and Steelie are on the verge of following Ian McDougall into the first team. And not so long ago he took Cubbie on a League trip, and Alex McVake could figure prominently soon, too.

When you consider that's five players out of only one team, then you begin to realise why Ibrox officials have such high hopes for the future.

Even better . . . there's still more where these five came from!



• Alex O'Hara

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HARDEST EXAMS OF DAVIE'S LIFE!

NOT many people enjoy sitting exams . . . but Cumbernauld lad Davie Hendry absolutely hates the very thought of them!

For it was an exam which caused Davie his biggest disappointment of following Rangers.

You see, on the very day that Davie was scheduled to sit his O.N.C. exam at Stow College in Glasgow he would far rather have been hundreds of miles away.

Not just because of the exam . . . but because that night of May 24, 1972, the Light Blues happened to be playing Moscow Dynamo in the European Cup Winners Cup final in Barcelona!

"I remember that after the semi final I looked at my diary to see what date my exams were on. I couldn't believe it when I realised the dates coincided," said Davie.

"Imagine me supporting Rangers all these years and when the greatest day of all comes along I have to miss it because of an exam!

"Still that night I went along to the pub with my dad and when we eventually heard that 'Gers had won 3-2 we had a good night."

There have been a lot of good nights since Davie was first introduced to football — and Rangers — at a very tender age.

"It was only natural that I should start following Rangers," said Davie. "After all, every one of my family — my dad and all my uncles — were Bluenoses.

"The one thing which might have been a problem was that we lived almost literally in Celtic Park!

"We stayed in Palace Street — it's knocked down now — but I'm not kidding when I say that just about everyone in that street was Rangers-daft.

"It was incredible. Parkhead was only a throw-in



•David Hendry . . . "I was brought up right on the doorstep of Celtic Park, and I'm not kidding when I say almost everyone in that street was a Light Blue supporter!"



-They made

him miss

the 'Gers

finest hour

away from the houses yet everyone went to Ibrox.

"We used to go out on match days wearing Rangers scarves, tammies . . . anything we could get our hands on!"

Staying near Parkhead certainly didn't dampen his enthusiasm for watching the Light Blues for almost as soon as he could walk Davie was a regular visitor to Ibrox.

"Since then I would hate to think how many games I've seen. But to me the one and only must be Jim Baxter.

"He was the greatest person I've ever seen in a football jersey. I would have gone to watch him alone.

"Mind you, we could have another like him in Alex

O'Hara. He could become as great as Slim Jim."

Davie should be a good judge for he's played football since he was at school himself. "Andy Anderson of Partick Thistle was in our school side at Cumbernauld but after I left I went to play for Clydebanks Strollers and both Colin and Tom McAdam of Dumbarton as well as Andy Gray of Dundee United were all there."

Unfortunately, injuries have taken a chunk out of Davie's football life yet he still plays for a team in the city and suburban league . . . against doctor's advice.

"After I was injured for the umpteenth time the doctor told me to chuck it but I still

get by alright."

Anyway, according to Davie, it doesn't interfere too much with his Saturday afternoon job . . . watching the Light Blues!

He's been a season ticket holder for the past three years and nothing, but nothing, would stop him from getting to the Rangers' games . . . apart, possibly from a move abroad.

"I was thinking of going to Holland at one time. That wouldn't be so bad because it's quite easy to get back for weekends to watch the boys. But if it was any further away it would be a bit difficult."

Even if it was Australia, we've a feeling that Davie would manage back somehow!

POOLS ROUND-UP

Hundreds in, the money!

WHAT an amazing spread of winners in this week's Rangers Pools! in Pool 1 there are 56 winners . . . and each one of them wins more than £100! In fact, they all get £170.94p.

Pool 2 has six winners, and each of them receive £41.66p.

And in Pool 3, we have the largest batch of winning clients, 137 in all, and they all pick up £1.82p

Finally, Pool 4 has 14 winners with each of them receiving £17.85.

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POOL 1: 18 GOALS, 70 POSSIBLES, 56 WINNERS (Each receives, £170.94)

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* 56 agents each, receives £17.09

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POOL 2: 10 GOALS, 7 POSSIBLES, 6 WINNERS (Each receives £41.66)

Possible winning combinations:

05, 09, 15, 30 with any **one** from 03, 08, 14, 16, 25, 27, 31

* 6 agents, each receives £4.16

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POOL 3: 12 GOALS, 220 POSSIBLES, 137 WINNERS (Each receives £1.82)

Possible winning combinations:

30, 41, with any **three** from 05, 07, 09, 10, 12, 15, 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 43.

* 137 agents each receive 18p

(credited to commission)

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POOL 4: 2ND BEST, 26 GOALS, 32 POSSIBLES, 14 WINNERS (14 winners, each receives £17.85)

Possible winning combinations:

26, 30 with any two from 07, 22, 32, 38, and any one from 05, 09, 11, 15, 28.

Also 07, 22, 32, 38, with any one from 26, 30

* 14 agents, each receives £1.78

NEXT WEEK'S NUMBERS

HERE is the official list of teams for Saturday, April 20—

01 Arbroath, 02 Celtic, 03 Fulham, 04 Grimsby, 05 Lincoln, 06 Ayr U., 07 Luton, 08 Middlesbrough, 09 Halifax, 10 Hereford.

11 Mansfield, 12 Peterborough, 13 Hibs, 14 Partick T., 15 Nottingham F., 16 Oldham, 17 Reading, 18 St. Johnstone, 19 Airdrie, 20 Orient.

21 Oxford U., 22 Shrewsbury, 23 Wrexham, 24 Swansea, 25 Wokington, 26 Dumbarton, 27 Dundee, 28 Blackpool, 29 Bolton, 30 Blackburn.

31 Brighton, 32 Barnsley, 33 Brentford, 34 Brechin, 35 E. Stirling, 36 Bristol C., 37 Crystal P., 38 Cambridge U., 39 Charlton, 40 Colchester.

41 Doncaster, 42 Hamilton, 43 East Fife.

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SELDOM have so many given so much with such little reward! It certainly applies to the Rangers side which went down 2-1 to Dundee at Ibrox on Saturday.

Because for so much of the ninety minutes against the Dens Park side, the Light Blues dominated with some fine football and no-one could really have complained if Rangers had gone in at the interval at least two goals ahead.

Astonishingly, they found themselves two goals in arrears and during that half-time break both Rangers fans and the players must have found that fact hard to believe!

Credit Dundee, however, for the fact that they had only two attacks of any real substance in that first forty-five minutes . . . and they scored both times!

On both occasions it was Jocky Scott who did the damage and left Rangers lads rueing the number of missed chances they had.

Missed Penalty

From the start the Light Blues cut through the Dens defence almost at will but a combination of brave goal-keeping from Thomson Allan and some amazing misses left the Ibrox score sheet blank. Rangers even missed a penalty chance when Derek Parlane sent his spot kick too near Allan after Ford had handled an Ally Scott header on the line.

It was a similar story after the interval and practically every Ranger was a sinner as chances came and went regularly. It would have needed an adding machine to keep the tally if Ally, Derek, Cutty Young and Graham Fyfe etc. had had their shooting boots on.

As it was, a Sandy Jardine penalty after Ian McDougall had been brought down was all they had to show for so much effort and, indeed, some excellent football.

Overhead kick

Cutty was closest to equalising in that second half with a tremendous overhead kick which Allan did well to push past the post but how, oh how, the players regretted these misses after the match.

Incidentally, Dundee's Johnston was sent off with only five minutes remaining.

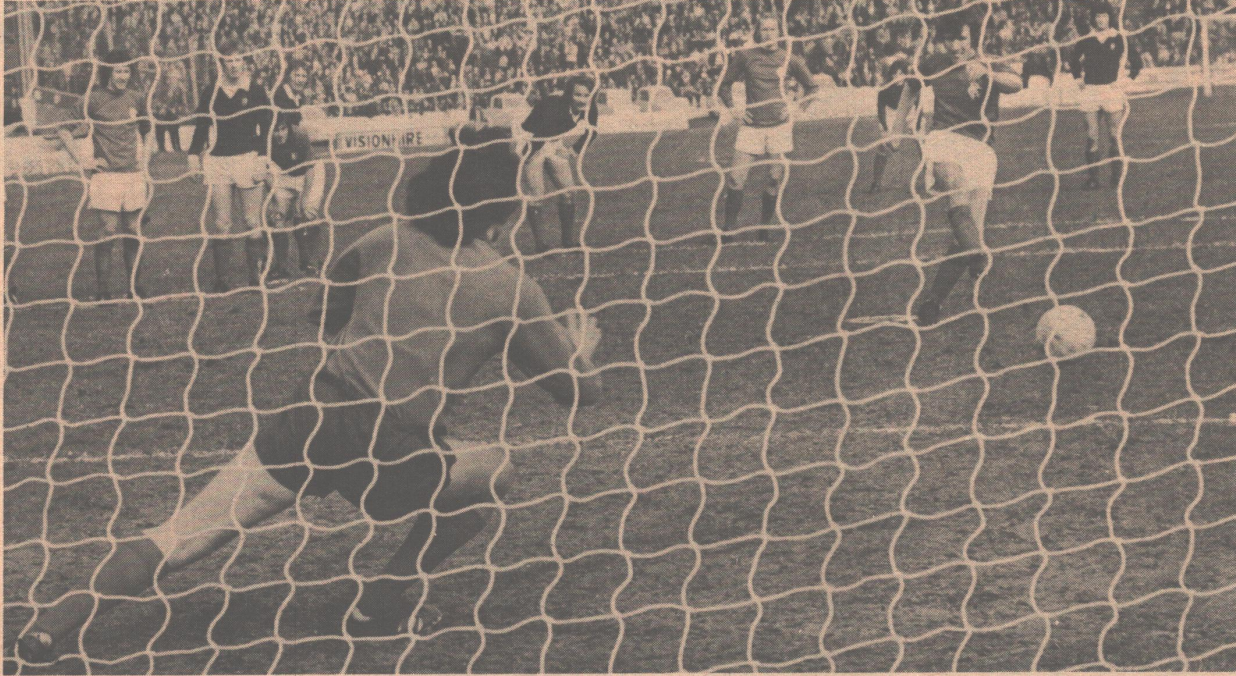
It isn't the first time this season that missed chances have cost Rangers dear.

What makes it all the more galling is that close rivals Hibs also lost and the opportunity to pick up some valuable ground was wasted.



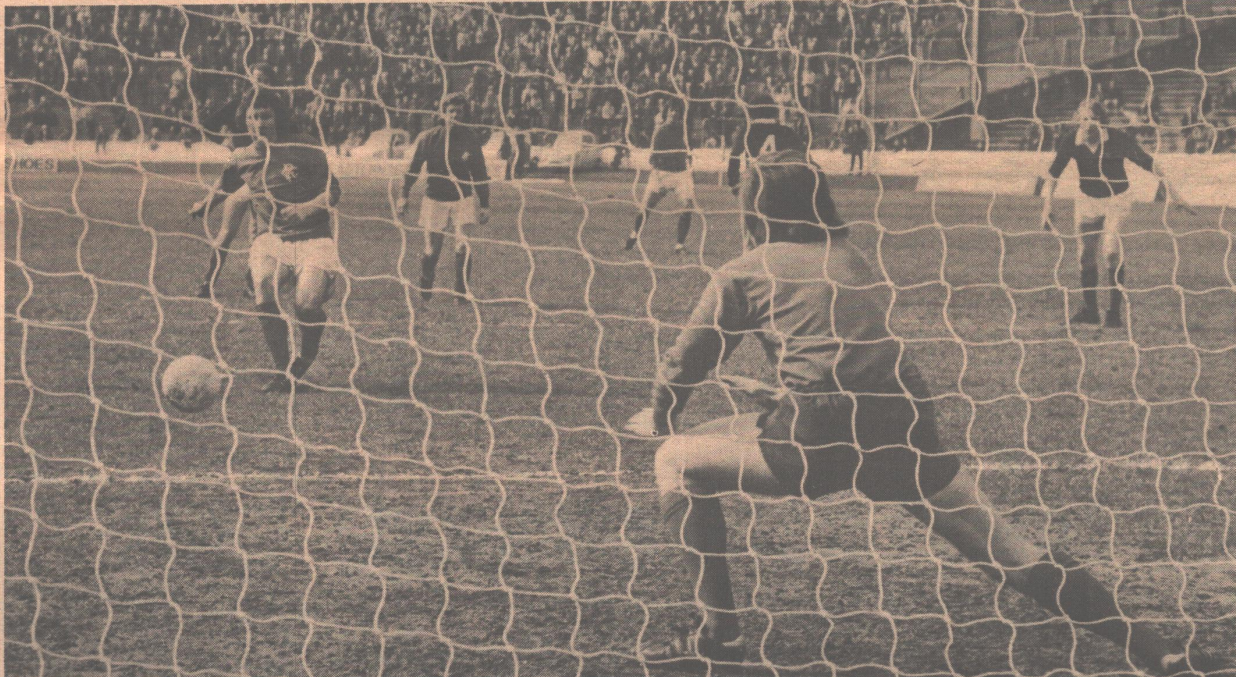
Derek Parlane packs all his power into this one but Bobby Robinson races in to block the shot as Graham Fyfe looks on

SPOT ON!



Sandy Jardine demonstrates the art of penalty-taking as he hammers the ball low into Thomson Allan's right hand corner

... SPOT OFF!



Derek Parlane, normally the hot shot, hits a weak penalty and 'keeper Thomson Allan has a fairly easy job of saving it.



Ally Scott gets the 'elbow' from big Tommy Gemmell as the ex-Celt stops the Ibrox man's run.

ROUND-UP

Table with league standings for Scottish League - First Division, Second Division, Reserve League, and Stirling A. Includes columns for P, W, D, L, and Pts.

SCORERS

WITH no game in mid-week only Sandy Jardine's penalty against Dundee counts in this week's marksmen's table round-up.

That gives Sandy a hat-trick of goals — all penalties — this season and Saturday's gives him one to add to his previous double which was against Hibs back in October.

Mind you, we could so easily — and should — have been in a position today to be able to tell you how the likes of Derek Parlane — he missed a penalty against Dundee — Ally Scott, Graham Fyfe and Quinton Young had all added to their totals against the Dens Parkers.

There were so many chances wasted on Saturday it was well-nigh incredible but that is in the past now and we'll bring you up to date, including this midweek game against Aberdeen if there are any scorers, next week.

Table listing scorers and their goals: Parlane 26, Conn 12, Scott 10, Greig 9, McLean 9, Young 7, O'Hara 6, Jackson 5, Fyfe 3, Johnstone 3, Jardine 3, Hamilton 2, Smith 2, Own goals 2, Forsyth 1, Morris 1.



Reserve Review

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★ CHAMPAGNE flowed for Derek Parlane and Alistair Scott one day last week when, along with Celtic's Dixie Deans, they opened a new meanswear shop called 'Escariot' in St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. The lads didn't have much of the "champers" of course but then again with three such attractive young ladies about maybe their attention was elsewhere! Anyway, the players tried on some of the shop's gear and, as our picture shows, they certainly got things bubbling over!

Home sweet home? Not for Saints!

FROM St. Johnstone's point of view it's almost a pity that Saturday's match against Rangers is at Muirton Park instead of Ibrox.

For, as manager Jackie Stewart readily admits, his side have been vastly more consistent away from home than in Perth.

"And good points, too, against the likes of Hearts at Tynecastle and a point against Hibs.

"But at the same time our home form has been dreadful and the fans have let us know about it . . . rightly.

"But we're a bit like Rangers at the moment for we're in a transitional period and we have to be patient.

"Unfortunately it's been our home results which have suffered as we've blown hot and cold all season."

That's why Jackie almost wanted the game against 'Gers at Ibrox. "Of course, there are good things about playing in front of a big crowd here at Muirton. It stimulates my players whereas it might not have the same affect on the Rangers boys who are more used to it.

"It's always an interesting game we have against Rangers, though, There are usually goals and invariably something out of the ordinary happens. My players certainly look forward to it."

So Saints, hovering just above the fringe of the danger area, are hardly quaking at the knees at the prospect of facing Rangers!

On their day St. Johnstone are capable of some excellent football and, as Jackie Stewart says, there is usually something unusual happens when the teams meet.

Last season in the game at Muirton, for instance, Saints goalkeeper Jim Donaldson elected to sit on the ball at one stage . . . and was promptly booked!

So it looks as if Saturday's "live entertainment" will be at Muirton Park!

Saints goalkeeping duties have been shared this season with Donaldson and Derek Robertson getting the job. Jim has

played more often so far but at the moment it's Derek who's in possession.

The right back position has also caused manager Jackie Stewart a few headaches this term. He has had Willie Ritchie there for most of the time but recently Willie McManus has taken over.

The other full back spot has been occupied consistently well by Jim Argue and, in fact, his form has been excellent all season.

Like Jim Argue, Alex Rennie has been a tower of strength in the Muirton defence. He's only missed a couple of games in what has proved a great season for him personally.

Perhaps the biggest Perth "find" of the season, though, has been centre half Ian McDonald. Scouts by the dozen have flocked to watch the big Highlander who has turned in some first rate performances.

Wee Gordon Crammond makes up the half back line and what this fellow loses out on in height he makes up for in skill.

John Muir has been rattling in the goals recently from the outside right position and he will be one of the main dangers to the Ibrox defence.

Wearing the number eight jersey but operating in midfield, Gordon Smith has been doing an excellent job for Saints.

The other striker-in-chief, however, is internationalist Jim Pearson . . . still one of the hottest properties around on the Scottish scene. Like Ian McDonald, Jim has been watched countless times without any apparent developments.

Little Henry Hall can always be relied on to knock in a goal or two as well although he, too, operates primarily from the middle of the park.

And making up the attack recently has been back-in-favour Fred Aitken who's been at Perth since 1966.

That is the probable basis of the side for Saturday but manager Jackie Stewart has people like Andy Kinnell, John Hotson, Ritchie and Ross Jenkins standing by in case of emergencies.

NOT CONTENT with being hot favourites for the Reserve League Championship, the Ibrox Colts are now in the semi-final of the Second Eleven Cup!

On Saturday they took on Hibs at Easter Road in a game which had been abandoned the previous week . . . and left the Edinburgh team wishing it had been postponed again!

Against an outstanding Hibs side which included a number of regular first team players, Rangers won 3-1.

But take a look at some of the players in the Hibs line-up . . . Jim McArthur, John Brownlie, Eric Schaedler, John Blackley, Jim Black, Tony Higgins and Alan Gordon!

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Hard shot

In the League Cup tie between the two clubs' first teams back in November, six of those seven played against Rangers and, if you remember, in an earlier game, Tony Higgins came on as substitute and scored against the Light Blues.

That gives you an idea of what the Ibrox second string were up against on Saturday, but at half-time they were more than holding their own and the scoreline was 0-0.

Then, shortly after the interval, Rangers went ahead when an Eric Morris cross-cum-shot found the back of the net.

Hibs quickly struck back to make it 1-1, but before long the 'Gers were back in the driving seat thanks to a goal from Alfie Conn, who cut in from the wing to send a hard low shot past McArthur.

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Own goal

Then, as full time approached, an own goal



• ALISTAIR SCOTT

sealed the issue in Rangers favour and now they go on to meet Celtic in the semi final.

Coach Joe Mason was more than happy with the weekend's result: "When you consider the team Hibs had out it was a tremendous performance from the side.

"You know, there were nearly 3000 there and they gave the game an atmosphere which helped a lot."

Team: Donald Hunter, Jim Denny, Willie Mathieson, Alex O'Hara, George Donaldson, Dave Smith, Alfie Conn, Alex Miller, Martin Henderson, Billy Steele, Eric Morris. Substitutes, Iain McDonald and Billy McNicol, not used.

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Derek's Double

STRIKER Derek Parlane was included in a strong second string against Hearts in the League game last week and he got two goals in the 3-1 win.

The other scorer was Billy Steele

That result keeps Rangers nicely ahead at the top of the table.

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★ ALL THE NEWS FROM THE SUPPORTERS FRONT ...

Terrific talent!

JUDGING from the success of the first heats in the talent contest being sponsored by White Horse Whisky there are more than a budding Frank Sinatras, Cilla Blacks and Tom Joneses.

The Association members have been astounding even themselves with the high quality of talent that has come forward for the heats.

And not only is the standard particularly good... but the shows are so popular that the lounge has been full up by 8.30!

Of course, the fact that prize money totals well over £100 may be part of the attraction(!) but the whole thing is proving to be great fun as well.

In heat number two the lads and lassies were again all very good but the eventual winner was Paisley girl Vicky Stevens.

She was just a shade better than the others and now goes on to the final.

Next Monday there will be another heat but really, if you want to watch the contest you'll have to come early.

And as usual there will also be dancing and bingo on Monday night.

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The rest of the week promises to be just as entertaining with a group with the unlikely name of the Cadco Street Conspiracy providing the music tomorrow night.

This is the first time this group have been at the Club and the lads, from Kilbirnie, are looking forward to break-



•Sandles... the two girls and three lads make very pleasing sounds.

Association Spotlight

ing new ground. There's also, of course, dancing and bingo.

Then on Friday there's dancing and bingo to the inspiration. This isn't their first time at the Club but they always seem to become more and more popular.

And that is borne out by the fact they're back at the Club the following evening to do another stint.

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Easter Sunday sees the fantastic Sandles return to the Club. They're always tremendously popular and on what's bound to be a busy evening the entertainment will be first class.

Even if you don't go to listen to the group, you can go along simply to watch the two beauties who sing in it!

Again the plea is to come early to avoid disappointment.

Another well-known group in the Club, the New Pennies, are back for Ladies Night on Tuesday and with dancing and bingo it should be another good evening.8811

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The Association's Development Fund winners for the week beginning April 8 are as follows...

	£15	£10	£8
Monday	8029	7000	692
Tuesday	4980	7160	9514
Wednesday		4978	8913
Thursday	9336	8401	12326
Friday	14924	2668	5207
Saturday	1195	11634	2198
	(£100)	(£25)	(£10)

YOU NAME IT, RIKI DOES IT!

ONE OF the keys to Riki Germaine's success is her versatility which allows her to sing a wide range of songs from classical to folk to pop.

And it's that ability to switch styles — with equal success — which has made Riki so popular in the top clubs and hotels not just in Scotland but in England too.

They consisted of taking her final piano exams in classical music with the London Trinity College and then, after that, she spent some time back in her home town of Liverpool.

There was a spell of being resident singer at the Cabaret Club and after that it was the rounds of all the top hotels and clubs.

She was a fantastic hit when she last appeared at the Ibrox Social Club in December of 1972 and her continued success since then ensures another fine week's cabaret next week.

Without depending on what the stars say, Riki is nevertheless always interested in what is in store for her and is an avid follower of astrology.

And so far the "stars" have been good to her for she's done very nicely thank you since her early days in showbusiness.

Her achievements at home have naturally led her to invitations from abroad and, in recent times, she's complet-

ed a tour of South Africa and has cruised round the West Indies in a Luxury liner!

These jaunts abroad have proved every bit as popular as her dates in Britain and television and more guest spots have followed.

Riki, though, has a couple of advantages over some of her fellow-entertainers.

For apart from having a great voice, she can play the piano with some success —

a throwback to her classical training — and can also write her own arrangements.

She'll include some of them in her Social Club spot next week as well as popular numbers borrowed from the likes of Carole King, James Taylor and Jack Jones.

Her adaptability and versatility allows her to be just as successful with these songs as the original artistes were!

•Riki Germaine was a fantastic hit the last time she appeared at the Ibrox Social Club... the versatile last is assured of warm welcome when she returns on Sunday.



Social Club



Scene

Name Europe 'Big Four'...

1 In the recent games against Clyde, Dunfermline and Motherwell only one goal was scored against Rangers. Who scored it?

2 If Eddie Anderson and Alan Anderson played against each other, which two clubs would be in opposition?

3 Who scored Dundee United's equaliser in the first game against Hearts last Saturday?

4 What four teams are in the semi finals of the European Cup?

5 Where do Brechin City play?

6 What junior club was Ian McDougall with?

7 Who did Rangers meet in the semi final of the European Cup Winners Cup in the year they won the trophy?

8 Which Scot is captain of F.A. Cup finalists, Newcastle United?

9 Who do the following players play for... (a) Jackie Sinclair, (b) Charlie McLelland and (c) Fred Aitken?

10 Rangers have played Moscow Dynamo twice. When and what were the scores?

11 Which Dunfermline player was ordered off in the recent game against Rangers?

12 Who's the odd man out... (a) Bobby Brown, (b) Jock Stein, (c) Ian McColl and (d) Eddie Turnbull?

13 Which teams play at the following grounds... (a) Highbury, (b) Molineux and (c) Upton Park?

14 How many games has Sandy Jardine missed this season?

15 Before the Motherwell match, what was Graham Fyfe's last full game for Rangers?

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

YOUR CLUB NOTES

TRADESTON: Bus for St. Johnstone game at Perth Shields Road 11.45. Seats available non members. Also Everton bus May 1 leaves Paisley Road Toll 10.00 returns midnight. Seats available non-members. Phone 041-424-0229 for details.

GOVAN TRUE BLUES: Bus for Liverpool May 1 leaves 12.00 and returns after the game. The fare is £3 and seats are available by phoning 041-882-3754 after 6.00

POLMADIE: Bus v Everton leaves Pollokshaws Road 7.30 and returns after the game. Seats available for non-members. Cost is £2.35p and anyone interested should phone 041-423-0893.

GRANGEMOUTH: Bus for Saturday, April 20, leaves Falkirk 12.30, Social Club 12.45.

EDINBURGH JAR-DINE: Bus for St. Johnstone

match leaves 14 Picardy Place 12.45, Waterloo Place 1.00. Names for Everton match phone R. MacDonald 031-441-5787.

HELEN STREET: Perth bus Ibrox Garage 11.45, Club, 11.50, Jester 12.00. Seats. No bus Aberdeen. All members re-enrol. Social Club members phone 200-2354.

IRVINE AND DISTRICT: Bus for Perth leaves Ravenspark Arms 10.00, Irvine Cross 10.15 and Springside 10.30.

STEPS HOTEL LOYAL: Seats available for Everton contact D. McLeod at 774-3459.

CARNWATH: Bus for Perth... Carnwath 10.45, Forth 11.00 and Bellshill 11.45.

BRISTOL LOYAL: Bus v. Everton. Seats available. Price £2.75p. Names to Jacky Clark. Phone 041-554-3654. Leaves 12 noon returns 11.30pm.

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QUIZ WHIZ

KIDS...!

The Rangers Social Club was the venue for the final of a national newspaper's supporters' quiz last Wednesday night.

Taking part were Longstone Hearts Supporters Club and Hamilton Accies' Supporters Club and after a great contest it was the Lanarkshire side who won.

All in all, it was a bad night for the Tynecastle fans, for Hearts were beaten 4-2 by Dundee Unitee in the Scottish Cup semi-final at the same time!

