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EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP CHAMPIONS—1972	SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (21)
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LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (36)	LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (8)
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, 1975, 1976.	1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1975.
OTHER STATISTICS	
Glasgow Cup (39); 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 (29); 2nd XI Cup (24) Reserve League Cup (8)	

In 1891 the championship was shared with Dumbarton.

MATCH MAGAZINE SLANT

Goals, goals, goals ...it can't be bad!

Goals and more goals—that's been the happy lot of fans who have turned out to watch Rangers in action in the past few League games.

Four in the game against Partick Thistle, five in the match against Celtic, six in the encounter with St. Mirren and two in last week's meeting with Ayr United.

That's 17 goals in all . . . surely value for money.

Happily, Rangers have been getting the bigger share of the goal glut . . . which has brought wins against Celtic, Thistle and Ayr and a 3-3 draw with St. Mirren, and a tally that reads 12 for and five against.

There could have been more—a few more against Ayr wouldn't have been out of place, considering the fine play of the side against a team that had a strong defensive set up from start to finish.

Gordon Smith got the two against Ayr, and was unlucky not to run up a hat-trick. The scoring form of the ex-Killie player, eight goals in eight full games, is very heartening.

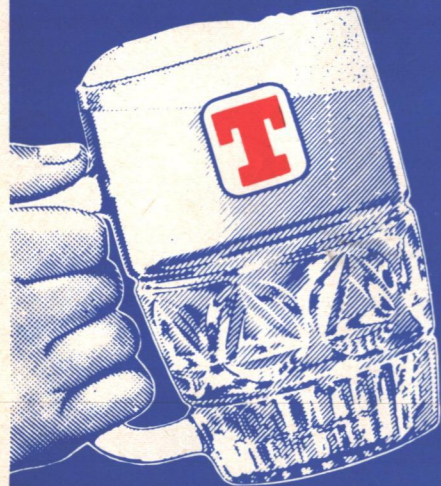
But just as pleasing is the spread of goals—in the 15 games played so far 11 players have made the scoring lists, tallying up 32 goals in all.

By the looks of the side, there are plenty more goals to come . . . which is good news for the Ibrox fans and bad news for the opposition.

OUR COVER: Goal-happy Gordon Smith turns away in delight after scoring the second of his two goals against Ayr last Saturday in Rangers 2-0 victory. Davie Cooper moves in to congratulate him.



TENNENT'S
Are
you ready?



Bankies find the Top Ten so tough

Life in the Premier Division has proved to be a bit too tough for Clydebank so far—they haven't won a game in six starts and lie at the foot of the table with only one point.

But manager Willie Munro is hopeful that his men will start finding the feel of the top table.

"We didn't make as many mistakes against Celtic last week—and that's at least some progress," says the Bankies boss.

"I've had to change the system of play which was so successful for us for the past two seasons—mainly because Davie Cooper is now with Rangers.

"A lot of our play featured Davie, and we are still trying to get a new set-up to work effectively."

However, as Rangers know well from last season when they had to battle it out with Bankies over four games in the League Cup quarter-finals, the one

Spotlight on Clydebank

quality that won't be lacking in the Kilbowie set-up is fighting spirit.

Indeed, life has been a battle all the way for Bankies since they were formed in 1965 when brothers Jack and Charlie Steedman decided there was a market in Clydebank for senior football (there was a team in the Clydeside town before World War Two, and they played Rangers 14 times in League matches).

But despite the various difficulties, Bankies not only survived—they prospered, and

their struggle for success was capped by promotion from Second to Premier football in two great years.

Perhaps the step up to Premier came just too soon, before Clydebank had built up a strong enough back-up squad. But Bankies are willing to take their chances, even if they don't succeed in holding a Premier place the experience will have been invaluable to their younger players.

Bankies gambled a year ago on full-time football, and the nucleus of the present side is

full-time.

Goalkeeper Jim Gallagher, Gerry McLaughlin, John McCormack, Billy McColl, Dougie Hay, Mike Larnach, Dave Houston and Billy Lumsden are all full-time players.

Longest-serving man on the staff is former Youth cap Jim Fallon, who has been at Kilbowie since he left school and joined them in 1967. Jim is a physiotherapist working with handicapped children in Johnstone.

Three of the current part-timers in the squad are school-teachers—Gregor Abel and recent signings from Queen's Park Sandy McNaughton and Gerry Colgan.

The striking partnership of Mike Larnach and Joe McCallan was prolific for Bankies last season—they hit 59 goals between them, with McCallan finishing top scorer on the 31 mark.

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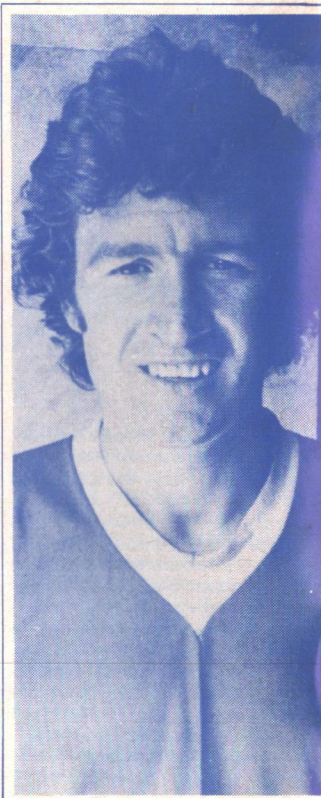
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...Player Profile...

No.7 SANDY JARDINE

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And his return to the Scotland side against Czechoslovakia at Hampden in that World Cup qualifying match recently merely underlined his great play—he turned in a great 90 minutes, climaxing with his role in setting up Scotland's third goal.

THIS MAN JARDINE

HEIGHT—5ft 9½ in.

WEIGHT—10st. 12 lbs.

BORN—31/12/48.

LIVES—Edinburgh.

FAMILY—Wife Shona, daughter Nicola (7) and son Steven (5).

CAR—Fiat 132.

PREVIOUS CLUB—Joined Rangers straight from Tynecastle School in December 1965.

CAPS—Youth, Under-23 (5), League (4) and 31 full Scotland honours.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME—That recent World Cup qualifying tie v. the Czechs at Hampden—'it was unforgettable' he says.

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They sure gave Rangers a fight

No one at Ibrox will forget easily the last encounter with Clydebank . . . or it should be said series of encounters.

For early last season, with Bankies still a First Division club nursing Premier ambitions, the wee Clydeside team battled it out with Rangers over FOUR games in the quarter finals of the League Cup . . . plus TWO sessions of extra time!

The first game was at Ibrox, and Rangers were expected to win in style. But not so . . . despite goals from Derek Johnstone, Alex MacDonald and Johnny Hamilton. For Bankies just kept coming back into the game and finally snatched a dramatic equaliser through a talented young winger called . . . Davie Cooper!

It was Davie who also hit the Bankies equaliser in the return match at Kilbowie, which ended 1-1 after extra time. Skipper John Greig had put Rangers ahead just before half time, but in the 62nd minute

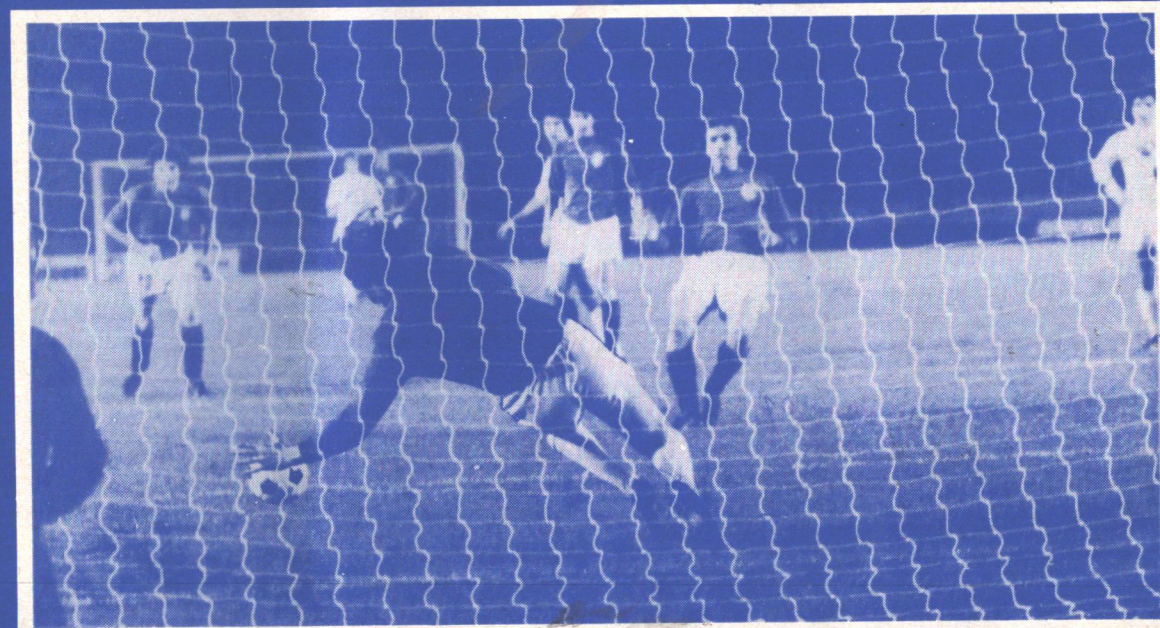
Cooper let go with one of his left foot specials from 35 yards and the ball flew past Kennedy into the net.

Then it was back to Ibrox for a third game (the venue decided by a toss of the coin) . . . and this one finished goalless, with full back Alex Miller missing a penalty kick in the 69th minute after Bobby McKean had been fouled. Even extra time couldn't produce a better chance, and so the teams went to neutral Firhill 24 hours later for the decider.

Derek Parlane put Rangers in front after only seven minutes when he headed in a Tommy McLean cross. But within a minute magic man Cooper equalised with a floating free kick which took the Rangers defence by surprise.

So the battle went on until Bobby McKean raced between two defenders in the 60th minute to meet a McLean free kick and ram in a winner which Rangers were relieved to see.

FLASHBACK...



● *It's a bad moment for Alex Miller as his penalty kick is saved by Clydebank's Jim Gallagher in the Third Round replay at Ibrox last season. The game finished 0-0 after extra time, but Rangers won the second replay 2-1 at Firhill.*

MEN IN CHARGE

Referee: D. F. T. Syne
(Glasgow).

Linesmen: J. Marshall
(Renfrew), Centenary Stand
Side. J. V. Boardman
(Bo'ness), Main Stand side.

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JOHNSTONE
SMITH
COOPER
McLEAN
MUNRO
PARLANE



● Gordon Smith scores Rangers' first goal with a great header from a fine Bobby Russell cross in the Light Blues' 2-0 victory against Ayr last week.

CLYDEBANK POOL

GALLAGHER
ABEL
McLAUGHLIN
FALLON
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Dangerman!

Lightning Mike wants watching

Mike Larnach isn't big by striking standards—he's 5ft 8in and weighs in at 11st 3lbs. But the ex-Campsie Black Watch juvenile player makes up in speed, determination and goal-sense for this.

And these qualities make him one of the hardest players to mark in the game.

Scorer of 28 goals

last season in Bankies drive into the Premier Division, Mike has managed to maintain his scoring form in a season which is proving to be very tough for the Kilbowie boys.

They have scored only 10 goals in a dozen games so far this season—and Mike has hit half of them.

He's an aggressive

player, who isn't frightened to get in about bigger defenders in a fight for the ball.

Mike, 23 now, is a full time player with Bankies but still keeps his touch as a draughtsman by working in the afternoons. His family come from the north-west Islands and moved to the Glasgow area a few years back.

QUIZ

WHO IS THE BIRMINGHAM MANAGER ?

1. Rangers were in Holland this week for a European tie against Twente Enschede. In the past, the Light Blues have met two other Dutch teams in European competition—can you name them?
2. Who is the Clydebank manager?
3. From which club did Bankies sign two players this season?
4. How many penalties has Alex Miller netted for the Rangers first team this season?
5. What was unusual about Rangers' first-ever Scottish League championship victory in 1891?
6. With which English team is Irish internationalist George Best now playing?
7. Who is acting manager of Birmingham City?
8. Can you name Brechin City's ground?
9. In which country does the Betis club play?
10. Which English club plays at Boothferry Park?

Answers on page 19.

CODE OF CONDUCT

RANGERS, at the start of this new season, once again remind all fans of the need for the very best behaviour on the terracings.

Rangers ask all supporters to adhere to the club's 10-point Code of Conduct printed below.

1. Ban the carrying of alcohol on buses.
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● The start of Rangers' second goal against Ayr last week . . . Derek Johnstone gets in a great header which rebounds off the woodwork. Gordon Smith followed up, of course, to score.

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Reserve Review



Super Colts turn on the pressure

Rangers Reserves continued to show a welcome scoring touch last weekend when they went down to Somerset—and came away with a 3-0 victory over Ayr United.

It was a result that pleased coach Joe Mason, and a performance that left him reasonably satisfied.

The victory, following on the 6-1 win over St. Mirren, has started the Colts climbing the table again after losing a lot of ground because of a month-long lie-off.

"It was a fair showing—but we can still improve," says Joe. "There were a few chances missed."

Most of them fell to striker Chris Robertson, who followed up his St. Mirren hat-trick

with a single against Ayr. But he should have had a lot more, says coach Mason.

"Chris seems to have lost a little confidence—despite his goals in the past couple of games," says Joe. "But he'll play himself back in, that I'm sure."

Rangers got off to a good start, scoring in the first five minutes when Martin Henderson followed up to net after the keeper couldn't hold an Alex O'Hara shot.

It was still 1-0 at the interval, and it wasn't until late in the game that the Light Blues added the finishing touch.

Eric Morris came up for a corner kick 15 minutes from time, and flashed in a header for No. 2.

And then Chris Robertson was on the spot to side-flick in a Martin Henderson cross just before the end.

Derek Parlane was operating at midfield again for the second game in a row and is settling in well in this position, a berth he occupied in his early days at Ibrox.

But Eric Morris and Davie Armour were the players who drew most praise from coach Mason.

The team was: McCloy; A. Boyd, Dawson; Parlane, Morris, Watson; McKay, O'Hara, Robertson, Armour and Henderson.

Derek Strickland came on as substitute for Billy McKay in the second half.

— Reserve — Appearances

	F	RL	RLC	2ND C	Total
Lowrie	1				1
Patrick	1				1
Dawson	1 (s1)	4 (s1)			5 (s2)
O'Hara	1	4			5
Denny	3	3			6
Morris	3	5			8
McKay	3	3			6
Strickland	1 (s2)	(s4)			4 (s6)
Robertson	2	3			5
Stein	3	1 (s2)			4 (s2)
Armour	3	2			6
Kennedy	2	4			6
Miller	1				1
Munro	2	3 (s1)			5 (s1)
Hamilton	2	2			4
McKean	1	2			3
Henderson	1 (s1)	3			4 (s1)
Jackson	1				1
G. Boyd	1	1			2
A. Boyd		2			2
Watson		3			3
J. McDonald		(s1)			(s1)
Johnstone		1			1
Parlane		2			2
McLean		1			1
McCloy		1			1

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Date	Opponents	Competition	F	A	Date	Opponents	Competition	F	A
Aug 6	Southampton (H)	T.C. Cup	3	1	Mar 25	Celtic (A)	League		
Aug 7	W. Brom (H)	T.C. Cup (Final)	0	2	Apr 1	St. Mirren (H)	League		
Aug 13	Aberdeen (A)	League	1	3	Apr 8	Ayr United (A)	League		
Aug 17	Young Boys (Berne) (H)	European C.W. Cup	1	0	Apr 15	Clydebank (A)	League		
Aug 20	Hibs (H)	League	0	2	Apr 22	Dundee United (H)	League		
Aug 24	St. Johnstone (H)	League Cup	3	1	Apr 29	Motherwell (H)	League		
Aug 27	Partick Thistle (A)	League	4	0					
Aug 31	Young Boys (Berne) (A)	European C.W. Cup	2	2					
Sept 3	St. Johnstone (A)	League Cup	3	0					
Sept 10	Celtic (H)	League	3	2					
Sept 14	Twente Enschede (H)	European C.W. Cup	0	0					
Sept 17	St. Mirren (A)	League	3	3					
Sept 24	Ayr United (H)	League	2	0					
Sept 28	Twente Enschede (A)	European C.W. Cup							
Oct 1	Clydebank (H)	League							
Oct 5	Aberdeen (H)	League Cup							
Oct 8	Dundee United (A)	League							
Oct 15	Motherwell (A)	League							
Oct 22	Aberdeen (H)	League							
Oct 26	Aberdeen (A)	League Cup							
Oct 29	Hibs (A)	League							
Nov 5	Partick Thistle (H)	League							
Nov 12	Celtic (A)	League							
Nov 19	St. Mirren (H)	League							
Nov 26	Ayr United (A)	League							
Dec 3	Clydebank (A)	League							
Dec 10	Dundee United (H)	League							
Dec 17	Motherwell (H)	League							
Dec 24	Aberdeen (A)	League							
Dec 31	Hibs (H)	League							
Jan 2	Partick Thistle (A)	League							
Jan 7	Celtic (H)	League							
Jan 14	St. Mirren (A)	League							
Jan 21	Ayr United (H)	League							
Jan 28	Scottish Cup (3rd Round)								
Feb 4	Clydebank (H)	League							
Feb 11	Dundee United (A)	League							
Feb 18	Scottish Cup (4th Round)								
Feb 25	Motherwell (A)	League							
Mar 4	Aberdeen (H)	League							
Mar 11	Hibs (A)	League							
Mar 18	Partick Thistle (H)	League							

RESERVE SCORERS

CODE: Friendlies (F), Reserve League (RL), Reserve League Cup (RLC), Second XI Cup (2nd C)

	F	RL	RLC	2nd	Total
Robertson	5	5			10
Stein	2	3			5
Strickland	1	1			2
Henderson	2	3			5
Dawson	1	1			2
McLean		2			2
Munro		1			1
O'Hara		1			1
Denny	1				1
Totals	12	18			30

FACTS, FIGURES & SCORERS

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

CODE: Friendlies (F), Tennent Caledonian Cup (TC), League (L), European Cup Winners Cup (ECC), League Cup (LC), Scottish Cup (SC), Glasgow Cup (GC), Substitute (s)

Total games played: 15

	F	TC	L	ECC	LC	SC	GC	Total
McCloy	1	2	5	3	2			13
Jardine	2	2	6	3	2			15
Greig	2	2	1 (s1)	2				7 (s1)
Forsyth	2	2	6	3	1			14
Johnstone	2		4	1	2			9
MacDonald	2	2	5	2	1			12
McLean	2	2	2 (s1)	2				8 (s1)
McKean	2	2	3 (s1)	1 (s1)	1			9 (s2)
Parlane	1 (s1)	2	3	1	1			8 (s1)
Hamilton	1 (s1)	(s1)						1 (s2)
Cooper	2	2	6	3	2			15
Henderson	1 (s1)			1	(s1)			2 (s2)
Kennedy	1		1					2
Russell	1	2	6	3	2			14
Miller	(s1)	2	5 (s1)	1 (s1)	1			9 (s3)
Smith		3	4 (s1)	2 (s1)	2			8 (s2)
Mackay			1	(s1)				1 (s1)
Jackson			4	3	2			9
Robertson	1	1	2					4

FIRST TEAM SCORERS

CODE: Friendlies (F), Tennent Caledonian Cup (TC), League (L), European Cup Winners Cup (ECC), League Cup (LC), Scottish Cup (SC), Glasgow Cup (GC)

	F	TC	L	ECC	LC	SC	GC	Total
Smith			6	1	1			8
Johnstone			2	1	2			5
Miller			1p		2p			3p
MacDonald	2	1						3
Russell	1		2					3
Parlane	1	1			1			3
Greig	1			1				2
Cooper		1	1					2
McLean	1							1
Hamilton	1							1
Jardine			1					1
Totals	7	3	13	3	6			32

ANSWERS

1. Sparta (1959-60) and D.W.S. Amsterdam in (1968-69). 2. Bill Munro. 3. They signed McNaughton and Colgan from Queen's Park. 4. Three. 5. They shared the title with Dumbarton. 6. Fulham. 7. Sir Alf Ramsey. 8. Glebe Park. 9. Spain. 10. Hull City.