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FINAL
RANGERS
ABERDEEN



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JOCK WALLACE

THE CUP BOSSES



BILLY McNEILL

BIG MEN...WITH BURNING AMBITION!

THOSE fans who feel that managers matter, and that the background of the boss is vitally important in the creation of winning teams, should find a fascinating contrast in today's Scottish Cup Final.

For Jock Wallace of Rangers and Billy McNeill of Aberdeen, currently the two best in the business, are poles apart in pedigree.

Both are big men—the kind who stand out in a crowd. Both played as seniors for 18 years. But there any similarity seems to end, at first sight at least.

For while Wallace as a goalkeeper saw mainly the unfashionable side of the game, rattling round a handful of clubs and winning as he puts it "next to nothing"... McNeill, as a centre-half spent his entire career with Celtic, winning positively everything.

Wallace gained no national recognition—except for fleeting fame when, as goalkeeping-manager, he helped little Berwick to pull off a certain Scottish Cup result which should not be mentioned in present company!

In fact, it is a real tribute to his dogged determination as a player that he stuck so long in a game which regularly kicked him in the teeth.

He injured a hand in his first senior season, with Workington, and was promptly freed. He moved on to little Ashton, in Lancashire, and spent three years in the army before Airdrie picked him up.

Transferred to West Brom for £5,000 his career at last appeared to be looking up, and so it was—but for only three years.

by
JOHN MANN
Scottish Daily Express

Then, after a dispute, he walked out, and was so disgusted at being transfer-listed at £10,000 that he "disappeared" again, into non-league football with Bedford and Hereford United.

Then came Berwick Rangers and what, if Wallace had been an ordinary man, might well have been the end of a very ordinary career.

Compared to that catalogue of struggle and small clubs, McNeill's career as a player glittered with honours.

He captained Celtic when they became the first British club to win the European Cup. He led them to their world-equalling nine-in-a-row League Championships.

He played in eleven Scottish Cup finals, and collected a record seven winners medals. He played in eight League Cup finals, winning four. His international career spanned eleven glorious years.

And in 1974 his magnificent career was capped with the award of the MBE for his services to Celtic and Scottish football in general.

Yes, the background of to-day's two big men could scarcely be more contrasting. But whether the build-up was bread-and-butter, or caviar and champagne, it developed men who are, in several important aspects, remarkably similar.

They speak about their beloved game with similar passion. They think about it equally deeply. And they

both have that extra, essential quality that successful men need... a burning commitment and ambition, with the ability to instil it into their players.

Wallace has already proved he can transmit his own dedication, first as assistant manager of Hearts in 1969, as chief trainer and coach to Rangers in 1970, and since 1972, as team boss at Ibrox.

He already has to his credit most of the honours a manager can achieve, including that great Grand Slam treble of Premier League championship, Scottish Cup and League Cup two years ago.

However today's game goes for Rangers, Wallace will continue to be regarded and respected as one of the great motivating managers of the Scottish game.

Compared to Wallace's record as a boss, McNeill must be considered a beginner, albeit a highly promising one.

He had just a couple of months in charge of Clyde before moving to Pittodrie at the start of this season.

Now, exactly 50 games later, he finds himself leading his team into one of the great show games of the Scottish season... and deservedly so.

This could be just the beginning of a great career, just as today's final could be the beginning of a great rivalry between these two big men.

But whoever comes out on top today, you can bet that Wallace or McNeill will react, as winning boss, in exactly the same modest way.

They'll parry all the congratulations aimed at them personally and say simply: "Didn't the LADS do well?"



□ JOHN GREIG . . . going for his sixth Scottish Cup medal.

'Skipper John sure knows the Cup Final course'

IN their 33rd Scottish Cup final this afternoon, Rangers will seek to covet the trophy for the 22nd time—and if their effort seems a wee bit more intense than on previous occasions, it may have something to do with the players determined to make it a fitting finish to John Greig's smash-hit Testimonial season

The Rangers skipper, at the age of 35, will be chasing a sixth winners' medal, so he knows the course. He knows too the important part experience plays in the sudden-death play of any Hampden Cup occasion.

So it must be comforting to have medal-holders like Peter McCloy, Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson, Alex MacDonald, Derek Johnstone, Tommy McLean and Sandy Jardine around him.

The glamour of the Cup is great, so long as you are a winner, and Greig is wise enough to realise the stimulating effect a Cup win can have on a young player making his first Cup final appearance.

Success puts a player's name in the record book for all time. In one game he becomes part of the game's history. An awesome thought—but driving ambition and confidence can carry it.

Greig well recalls his first Cup win back in 1963 at the age of 20, when Rangers beat Celtic 3-0 after a 1-1 draw. The first win is always the best.

So Greig will look at the three Cup "rookies" in the Rangers squad today and know, through his vast experience, how important it is for all three to win their first medal at their first attempt.

The names are Gordon Smith, Davie Cooper and Bobby Russell. Three young men who brought a new dimension to the rhythm and style of the Rangers play this season.

But perhaps the confrontation with the highly skilful Aberdeen squad today holds more challenge for Smith, than it holds for the other two. You see the stylish Rangers inside-forward (and that's what he is!) has to prove to his family that he is as good as his grandad was.

Back in 1920 when Kilmarnock won the Cup by besting Albion Rovers 3-2 at Hampden, the inside-right of the winning Killie side was Mattha

FOLLOW THE LEADER...

by
ALLAN HERRON
SUNDAY MAIL

Smith "who played a good forcing game" and also happened to lay on the winner for centre-forward J. R. Smith.

Success was the making of young Mattha, as he matured to skipper the Killie side that beat Rangers 2-0 in the 1929 Cup final at Hampden when 114,780 watched the play. Mattha was Gordon's grandad.



It is a pity that he is not alive today to share the excitement. Indeed Gordon never knew his grandad, as he died in 1953.

Rangers fans may look back on that 1929 final and wonder how they lost. Look at the names: T. Hamilton; Gray, R. Hamilton; Buchanan, Meiklejohn, Craig; Archibald, Muirhead, Fleming, McPhail and Morton.

Mattha Smith must have had a fair squad around him that day!

Cup victory would be a tremendous climax to the Gordon Smith season. He began it as a part-time First Division player with Kilmarnock, was transferred to Rangers for £65,000, and was an instant success. In over 40 appearances he has scored over 20 goals, and the one he'll never forget was his winner against Celtic in the Scottish League Cup final on March 18.

A header, three minutes from the end of extra time to give Rangers a 2-1 win. When your first goal in your first final is a winner, then perhaps it stamps you as a big occasion player.

Remarkably Smith has failed to score in any of his Scottish Cup appearances to date. He says: "It's difficult to explain. So far it hasn't happened for me in the Cup but maybe I'll get one more chance to break my duck."

Davie Cooper, transferred from Clydebank for £100,000, has given width to the Rangers attacking system with the telling use of his explosive left foot, while the introduction of Bobby Russell from Shettleston Juniors, has given control and sophistication to the mid-line, and brought back memories of Ian McMillan, who won three Cup medals in the early '60s.

Smith . . . Cooper . . . Russell have all made their contribution to another outstanding Rangers season, but as their manager Jock Wallace will surely tell them before they line-up: No one player will win this Cup today. You must succeed as a team, or you won't succeed at all.

—On the evidence of previous meetings between Aberdeen and Rangers this season it appears we are about to enjoy an exceptional occasion. In six games, the clubs have scored 26 goals, with Rangers winning on one occasion 6-1 and Aberdeen on another 4-0.

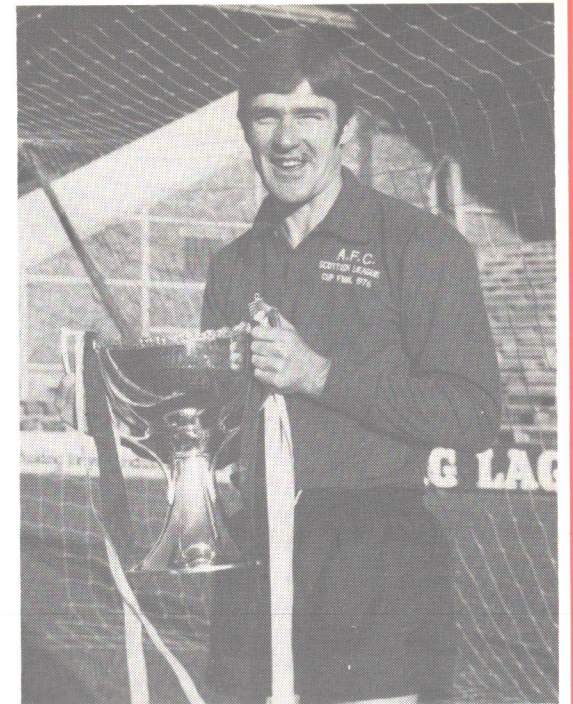
On with the game!

□ DEREK JOHNSTONE, Scotland's 'Player of the Year' and the leading scorer in the Premier League.



● Ian Fleming beats Peter Latchford and Roddy McDonald to score with a great header in Aberdeen's 2-1 win over Celtic in the League at Pittodrie this season.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ~ DONS EXPECT SUCCESS



● Bobby Clark with the League Cup that the Dons won in season '76-'77 after beating Celtic 2-1.



THE SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

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We hope you will enjoy the pre-match and half-time entertainment and we should like to draw your attention to our "MAN OF THE MATCH" award. The man of the match will be selected by a panel of prominent sports journalists; the winning personality will be announced at the end of the game and will receive a cheque for £100.

We know that today's Scottish Cup Final will be a competitive game and we trust that you will enjoy all the excitement and entertainment it has to offer.

—by—
MIKE AITKEN
The Scotsman

IT is a revealing and remarkable statistic that since Aberdeen were last in the final of the Scottish Cup in 1970, when they overcame Celtic 3-1, only four other "provincial" clubs have managed to reach the ultimate stage of the tournament.

Hibs, Hearts, Dundee United and Airdrie have come up against one or the other member of the "Old Firm" in the intervening years when Rangers and Celtic were not playing each other. But they all failed at the final hurdle and no side from outside Glasgow has won the Cup in the seventies... except Aberdeen.

Billy McNeill's side come to Hampden today determined to strike a blow against the monopoly of "Old Firm" success in Scotland's premier Cup tournament.

They have provided the main challenge on the domestic front all season and will not approach this day of days in the frame of mind which readily accepts a loser's medal as fair reward.

Billy McNeill has encouraged a winning psychology at Pittodrie during a brief but impressive spell as manager. Not for Aberdeen the

"second best" attitude so common amongst Scottish clubs reluctant to challenge Rangers or Celtic at the highest level. The ambition of all concerned with Aberdeen is to produce the best—and most successful team in the country.

Certainly when it came to taking on Rangers in competitive fixtures this season, Aberdeen have not so much displayed an inferiority complex as indicated a pleasurable delight in inflicting on their rivals painful experiences.

The clubs have met six times this season, twice in the League Cup and four times in the Premier Division. In the League Cup Rangers comprehensively thrashed Aberdeen 6-1 in the first meeting of the season, though Aberdeen won the return 3-1. In the League Rangers have won only once, by 3-1, while Aberdeen have won three matches 3-1, 4-0 and 3-0 respectively. That is hardly the sort of form which suggests the usual nervous indisposition that affects the majority of Scottish clubs in their dealings with the "Old Firm".

Aberdeen will also reflect on the fact that when they won the League Cup last season, they did so without facing any easy option. In the semi-final they "slammed" Rangers 5-1 and in the final goals from Drew Jarvie and Davie Robb defeated Celtic 2-1.

Ally MacLeod, now rather well known as the manager of the Scottish international side, was the man who revitalised Aberdeen and gave them the

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DONS EXPECT SUCCESS (continued)



THEY SHALL NOT PASS . . . A determined Aberdeen defence. They are from left to right:—Stuart Kennedy, Willie Miller, Bobby Clark, Willie Garner and Chic McClelland.

impetus to challenge at the highest level.

It is all the more to Billy McNeill's credit that he has managed to sustain that challenge and, if anything, improve on the quality of the side at the same time.

Behind the scenes, Chris Anderson, vice-chairman of the club and one of the most lucid and perceptive figures in Scottish football, has done much to lay the foundation, along with the rest of the board, for the club's current vitality.

They are not interested in the "one-off" success; they have pursued and are pursuing a policy which will establish Aberdeen at the top of the domestic tree for many seasons to come.

One of the neatest and most modern grounds in Scotland, an able backroom staff and a squad of players excelled by no club in the country are the fruits of their labour.

In the poll conducted by the Scottish Football Writers Association to find the player of the year, this season—Derek Johnstone of Rangers, of course, was the deserved winner—no club received more votes for different players than Aberdeen. Bobby Clark, their goalkeeper and a member of the World Cup 40, was the runner-up to Johnstone while Drew Jarvie, Stuart Kennedy and Willie Miller also all figured in the voting.

That turn of events indicates how much Aberdeen's present success is based on all-round team performance. In Sullivan, Jarvie and McMaster, they have the most cohesive midfield in the country—the cover here includes the talented Gordon Strachan and Joe Smith has not even been considered this season because of injury.

Up front Joe Harper is the focal point, leading the line and scoring as regularly as ever, while around him Fleming, Davidson and Gibson compete for places along with Archibald, who is ineligible for today's match.

In defence there is the rock-like partnership of Garner and Miller, Kennedy is the ace on the right while on the left Ritchie has brought a healthy challenge to McLelland.

Bristling with talent and desire, Aberdeen come to Hampden then this afternoon determined to succeed in a domestic context as they did when given the same opportunity eight years ago. They want to break the Glasgow stranglehold for its own sake . . . and because less parochially they want their name to be heard round Europe. As winners of the Scottish Cup, the club know that their status abroad will be ensured in coming months.

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□ BRIAN MCGINLAY

ONE man who will be making his Scottish Cup Final debut this afternoon isn't playing for either of the two teams! He is the referee, Brian McGinlay, who is now regarded as one of Scotland's top whistlers.

And this afternoon's special affair will be vastly different from his first ever official refereeing appointment after having won his SFA badge.

The two teams involved were fighting for league points and there weren't any more than a few hundred fans in the ground at the time. But then Stranraer v Brechin is not quite the star attraction that this afternoon's game is!

Brian McGinlay is no stranger to matches at Hampden because he has already had lucrative appointments on the Queen's Park ground.

Last season he was the man in charge of the Celtic v Dundee Cup semi-final and in May last year he ran the line in the Jubilee match against an English Eleven in front of the Queen.

Aged 32, McGinlay is a referee much respected by the players. He has fifteen years of experience

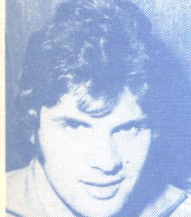
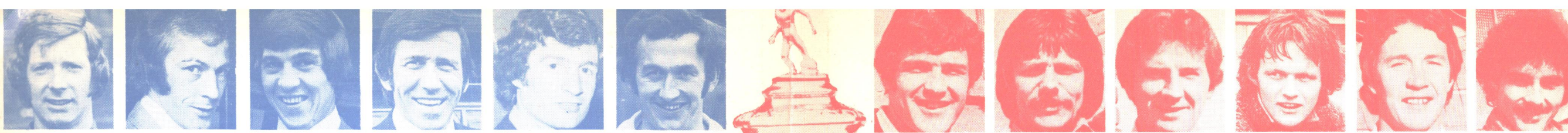
behind him, the last five of which have been as a Grade One referee.

He first took up refereeing while in charge of a school team and has been enthusiastic about the job ever since. He is on the Glasgow Council of referees, and attending their meetings takes up a lot of his time.

When he is not blowing his whistle Brian is either playing with a little white ball or working. He is a keen golfer, but admits he isn't a member of a club simply because he is so busy it would probably be a waste of time.

During the day he is a sales executive with an office equipment firm in the centre of Glasgow, and that is quite appropriate because when he's not selling office equipment he is selling the game of football to fans with his consistent standard of refereeing.

How good a ref he is will be shown by his performance this afternoon, but the Americans think so highly of him that they have asked him to referee matches for them this season and he will, in fact, be flying to the States on Monday morning, assuming, of course, that today's game doesn't end in a draw.

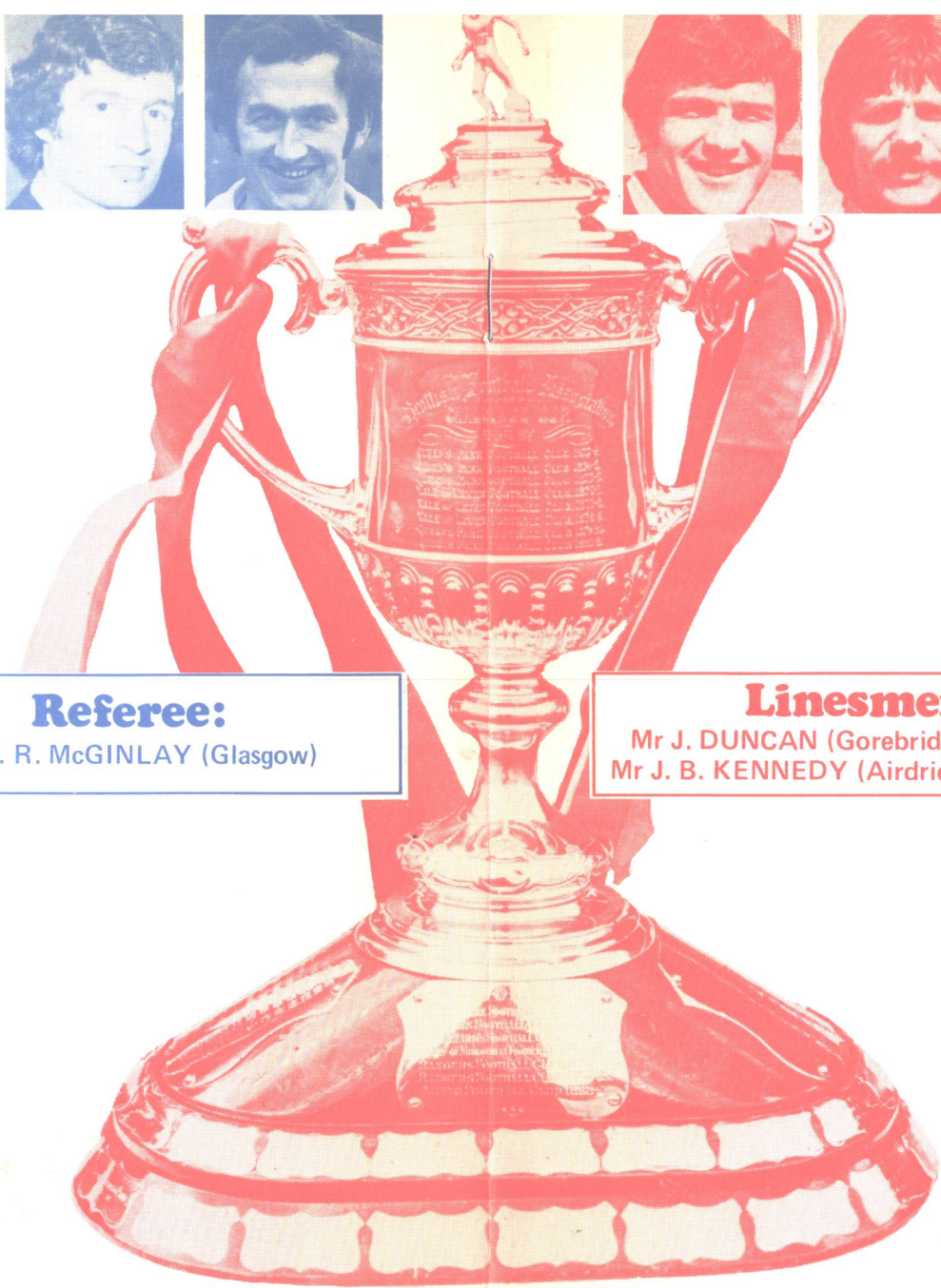


RANGERS

- 1 PETER McCLOY
- 2 SANDY JARDINE
- 3 JOHN GREIG
- 4 TOM FORSYTH
- 5 COLIN JACKSON
- 6 ALEX MacDONALD
- 7 TOMMY McLEAN
- 8 BOBBY RUSSELL
- 9 DEREK JOHNSTONE
- 10 GORDON SMITH
- 11 DAVIE COOPER
- 12 DEREK PARLANE
- G. STEWART KENNEDY
- 14 KENNY WATSON
- 15 ALEX MILLER
- 16 CHRIS ROBERTSON

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Linesmen:
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Mr J. B. KENNEDY (Airdrie), Orange Flag

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- BOBBY CLARK 1
- STUART KENNEDY 2
- STEVE RITCHIE 3
- JOHN McMASTER 4
- WILLIE GARNER 5
- WILLIE MILLER 6
- DOM SULLIVAN 7
- IAN FLEMING 8
- JOE HARPER 9
- DREW JARVIE 10
- DUNCAN DAVIDSON 11
- CHIC McCLELLAND 12
- GORDON STRACHAN 14
- IAN SCANLON 15
- DOUG ROUGVIE 16

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THE MEN FROM IBROX

RANGERS



PETER McCLOY: Born Girvan 16.11.46. Height 6.4. Weight 14.4. Joined the Club in March 1970 from Motherwell. Is the tallest football player in Scottish football. Has 9 international Caps.

STEWART KENNEDY: Born 31.8.49. Height 6.1. Weight 12.7. Joined Club in April 1973 from Stenhousemuir. Player of tremendous ability. Has 5 International Caps.

JOHN GREIG: Born 11.9.42. Height 5.11. Weight 13.2. Has 56 International Caps. Is Rangers longest serving player having joined the Club in 1960 from Whitburn. Sets a Captain's example by his dedication, enthusiasm and loyalty to the club. Admired throughout Europe for these qualities. Was awarded the M.B.E. at the end of last season for his services to the sport.

SANDY JARDINE: Born Edinburgh 31.12.48. Joined Club in December 1965 from Edinburgh Athletic. Height 5.9. Weight 11.2. Has numerous International Caps. Went on Tour to South America with the Scottish Team during the close season. He is a versatile player.

ALEX MILLER: Born 7.4.49. Height 5.10. Weight 12.1. Joined Club in April 1967 from Clydebank. He suffered a broken jaw in the 1971-72 Cup final. Showed his courage by playing for one hour and ten minutes.

TOM FORSYTH: Born 23.1.49. Height 6. Weight 12.7. Joined Club in October 1972 from Motherwell. Has several International Caps and League Caps. Was one of the players to receive all three medals in Rangers' Treble success in Season 1975-76.

COLIN JACKSON: Born 8.10.46. Height 6.0. Weight 12.6. Stopper-type centre-half who helped Rangers to their first League Championship victory for a number of years in season 1974-75. Has several International Caps. Joined the Club in October 1963 from Sunnybank.

ALEX MacDONALD: Born Glasgow 17.3.48. Joined Club in November 1968 from St. Johnstone. Height 5.5. Weight 10.6. Fitness fanatic, a player known for his tremendous workrate.

TOMMY McLEAN: Born Larkhall 26.4.7. Height 5.4. Weight 10. Has several International Caps. Joined the Club in 1971 from Kilmarnock. One of the most accurate passers of a ball in Scottish football. Speedy and skilful

winger, has won a European Cup-Winners' Cup medal in Barcelona.
BOBBY RUSSELL: Aged 19. Height 5.8. Weight 9.6. Signed this year from Shettleston Juniors. Had a spell with Sunderland. Old style midfielder player with a silky pass.

DEREK JOHNSTONE: Born Dundee 4.11.53. Joined Club in July 1970. Height 5.11. Weight 13.2. Has several International Caps. Played his first game at 16 years of age at centre-forward against Celtic and scored the winning goal in a 1-0 victory.

DEREK PARLANE: Born Helensburgh 5.5.53. Height 6. Weight 12.2. Joined Club in April 1970 from Queen's Park. Has several International Caps. Scored on his debut against Bayern Munich in the semi-final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in season 1971-72.

DAVIE COOPER: Born 25.2.56. Height 5.9. Weight 11.4. Signed from Clydebank for £100,000 at the end of last season. A new player who has a bright future in front of him.

GORDON SMITH: Ht 5.11. Wt 11.2. Rangers signed him from Kilmarnock, and most people thought he would play as a winger. But no, he has been knocking in the goals coming through the middle and is a real threat to any defence.

his assistance to his attacking team-mates in an overlapping run.

STEVE RITCHIE: The most recent product of the Dons' signing raids across the border, the former Morton defender has quickly established himself in the favour of the Pittodrie fans with his intelligent use of the ball.

WILLIE GARNER: Thrown in at the deep end soon after his arrival at Pittodrie from Campsie Black Watch, Willie filled the vacancy left by the transfer of Willie Young to Tottenham to such satisfaction that he has been the Dons' regular No. 5 ever since.

WILLIE MILLER: Currently enjoying an outstanding season. This one-time centre-forward has forced himself into the international reckoning with a succession of top-class performances both as a cucumber-cool defender and inspirational team captain.

JOHN McMASTER: A player of great talent who is only now beginning to believe in his own ability. John is revelling in a slight change of role which has resulted in him establishing himself as a first-team regular.

DOM SULLIVAN: Regaining top form in recent months after taking some time to adapt himself to full-time football. Dom now has the confidence to display all the skills which earned him Under-23 international selection while with Clyde.

GORDON STRACHAN: An enterprising player with a flair for beating one or more opponents in a confined space. The former Dundee midfielder has proved a decided acquisition since arriving at Pittodrie earlier this season in an exchange deal which took Jim Shirra to Dens Park.

DREW JARVIE: Although one of the "old heads" in a generally young Pittodrie side, Drew is nevertheless one of the fittest and his combination of versatility, ball control and tireless running makes him an invaluable asset.

DUNCAN DAVIDSON: A speed merchant with a happy knack of turning up in the right place at the right time to snatch a goal. This Elgin-born product of Aberdeen junior football has become a regular marksman this season.

JOE HARPER: It is as an ace scorer that Joe, who together with Clark, Kennedy and Miller makes up the Dons quartet in Scotland's World Cup 40. Has the biggest reputation, but his ability to draw close-marking defenders away from the middle makes many openings for his team-mates.

IAN SCANLON: The recent signing from Notts County was bought principally as a future prospect as he was out of the game for three months before his return to Scotland, but he has made good progress in training and with the Pittodrie reserves.

IAN FLEMING: A number of injuries this season has failed to diminish the enthusiasm of the former Kilmarnock striker and he has contributed several valuable goals in the Dons' successful run.

...AND PITODRIE

ABERDEEN



BOBBY CLARK: The most-capped player in the Aberdeen club's history with 17 full caps to his credit in addition to honours at several other levels, 31-year-old Bobby is living proof that "if you are good enough, you are young enough".

STUART KENNEDY: One of the most attack-conscious defenders in the country. The former Falkirk player puts his tremendous pace to good use in fulfilling both functions.

CHIC McLELLAND: Like his full-back partner, Chic is always willing to lend



Match Entertainment Programme

All today's match entertainment is provided by 3.45 courtesy of Younger's Tartan Special—Sponsors of the Scottish Cup Competition.

- 2.00 Massed Pipes & Drums and Brass Band (Renfrew Pipe Band, Glasgow Skye Association Pipe Band, Ayr Society Pipe Band, Shotts & Dykehead Pipe Band, Milngavie Pipe Band and New Mains & District Brass Band).
- 2.25 The Kilward Alsatians Dog Display Team
- 2.45 Balloon Competition

Veteran and Vintage Car Parade (arranged in Association with the Royal Scottish automobile Club, Glasgow. The sponsor thanks the club for their assistance in this event).

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THE HAMPDEN STORY



21 UP FOR IBROX MEN

SCOTTISH Cup Finals are nothing new to either Aberdeen or Rangers, but the Light Blues are the more experienced of the two teams at this level.

This afternoon's game will be their 33rd appearance in the Cup Final and they have won the Cup on 21 occasions.

Aberdeen, on the other hand, are making their eighth Final appearance and will be bidding for only their third win.

SIMPSON'S WINNER

THIS will be the second time that Rangers and Aberdeen have met in a Cup Final. They were the two teams who contested the 1952-53 Final and Rangers emerged the victors in a hard fought affair—winning 1-0 in a replay after the first match had ended in a 1-1 draw.

Just under 130,000 fans watched the first match and saw John Prentice give Rangers the lead after only eight minutes.

The outlook for the Ibrox men after that goal, however, wasn't too bright, as their goalkeeper George Niven suffered a deep cut to his ear and had to be taken off with blood spurting from the wound.

After being reduced to ten men they had to withstand heavy Aberdeen pressure before having their hopes raised at the interval when Niven re-appeared with his head covered in bandages.

He performed some heroics in goal, but could do nothing about

the Dons' equaliser, which was scored just seven minutes from time by Harry Yorston.

The replay on April 29th drew an incredible 113,700 fans, so making the aggregate crowd over the two matches a fantastic 243,461.

A Billy Simpson goal was enough to give Rangers the Cup for the 14th time... and break Aberdeen hearts.

Despite the fact that the Dons were back at Hampden the following season they again lost the Cup—this time at the hands of Celtic.

CUP DEFEATS

ABERDEEN'S five losing Cup Finals were in 1937, 1953, 1954, 1959 and 1967.

Rangers' final defeats were in 1877, 1879, 1899, 1904, 1905, 1921, 1922, 1929, 1969, 1971 and 1977.

LIGHT BLUE RECORD

RANGERS' Cup victories have been in 1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1973 and 1976.

HIGHEST GOAL TALLY

RANGERS' highest Cup Final score was achieved in 1934 when they beat St. Mirren 5-0. Nicolson, Main, Smith and McPhail were the Light Blue marksmen.

GLORY TWICE FOR DONS

ABERDEEN'S two Cup wins were in 1947 and 1970. In 1947 they beat Hibs 2-1, while in 1970 they beat Celtic 3-1.

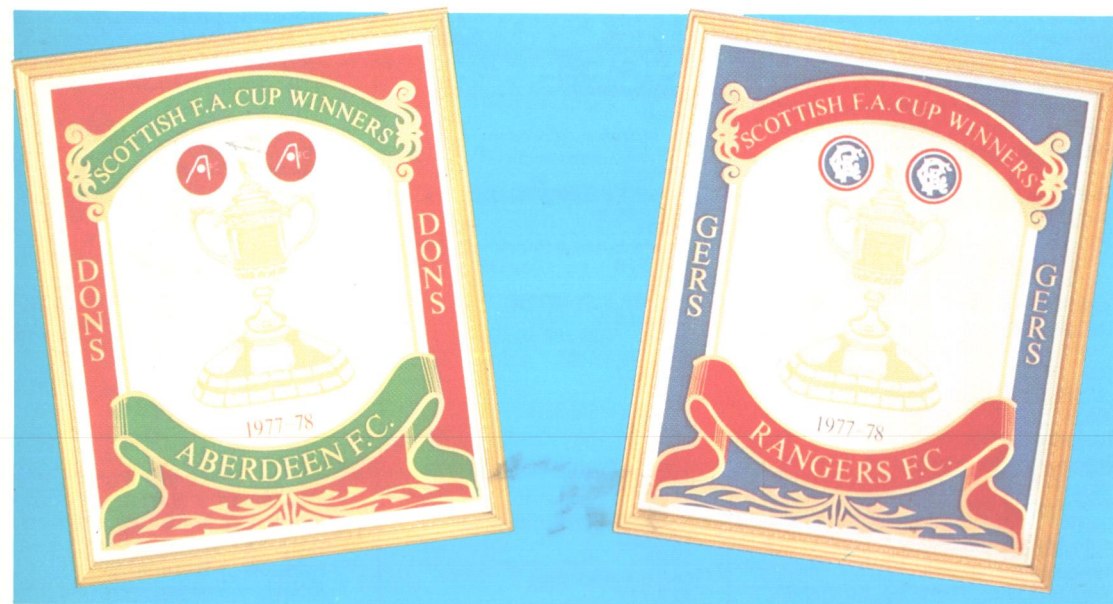
14 CLASHES

THIS is the 14th time that Aberdeen and Rangers have clashed in the Scottish Cup and at the moment the Ibrox side hold a 10-3 advantage. Here are the statistics of their Scottish Cup meetings:

- 1906—2nd round: Aberdeen 2, Rangers 3
- 1934—4th round: Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0
- 1936—4th round: Aberdeen 0, Rangers 1
- 1953—Final: Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0 (after 1-1 draw, both games at Hampden)
- 1954—Semi-final: Aberdeen 6, Rangers 0 (Hampden)
- 1955—6th round: Aberdeen 2, Rangers 1
- 1956—5th round: Rangers 2, Aberdeen 1
- 1962—3rd round: Rangers 5, Aberdeen 1 (after 2-2 draw at Pittodrie)
- 1966—Semi-final: Rangers 2, Aberdeen 1 (after 0-0 draw, both games at Hampden)
- 1969—Semi-final: Rangers 6, Aberdeen 1 (Celtic Park)
- 1971—5th round: Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0
- 1975—3rd round: Rangers 1, Aberdeen 2 (after extra time) (after 1-1 draw at Pittodrie)
- 1976—4th round: Rangers 4, Aberdeen 1

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1893-94
Rangers 3 Celtic 1
Haddow, Smith, Drummond, Marshall, McCreadie, Mitchell, Steel, McCreadie, Gray, McPherson, Barker.

1896-97
Rangers 5 Dumbarton 1
Dickie, Smith, Drummond, Gibson, McCreadie, Mitchell, Low, McPherson, Miller, Hyslop, Smith.

1897-98
Rangers 2 Kilmarnock 0
Dickie, Smith, Drummond, Gibson, Neil, Mitchell, Miller, McPherson, Hamilton, Hyslop, Smith.

1902-03
Rangers 2 Hearts 0
Dickie, Fraser, Drummond, Henderson, Stark, Robertson, MacDonald, Mackie, Hamilton, Speedie, Smith.

1927-28
Rangers 4 Celtic 0
Hamilton, Gray, Hamilton, Buchanan, Meiklejohn, Craig, Archibald, Cunningham, Fleming, McPhail, Morton.

1929-30
Rangers 2 Partick Thistle 1
Hamilton, Gray, Hamilton, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Craig, Archibald, Marshall, Fleming, McPhail, Morton.

1931-32
Rangers 3 Kilmarnock 0
Hamilton, Gray, McAuley, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Archibald, Marshall, English, McPhail, Fleming.

1933-34
Rangers 5 St. Mirren 0
Hamilton, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Marshall, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.

1934-35
Rangers 2 Hamilton 1
Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Kennedy, Simpson, Brown, Main, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Gillick.

1935-36
Rangers 1 Third Lanark 0
Dawson, Gray, Cheyne, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Fiddes, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Turnbull.

1947-48
Rangers 1 Morton 0
Brown, Young, Shaw, McColl, Woodburn, Cox, Rutherford, Thornton, Williamson, Duncanson, Gillick.

1948-49
Rangers 4 Clyde 1
Brown, Young, Shaw, McColl,

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1959
St. Mirren v Aberdeen
108,591
1960
Rangers v Kilmarnock
108,017
1961
Dunfermline Athletic v Celtic
113,618
1962
Rangers v St. Mirren
126,930
1963
Rangers v Celtic
129,527
1964
Rangers v Dundee
120,982
1965
Celtic v Dunfermline Athletic
108,800
1966
Rangers v Celtic
126,552
1967
Celtic v Aberdeen
127,117
1968
Dunfermline Athletic v Hearts
56,365
1969
Celtic v Rangers
132,000
1970
Celtic v Aberdeen
108,434
1971
Rangers v Celtic
120,092
Replay
Rangers v Celtic
103,332
1972
Hibernian v Celtic
106,102
1973
Celtic v Rangers
122,714
1974
Celtic v Dundee United
75,959
1975
Celtic v Airdrieonians
75,475
1976
Rangers v Hearts
85,250
1977
Rangers v Celtic
54,252

Woodburn, Cox, Waddell, Duncanson, Thornton, Williamson, Rutherford.
1949-50
Rangers 3 East Fife 0
Brown, Young, Shaw, McColl,

Woodburn, Cox, Rutherford, Findlay, Thornton, Duncanson, Rae.

1952-53
Rangers 1 Aberdeen 0 (after 1-1 draw)
Niven, Young, Little, McColl, Woodburn, Pryde, Waddell, Grierson, Simpson, Paton, Hubbard.

1959-60
Rangers 2 Kilmarnock 0
Niven, Caldwell, Little, McColl, Paterson, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Millar, Baird, Wilson.

1961-62
Rangers 2 St. Mirren 0
Ritchie, Shearer, Caldwell, Davis, MacKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

1962-63
Rangers 3 Celtic 0 (after 1-1 draw)
Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, MacKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, MacMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

1963-64
Rangers 3 Dundee 1
Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, MacKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McLean, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

1965-66
Rangers 1 Celtic 0 (after 0-0 draw)
Ritchie, Johansen, Provan, Greig, MacKinnon, Millar, Henderson, Watson, McLean, Johnston, Wilson.

1972-73
Rangers 3 Celtic 2
McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Forsyth, Parlane, Conn, Young.

1975-76
Rangers 3 Hearts 1
McCloy, Miller, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Hamilton, Henderson, McKean, Johnstone.

Aberdeen's Cup winning teams have been:

1946-47
Aberdeen 2 Hibs 1
Johnstone, McKenna, Taylor, McLaughlin, Dunlop, Waddell, Harris, Hamilton, Williams, Baird, McColl.

1969-70
Aberdeen 3 Celtic 1
Clark, Boel, Murray, Hermiston, McMillan, Buchan, McKay, Robb, Forrest, Harper, Graham.

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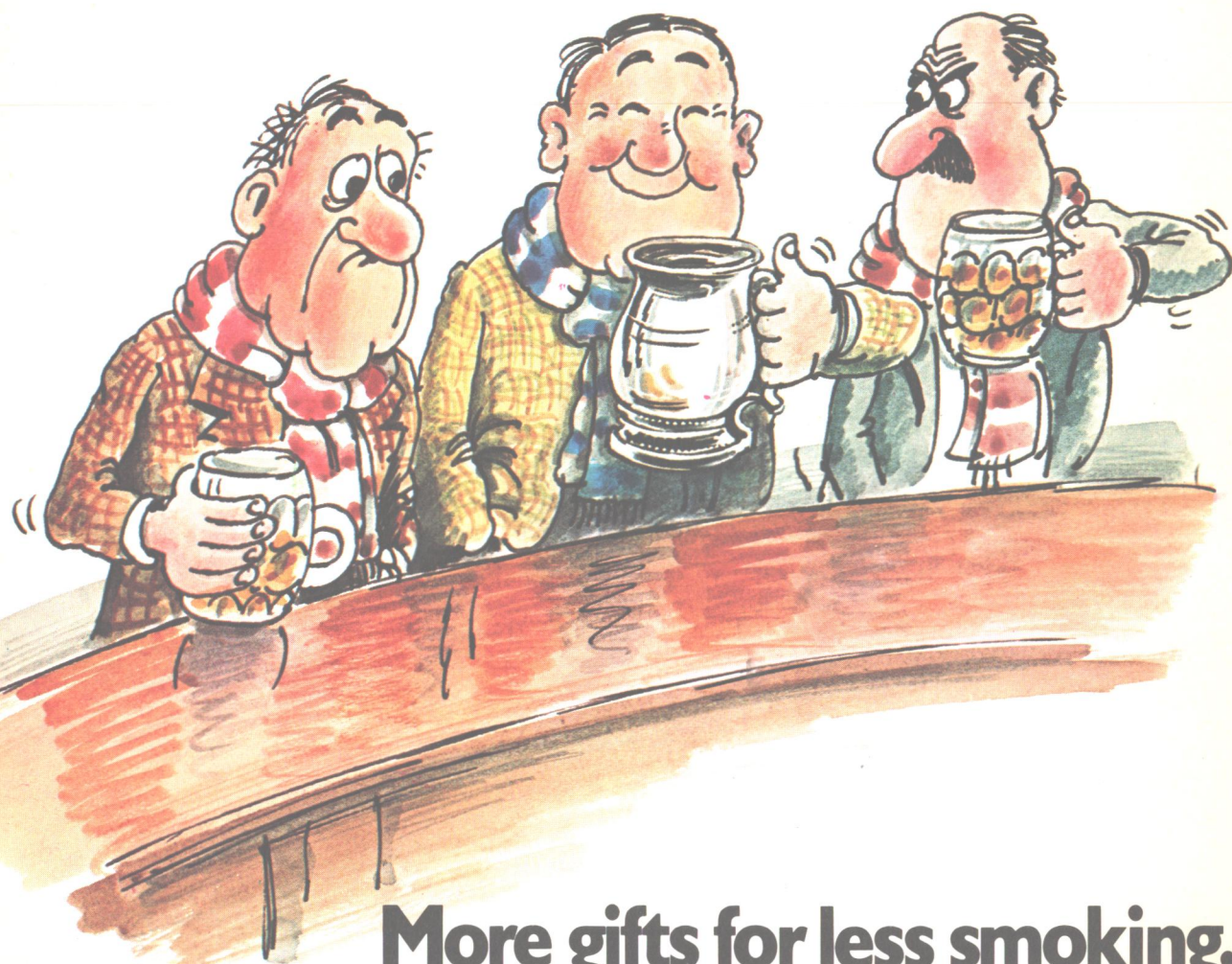
THIRD ROUND			
Celtic v Dundee 7-1	Partick Thistle v Cowdenbeath 1-1 1-0	Stirling Albion v Clydebank 0-0 3-0	St Mirren v Kilmarnock 1-2
Berwick Rangers v RANGERS 2-4	Arbroath v Motherwell 0-4	Hamilton v Dundee United 1-4	Hibernian v East Fife 4-0
ABERDEEN v Ayr United 2-0	St Johnstone v Brechin City 1-0	Q. of the South v Montrose 2-2 3-1	Vale of Leithen v Queen's Park 0-1
Airdrie v Hearts 2-3	Meadowbank v Inverness Caley 2-1	Albion Rovers v Morton 0-1	Alloa v Dumbarton 2-2 1-2
FOURTH ROUND			
Celtic v Kilmarnock 1-1 0-1	RANGERS v Stirling Albion 1-0	Hibernian v Partick Thistle 0-0 1-2	Dundee United v Q. of the South 3-0
ABERDEEN v St Johnstone 3-0	Morton v Meadowbank 3-0	Motherwell v Queen's Park 1-3	Dumbarton v Hearts 1-1 1-0
FIFTH ROUND			
RANGERS v Kilmarnock 4-1	ABERDEEN v Morton 2-2 2-1	Dundee United v Queen's Park 2-0	Partick Thistle v Dumbarton 2-1
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Dundee United v RANGERS 0-2			Partick Thistle v Aberdeen 2-4
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WILLIE MILLER will this afternoon be hoping for a fitting finale to his great season. Although he has always been a consistent player, there is little doubt that this has been his best season since he arrived at Pittodrie from Eastercraigs in 1972.

He was joint third in the Player of the Year award this term and if there hadn't been a split vote between him and Stuart Kennedy then he might well have finished runner-up or even on top.

But a Cup winners medal this afternoon would make up for missing out on that accolade. He'll be the man to lift the Cup should the Dons win and that will be the second time in his career he will have lifted a major Scottish trophy above his head.

Last year he accepted the League Cup after the Dons 2-1 win over Celtic and as that trophy is no longer at Pittodrie he feels it would be nice to put the Scottish Cup in its place.





WORLD CUP DATES, VENUES

The World Cup draw, made on January 14, seeded four countries: ARGENTINA, WEST GERMANY, BRAZIL, and HOLLAND. Here is the complete list of games which will be played in the first round, the dates and their venues:

GROUP ONE

ARGENTINA, HUNGARY, FRANCE, ITALY

- June 2: Argentina v Hungary (Buenos Aires);
France v Italy (Mar del Plata)
- June 6: Argentina v France (Buenos Aires);
Italy v Hungary (Mar del Plata)
- June 10: Argentina v Italy (Buenos Aires);
France v Hungary (Mar del Plata)

GROUP TWO

POLAND, WEST GERMANY, TUNISIA, MEXICO

- June 1: West Germany v Poland (Buenos Aires)
- June 2: Tunisia v Mexico (Rosario)
- June 6: West Germany v Mexico (Cordoba);
Poland v Tunisia (Rosario)
- June 10: West Germany v Tunisia (Cordoba);
Poland v Mexico (Rosario)

GROUP THREE

AUSTRIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, BRAZIL

- June 3: Brazil v Sweden (Mar del Plata);
Spain v Austria (Buenos Aires—Velez)
- June 7: Brazil v Spain (Mar del Plata);
Austria v Sweden (Buenos Aires—Velez)
- June 11: Brazil v Austria (Mar del Plata);
Sweden v Spain (Buenos Aires—Velez)

GROUP FOUR

HOLLAND, IRAN, PERU, SCOTLAND

- June 3: Holland v Iran (Mendoza);
Scotland v Peru (Cordoba)
- June 7: Holland v Peru (Mendoza);
Scotland v Iran (Cordoba)
- June 11: Holland v Scotland (Mendoza);
Peru v Iran (Cordoba)

In the second round, the Winners of Groups One and Three will play the runners-up of Groups Two and Four; and the Winners of Groups Two and Four will play the runners-up of Groups One and Three.

These will be known as Group A, who will play their matches in Buenos Aires and Cordoba; and Group B, who will play their matches in Rosario and Mendoza.

These games will take place on June 14, 18 and 21. The third-place final will take place on June 24 in Buenos Aires.

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