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Rangers-Celtic

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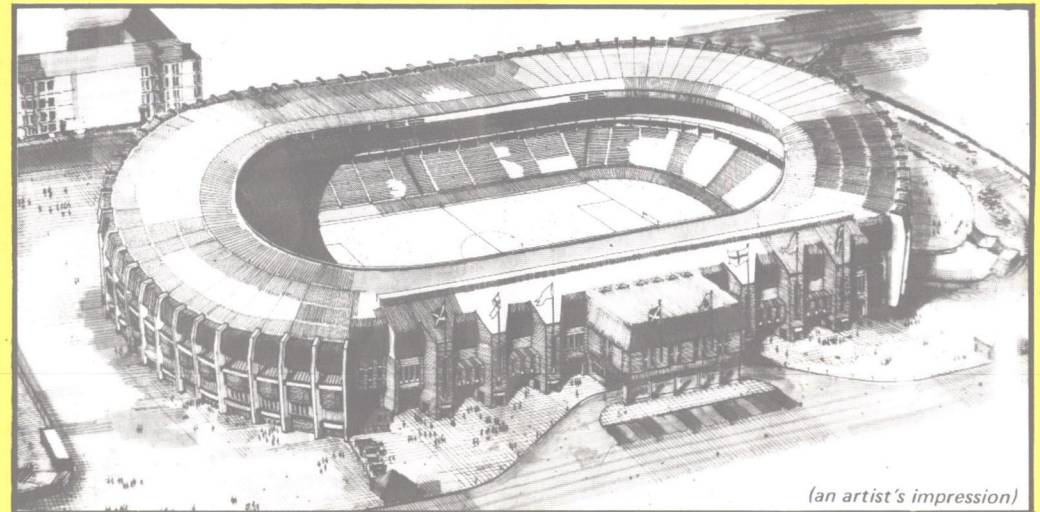
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The contractors will move in to level off the top of the East terracing and

work will then begin on constructing new access routes to the ground which will be permanent for the new stadium.

The next stage will see the demolition of the North Stand and it is hoped that by October things will be ready for the construction of the new stand to take its place.

The whole scheme, which, as many supporters will appreciate, is a vast operation and it is one

which cannot be done overnight.

The whole Hampden scheme will take five years to complete and this will allow maximum use of the stadium for future matches during all phases of the redevelopment.

Naturally, most of the heavy construction work will be done during the close seasons and that means spectators will continue to be able to enjoy and appreciate the special

atmosphere that Hampden Park generates.

Scottish Cup Finals are always special occasions and with the two sides who have dominated Scottish football in recent seasons in opposition today it seems we are in for a final to remember.

That makes Hampden a special place to be today. We welcome you to it. Just as we will welcome you to the new Hampden Park when it is completed!

TODAY'S match entertainment is provided by courtesy of Younger's Tartan Special - sponsors of the Scottish Cup.

1.00— The Massed Pipes and Drums of the current World Champions, Strathclyde Police, leading pipers and drummers from The Ayr Society, Babcock (Renfrew), Boghall and Bathgate, The Glasgow Skye Association, and Milngavie Pipe Bands, under the direction of Drum Major Ian McPhail, of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association.

1.45— SHOWBIZ SHOOT-OUT featuring Andy Cameron, Allan Stewart, Christian, the Alexander Brothers, Mr. Abie, Alasdair Gillies, Johnny Beattie and Larry Marshall.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

2.00— A special appearance by the Snohomish High School Marching Band from Washington State, America; with a display of musical and precision marching skills including word formations on-pitch.

2.20— Cup Final Roll of Honour: with special presentation to famous Old Firm stars of the past, including a Guest Appearance by Younger's T.V. commercial celebrity, Harry Towb.

2.35— Reappearance of the Snohomish Marching Band.

2.50— Balloon release on appearance of teams—fans can win a prize by guessing the number of balloons released and sending their estimates to Younger's Brand Offices, Marketing Department, Scottish & Newcastle Beer Co. Ltd., Abbey Brewery, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8YS.

2.55— National Anthem, played by the Whitburn Burgh Band.

● Today's entertainment commentary co-ordinator is Mr. Jimmy Nairn.

REF. GEORGE'S BIG 'FIRST'

BEING in charge of an 'Old Firm' game is an important assignment for any referee, but when that match happens to be the first time you've handled a game between the two teams and a Cup Final into the bargain it becomes an even more daunting task.

Yet that is the position George Smith finds himself in this afternoon. Today's game will be his first in the middle in a Rangers and Celtic match and he is fully aware of the importance of the occasion.

And, while the two teams are battling it out for the honour of another Cup win, Mr. Smith will be making his own quiet little bit of history. He will be the first referee from Edinburgh to be given a Scottish Cup Final appointment since the Second World War.

Mr. Smith, who is 36, has been a referee for 20 years, nine of which have been as a Grade One official and three as a FIFA whistler.

His involvement in refereeing began as a 16-year-old when a knee injury forced him to retire from playing and he took charge of a boys side in his home town of Edinburgh. One afternoon the referee for a match failed to turn up, George took over and within a couple of months



● GEORGE SMITH

he was enthusiastically attending referee classes in a bid to gain the necessary certificates which would make him a qualified referee.

Now, 20 years later, he has reached the pinnacle of the Scottish refereeing grade by taking charge of a Scottish Cup Final.

There have, however, been several other big games in which he has been involved. In 1975 he was one of the linesmen in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final in Basle between Ferencvaros and Dynamo Kiev and this season he refereed a European tie

between Ferencvaros and Lokomotiv Sofia, a game he rates as the most difficult he has ever had to handle.

"Ferencvaros had lost the first game 3-0," he explains, "and the game was strongly physical throughout. There was a big crowd behind the Hungarians and this gave the whole game an electric atmosphere. Ferencvaros managed to pull back two goals, and they made claims for about four or five penalties in the first half."

Mr. Smith turned them down and he says, "I wasn't very popular when the game finished."

Another match he was in charge of this season was the League Cup semi-final between Dundee United and Hamilton Accies at East End Park.

This, however, will be his first big game at Hampden. Previously he has only taken charge of matches involving Queen's Park at Hampden.

Mr. Smith, who works with the Scottish Office in Edinburgh, has been married three years and in February this year his wife Pamela gave birth to their first child, a boy they named Euan.

His referee's medal this afternoon will give him something to proudly show his son a couple of years from now.

RANGERS AIM FOR

ANOTHER HAT-TRICK

WAY BACK, way back 101 years to be exact Rangers didn't even turn up at Hampden for the Scottish Cup final replay.

That was the infamous game against Vale of Leven in 1879. The final ended in a draw but Rangers protested against a second goal being disallowed. This was dismissed by the Committee. Still dissatisfied Rangers lodged an appeal but this too was refused.

So on Saturday, April 26, Vale of Leven turned up at Hampden Park for the replay and lined up on the field in accordance with instructions. Rangers had not turned up at kick-off time and Vale took the ball up the field and sent it into the unguarded net—and so won the Cup.

That was why Rangers had to wait another 14 years for their first Scottish Cup success—and they beat Celtic in that final 3-1.

But Ibrox fans need not worry this time—John Greig and his team will be at Hampden and they'll be shooting for yet another hat-trick of Cup triumphs.

By
DOUGLAS RITCHIE
Sunday People

Only two other clubs have won the Scottish Cup three years in a row, Queen's Park and Vale of Leven.

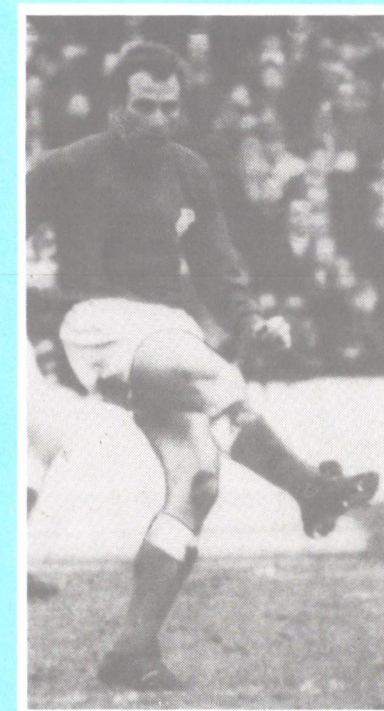
Rangers have now done it three times and this afternoon will be shooting for a record fourth. Manager John Greig was in the side which notched the third leg of their last Hampden hat-trick back in 1964.

Two years later he was at Hampden again to captain the team for the first time in a Scottish Cup final. The opponents that day—Celtic.

And for more reasons than that the Rangers boss will always remember that final, still talked about as Kai Johansen's Hampden.

Greig recalls — "Celtic were really on the crest that season tipped to win everything but the Grand National. It was a standing joke that Rangers need not even bother to turn up for all the chance they had.

"But so much for the prophets. We drew 0-0 in the



● KAI JOHANSEN

first game which I thought I had won but Ronnie Simpson denied me with a tremendous save.

"When it came to the replay everyone was convinced that there was no way Celtic could make a mistake second time round. But our Danish defender Kai Johansen got

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THE SPONSORS

WELCOME to this afternoon's Scottish Cup Final. Today, two of Scotland's most famous clubs meet in a fitting climax to the season's premier football tournament.

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This is Scottish football's gala day and we hope that you enjoy the entertainment we have provided for you—the pipes and drums of Scotland's top bands, stars of Scottish show-business a chance to see again 'Old Firm' heroes of the past, and an introduction to the Snohomish High School Band from the U.S.A.'s Washington State.

Let's give our American visitors a warm, Scottish welcome.

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Enjoy the Scottish Cup Final, and all the excitement and entertainment today's match has to offer.

RANGERS FOR ANOTHER HAT-TRICK? (Cont'd)

the only goal of the replay and we got the Cup."

And that night firmly convinced John Greig that form plays little or no part in an Old Firm game. And when it is also a Scottish Cup final the Ibrox manager is convinced—"It is that bit extra special."

He's qualified to judge because he played in no fewer than six against Celtic and can call it quits—three winners medals and three losers.

It's 86 years since the first one when Rangers notched their opening success. The two have met ten times since in finals with the Cup being withheld from both on one infamous occasion. And it's still dead level with five wins each.

And although it's not exactly a rare event on the Scottish soccer scene these days John Greig is convinced — "There's no doubt that for the players there's that extra something in the game. The atmosphere and attitude to win is second to no other game in the world."

If there are two men qualified to talk about Cup finals it is the two men in charge today, Greig and Billy McNeill of Celtic. In great careers with the two great clubs they collected no fewer

than 13 winners' medals between them. The man from Celtic Park has the slight edge with seven.

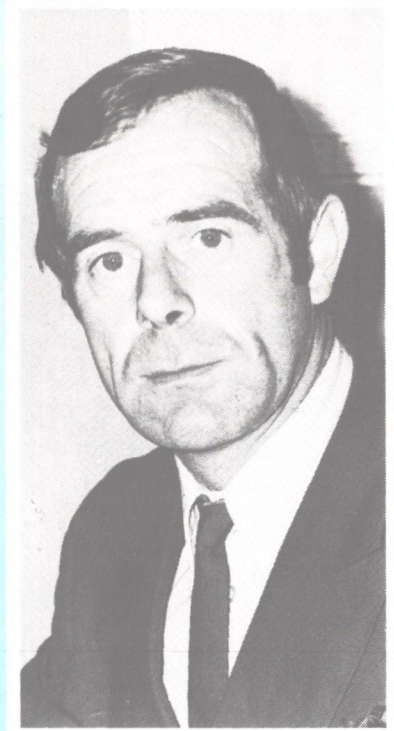
But of the two Greig is the only one to win the Scottish Cup final as a manager. That was last season when it took three games at Hampden to see off the challenge from Hibs.

That was Greig's first taste of a Scottish Cup final from the dug-out and he sums it up in one word—murder.

He has no doubts—"There is no comparison between manager and player in a Cup final. As a player you are out on the field and if things are not going well you can do something about it. As a manager there's really nothing you can do unless you decide to make a substitution."

But John Greig quickly points out—"I'm not complaining—I'd rather be there than where all but one other manager is on Cup final day. I spent four and a half hours in the dug-out last season before we won the Cup and I wouldn't mind doing it every season with the same result."

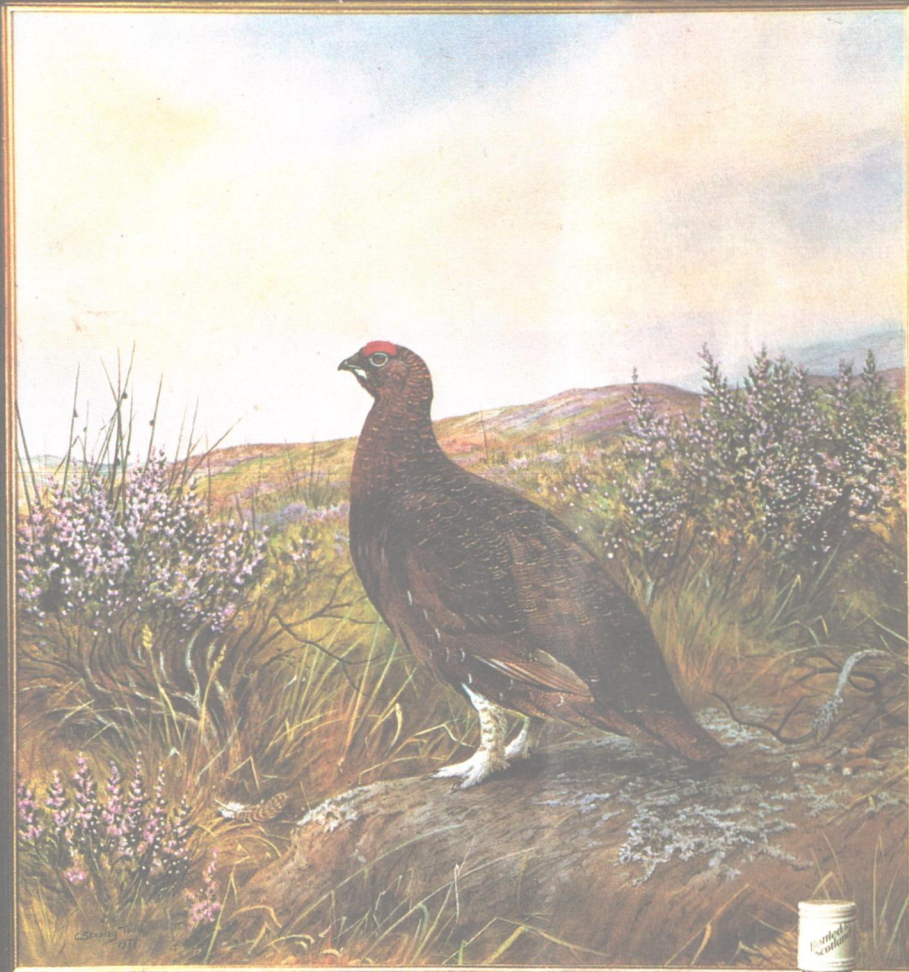
On the score of Cup final experience Rangers may just have that slight edge. Players like Peter McCloy and Derek Johnstone have already got



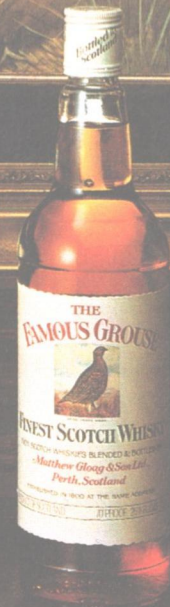
● RONNIE SIMPSON

four winners' medals and Sandy Jardine, Colin Jackson and Tommy McLean three each. Most of these players also know the other side of the coin—an Old Firm defeat in the Scottish Cup final.

But win, lose or draw this afternoon Rangers manager John Greig is very much a realist. He sums up—"This season we have introduced players like Gregor Stevens and John MacDonald. The look is slowly changing. Rangers have been so successful in the past few seasons but the time had to come when changes had to be made. To do this and reach the final of the Scottish Cup I would rate a fair achievement."



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★ The most exciting prospect to burst onto the Scottish football scene in recent years! That's the tag which Rangers' starlet John MacDonald has earned this season and his recent selection as Young Player of the Year by his fellow professionals confirms John's standing in the game.

The Drumchapel youngster's performances have been a revelation in what has been a difficult season for Rangers and, despite his lack of years, the Ibrox winger can cause many problems for the Celtic defence this afternoon.

It was the 18-year-old winger who opened the scoring in last August's Drybrough Cup Final against the Parkhead side, that goal setting Rangers on the road to a 3-1 win, and, by scoring against Celtic again in a league game a few weeks later, John has given the Celts cause to mark him closely today.

STAR SPOT JOHN MacDONALD • RANGERS •

MacDonald sits at the top of the Ibrox Cup goals table, having netted four times on the Light Blues' march to Hampden, and, with a winners' medal just 90 minutes away, this afternoon will see John seeking to add to that tally.

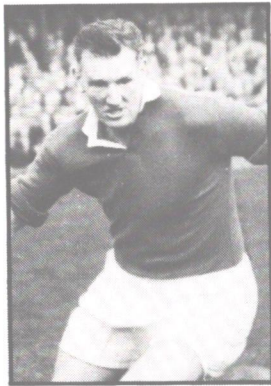
With so much talent to offer the game, all this young man lacks is experience but, in the years to come, with a few more campaigns under his belt, John should establish himself not only as one of Scotland's best but as one of the world's top players.

This afternoon gives the Ibrox babe the chance to progress further along the road to that goal and it would be a brave man who bet against the wee winger grabbing this opportunity with both hands.



Legends of Football

GEORGE YOUNG RANGERS



WITHOUT doubt George Young, Captain of Rangers and Scotland, was the most commanding figure of his era.

Over 6ft tall and weighing around 15st, big "Corky" had a tremendous physical presence that made him a natural leader and in 75 representative appearances he captained Scottish teams no fewer than fifty times.

But despite his size Young was remarkably light on his feet with fantastic ball control and his uncanny ability to "read" a game correctly and use his positional sense to advantage were once described enviously by an opponent as magical.

A native of Grangemouth he joined Rangers from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy in September 1941 and stayed with them for the entire sixteen years of his career before retiring at the age of 34.

During those great years he helped his club win six league championships, four Scottish Cups and two League Cups.

In 1949 when Rangers won all three trophies he scored two penalty goals against Clyde in the Scottish Cup Final.

He gained his fourth cup medal against Aberdeen in 1953 when acting as substitute goalkeeper he made two great saves that earned Rangers a replay of the Hampden final.

Within eighteen months of signing for the club Young had earned his first Scottish cap as Scotland's centre-half in a wartime international at Maine Road but what a disaster that turned out to be with England winning 8-0 and the great Tommy Lawton scoring four times.

It wasn't surprising that the new boy was dropped after that but he regained

his place and went on to become a fixture in the Scotland team, captaining the side in internationals against England from 1948 to 1957.

But for such a majestic character George admitted to superstitions.

After the celebrations from one early triumph he kept the cork from the champagne bottle... hence his nickname.

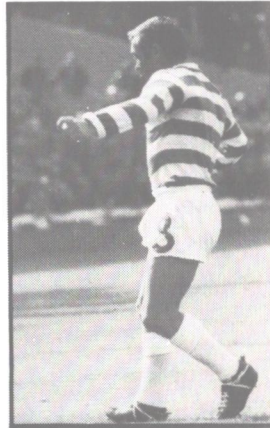
And in the days when shorts had back pockets George used to carry what he regarded as his lucky five-shilling piece on to the field with him.

For most of his distinguished career he played at right-back in the legendary Iron Curtain defence of Brown, Young, Shaw, McColl, Woodburn and Cox and the jousts against the "Famous Five" of Hibs and the "Terrible Trio" of Hearts in those days were a highlight of each season.

After his retirement he went into managership with Third Lanark and gave that ill-fated club a brief run of success in the early sixties.

He is now a hotelier in Crossford in the Clyde Valley but for many of the imperishable memory of George Young will be of him leading out the Scotland team at Wembley and Hampden side by side with his arch-rival for so many years, England's Billy Wright.

BOBBY COLLINS CELTIC



BOBBY COLLINS thrilled fans everywhere for twenty years as a player (and, indeed, only last month turned out in a charity match in Edinburgh at the age of 49) but his career in league football got off to the shakiest of starts.

Signed by Celtic in 1949 as an 18-year-old from Pollok Juniors, it was only to discover that Everton were claiming him as their player.

Eventually the mix-up was sorted out though Collins had to serve a six-week suspension from the SFA before being allowed to kick a ball for Celtic.

Ironically he was to leave Parkhead nine years later in a big transfer to, guess who? ... Everton!

But with that false start behind him Bobby, affectionately dubbed "The Wee Barra" went on to become one of the finest forwards, both on the wing and at inside, the game has produced.

Only 5ft 4in and with an impish grin, many a defender must have thought he was on easy street against him only to discover that the wee man had a shot like a cannon and could tackle like a demon.

One report said that he could cut defences to ribbons without leaving any ghastly edges on the wounds.

He made his debut against Rangers on the opening day of season 1949-50 and celebrated with a 3-2 win.

And the following season he played in the Scottish Cup Final when Celtic's 1-0 victory against Motherwell ended thirteen lean years without a major trophy.

The Celtic team on that auspicious occasion was: Hunter, Fallon, Rollo, Evans, Boden, Baillie, Weir, Collins, McPhail, Peacock, Tully.

Bobby's international run of 31 full caps for Scotland spanned fifteen years and two generations of famous names.

When he got his first cap against Wales in October 1950 his team-mates included Jimmy Cowan, George Young, Willie McNaught, Willie Woodburn, Alec Forbes, Billy Liddell... and the other inside-forward was Billy Steel.

His last game, against Poland in May 1965, was in the company of such as John Greig, Billy McNeill, Willie Henderson, Denis Law and John Hughes.

After playing for Celtic and Everton a new era opened up for Collins with Leeds United. Under his captaincy they won the second division championship in 1964 and the following season were runners-up for both the League and Cup double in England... and Bobby was voted England's footballer of the year.

A badly-fractured leg in a Fairs Cup match in Turin almost ended his career but Bobby made a comeback to play again for Leeds before moving on to Bury and even then the success story wasn't over for he skipped them to promotion to the Second Division!

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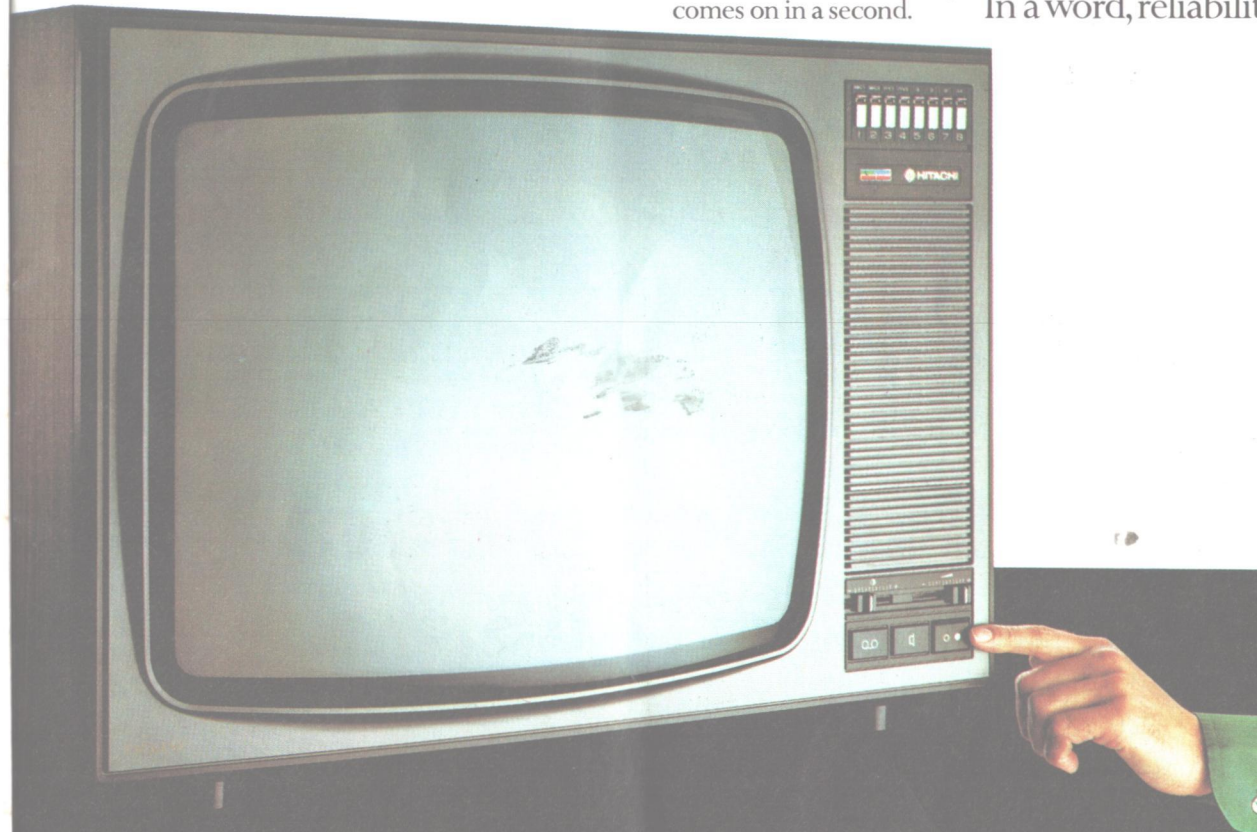
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★ Celtic's young forward George McCluskey is well used to the extra pressures imposed on players in 'Old Firm' games. His league debut for the Parkhead club in November 1975 saw him thrust into a match against Rangers and, although he was unused to the atmosphere of such a big game, he showed much promise.

That was to be the launching pad for his first team career and three years later he took part in his first major final for the club, and once again Rangers were the opponents.

Unfortunately, the youngster didn't have the joy of lifting a winners' medal but this afternoon the youngster will get the opportunity to make amends. If he plays then it will be his first ever Scottish Cup Final and every player will tell

STAR SPOT GEORGE McCLUSKEY • CELTIC •

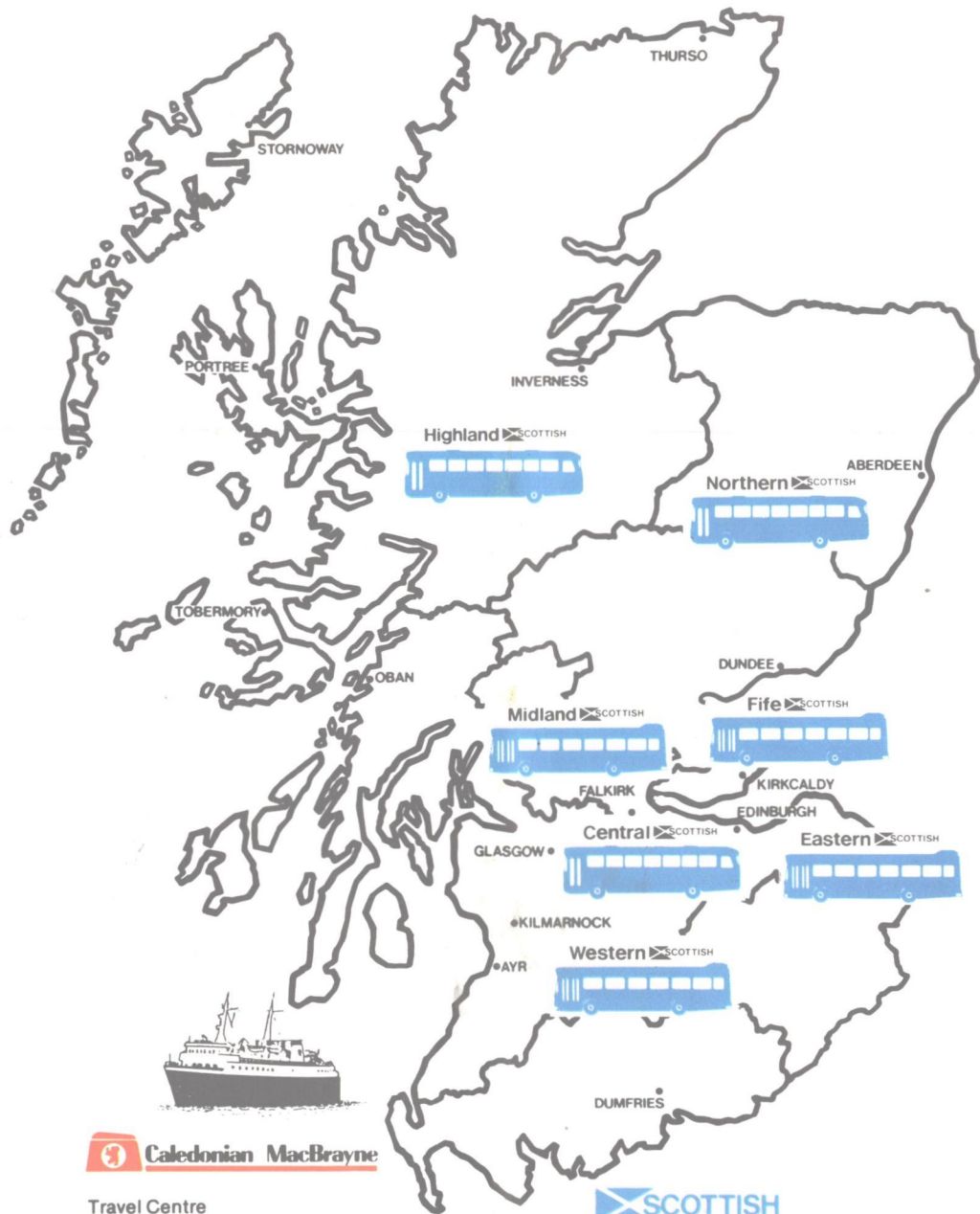
you there is one sure way to enjoy the occasion—win!

Certainly, George has shown a flair for the big time. Earlier this season he led the Celtic line against Real Madrid in Glasgow and gave what many consider to be his finest performance for the club, netting the opening goal in a 2-0 win and going close on several other occasions.

That was just one of more than a dozen goals he has netted this term, but he would surely rate any he grabs this afternoon as a real highlight in his career so far.



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STAR SPOT DAVIE COOPER · RANGERS ·

★ Last season's Cup Final programme pointed out that Rangers' star Davie Cooper had yet to play in a losing side in a Scottish Cup tie for the Light Blues and the Ibrox men's appearance in today's final means that Davie's record still stands.

This season has been the ex-Clydebank winger's best since he joined Rangers, a fact that was acknowledged by Jock Stein when the Scotland boss called Davie into the national team for the games against Peru and Austria, and recent weeks have seen the winger turn in some superb performances for John Greig's side.

Davie's left foot is one of the most educated in the game and can combine the mazy dribble with the powerful shot, as Hearts goalkeeper John Brough will testify, the Tyne-castle 'keeper being beaten all ends up in the Fifth Round tie between the clubs in March.

His current form has seen Davie deluged with Player of the Year awards by Rangers Supporters Clubs throughout the country and nothing would please 'Super Cooper' more than to add another Scottish Cup winners' medal to his collection of mementos.

Hampden has been something of a lucky ground for Davie as he has never tasted defeat there, and it was in the same arena that he scored what he believes to be his finest ever goal, a brilliant solo effort against Celtic in the Drybrough Cup Final, so the tension which can hinder a player in such an important game as today's shouldn't bother the Ibrox star.

There is little doubt that Cooper is one of the most gifted players ever to play the game and Celtic's defence will be very apprehensive about facing this talented winger today.





THE 1980 SCOTTISH CUP FINAL



● Rangers Manager JOHN GREIG

Warning

Spectators, in their own interests, and in the interests of those around them, are urged to exercise the utmost care when leaving the ground.

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We ask you to pay particular attention to this notice.



RANGERS

TEAM POOL

1. Peter McCLOY
2. Sandy JARDINE
3. Alastair DAWSON
4. Tom FORSYTH
5. Colin JACKSON
6. Gregor STEVENS
7. Davie COOPER
8. Bobby RUSSELL
9. Derek JOHNSTONE
10. Gordon SMITH
11. John MacDONALD
12. Tommy McLEAN
14. Alex MILLER
15. Alex MacDONALD

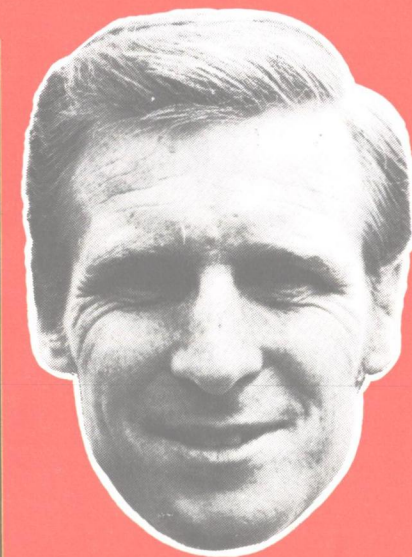


CELTIC

TEAM POOL

1. Peter LATCHFORD
2. Alan SNEDDON
3. Danny McGRAIN
4. Roy AITKEN
5. Jim CASEY
6. Murdo McLEOD
7. Davie PROVAN
8. Mike CONROY
9. George McCLUSKEY
10. Tommy BURNS
11. Frank McGARVEY
12. Johnny DOYLE
13. Bobby LENNOX

In the event of today's match finishing in a draw thirty minutes extra time will be played. If the scores are still level after this period then the two clubs will return to Hampden for a replay on Tuesday, May 13. Kick-off will be 8 p.m.



● Celtic Manager BILLY McNEILL

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★ Roy Aitken's first full season in the Celtic top team brought him two very special moments against Rangers. The first was in a league game at Ibrox in March 1977 when he hit both his side's goals in an exciting 2-2 draw and he still rates the second of those goals, a spectacular volley, as the best he has ever scored.

The second magic moment came just a few months later when he was in the winning Celtic side against the Light Blues in the Scottish Cup Final, and as the Parkhead club had also won the league that term it brought him two major medals in what was a memorable season for him.

He joined Celtic in 1975, and his first taste of competitive first team football came in a league match against Hearts in February the following year.

**STAR
SPOT
ROY AITKEN**
· CELTIC ·

He never looked back and played in every league match from then until the end of the season, so establishing himself as a regular in the side. To date he has missed only a handful of matches and has been a big influence on the side, either in defence or in midfield.

And his performances have been recognised at international level, too. He has been capped by the Under 21 side and, after being on the fringe of the full team, he gained his first cap when he came on as a substitute in the match against Peru in September last year.

Aitken is dedicated to Celtic (he lists his favourite other team as Celtic reserves!) and wants to help them to further success. Today's Cup Final will be another milestone in his career.



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By
MARTIN FRIZELL
News of the World

IF BILLY McNEILL was to enter for Mastermind there's little doubt that his specialist subject would be: "The Scottish Cup Final between 1961 and 1980."

During these years he has been involved in no fewer than fourteen, twelve as a player, twice as a manager.

As Celtic's captain he led his team-mates up for their winning medals in 1965, 67, 69, 71, 72, 74 and 75.

He has runners-up badges from 1961, 63, 66, 70 and 73.

Two years ago in his first managerial attempt at winning the Scottish Cup he steered Aberdeen to Hampden Park only to lose to Rangers and today he's back for that toughest of contests, an Old Firm Final.

It has been an unrivalled record and each game has a place in Billy's personal memory bank.

"Cup finals are something different. You don't forget them even though you have been in a few," he says. "There is always something to recall from the big day.

"Even the occasions when we lost provided something special.

"People have said to me that it must feel terrible to be in the beaten team at Hampden as if it's the worst thing that can happen.

"I disagree with that. I've been bitterly disappointed when we've had to take second-place, but at the same time it's a big thing to have been involved in what is probably the most exciting day out of the season for everyone, fans and players.

"It's worse to be beaten in the semi-final and miss out entirely."

McNeill has vivid recollections of that first-ever final in 1961 when as a young player he was all keyed-up to win his first medal against Jock Stein's Dunfermline Athletic.

Alas, his ambitions came adrift that year for in a game that produced the goalkeeping display of the decade from Eddie Connachan, Celtic lost after a replay.

Other McNeill memories include the 1968-69 Final against Rangers when he scored the opening goal right at the start to launch Celtic into what he regards as their most convincing cup win.

Or, more poignantly, the 1975 Final with Airdrie when he played through the game with a secret.

No-one, among the crowd or his team-mates, knew that day of the announcement to be made at the end of the game that Billy McNeill, M.B.E. had retired.

Billy confesses that it was a sad occasion for him, softened by his last trip up the stairs as a player to collect a winners' medal.

But the final that evokes most nostalgia from the Celtic boss, and the other players who shared in it, was the 1965 game against Dunfermline when they got revenge for that earlier defeat with a 3-2 win, McNeill scoring the winner with a header only minutes from time.

On the wall of his office at Parkhead hangs the team group from that great day, 24 April, 1965.

The line-up was Fallon; Young, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, Clark; Chalmers, Gallagher, Hughes, Lennox, Auld.

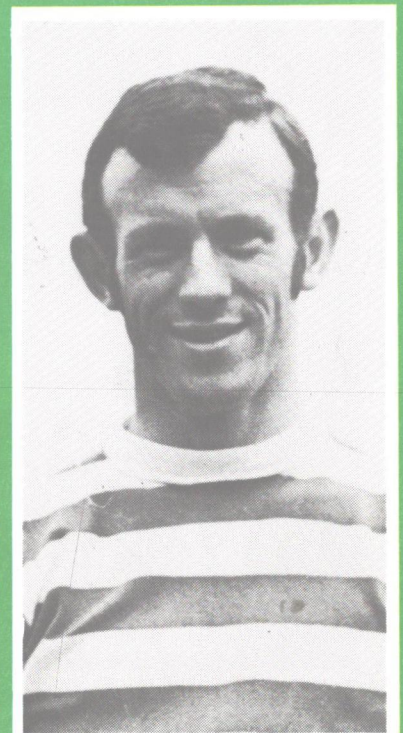
Facing it is another framed photograph of the same Hampden game with Billy raising the cup aloft on the shoulders of his jubilant colleagues.

Why should these two pictures take pride of place at Parkhead?

"Because that was the game that opened the floodgates for all that was to follow," says Billy. "The European Cup triumph, the long run of league championships, they all stemmed from that cup final against Dunfermline.

"Until then we had been a young team, hungry for success and coming close without any luck.

"Suddenly it all changed. We knew we had won something for the first time but we didn't know then that it was going to be the start of something so big."



● BOBBY LENNOX

As manager Billy has already been at Hampden on Scottish Cup Final day and remembers the rapturous welcome the Dons got even when they returned home empty-handed without the trophy.

Aberdeen have always made a cup final visit the excuse for laying on a carnival atmosphere when the team comes home so does Billy feel that we lack something in Glasgow?

"I have to admit that we miss out a bit because with our supporters coming from all parts there's no central point whereas as a city Aberdeen is ideal for these sort of processions.

"But I'm sure our fans will feel more than compensated if they see us win the cup at Hampden today!"

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MACKINLAY'S Football Personality INTERVIEW

ERNIE WALKER

(SECRETARY OF THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION)

HOW many Scottish Cup Finals have you been involved in?

Today will be the 23rd. My first as an official of the SFA was in 1958 when Clyde beat Hibernian 1-0.

OF the 22 Finals, which one do you remember most and for what reason?

Probably 1959 when St. Mirren beat Aberdeen 3-1, and it sticks in my mind principally because of the tremendous enthusiasm in Paisley when the winners returned there on Saturday night with the Cup. It was a truly memorable occasion.

WE often get critical comparisons made with the FA Final at Wembley and our efforts at Hampden. What do you say to these claims?

I have never seen the FA Final—it is played on the same day as our own, so I am scarcely qualified to comment. In any case, why concern ourselves with events in London. We have been playing football long enough now in Scotland to know what we like and to know a good game when we see one.

WOULD you like to see any change in the Cup Final format?

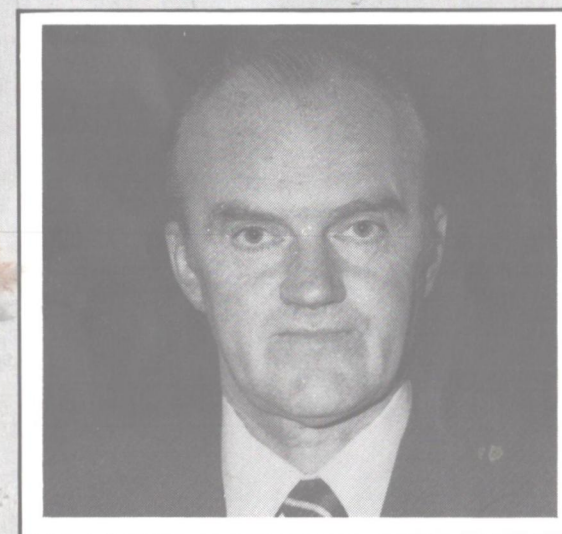
There is no magic formula guaranteed to produce a thrilling encounter. Personally, I find all Cup Finals engrossing. There is too much at stake for it to be anything else. The pre-match and interval entertainment is important, but this side of things will always be secondary to the game.

IS Cup Final administration any different from handling an International?

The arrangements at the ground are similar but the other aspects are quite different. The Cup Final is domestic whereas the ramifications surrounding an international match are world-wide.

YOU are a confirmed advocate of summer football. Do you think it will ever come to pass, and could you see a Scottish Cup Final being played in the middle of June?

I think the professional clubs will be playing during our better weather months sooner than many people think. It has always seemed odd to me that we close down when playing and spectating conditions are at their best and remain open when they are at their worst. The Cup Final in June? Why not, if it fits into the general pattern.



THERE'S obviously no ready made remedy to the ever increasing crowd indiscipline throughout Britain—do you have a personal theory which would help to eliminate the menace?

Football cannot cure the problem, but it must do everything possible to contain it. Better spectating facilities including more seats would help and things in this direction will start to improve very soon now at Hampden.

YOU spent some time in the States last summer—are there any aspects of American soccer which you would like to see embodied in the Scottish game?

Not particularly. The game here is much better—for the moment at least. Their weather is better and although the USA is considered a violent society, they have a very pleasant family type audience. It would certainly benefit the game in Scotland if we could encourage families to attend and many clubs are striving along these lines.

YOU introduced having players' names on the back of their jerseys in International football—have you any other new ideas coming up?

I have only one idea in mind right now and that is that Scotland should qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain. If we keep on qualifying, sooner or later we are going to come good in the finals proper and I, for one, will not argue if you feel that it would not be before time!

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STAR SPOT COLIN JACKSON · RANGERS ·

★ Rangers defender Colin Jackson is well accustomed to the pressures of Cup Final day, having won three winners' medals in the course of his 17-year career with the Light Blues, and that experience can prove to be vital on such a tension-filled occasion as today's Old Firm clash.

During his days at Ibrox, Bomber has played more than 500 games for the Club and his loyalty to the colours prompted all Rangers fans to applaud the recent decision to form a Testimonial Committee to arrange a 'thank you' game for the big stopper.

Over the years, Colin has proved to be the rock on which many opponents attacks flounder, the Falkirk born man being the master of the crucial tackle and having few, if any, equals in the air.

His aerial ability has been exploited by Rangers in attack as well as defence and a corner kick to the Ibrox side this afternoon will most likely see Bomber moving up field to lend his weight to the attack.

The sight of Colin moving into Celtic's goal area is sure to send the Parkhead fans pulses racing.

Colin has made something of a habit of netting vital goals but if he were to hit the target today it would undoubtedly be the most telling of his long career, although his later than late winner in last season's League Cup Final against Aberdeen is his current favourite.

Colin is particularly keen that Rangers win today because the greatest disappointment of his career was being injured on the eve of the Light Blues European Cup Winners' Cup triumph in 1972 and he is determined to have another bash at playing in a victorious team in a European final.

But first things first, and all Bomber's concentration will be on winning the Scottish Cup this afternoon. Only when that goal has been achieved can he begin to think of the conquest of Europe.



50 YEARS AGO...

IT was an unfamiliar Rangers in white strips with light blue hoops who trotted out against Partick Thistle in the 1930 Scottish Cup final.

The game, watched by a crowd of 107,473 was fought against a background of controversy stemming from the distribution of tickets for the match. The newspapers of the day were sharply critical of the fact that the SFA Council for example shared 2,500 between them and with only 500 tickets on sale to the general public Queen's Park were accused of keeping the bulk for their own members.

As it happened the Saturday game, which ended in a no scoring draw, proved to be something of a letdown.

The view was that a Rangers side which included such stalwarts as Dougie Gray, Davie Meiklejohn and Tully Craig had only to turn up to demoralise Thistle. It didn't quite work out that way. Thistle who had five players, Jackson,

Calderwood, Rae, Lambie and Ballantyne, all awarded full marks in the match ratings gave as good as they got and took the game to a Wednesday replay.

The Glasgow papers that Saturday night carried headlines of a "terrible tram disaster" with one dead and over sixty injured when a crowded car overturned at the junction of Crow Road and Dumbarton Road.

Clark and Murray were appearing way down the bill at the Glasgow Empress and the Glasgow Orpheus Choir were in London for two concerts and a wireless broadcast.

It was possible to purchase a made to measure suit for £2.10/- and Rangers were about to take the Cup for the sixth time.

Just how much the replay caught the public imagination can be gauged by the fact that 104,000 turned up on the Wednesday night. The gate receipts were £4,269 19s. 2d.

Rangers brought in Alan Mor-

By
DON MORRISON
Sunday Mail

ton on the left wing in place of Nicholson and McDonald for Buchanan and took the lead just four minutes from the interval when "Doc" Marshall scored. Thistle equalised through Torbet in 71 minutes but in a thrilling finish a lob from Tully Craig totally foxed Thistle 'keeper Johnny Jackson to give Rangers the winner.

Jackson later stated the sun had blinded him and his timing in going up for the ball was all wrong.

The teams for the replay were:
Rangers—T. Hamilton, Gray, R. Hamilton, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Craig, Archibald, Marshall, Fleming, McPhail, Morton.

Partick Thistle—Jackson, Calderwood, Rae, Elliott, Lambie, McLeod, Ness, Grove, Boardman, Ballantyne, Torbet.

Referee: W. Bell.

25 YEARS AGO...

BILLY GRAHAM was packing 'em in at the Kelvin Hall and finished his crusading with a 100,000 crowd at Hampden Park.

Celtic and Clyde went one better when 106,234 watched them dispute the Scottish Cup final which ended in a 1-1 draw. Then 68,831 turned out for the midweek replay.

Some things never change! The newspapers were talking about plans to save Scottish football. Attendances were allegedly falling and the fans were apparently not getting value for their 2/-(10p) admission fee.

The two Scottish Cup finalists had teams chock full of personalities. Clyde had giant South African Mike Hawkins in goal, flying left winger Tommy Ring and stylish left back Harry Haddock.

Celtic had a formidable half-

back line of Evans, Stein and Peacock and legendary forwards Willie Fernie and Charlie Tully.

It looked Celtic's trophy all the way especially when Walsh pushed them into an early lead after Collins and Fernie had done the leading up work.

However the shock of the afternoon was still to come when with just three minutes left Archie Robertson hit a corner kick directly into the net. To say goalkeeper John Bonnar and his teammates were stunned is putting it mildly.

It was a reprieve which Clyde enjoyed to the full when on the Wednesday night winger Tommy Ring scored the only goal of the game in 52 minutes to take the trophy back to Rutherglen.

Celtic had also created something of a shock by dropping Bobby Collins replacing him by

Sean Fallon in a bid to give the side more penetration. It almost worked but a great save from Mike Hawkins thwarted Celtic in the dying minutes of the match.

It was the days when an air trip to London, breakfast or lunch included cost £14. A bottle of whisky could be bought for £1.15/-(175p) and an up and coming comedian called Chic Murray signed a twelve month contract worth £6,500.

But just to prove that everything in the garden was far from lovely a match between Albion Rovers and Brechin City pulled in only 172 fans. The takings were £10 and after paying expenses Rovers were left with just over 10/-(50p).

St. Johnstone too were in trouble. They lost £12,000 on the season and as a result decided to pay no close season wages.

STAR SPOT DAVIE PROVAN · CELTIC ·

★ The final whistle had just sounded in Celtic's ultimate league match of the 1978-79 season. They were champions again and Davie Provan, a £120,000 buy from Kilmarnock, went quietly up to his manager in the dressing room afterwards and said, "Boss, thanks for bringing me here."

Billy McNeill was surprised, but he knew only too well the part Provan had played in the championship campaign and admitted as much publicly when he said, "How can I ever thank him for the contribution he has made in the league run?"

Provan has emerged as one of the most exciting and dangerous wingers in the country in the last two years and the money Celtic paid out for his services was certainly cash well spent.

His fellow professionals recognised his ability when they voted him the 'Player's Player of the Year' at

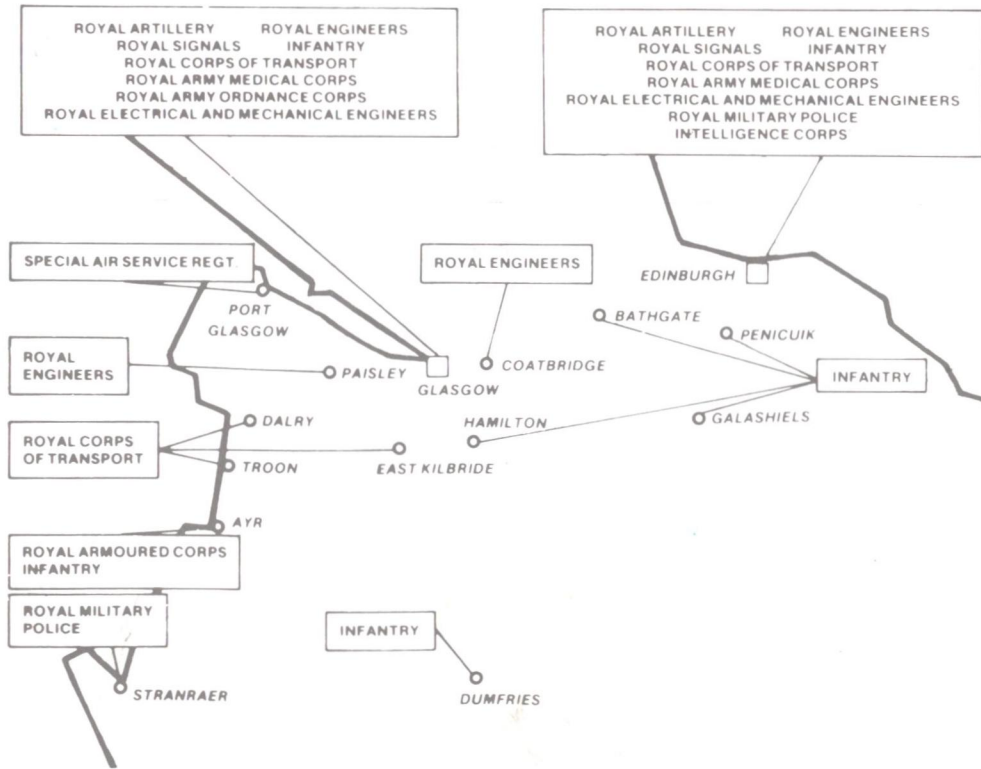
their annual dinner in Glasgow almost two months ago.

Indeed, some of his fine displays have earned him the tag of 'The New Jimmy Johnstone', but that is a comparison which does not please him too much. "Jimmy was a player I always admired when I was younger," says Davie, "but I don't have anything like the close control he had. It was simply magic the way he could keep the ball tied to his feet. However, if I keep Celtic fans even half as happy as 'Jinky' did then I'll be happy."

If Davie achieves a special birthday wish on his favourite ground then he will certainly gladden the hearts of the Celtic support today. He celebrated his 24th birthday on Thursday (May 8) and there's no prizes for guessing what he most wanted as a present—a Scottish Cup winners' medal.



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A GAME FULL OF CHANGES...

THEY say football is a constantly changing game, and a glance back to the teams in the last Celtic v. Rangers final at Hampden on May 7, 1977 certainly emphasises that fact.

Celtic have only four players left on their staff from that winning side. They are Peter Latchford, Danny McGrain, Roddie McDonald and Roy Aitken.

Rangers have six survivors who have a chance of playing today. They are Sandy Jardine, Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson, Tommy McLean, Alex MacDonald and Derek Johnstone.

The Ibrox side, however, do have three other members of that '77 side still on their playing staff.

The teams in the final in '77 were:
 CELTIC: Latchford, McGrain, Lynch, Stanton, McDonald, Aitken, Dalglish, Edvaldsson, Craig, Wilson, Conn.

RANGERS: Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, T. Forsyth, Jackson, Watson (substituted by Robertson), McLean, Hamilton, Parlane, MacDonald, Johnstone.

The goalscorer was Andy Lynch, who netted with a penalty.

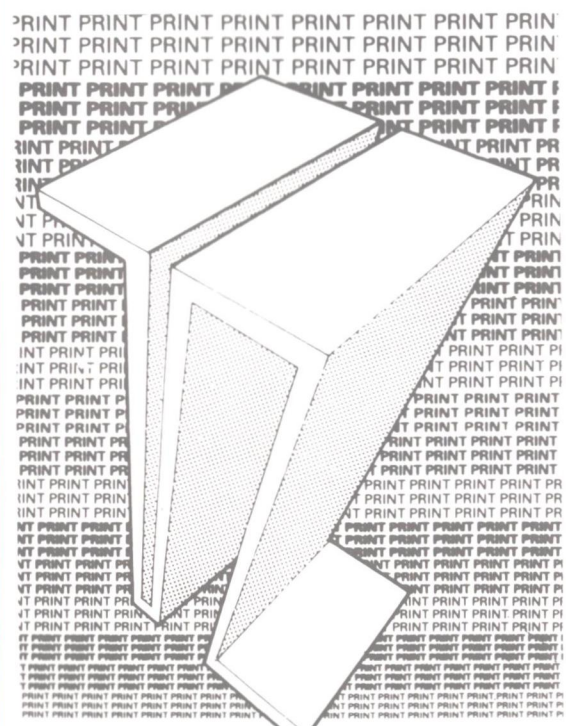
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- Fifth Round Celtic 2 Morton 0
- Semi-final Celtic 5 Hibs 0

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- Third Round Rangers 2 Clyde 2
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FOR THE RECORD

Here are the Cup Final crowds for the last 20 years.

- 1960 Rangers v Kilmarnock 108,017
 - 1961 Dunfermline 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 108,800
 - 1966 Rangers v Celtic 126,552
 - 1967 Celtic v Aberdeen 127,117
 - 1968 Dunfermline v Hearts 56,365
 - 1969 Celtic v Rangers 132,000
 - 1970 Celtic v Aberdeen 108,434
 - 1971 Rangers v Celtic 120,092
 - 1972 Hibs v Celtic 106,102
 - 1973 Celtic v Rangers 122,714
 - 1974 Celtic v Dundee Utd. 75,959
 - 1975 Celtic v Airdrie 75,475
 - 1976 Rangers v Hearts 85,250
 - 1977 Rangers v Celtic 54,252
 - 1978 Rangers v Aberdeen 61,563
 - 1979 Rangers v Hibs 50,610
- (Replays not included)

Rangers highest win in a Scottish Cup Final was against St. Mirren in 1934 when they triumphed 5-0. Their best victory over Celtic in the final was in 1928 when they won 4-0.

Celtic's highest win in a Cup Final was 6-1 against Hibs in 1972. Their best win against today's opponents in a Scottish Cup Final was in 1969 when they won 4-0.

Celtic first won the Scottish Cup in 1892 when they beat Queens Park 5-1. Rangers opened their Scottish Cup victory account two years later against Celtic by winning 3-1 in the first ever final between the two Glasgow clubs.

Today's final will be the 95th in the history of the competition. Today's teams have met each other in 11 previous finals, including the 1909 final when the Cup was withheld.

Rangers are playing in their 35th final today and are seeking their 24th Cup win and their third in succession.

Celtic have appeared in 39 finals and have been winners on 25 occasions, which is a record.

This afternoon's game will be the sixth meeting between the 'Old Firm' this season. Celtic have won two, Rangers have won one and the other two have finished level.

Celtic boss Billy McNeill holds the record for the most Scottish Cup winners' medals won with any one club. In his last match for

Celtic in the 1975 final against Airdrie, he collected his seventh medal.

His opposite number at Rangers, John Greig, shares the Ibrox club record with Bob McPhail for most Scottish Cup medals won. They each lifted six medals, although Bob McPhail had also lifted one with Airdrie in the 1924 final against Hibs, bringing his tally to seven.

Celtic's top goalscorer in the Scottish Cup this season is winger Johnny Doyle who has netted four goals. His team-mate Bobby Lennox has grabbed three.

Rangers' top marksman is John MacDonald with four, while Derek Johnstone has scored one less.

Did you know that when Celtic won their first ever Scottish Cup final they did so at Ibrox? Or that when Rangers won the trophy in later years they lifted the Cup at Celtic Park? It's true!

To find the story behind Celtic's first win, you have to go back to the 1891-92 final when they met Queen's Park.

The game drew a crowd of 40,000 — an exceptional size at that time — and, although the match didn't start until 4 p.m., the

ground was packed two hours before kick-off. On several occasions the crowd spilled onto the pitch because of pressure on the terracings, but although Celtic won 1-0, they were not awarded the Cup.

Unknown to the players and officials of both teams, it had been decided at half-time that, because of the encroachment onto the playing field by spectators, the game would only continue as a friendly!

That meant the match had to be replayed and, with prices being doubled from the first game, the attendance was cut by half. Celtic ran out convincing 5-1 winners. Their winning team was: Cullen, Reynolds, Doyle, Maley, Kelly, Gallacher, McCallum, Brady, Dowds, McMahon, Campbell.

Rangers triumph in the 1902-03 competition at Celtic Park also proved to be an eventful one.

The final against Hearts had to go to three matches before the Eight Blues eventually clinched the Cup by winning 2-0.

In the first game, Rangers were leading 1-0 by a goal through Stark after 48 minutes, but almost immediately after the goal was scored, the referee had to suspend play because a fierce storm broke over the ground. When play resumed Hearts took the initiative and drew level to force a replay.

The next game ended in a goal-less draw, but the third match was the deciding one, Mackie and Hamilton netting goals, but again there was drama. Drummond, the Rangers left back, ruptured a thigh muscle and had to leave the field, meaning his team had to play with ten men because, of course, there were no substitutes in those days.

The winning Rangers team was: Dickie, Fraser, Drummond, Henderson, Stark, Robertson, MacDonald, Mackie, Hamilton, Speedie, Smith.

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