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THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT



Free entry for the old and young

RANGERS are to say a big thank-you to their youngest and oldest fans by admitting them free to the club's final home game of the season against Dundee on Saturday.

All children who are 15-years-old or under, and Old Age Pensioners will be able to enter Ibrox for the match without paying admission. This applies for ALL areas of the ground.

Said Ibrox boss Jock Wallace: "It's a big thanks to all the young kids and our older fans for their loyal support through this season. *I hope as many of them will take advantage of it as possible.*

Incentive

"These fans have helped give us a lift in big matches this season and I would like them to do the same for this one. If they do, hopefully the players will respond with a good performance to show their appreciation of the support.

"It might be an end of the season match, but we want to win every match we have left this term and this one is no exception."

There is extra incentive for the Light Blues to win Saturday's Premier League clash as they will have the chance to avenge the Scottish Cup defeat inflicted on them by Dundee earlier in the season.

Young fans must note that they will be required to show proof of their age at the turnstiles if they wish to take advantage of the offer.

Rangers are in action at Ibrox for the second last time this term tonight when they take on Dundee United

Exclusive



● RIGHT: OUCH! Ian Redford challenges for possession during Saturday's match against St. Mirren as referee Brian McGinlay watches the action closely. More pictures and report on centre pages.

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

● THE TWO young men in the picture above have every reason to be happy — for they led Rangers under-16 side last week in their superb display in the J. B. L'Ecluse Youth Tournament in Brussels.

Derek Gibson (right) captained the side with David Williamson acting as vice-captain and they pose proudly for the 'News' camera with the beautiful trophy they picked up for being runner-up in the tournament.

While the under-16s were in Belgium, the under-18s were in West Germany where they also played well to finish second in their tournament in Dusseldorf.

You can read all about the Ibrox youth sides' exploits on European soil on page three

Reserves clinch Premier championship

RANGERS reserves clinched the Premier Reserve League championship on Saturday when they beat St. Mirren 1-0 at Ibrox.

An Eric Ferguson goal in the 65th minute ensured the Light Blues of victory for the second successive year.

Said John Hagart after the match: "I'm delighted for the lads. It has been a long hard season and in recent months they have been playing up to three matches a week."

Full report on the reserves' championship winning match on Page 11.



● RIGHT: JOHN HAGART . . . delighted for lads.

BACK PAGE: I WANT TO PLAY AT IBROX

— John McClelland

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

MAILBAG

LET'S HAVE A BRITISH CUP

★ STAR LETTER ★

David Henderson, Gipsy Lodge, Strathpeffer, Rossshire wins £5 for this letter.

The fact that there were six British teams in the European semi-finals proves that British sides are the best in Europe, but if we had a British Cup they would be even better.

Room could be created for this competition by scrapping the League and Milk Cups. The obvious benefit is the glamour clash (e.g. Rangers v Manchester United), but there are many others.

Scotland's top clubs would relish the challenge against good English opposition. St. Mirren, Hearts and Dundee, who are battling to become Scotland's fifth major club but only lack cash, have a chance to strike it rich with a good run in the cup.

That would be better than relying upon matches against the 'Old Firm' or an occasional European fixture. Ireland's clubs could gain too, by the experence learned in these games.

The English certainly wouldn't suffer. After all, just look at the number of fans who watched Nottingham Forest play Celtic.

A British League, though, is impractical because many fans would not travel such long distances every week to see their team. That's why I believe a cup competition is the answer.

David Henderson

Mr J. Russell, Broomhill Lane, Glasgow G11, writes:

I have been going to see Glasgow Rangers since as far back as the late 1920s. I was at the St. Johnstone game at Perth in March with a supporters bus.

To my surprise, I had to pay £1.30 to get in at the gate for boys and OAPs. That seems to be a bit much, especially when I can sit in comfort at any Rangers home game for only £1.

J. Russell

Mr S. J. Porter, 21 Luath Street, Govan, writes:

I thoroughly enjoyed myself at Ibrox Stadium, the commissionaire was a gentleman and made us more than welcome.

We met some of the players, including John McClelland and Jock Wallace, and we posed for a photograph.

It is a day I'll never forget . . . thankyou.

J. Porter

Thanks 'News'

● ***Mr P. Keating, 80 Eaton Square, London SW1 writes:***

As a reader of the 'News' every week, and a regular supporter at Ibrox, I welcome the decision of the editorial staff to have a monthly feature consisting of fans' views on football in general.

I'm sure many readers, like myself, will look forward to these letters and I would like to say the following:

"It is my opinion that this following Rangers line-up is the greatest of all time: Dawson, Gray, Jardine, Meiklejohn, Woodburn, Baxter, Henderson, Russell, McPhail, Cooper and Morton."

P. Keating.

● What is your 'all-time great' Rangers team? Drop us a line at Mailbag and let us know.

Douglas Sproull (age 15), Park Street, New Stevenston by Motherwell, writes:

Now that the SFA and the English FA have decided to do away with the Home Internationals, but continue with an annual meeting between Scotland and England, I think they should scrap this as well and make way for something new and more exciting.

What I had in mind was an annual meeting between the English First Division champions and the Scottish Premier League champions.

I think this would be more exciting than Scotland v England as the games between these two countries have

SCRAP THE MATCH

tended to be a bit boring in the past.

Just imagine the ties it could provide. For example, Aberdeen v Liverpool and Manchester United v Rangers. Big crowds would be guaranteed just like Scotand v England and there would be more exciting football being played.

Douglas Sproull

FANS TURN OUT FOR WALLACE

Last week, Jock Wallace and his wife Daphne, travelled to Stornoway, with the League Cup, to open the clubhouse of the Lewis and Harris RSC . . . and the fans turned out in strength.

At the opening Jock unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The club has been going for the last ten years, and, out of a population of 10,000 people, 800 are members of the club.

After opening the clubhouse, Jock visited a local sportshop, where there were 200 kids waiting for his autograph. His tour was held up for an hour !

Later in the evening, Jock went along to the Caber Feidh Hotel, where he took part in a local chatshow with an audience of 300 people.

Proprietor of the hotel, Mr Norman McKenzie, said that the whole venture was a great success and hoped that it could be repeated.

Jock will be on the road again, when he visits the Carrick RSC on May 17 for another chatshow.

LAST week there were two grannies at Ibrox.

Not the old ladies type, but the heady tennis type.

Davie Cooper beat Ally McCoist a straight 11 - 0 and Eric Ferguson and Craig Paterson beat Robert Prytz and Bobby Williamson by the same score in a doubles match.

● ***IF RANGERS beat St. Mirren at Love Street on Thursday night they will play Hamilton Academicals in the Reserve League Cup semi-final.***

The other game to be played is Dundee United v Forfar Athletic.

● RANGERS under-18 side beat Hearts 3-0 at Tynecastle on Sunday in the semi-final of the BP Scottish Youth Cup.

They will now meet Celtic in the final.

● John McClelland's display in the 1-0 win over Celtic at Ibrox last weekend won him the sponsors, Umbro's 'Man-of-the-match' award. The Rangers captain is pictured, right, receiving his prize of some sportswear from Umbro General Sales Manager Bobby Brown.

● Young Rangers fan Stuart Edgar was also a lucky winner. He won an autographed football at the match against Celtic last weekend, also put up by sponsors Umbro.

Stuart is pictured, below, receiving his prize from Colin Hay (West of Scotland Umbro Rep) and Ian Robertson (Northern Region Sales Manager).





It's the Big Yin!

● THE Under 18s side weren't the only celebrations on the 'plane journey from Dusselforf — Billy Connolly was also there, giving some of them advice on the art of telling jokes!

NAMES, PLEASE

● Members of the Rangers Supporters Association interested in playing football and bowls, please hand names into Jimmy Clements, social covenor, by Sunday, May 13.

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DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus for tonight's game v Dundee United leaves Vale Station Bar 5.45 p.m. and Dumbarton Burgh Bar 6.30. All welcome. Bus v Dundee leaves Vale Station Bar 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. from Dumbarton Burgh Bar. All welcome.

RUTHERGLEN TRUE BLUES (WEST): Bus v Dundee leaves 20 club at 2.15 p.m. Non members welcome.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Minibus v Dundee United (tonight) leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn at 6.30 p.m. Bus v Dundee leaves at 1.45 p.m. from Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn.

FIFE RED WHITE AND BLUE: Bus v Dundee leaves Dunfermline Stance at 12.30 p.m. Picking up at usual stops. Seats available. Phone Bruce on 722476 for all details.

RENFREW LOYAL: Bus v Dundee leaves Queen St. Orange Halls at approximately 2.15 p.m. Non members welcome.

KINGDOM TRUE BLUES (DUNFERMLINE): Bus v Aberdeen. Seats available. For all details phone John Bean on Dunfermling 727738 or Tom Hamilton on Dunfermline 726239.

WEST END TRUE BLUES (PAISLEY): Bus v Dundee leaves Kilbarchan 2.00 p.m. Castle St. 2.15 p.m. Kennedys 2.20 p.m. and Rockfield 2.25 p.m. Non members welcome.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Bus v Dundee leaves Hilton Road at 2.00 p.m. the Cross at 2.05 p.m. and Hawthorn Street at 2.10 p.m. Trip to Greenock leaves at 6.30 p.m. from Hilton Road. Names for trip to Switzerland and details phone 762 - 4260.

FIFE LOYAL RSC: Bus v Dundee leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy at 12 noon. Picking up at Milton House, Burntisland and Ex Service Club, Rosyth. Dance tickets must be uplifted from Committee 'Player of the Year' dance to be held in Abbotshall Hotel, Kirkcaldy on Saturday May 12.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves McLean St. at 1.15 p.m. opposite Mortons Bar. Seats non-members. Phone Stuart on 041 - 429 - 5578 between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Player of the Year — Thursday night May 3 when John McLelland and Davie McPherson will be given awards. All members must arrive before 9.00 p.m. Bus v Dundee leaves Loudon Bar, Duke Street at 2.15 p.m.

KIRKHILL TRUE BLUES: Bus to Aberdeen on 9th May. Anyone interested contact S. McLean Broxburn 855025. Bus to Dundee leaves Clifton Arms at noon. Bus v Hibs leaves Clifton Arms at 2.00 p.m. Bus v Dundee United leaves Clifton Arms at 6.15 p.m.

PLEAN RSC: Bus v Dundee leaves Torwoodlea Hotel at 12.15 p.m., Plean at 12.30 p.m., Bannockburn 12.35 p.m., St. Ninians 12.40 p.m. and Denny Cross at 12.50 p.m. Non members welcome. Please note early leaving time as we will be making 'Player of the Year' award to John McLelland. Dance at Pines in Denny on May 5 — for time of bus phone Alex Penman.

All the news from the Rangers youths' trips to Europe

JUST GREAT

Rangers were the 'talk of Dusseldorf' last week after their performance in the West German city's international under-18 youth tournament.

The Ibrox babes didn't win the competition, narrowly losing to Turkey in the final, but their display and behaviour both on and off the field won them many admirers and new friends — plus an invite to return next year.

Under-18s shine in Dusseldorf

Charge

The Light Blues reserve team coach John Hagart was in charge of the 15 strong squad and he was delighted at the way the lads acquitted themselves under his command.

"Every one of them were a credit to Rangers. Their manners and behaviour off the field were immaculate and when they were playing, they showed all the qualities that you expect any team wearing a Rangers jersey to have.

"THE LADS SHOWED TERRIFIC SPIRIT AND GAVE EVERYTHING THEY HAD. AND IN ALL MY TIME IN FOOTBALL, I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER SEEN A MORE DISAPPOINTED SET OF FACES THAN THOSE PLAYERS WHEN THEY LOST IN THE FINAL.

"But apart from not taking the trophy, which they all know they had the chance to, they did themselves proud. It's just another example of how bright the future is for Rangers."

The 20 clubs in the competition were split into four groups of five sides, with the top one in each section reaching the semi-final stage.

Winner

All the games played were 20 minutes each way. Rangers started out with a 2-1 win over Eintracht Franfurt. Ian Durrant shot them into the lead in the 15th minute, the Germans equalised just on half-time and John Davies notched the winner with two minutes of the game left.

Another German side provided the next opposition and the young Light blues recorded one of the tournament's most impressive results, beating Borussia Moenchengladbach 4-1.

Ian Durrant got the first in the 12th minutes, with Borussia equalising six minutes later. Rangers took the points with second half goals from David MacFarlane (24), Colin Linday (26) and Ian Durrant (38).

Rangers third game produced a 1-1 draw with SY Essen, yet another German side. Both the game's goals were scored in the first half with trialist Alexander on the mark for the Light Blues in the 15th minutes.

That meant the Ibrox babes only needed a point from their final section match, against Russia, to reach the semis and that was what they got in another 1-1 draw. Derek Ferguson notched their goal with a superb free-kick in the 17th minute.

So to the semi-final where another of the host country's big names, Kaiserslautern, stood between Rangers and the final and John Hagart's lads turned on the style to win 2-1.



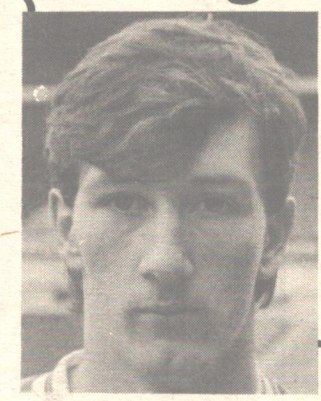
● IAN DURRANT . . . top scorer.

Chances

Ian Durrant was once again the goalscoring hero, netting in the eighth and 26th minutes. Kaiserslautern pulled a goal back in injury time, but it was too late to prevent the Light Blues from reaching the final.

The match against the Turkish national side was to provide heartbreak for the young Rangers as they dominated most of the game, but couldn't take advantage of any of the chances that came their away.

All credit to Hugh



And a tragic defensive mistake by David MacFarlane allowed the Turks to snatch a first half goal which proved enough to win the trophy.

But although Rangers returned to Glasgow without the trophy they had battled so hard for, they left Dusseldorf with their hosts' praise still ringing in their ears.

HUGH BURNS (pictured left), who has made his mark in the first team this season, was captain of the under-18s in Germany and John Hagart paid handsome tribute to the young defender.

"Hugh wasn't feeling well when we left and it says a lot for his attitude that he flew with the side in that condition. His flu was quite bad and he was on antibiotics all the time."

How they lined-up

RANGERS line-ups in Dusseldorf were as follows:

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
(Kick-off 10 a.m.)

RANGERS 2, EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 1. Scorers: Durrant, Davies. Team: Thomson, MacFarlane, Halliday, Burns, Watson, Ferguson, Alexander, McDougall, Durrant, Fleck, Lindsay. Subs: Davies (for McDougall), Millar, Kane and Moore (not used).

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
(Kick-off 5.30 p.m.).

RANGERS 4, BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH 1. Scorers: Durrant (2), MacFarlane, Lindsay. Team: Thomson, MacFarlane, Halliday, Burns, Watson, Ferguson, Alexander, McDougall, Durrant, Fleck, Lindsay. Subs: Davies (for McDougall), Millar (for Halliday), Kane and Moore (not used).

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
(Kick-off 11.10 a.m.).

RANGERS 1, SY ESSEN 1. Scorer: Alexander. Team: Thomson, MacFarlane, Halliday, Burns, Watson, Ferguson, Alexander, McDougall, Durrant, Fleck, Lindsay. Subs: Davies (for Lindsay), Moore (for Durrant), Kane and Millar (not used).

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
(Kick-off 5.30 p.m.)

RANGERS 1, RUSSIAN SELECT 1. Scorer: Ferguson. Team: Kane, MacFarlane, Halliday, Burns, Watson, Ferguson, McDougall, Millar, Moore, Fleck, Davies. Subs: Alexander (for Ferguson), Durrant (for McDougall), Thomson and Lindsay (not used).

MONDAY, APRIL 23
(Kick-off 11.10 a.m.)

RANGERS 2, KAISERSLAUTERN 1. Scorer: Durrant (2). Team: Thomson, MacFarlane, Halliday, Burns, Watson, Ferguson, Alexander, McDougall, Fleck, Moore, Durrant. Subs: Lindsay (for Fleck), Kane, Davies and Millar (not used).

MONDAY, APRIL 23
(Kick-off 5.30 p.m.)

RANGERS 0, TURKISH NATIONAL SELECT 1. Team: Thomson, MacFarlane, Millar, Burns, Watson, Ferguson, Alexander, McDougall, Fleck, Durrant, Moore. Subs: Davies (for McDougall) and Linsay (for Fleck), Kane and Halliday (not used).

DIDN'T THEY DO WELL!

IBROX BABES REACH FINAL IN BOTH TOURNAMENTS

OH, SO CLOSE

How they lined-up

RANGERS lined-up in Brussels as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
(Kick-off 6.45 p.m.)

RANGERS 1, FEYENOORD 0. Scorer: Williamson. Team: Main, Laidlaw, Greaves, Lennon, Gibson, Harvey, Gray, Anderson, Nisbett, Williamson, Connor. Subs: McArthur, Mixon, Clarke, McMillan, MacFarlane.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
(Kick-off 3.45 p.m.)

RANGERS 2, ANDERLECHT 1. Scorers: Gibson, Mixon. Team: Main, Laidlaw, Greaves, Lennon, Gibson, Harvey, Gray, Anderson, Nisbett, Williamson, Connor. Subs: MacFarlane (for Gray), Mixon (for Greaves), McArthur, Clarke and McMillan (not used).

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
(Kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

RANGERS 2, COLOGNE 0. Scorer: Connor (2). Team: Main, Laidlaw, Greaves, Lennon, Gibson, Harvey, MacFarlane, Mixon, Nisbett, Williamson, Connor. Subs: Gray (For Connor), Clarke (for Nisbett), McArthur, McMillan and Anderson (not used).

MONDAY, APRIL 23
(Kick-off 6.30 p.m.)

RANGERS 0, INTER MILAN 0. Inter won 5-4 on penalties. Team: Main, Laidlaw, Greaves, Lennon, Gibson, Harvey, Gray, Anderson, Nisbett, Williamson, Connor. Subs: McMillan (for Connor), McArthur, Mixon, Clarke, MacFarlane (not used).

Only one goal away

● **RANGERS only conceded one goal in Brussels and the award for the 'Goalkeeper of the Tournament' deservedly went to Light Blues number one, Alan Main.**

* * *

● **WHILE David MacFarlane was in Dusseldorf with the under-18s, the clan's flag was also flying Brussels. David's younger cousin Desmond was in the squad in Belgium.**

* * *

THE captain of the side in Brussels was Derek Gibson, with David Williamson acting as vice-captain.

Under-16s suffer the penalty in Brussels

AT THE same time as the under-18s were doing so well in Germany, just across the border in Belgium, Rangers under-16 side came even closer to glory.

Stan Anderson took a squad of 16 players to Brussels for the city's under-16 tournament which is probably the toughest and most prestigious of its kind at that level in Europe.

The Ibrox babes played against four of the biggest names in European club football and came agonisingly close to glory, losing the final of the competition on a penalty shoot out after a 0-0 draw with Inter Milan.

Said Youth coach Stan Anderson: "The lads performed superbly against the best competition available at this level of football in Europe and they all did Rangers Football Club proud.

"It was sickener to lose in the final the way we did, but they can all be proud of themselves for the effort and skill they showed in getting as far as they did."

The eight clubs competing for the trophy were split into two groups of four with the two group winners contesting the final. The matches were all played at host club Molenbeek's ground, with 30 minutes played each half.

Feyenoord were the first test and one goal was all the game produced. David Williamson was the player on target, cheekily 'nut-megging' an opponent before clamming the ball the Dutch keeper.



● DEREK GIBSON . . . captain in Brussels.

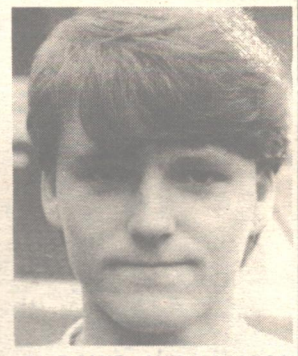
Strikes

The young Light Blues made it four points out of four when they defeated Anderlecht 2-1 in the second match. The Belgians led at half-time but second half strikes from Derek Gibson and Darren Mixon clinched the points for Rangers.

So, the Ibrox lads went into their final group match against Cologne knowing a draw would be enough to take them through to the final — **but they made it in style with a fine 2-0 victory over the Germans.**

Steven Connor was the goalscoring hero with two fine efforts from the edge of the box before the young winger had to leave the field injured.

The final against Inter Milan proved to be a tough, bruising battle with the Italians having the better of the first half, but Rangers storming down on the Milan goal after the break, without finding the killer touch.



● DAVID WILLIAMSON . . . tragic penalty miss.

There was real tension as the match went to penalty-kicks to decide the destination of the trophy. Nisbett, Mixon, Laidlaw and McMillan all netted from the spot only to see their efforts matched by the Italians.

Then it was David Williamson's turn and the young midfielder could only watch in agony as his well-struck kick was superbly saved by the Milan keeper. Inter netted with their last kick to take the trophy.

Joy and agony for Steven . . .



STEVEN Connor, (picture left), who scored both goals against Cologne, missed the drama of the final match. The winger was carried from the field after only ten minutes of the game and was taken to hospital for treatment on a back injury.

STAR FILE . . . STAR FILE . . . STAR FILE

STUART MUNRO



● BELOW: Stuart pictured outside the Stadium after signing for the Light Blues.



BIRTHPLACE AND DATE: Falkirk, 15/9/62.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT: 5ft 10ins, 11 stone.

WHEN SIGNED: February, 1984.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: St. Mirren and Alloa.

MARRIED/CHILDREN: No.

CAR: Alfa Romeo.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish.

BIGGEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Rangers.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being freed by St. Mirren.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Maddiston BC 2, Fergusiee 0 — the 1980 Under-18 Scottish Cup Final.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To succeed with Rangers.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM/PLAYER: Liverpool/Davie Cooper.

FAVOURITE OTHER GROUND: Pittodrie.

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Willie Johnston.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father Dougal, and Alex Totten.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Bobby Russell in training!

HOBBIES: Tennis and sunbathing.

FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: Tom and Jerry.

TASTE IN MUSIC: Varied, but I like Lionel Ritchie and Simple Minds.

IF NOT A FOOTBALLER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE: Instrument technician with BP.

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Cheryl Ladd.

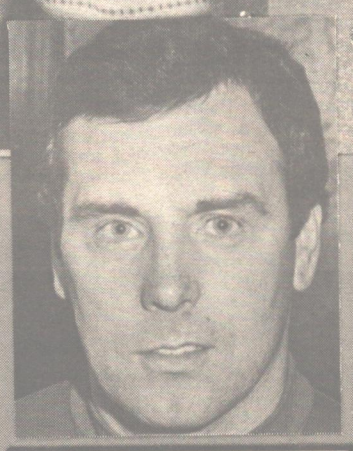
FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Peppered steaks and cold milk.

LIKES: Holidays, nights out with the boys and winning.

DISLIKES: Smoking, bad referees and playing badly.

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Yellow.

SUPERSTITIONS: Usually put my left shinguard on first.



● ABOVE: ALEX TOTTEN . . . Apart from his father, Alex Totten, ex-boss at Alloa, has influenced Stuart's footballing career the most.

● A RANGERS MAN . . . Stuart's biggest moment in football was signing for Rangers.



● LEFT: I'M IN LOVE WITH MY CAR . . . as Stuart shows off his Alfa Romeo.



● LEFT: MIDFIELD MAESTRO . . . Bobby Russell — Stuart's most difficult opponent in training.



● RIGHT: ALL-TIME GREAT . . . ex-Rangers player, Willie Johnston, was Stuart's childhood hero.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ANNUAL WINNER'S SPECIAL DAY OUT

TWO'S COMPANY!

Elaine enjoys lunch with Ally McCoist

OUR FIRST 'Rangers News' annual was a great success — and one of the competitions we set in the book provided the biggest response we have ever received.

Almost a thousand of our Young Rangers Club members sent in entries for the quiz we set.

Lucky

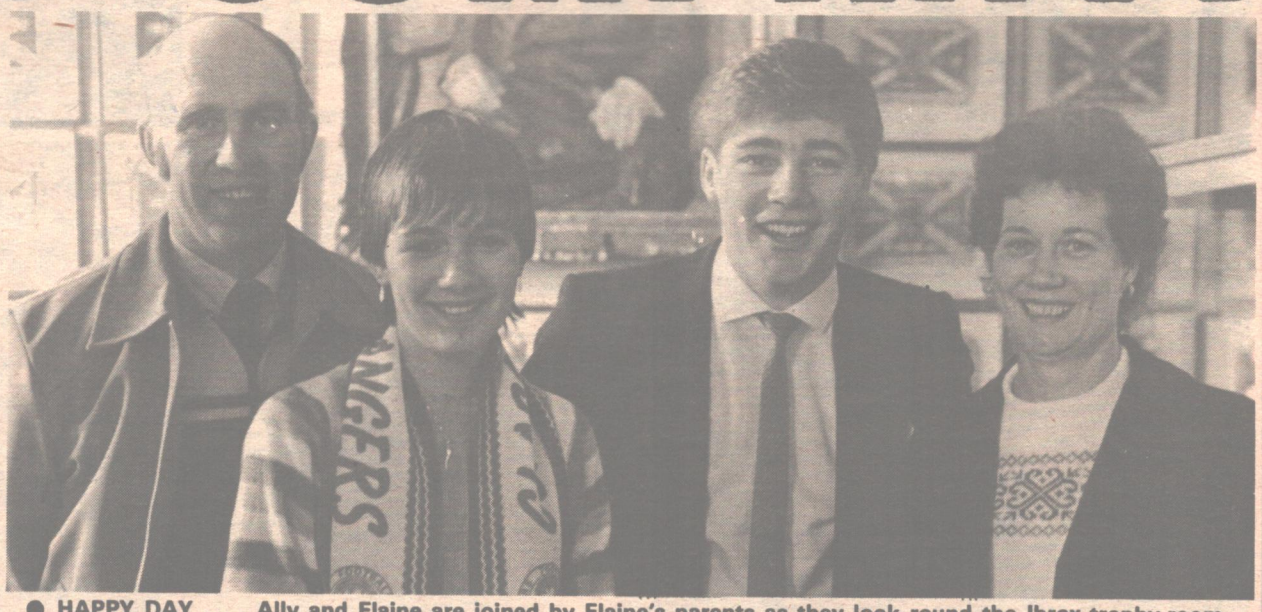
Unfortunately, however, only one person can win and that lucky member was 14-year-old Elaine King from Cowdenbeath. Her postcard was the first drawn from the competition drum.

All we asked you to do was match up the names of six Rangers players with the clubs they signed on at Ibrox from.

Elaine's winning answers are on the right.

Elaine's entry won her the prize of a day out at Ibrox and the added bonus of lunch with her favourite Rangers player.

Our lucky winner had no hesitation in naming Ally McCoist as her top man. So, after a guided tour of the stadium, we arranged a date for her lunch with the League Cup Final hat-trick hero.



● HAPPY DAY . . . Ally and Elaine are joined by Elaine's parents as they look round the Ibrox trophy room.

THE WINNING ANSWERS...

DAVID MACKINNON.....Partick Thistle
JOHN McCLELLAND.....Mansfield Town
JIM STEWART.....Middlesbrough
DAVIE COOPER.....Clydebank
KENNY BLACK.....Linlithgow Rose (now Motherwell)
SCOTT FRAZER.....Haddington Athletic

Terrific

Our reporter and photographer travelled through to Cowdenbeath one afternoon with Ally to collect Elaine and take her to the Struan Bank Hotel in the town where she enjoyed a terrific meal.

Elaine was delighted with her prize and the chance to talk to Ally. She is a winner herself, having been named Cowdenbeath's 'majorette of the year' in 1983.

Gift

Before Ally returned home, she presented him with a specially made Rangers teddy bear which was the work of her mother. Ally was delighted with his gift.

We'll be repeating this competition in this year's Annual — so make sure you get your copy. It could win you a day out you won't forget for a long time.





● ABOVE: SWEET TALK . . . Ally serves Elaine her strawberries and cream at the Struan Kirk Hotel.

● LEFT: JUST WANNA BE . . . your teddy bear. Elaine presents Ally with his specially made soft toy.



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER



DAVID MacKinnon and Davie Cooper picked up a couple of trophies recently . . . for their performance for the Light Blues in season 1982-83.

The Ibrox pair had been chosen to receive awards from Thornhill RSC last year, but the supporters club was unable to present the awards until recently.

Welcome

The Dumfriesshire club picked David MacKinnon as their 'Player of the Year' and 'Coop' picked up a special award for endeavour.

They may have been presented a little late, but they were still very welcome awards.

● **LEFT: Kenneth Routledge, a young member of the supporters club, presents David MacKinnon with his 'Player of the Year' trophy as club secretary Derek Cram looks on.**

● **RIGHT: Davie Cooper accepts a special tankard for endeavour from Kenneth as Derek looks on.**

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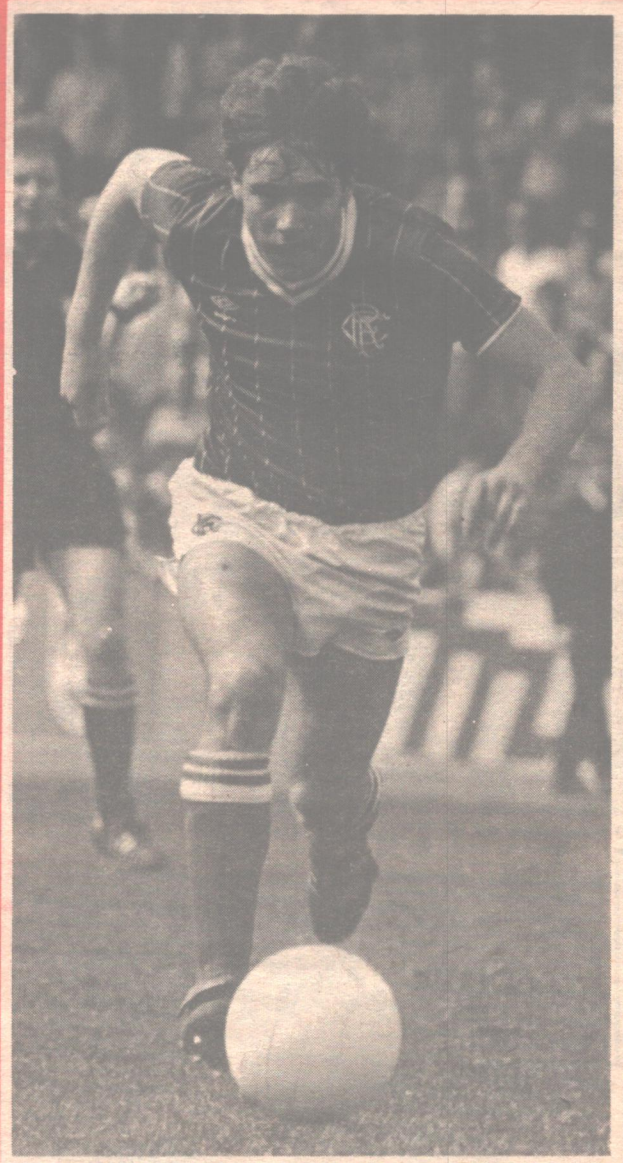


● STRAIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE . . . Ally McCoist charges down the middle of the park towards the St. Mirren goal.





FACT-FILE . . . FACT-FILE

PREMIER LEAGUE

St. Mirren 1, Rangers 1

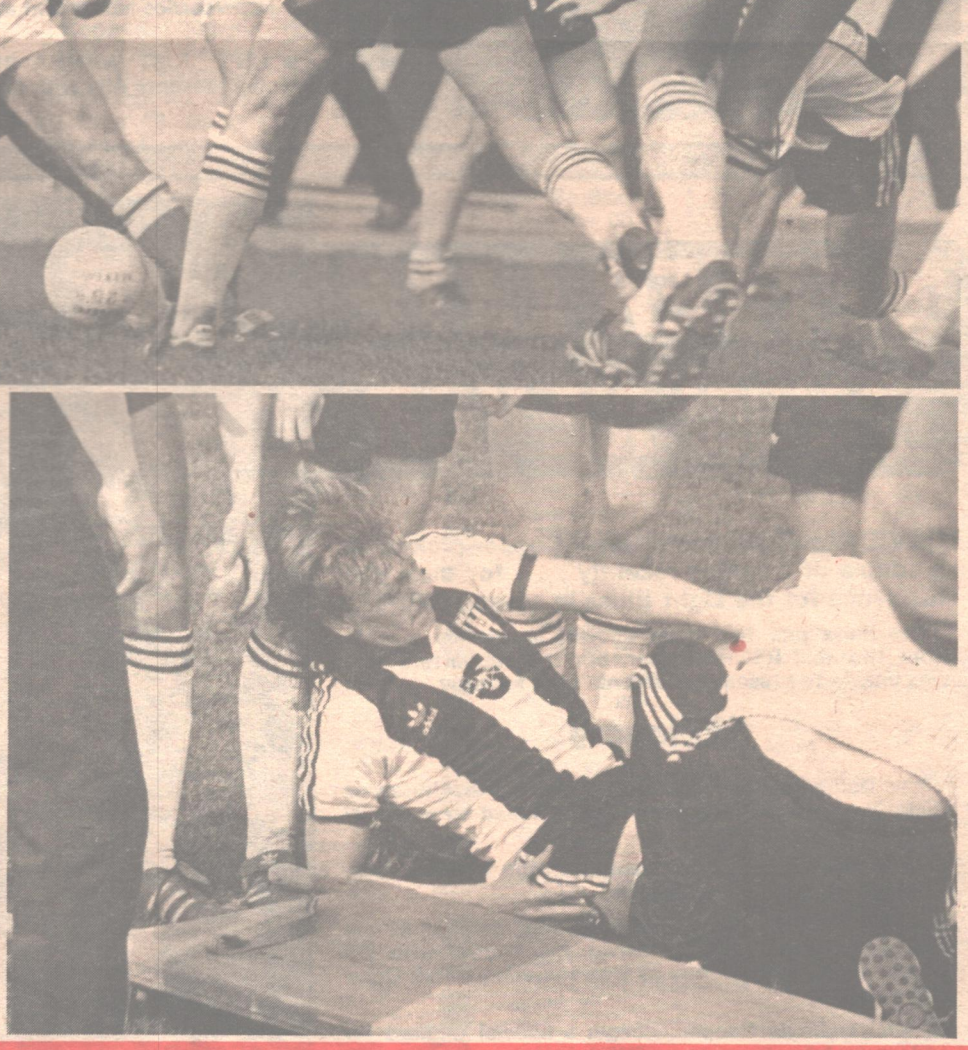
Scorers: St. Mirren: McCormack (29min.), Rangers: Williamson (7 min.). Att: 8,092.

ST. MIRREN: Money, Hamilton, Clarke, McCormack, Fulton, McGregor, Alexander, McAvennie, McDougall, Abercrombie, Spiers. Sub: Cooper (for Hamilton 23 minutes), Logan (for McGregor 50).

RANGERS: McCloy, McClelland, MacKinnon, McPherson, Paterson, Redford, Russell, Prytz, Williamson, McCoist, Cooper. Subs: MacDonald (for Russell 70 min.), Clark (Prytz 70).

Referee: B. R. McGinlay (Balfron).

Booked: McCormack (St. Marren), McCoist, Williamson (Rangers).



● ABOVE: MY BALL . . . Davie Cooper in the thick of the action as he controls the ball and goes past the St. Mirren players.



● RIGHT: John McGregor receives treatment before being stretchered off in the 52nd minute.

DAY!

Light Blues hindered by Love Street trap

EVEN the strongest advocate of summer football in the land would have failed to win over anyone at Love Street on Saturday to his case.

On a day far more suited to sunbathing than physical effort, St. Mirren and Rangers played out what can only be described as a typical end of the season match on a hard, bumpy pitch which suggested that water supplies in Paisley had been cut off.

Conditions

It was difficult for either side to display any entertaining football and it was obvious that the conditions, as well as St. Mirren's off-side trap were hampering Rangers' midfield in their attempts to create scoring opportunities.



Only twice did the trio of Russell, Prytz and Redford acheive that — and fortunately the first of those occasions provided the Light Blues with a goal.

Beat

It came in the seventh minute when the Rangers defence broke up a St. Mirren attack and Bobby Russell stormed forward from his own half. Bobby pushed the ball to Ian Redford who, with Money rushing out towards him, slipped the ball to his left for Bobby Willianson to shoot low into the net from eight yards.

The other occasion when the St. Mirren trap was successfully breached was three minutes before half-time. Ian Redford was put clean through with only Money to beat but could only manage to shoot straight at the Saints 'keeper.

In between times, the home side hat netted what proved to be the point winning goal for them in the 29th minute. A clever move on the left ended with Alexander's cross being flicked on to the far post by McDougall for John McCormack to shoot past Peter McCloy from six yards.

Sorry

And that, we're sorry to report, was that. The second half was a non event and had the fans drifting off the terraces before the final whistle.

The consolation for the loyal Rangers fans as they trudged home was that tonight they should see an entertaining match when the Light Blues play host to Dundee United. For one thing, at least the Ibrox pitch should ensure that some of the football is played on the ground!



● Davie McPherson and Mark Fulton eye up the ball as McClelland is hit by a sliding tackle.



● GOING UPFIELD . . . Bobby Williamson passes the ball as McGregor tries to intercept.





● GO FOR IT . . . Sandy Clark keeps a close eye on where he's going as he moves in on the ball.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	30	23	4	3	72	16	50
Celtic	34	21	6	7	78	39	48
Dundee United	30	17	7	6	59	32	41
Rangers	31	14	8	9	47	36	36
Hearts	32	9	14	9	35	44	32
St. Mirren	33	8	13	12	50	53	29
Hibernian	34	12	5	17	43	53	29
Dundee	33	10	3	20	45	71	23
St. Johnstone	33	9	3	21	33	77	21
Motherwell	34	4	7	23	30	71	15

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morton	37	19	12	6	69	44	50
Dumbarton	37	19	11	7	62	40	49
Partick Thistle	37	18	7	12	64	48	43
Clydebank	37	16	11	10	59	47	43
Brechin	37	14	13	10	54	50	41
Falkirk	37	16	6	15	45	51	38
Kilmarnock	37	15	6	16	52	50	36
Clyde	37	11	13	13	52	49	35
Airdrie	37	13	9	15	44	49	35
Hamilton	37	10	14	13	41	44	34
Meadowbank	37	11	10	16	46	66	32
Ayr United	37	9	12	16	53	67	30
Raith Rovers	37	8	11	18	45	61	27
Alloa	37	8	9	20	41	61	25

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar	37	25	9	3	69	30	59
East Fife	37	18	7	12	52	41	43
Berwick	37	15	11	11	57	36	41
Queen of South	37	16	9	12	50	43	41
Stirling Albion	37	13	14	10	48	40	40
Arbroath	37	17	6	14	50	45	40
Stranraer	37	13	11	13	46	45	37
Stenhousemuir	37	13	11	13	44	53	37
Dunfermline	37	13	10	14	43	41	36
Queen's Park	37	13	8	16	55	59	34
East Stirling	37	9	11	17	47	62	29
Montrose	37	11	7	19	34	56	29
Cowdenbeath	37	9	9	19	39	53	27
Albion Rovers	37	7	11	19	45	75	25

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	32	16	1	5	99	37	53
Dundee United	31	18	6	7	62	42	42
Celtic	31	18	3	10	73	44	39
St. Mirren	33	16	5	12	56	51	37
Aberdeen	33	13	8	12	57	47	34
Dundee	29	18	10	11	35	55	26
Hibernian	33	9	8	16	56	80	26
St. Johnstone	33	8	8	17	44	64	24
Hearts	31	7	6	18	30	56	20
Motherwell	32	6	6	20	34	73	18

Reserve League West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	10	9	0	1	30	7	18
Queens Park	11	7	3	1	20	10	17
Celtic	9	6	1	2	24	14	13
Clyde	12	6	0	6	21	15	12
Kilmarnock	12	6	0	6	23	19	12
Hamilton	9	5	2	2	14	11	12
Morton	7	3	2	2	13	10	8
Dumfermline	9	3	1	5	13	19	7
Falkirk	7	3	0	4	12	11	6
Airdrie	8	1	4	3	17	21	6
Clydebank	7	2	1	4	9	16	5
Motherwell	9	1	3	5	11	22	5
Dumbarton	7	1	1	5	8	19	3
Ayr United	9	0	2	7	8	29	2

Highland League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Caley	30	21	5	4	85	28	68
Keith	30	20	6	4	62	30	66
Elgin	29	17	4	8	18	30	55
Peterhead	28	16	6	6	40	19	54
Buckie	30	14	8	8	74	65	50
Thistle	30	15	3	12	60	51	48
Brora	30	10	10	10	55	42	40
Fraserburgh	30	11	7	12	55	55	40
Forres	30	12	4	14	53	60	40
Huntly	30	9	7	14	45	51	34
Nairn	29	8	9	12	56	52	33
Clach	29	9	6	14	54	62	33
Ross County	30	7	9	14	51	63	30
Deveronvale	30	8	5	17	38	67	29
Rothes	30	6	5	19	43	97	23
Lossiemouth	29	5	4	20	25	82	19

★ Three points for a win.

1st XI scorers

Ally McCoist	31
Sandy Clark	29
John MacDonald	13
Robert Prytz	13
Bobby Russell	13
David McPherson	11
Bobby Williamson	11
Ian Redford	10
Davie Cooper	9
David Mitchell	8
John McClelland	5
Craig Paterson	4
Colin McAdam	2
Billy Davies	2
Ally Dawson	1
David McKinnon	1
Gregor Stevens	1
Billy Mackay	1
Derek Ferguson	1
Hugh Burns	1
Own goals	4

2nd XI scorers

Robert Fleck	17
John MacDonald	17
Andrew Kennedy	14
Eric Ferguson	14
Billy Davies	11
Billy Mackay	10
Robert Prytz	8
Colin McAdam	7
David Mitchell	6
Sandy Clark	6
Craig Paterson	4
Gordon Dalziel	4
Kenny Black	4
Bobby Williamson	4
Derek Ferguson	4
Derek Johnstone	3
Ally McCoist	3
Ian Durrant	3
Hugh Burns	2
David McKinnon	2
Stuart Munro	2
Dougie Robertson	1
Ian Redford	1
Scott Fraser	1
Colin Lindsay	1
David MacFarlane	1
Own goals	2

This week's games

TONIGHT (MAY 2)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Rangers v Dundee United; Hearts v Aberdeen.

FRIDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Manchester City v Chelsea.
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Halifax v Chesterfield.

SATURDAY

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Rangers v Dundee; Aberdeen v Hibernian; Dundee United v St. Mirren; Hearts v Celtic; St. Johnstone v Motherwell.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Airdrie v Dumbarton; Clyde v Falkirk; Hamilton v Meadowbank; Kilmarnock v Ayr United; Morton v Alloa; Partick Thistle v Clydebank; Raith Rovers v Brechin.
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Albion Rovers v East Stirling; Cowdenbeath v Forfar; East Fife v Queens Park; Montrose v Berwick Rangers; Stirling Albion v Arbroath.
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Birmingham v Liverpool; Coventry v Luton; Everton v Manchester United; Ipswich v Sunderland; Leicester v Nottingham Forest; Notts, County v QPR; Stoke v Southampton; Tottenham Hotspur v Norwich; Watford v Wolves; West Brom v Arsenal; West Ham v Aston Villa.
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Barnsley v Oldham; Cardiff v Brighton; C. Palace v Swansea; Fulham v Cambridge; Grimsby v Blackburn; Leeds United v Carlisle; Middlesbro v Charlton; Newcastle v Derby County; Portsmouth v Huddersfield; Shrewsbury v Sheffield Wednesday.
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bournemouth v Port Vale; Brentford v Scunthorpe; Burnley v Orient; Gillingham v Newport; Hull v Southend; Lincoln v Rotherham; Millwall v Bolton; Oxford v Exeter; Plymouth v Walsall; Preston v Bradford City; Sheffield United v Wimbledon; Wigan v Bristol Rovers.
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot v Blackpool; Bristol City v Swindon; Bury v Northampton; Doncaster v Rochdale; Hartlepool v Stockport; Hereford v Reading; Mansfield v York City; Peterboro v Darlington; Torquay v Crewe; Tranmere v Chester; Wrexham v Colchester.

MONDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal v West Ham; Aston Villa v Everton; Liverpool v Coventry; Luton v Stoke; Manchester United v Ipswich; Norwich v Birmingham; Nottingham Forest v Watford; QPR v West Brom; Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur; Sunderland v Notts. County; Wolves v Leicester.
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Blackburn v Cardiff; Brighton v Middlesboro; Cambridge v Shrewsbury; Carlisle v C. Palace; Charlton v Fulham; Chelsea v Barnsley; Huddersfield v Newcastle; Oldham v Grimsby; Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester City; Swansea v Leeds United.
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bolton v Sheffield United; Bradford v Lincoln; Exeter v Bournemouth; Newport v Brentford; Orient v Oxford; Port Vale v Hull City; Rotherham v Wigan; Scunthorpe v Burnley; Southend v Plymouth; Walsall v Preston; Wimbledon v Gillingham.
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Blackpool v Halifax; Chester v Bristol C; Chesterfield v Aldershot; Colchester v Hereford; Crewe v Mansfield; Northampton v Hartlepool; Reading v Tranmere; Rochdale v Torquay; Stockport v Doncaster; Swindon v Peterboro; York City v Bury.

TUESDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bristol Rovers v Millwall.
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Darlington v Wrexham.

Weekend results

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Celtic	3	Hibernian	2
Dundee	0	Aberdeen	2
Hearts	2	St Johnstone	2
Motherwell	1	Dundee Utd	3
St Mirren	1	Rangers	1

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Ayr Utd	1	Falkirk	2
Clydebank	1	Morton	1
Dumbarton	2	Clyde	2
Kilmarnock	2	Alloa Ath	0
Meadowbank	0	Airdrie	4
Partick Th	1	Brechin C	1
Raith Rov	0	Hamilton	2
Partick Th	1	Brechin C	1
Raith Rov	0	Hamilton	2

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath	0	East Fife	1
Berwick	6	Stenh'muir	1
Cowdenbeath	1	Montrose	0
Dunfermline	5	Albion R	0
E. Stirling	2	Stranraer	2
Forfar A	3	Q.O.S.	0
Queens P	3	Stirling A1	

SCOTTISH PREMIER RESERVES

Aberdeen	2	Dundee	2
Hibernian	3	Celtic	2
Rangers	1	St. Mirren	0
St Johnstone	2	Hearts	0

Midweek results

TUESDAY — SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Celtic 3, Dundee 0.

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE: Cowdenbeath 3, East Fife 0; Queens Park 2, Airdrie 2.

WEDNESDAY — EUROPEAN CUP SEMI FINAL, 2nd leg: AS Roma 3, Dundee United 0; Dinamo Bucharest 1, Liverpool 2. EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP, 2nd leg: Aberdeen 0, FC Porto 1; Juventus 2, Manchester United 1. UEFA CUP SEMI FINAL 2nd leg: Anderlecht 3, Nottingham Forest 0; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Hajduk Split 0.

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE: Rangers 9, Ayr 1; Kilmarnock 2, Clydebank 1; Morton 2, Clyde 1; Motherwell 1, Celtic 1.

Latest 'Player of the Year' news

FOR the second week in succession, Ian Redford wins Jock Wallace's vote

Tom Leeman received his first vote against Ayr United, On Saturday, Eric Ferguson got John Hagart's nomination

FIRST TEAM

Davie Cooper	23
John McClelland	20
Sandy Clark	14
Robert Prytz	9
Ally McCoist	6
Bobby Russell	6
Colin McAdam	6
Davie McPherson	6
David Mitchell	3
Derek Ferguson	3
Ian Redford	3
Jimmy Nicholl	2
John MacDonald	2

Ordered off: Nicholl (2), Dawson, Redford, Prytz.

Booked: Redford (9), Cooper (7), Paterson (7), Clark (7), McPherson (6), MacKinnon (4), Williamson (4), Prytz (3), McAdam (3), Nicholl (3), Mitchell (3), Dawson (3), McCoist (3), Russell (2), McCloy (1), Stevens (1), Kennedy (1), McClelland (1).

SECOND TEAM

Robert Fleck	20
Billy Davies	17
Hugh Burns	14
David MacFarlane	12
Derek Ferguson	9
Ian Durrant	6
Andrew Kennedy	5
Andy Bruce	5
Eric Ferguson	4
Kenny Black	3
Colin Lindsay	2
Tom Leeman	1

Ordered off: Davies, Kennedy, D. Williamson.

Booked: Fraser (9), Black (6), Lyall (3), Ferguson (2), Davies (2), Leeman (2), Bruce (1), Kennedy (1), Lindsay (1), Burns (1), D. Ferguson (1), Fleck (1).

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Winning combinations: 07, 13, 14, with 2 from 06, 17, 27, 35.

● The Agents' Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £1800.

Saturday's results

● FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results — Game — 01—1-0; 02—1-1; 03—3-1; 04—2-1; 05—1-1; 06—3-0; 07—4-0; 08—1-2; 09—0-1; 10—2-2; 11—2-1; 12—3-1; 13—5-0; 14—4-0; 15—1-1; 16—3-1; 17—3-0; 18—3-2; 19—2-2; 20—1-3; 21—1-2; 22—0-0; 23—1-1; 24—3-2; 25—0-1; 26—2-3; 27—3-0; 28—3-3; 29—1-1; 30—1-1; 31—2-0; 32—0-0; 33—8-2; 34—0-1; 35—3-0; 36—3-1; 37—0-0; 38—0-4; 39—1-1; 40—2-1; 41—0-0; 42—1-1; 43—3-1; 44—0-2.

This week's teams

● OFFICIAL list of teams for Saturday, May 5 — 01 Lincoln, 02 Millwall, 03 Bury, 04 Doncaster, 05 Boston Utd., 06 Enfield, 07 Kilmarnock, 08 Partick Th., 09 Birmingham, 10 Coventry, 11 Bansley, 12 Cardiff, 13 Plymouth, 14 Preston, 15 Hartlepool, 16 Hereford, 17 Dundee utd., 18 Hearts, 19 Raith, 20 Albion R., 21 Ipswich, 22 Leicester, 23 Crystal P., 24 Grimsby, 25 Aldershot, 26 Mansfield, 27 St. Johnstone, 28 Airdrie, 29 Notts Co., 30 Stoke, 31 Leeds, 32, Portsmouth, 33 Peterborough, 34 Wrexham, 35 Clyde, 36 Hamilton, 37 West Brom, 38 West Ham, 39 Shrewsbury, 40 Bournemouth, 41 Altrincham, 42 Barnet, 43 Brentford, 44 Burnley.

LIGHT BLUE LOOK BACK ... news from 5, 25 and 50 years ago

WHAT A WEEK!

Rangers win three games in six days

May 2—May 8, 1979

RANGERS were kept busy on the football field this week five years ago, with three matches in six days.

And, if they were to remain in the title chase, they had to pick up the maximum six points.

On the Wednesday (May 2nd), they were at Fir Park to play Motherwell — and what a close encounter it was for the Light Blues.

Motherwell took the lead in the 19th minute with a goal from Willie Irvine. Mick Larnach carried the ball into the Rangers penalty box and, with no one challenging him, he passed the ball to Irvine whose shot from close range gave McCloy no chance.

It took the Light Blues ten minutes into the second half to find the equaliser.

Gregor Stevens handled the ball in his own area and the referee immediately pointed to the spot. Sandy Jardine's spot kick was first blocked by Rennie, but Smith scored on the rebound.

In the last frantic minutes of the match, the Light Blues had two goals disallowed with Parlane being booked for dissent after the second. Johnston twice hit the woodwork with Rennie well beaten.

Then, in the 88th minute, Rangers were awarded a corner. Cooper took it and Jackson, all on his own, headed home to give the Light Blues the two points.

MOTHERWELL: Rennie, McLeod, Wark, Carberry, Smith, Stevens, Larnach, Pettigrew, Clinging, Irvine, Donnelly. Subs: Wilson, MacKin.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper. Subs: Miller, Urquhart.

Attendance: 13,052.

1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee Utd	36	18	8	10	56	54	44
Rangers	32	16	9	7	46	29	41
Celtic	32	17	6	9	52	34	40
Aberdeen	34	12	14	13	57	33	38
St. Mirren	33	15	6	14	45	39	36
Hibernian	35	11	13	11	42	47	35

Hero

Rangers' Reserves were playing in the semi-final of the Second XI Cup that night against Dundee United at Ibrox. The Light Blues won 3-1 with goals coming from Strickland, McDonald and Forsyth. Milne scored for Dundee United.

On the Saturday, Rangers were at Hampden to play Celtic in a League match, and Alex MacDonald was the Light Blues' hero, netting the only goal of the match in the 58th minute.

And what an unusual goal it was. MacDonald, in midfield, hit a superb pass to McLean, out on the wing. Tommy crossed the ball towards goal, Russell missed it at the near post and MacDonald only half hit it, sending it spinning into the air. However, luck was on Rangers' side and it dropped behind Edvaldsson.

Rangers were by far the better side in this match and had many chances to increase their lead.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Johnston, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper. Subs: Denny and Urquhart (not used).

CELTIC: Latchford, McGrain, McLeod, Atiken, Edvalsson, Conroy, Provan, Davidson, McCluskey, Burns, Doyle. Subs: Lynch (for Burns), McAdam (for Davidson).

Attendance: 52,641.

Rangers Reserves drew 1-1 with Celtic Reserves at Parkhead.

Rangers were now running on the crest of a wave, but could they keep it up for the match against Aberdeen at Ibrox on the Monday?

More than 30,000 fans turned up. And they were rewarded with a 2-0 Rangers win —the first League win over Aberdeen that season.

After a deadlocked first half, it looked certain that the team which scored the opener would win.

And in the 59th minute, Smith scored that goal for the Light Blues.

From a huge clearance by McCloy, Cooper gathered it, controlled it, shook off an Aberdeen defender and cut the ball inside. It beat Garner and landed at Smith's feet. The striker then slotted the ball past the helpless Clark.

Stunned

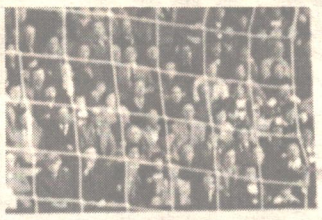
Three minutes later and the game was sewn up.

Willie Miller got into a mix-up outside his area, and passed the ball straight to Cooper. The winger was a little stunned but nevertheless ran into the area and drove an angled shot wide of Clark into the far corner.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Johnston, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper. Subs: Miller, Urquhart.

ABERDEEN: Clark, Kennedy, Hamilton, McLeish, Garner, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Sullivan, Strachan, Scanlon. Subs: Rougvie, Jarvie.

Attendance: 32,000.





● Alex MacDonald scores Rangers' only goal in their 1-0 win over Celtic five years ago.

JUST A MINUTE

Two quick goals shock Germans

May 2—May 8, 1959

RANGERS had no game this week 25 years ago, but Scotland were in action against the might of West Germany at Hampden.

And two quick goals in the first and seventh minute showed the Germans that the Scots were no push-overs.

Scotland's first goal came from a free kick in the first minute.

Duncan MacKay sent the ball to his namesake. Dave accepted the pass, lobbed to St. John, who headed the ball onto White. The Falkirk man beat Sawitzki and scored a fine goal. Scotland were one up in the first minute.

Great

Six minutes later, it was 2-0. Leggat, free on the wing, crossed a ball that Sawitzki stupidly punched out. It was only partially cleared and fell to Weir, whose first time volley crashed past the goalkeeper.

In the 14th minute, Germany narrowed the margin. Seeler accepted the ball from a defence clearout and ran for the Scottish goal with MacKay and Caldow closing in. But the German striker just had time to shoot low and hard past Farm from 10 yards hout.

The Scots scored again in the 23rd minute. Andy Weir took a corner and Leggat darted into the middle to head a great ball past the German keeper.

The final goal of the game came 13 minutes later from a penalty. A clever ball from Seeler found Rahn. The winger attempted to lob the ball over Caldow and into the penalty area, but it hit the defender's arm and a penalty was awarded. Juskowiak slammed the ball home from the spot to close the scoring at 3-2.

SCOTLAND: Farm (Blackpool), MacKay (Celtic), Caldow (Rangers), MacKay (Tottenham Hotspur), Evans (Celtic), McCann (Motherwell), Leggat (Fulham), White (Falkirk), St. John (Motherwell), Collins (Everton), Weir (Motherwell).

GERMANY: Sawitzki, Juskowiak, Schnellinger, Benthause, Erhardt, Syzmaniak, Rahn, Geiger, Seeler, Schmidt, Schafer. Att. 103,415.

1959

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	34	21	8	5	92	51	50
Hearts	34	21	6	7	75	51	48
Motherwell	34	18	8	8	83	50	44
Dundee	34	16	9	9	61	51	41
Airdrie	34	15	7	12	64	62	37
Celtic	34	14	8	12	70	53	36

Trouble

Stand-by goalkeeper for the Scotland v Germany match was Airdrie's Jock Wallace. He had already taken part in the trial match for the Scottish League when they played the English League.

Dundee announced that Willie Thornton would be their manager for next season, he had been approached by Leeds United but turned them down.

Motherwell beat St. Mirren in the final of the Second XI Cup 2-0 but the Love Street team won the Cup 3-2 on aggregate. And, in the Glasgow Charity Cup Celtic beat Clyde 5-0 at Parkhead.

Prince Charles got himself into a spot of trouble with his mum, the Queen. He, and all the family, had gone to see a polo match that the Duke of Edinburgh was playing in.

It was raining heavily and the canopy under which the Queen was sitting began to sag with the weight of rain.

Charles jumped up and punched the underside of the canopy causing water to go everywhere, including over the Queen.

In Blackpool police used revolvers, rifles and teargas to get a man who had stolen a car out of a house and was holding people hostage.

Ibrox men corner a final place

May 2—May, 8, 1934

THIS week, fifty years ago, the Light Blues took on Partick Thistle at Ibrox in the semi-final of the Charity Cup on May 5.

At the end of the usual 90 minutes, it was 1-1, so a period of extra-time was played. That produced no more goals, so the game was decided on corners. The Light Blues sealing a final place with a score of seven, three more than Thistle.

Diving

And it was from one of these corners that the Light Blues opened the scoring in the first half . . . from Rangers' end of the pitch!

Thistle were awarded a corner, so Donnelly, Jimmy Smith's marker, moved upfield, leaving the Rangers player on his own.

When Thistle took the corner it was cleared out fast to Smith who took it the length of the pitch and hit it under the diving 'keeper into the net.

McLennan equalised for Partick Thistle eight minutes later. Miller lobbed the ball over Simpson's head, catching the Light Blues defence off balance.

Before they could sort themselves out McLennan had brushed past, found open position, and planted the ball into the corner of the net, well away from the diving Dawson.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Marshall, Smith, Venters, Nicolson.

PARTICK THISTLE: Johnstone, Prior, Cumming, Elliot, Donnelly, Baigrie, Neish, Wylie, McLennan, Miller, Bain. Att. 14,000.

In the other semi-final, Celtic beat Third Lanark 4-1 at Cathkin Park.

1934

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	37	30	5	2	117	40	65
Motherwell	38	29	4	5	97	45	62
Celtic	38	18	11	9	78	53	47
Q.O.S.	38	21	3	14	75	78	45
Aberdeen	38	18	8	12	90	57	44
Hearts	38	17	10	11	86	59	44

Figures

Rangers manager, William Struth, was having arguments regarding the money that the SFA received as share of the semi-final and Cup final games. The SFA had taken around £4,000 and Mr Struth said that "The money must come back into football."

There was a drop in the number of people out of work with the volume of employment also increasing. There was no figures published but calculations estimated that a drop of 45,000 to 50,000 was expected.

Partick Thistle signed their third Highland League player of the season when John Neish of Buckie Thistle went to Firhill.

After the match with Partick Thistle, manager William Struth announced a pre-season match with English League Champions, Arsenal. Rangers were to play at Highbury in August and Arsenal were to visit Ibrox later in the season.

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Young Rangers Club

Which English side are 'The Cobblers'?

QUICK QUIZ

1. Which two teams were relegated from the Premier League in season 1980/81?
2. Rangers won the Scottish Cup in season 1972/73 by defeating which side 3-2?
3. George Best played for Hibs in what season?
4. Which English Division Four club are nicknamed "The Cobblers"?
5. Which two English First Division sides would be playing if Gary Gillespie tackled Dennis Mortimer?
6. Who scored Scotland's first goal against Russia in the 1982 World Cup Finals?
7. For which club does Mick Mills play?
8. Steve Nicol played for which club before joining Liverpool.
9. What two Scottish teams would be playing if Alex Caldwell was sent off after a tackle on Maurice Malpas?
10. Who is the manager of Norwich City?

● **Answers at bottom of page.**

PEN-PALS

WANTED: Pen-pal for Robert Virtue, 2 Farm Cottages, Restonhill, Eyemouth, Berwickshire. My age is 10 and my hobbies include football and speedway. I would like someone between the ages of 10 and 20.

NAME THE CLUB

● See if you can guess the names of the clubs by their nicknames.

1. They play in the English Division Three League and are nicknamed "The Trotters".
2. They are a Scottish Second Division Two side and their nickname is "The Red Lichties".
3. "The Wasps" is the nickname of which Scottish First Division side?
4. They play in the English First Division and are nicknamed the "Villians".
5. They are a Premier League side and are nicknamed "The Buddies".

● **Answers at bottom of page.**

NAME THE PLAYER

● See if you can guess the names of the players.

1. He has won five Scottish caps and was signed by Rangers in 1973?
2. He played for Airdrie before moving down south to play for a London side. He is now with Rangers?
3. Played with Hibernian but Rangers signed him in July, 1982, for £225,000. Who is he?
4. Before playing for Rangers he had spells at St. Johnstone and Sunderland where he played alongside Jimmy Nicholl. Who is he?
5. Before playing with Rangers, he played for Motherwell. He has won four Scottish caps. Who is he?

● **Answers at bottom of page.**



IT'S IN THE BAG

ANOTHER great 'News' contest

THIS WEEK we're not offering one prize on the Young Rangers Club page . . . we're giving away several!

For we're giving all Y.R.C. members the chance to win a special "News" bag of Rangers souvenirs. The bag will be filled with pennants, poster, badge, etc.

As usual, to stand a chance of winning this super prize, all you have to do is take a look at the picture on the left and answer a simple question about it.

All we want to know are the name of the three Rangers players with their back to the "News" camera.

We can help by telling you that it was taken shortly after number 14 had scored in a match against Motherwell. The Light Blues won 3-0 that day.

When you think you know the mystery player's names, jot them down on a postcard along with your FULL name, address, and YRC membership number and send it to "GOODIES", Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE.

The closing date for this contest is Friday, May 11.

The Editors' decision is final in all matters.

MATCH UP TEAMS, GROUNDS

● See if you can match the teams with the grounds from the following list?

Newcastle U.	Links P.
Montrose	Kenilworth R.
Sheffield W.	St. James' P.
Raith Rovers	Hillsborough
Luton Town	Starks P.

● Answers at bottom of page.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS ★

● The following Young Rangers Club members have all recently celebrated a birthday or will do so in the coming week.

TUESDAY (APRIL 24)
LESLEY GREEN, 20 Gray Park Gardens, Shawsbridge, Miltown, Belfast, Northern Ireland, who was ten.

FRIDAY (APRIL 27)
ROBERT RAE, 12 McKay Crescent, Caol, Fort William, who was ten.

SATURDAY (APRIL 28)
IAN BROWN, 1 Lavelle Drive, Coatbridge, who was 12.

TUESDAY (MAY 1)
BRIAN MAINNIE, 17 — 3 Greendykes Terrace, Edinburgh, who was seven.

TODAY (MAY 4)
TERENCE McCOLL, 43 Croftcroighn Road, Ruchazie, Glasgow, who is ten.
LEAH HEDDLE, 6 Carters Park Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, who is eight.
WENDY SMITH, 40 Barrie Street, Dunfermline, Fife, who is 12.
CYRIL COWAN, 53 John Simpson Drive, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, who is 15.
DAVID PRIOR, 94 Drumfork Road, Helenburgh, who is nine.
BRIAN FERGUSON, 40 Brodie Drive, Bishopmill, Elgin, who is ten.
LORNE WILSON, 47 Moray Street, Lossiemouth, Morayshire, who is 13.
ALISTAIR RAE, 13 Isla Road, Alyth, Blairgowrieshire, who is 11.
KENNETH RITCHIE, 2 McDonald Crescent, Burghead, Morray, who is eight.
ALYSON MacKENZIE, 62 Forteath Street, Burghead, Morayshire, who is 12.
STEVEN WHITELAW, 4 Martin Crescent, Bailliston, who is 16.
ROSS STEWART, 4 North Vennel, Lanark, who is 14.
STEVEN WOOD, 26 Ard Street, Glasgow, who is 13.
GARY MacLEOD, 99 Tweedsmuir Road, Cardonald, Glasgow, who is 14.

● IF YOU are celebrating a birthday and would like to see it mentioned in these columns, then all you have to do is write and tell us about it.

Put your name, address, Young Rangers Club membership number and date of birth on a postcard and send it to "Birthday Greetings", Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE.

THURSDAY
DEREK SPEIRS, 40 John Wilson Drive, Kilsyth, who is eight.
GLEN WILLIAMS, 32 Beach Drive, Larchill, Frys Road, Ballymena, Northern Ireland, who is 12.
DONNA LINTON, 38 Mote Hill, Glenluce, Newton Stewart, who is five.
LINDA O'BRIEN, 4 Wellcroft Place, Gorbals, Glasgow, who is 16.
GARY MOORE, 77 Westmorland Street, Queens Park, Glasgow, who is three.
ALLAN JACKSON, 5 Orchard View Drive, Kirkfieldbank, Lanark, who is 14.
PETER MacDONALD, 23 Balfour Terrace, East Kilbride, who is 16.
JOHN THOMSON, 107 Wardie Road, Glasgow, who is 17.
JIM CLIFFORD, 41 Jerviston Road, Craigend, who is 13.
KIRSTY PAXTON, 18 West Cairn Crescent, Penicuik, Midlothian, who is eight.
GRAHAM WINES, Conifers, Church Road, Hartley, Dartford, who is 17.
DAVID HERBISTSON, 29 Eumonton Terrace, Westwood, East Kilbride, who is 14.
ALASTAIR GRACIE, 62 Calside Road, Lochvale, Dumfriesshire, who is one.
ALAN IRVINE, 8 Primrose Street, Glasgow, who is seven.
PAUL MUIR, 27 Tomcroy Terrace, Pitlochry, Perth, who is 12.
DAID MEREDITH, 15 Napier Place, Govan, who is two.
STEVEN LANDER, 110 Main Street, Carnwarth, Lanark, who is three.
KEVIN SPEIRITS, 17 Ardory Avenue, Glasgow, who is 11.
CALUM MacLEOD, 19 Mary Bank, Stornoway, who is six.
ANDREW LYON, Westwood Quadrant, Clydebank, who is 15.
KAREN LUPTON, Heathfield, Tarbert, Argyll, who is 14.
ANDREW GOODWIN, 19 West Main Street, Darvel, Ayrshire, who is 16.
IAN CLARK, 351 Cameron Crescent, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, who is 16.
STUART GILLES, 10 Chestnut Crescent, Greenhills, East Kilbride, who is 13.
RAYMOND CLARK, 14 Kennedar Drive, Linthouse, Glasgow, who is nine.
ALAN BEATIE, 2 Holmwood Crescent, Langholm, who is 14.
GARY WILSON, 66 Deas Avenue, Dingwall, Ross-shire, who is 17.
DAID QUAR, 2 Darnley Road, Glasgow, who is 16.

SATURDAY
CRAIG WILKIE, 22 Strathord Street, Sandyhills, Glasgow, who is ten.
PAUL YOUNG, 9 Union Street, New Stevenson, Motherwell, who is 15.
NEIL RUSSELL, 32 Heathwood Crescent, Tillicoultry, who is eight.
ANGUS McGHIE, Mullion, Rosemount, Blairgowrie, who is 14.
ROBERT O'BRIEN, 141 Firhil, Alness, Ross-shire, who is 12.
SCOTT MILLAR, 37 Loch Road, Bridge of Weir, who is 14.
RICHARD WALSH, Castleton Villa, Innellan, Dunoon, who is 13.
ANDREW ADDISON, 21 Milton Road, Whins of Milton, Bannockburn, who is 13.
MICHELLE BOSLEM, 13 Merrick Drive, Bellsbank, Dalmellington, who is eight.
ALISTAIR BARR, 20 Mount Avenue, Symington, Ayrshire, who is 17.

SUNDAY
JAMES TAYLOR, 164 Helen Vale Street, Glasgow, who is one.
SCOTT LIVINGSTON, 27 Balmoor Terrace, Peterhead, who is 15.
DONALD SHAW, Highfield, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 17.
JOHN HUME, 20 Sillars Meadow, Irvine, who is seven.
PHILIP LEITCH, 35 Drumore Road, Glasgow, who is eight.
GRAEME HAMILTON, 59 Pettycar Road, Kinghorn, Fife, who is 17.
MARK MacGRUER, 30 Highfield Linde, Muir of Ord, Rossshire, who is 14.
STEVEN BLACK, 199 Nobleston Estates, Bonhill, Alexandra, who is 13.
PETER GALBRAITH, 23 Hillside Road, Paisley, who is 17.
LEE EVANS, 33 MacKenzie Place, Maryburgh, Connon Bridge, Ross-shire, who is 12.
ANGELA CANAVAN, 6 Tollpark Crescent, Newmains, who is 17.
SCOTT POTTS, 3 Cedar Crescent, Hamilton, who is 11.
DAVID TODD, 3 Burnbrae Street, Fairfley, who is 17.
DUNCAN CARMICHAEL, 67 Langside Terrace, Glasgow, who is 17.
JOHN ROGERS, 17 Esk Drive, Livingston, who is 16.
JOHN LAWRANCE, 8 Glenkingie Street, Fort William, who is 16.
KEVIN SINCLAIR, 15 Finlay Ave, Dalry, who is 15.
MELVILLE LOW, 29 Albany Crescent, Freuchie, Fife, who is 16.
DAVID SMITH, 2 Broom Place, Bridge of Weir, who is ten.
KIRSTEEN MacKENZIE, 22 Drumpark Street, Carnwadric, Glasgow, who is ten.
NEIL MacFARLANE, 1 Abbey Grove, Pegwell, Ramsgate, Kent, who is ten.
LIZA MOCKERLEY, 7 Cornhill, Kincaidston, Ayr, who is eight.

TUESDAY
ELAINE McFEGAN, Upper Rusko Cottage, Gatehouse of Fleet, who is 16.
STUART EDGAR, 22 Kilbarchan Road, Johnstone, who is 16.
GRAEME CUNNINGHAM, 24 Alder Road, Cumbernauld, who is 16.
CRAIG McNICOL, 33 Dudley Drive, Glasgow, who is nine.
GRAEME PETRIE, 1 David Street, Inverberkie, Montrose, who is 13.
QUINTON MUIR, 19 Milton Quadrant, Kilbirnie, who is 17.
COLIN CASSIDY, 8 Steeple Crescent, Dalgeth Bay, Fife, who is 16.
COLIN DUNCAN, 15 Edgar Avenue, Cumnock, who is 13.
ANDREW WRIGHT, 19 Cardline Street, Elgin, Morayshire, who is 13.
LINDA GOLD, 48 Roman Crescent, Old Kilpatrick, who is 16.
ANGUS SMALLEY, Glabbach, Isle of Coll, Argyll, who is 12.
ROSS FINDLAY, 33 Tollohill Drive, Aberdeen, who is two.
EMMA HUNTER, 26 Galloway, Barmpton Park, Darlington, who is 11.
CLIFFARD O'BRIEN, 10 Mourne View, Commons, Newry, County Down, Northern Ireland, who is 14.
THOMAS CAIRNS, 117 Rennie Road, Kilsyth, who is four.
IAN CURRIE, 13 Hillhead Crescent, Motherwell, who is nine.
ALAN HUME, 10 Cloan Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow, who is five.

Programmes

WANTED: Any old tickets, team photos, pennants, especially match pennants, Rangers News No. 1 to 507. Will pay asking price. Contact Alex Brown, 3 Udston Mill Road, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire M19 3JL.

ALL THE ANSWERS

● *QUICK QUIZ: 1, Hearts and Kilmarnockl 2, Celtic; 3, 1980/81; 4, Northampton Town; 5, Coventry v Aston Villa; 6, Joe Jordan; 7, Southampton; 8, Liverpool; 9, St. Johnstone v Dundee United; 10, Ken Brown.*

● *GROUNDS: 1, Newcastle United play at St. James' Park; 2, Montrose play at Links Park; 3, Sheffield Wednesday play at Hillsborough; 4, Raith Rovers play at Starks Park; 5, Luton Town play at Kenilworth Road.*

● *NICKNAMES: 1, Bolton Wanderers; 2, Arbroath; 3, Alloa; 4, Aston Villa; 5, St. Mirren.*

● *PLAYER: 1, Ally Dawson; 2, Sandy Clark; 3, Craig Paterson; 4, Ally McCoist; 5, Peter McCloy.*

News from all the reserve and boys club matches

SUPER SANDY

Rangers .....9 Ayr Utd.....1

SANDY Clark was the star of the show last Wednesday night as Rangers reserves put themselves firmly in the driving seat in the race for the Reserve League West title.

The Light Blues striker, back in action after the suspension which forced him to miss last week's 'Old Firm' clash at Ibrox, netted FIVE of the goals in the colts 9-1 victory and his overall display earned him the highest praise from coach John Hagart.

"Sandy was tremendous. He played very well and, apart from five well taken goals, his attitude to the game was a superb example to the younger players in the side.

"Overall, it was a very good Rangers teams performance and every player in the side contributed a lot to the game. They are playing well just now and I was highly delighted with them against Ayr."

Space doesn't allow us to describe the goals — it was hard enough just keeping count!

Fine

John MacDonald was also in fine form and he bagged a hat-trick in the match. Eric Ferguson made it two goals from two games back in the side to complete the scoring.

The only bad moment in the game from a Rangers point of view came when Ayr notched their consolation goals with seven minutes left.

Andy Bruce, who had been a spectator for most of the match, suffered concusion in his efforts to prevent the United striker from netting in a 50-50 challenge, and had to leave the field.

His place in goal was taken by Colin McAdam, with Andrew Kennedy coming on as a substitute. Andy Bruce later recovered and is fully fit once again. Full-back Tom Leeman got John Hagart's vote a 'ycung man-of-the-match'.

RANGERS: Bruce, Fraser, Leeman, MacKinnon, McAdam, Davies, Prytz, E. Ferguson, Clark, Munro, MacDonald. Subs: Kennedy (for Bruce 83 min) and Mitchell (not used).



● JOHN MACDONALD . . . bagged hat-trick.

ERIC Ferguson's third goal in as many matches was enough to give Rangers' reserves victory against St. Mirren at Ibrox on Saturday and win the colts the Premier Reserve League championship for the second season in a row.

Good

In a hard battle, in which St. Mirren's David Walker was sent off, it was a clever tactical switch by coach John Hagart which led to his side clinching a 1-0 win.

In the 65th minute Eric Ferguson went on for Scott Fraser with Hugh Burns moving to right-back and Stuart Munro moving back from attack to midfield. Ten minutes later, Fergie grabbed the all-important goal.

It stemmed from a good move on the right wing with Robert Fleck providing the final pass inside to Eric Ferguson who neatly tucked the ball past Billy Thomson from 12 yards.

Great

Said John Hagart: "It wasn't a great game and we didn't play particularly well. It was a tough, bruising match in which we did just enough to win. But I'm delighted for the players.

"They have all worked very hard, put in some great displays and they thoroughly deserved their champagne celebration after the game."

The only other noteworthy incident in a dour match came on the hour when David Walker was shown the red card for a bad foul on his former St. Mirren team-mate, Stuart Munro. Scott Fraser was booked for Rangers.

RANGERS: Walker, Fraser, Leeman, Stevens, McAdam, B. Davies, Mitchell, Burns, Fleck, Munro, D. Ferguson. Subs: E. Ferguson (for Fraser, 65mins) and Lindsay (not used).

Colts seal championship

Rangers .....1 St. Mirren 0

CUP FOR THE BOYS

Busy schedule for Ibrox babes

● **THE RESERVES are in action three times this week, with two league games and one cup match to be played.**

Last night (Tuesday), they were at Muirton Park to play St. Johnstone in a Premier Reserve League match.

On Thursday night they visit Love Street to play St. Mirren in a Reserve League Cup quarter final match and on Friday night they travel to play Dundee in a Premier Reserve League game.

They are in for a busy week.

Amateurs win Easter tourney

RANGERS Amateur Boys' Club won the first silverware of their short history last week when they triumphed in the Scottish Central Boys' FA Easter Tournament in Falkirk.

Sixteen of the country's top under-15 sides took part in the prestigious competition and the Ibrox youngsters had to play six matches in four days to lift the trophy.

Said club secretary Bobby Dinnie: "It's a great moment for the club and we're confident it can be the first of many triumphs."

The Youths travelled to the competition with a squad of 15 players but, due to injuries, were down to only 12 players for some of their matches.

The tournament was split into four groups of four and Rangers first opponents were Grahamston Boys' Club and their game at Camelon Juniors' ground ended in a 1-1 draw.

Grahamston took the lead with a free-kick which was deflected off the defensive wall past Ian Crawford —the only goal he conceded in the tournament. Rangers were well in command after that and got the equaliser from a Mark Thomson shot.

Mill United were the young Light Blues next opponents, again at Camelon's ground. This time they recorded a comfortable 3-0 win with goals from Alex McEwan, Brian Miller (penalty) and Mark Thomson.

The final section match against Hill O'Beath at Camelon proved to be a very tough encounter with Rangers putting on most of the pressure and 'keeper Ian Crawford called into action only twice. Scott Tierney netted the only goal of the game to take Rangers through.

The quarter-final agaisnt Hibs, once more at Camelon, was all one way traffic for Rangers and the lads emerged with a comfortable and convincing 2-0 victory.

Penalty

The goals came from Billy Byrne and Gary Robertson. That set Rangers up for a semi-final against Gairdock United — best of the tournament.

After 20 minutes of extra time, a penalty shoot out was required to decide who would go through to the final.

The Ibrox lads won the shoot-out 5-4.

So to the final at Brockville on Tuesday evening where Rangers faced the side rated the third best in the Edinburgh and Lothains area, Captain's Cabin. And the Light Blues put on a great display to win 3-0.

Billy Byrne opened the scoring with a superb 25 yard shot, then Brian Miller made it two with a 15 yard drive. Gary Robertson completed the scoring when he headed home from close range.

In addition to the trophy for winning the tournament, full-back Brian Kennedy received the 'Player-of-the-Tournament' award and Ian Crawford picked up the prize as 'Goalkeeper-of-the-Tournament'.

The Falkirk line-ups . . .

THE youths line-ups in the Falkirk tournament were (All line-ups in 4-3-3):

RANGERS 1, GRAHAMSTON 1. Scorer: Thomson. Team: Crawford, Thomson, Jeffery, Buchanan, Paton, Miller, Byrne, Kennedy, Allan, Tierney, Cleland. Subs: Sharp, Hastie, Robertson, McEwan.

RANGERS 3, MILL UNITED 0. Scorers: McEwan, Miller (pen), Thomson. Team: Crawford, Thomson, Miller, Paton; Kennedy, Hastie, Sharp, Byrne, McEwan, Tierney, Cleland. Subs: Robertson.

RANGERS 1, HILL O'BEATH 0. Scorer: Tierney. Team: Crawford, Thomson, Jeffery, Paton, Kennedy, Hastie, Miller, Byrne, Sharp, Tierney, Cleland. Subs: Robertson and McEwan.

RANGERS 2, HIBS 0. Scorers: Byrne, Robertson. Team: Crawford, Thomson, Jeffery, Paton, Kennedy, Hastie, Miller, Byrne, Robertson, Tierney, Cleland. Sub: McEwan.

RANGERS 0, GAIRDOCH UNITED 0. (Rangers won 5-4 on penalties). Team: Crawford, Thomson, Jeffery, Paton, Kennedy, Hastie, Miller, Byrne, McEwan, Robertson, Cleland. Sub: Tierney.

RANGERS 3, CAPTAIN'S CABIN 0. Scorers: Byrne, Miller, Robertson. Team: Crawford, Thomson, Jeffery, Paton, Kennedy, Hastie, Miller, Byrne, Robertson, Tierney, Cleland. Subs: Sharp, Allan. McEwan.

Under-15s defeat Glasgow

Glasgow Amateurs . . .3 Rangers . . .4

FOLLOWING their success in the Falkirk youth tournament, the Rangers under-15s maintained their 100% record in the Scottish Amateur League last Wednesday night when they defeated Glasgow Amateurs at Toryglen Park.

That made it 16 wins out of 16 for the young Light Blues in their league fixtures and club secretary was very happy with the way in which they had kept themselves as hot favourites to win the title.

"Considering they had played in a cup final the night before, it was a great result against Glasgow. They had to fight back from behind three times and they showed a lot of spirit in going on to win the game."

Glasgow took the lead in the 20th minute, but John Hastie equalised for Rangers five minutes later when he fired in a fine shot from around 18 yards.

The home side again took the lead in the 31st minute and this time Angus McPherson was the player who squared things up when he blasted in a drive from 20 yards three minutes later to make it 2-2.

A minute before half-time, Glasgow again regained their lead, but in the second half it was all Rangers and the Light blues stormed into the attack to win the match.

On the hour, Angus McPherson headed home a Gary Robertson free-kick and with five minutes of the match left, John Hastie fired in a superb half-volley from 20 yards.

RANGERS (4-3-3): Crawford, Thomson, Jeffrey, Miller, Paton, Robertson, Hastie, McPherson, Allan, Tierney, Lamont. No subs.



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I WANT TO STAY WITH RANGERS — says John McClelland



● JOHN McCLELLAND . . . "Rangers are my passion and my business".

John McClelland wants to lead Rangers as captain in 1984-85 — he will only leave the club as a last resort.

The Ibrox skipper made it clear to the 'News' that there is absolutely no question of him delivering any sort of pay demand ultimatum to the club, as the back page headlines of the Evening Times suggested last Friday.

Problems

John IS currently negotiating a new contract with Rangers and although there are a few problems to be worked out, there is no reason to believe he will be leaving the club at the end of this season.

The Irish international told the 'News': "The story in the Evening Times unfortunately didn't tell both sides of the situation. ***There is no way I would give Rangers any ultimatum of that kind.***

"Rangers are always — and will always — be bigger than any one player at the club. There have been better player at Ibrox before me and there will be better players here after me.

"Playing for the club and being captain means a lot to me and my number one priority is for things to stay just like that.

"But my contract is up and it's my duty to myself to look to my future and secure for myself the best possible deal I can. That has to be the way I look at things and I'm sure no-one would hold it against me.

"I reckon I will be in the game for another seven years — and then I'll be out of it for another 37. So I make no apologies for trying to get as much as I can out of the game while I can.

"It's a two-way situation. I have told Rangers what I want and they will tell me what they are prepared to offer. It's a question of compromise and I'm very hopeful we can reach an agreement.

"The supporters look at Rangers as their passion, some of them look at it as their life. Well, Rangers are my passion, but they are also my business. I'm confident I can still be a Rangers player next season.

NO ultimatum for Light Blues

Situation

"Sensational headlines sell newspapers, so that's what the Evening Times did. I hope that the Rangers fans now realise what the full situation is."

Rangers boss Jock Wallace told the 'News': "John McClelland will be retained as a player with this club for next season. If we can't negotiate successful terms, then he is free to go but I'm hopeful that situation won't emerge."

Davie bounces back

A SEASON that looked a total loss for Dave MacKinnon has suddenly taken on a new significance.

The Rangers full-back, who won a record number of "Player of the Year" awards from supporters clubs last season, made his first team comeback last weekend when he came on as a substitute in the 1-0 win against Celtic at Ibrox.

Pleased

It was Davie's first match since he was forced out of the game for three months due to jaundice back in December. And on Saturday, he made his first full appearance when he regained his favourite number two jersey against St. Mirren at Love Street.



● DAVE MACKINNON . . . great comeback.

Davie told the "News": "I'm really pleased. I had always hoped to salvage something from the season which has really been a total disaster for me.

"I thought that if I could perform well enough in the reserves then I might have a chance of getting back in. The Celtic match was the perfect one to comebank in and it was great to do it on a winning note.

Brilliant

"The atmosphere was brilliant — it was something I had almost forgotten about.

"Now I just have to hope that I can keep my place for the few games that are left this season. I've got to do my best to impress as my contract is up and I desperately want to stay at Ibrox."

It is sheer perseverance and hours of lonely training which has got Davie back into the reckoning for a regular first team spot and there's no doubt that if he does end a season to forget on a high note, it will be thoroughly deserved.

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It's just too easy for Sandy

FOR THE second time this season, Sandy Clark has scored five goals in one match — and the Rangers striker says that it was just too easy!

Sandy netted his latest nap hand last Wednesday evening in the Light Blues' reserves' 9-1 crushing of Ayr United at Ibrox in a Reserve League West fixture. John MacDonald netted a hat-trick with Eric Ferguson completing the scoring.

Stroll

It was back in July, on Rangers' pre-season tour in Sweden, that Sandy achieved his first 'five-in-a-game' feat, and he feels that last week's spree was even easier than that sunshine stroll against Solvesborg, when the Light Blues won 12-0.

"It really was too easy — it was almost embarassing. Everything went right for us and I just enjoyed the match. It was nice to take the goals so well and I felt quite good after being out of action for a while through suspension.

"Hopefully, five goals will catch the manager's eye and with so much competition around just now for the strikers' positions at Ibrox, it can only, hopefully, work in my favour."



● SANDY CLARK



● ERIC FERGUSON

Eric Ferguson, while in the shadow of Sandy's success, was delighted with his goal which was his second in as many games with the reserves since returning from his loan period with Clydebank.

"It was an amazing game. Everything Sandy touched seemed to either go in or make a goal. I was happy to get my own name on the scoresheet again and if I can keep up a goal-a-game record, I won't complain."

The race to become top scorer for the reserves is really hotting up now with more than a few side bets hanging in the balance as Messrs Kennedy, MacDonald, Fleck and Ferguson all have their sights on the top slot.

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