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EXCLUSIVE: Cash boost for Rangers

TWO GOOD DEALS!

WHILE many other clubs are anxiously looking at ways to economise, Rangers this week have signed another two lucrative commerical deals.

The Light Blues have just finished negotiations on a new four year contract with sports wear firm, Umbro International Limited, Rangers will continue to wear the Umbro logo on their strips and the company will have the exclusive rights to market Rangers' colours.

In addition, they have agreed a three year deal with Arena Sports, who will have the sole right to sell advertising boards at the Stadium.

The club are delighted with the terms of both contracts, which will be financially lucrative to the club. Last year, commerical activities — outwith pools and lotteries — netted the Light Blues over £250,000.

Rangers' part in the deals, however, are not yet over.

"Once we have signed any deal, regardless of what it is, we like to look after the customer," says secretary Campbell Ogilvie.

"We work hand in hand with them, helping them with promotions, public relations and giving assistance when they entertain clients before matches.

"We feel it is very important that they should be happy and we are aware that agreements, particularly big ones like these, need extra work on our part."

Talk

Umbro, in particular, are delighted with the deal they have signed with the club. Said marketing director Colin Ross:

"We've had a close relationship with Rangers for about 20 years now and we're very, very happy that we've reached a new agreement.

As part of their deal, Umbro will also sponsor one match per season and will hold a sales promotion show in the Ibrox Suite.

Arena will be looking for clients to fill the 63 advertising boards at the stadium and, in fact, have already started to talk to a number of interested companies.



● Ibrox winger Davie Cooper is congratulated by Billy Davies and Eric Ferguson after netting Rangers' second goal against Dundee, at Ibrox on Saturday. More pictures and match slant of the 2-2 draw on centre pages.

Title blues for Scottish League

RANGERS' reserves could win another league title this season — without completing their fixtures!

The Ibrox colts still have three outstanding games to play in the Reserve Legue West. However, pressure to complete their Premier Reserve League fixtures and with the Reserve League Cup also still in progress, means time is running out.

The season officially ends this Saturday so it's obvious that the Reserve League West will NOT be completed in that time with 12 matches overall still to be played.

The Scottish League Management Committee have written to all the clubs involved in the league, urging them to do their utmost to fulfill their fixture lists. And league secretary Jim Farry praised the club for their efforts.

"Rangers have fitted a lot of matches into their schedule. Unfortunately, their involvement in the Reserve League Cup means they cannot play any West League matches this week. I can't say at this stage what will happen.

Points

"The matter will be fully discussed by the management committee and the league could either be declared void or Rangers could be awarded the title as they are leading."

Rangers did not take part in the first section of the Reserve League West last year, which was won by Celtic, but they need only three points to clinch the second half. The three games they have left are against Dumbarton (home) and Morton and Celtic (both away).

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Dates and venues

● Rangers will fly out to Australia on Tuesday, May 22, and our map guides you on all the venues.

27th May, 1 — Melbourne, Australian XI; 31st May, 2 — Brisbane, Australian XI; 2nd June, 3 — Sydney, Australian XI; 5th June, 4 — Adelaide, Australian XI; 7th June, 5 — Newcastle, New South Wales State XI; 9th June, 6 — Auckland, Auckland XI; 13th June, 7 — Minneapolis, unconfirmed; 15th June, 8 — Hamilton, unconfirmed; 17th June, 9 — Toronto, unconfirmed.

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HUGH'S FIVE YEAR PLAN!

HUGH BURNS will this week commit himself to Rangers until he is 23 years old at least when he puts his signature to a five-year contract offered by the club.

The 18-year-old Larkhall player, who can operate in defence or midfield, has made his mark in the Rangers first team this season under Jock Wallace and collected a League Cup winners medal into the bargain.

And with the news that Hugh has been withdrawn from the Scottish Under-18 squad to travel to the European Championship finals in Russia as he is required for the Light Blues world tour, it's clear he is a key figure in future first team plans.

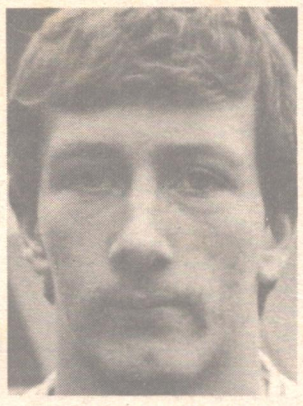
It's a situation Hugh could never dreamed of finding himself in not so long ago and his delight was clear as he talked to the "News" last week.

Incredible

"It's incredible how well things are going for me now. I think back to about a year ago when I thought I was going to be freed by Rangers but managed to stay on the groundstaff while being farmed out to Cambuslang.

"NOW I'M A FULL-TIME PLAYER, I'VE PLAYED IN A LEAGUE CUP FINAL, I'VE GOT A GREAT CONTRACT WITH THE CLUB AND TO CAP IT ALL I'M GOING ON A WORLD TOUR. IT'S TOTALLY UNBELIEVABLE.

"I've been to places like Holland, Germany, France and Belgium with various youth sides but this will be something else altogether. The experience I should gain from this trip will prove invaluable."



● HUGH BURNS

Although he is looking forward so much to jetting out for Australia, Canada, New Zealand and America with Rangers, Hugh does admit to a tinge of regret over pulling out of the Scotland youth squad.

"I thought the boss would make my decision for me but he asked me if I would like to go with Scotland or with Rangers. I had no hesitation at all in saying I wanted to go with the club — I couldn't possibly make any other decision.

"I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE BEEN WITH SCOTLAND. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I LOVE PLAYING FOR MY COUNTRY AND I KNOW THAT THE MANAGER DOESN'T LIKE HIS PLAYERS TO MISS INTERNATIONALS.

"But I think Andy Roxburgh, although he has said it's a blow, is well covered with Rab Shannon of Dundee, who is a good player and I'm sure they will do well in Russia.

"I'll be keeping an ear open for their results but my first priority is to learn everything I can on this trip with Rangers and hopefully take part in as many of the games as I can. It can't come soon enough."

One star who won't be going . . .

ONE PLAYER who WON'T be going with Rangers on their world tour is midfielder Robert Prytz.

The 24-year-old Swedish star will be on international duty with his country as they play a number of friendlies in Sweden's most thorough preparation ever for their World Cup campaign.

The Swedes kick off their qualifying matches for Mexico on May 23 when they play Malta at home, but they started their warm-up last Wednesday night with a goalless draw against Switzerland in Zurich.

Robert told the "News": "We played really well and should have won about two or three nil. It was just our finishing which let us down. I missed a good chance myself, but played quite well apart from that.

"It's the best side Sweden have had for a long, long time and we are all very confident we can get to Mexico in 1986 and do well in the tournament. It's great being part of the squad.

Good

"It's a pity I'm missing the world tour, but my contract has the clause that I have to be released for my country and we have a lot of matches coming up including a couple of games against Denmark which should be a good test for us."

This season has been a disappointing one for Robert. He had just established himself in the side under Jock Wallace and was playing well when he received the suspension which kept him out of the League Cup Final.

"That was really hard to take as my form was pretty good then and I missed the chance to win my first medal with Rangers. Things haven't gone well for me recently, but I'm hopeful that they will improve next season."



● ROBERT PRYTZ

KEEP UP TO DATE

SUNDAY

Liverpool striker, Ian Rush, is voted English Footballer of the Year for the second year in a row by the Football Writers Association.

MONDAY

Partick Thistle boss, Peter Cormack, announces that he is to leave the club at the end of the season.

Scottish internationalist, Ian Wallace signs for French First Division side Brest for £100,000 from Nottingham Forest.

TUESDAY

Hearts chairman, Wallace Mercer, announces that manager Alex MacDonald is to receive a testimonial match, against Rangers, at Tynecastle on May 15th.

WEDNESDAY

Willie Miller is voted Scottish Footballer of the Year by Scottish Football Writers. Aberdeen win the Premier League Championship for the third time. They beat Hearts 1-0 at Tynecastle by a McKimmie goal.



● BILLY THOMSON

THURSDAY

Manchester United offer Aberdeen £600,000 for international midfield star, Gordon Strachan. AC Milan offer Manchester United £1.3 million for English international Ray Wilkins.

St. Mirren's international goalkeeper, Billy Thomson, is offered terms by the club to stay at Love Street for next season. The player has been linked with Dundee United.

THEIR STAGE!

Peter signs again —and looks ahead to another tour

PETER McCloy will celebrate his 38th birthday on November 26 this year. And if all goes according to plan, he will be keeping goal for Rangers' first team!

The Light Blues' longest serving player, who has made more first team appearances than any other Rangers keeper, has just signed a new one-year contract and looks likely to go on the summer tour to Australia, New Zealand and America.

Peter has seen it all before in his 14 years at Ibrox — but is looking forward to this trip as much as he has for any tour before.

When Jock Wallace brought Nicky Walker to Ibrox last December, it looked as though this might be Peter's last season in the game —but he confounded the critics yet again with another comeback which has seen him in fine form recently.

Peter, in fact, has kept no less than 27 clean sheets in the first team this season which goes as far as anything to prove that he has lost none of the agility and skill he had when he signed on at Ibrox in 1970.

Happy

He told the 'News': "I'm enjoying my football as much as ever and I'm delighted that I'm going to be here for another year. My form has made me happy enough in my own mind that I'm still good enough and, happily, the manager agrees.

"I'VE HAD MY FAIR SHARE OF CRITICS OVER THE YEARS BUT I'M EXPERIENCED ENOUGH NOT TO LET IT BOTHER ME. I LET THE JUDGEMENT OF THE MANAGER AND MYSELF INFLUENCE ME — THAT'S WHAT MATTERS."

At the moment, it looks as if Peter will be Rangers' first choice keeper next season, so the world tour is obviously important for him in terms of impressing Jock Wallace.

"If I'm going, I'll make sure I enjoy the tour. I've been to most of the places before and I'm looking forward to going back. We should be in for some very tough games over there.

"The teams in all the places we are playing will be just starting their season so they'll be fresh and obviously keen to put one over on us. The hard pitches will be in their favour too.

"The games will be very competitive and the manager will be using them as an ideal way of trying out various experiments, especially with the younger players.

"I'm sure that if I go, I won't be playing in all the games.

"Two keepers will be in the squad and it's too far away to arrange a replacement if anything goes wrong. Most of the trips I have been on have had two keepers, although I can remember one occasion in Canada when we were almost in trouble.

Drama

"I went over badly on my ankle and it was thought I would have to go off. But we only had one keeper with us, so I decided to hobble on although Derek Johnstone, who's a useful keeper, was prepared to go in. We managed to draw that game 1-1."

Hopefully, there will be no such dramas on this tour.



● PETER McCLOY . . . right on cue for another tour with Rangers.

IT'S A FACT

☐ ***On Rangers last world tour, in 1975, they played eight matches in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. They won five, drew one and lost two of the matches.***

☐ ***The teams they defeated were British Columbia, New Zealand Select, Sydney Select, Victoria and South Australia. Brisbane Select and Western Australia were the sides who beat the Light Blues and they drew with Canterbury.***

☐ ***Derek Johnstone, Derek Parlane and Bobby McKean were Rangers top scorers on that tour, with four goals apiece. Others came from Alex MacDonald (2), Graham Fyfe (2), Colin Stein (2), John Greig and Alex Miller.***



● Rangers will be in semi-final action on Scotsport tomorrow night (Thursday) at 10.35 p.m.

That's when you can see the three lads from the Armadale Rangers Supporters Club pitting their sporting knowledge against Dundee Labour Club in the first semi-final of the Scotsport Quiz.

The club, who are competing for the fourth time in the competition, are represented by, from left to right, Colin Cunningham, Jimmy Robb, David Easton and John Kidd with the show's organiser Larry Marshall and his assistant beside him.

Captain of the side is David Easton who lives in Forester Road, Armadale. He's single and is employed as a shop-fitter. John Kidd, Harestanes Road, Armadale, is married with one daughter and is a vehicle assembler at British Leyland, Bathgate.

Completing the trio is Jim Robb, Beechwood Road, Blackburn, who is also employed at British Leyland and is married. Colin Cunningham, the team's reserve, is an insurance agent and is married.

The lads are hoping to go one better than their efforts two years ago when they were beaten semi-finalists in the contest.



News from all the reserve and boys club matches

WEE JOHN SETTLES IT!

MacDonald goal sinks Saints

A LATE GOAL from John MacDonald, his 18th of the season in the second eleven, took Rangers reserves into the semi-final of the Reserve League Cup.

John's dramatic strike in the 81st minute clinched a 2-1 win against St. Mirren at Love Street in the last eight tie and the Light Blues now face Hamilton Accies tonight at Ibrox, for a place in the final against either Dundee United or Forfar.

Rangers were on top in the first half of a hard fought match but had only a one goal lead to show for it. That came in the 25th minute from the man with the golden touch at the moment, Eric Ferguson.

Fergie, with his sixth goal in five matches, made a diagonal run from the right hand side of the field to the left and screwed a good shot past Billy Thomson from about 16 yards.

Thomson, in fact, prevented St. Mirren from being further behind at the break with two great saves from MacDonald and Fleck. In addition, Colin McAdam saw two headers cleared off the line.

The second half was more evenly balanced and St. Mirren equalised in the 65th minute through a good header from 12 yards by Ian Cameron.

Ten minutes later, there was concern for Rangers when Derek Ferguson was carried off with an ankle injury to be replaced by Andrew Kennedy.

Shortly afterwards, however, came the goal that clinched victory.

John MacDonald jinked his way past two St. Mirren defenders and fired in a low shot which took a deflection before entering the net with Billy Thomson helpless.

Said John Hagart: "It was a good performance and we could have won it even more convincingly. Billy Davies played very well indeed and he gets my 'young man-of-the-match' vote."

RANGERS: Walker, MacKinnon, MacFarlane, Burns, McAdam, B. Davies, E. Ferguson, D. Ferguson, Fleck, Munro, MacDonald. Subs.: Mitchell (for Fleck 70 mins) and Kennedy (for D. Ferguson 75).

St Mirren.....1
Rangers.....2

Fergie grabs 100th goal

St. Johnstone.....3
Rangers 3

A DOUBLE from Eric Ferguson, helped Rangers reserves earn a point in a re-arranged Premier Reserve League match against St. Johnstone at Muirton Park last Tuesday.

Fergie opened the scoring for the colts and took the honour of netting their 100th goal in the Premier League this season. But their overall performance didn't totally please coach John Hagart.

"We played well in the first half but fell right out of the match in the second half and let them take control."

Broke

Rangers took the lead for the first time in the 20th minute. Eric Ferguson raced in to head home a cross from Ian Durrant on the right from six yards.

St. Johnstone equalised six minutes later, but the Light Blues regained their lead in the 30th minute. Andrew Kennedy cut inside from the left and fired a great shot into the roof of the net.

St. Johnstone, however, broke away again as Rangers tried to stretch their lead and made it 2-2 in the 37th minute. But the Ibrox colts took a 3-2 half time lead when Eric Ferguson turned well on the edge of the box to score with three minutes of the half left.

The second half saw Rangers lose their rhythm and it looked inevitable that St. Johnstone would snatch a point – as they did in the 75th minute.

RANGERS: Stewart, Burns, MacFarlane, Stevens, McAdam, B. Davies, E. Ferguson, Durrant, Kennedy, Munro, Lindsay. Subs.: Mitchell (for Durrant 55 mins.) and Connor (for Lindsay 70).



● ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON . . . Centre half Willie Watson clears up this Hearts attack under pressure from Colin Scott, Mark Tomassi and Paddy Neilson, with team-mate Ian McDougall looking on.



● HEARTBREAKER . . . Hearts keeper Gyler is left helpless as Ian Durrant gives Rangers the lead with Gary Sutherland looking on.

Ian's the hero—again!

Hearts.....0
Rangers 3

RANGERS UNDER-18's, fresh from their successful trip to Dusseldorf, reached the final of the first ever BP Youth Cup when they comfortably defeated Hearts at Tynecastle last Sunday.

Ian Durrant, who was the youths' goalscoring hero in Germany, did it again when he netted a double in the Light Blues win, which took them through to the final against Celtic.

Awkward

Ian Durrant was the youngster who gave Rangers their 1-0 half time lead when he harried the Hearts keeper into fumbling an awkward through ball and calmly slotted it into the net from six yards.

Ten minutes into the second half, the young Light Blues put themselves firmly into the driving seat when a superb pass from Derek Ferguson found Robert Fleck, who cracked in a fine shot from 12 yards.

The Ibrox side always looked the better side and the few chances Hearts did create were well snuffed out by keeper John Thomson and his defence.

With 15 minutes of the match left, Ian Durrant put a more realistic face on the scoreline when he again took advantage of a goalkeeping error to shoot home from close range.

RANGERS: Thomson, MacFarlane, Halliday, Burns, Watson, McDougall, Moore, D. Ferguson, Fleck, D. Williamson, Durrant. Subs.: Nisbett (for Williamson, 70 mins) and Gibson (not used).

Another good show by Colts

Dundee.....1 Rangers 3

RANGERS may have already clinched the Premier Reserve League championship title, but they are clearly intent on finishing with as many points as they can.

They turned in another good display on Friday evening to easily beat Dundee at Dens Park. And it was a performance which pleased coach John Hagart.

"We had out a very young side and I was very happy with them," he said afterwards. "We were in command right from the start and Dundee only scored in the very late stages."

Davie Mitchell opened the scoring in the 15th minute when he shot home from close range after a good run along the bye-line by Andy Kennedy, who then sent over a low cross.

In the 30th minute, Andy put his own name on the scoresheet when he got the ball 16 yards out, turned sharply and drove fiercely into the net.

Excellent

The Light Blues were playing some exellent one-touch football and it was no surprise when they increased their lead in the 54th minute through David MacFarlane, who headed home a Connor corner.

With just six minutes left, the Dens Park team pulled a goal back, but Rangers had already made sure of the points.

RANGERS: Bruce, Newman, Leeman, Burns, Watson, MacFarlane, Fleck, Durrant, Mitchell, Kennedy, Connor. Subs: Lindsay (for Connor, 55 mins), J. Davies (for Durrant, 60).

● Rangers will be presented with the Premier Reserve championship trophy before this Saturday's reserve match againsts Hibs at Ibrox.

Mac the knife cuts it so fine

Auchengill.....0 Rangers 1

RANGERS Amateur Boys Club, after 200 gruelling minutes of football, reached the final of the Scottish Amateur Cup last week by knocking out holders Auchengill Boys Club in the semi.

On Sunday, April 29, at Tinto Park, the Ibrox under-15's were on top for much of the game but couldn't pierce a stiff Auchengill defence and the match finished goal-less after extra time.

The line-up in the first match was (4-3-3): Crawford, Harvey, Buchanan, Jeffrey, Paton; Hastie, Miller, Byrne; Gray, Tierney, McPherson. Subs: Robertson (for Hastie, 50 min.) and Sharp (not used.

So to the replay at Lochburn Park, Maryhill, last Thursday night with Auchengill slight favourites to reach the final. It proved to be another hard fought, physical battle with both sides showing signs of tension and nerves.

Dramatic

Again, there were no goals in normal time, but with three minutes of extra-time left, Angus McPherson scored a dramatic winner to take Rangers through to a final show-down with Renfrew Waverley.

Jim Harvey was the player who set the goal up, bursting through from midfield and passing the ball to his left for Angus McPherson to race past two defenders and neatly slip the ball past the keeper.

Said club secretary Bobby Dinnie: "It was a real nail-biter of a game but in the end it worked out well for us. I'm absolutely delighted for the boys"

RANGERS: Crawford, Thomson, Buchanan, Jeffrey, Paton; Harvey, Miller, McPherson, Gray, Tierney, Byrne. Subs: Allan (for Gray 45 min.) and Hastie (for Tierney 50).

RANGERS ASSOCIATION BOYS' CLUB

Cheers for young McCaskill's treble!

● Due to the Easter break, there were no games played two weeks ago.

Last Sunday, however, the Under 13's and Under 15's were in action.

At Dalsetter Drumchapel, the Under 13's were playing Tennants Athletic and won 6-2. McCaskill hit a hat-trick, Corbet scored two and McLeod netted the other goal.

The team was: Gough, McNally, Carswell, McFarlane, McCafferty, Mulholland, Corbet, Donnely, Lange, McLeod, McCaskill. Substitutes: McMillan and McFarlane.

At Cardonald, the Under 15's were playing in the second round of the Summer Cup against St. Andrew's BC and won 1-0, with Barclay hitting the goal.

The team was: McKenzie, Bender, Wylie, Cunningham, Thornton, Hanley, McCann, Barclay, Semple, Sandford, Butler. The substitute Sidwell.

RANGERS AMATEUR BOYS CLUB

Edinburgh invite for babes

● **Rangers' successful under-15 side have been invited to take part in the prestigious Edinburgh Festival Tournament later this year, which is organised annually by Tynecastle Boys Club.**

Meanwhile, the boys' quest for the Scottish Under-15 Amateur League title received an unexpected boost last Monday when their 100 per cent record was maintained when Possil YM conceded the points because they were unable to field a team for the re-arranged fixture.

Back in time . . . with the news from 5, 25 and 50 years ago

BOBBY'S MAIN CHANCE

His goal clinches 'Grand Slam'

May 9-15, 1934

RANGERS had the opportunity to finish off their season in style fifty years ago this week.

And they did — winning the Glasgow Charity Cup by beating arch rivals Celtic 1-0 in the Hampden final on May 12. And the goal, scored by Bobby Main, meant Rangers had won EVERY first team competition they had entered for, the Light Blues having already lifted the League Championship, the Scottish Cup and the Glasgow Cup.

However, despite the win, it was the Rangers defence which was in top form against Celtic, with Dougie Gray and Davie Meiklejohn the two outstanding Ibrox players. Time after time they prevented their opponents taking the lead.

Fine

And their efforts were rewarded in the 77th minute when Bobby Main, another one of the club's top men on the day, gave Rangers the lead with a fine goal.

He was standing 35 yards out in the middle of the park when the ball was crossed to him. He met it with his right foot and thumped a powerful shot that gave Kennaway no chance.

Just before the goal, Celtic had their best chance of the game when they hit the crossbar. Crum, who had a clear view of goal, tried to lob the ball over Dawson, but his effort was too high and came down at the last minute to hit the bar.

Serious

The line ups were:

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Marshall, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.

CELTIC: Kennaway, Hogg, McGonagle, Morrison, Geatons, Hughes, Crum, McDonald, F. O'Connell, Divers, H. O'Connell.

In the Rosebank Charity Cup, Hearts beat Hibernian 2-1 at Tynecastle and, in the Paisley Charity Cup, Albion Rovers beat St. Mirren 4-3.

The result of the Foursomes in the Walker Cup being played at St. Andrews was 3-1 to United States.

The League Management Committee fined Ayr United secretary, Alec Gibson, for not having his free — transfer list completed in time. It was considered a very serious crime, so he was fined £1.

A gang fight broke out in Glasgow's Washington Street and Anderston Quay. One man had a bottle smashed over his head while another had to be taken to hospital after he had been slashed by a razor.

Secret

In New York, the zoo were offering £5,000 to anyone who could catch the Loch Ness Monster, but people in Inverness said "Nessy" was worth at least ten times that figure.

The most feared man in the USSR died. Mr Menjinsky, head of the secret police, was part of the Russian government but moved to the KGB and became responsible for arresting British spies in Moscow, as well as making it legal to arrest or exile a person without a trial.

A snake was discovered by a Glasgow fruit merchant as he was unloading bananas from a van. The snake measured six feet and three inches and was thought to have originated from South Africa, where the fruit had come from. Thinking the snake was going to bite him, the merchant battered it to death with a stick.

Nearly a third of the United States of America was covered in a huge dust cloud. From the Mid-West to the city of New York it was nearly pitch dark because of the dust. Farmers said that all their crops were killed off and they had lost a lot of cattle as well. The reason for the dust wasn't known.

Starred

There were a lot of kidnappings in the USA. A great manhunt involving 5,000 policemen was taking place in Southern California. They were looking for William Gettle, an oil magnate. His kidnappers were wanting £15,000 ransom.

There was plenty to go and see for movlegoers all over the country. In Glasgow, Laurel and Hardy were starring in "Fraternally Yours" at the Scala. In the Caley Picture House in Edinburgh, William Powell was starring in "The Kennel Murder Case".

In Dundee, at the Kinnaird, Ronald Colman was in "Masquerade" and at the Regent in Aberdeen, Buster Crabbe starred in "Girl of my dreams".

GREAT DANE!

May 9-15, 1959

JIMMY Millar was Rangers' great star in Denmark this week 25 years ago.

He came on as a substitute at the start of the second half of Rangers' first game against Frem of Copenhagen — and scored all four of the Light Blues' goals.

After a non-eventful first half, Jimmy replaced the injured Max Murray at half-time, and the switch paid off in dramatic fashion.

The Rangers' substitute put the Light Blues in the lead six minutes after McMillan slipped the ball through a wall of players and Millar was there to slot it past the keeper.

A few minutes later and Millar scored again. He picked up the ball just inside Frem's half and ran to the edge of the Danish area before firing a fierce shot that hit the underside of the bar and bounced over the line.

In the 67th minute Millar completed his hat-trick. Scott, working his way up the park, passed to McMillan and the inside forward tricked his way past three opponents. He then squared the ball to Millar, who lashed at it and the ball hit the back of the net.

Mistake

In the 80th minute, Millar hit his fourth. Brand placed himself in an excellent scoring position, but gave the ball to Millar, who again made no mistake.

FREM: Larsen, Bastholm, Petersen, Hansen, Lees, Schome, Jorgensen, Petersen, Andersen, Sorensen, Larsen.

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Murray, Brand, Matthew, McColl replaced Davis and Millar replaced Murray. Att. — 14,000.

Two days later (May 14th), the Light Blues were in Jutland to play Vejle. It was a mixed match for Rangers. They looked as if they were cruising to a fine win, but ended up drawing 2-2.

It didn't take the Light Blues long before they scored — five minutes to be exact. McMillan took a free-kick 20 yards out, and the ball went into the net without touching any player. But the goal was disallowed because the free-kick was indirect.

Four minutes later, Rangers were awarded a similar free-kick — and this time made it count. Stevenson judged the ball perfectly for Millar's head and scored easily.

The 12,000 crowd were soon on their feet however, when the Danes equalised. The ball went to the unmarked Meyer, who cut inside the defence at a fantastic speed and powerfully hit a left foot shot past Niven.

The 13th minute saw the Light Blues regain the lead again. Brand was fouled by Jorgansen inside the box and Caldow scored with the spot-kick.

The home side, though, equalised again in the 80th minute. Shearer only half cleared a shot on the edge of the six yard box, but Gnokson hit it straight back in the opposite corner, and Niven was beaten.

Talks

Vejle: E. Sorensen, Johansen, Jensen, Boulsen, Jorgansen, K. Sorensen, Andersen, Troelsen, Enoksen, Skaaning, Meyer.

Rangers: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, Stevenson, Telfer, Baird, Scott, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Matthew.

Att. — 12,000.

In front of 200,000 fans in the Maracana Stadium, England were beaten 2-0 by Brazil.

Nineteen-year-old Jimmy "the kid" Greaves was picked for his first cap for England in Peru on the English tour.

Back home Motherwell's Ian St John wasn't having such a great time. He was fired as an apprentice fitter along with six other apprentices for taking an unofficial tea break! He and the six others were reinstated later in the week after they had appealed.

FINAL SLOWDOWN

THE BIG Cup Final showdown five years ago this week was between Rangers and Hibs. But it finished up more of a SLOWDOWN.

Frankly, the match was a bore, with few real moments of excitement for either sets of fans.

Derek Parlane rattled a header off the bar, while Davie Cooper was prevented from scoring on two occasions by fine saves from Jim McArthur.

Gordon Smith also missed a good chance when the ball hit his knees in front of goal and McArthur was again able to save.

Bobby Russell also passed up an opportunity to score when he hesitated in front of goal and Rangers could have paid dearly for those missed chances when, with only six minutes left, Colin Campbell caught the Ibrox defence on the hop.

He had enough time to fire in a fierce drive but, fortunately for Rangers, McCloy had spotted the danger and, having come off his line, he brilliantly punched the ball wide for a corner.

That was the end of the action and the teams had to make the return journey for a replay, which was scheduled for May 16.

The line-ups:

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

HIBERNIAN: McArthur, Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Hutchinson, MacLeod, Campbell, Callachan, Higgins. Subs: Rae (for Hutchinson), Brown (not used).

Attendance: 50,610.

Sacked

In the FA Cup Final at Wembley, Arsenal took on Manchester United and won 3-2. Scorers were Talbot (12 mins), Stapleton (44), Sunderland (89), McQueen (87), McIlroy (88).

Jock Stein announced his pool of players for the home internationals, It was: Buchan (Manchester United), Burley (Ipswich), Dalglish (Liverpool), Graham (Leeds United), Hansen (Liverpool), Harvey (Leeds United), Hartford (Manchester City), Hegarty (Dundee United), Jardine (Rangers), Jordon (Manchester United), Kennedy (Aberdeen), McGarvey (Liverpool), McQueen (Manchester United), Munro (St Mirren), Narey (Dundee United), Rough (Partick Thistle), Russell (Rangers), Souness (Liverpool), Wallace (Coventry), Ward (Ipswich) and Wood (Everton).

May 9-15, 1979

Ally Dawson was picked for the Scotland Under-21 pool.

QPR sacked manager Steve Burtenshaw, and Tommy Docherty was re-instated for the second time as their manager.

Kenny Dalglish was voted 'Player of the Year' in England.

Conquer

Plans were being made to conquer Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis — by car. The summit of 4,400 feet was the target of Englishman Ken Myles.

At the cinemas you could go and see Gregory Peck, James Mason and Lawrance Olivier in "The Boys From Brazil" at the Odeon. At the ABC, Michael Beck was starring in the "Warriors."

You could go and see The Police at the Apollo, Glasgow, for £2, or Status Quo for £5, £4, £3.50 or what about Boney M for £6.50, £5.50 and £4.50.

Top of the hit parade this week five years ago was at number one "Pop Muzik" by M, at number two Art Garfunkel still had "Bright Eyes" and at number three Boney M were singing "Hooray, Hooray it's a holliholiday."

How they stood . . .



● DEREK PARLANE . . . his header hit the bar.

1934

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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

1959

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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

1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	36	20	6	9	57	35	46
Dundee Utd	36	18	8	10	56	37	44
Rangers	33	17	9	7	48	29	43
Aberdeen	36	13	14	9	59	36	40
St Mirren	36	15	6	15	45	41	36
Morton	36	12	12	12	52	53	36

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Draws have killed Ibrox title bid

Rangers 2
Dundee 2

IF DUNDEE are to be relegated to the First Division you might think Rangers wouldn't be too disappointed about it.

For on Saturday the Dens Park men once again proved to be the side the Light Blues seem to find hardest to beat when they took a point from what was, for them, a crucial match.

It was the third league point Dundee have taken from Rangers this season and, added to the Scottish Cup defeat they handed out at Ibrox in March, it's hard to see why they are struggling to beat the drop.

Escape

For long spells at Ibrox on Saturday it looked as though Rangers were going to make Dundee's escape bid even harder as they dominated long periods of the match without ever threatening to produce a landslide win.

As it was, the Light Blues went into the lead twice, only for Dundee to peg back the advantage on both occasions, which must leave Jock Wallace wondering what has happened to his side's killer touch after three successive draws against St Mirren, Dundee United and Dundee.

Certainly they had the chances to make sure of both points on both occasions they took the lead against Dundee.

Bullet

The first of those came in the 27th minute when Davie Cooper flighted in a perfect free kick from the left for Ian Redford to bullet a header past Geddes from just inside the six-yard box.

That was all that separated the sides at half-time, and just before the hour mark Dundee equalised in superb style, McKinley lofting the ball brilliantly over McCloy from 20 yards from McInally's cut-back.

Rangers, however, still looked the more dangerous side and it came as no surprise when they regained the lead in the 69th minute.

AND WHAT A GOOD GOAL IT WAS, TOO!

Signal

Substitute Billy Davies flicked a clever pass through to Bobby Russell and he made for the bye-line before whipping over a low cross which Davie Cooper slammed into the net from ten yards.

It should have been the signal for Rangers to go on and clinch a comfortable win but, in the 78th minutes, Dundee scored the final goal of the game which left more than a few questions being asked about the Rangers defence.

Harris slipped a seemingly harmless ball through from midfield which somehow got past the static Ibrox rearguard and McCall couldn't believe his luck as he ran on to slot the ball past McCloy from eight yards.

It left Dundee needing just one point from their last two matches to avoid relegation.

It also left Rangers pondering on the fact that another draw —their 10th of the season — was the very reason their championship hopes faltered many months ago . . .

Fact-file

SATURDAY, MAY 5
RANGERS 2
DUNDEE.....2
Scorers: Rangers — Redford (26 mins), Cooper (69); Dundee — McKinlay (59), McCall (78). Att: 16,000.
RANGERS: McCloy, Fraser, McClelland, McPherson, McAdam, Redford, Russell, Prytz, Williamson, McCoist, Cooper. Subs: B. Davies (for Redford, 68 mins), E. Ferguson (for McCoist, 68).
DUNDEE: Geddes, McInally, McKinlay, McGeachie, Smith, Glennie, Kidd, Richardson, McCall, Shannon, Ferguson. Subs: Harris (for Shannon, 53), Hendry (for Kidd, 73).
Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr).
Booked: Kidd, Smith, McInally (Dundee), McAdam, McPherson (Rangers).
Man of the match — David Cooper.

● **GOALDEN BOY . . . Ian Redford acclaims his opening goal as Davie McPherson and Bobby Williamson prepare to congratulate him. Jim Smith is the dejected Dundee player.**





● **ABOVE: SOCCER'S A KICK IN THE GRASS . . . Bobby Williamson takes a tumble following a challenge from Rab Shannon.**

● **LEFT: HAVING A BALL . . . at least that's what it looks like for John McClelland as he tries to outjump Jim Smith.**

● **RIGHT: SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY . . . Ian MacDonald slips in to dispossess Davie McPherson.**



OINT TO PONDER!



NG HIS FOOT IN IT . . . Bobby Russell gets a foot to the ball as Jim McInally tries to round him.



● ON THE RUN . . . Bobby Williamson tries to speed past Jim Smith.



N THE MARK . . . Davie Cooper blasts home Rangers' second goal, despite the late arrival of Jim McInally.



● HOLD IT . . . Ally McCoist tries to prevent Rab Shannon reaching a loose ball.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	33	25	5	3	76	18	55
Celtic	35	21	7	7	79	40	49
Dundee Utd.	33	18	9	6	65	36	45
Rangers	33	14	10	9	51	40	38
Hearts	34	9	15	10	36	46	33
St. Mirren	35	8	14	13	52	57	30
Hibernian	35	12	6	17	45	55	30
Dundee	34	10	4	20	47	73	24
St. Johnstone	35	10	3	22	36	79	23
Motherwell	35	4	7	24	31	74	15

● Not including Dundee United v Aberdeen on Monday.

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morton	38	20	12	6	72	44	52
Dumbarton	38	20	11	7	66	41	51
Partick	38	18	8	12	65	49	44
Clydebank	38	16	12	10	60	48	44
Brechin	38	14	13	11	54	56	41
Kilmarnock	38	16	6	16	55	50	38
Falkirk	38	16	6	16	45	52	38
Clyde	38	12	13	13	53	49	37
Airdrie	38	13	9	16	45	53	35
Hamilton	38	10	14	14	42	46	34
Meadowbank	38	12	10	16	48	67	34
Ayr United	38	9	12	17	53	70	30
Raith Rovers	38	9	11	18	51	61	29
Alloa	38	8	9	21	41	64	25

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar	38	26	9	3	71	31	61
East Fife	38	19	7	12	55	41	45
Q.O.S.	38	16	10	12	50	43	42
Arbroath	38	18	6	14	51	45	42
Berwick	38	15	11	12	58	38	41
Stirling A.	38	13	14	11	48	41	10
Stenhousemuir	38	14	11	13	46	54	39
Stranraer	38	13	12	13	46	45	38
Dunfermline	38	13	10	15	44	43	36
Queen's Park	38	13	8	17	55	62	34
E. Stirling	38	10	11	17	48	62	31
Montrose	38	12	7	19	36	57	31
Cowdenbeath	38	9	9	20	40	55	27
Albion R.	38	7	11	20	45	76	25

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	34	27	2	5	105	41	56
Dundee United	34	9	7	8	67	48	45
Celtic	33	19	3	11	80	47	41
St. Mirren	34	17	5	12	59	53	39
Aberdeen	34	13	9	12	59	48	35
Dundee	34	10	11	13	40	61	31
Hibs	34	9	8	17	56	81	26
St. Johnstone	35	9	9	17	47	67	27
Hearts	33	8	7	18	34	59	23
Motherwell	34	6	6	22	34	75	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
Hamilton	11	6	2	3	18	15	14
Celtic	9	6	1	2	24	14	13
Clydebank	11	6	1	4	19	20	13
Morton	9	5	2	2	19	11	12
Clyde	12	6	0	6	21	15	12
Kilmarnock	13	6	0	7	23	22	12
Dumbarton	10	4	1	5	17	20	9
Falkirk	11	4	0	7	19	19	8
Airdrie	12	2	4	6	25	32	8
Ayr United	12	3	2	7	18	35	8
Dunfermline	13	3	1	9	14	30	7
Motherwell	12	1	3	8	15	32	5

Highland League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Caledonian	30	21	5	4	85	28	68
Keith	30	20	6	4	62	30	66
Peterhead	30	17	6	8	45	22	57
Elgin City	30	17	5	8	58	31	56
Buckie Th.	30	14	8	8	74	65	50
Inverness Th.	30	15	3	12	60	51	48
Brora Ran.	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
Clach.	30	9	7	14	55	63	34
Nairn Co.	30	8	9	13	57	57	33
Ross County	30	7	9	14	51	63	30
Deveronvale	30	8	5	17	38	67	29
Lossiemouth	30	7	4	20	27	82	25
Rothes	30	6	5	19	43	97	23

* Three pts for a win.

1st XI scorers

Ally McCoist	31
Sandy Clark	30
John MacDonald	13
Robert Prytz	13
Bobby Russell	13
Bobby Williamson	12
David McPherson	11
Ian Redford	11
Davie Cooper	10
David Mitchell	8
John McClelland	5
Craig Paterson	4
Colin McAdam	2
Billy Davies	2
Ally Dawson	1
David MacKinnon	1
Gregor Stevens	1
Billy Mackay	1
Derek Ferguson	1
Hugh Burns	1
Own goals	4

2nd XI scorers

John MacDonald	18
Eric Ferguson	17
Robert Fleck	17
Andrew Kennedy	16
Billy Davies	11
Billy Mackay	10
Robert Prytz	8
Colin McAdam	7
David Mitchell	7
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
David MacFarlane	2
Dougie Robertson	1
Ian Redford	1
Scott Fraser	1
Colin Lindsay	1
Own goals	2

Weekend results

PREMIER LEAGUE

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

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie	1	Dumbarton	4
Clyde	1	Falkirk	0
Hamilton	1	Meadowbank	2
Kilmarnock	3	Ayr	0
Morton	3	Alloa	0
Partick	1	Clydebank	1
Raith	6	Brechin	0

SECOND DIVISION

Albion R.	0	E. Stirling	1
Cowdenbeath	1	Forfar	2
East Fife	3	Q. Park	0
Montrose	2	Berwick	1
Q. of South	0	Stranraer	0
Stenhousemuir	2	Dunfermline	1
Stirling A.	0	Arbroath	1

BASS IRISH CUP FINAL

Ballymena	4	Carrick	1

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Celtic	1	Hearts	2
Motherwell	0	St. Johnstone	1
St. Mirren	3	Dundee U.	2
Dundee	1	Rangers	3

This week's games

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

UEFA CUP FINAL (first leg): Anderlecht v Tottenham Hotspur.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen v Rangers, Hearts v Dundee.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Derby County v Portsmouth.

SATURDAY

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Hibernian v Rangers; Celtic v Dundee United; Dundee v St. Johnstone; Motherwell v Hearts; St. Mirren v Aberdeen.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Alloa v Airdrie; Brechin v Clydebank; Clyde v Hamilton; Dumbarton v Ayr United; Falkirk v Partick Thistle; Meadowbank v Raith Rovers; Morton v Kilmarnock.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Arbroath v Albion Rovers; Berwick v Dunfermline; East Stirling v Cowdenbeath; Forfar v Montrose; Queen's Park v Stenhousemuir; Stirling Albion v Queen of the South; Stranraer v East Fife.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Birmingham v Southampton; Coventry v Norwich; Everton v QPR; Ipswich v Aston Villa; Leicester v Sunderland; Notts. County v Liverpool; Stoke v Wolves; Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United; Watford v Arsenal; West Bromwich Albion v Luton Town; West Ham United v Nottingham Forest.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Barnsley v Carlisle; Cardiff v Sheffield Wednesday; Crystal Palace v Blackburn; Fulham v Oldham; Grimsby v Chelsea; Leeds United v Charlton; Manchester City v Cambridge United; Middlesborough v Huddersfield; Newcastle v Brighton; Portsmouth v Swansea; Shrewsbury v Derby.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bournemouth v Bradford; Brentford v Walsall; Burnley v Wimbledon; Gillingham v Scunthorpe; Hull City v Bristol Rovers; Lincoln v Port Vale; Millwall v Exeter; Oxford v Rotherham; Plymouth v Orient; Preston v Bolton; Sheffield United v Newport; Wigan v Southend.

MONDAY

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Dundee United v Rangers.

TUESDAY

TESTIMONIAL: Hearts v Rangers.

Latest 'Player of the Year' news

JOHN McClelland and Davie Cooper continue to battle it out for the Rangers News/Clydesdale 'Player of the Year' award.

Davie is the leader with 26 points after winning Saturday's man of the match nomination, while John is three points behind after winning the vote in midweek against Dundee United.

Robert Fleck still leads the Reserves, but Hugh Burns moved closer after being John Hagart's choice against Dundee on Friday night.

The tables are:

FIRST TEAM

Davie Cooper	26
John McClelland	23
Sandy Clark	17
Bobby Russell	9
Robert Prytz	8
Colin McAdam	5
David McPherson	5
David Mitchell	3
Ally McCoist	3
Ian Redford	3
Derek Ferguson	3
John MacDonald	2

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

SECOND TEAM

Robert Fleck	20
Billy Davies	18
Hugh Burns	17
David MacFarlane	15
Derek Ferguson	9
Andy Bruce	6
Ian Durrant	6
Andrew Kennedy	4
Eric Ferguson	4
Kenny Black	3
Colin Lindsay	2

SENT-OFF: D. Davies, Kennedy, D. Williamson. Booked: Fraser (9), Black (6), B. Davies (4), Leeman (3), Kennedy (2), E. Ferguson (2), Burns (1), Fleck (1), D. Ferguson (1), Lindsay (1).

Cup clash for Colts

For those readers who get their 'News' on a Tuesday, admission to this evening's BP Youth Cup final between Rangers and Celtic at Parkhead is £1.50 for adults and £1 for boys for the stand, £1 and 50p for the terracing. Enter by London Road turnstiles only.

★★★

Tonight's (Wednesday) Reserve League Cup semi-final between Rangers and Hamilton Accies at Ibrox will go to extra-time and penalty-kicks if required. Tomorrow night (Thursday), the reserves face Hearts at Tynecastle in a Premier Reserve League clash (kick-off 7 p.m.).

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POOL SIX: 5 possibles, 18 goals, 4 winners. Each receive £500.
Winning combinations: 19, with four from 02, 04, 07, 31, 43.

● The golden bonus was not won and now stands at £2,000.

Saturday's results

● FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results. — Game:
01—0-1; 02—3-0; 03—1-2; 04—3-0; 05—3-2; 06—0-3; 07—3-0; 08—1-1; 09—0-0; 10—2-2; 11—0-1; 12—2-2; 13—3-1; 14—1-2; 15—1-2; 16—1-1; 17—2-2; 18—1-1; 19—6-0; 20—0-1; 21—1-0; 22—2-1; 23—2-0; 24—3-2; 25—3-2; 26—0-1; 27—3-1; 28—1-4; 29—0-3; 30—1-1; 31—3-0; 32—1-1; 33—2-2; 34—0-2; 35—1-0; 36—1-2; 37—1-3; 38—0-1; 39—2-1; 40—1-1; 41—1-0; 42—1-2; 43—3-0; 44—2-3.

This week's teams

● Team list for Saturday, May 12 is:
01 West Ham, 02 Barnsley, 03 Bournemouth, 04 Brentford, 05 Wigan A, 06 Bury, 07 Wrexham, 08 Celtic, 09 Hibernian, 10 Falkirk, 11 Meadowbank, 12 Birmingham, 13 Coventry, 14 Cardiff, 15 Crystal P., 16 Burnley, 17 Gillingham, 18 Doncaster, 19 Hereford, 20 St. Mirren, 21 Alloa, 22 Morton, 23 Berwick, 24 Everton, 25 Ipswich, 26 Fulham, 27 Grimsby, 28 Hull, 29 Lincoln, 30 Mansfield, 31 Peterboro, 32 Brechin, 33 Clyde, 34 Leicester, 35 Notts Co., 36 Manchester C., 37 Middlesbrough, 38 Millwall, 39 Plymouth, 40 Tranmere, 41 Stoke, 42 Watford, 43 Portsmouth, 44 Preston.

THE BACKROOM BOYS

BOB'S NEW JOB!

He's got to be a psychologist, too



● ICE COOL . . . Bob helps out young Derek Gibson with an ice pack for a leg knock.

AS HE approaches the end of his second season as a full-time physiotherapist with Rangers, Bob Findlay feels a great deal of satisfaction at how his career is progressing at Ibrox.

Bob, who joined the Light Blues from Raith Rovers in 1982, has adapted quickly and efficiently to the differences in working with a part-time and a full-time club.

In doing so, he has found he has had to adapt a secondary role to the players under his treatment — HE'S A PART-TIME PSYCHOLOGIST!

Depressed

Bob explains: "When a player is picking up injuries regularly, or is out with a long term knock, he naturally can get pretty depressed.

"So, as I'm seeing him to give him treatment every day, I do my best to cheer him up. If he feels good about it, his injury is more likely to heal quickly. And it helps me build up a better relationship with the player."

It didn't take Bob long to establish a harmonious relationship with the Ibrox players and that, he feels, has more than anything helped him make a success of his post with Rangers.

Respect

"It's vital to gain the confidence of anyone you are looking after and I would like to think I have done that pretty well here. I see the players nearly every day and go to any reserve matches when the first team aren't playing, so they see enough of me.

"Hopefully, it is a mutual thing and I have won their respect, which also makes my job much easier when I'm helping them with a difficult injury."

Although Bob is a fully qualified physio, he admits he is still learning all the time from various sources.

"It's the same as anything else, you NEVER know it all. I'm a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists and I receive a monthly journal from them which always provides useful and interesting things I can sometimes use.

"I can also pick up a lot of things from the club doctor, Donald Cruickshank, who comes to Ibrox every day. We discuss all the injuries there are and if there's something I'm not sure about I can lean on his experience — it's a good system."

One thing Bob makes absolutely sure of, although he is so involved with the club, is that he NEVER gets involved in the playing side of the team.

"I know NOTHING about that so I stay well away from the training ground and just concentrate on what I am paid for. At the games, I'm as worked up as anyone but, at the same time,



● MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE . . . Bob relaxes at home with his daughters, Elizabeth and Alison.



● MAGIC SPONGE . . . Colin McAdam feels the benefit of the most important part of any physio's equipment.

'Jock Wallace has a great understanding of injuries'

I'm always concentrating on who's taking knocks."

Satisfied

As far as facilities go, Bob is now quite satisfied with the equipment he has to use at Ibrox.

"I've got everything I need at the moment, but I know that if anything became available which would greatly help me get players fit quicker, then the boss would help me get it.

"He has a great understanding of injuries and the work I do and it's always clear between us about who is fit to play and who isn't.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying myself at Ibrox in every respect. I'm working on the type of knocks I have always wanted to and it's great being part of a club with so much going for it. LIFE COULDN'T BE BETTER, IN FACT."

NEXT WEEK: Stan Anderson

Happy birthday to our members

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

SATURDAY (APRIL 21st)
DAVID CAMPBELL, Bank of Scotland House, Lochaddy, North Uist who was nine.

TUESDAY (MAY 1st)
DEREK RUSSELL, 19 Martin Avenue, Mossblown, Ayrshire who was ten.
AGNES SPROUL, 30 Hillview Road, Eldersile, Johnstone who was 14.

FRIDAY (MAY 4th)
DAVID MEREDITH, 29 Kilmuir Road, Arden, Glasgow who was two.

SUNDAY (MAY 6th)
WILLIAM REID, Flat 9-6, 15 Linkwood Crescent, Drumchapel, who is one.

TODAY (MAY 9th)
STEPHEN CAMPBELL, 300 Peat Road, Nitshill, Glasgow who is nine.
ALAN HARVEY, 37 Maree Drive, Condorrat, Cumbernauld, who is 11.
ANDREW MacFARLANE, 4 Gadloch Gardens, Lenzie, Glasgow who is nine.
ALLISTAIR TODD, 51 Bray Road, Millhill — East, London who is five.
JANES McINNES, 39 Anderson Drive, Kilmarnock, who is 14.
ALAN HUTTON, 6 Abercairney Place, Blackford, who is 16.
GARY FALCONER, 10 Wiles Close, Waterbeach, Cambridge who is 14.
JAMES HANNEN, 17 Balcray Crescent, Barrhead, Glasgow who is 17.
JOHN WATSON, 79 Braidwood Place, Linwood, who is 15.
RICHARD CARTLEDGE, 924 Tollcross Road, Glasgow who is 11.

THURSDAY
DEREK TOWNSEND, 22 Fern Drive, Barrhead, Glasgow who is nine.
GARY PAUL, 1 Gran Street, Whitecroak, Clydebank, who is 15.
SCOTT SUTHERLAND, Cherrybank, Whitehouse, Alford, Aberdeen who is 15.
ALEX McGILL, 5-5 Broomloan Court, Ibrox, Glasgow who is 17.
TIMOTHY SCOTT, Nantrigg, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 16.
PAUL LAMBIE, 57 Durris Drive, Glenrothes who is two.
JOHN MACHINSKY, 24 Neill Street, Larkhall, who is six.
EDITH JOHNSTON, 16 Lamont Crescent, Fallin, Stirling, who is 14.
ALEXANDER SCOTT, 34 Approach Row, East Wemyss, Fife who is 16.
JASON BROWN, 8 Rankine Place, Johnstone, Renfrew, who is 13.
GREIG BLACK, 7 Cambusdoon Road, Craigend, who is six.
DEREK COOPER, 8 Raven Crescent, Buckhaven, Fife, who is eight.
MORAG KERR, Old Farm House, Kirkbudda, By Forfar, who is 17.
HAZEL DEANS, 259 West Road, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire who is 17.

FRIDAY
STUART MEIKLE, 94 Craignethan Crescent, Netherburn, Larhall, who is 13.
JAMIE FLETCHER, 700 Delestre, Coquitlam, British Columbia who is four.
DEREK CLARKSON, 3 Rowantree Gardens, Blairbeth, Rutherglen who is ten.
MICHAEL CLARK, 23 Home Place, Coldstream, who is 11.
MARK LEES, 10 Lady Street, Hilton Tain, Ross-shire who is 14.
MICHAEL ROSS, Kimberley Cottage, Invergordon, Ross-shire who is 11.
STEPHEN MORRISON, 12 St. Ninnian Drive, Inverness, who is 14.
PAUL REID, 15 Glebe Road, Inverkip, who is 15.
JAMES MacDONALD, 5 Tay Crescent, Glasgow who is 14.
SCOTT SMITH, 7 Tay Avenue, Dean Park Estate, Renfrew who is ten.
JACKY McDOUGALL, 14 White Street, Whitburn, West Lothian who is eight.
DEREK BAILLE, 15 Dryad Street, Carwadrick, Glasgow who is 12.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, 61 South Commonhead Avenue, Airdrie who is 17.
RUSSELL TUCKER, 7 Oliver Road, Falkirk, Stirlingshire who is 14.
ROY ELDER, 54 St. Leonard Road, Dundee who is 15.
JOHN MACK, 22 Glentyan Drive, Pollock who is 17.
ROSS HUNTER, 50 Ayr Road, Cumnock, who is 11.
GORDON KILPATRICK, 142 Downam Crescent, Prestwich, Manchester who is 16.

SATURDAY
GEORGE TOPPING, 60 Provest Gardens, South Queensferry, West Lothian who is 13.
JOHN CLARK, 48 Methen Avenue, Kilmarnock, who is 12.
MARK SWEETMORE, 43 North Port, Elgin, Morayshire, who is 13.
DEREK IRWIN, 3 Nightingale Place, Spateston, who is 11.
DEREK DEVLIN, 64 Heatherstane Way, Bourtreehill, Irvine who is ten.
TOMMY HUTCHINSON, 35 Torry Drive, Alva, Clacks, who is 13.
EVELYN BRAND, 21 Warolaw Crescent, Dunfermline who is eight.
MARK FORREST, 5 Elm Place, Greenhills, East Kilbride who is 16.
JAMES McGOLDRICK, 25 Duntocher Road, Dalmuir, who is nine.

● *If you are a Young Rangers Club member and would like to see your name published in this column, then simply write in and let us know.*

All you have to do is tell us your date of birth and your Young Rangers Club membership number, as well as your name and address, of course.

Send them in at least two weeks in advance and address your letters to: Birthdays, Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE.

JACK BURNS, 47 Wardie Road, Glasgow who is 13.
COLIN LATIMER, 99 Morven Avenue, Blantyre, Glasgow who is 14.
WILLIAM BEATTIE, 169 Rothesay Road, Blackburn, Lancashire who is 13.

SUNDAY
IAN FORBES, 26 Strathmore Street, Kinghorn, Fife who is ten.
ANDREW WILSON, 11 Beeston View, Kidsgrove who is 13.
ROGER DOWNEY, 35 Ballygallin Park, Coleraine, N. Ireland who is 14.
DAVID ARMSTRONG, 45 Cairnsmore Way, Bourtreehill, Irvine who is 17.
CLAIRE SMITH, 47 Whins Road, Alloa, who is four.
KYLE CARSON, 14 Braemar Avenue, Lurgon, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland who is 14.
STEVEN HUNTER, 12 Glen Tennent Hill, St. Leonards, East Kilbride who is 15.
STEPHEN COOPER, 1 Tay Avenue, Comrie, Perthshire who is 15.
ROBERT CLIFFORE, 151 Cairnwell Drive, Mastrick, Aberdeen who is two.
SEAN McKINNA, 24 Park Crescent, Carron, By Falkirk who is 14.
KELLY GOODWIN, 32 Gertrude Place, Barrhead who is six.
SCOTT KENNEDY, 56 Walker Road, Ayr who is 14.

MONDAY
DIANE PIRIE, 60 Irvine Drive, Linwood who is 15.
SCOTT WILLIAMSON, 39 Lunderston Drive, Househillwood, Pollock who is 13.
SANDY LIVINGSTONE, Lismore, Oban who is 16.
SUZANNE CREISHTON, 16 Howieshill Avenue, Cambuslang, Glasgow who is five.
ALAN ROBERTSON, Murrayburn Gardens, Wester Hailes, Edinburgh who is 16.
BRIAN RIGGS, 11 Gordon Drive, Stirling who is 15.
IAIN BOND, Gardeners Cottage, Dryman who is 17.
JOHN McCREANOR, 77 Marchfield Avenue, Paisley who is 14.
GREIG GLENDINNING, 2 Cruachan Way, Barrhead who is 13.
IAIN COWIE, 29 Arngask Road, Drumoyne, Glasgow who is 11.
SANDY WALKER, 102A Riverside Road, Larkhall who is 17.
SCOTT McNAB, 17 Kingsburn Grove, Rutherglen who is 14.
CAMERON COOK, Hillcrest Golfhill Drive, Helensburgh who is 12.
GRAHAM IRVING, 52 Drumfada Terrace, Corpach, Fort William who is six.

TUESDAY
RAYMOND McCARDLE, 20 Rannoch Street, Glasgow who is 13.
ALASTAIR GOODMAN, 25 Fifth Avenue, Glasgow who is 16.
JAMES THOMSON, 56 Jarvie Crescent, Kilsyth who is 13.
STEPHEN DOCHERTY, 202 Dormanside Road, Glasgow who is ten.
SCOTT CLELLAND, 43 Muirhouse Avenue, Newmains, Wishaw who is seven.
DENISE MELLOY, 116 Bute Drive, North Muirton, Perth who is eight.
BARRY YEAMAN, 24 Strathmore Avenue, Coupar Angus, Perthshire who is nine.
ALAN MATTHEWS, 96 Peathill Avenue, Chryston, Glasgow who is 12.
JANICE WIK, 191 Earl Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow who is 11.
ALAN LOCHART, 3 Dosk Place, Garscadden, Glasgow who is 16.
PAUL McCUTHEON, 43 Muirhouse Green, Edinburgh who is 16.

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● EYES RIGHT . . . John MacDonald shields the ball from Richard Gough in the second half.



● SPOT THE BALL . . . Sandy Clark and Dave Narey seem to have lost sight of the ball as they clash in midfield.



● ARMS, KNEES AND BUMPS . . . Hamish McAlpine, Bobby Williamson and Ally McCoist get themselves into a tangle.



● CLARK v CLARK . . . Sandy hits the turf inside the United penalty box as namesake John challenges him.



●ABOVE: DON'T LOOK NOW . . . Ally McCoist shuts his eyes as he heads for goal but his former Sunderland team-mate Iain Munro is all eyes as he watches anxiously.

● RIGHT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH . . . Bobby Williamson acclaims his goal and salutes John McClelland's cross.



How they lined up...

PREMIER LEAGUE
RANGERS 2, DUNDEE UNITED 2

Scorers: Rangers — Clark (22 min), Williamson (49). Dundee United — Sturrock (4), Dodds (85). Att: 7.500.
RANGERS: McCloy, Fraser, McClelland, McPherson, Paterson, Redford, Russell, Williamson, Clark, McCoist, Cooper. Subs: MacDonald (for Williamson, 73 min) and MacKinnon (for Russell 74).
DUNDEE UNITED: McAlpine, Malpas, Munro, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Holt, Clark, Sturrock, Dodds. Subs: Taylor (for Clark 67) and Stark (not used).
Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh).
Booked: Dodds (Dundee United).

PRIDE

Rangers, United in thriller — with nothing at stake

IT WAS a credit to Rangers and Dundee United that, with Aberdeen clinching the Premier League at Tynecastle, they still managed to produce a game which, however meaningless, succeeded in entertaining the 7,000 faithful fans inside Ibrox last Wednesday night.

With Jock Wallace willing his men to put all their efforts into beating United and trying to give themselves a realistic chance of snatching third spot in the table, the Light Blues responded well and should have taken both points.

Rangers 2
Dundee Utd..2

Just how important it is to have a good start to a season was clearly illustrated by the almost 'friendly match' style in which the game was played.

Clash

The Ibrox fans' thoughts must have strayed to Aberdeen's celebrations in the east and imagined a similar clash between Rangers and Dundee United if the title were at stake — something which, hopefully will happen next season.

But, for the moment, it was a question of pride and, for the Light Blues, another chance to stake their claim for a place on the club's world tour later this month.

Fired

There were several fine individual performances, none less than that of John McClelland who, apart from setting up both Rangers goals, looked in tremendous form all evening. Sandy Clark in the first half and Scott Fraser in the second also looked good.

United took the lead in the fourth minute when Malpas' cross from the right wing was nodded down by Dodds into the path of Paul Sturrock who fired in a half-volley from 22 yards which gave Peter McCloy no chance.

The Rangers keeper, in fact, went on to have a fine match with three excellent saves in the second half from Sturrock twice and Narey.

Rangers made it 1-1 in the 22nd minute. One of John McClelland's many ventures forward down the left wing paid off when the Ibrox skipper's cross was met by Sandy Clark, whose header from 12 yards beat McAlpine.

Convincing

Four minutes into the second half, the Light Blues took the lead and at that stage it looked as though they could go on to win by a convincing margin. John McClelland again made the goal, surging past Malpas on the left and crossing for Bobby Williamson to net with a shot from four yards.

However, Rangers couldn't turn their dominance into more goals with several chances scorned and United snatched their equaliser with five minutes left, Dodds poking the ball home after Sturrock's shot had been blocked by Peter McCloy.



● SANDY STRIKES . . . Sandy Clark, hidden by Dave Narey, heads home Rangers first goal watched by Iain Munro and Davie Cooper.



● HANDY SANDY . . . Hamish McAlpine feels the weight of this challenge from Sandy Clark.



● THAT MAN AGAIN . . . This time Sandy loses out as Paul Hegarty clears this cross.

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CLUB NOTES

NITHSDALE: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Torresdale Street 2 p.m. Bus v Hibs leaves Torresdale Street 12.30 p.m. picking up at Devon Street 12.45 p.m. Bus v Dundee United leaves Torresdale Street 5 p.m. Bus to Switzerland. Details from Brian Craig on 881 5674.

WEST END TRUE BLUES (PAISLEY): Bus v Hibs leaves Kilbarchan 12.30 p.m.; Castle Street 12.45 p.m.; Kennedy's 12.50 p.m.; Rockfield at 1 p.m. Members only.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves Loudon Bar 12.45 p.m.

IAN REDFORD STRATHKELVIN: Regular meeting at noon. Minibus leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn 1.15 p.m.

RUTHERGLEN TRUE BLUES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 20 Club 4 p.m. sharp. Non-members £5. No bus for rest of season.

BROXBURN AND DISTRICT: Bus v Hibs leaves 2 p.m. Band in club before match. All buses welcome. Club committee wish to thank all visiting clubs for their support during the season. Club facilities available during close season for social outings, games nights, etc. Enquiries to social convenor Russell McLean on 0506 854885.

COWCADDENS 58 Pool: No. 149 Mary Armstrong — £25; No. 178, Alex McGregor — £10.

PARTICK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Merkland Street 2 p.m. Bus v Hibs leaves Markland Street 12.30 p.m. Bus v Dundee United leaves Merkland Street 5.15 p.m. Seats non-members. For all details phone K. McLean on 647 5197.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves Vale Station Bar 11 a.m. Picking up at Burgh Bar and Stags Head, Dumbarton and Peppermint Park, Dalmuir. All welcome.

FIFE LOYAL: "Player of the Year" dance on Saturday at Abbotshall Hotel, Kirkcaldy. Tickets to be uplifted by Thursday. Bus v Dundee United leaves Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth 5.30 p.m. Picking up at Milton House, Burntisland and White Heather, Kirkcaldy. Committee wish to thank everyone for their support during the season.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Names for Aberdeen and Switzerland. Bus v Hibs leaves Hilton Road 1 p.m., the Cross 1.05 p.m. and Springburn 1.10 p.m. Non-members welcome. Names v Dundee United 762 4260.

ROSS-SHIRE: Next meeting on May 14 in Rigger Alness at 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH UNION JACK: Names now being taken for Switzerland and Germany. Phone M. Smith on Penicuik (0968) 78467. Deposit required for Hibs match in Haymarket Bar.

CUMBERNAULD LOYAL: Stefan Hodes wishes to thank members of the Cumbernauld Loyal, especially Gary Watson and his family for the hospitality I had the luck to enjoy during April 24. It was a marvellous day and I hope I can repay the hospitality.



They're just champion!

HERE THEY ARE — four of the lads who helped Rangers retain their Premier League Championship title last week.

Hugh Burns, Andy Bruce, Tom Leeman and Billy Mackay are the men holding the trophy aloft at Ibrox. The quartet made over 70 appearances in the competition for the Light Blues.

The other lads who topped the appearance chart, but weren't available for our photo, were Scott Fraser, Billy Davies, Derek Ferguson, Robert Fleck and Andrew Kennedy.

The lads indulged in a champagne celebration after their title-clinching win over St Mirren — then got down to the business of trying to lift the Reserve League Cup and Reserve League West titles.

DODDIE'S REWARD!

Rangers and Hearts pay tribute to Alex

ALEX MacDONALD, one of Rangers' most loyal servants, will be honoured for his years in the game next Tuesday night at Tynecastle when Hearts face the Light Blues in a testimonial match for the player.

The 36-year-old midfield star, now player-manager of the Edinburgh club, played 578 matches for Rangers and scored 120 goals in 12 years at Ibrox.

In that time, "Doddie" picked up three league championship, four Scottish Cup, four League Cup and a European Cupwinners' Cup winners medal, as well as being capped for Scotland against Switzerland in 1976.

Alex was transferred to Hearts in 1980 and was appointed manager of the club a year later after they had suffered probably the worst result in their history, losing to Forfar in the Scottish Cup.

Impressed

Jock Wallace, who was Alex's boss for most of his years at Ibrox, paid handsome tribute to his former "pupil," who has guided Hearts into Europe for next season.

"One of the things which impressed me most about Alex MacDonald was that he was a good listener, always ready to take advice and act upon it.

"He was also a quick learner and improved his game a lot through working hard in training and it was probably for this reason that he built up his fitness to a tremendous level.

"When Hearts asked me if we would be willing to take part in a game for Doddie I had absolutely no hesitation in saying yes.

"He was a tremendous player for his club and deserves this honour."

Hearts have given Alex a new three-year contract and, as part of his testimonial, a dinner will be held in Edinburgh. Admission for the match will be £3 and £4 for the stand and £2 for the ground.



● ALEX MACDONALD

Young Derek's fitness battle

DEREK FERGUSON is fighting a fitness battle to be able to travel to Russia with Scotland later this month for the European Youth Championships for under-18 sides.

The 16-year-old Rangers midfielder damaged his right ankle last Thursday night when he turned awkardly on it in a tackle during the Reserve League Cup clash against St Mirren at Love Street and has torn ligaments.

Fergie visited Victoria Royal Infirmary for an X-ray on Friday and his ankle will be in plaster until the end of this week. But Ibrox physio Bob Findlay is hopeful he WILL make it to Russia.

The Scots are in group A of the 16 nation competition along with Eire, Greece and Portugal.

The other sections are: GROUP B: Bulgaria, Denmark, Poland and Italy.

GROUP C: England, West Germany, Russia, Holland. GROUP D: Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Switzerland, Spain.

The tournament takes place from May 25 until June 3.

★★★

ALLY McCOIST is contemplating taking up DAVIE COOPER on his offer of a beginners course in the art of heady tennis after another humiliating defeat in the game at Ibrox last week.

This time, Rangers first team coach ALEX TOTTEN was Ally's tormentor, inflicting an 11-4 crushing on our League Cup Final hero.

From now on, Ally intends to stick to doubles — it's just a question of finding someone willing to take him on as a partner!

★★★

Rangers groundstaff goalkeeper JOHN THOMSON is finding life a bit hectic at the moment as the season approaches its end — and a look at his schedule for a week shows why.

After playing five games in Dusseldorf, ending with the final on a Monday, the 17-year-old from Edinburgh played for his club side Melbourne Thistle on the Wednesday.

Last Saturday, he was in goal for Scotland juveniles at Brockville as they lost 2-1 to Ulster, then John kept a clean sheet for the Rangers under-18s 24 hours later in their 3-0 BP Youth Cup win over Hearts.

There was no rest for John, with a cup semi-final for Melbourne on the Monday — which went to extra-time before they won the game.

The boys from Brazil



● ***You know the old saying "There are Rangers fans everywhere", well the "News" has found two — in Brazil!***

Rafael Luz Martins De Souza (pictured above) and Pedro Mello are both Young Rangers Club members and live in Esta Do Rio.

They both recently celebrated a birthday. Rafael was four on 9th April and Pedro was five on 19th April. The "News" extends best wishes to both young gents.

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South African Rangers

■ IN recent weeks, the "News" has had a lot of letters from fans, mainly abroad, wishing their counterparts in Scotland to video tape Rangers matches from television.

Mr D. Berry from South Africa, who has a Betamax System, would like video tapes of Light Blues matches.

Mr Berry, who was a Rangers Pools agent for three years before emigrating to South Africa, and a few friends tried to set up a Johannesburg Rangers Supporters Club, but because of the lack of posters, videos etc., the plan failed.

They hope to try again — with help from the videos!

If anyone can help they should write DIRECT to: Mr D. Berry, 13 Elandsber St., Helderkevin Ext. 7, Roodepoort, 1710, South Africa.

Billy's automatic move

■ Ibrox director Jack Gillespie played his part in helping Billy Mackay in his fight back to fitness recently — by presenting the Light Blues' winger with a new car!

The 23-year-old has been coming into Ibrox every day, despite the serious knee injury which has forced him into moving around with a clumsy and uncomfortable plaster on. Obviously, that made driving very difficult.

So, Mr Gillespie came to the rescue by supplying him with an adapted automatic Vauxhall hatchback. And Billy really appreciated the gesture.

"It's just the job and very easy to drive. It has boosted my morale quite a bit as it has given me a bit of independence back."

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