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WE WANT TO KEEP JOHN!

RANGERS' manager Jock Wallace last week put club captain John McClelland and midfielder Robert Prytz on the open to transfer list — and then stated he hoped both would still be with the club next season!

The Ibrox boss has "reluctantly" made both stars available because the club and players can't agree terms on new contracts for next season.

But he made it clear he would be delighted if both players were still wearing Rangers colours come the start of the 1984-85 season.

Demands

"The situation is simple with both players," explained the Rangers boss.

"John McClelland is 28 and we have been negotiating a new contract for a few weeks now. He feels he needs financial security because it could be the last possible move he will make.

"I respect his wishes, but the club can't break it's pay structure to meet his demands.

"I have done my best to keep him here, but now have no option other than to make him available to any interested clubs.

Stress

"As for Robert Prytz, he just hasn't been able to settle here and has said he would like to play on the continent again. He has also been offered new terms, but turned them down and, again, he is available for transfer.

And Prytz as well

"But I would stress I would prefer to hold on to both players."

Despite being up for sale, John McClelland, who has been in superb form this season, will still be an important player on the club's close season world tour.

Released

He has been released for Northern Ireland's international fixtures aginst Wales in the British Championship and Finland in the World Cup, but will join up with Rangers for their second tour match on May 31 in Brisbane.

Davie Cooper, selected for the Scottish international pool against England, will also join up with the Ibrox players in time for that match.

★ John's the top man — Page 2.



● The Rangers Disabled Supporters Club benefited to the tune of £505 recently when the Waterside Rangers Supporters Club presented them with the cash they had raised through their annual dance and a series of fund-raising events. Donald Currie, secretary of the disabled club, is pictured receiving the cheque with members of both clubs.

J Templeton

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BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

STAN'S NEW LEASE OF LIFE

THE CHANGES that have swept through Rangers in the past six months have had a big effect on everyone at the club — none less than Stan Anderson.

Stan started this season out with the title of Second Team Coach but, with the arrival of Jock Wallace, his role has changed to that of Youth Team coach and chief scout — AND HE RECKONS IT'S ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO HIM.

He explained to the 'News': "It has given me a new lease of life and I am enjoying the job enormously. Obviously, it's great to remain a part of the club amidst all the changes that have taken place."

His appointment as Youth Coach by Jock Wallace sees Stan mark another milestone in what is possibly a unique career at Ibrox — he has joined the club on THREE separate occasions.

After a spell as a midfielder with the Light Blues in the sixties before being released, he joined the coaching staff in 1970 and then moved on to manage Clyde.

Optimistic

Illness forced him out of the game for a long spell in 1977 and the Shawfield club sacked him in March that year. Despite taking the club to an industrial tribunal, that decision stood. After two years in the wilderness, Stan returned to Ibrox in 1979 to rejoin the coaching staff — WHERE HE HAS REMAINED EVER SINCE.

Now Stan is relishing the prospect of seeking out the best young talent available for Rangers — and is highly optimistic that the Ibrox youth policy can continue to be a success in seasons to come.

"We have done well this season in Germany and Belgium and we are looking forward to taking the lads to Croix again next month. It's a very different role for me but it's one that I'm only too happy to have taken up.

"The main difference for me is that I hardly ever see the first team or the reserves in action now. I'm out scouting most of the time, looking for new young players and sometimes for more experienced players, that could do a job for Rangers."

"Doing a job" for Rangers is something which Stan has very clear ideas about and it's the first thing he impresses upon young players under his command when they travel to the continent for tournaments.

"They have to realise what is expected of them by Rangers. This club is a breed apart from others. ***THERE ARE PLAYERS WHO CAN DO A JOB FOR OTHER CLUBS BUT ARE NO GOOD TO RANGERS — AND VICE VERSA. THE LADS MUST REMEMBER WHO THEY ARE REPRESENTING.***

Success

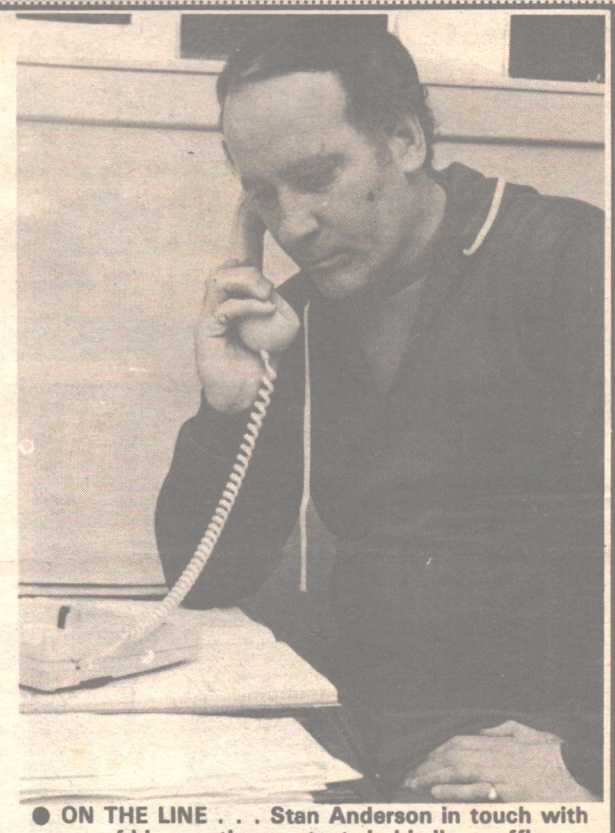
"No matter if they are signed players or just a trialist — if they wear a Rangers' jersey in a competition they must behave in a manner fitting to the club's name. And I have been delighted with the way the players have done that this season.

"In both Belgium and Germany the squads behaved impeccably and, in fact, we received a letter recently from a person who travelled on the same train to London as the under-16s and it was full of praise for the way the boys acted.

"The way they perform off the field is just as important as what they do on it. They feed off each other. When I see a player at the age of 12 or 13 I'm looking for a bit of natural skill and then we build on that.

"A LOT OF WORK IS GOING INTO THE YOUTH POLICY OF THIS CLUB. IT SAYS A LOT THAT WE GOT TOGETHER THREE SIDES TO COMPETE IN THREE SEPARATE TOURNAMENTS THAT WEEKEND IN BRUSSELS, DUSSELDORF AND FALKIRK AND THEY ALL DID SO WELL. IT'S A SUCCESS THAT I'M CONFIDENT WILL CONTINUE IN THE COMING SEASONS."

THE BACKROOM BOYS



● ON THE LINE . . . Stan Anderson in touch with one of his scouting contacts in his Ibrox office.

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JOHN'S THE TOPS!

ONLY TIME will tell if John McClelland will still be in a position to win Rangers Supporters' Club "Player-of-the-Year" awards next season — but there's no doubt that he's tops with the Ibrox fans at the moment.

The Light Blues' captain has almost swept the board in 1983-84 and our pictures show him receiving a few more trophies. Only Davie Cooper has interrupted John's winning sequence from time to time.

An award not featured in our picture was the Alva RSC prize which John collected a week past Saturday and he picked up yet an other from the Fife Loyal



● The four senior and four junior members of the Plean Rangers Supporters Club who were lucky enough to present Light Blues' captain with their 'Player-of-the-Year' award, before the home match against Dundee a fortnight ago.



● ABOVE: The Mid Calder branch of the Rangers Supporters Club travelled west early to Ibrox before the recent home match against Dundee to present John McClelland with their 'Player of the Year' trophy. In the picture with John, from left to right, are Bryan Thompson, Jimmy Purdie, Colin Hunter, Stuart Hunt, Alan Fulton and George Wilson.

● LEFT: Yes, yet another "Player-of-the-year" award for John McClelland, this time from the Forth and District Rangers Supporters Club. Members of the club are pictured giving John his trophy and a special carriage clock.

Plean's thanks

● *Mr Alex Penman, secretary of Plean Rangers Supporters' Club, writes*

"We would like to convey our thanks to John Hagart, David Mitchell, Eric Ferguson, Bobby Russell and Jim Stewart for their recent attendance at our dinner-dance in Denny. They were first class ambassadors for their club.

"Our thanks also go to John McClelland for taking the time before the recent Dundee game to receive our gift for becoming our "Player of the Year" for 1983/84.

"In closing, may I also add thanks on behalf of our club to the ladies in the ticket office for their first class service throughout the season."

Mac misses out

● Ibrox skipper John McClelland was due to receive another award last weekend, this time that of the Uddingston Loyal RSC.

Unfortunately, as he was scheduled to attend another dinner that night, John couldn't collect his trophy, so the club hope to be able to hand over the award at a future date.

Rangers were represented at the dance by Nicky Walker and he received a 'Young Player of the Year' award from club secretary, June Waddell.

Another female member, Morag Rae, also made a presentation to Nicky and his girlfriend for attending

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

NIGHT OF WOE

RANGERS' hopes of retaining the championship were dealt a devastating blow at Parkhead this week five years ago as they went down 4-2 before a crowd of 52,000 fans.

It was a very disappointing night for the Light Blues, although it had started so well. They took the lead in the ninth minute with a goal from Alex MacDonald. Davie Cooper showed some great skills on the right, beat Lynch to cut the ball across goal, where MacDonald met it six yards out, to fire it past Latchford.

After Johnny Doyle had been sent off, Roy Aitken snatched an equaliser in the 66th minute and then, eight minutes later, McCluskey put Celtic into the lead.

Fought

Rangers fought back, though and two minutes later levelled the scores when Bobby Russell fired in a powerful right foot shot from 18 yards.

Then disaster struck. McCluskey, racing in from the right, slammed the ball quickly across goal. Colin Jackson dipped his head to stop it but had the misfortune to deflect the ball into his own net.

Deadlock

Six minutes later and it was all over for Rangers. With seconds remaining, Macleod fired a 20 yard shot past McCloy to make the final score 4-2 to Celtic, giving them the title.

CELTIC: Latchford, McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, McAdam, Edvaldsson, Provan, Conroy, McCluskey, MacLeod, Doyle. Subs: Lennox (for Conroy) and Davidson (not used).

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

Attendance: 52,000.

Five days earlier, on May 16th, Rangers had been at Hampden for the second time to play Hibernian in the Scottish Cup Final replay.

After 210 minutes of play, the tie still remained deadlocked. The second encounter was better than the first but it still produced no goals.

Crazily

The best chance which fell Rangers' way came in the second period of extra time. MacDonald rammed a shot against a Hibernian defender after Johnstone had dummied a cross by Bobby Russell. Then Derek Parlane struck the ball inches over the bar.

Just before this, Hibs also came close to scoring. Ralph Callachan lobbed the ball into the six yard box and Rae, who was perfectly placed, chopped at the ball and it spun crazily away from him out of control.

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Smith, Cooper. Subs: (for McLean), Urquhart (not used).

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

Attendance: 32,952.

Rangers played Celtic in the Glasgow Cup final on the same night as they played Hibs. The young Rangers side beat Celtic 3-1. Goalscorers were John MacDonald, Alex Forsyth and Derek Strickland.

The side was: Kennedy, McLaren, Forsyth, Denny, Richardson, Watson, Mackay, Strickland, Morris, Armour, MacDonald. Subs were: Dalziel, Robertson.

In the European Cup-Winners' Cup final, Barcelona beat Fortuna 4-3. In the Scottish Junior Cup Final, Cumnock beat Bo'ness 1-0.

Hat-trick

On May 19, the opening matches in the Home Internationals were played. Scotland were beaten 3-0 at Cardiff by Wales. John Toshack netted a hat-trick.

The Scotland team was: Rough, Burley, Hansen, Hegarty, Gray, Wark, Souness, Hartford, Wallace, Dalglish, Graham.

In the other match, England beat Northern Ireland 2-0 at Windsor Park.

Three of the Beatles got back together to perform a small concert for one of their mates. They were guests at Eric Clapton's wedding to Pattie Boyd, former wife of George Harrison. The three Beatles at the ceremony were Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison.

Bullets

Elton John was in Moscow to perform a concert. This was one of the few concerts by a Western performer in Russia.

Forty Vietnamese families were offered a chnace of a new life in Glasgow, as the city made available 40 homes for the refugees.

At the cinemas, you could go and see Charles Bronson in "Love and Bullets" at the Glasgow Scala. At the Glasgow Odeon Donald Pleasance and Jenny Lee Curtis were in "Halloween" and at the Dennistourn Parade, Christopher Reeve starred in "Superman".



● A GOOD START . . . Nine minutes have gone at Parkhead five years ago and Davie Cooper crosses for Alex MacDonald to score from six yards against Celtic. But it didn't finish so well for Rangers.

30 bob - to see 'Gers for a season!

May 16 - 22, 1934

THERE was no domestic football in Scotland this week 50 years ago. But in South Africa, Motherwell, in the first game of their tour, beat a Frontier XI 6-2.

There was a game at Ibrox — the Scottish Junior Cup final, in which Benburb beat Bridgeton Waverley 3-1 to lift the cup.

The only thing happening at Ibrox concerning Rangers was that season tickets went on sale. They were 30 shillings each.

Benny Lynch became the new Scottish Flyweight Champion at the Olympic Sports Stadium in Glasgow. The fight went the whole 15 rounds and Lynch beat Jimmy Campbell on points.

In Northern Italy, a court listened as Antonio Bigila was sentenced after he was found guilty of strangling a woman who would not let him marry her daughter.

William Brown, of Sussex, was killed in an amazing incident at a level crossing. He was riding a motorbike across a level crossing and managed to get through, but as he approached the other gate it closed on him. Brown hit the gate at a tremendous speed and died instantly.

History

If you were moving house 50 years ago, there were plenty of new estates springing up all over Scotland. In Millerston, it would cost you £680 for a four roomed single or semi-detached bungalow, while at Killermont Golf Course it was £650 for a four or five bedroomed bungalow. At Giffnock, new homes cost £656 for a four apartment bungalow.

The Daily Record created history when they published a colour picture on their front page. This was the first time a daily paper in the world had had a colour picture. The picture was of Bonnie Prince Charlie at Loch Shiel in 1745.

A bloodless revolution took place in Bulgaria. King Boris set up a dictatorship and a National Government.

An innkeeper on an island in the Danube river near Prague was fined around £40 for fraud. He had told villagers he had seen a monster on the island. Thousands of people flocked to the island and caught a glimpse of the so called monster. The innkeeper had sewn and stuffed horse skins and had made a fortune.

In Finhorn, near Forres, a fish measuring 13 feet long and weighing 12 stone was found washed up on the beach. It was thought at first that the fish was a sea monster, but later it was discovered it was an Oar fish which was usually found only in the Mediterranean Sea.

At the Picture House in Glasgow, you could see Richard Arlen in "Captain Jericho," while at the Kings, Dundee, "Waltzes from Vienna" with Jesse Matthews.

Top clubs chase after Henderson

RANGERS had finished their Danish tour and were on their way home back to Glasgow, this week 25 years ago.

The Light Blues invited three boys from Lanark Grammar School to train at Ibrox. They were Alex Brooks, who was a goalkeeper, right back Roger Hynd, and inside right Lex Gold. Rangers had signed a player from Lanark School a few years before Willie Waddell.

Wee Willie Henderson, just 15, was wanted by virtually every top club in Britain. He was the hero of the Scottish Schoolboys team and had scored 30 goals in 13 matches. Clubs wanting the boy included Rangers, Arsenal, Manchester United, Leeds, Aberdeen, Hearts, Norwich, Morton, Sunderland, WBA, Airdrie, Preston North End, Everton and St. Mirren.

Tests

Aberdeen manager, Davie Shaw, signed full-back Gordon Sim from Scottish Junior Cup finalists, Shettleston. Meanwhile, in England, Bradford manager, Walter Galbraith, had signed 23 year old Archie Mattard from Clyde.

Centre forward Andy Kerr of Manchester City and Denis Law of Huddersfield had to go for a medical examination to see if they were fit enough to go on Scotland's European tour. They passed the tests.

In their first game of their European tour, Hibernian were thrashed 5-1 by Barcelona. Willie Ormond, scored the Edinburgh club's only goal, but Joe Baker was the real star of the Easter Road side. They were also beaten 3-1 in their next game against Tarrassa.

The League Cup draw for season 1959/60 paired Hibs and Rangers together. They were in Section Four, along with Motherwell, and Dundee.

With Andy Kerr and Denis Law fit to tour Europe, Scotland announce their travelling pool. It was: Slater (Falkirk), MacKay (Celtic),

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Baird (Partick Thistle), Smith (Celtic), McGugan (St. Mirren), Stevenson (Rangers), Scott (Rangers), White (Falkirk), Kerr (Manchester City), Law (Huddersfield), Auld (Celtic).

British drivers took the first five places in the Grand Prix Des Frontierers in Belgium, which was for sports cars up to 2,000 c.c. Winner was Michael Taylor in a Lotus Climax and his average speed on the 135 mile course was 105 mph.

Ripping

Top of the Pops 25 years ago was Buddy Holly with "It Doesn't Matter Anymore". At number two was Elvis Presley, who was singing "A Fool Such As I", and number three was Ricky Nelson with "It's Late".

Chairs with no sharp edges were being designed for switchboard girls. The girls were ripping their tights on the chairs then claiming for compensation from their employers!

Londoner, Bert Couzens, aged 60, walked into a Ketting shoe factory after he had completed a walk of 4,000 miles in 54 days. He claimed he had only taken five hours sleep on the whole journey.

A family of five children aged 17 months to seven years died when a fire ripped through their house in Philadelphia, USA. Their mother had fallen asleep while smoking. She was uninjured.

Frightening

On TV you could watch "Jacky Benny" on BBC at 7.30 p.m. and on STV at 7 p.m. you could see "This Wonderful World".

Films on show at that time were "Tiger Bay", at the Glasgow Odeon, which starred Haley Mills; at the Regent, Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee were frightening audiences in "The Hound Of The Baskervilles".

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HOW THE LEAGUES LOOKED . . .

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

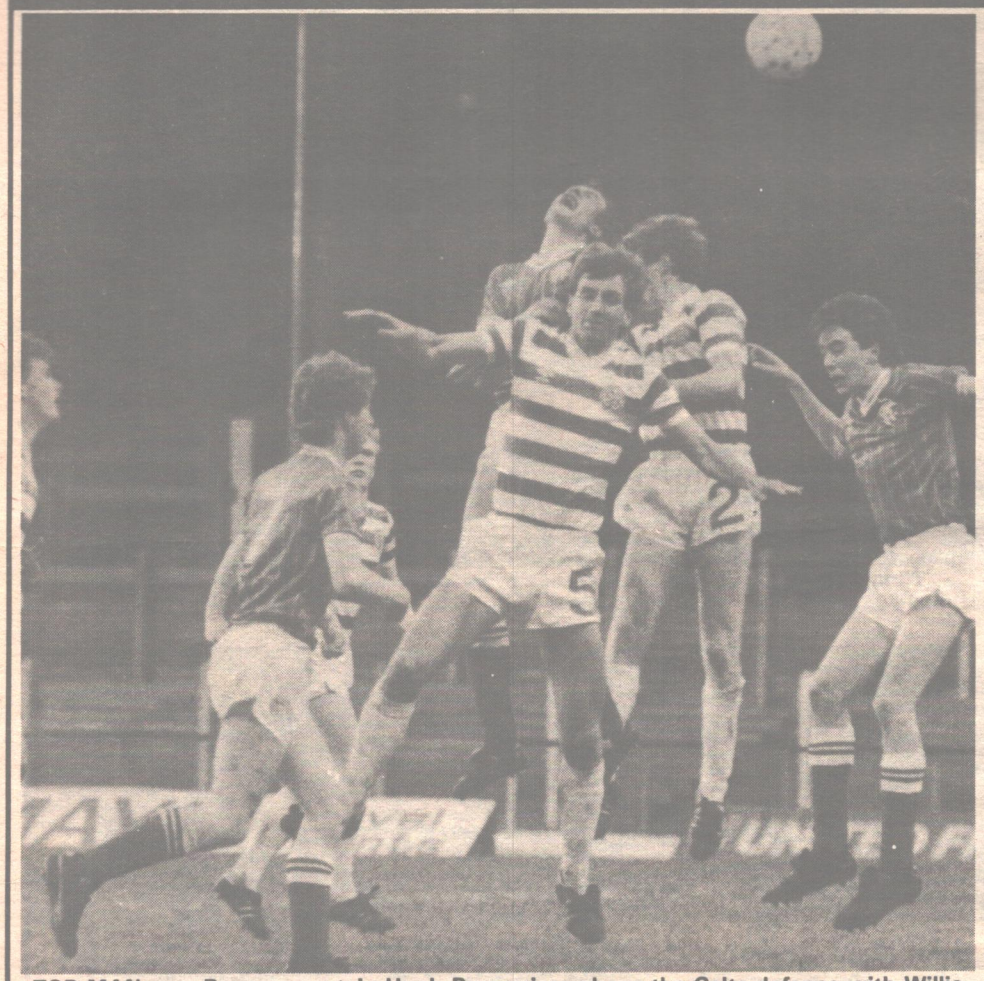
1959

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	34	21	8	5	92	51	50
Hearts	34	21	6	8	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	6	12	70	53	36

1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	36	21	6	9	61	37	48
Dundee United	36	18	8	10	56	37	44
Rangers	34	18	8	11	58	41	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

ACTION ROUND-UP . . . report on BP Youth Cup Final, news



TOP MAN . . . Rangers captain Hugh Burns rises above the Celts defence with Willie Watson, Gordon Moore and Scott Nesbitt the other Ibrox lads in the picture.



● STRETCHING OUT . . . but Rangers Gordon Moore can't stop his opponent getting over a cross.



FINAL BLOW

Celtic.....2
Rangers.....0

RANGERS failed at the last hurdle to win the first ever BP Scottish Youth Cup, going down to Celtic at Parkhead last Tuesday night in an "Old Firm" final.

An excellent crowd of 3,351 watched the battle between the club's under-18 sides and saw the Light Blues miss some excellent early chances which they were made to regret as Celtic took control of the game in the later stages.

Archdeacon headed a cross on for McLindon to open the scoring in the 44th minute with what was a real killer goal for the Ibrox lads and Fraser made sure Celtic would lift the trophy when he netted number two in the 47th minute.

Praise

Hugh Burns and David Williamson of Rangers were booked, with Celtic's Derek White joining them in the referee's notebook.

Rangers reserve coach John Hagart was disappointed to see his lads lose the match, but he had no complaints and was full of praise for the BP tournament as a whole.

"We missed a good few early chances and if we had put even one of them away, it would have been a different game altogether. But we have no complaints and the best side won on the night.

"We can still take a lot from this competition. I think it is a very good thing and it has been a great success. It gives young players a taste of the big time and the fact it finished with an "Old Firm" final was good for the tournament.

"It put a bit of pressure on our boys and that can only have done them good. It put them in a situation where they were the centre of attention and the good crowd at Parkhead shows just how much of a success it was.

"This type of competition means the lads have got to work very hard and it throws a lot of demands made by us at them. The ones that responded to those demands best are going to be good Rangers players in the future."

RANGERS: Thomson, Halliday, D. Williamson, Burns, Watson, Durrant, Moore, MacFarlane, Fleck, McDougall, Nisbett. Subs.: Gibson (for D. Williamsn 60 min.) and J. Davies (for Nisbett 70).



● ANOTHER CHANCE PASSED UP . . . Robert Fleck beats the Celtic defence but sends this shot wide.



● TAKING THE PLUNGE . . . Ian Durrant finds himself flat out in Celtic half as the ball breaks free.

from the reserves, Amateurs and Association boys' clubs

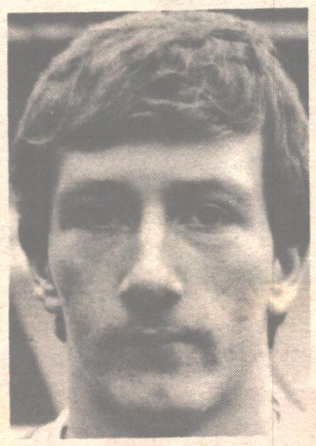
HUGH'S ON THE MARK

Hearts.....1 Rangers 1

RANGERS RESERVES bounced back from the disappointment of their Reserve League Cup exit the night before to take a point from Hearts at Tynecastle last Thursday in their penultimate Premier Reserve League match.

It was a performance from the colts which pleased coach John Hagart and he was quick to praise the way the players have responded to the tough schedule they have had recently.

"It was their 9th match since April 1 and they have worked very hard to do very well in that time. It's been a tough schedule and it says a lot for the players that they can raise their game for a match against Hearts that was meaningless in terms of the league race."



● HUGH BURNS . . . equaliser.

Slam

After a goal-less, but entertaining, first-half Hearts took the lead in the 53rd minute against the run of play. Rangers continued on the attack and got their reward ten minutes later.

Andrew Kennedy made a great run down the right wing and sent over a good low cross which Hugh Burns raced in to meet perfectly and slam past the helpless Hearts goalkeeper from eight yards.

Ian Durrant won John Hagart's vote as 'Young Player-of-the-match'.

RANGERS: Bruce, MacFarlane, Newman, Burns, McAdam, Dawson, Kennedy, Durrant, Fleck, B. Davies, MacDonald. Subs: Lindsay (for Dawson 60 min.) and Connor (not used).

CUP HOPES SHATTERED BY ACCIES

Rangers .....0 Hamilton.....2

RANGERS' hopes of achieving a treble in second eleven football this season were shattered at Ibrox last Wednesday night when they were knocked out of the Reserve League Cup at the semi-final stage.

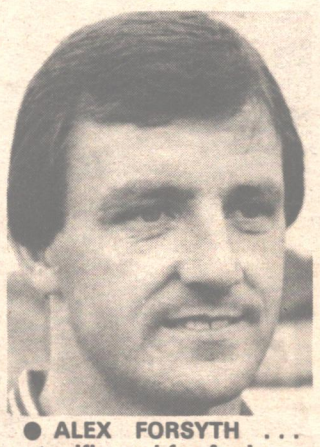
It's the second time the colts have been ousted from a cup competition in a last four tie this term. In early April Airdrie eliminated them from the Second Eleven Cup which, incidently, the Broomfield men won last week.

Jaded

Although disappointed by his side's defeat against Hamilton last week, reserve coach Joh Hagart had some sympathy for the players under his command.

"I don't normally make excuses for my teams, but against Hamilton the lads did seem to be showing the effects of a long season and that the number of games they have played had caught up with them.

"They definitely looked jaded, although they put Hamilton under a lot of pressure, especially in the second half. Hamilton had their first team out, but that's not an excuse — IF WE WERE PLAYING WELL' I WOULD EXPECT US TO BEAT THEIR FIRST TEAM.



● ALEX FORSYTH . . . terrific goal for Accies.

Terrific

"The consolation for the lads is that, although it's very disappointing to lose out in the semis of two competitions, they have proved their worth where it matters most — in the league competitions.

"They have won the Premier Reserve League, which is the most important of all and have all but sewn up the Reserve League West. They've played a lot of good football and scored a lot of goals so they have had a good season."

Hamilton's first goal came in the 35th minute when Stuart Munro lost possession in midfield and Accies broke away to score, with ex-Ranger Alex Forsyth sealing the win with a terrific shot in the 65th minute against the run of play.

Decided

The Douglas Park side will now meet Dundee United in the final of the competition, after the Tannadice men beat Forfar Athletic 3-1 at home in the other semi.

John Hagart decided NOT to nominate a 'Young player of the match' for this game.

RANGERS: Walker, MacFarlane, Leeman, Burns, McAdam, B. Davies, Lindsay, Fleck, Kennedy, Munro, MacDonald. Subs: Mitchell (for Lindsay 45 min) and Connor (not used).

Hibs spoil party

Rangers 3
Hibs.....3

RANGERS Reserves were presented with the Premier Reserve League Championship trophy before Saturday's match against Hibs at Ibrox.

But, unfortunately, the visitors spoiled the Light Blues' party by snatching a draw in a thoroughly entertaining game.

However, the point Rangers DID get from their final game of the season means they collect more points in their league than Aberdeen did in the Top Ten.

Incredible

And that, along with the incredible amount of goals they scored in winning the title (109 in all) for the second successive season, pleased coach John Hagart immensely.

"They have all worked very hard and deserve their success. They have given a lot of pleasure and I'm just a bit disapointed they didn't finish up with the victory they deserved," said John.

John MacDonald set up all three of Rangers goals, the first of which came in the 13th minute when his cross was powerfully headed past Robin Rae by Andrew Kennedy from eight yards.

Hibs equalised through Harvey ten minutes later, but in the 40th minute Robert Fleck made it 2-1 when he shot homie from close range from John MacDonald's cross.

Injured

The sides went in level at the interval when McMenamin netted in the 43rd minute for Hibs.

The second half was all Rangers but the Ibrox babes didn't find the net until the 85th minute when Robert Fleck got his second goal from 12 yards, again from a MacDonald cross.

Only 60 seconds later, with Rangers asking for the game to be stopped because Skipper Billy Davies was lying injured, Hibs' trialist substitute made the final score 3-3.

RANGERS: Walker, MacFarlane, Leeman, Burns, Stevens, Dawson, Prytz, Kennedy, Fleck, B. Davies, MacDonald. Subs: Lindsay (for Stevens, 50 mins). Connor (not used).

RANGERS' AMATEUR BOYS' CLUB

Colts lose 100 per cent. record

RANGERS' Amateur Boys Club lost their 100 per cent record in Section A of the Scottish Under-15 League on Saturday, May 5 when they were defeated by Hamilton Thistle at Strathclyde Park.

It was a hard physical match and Boys Club secretary, Bobby Dinnie, had no complaints about the defeat.

"I thought Hamilton deserved to win the game. We didn't play well at all and can have no excuses. They showed more determination and that was enough for them to take the points."

Hamilton This.....2
Rangers 1

Drive

After a goalless first half, things had looked good for the young Light Blues when Brian Miller put them into the lead with a fine drive from around 20 yards which went under the Hamilton keeper's body.

But the lads failed to capitalise on that goal and Hamilton stormed back to equalise on the hour mark and then snatch the winner two minutes from time.

RANGERS (4-3-3): Crawford, Thomson, Buchanan, Jeffrey, Paton; Harvey, Miller, Hastie; Sharp, Robertson, Lamont. Subs: Gray (for Harvey 40 min) and Allan (for Robertson 65).

● Irish schoolboy, Brian Kennedy, who was outstanding for the youths when they won the Falkirk Youth Tournament at Brockville recently, won another 'Player of the Tournament' award last week when he starred for the Irish Under-15 schoolboys in a competition in Manchester.

A double win for the babes

THE RANGERS' under-15s did themselves a double favour when they defeated Clarkston Boys Club 4-1 at Tinto park on Monday, May 7.

Because of the fixture pile-up that is affecting the Scottish Amateur Football League, the game doubled-up as a re-arranged league fixture AND a quarter-final of the Barrhead Youth Cup.

So, as well as leaving themselves only six points away from winning Section A of the Under-15 league, the lads are now through to the semi-final of the Barrhead competition, where they will play Aberdeen.

Rangers 4
Clarkston 1

Fine

Said club secretary Bobby Dinnie: "It was a pretty comfortable win and the boys played well. It's good to be through to the semi-final of another tournament and we're now looking pretty good for the league."

Campbell Lamont put the Ibrox youths into the lead in the 15th minute when he sped through from midfield and slammed a spectacular long range shot past the helpless Clarkston keeper.

Five minutes later, John Hastie made it 2-0 with a fine 20 yard shot, but Clarkston pulled a goal back a minute later from the penalty spot.

The 2-1 scoreline was how thing's stood at half-time, but five minutes into the second half David Allan restored Rangers two goal advantage when he headed home a Steven Gray cross from the left wing.

Ten minutes from the end, Brian Miller sealed the babes victory with a brilliant goal. Kale Jeffrey slipped a free-kick to the youths' skipper and he lofted the ball over the outrushing Clarkston defence and ran on to slot the ball past the keeper.

RANGERS (4-3-3): Crawford, Thomson, Buchanan, Jeffrey, Paton; Hastie, Miller, Bryne; Allan, Gray, Lamont. Sub: Robertson (for Allan 55 min).

Title showdown

● Rangers Amateur Boys Club were left only six points away from winning Section A of the Scottish Under-15 League when Valspar Boys Club conceded the points from last Wednesday night's scheduled fixture because they couldn't field a side.

● IF Rangers DO win Section A of the under-15 league, as seems certain, they will face an 'Old Firm' showdown for the overall title. Celtic have already sewn up section B of the competition.

RANGERS' ASSOCIATION BOYS' CLUB

Under-13's in goal spree

ONLY THE Under 13s and the Under 15s of the Rangers Supporters Association Boys Club were playing last weekend.

In a league match at Riddrie the Under 13s were playing Riddrie Juveniles and won 11-1. The scorers were McCaskill (5), McLeod (3) and Lang (3). McCaskill's five goals takes his tally up to 51 goals this season.

Fight

The team was: Gough, McNally, McFarlane, McCafferty, Carswell, Mulholland, Corbett, Donelly, Lang, McCaskill, McLeod. On the bench was McMillan and McFarlan.

The Under-15's had to fight back in the second half of their match with Dennistoun Waverly to get a 1-1 draw at Alexander Park. Sandford scored the goal for the Light Blues.

The Under 15's side was: McKenzie, Bender, Wylie, Cunningham, Thornton, Hanley, McCann, Barclay, Sidwell, Sandford, Butler, with Semple on the bench.



● HOLD IT . . . Kevin McKee has to resort to illegal tactics to stop this run from Davie Cooper.



● PUTTING THE BOOT IN . . . Davie Cooper and footers in this Ibrox at

IT'S PETER THE G



● DUEL IN THE SUN . . . Gordon Hunter wins this aerial challenge with Sandy Clark.

RANGERS have not lost a Premier League match at Easter Road since season 1979-80 — and that fact is the only positive thing the Light Blues can take from Saturday's game against Hibs.

To be frank, this was probably the most easily forgettable of all the 32 Top Ten fixtures there have been between the two sides.

The standard of play was pretty poor.

The lack of incentive to win was painfully obvious and the Ibrox men must be impatient for the new challenge of their world tour.

Failed

And so to what there was to report from this dull game . . .

Hibs have now failed to score against Rangers in any of the clashes between the clubs this season and, on Saturday, Peter McCloy was the man responsible for that.

Peter is really having an inspired finish to the season and his superb handling even extended to a penalty save from Brian Rice in the 73rd minute.

Davie McPherson had been penalised for hand ball inside the six yard box and it looked as though the home side would break the deadlock. But McCloy dived to his left to stop Rice's kick and produce the biggest cheer of the day from the Rangers' end of the ground.

Hibs 0
Rangers 0

Att: 12,000.
HIBS: Rough, McKee, Schaedler, Sneddon, Hunter, Blackley, Callachan, Jamieson, Irvine, Rice, McGachie. Subs: Rae (for Blackley 34 min.), Brazil (not used).

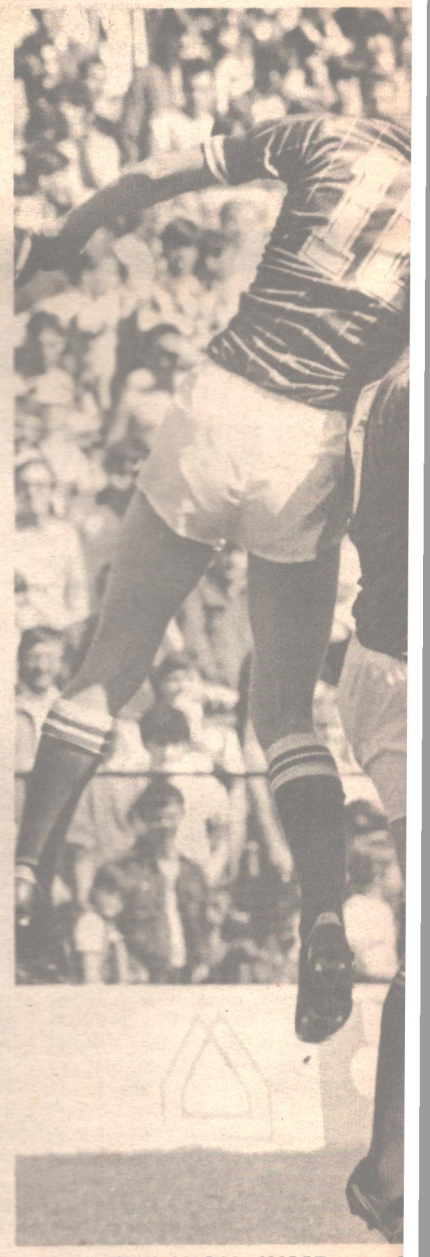
RANGERS: McCloy, Fraser, McLelland, McPherson, Paterson, Redford, Russell, McCoist, Clark, E. Ferguson, Cooper. Subs: Munro (for Redford 52min.), MacKinnan (for Clark 68).

REFEREE: R. B. Valentine (Dundee).

BOOKED: Callachan (Hibs), Paterson (Rangers).

Yes, chances for the Ibrox strikers were few and far between and, although Sandy Clark and Eric Ferguson battled hard, the best opportunity fell to David McPherson four minutes into the second half when he headed Davie Cooper's cross wide from an awkward angle.

No one was sorry to hear the sound of the final whistle, probably least of all the players, and the message the Light Blues will have taken from this match is that when this time NEXT season comes around, they MUST have something to play for.



● THE HIGH JUMP . . . John Blackley to wi



Schadler are the high flying

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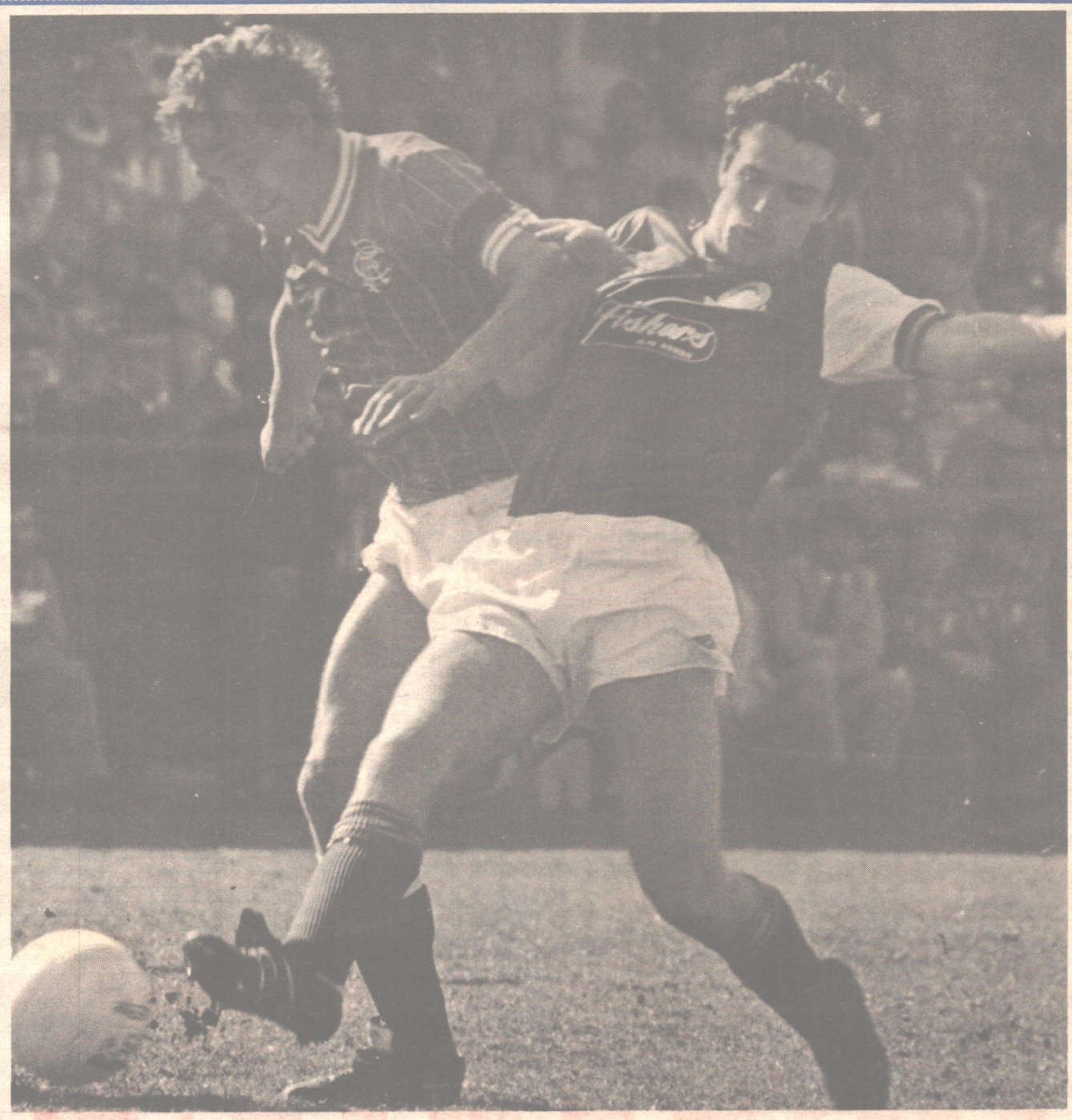


● CENTRE STAGE . . . Ibrox centre forward Sandy Clark and Hibs' defender Kevin McGee in a tussle for the ball.

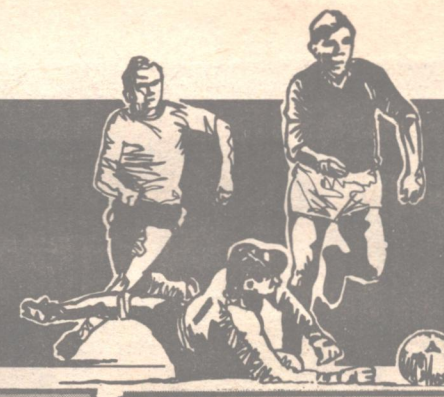


guson gets above challenge.



● THE SHOOTIST . . . Eric Ferguson gets in a shot as Erich Schaedler moves in.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	36	25	7	4	78	21	57
Celtic	36	21	8	7	80	41	50
Dundee Utd	35	18	11	6	66	37	47
Rangers	35	14	12	9	51	40	40
Hearts	36	10	16	10	38	47	36
St Mirren	36	9	14	13	55	59	32
Hibernian	36	12	7	17	45	55	31
Dundee	36	11	5	20	50	74	27
St Johnstone	36	10	3	23	36	81	23
Motherwell	36	4	7	25	31	75	15

*Not including Dundee Utd v Rangers on Monday night.

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morton	39	21	12	6	75	46	54
Dumbarton	39	20	11	8	66	44	51
Partick	39	19	8	12	67	50	46
Clydebank	39	16	13	10	62	50	45
Brechin	39	14	14	11	56	58	42
Kilmarnock	39	16	6	17	57	53	38
Falkirk	39	16	6	17	46	54	38
Clyde	39	12	13	14	53	50	37
Hamilton	39	11	14	14	43	46	36
Airdrie	39	13	10	16	45	53	36
Meadowbank	39	12	10	17	49	69	34
Ayr	39	10	12	17	56	70	32
Raith	39	10	11	18	53	62	31
Alloa	39	8	10	21	41	64	26

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar	39	27	9	3	73	31	63
East Fife	39	20	7	12	57	42	47
Berwick	39	16	11	12	60	38	43
Stirling A.	39	14	14	11	51	42	42
Arbroath	39	18	6	15	51	46	42
Q.O.S.	39	16	10	13	51	46	42
Stenhousemuir	39	14	11	14	47	57	39
Stranraer	39	13	12	14	47	47	38
Dunfermline	39	13	10	16	44	45	36
Queen's Park	39	14	8	17	58	63	36
E. Stirling	39	10	11	18	51	66	31
Montrose	39	12	7	20	36	59	31
Cowdenbeath	39	10	9	20	44	58	29
Albion R.	39	8	11	20	46	76	27

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	36	27	4	5	109	45	58
Dundee Utd	35	9	8	8	68	48	46
Celtic	34	19	4	11	81	48	42
St Mirren	35	17	6	12	60	54	40
Aberdeen	35	13	10	12	60	49	36
Dundee	35	10	12	13	43	64	32
St Johnstone	36	9	10	17	50	70	28
Hibs	35	9	9	17	59	84	27
Hearts	35	8	9	18	35	60	25
Motherwell	35	6	7	22	34	75	19

Reserve League West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	10	9	0	1	30	7	18
Queen's Park	11	7	3	1	20	10	17
Morton	11	7	2	2	24	11	16
Hamilton	12	6	3	3	19	16	15
Celtic	9	6	1	2	24	14	13
Clyde	13	6	1	6	22	16	13
Clydebank	12	6	1	5	19	22	13
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	13	3	2	8	18	38	8
Dunfermline	13	3	1	9	14	30	7
Motherwell	12	1	3	8	15	32	5

★ Each club to complete 13 fixtures.

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.

Latest 'Player of the Year' news

BILLY DAVIES is the Rangers News/Clydesdale "Young Player of the Year". His man of the match nomination in Saturday's game against Hibs at Ibrox takes him on the 21 point mark.

And that means his tally is one point more than Robert Fleck, giving him the title.

In the first team, Peter McCloy won his first two nominations for his displays against Aberdeen and Hibs, but Davie Cooper still leads the table with the matches against Dundee United and Hearts still be to included.

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
Peter McCloy	5
David Mitchel	3
Ally McCoist	3
Ian Redford	3
Derek Ferguson	3
John MacDonald	3

SENT-OFF: Nicholl (2), Redford, Prytz, Dawson. Booked: Redford (9), Clark (7), Cooper (7), Paterson (8), 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

Billy Davies	21
Robert Fleck	20
Hugh Burns	17
David McFarlane	15
Ian Durrant	9
Derek Ferguson	9
Andy Bruce	6
Andrew Kennedy	4
Eric Ferguson	4
Kenny Black	3
Colin Lindsay	2

SENT-OFF: B. 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).

1st XI scorers

FIRST TEAM 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

SECOND TEAM SCORERS

Robert Fleck	19
John MacDonald	18
Eric Ferguson	17
Andrew Kennedy	17
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	3
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

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

FIRST DIVISION

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

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath	0	Albion R.	1
Berwick	2	Dunfermline	0
E. Stirling	3	Cowdenbeath	4
Forfar	2	Montrose	0
Queen's Park	3	Stenhousemuir	1
Stirling A	3	Queen of South	1
Stranraer	1	E. Fife	2

RESERVE LEAGUE

Aberdeen	1	St. Mirren	1
Dundee U	1	Celtic	1
Rangers	3	Hibernian	3

Midweek results

MONDAY — SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Dundee United 1, Aberdeen 1. SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE: Hamilton 1, Clyde 1. ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION: Arsenal 3, West Ham 3; Aston Villa 0, Everton 2; Liverpool 5, Coventry 0; Luton Town 0, Stoke City 1; Manchester United 1, Ipswich 2; Norwich 1, Birmingham 1; Nottingham Forest 5, Watford 1; QPR 1, West Brom 1; Southampton 5, Spurs 0; Sunderland 0, Notts. County 0; Wolves 1, Leicester 0.

TUESDAY — BP YOUTH CUP: Celtic 2, Rangers 0. SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP Semi-final: Auchinleck 1, Bailliston 4.

WEDNESDAY — SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Aberdeen 0, Rangers 0; Hearts 1, Dundee 1. RESERVE LEAGUE CUP (Semi-finals): Rangers 0, Hamilton 2; Dundee United 3, Forfar 1. EUFA CUP FINAL (1st leg): Anderlecht 1, Tottenham Hotspur 1.

THURSDAY — PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE: Hearts 1, Rangers 1. RESERVE LEAGUE: Clydebank 1, Morton 2.

Your club notes

TRADESTON: Bus to Switzerland and Germany. Names to Monty on 445-1964 and Eddie on 554-1217 (please note change of numbers).

ABERDEEN: A branch of Rangers supporters, covering above area is in the process of being formed. Any interested party should apply, BY LETTER ONLY, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for full details to William Lawson, 8 Dill Place, Tillydrone, Aberdeen AB2 2XJ.

RENFREW LOYAL: Club's AGM will be held at Queen Street, Orange Halls, at approximately 11.30 on May 19. All members please attend.

LONDON RSC: Club will continue to have fortnightly meetings at New Inn, 183 Tottenham Court Road W1, opposite Goodge Street underground, throughout the summer. New members welcome.

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW: Club would like to express its thanks to all members and non-members, who travelled on the bus this season and their loyal support in the season ahead. Sportsnight in the Swan Inn (Tuesday, May 22) pool, dominoes and card competitions. All members welcome.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus run to Blackpool (June 23), names to Matt McAdam. Bus leaves Loudon Bar at 6 a.m. Saturday, returns Sunday Morning. Members £3, non-members £5.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Names for Switzerland, phone 762-4260. The club would like to thank all members for their support all season and hope that they're back next season.

EDINBURGH UNION JACK: Names being taken for pre-season tour of Switzerland and Germany. For all details phone H. Smith on Penicuik 0968 72467.

NITHSDALE: Bus v Hearts leaves Torrisdale Street at 5 p.m. Names for Switzerland phone Brian Craig on 881 5674.

IBROX LOYAL: Bus v Hearts (Alex MacDonald testimonial) leaves Ibrox subway at 5 p.m. Seats £1.50. Non-members welcome.

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Winning combinations: 04, 08, 17, 32, with one from 09, 12, 21, 28, 35, 37.

POOL THREE: 792 possibles, 10 goals. Approx 650 winners each receive approx £1.53.

Winning combinations: Any five from 01, 07, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 29, 32, 34.

POOL FOUR: 15 possibles, 26 goals. 11 winners each receive £90.90.

Winning combinations: 07, with any four from 03, 20, 22, 29, 36, 43.

POOL FIVE: 6 possibles, 0 goals, 6 winners each receive £166.66.

Winning combinations: Any five from 09, 12, 21, 28, 35, 37.

POOL SIX (second best): 2 possibles, 19 goals. Two winners each receive £1,000.

Winners: Mrs M. Gibson, 103 Mossgiel, Newlands, Glasgow; A. Glasgow man, no publicity.

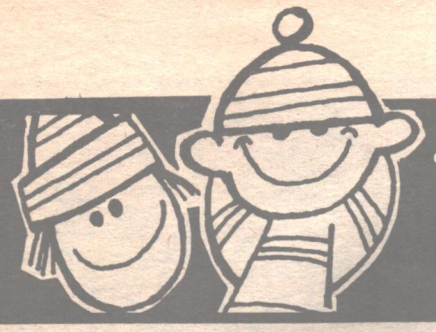
This week's teams

● Team list for Saturday, May 19, is:

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE: 01 Altona Gate, 02 Bell Park, 03 Doncaster, 04 Springvale, 05 Sunbury. VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR: 06 Border, 07 Clifton Hill, 08 Greensboro, 09 Holland Park, 10 Lalor United, 11 Yarraville. WEST AUSTRALIA THREE: 12 Booragoon, 13 Bunbury C., 14 Canning, 15 Fremantle B, 16 Leederville. VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE: 17 Knox City, 18 St. Albans. VICTORIA DIVISION THREE: 19 Ardeer, 20 Mooroolbark, 21 Pt. Melbourne, 22 Prahran City, 23 Royal Richmond. WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE: 24 Athena, 25 Bayswater, 26 E. Fremantle, 27 Inglewood. QWUEENSLAND: 28 Mitchelton, 29 Newmarket, 30 Bardon, 31 Darra, 32 Pine Rivers, 33 Albany, 34 Fairfield, 35 Southside. WEST AUSTRALIA TWO: 36 Balcatta, 37 Cockburn, 38 Melvile, 39 Rockingham. VICTORIA DIVISION TWO: 40 Coburg, 41 Eltham, 42 N. Geelong, 43 Sandringham, 44 S. Melbourne.

Saturday's results

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



Young Rangers Club

STRIP TEASE— IBROX STYLE !

Your chance to win a 'Gers outfit

THIS WEEK in our Young Rangers' Club contest, we are offering one lucky member the chance to win a Rangers strip.

The full outfit can be yours if you can answer a question.

What we want you to do is to look at the picture on the right. It shows Ally McCoist and a Feyenoord defender chasing the ball in the match at Ibrox in January.

Final

The final score was 3-3, but the Dutch club won on penalty kicks. What we want to know is the score of the match after penalty kicks were taken.

The closing date for this contest is Wednesday, May 23. The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

And, please, remember to include your full name, address, Young Rangers' Club membership number and the size of strip you would require should you win.



Goody, goody for Nicola!

NICOLA ALVES, 92 Balnagosk Circle, Torry, Aberdeen, is the lucky winner of the bag of Rangers goodies which was up for grabs in issue 641.

We wanted you to identify three Rangers players. The right answers were Davie Cooper, Hugh Burns and Jimmy Nicholl.

Nicola has already received her bag of goodies containing badges, pennants, books and other Rangers items.

Answers

1, Manchester United and Everton. 2, Montrose. 3, Newcastle United. 4, False. 5, Meadowbank Thistle. 6, Airdrie and Blackpool. 7, Gordon Banks. 8, Portsmouth. 9, Bobby Moncur. 10, East Stirling and Partick Thistle.

What was Alan's previous club?

1. Which two English clubs would be playing if Arthur Albiston was tackled by Andy Gray?
2. Which Scottish club play at Links Park?
3. Liverpool signed Alan Kennedy from which club?
4. True or false — Willie Miller of Aberdeen once played for Dundee United?
5. For which Scottish First Division side does Adrian Sprott play for?
6. If a player went from Broomfield Park to Bloomfield Park —which two teams would be involved in the transfer?
7. Which famous English international goalkeeper played for his country between 1963 and 1972, won 73 caps and played for Leicester City and Stoke City?
8. They were promoted from the English Division Three last season, they play at Fratton Park, wear blue shirts and are nicknamed "Pompey". Who are they?
9. He won 16 caps for Scotland between 1968 and 1972 while playing for Newcastle United. He was also manager of Hearts for a spell. Who is he?
10. If a player went from Firs Park to Firhill Park which two teams would be involved?



● ANDY GRAY ... see question one.

Pen-Pals

WANTED: Pen-pal for Calum MacCuish, 5 Vachdar, Isle of Benbecula, Western Isles. I am 13½ years old and I would like anyone, male or female, between the ages of 13 and 16. I like Status Quo, Spurs and Rangers and my hobbies include playing snooker, pool and watching Rangers.

WANTED: Pen-pal for 30-year-old exiled Scot member of the Peterhead branch of the Rangers Supporters Club who seeks female pen-friends 16/35 years of age. Besides my interest in Rangers I have a number of other hobbies, including computers, animals and the sea. Please try and enclose a photograph. All letters will be answered. Philip Andrew Reid, Flat 8, Francis Court, 70 Wigston Lane, Aylestone, Leicester LE2 8TS.

WANTED: Pen-pal for George Bright, AGC Hospital, PO Box 27, Obuasi-Adansi, Ghana. I am 19 years old and would like a pen-pal around my own age. My hobbies include collecting photographs, writing letters, all sports and exchanging gifts. I would like pen-pals from all around the world.

★ Happy birthday to our members ★

WEDNESDAY (MAY 9)

ROBERT BEATTIE, 20 Sommerville Drive, Stevenson, Ayrshire, who was eight.

TODAY (MAY 16)

DEREK JOHNSTON, 48 Geldenhuys Street, Reitzpark, Welkom, South Africa, who is six.
JORDAN HENRY, 26 Lawson Drive, Ardrossan, Argyll, who is four.
COLIN SUTHERLAND, 36 Wellhouse Crescent, Glasgow, who is five.
ALAN McINTOSH, Broallan Beauly, Inverness, who is 14.
ALAN CHARLES, 24 Commercial Street, Methil, Fife, who is eight.
DEREK FULTON, 32 Ferguson Way, Livingston, who is seven.
TRACEY HADDOW, 7 Gareloch Way, Whitburn, West Lothian, who is five.
DAVID GRAHAM, 3 Cairnsmoore Crescent, Whithorn, Wigtonshire, who is 15.
SUSAN WATT, 6 Craighall Quad, Neilston, Glasgow, who is five.
WILLIAM BRYCE, 124 Branshill Park, Sauchie, By Alloa, who is 16.

THURSDAY

DEREK McLAREN, 8 Jedworth Road, Drumchapel, Glasgow, who is ten.
MARK McGHEE, 32 Tree Bank Crescent, Ayr, who is ten.
SCOTT FULTON, 20 Dudley Drive, Townhead, Coatbridge, who is 12.
SCOTT HAMMOND, 148 Berwick Drive, Glasgow, who is 13.
DEREK HOUSTON, 5 Murdoch Crescent, Stevenson, Ayrshire, who is 16.
GAYLE RICHARDSON, 52 Kildonald Drive, Helensburgh, who is seven.
JOSEPH STODDART, 66 Shafton Road, Knightswood, Glasgow, who is 14.
HEATHER DUFFY, 11 Midfield Road, Coalburn, Lanarkshire, who is two.
ANDREW REID, 6 Marchmont Gardens, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, who is 12.
JAMES GRANT, 44 Glen Clunie Avenue, Darnley, Glasgow, who is 15.
DONALD HUTCHINSON, 2 Moorburn Avenue, Glasgow, who is 13.
LISA WILKIE, Woodview, Gleblends, Rothesay, who is seven.
GILLEASBUIG MACLEOD, 16a Laxay Lochs, Isle of Lewis, who is 15.
JOHNNY McQUILLAN, 40 Coulpark, Alness, Ross-shire, who is four.

FRIDAY

SANDY COOPER, 7 Linklet, Papdale, East Kirkwall, Orkney, who is 13.
ALEX REID, 66 Glenacre Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is 11.
ALEX THOMPSON, 76 Peat Road, Glasgow, who is 15.
IAN ALEXANDER, Gardeners Cottage, Spott Home Farm, Dunbar, who is two.
COLIN BENNEWITH, 2 Stronord, Palnure, Newton Stewart, who is 14.
COLIN CARMICHAEL, 96 Eider Grove, Greenhills, East Kilbride, who is 14.
COLIN PATTERSON, 2 Clochrie Court, Locharbriggs, Dumfries, who is 14.
DAVID SMART, 2 Duntorvie Quad, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is 14.
GILBERT WHITE, 7 North Street, Fraserburgh, who is 17.
STEVEN McGARRY, 103 Glenfield Road, Glenburn, Paisley, who is 14.
COLIN GARDINER, 35 St. Ninian's Avenue, Stranraer, who is 15.
DAVID LUPTON, 12 Longhill Gardens, Dalgetty Bay, Dunfermline, who is 17.
BILLY HARKNESS, 6 Greenwood Crescent, Coatbridge, who is four.
RICHARD BUSHNELL, 32 Springbank, Kennoway, Fife, who is nine.
ALAN BEATTIE, 79 Tarry Road, Arbroath, Tayside, who is six.
IAN RUSSELL, 3 West Mains Cottages, Spott, Dunbar, who is two.
MICHAEL EADIE, 69 Drumpellar Avenue, Coatbridge, who is five.
EDWIN MUSTARD, 36 Driory Hill, Coldstream, Berwickshire, who is 14.

SATURDAY

STUART FERGUSON, 98 Househill Muir Crescent, Pollock, Glasgow, who is 15.
BARRY PEAT, 24 Brunt Court, Dunbar, Lothian, who is six.
COLIN GRAHAM, Cayuga, Old Bridgend, Carluke, who is 11.
COLIN BROUN, 9 Coral Glen, Maybole, Ayrshire, who is 17.
MARTIN RICE, 103 Sighthill Loan, Edinburgh, who is 15.
JOHN URQUHART, 51 Sutherland Street, Sutherland, who is 14.
KENNETH MACKAY, 70 Kirkland Road, Glengarnock, Ayrshire, who is 17.
JAMES STEWART, 937 Gartloch Road, Garthamlock, who is nine.
MARK SCOTT, 69 Primrose Crescent, Perth, who is 17.
CHRISTOPHER McFADDEN, 14 Berwick Road, Greenock, who is four.
DAVID WALLACE, 2 Lochbuie Lane, Rochsoles Estate, Glenmavis, Airdrie, who is 17.
DONALD CORMACK, Damside Farm, Castletown, Thurso, who is 14.

SUNDAY

NEIL RICHARDSON, 18 Antonine, Kirkintilloch, who is six.
COLIN BAITIE, 77 Minto Crescent, Glenrothes, who is 13.
SUSAN GALLOWAY, 77 Muirside Avenue, Kirkintilloch, who is four.
BRYAN HASKELL, 31 High Academy, Armadale, who is 15.
STEWART HAY, 9 Moness Avenue, Aberfeldy, Perth, who is 16.
ALEXANDER CASSELS, 136 Berneray Street, Milton, who is 16.
JON McCONNELL, 9 Moor Road, Ayr, who is ten.
COLIN PARK, 29 Millbeg Crescent, Glasgow, who is 16.
IAN BEVERIDGE, 13 Kelvin View, Glasgow, who is 17.
MICHAEL MACLELLAN, 78 Gallow Hill Road, Fraserburgh, who is 16.
SCOTT GRAY, 23 Admiralty Place, Beith, who is three.
DONNY GIBB, South Mains Farm, Bearsden, Glasgow, who is 16.
DEBORAH MAHOOD, 15 London Road, Belfast, N. Ireland, who is one.
DAVID McGREGOR, 9 Hutchison Drive, Darvel, Ayrshire, who is 12.

MONDAY

DAVID McCLAREN, 75 Dixon Avenue, Kirn, Dunoon, Argyll, who is 14.
WILLIAM DEMCZUR, 73 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh, who is 16.
ALAN McBRIDE, 35 Rhinds Street, Kirkwood, Coatbridge, who is 11.
COLIN McCLUSKEY, 16 Loughview Bungalows, Islandmagee, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, who is 14.
ROBERT RICHARDSON, 43 Enter Park East, Dundonald, Co. Down, Belfast, N. Ireland, who is eight.
BRIAN WATSON, 2 Monach Gardens, Irvine, Ayr, who is 11.
STEVEN BRITCHIE, 151 Southbrae Drive, Jordanhill, Glasgow, who is 14.
ANGELA KEMP, 32 Millar Terrace, Rutherglen, who is 16.
DEREK STRACHAN, 81 College Bounds, Fraserburgh, who is ten.
ALAN DUNN, 47 Ambrose Rise, Bedridge, Livingston, who is 15.
CRAIG WOODS, 45 Wodehouse Street, Norwich, Norfolk, who is three.
NEIL CRICHTON, 36 Durham Place, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, who is 14.
BRUCE ROBERTSON, 2 Beechwood Place, Kirriemuir, Angus, who is 15.
KEITH ARMSTRONG, 58 William Street, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, who is six.
JAMES MENZIE, 6 Kilstream Road, Easterhouse, who is 17.
TONY COLLINS, 2 Kirk View Court, Cumbernauld, who is nine.

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● IN THE FIRING LINE . . . Alex McLeish tries to stop this long range effort from Ally McCoist as Neale Cooper races in.



● RED CLEARS THE DANGER . . . Alex McLeish heads the ball away as Bobby Williamson challenges.

NOTHING IN IT!



● MAGIC COOPER . . . Davie Cooper races clear of Tommy McIntyre early in the second-half.



● A CAPTAIN'S PART . . . Willie Miller prepares to clear the danger as Scott Fraser joins a first-half attack.

Defences are tops in Pittodrie clash

THIS CLASH between the League Champions and the League Cup holders had little between the teams — mainly because there was nothing in it!

No goals and few moments of excitement made it all too clear that this was an end of the season clash. The 16,200 crowd — an excellent attendance considering there was so little at stake — saw two teams displaying no lack of effort but, somehow, finding it just that little bit beyond them to produce the spark of life the match so badly needed.

For the most part, defences were on top. The best players were the back four in both teams, with the two goalkeepers also doing their part to keep the goals at bay.

Aberdeen.....0
Rangers.....0

Peter McCloy, with his 28th shut-out of the season, had an excellent night. Indeed, Pittodrie seems to be very much one of his favourite grounds. He's always turned in good displays there, and last Wednesday he maintained that fine form.

First

His handling was faultless, his anticipation showed all the class of an experienced goalkeeper and he made a number of first class saves.

The first was as early as the 7th minute when he stopped a Cowan effort; 20 minutes later he brilliantly fingertipped a low 20 yard shot from McGhee round the post and made two good stops from McKimmie and Hewitt in the 72nd and 87th minutes.

Hold

Jim Leighton's contribution was to stop a 22 yard attempt by McCoist in the 8th minute; hold another McCoist effort, this time a header, in the 38th minute; foil Williamson by racing from his goal midway through the first half and touch another shot by the same player round the post in the 60th minute.

Only once did it look as if either goalkeeper would be beaten and that was in the 58th minute — with the chance falling to Rangers. Davie Cooper's corner from the left was met by Davie McPherson and his header left Leighton helpless — only for the ball to rebound off the bar.

Sadly, it was to be the last opportunity which came Rangers' way and, from then on, the points always looked like being shared, although the Dons did claim for a penalty in the 81st minute when substitute John Hewitt went down following a tackle from Craig Paterson. Referee Bob Valentine, however very firmly said 'no'.

Special

Although the entire defence played well, Craig Paterson deserves a special mention. He turned in another fine display and, indeed, the big centre half now seems to be showing just why he was so highly rated several years ago.

He has had a difficult time with injuries in his spell at Ibrox but, thankfully that now seems to be behind him.

Now that he's playing so well, he's probably one of the few players who regrets the end of the domestic season is nearly upon us!



● CLASH OF THE BIG MEN . . . Craig Paterson and Doug Rougvie joust for possession at a Davie Cooper free-kick.

How they lined up . . .

ABERDEEN: Leighton, McIntyre, Rougvie, Cooper, McLeish, Miller, Porteous, Stark, McGhee, McKimmie, Cowan. Subs: Hewitt (for Porteous 65 mins.) and Falconer (not used).
RANGERS: McCloy, Fraser, McClelland, McPherson, Paterson, Redford, Russell, McCoist, Clark, Williamson, Cooper. Subs: E. Ferguson (for Williamson 63) and MacKinnon (not used).
Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee).
Attendance: 16,200.



● JUST A TOUCH . . . But it's still not enough. Jim Leighton blocks a first-half effort from Bobby Williamson.



● NOT THIS TIME . . . Tommy McIntyre just nips in to rob Davie Cooper as the winger tries to make his way along the bye-line.



● SAFETY SHOT . . . Neale Cooper gets a foot in to clear from Ally McCoist in the second-half.



● BY THE LEFT . . . Ian Redford brings the ball under control as Miller, Cooper and McIntyre look on.



● LOST CAUSE . . . the ball is nowhere in sight as John McClelland challenges Tommy McIntyre and Steve Cowan.

Games against Rangers, Manchester United and Juventus . . .

IT'S A HECTIC CLOSE SEASON FOR DAVIE!

BY the time you read this, Davie Mitchell will probably by lying in the sun-soaked garden of his Australian home recovering from jet lag and thinking about the next few weeks with Adelaide City.

For, after the season official ended on Saturday after the game against Hibs, the big Rangers striker set off on his return 'down under' for the next eight weeks where he will resume his career in Australian football for the time being.

Prospect

It means that Davie, won't be with the Ibrox squad that sets off on their world tour next week.

Instead, he will train and play with Adelaide City, with the prospect of a match AGAINST Rangers in Sydney, before returning to Ibrox for pre-season training on July 12 to begin the second year of his contract with the Light Blues.

He's back in Australia already

Davie is disappointed at not being included on the world tour, but he managed to look on the bright side of his situation

"At least I'm still getting the chance to try for a first team place again next season. I had hoped to have made more appearances in the first team this term but it hasn't worked out that way.

"Now I just want to put the past few months out of my mind. I have got a lot to look forward to in Australia this summer. The national team are playing Manchester United and Juventus at the end of this month and I hope to be included in that.

"THEN ON JUNE 3, AUSTRALIA WILL BE PLAYING RANGERS IN SYDNEY AND FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN TO PLAY IN THAT ONE WHICH WILL BE GREAT. I'D LOVE TO SCORE A GOAL IN THAT ONE AND IT GIVES ME A DIFFERENT TYPE OF CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT I CAN DO TO THE BOSS.

"With so many strikers at Ibrtox, it's going to be very hard to get in the first team next season so I have to take every chance I can to prove that I'm up to the job.

Row

Davie's return to soccer 'down under' with Adelaide City was only made possible by several changes at the club. THE 21-YEAR-OLD STRIKER LEFT THE CLUB AFTER A WAGES ROW BUT A NEW MANAGER AND A NEW DEAL HAS SETTLED THINGS.

"Rangers and Adelaide have worked out a system for paying me and I'm happy with it. The Australians are in the middle of their season and the football is of a pretty high standard. It'll keep me ticking over for next season and I aim to enjoy it."



● DAVIE MITCHELL . . . will play against Rangers.

TENNENT'S
LAGER

Eric's dream comes true

WHEN THIS season started out back in August last year, Eric Ferguson had one clear aim he wanted to achieve — to make his first team debut for Rangers.

But, up until a fortnight ago, the 18-year-old striker thought he would have to wait until at least next season before that had any chance of happening!

Then, Fergie was included in a pool of 17 players to report to Ibrox for the Premier League match again Dundee and when the team was announced he simply couldn't believe it when his name was on the list at number 14.

Frustrating

"I had been playing fairly well and scoring goals in the reserves since I came back from being on loan to Clydebank but I still was totally surprised when I was picked for the game against Dundee.

"When I went to Kilbowie it was very frustrating to see all the young players getting their chance in the first team and me missing out. HAVING SAID THAT, IT WAS PROBABLY PLAYING FOR CLYDEBANK THAT GAVE ME MY CHANCE LAST WEEK.

"The type of game there meant I was always running, fighting, scratching and tackling hard for the ball and I did it pretty well and scored a few goals. And, thankfully, that went down well with the boss.

Feeling

"It really is something else playing in the first team. It was great feeling part of the set-up travelling on the bus up to Aberdeen last week and it's a tremendous feeling being part of the team spirit which is really good at Ibrox.

"Now, I might have a chance of going on the world tour which is something I could only dream about not so long ago.

"IN A WAY, EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR ME AND I JUST WANT TO BUILD ON THAT FROM NOW ON."

Fergie's career took another big step on Saturday when he played his first full match for the first team at Easter Road against Hibs — and there's no reason to believe that the talented youngster won't be filling the position regularly for Rangers in the future.

DEREK GETS ALL CLEAR



● WEIGHT FOR IT . . . Derek works outs patiently at Ibrox last week waiting for Monday when his plaster was removed.

YOUNG Derek Ferguson breathed a sigh of relief when the doctors removed the plaster from his damaged right ankle on Monday.

It means that Rangers talented 16-year-old midfield player has a great chance of winning his battle to get fit in time for Scotland's participation in the European Under-18 Championships in Russia which begin in Russia a week this Friday (May 25).

Derek injured the ankle when he turned awkwardly in a tackle during a reserve match at Love Street and there were fears that he would be forced out of the already depleted Scots squad.

Bad

But now young Fergie is all clear to start working on special exercises to get the ankle in shape — AND HE IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL BE READY IN GOOD TIME TO TRAVEL BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.

"The doctors reckon I should just make it and at the moment it feels not too bad. I have been doing weights at training for the past couple of weeks and have done some steps-ups on the ankle which it stood up to fine.

Luck

"I'm very relieved as I would have been sick if I had missed the trip. The fact I won't be going on the world tour with Rangers makes it all the more important to me that I play in Russia and I'm looking forward to it.

"I would have liked to have gone on the world tour but I think this competition will probably benefit me more. It will be great experience and, given a bit of luck, I think we can win the tournament."

TWO RANGERS WHO WON'T BE IN RUSSIA, BUT HAVE FIGURED IN THE QUALIFYING MATCHES FOR THE SCOTS ARE HUGH BURNS AND ROBERT FLECK AND DEREK THINKS THEY WILL BE MISSED.

"Hugh, in particular, was a big part of the side at right back and we'll miss him. But, if we hit it off, we can still put up a good show. I'm looking forward to it — I always love playing for my country."

New shop hours

● ***Fans should note that the Rangers Shop will only be open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., until the start of next season.***

KEEP UP TO DATE

WEDNESDAY

Aberdeen and Scotland midfield man, Gordon Strachan, signs a four year contract with Manchester United. The Old Trafford club paid Aberdeen around £500,000 for the player.

Hibernian free Mike Conroy, the former Celtic player, as well as defender Stuart Turnbull, goalkeeper Kevin Wilson and veteran winger Arthur Duncan.

Morton announce their free transfers. They include Alex Miller, Colin Jackson, David Hayes, Tony Higgins, Graham Kyle and Paul Armstrong.

THURSDAY

Cologne refuse to accept that Gordon Strachan will not be playing for them next season. The West German side say that at the end of last season the Aberdeen midfielder signed an agreement stating he would play for the West German club next season. They will take the player to court.

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