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MIND HOW YOU GO

'Behave' plea to Rangers support

RANGERS fans will 'Follow-follow' to Dublin next week — but if they want to continue supporting the club in Europe, they must behave themselves!

That's the message to all Ibrox supporters who are Dublin bound next week, for the UEFA Cup tie against Bohemians on Tuesday, September 18.

Manager Jock Wallace, having already made an appeal for good behaviour from fans, has now sent out a letter to every supporters club going to Dublin, warning them that Rangers will be severely punished in the event of misbehaviour by Ibrox fans.

We have reproduced the letter on the right. If you are going to Dublin — HEED IT.

Rangers have also made arrangements for the letter to be printed in the Daily Record and Belfast Telegraph. THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR ANYONE SAYING . THEY HAVEN'T SEEN IT.

"I said it last week and I'll say it again — I am concerned about crowd behaviour at this game. I don't want Rangers fans causing trouble under any circumstances," said manager Jock Wallace.

"I'm hoping the club will get a good run in the UEFA Cup this year. I don't want that spoiled by trouble off the field."

"So I say this to the fans: 'ENJOY YOURSELVES — BUT BEHAVE YOURSELVES AT ALL TIMES'."

Jock's letter to the fans . . .



● This is the letter Jock Wallace has sent to all supporters clubs travelling to Dublin next week.

Dear Supporters.

The Directors, Management and players of Rangers Football Club wish to thank you for your support of the Team for the forthcoming Bohemians v Rangers U.E.F.A. Cup Tie to be played at Dalymount Park, on Tuesday, September 19th, 1984.

We wish to stress to you the importance of this match to the Club and in particular the importance of the good behaviour of our supporters. Over the past few years, the behaviour of our supporters both at home and abroad has been excellent.

WE CANNOT, HOWEVER OVER-EMPHASISE THE DAMAGE WHICH COULD BE DONE TO THE CLUB BY THE MISCONDUCT OF A FEW SUPPORTERS IN DUBLIN OR WHILST TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE MATCH. THE FUTURE OF RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB IN THIS TOURNAMENT LIES WITH THE FANS ON THE TERRACES AS MUCH AS WITH THE PLAYERS ON THE FIELD.

We ask fans not to forget that under U.E.F.A. Rules, the Club will be held responsible for the conduct of it's travelling support to Dublin and that the Club and the Team will suffer as a result of any misconduct by our fans.

Enjoy yourselves, but please do not let the Club down.

Yours Sincerely,

J Wallace

Manager.

DON'T TAKE DRINK TO THE GAME

DON'T take any kind of drink to the match!

That's the stern warning to Rangers fans by the Irish police.

No alcohol or soft drinks will be allowed in the ground and, in addition, the police will be making spot checks in Dublin before and after the match. Anyone under the influence of alcohol will be detained.

Checks

In addition, spot checks will be made on coaches travelling to and from Dublin. So the message is clear — stay clear of drink.

All coach operators and supporters clubs organising buses to Dublin have been sent special travel packs by Rangers advising them of travel routes and fans are advised that they should arrive in Dublin on the day of the game as near as possible to the kick-off time.

The police instructions are:

- **No drink — alcohol or soft drinks — to be taken into the ground. Searches will be made at all turnstiles.**
- **No supporters will be allowed entry if under the influence of drink.**
- **No flags/flagpoles shall be taken into the ground.**
- **Any person found to be under the influence of drink, in Dublin, shall be detained by the police.**
- **No alcohol shall be carried on coaches. Spot checks shall be made by the police throughout the country, to and from Dublin.**

The match starts at 8 p.m.

And, whatever you do, don't forget to take identification with you. If you've a passport, carry that. If not, something which clearly shows your name, address and date of birth.

Dublin officials and police will go out of their way to help Rangers and their fans. Don't abuse that by getting into trouble.

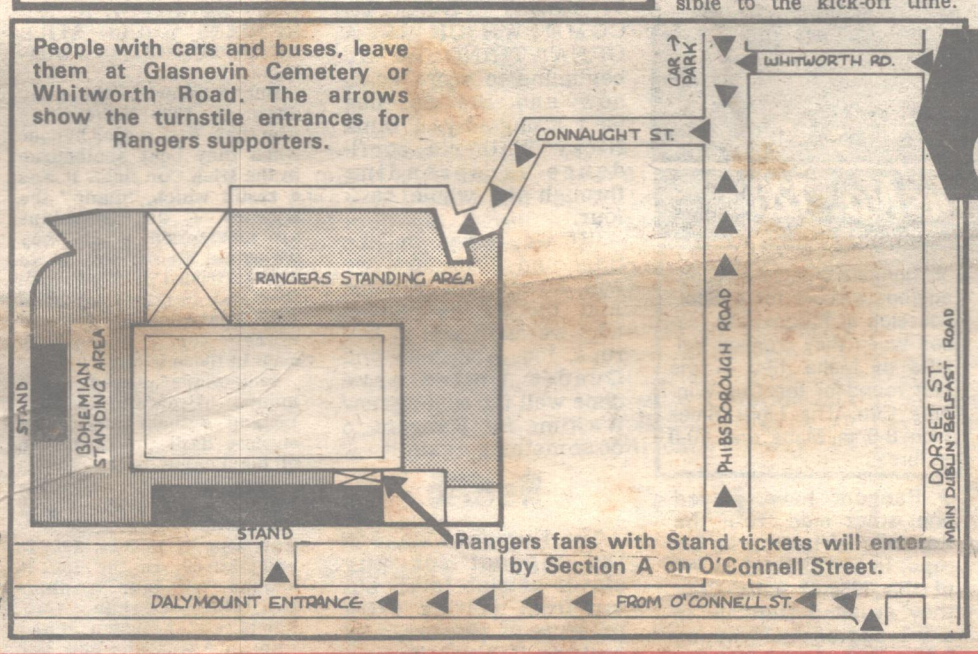
Have the right money

★ Only the stand has been made all-ticket and these are now available from the Ibrox ticket office. Price is £5.80. Those applying by post should enclose a stamped, addressed envelope as well as the correct admission.

FANS MUST INFORM RANGERS OF ALL TRAVEL DETAILS.

Those supporters going to the terracing should note that the admission price is £3 (Irish punts). Have the exact money ready. If you have only pounds sterling, you WON'T be given change.

★ There is a regular bus service from the city centre to Dalymount Park. The bus numbers are 9, 10, 14, 12 and 22.



HOW TO GET THERE

THE map on the left shows the way into the ground once you get there.

Rangers supporters travelling by road from Northern Ireland should follow signs for the A1 South to the border. At the border, follow the N1 to Dublin. The N1 enters Dublin by Swords Road. Drive down Swords Road to Griffith Avenue. Turn right into Griffith Avenue, and proceed to Mobhi Road. Turn left at Mobhi Road and head towards Glasnevin Cemetery and Prospect Square, where coach parking has been arranged. From there it is a five minute walk to the ground. Cars may also park in this area in side streets.

It is advised that supporters should leave Dublin IMMEDIATELY after the match.

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

BACK IN EUROPE . . . a look at Rangers'



● ALLY DAWSON . . . thinks Rangers could be in for a great run in the UEFA Cup.

RELAX!

These games take pressure off players

NEXT Tuesday's trip to Dublin will hold many memories for Ally Dawson — although not all of them are particularly happy ones for the Rangers full-back.

It was back on October 1, 1975, that as a fresh-faced 17-year-old Ally made his European debut for the Light Blues in the second leg of the European Cup first round tie against Bohemians.

Atmosphere

With Rangers leading 4-1 from the first leg at Ibrox, boss Jock Wallace decided to give the young star his first taste of action in the European arena. Since then, Ally has played in 18 Euro ties for the Light Blues — but that baptism of fire still sticks out in his mind.

"It isn't the match itself that I remember — that went past in a flash and all I can recall is we drew 1-1 and I played fairly well. What does stick out in my mind is the atmosphere in Dalymount Park.

"It was pretty hostile and there was also some trouble on the way back from the stadium in the team bus. I only hope this time there is no trouble and that it is the football that people will talk about. *I'M SURE THAT WILL BE THE CASE.*"

Since that match in 1975, Ally has gone on to establish himself at both club and international level. However, on the European front, he has not enjoyed much success with Rangers and that is something he thinks could change this season.

Best

"I have a feeling that, given a half decent draw, we could go quite far in the UEFA Cup. I'm sure we will beat Bohemians in both legs and that should build up the side's confidence, which is already pretty high.

"WE'RE PLAYING WELL JUST NOW BUT THE BEST IS STILL TO COME WHICH IS A GREAT THING. We are beginning to score goals now and the defence isn't losing any. I think Nicky Walker's confidence is spreading through the whole back four.

"If we carry on like this, and I'm sure we will, no-one will beat us. And there's no reason why we can't win in Europe, too. Aberdeen and Dundee United have done well for so long now it's time for Rangers to do something again."

Hectic

The European stage is the biggest for any player at club level, but far from putting extra pressure on players, Ally reckons it gives them a chance to relax a little.

"I always look forward to the European matches, especially the ones away from home. It takes you away from the hectic programme of league and cup games at home and is almost like a rest. So I hope we go as far as possible this season — AND THAT MEANS THE FINAL."

'We're playing well — but the best has yet to come, which is a great thing'

They are the only Irish side to win a Euro cup!

WHEN one looks back over the 94 years Bohemians have existed, it becomes apparent that the story of the club is also the story of Association Football in Southern Ireland.

The birth of Bohemians in 1890 led to the formation of the Leinster Football Association and the LFA, in turn, led the breakaway move from the Irish Football Association (Belfast-based) in 1921.

It was at a centre of learning known as Bell's Academy on the north side of Dublin that Bohemians came into existence and the club has since contributed in large measure to the fabric of the game in the south.

Crisis

The three golden rules framed by the pioneers of the club were: "Never say die, Keep the ball on the floor and the best defence is attack." That motto has always been part of the club's approach to life, even in the dark days of the 1950s and early 1960s when, as amateurs, Bohemians frequently found themselves in crisis situations.

IN FACT HAD THEY NOT DECIDED TO MAKE THE DRAMATIC MOVE TO PROFESSIONALISM AT PLAYING LEVEL IN 1969 IT IS DOUBTFUL IF BOHEMIANS WOULD STILL BE IN TOP CLASS FOOTBALL.

But to revert to the early days. In 1908 Bohemians won their first major honour when they beat Shelbourne in the Irish Cup final. It was a result which "made" the Gypsies — as Bohemians are nicknamed — and they wiped out the memory of an earlier Irish Cup final when they lost 10-1 to Linfield in 1895. That remains a record margin for a major cup final in those islands.

Bohemians played for a number of years in the Irish League without any great success until the formation of the League of Ireland in September, 1921. And the 1920s were to prove highly successful. The League title was won in 1923-24, 1927-28 and 1929-30. In the 1927-28 season, all four trophies available, League, Cup, Shield and Leinster Senior Cup were won and only two defeats were suffered in the 36 competitive games it took to accomplish the "clean sweep".

IT WAS IN 1929 THAT BOHEMIANS BECAME THE FIRST AND SO FAR ONLY SOUTHERN IRISH SIDE TO WIN A EUROPEAN TROPHY.

In a four-nation tournament in Belgium the Acieries Dangleur Cup was won and, even though it may mean nothing com-

Club history

pared to today's top Euro competitions, the achievement was widely acclaimed in Dublin at the time.

In 1933-34 and 1935-36 the league was won again and when Bohemians beat Dundalk 4-3 in the cup final, they helped establish what still remains the highest aggregate for a Football Association of Ireland Cup final. But, with the passing of the 1930's, the club's fortunes gradually declined and only the occasional minor trophy dispersed the gathering gloom in the 1940s.

Then, from 1950 until the mid-sixties, the Gypsies became a worn out force. Almost never out of the bottom two places in the league — there was no relegation as such in the League of Ireland then — support practically evaporated and the once proud red and black jersey had to endure considerable scorn.

Amateur

The revival began, strangely enough, when the club was still an amateur outfit and the man who put things right was the widely experienced and much respected Sean Thomas. In 1966 and 1968 the President's Cup was won and the side began to move up the table.

Then, in 1969, the club joined the ranks of professionalism when former Republic of Ireland international Tony O'Connell became the first paid player to sign for the club. The move cost Bohemians a considerable body of support among the members, many of whom despised the move to professionalism. BUT IT WAS AN INEVITABLE DECISION.

Since then Bohemians have established themselves as a major force again in Irish soccer and next week are playing in Europe for the eighth year in the past fourteen seasons.

Since turning professional at the playing level — the club is still amateur in all other aspects — the league has been won twice (1974-75 and 1977-78) and the cup once (1976). And in 1982 and 1983 Bohemians were beaten cup finalists.

BOHEMIANS IN EUROPE

CHAMPIONS CUP

1975	v Rangers	1-1 (H)	1-4 (A)
1978	v Omonia Nicosia	1-0 (H)	1-2 (A)*
	v Dinamo Dresden	0-0 (H)	0-6 (A) +

* Played at Flower Lodge, Cork; + Played at Oriel Park, Dundalk; Dalymount Park closed to European football due to crowd disturbances v Newcastle (UEFA Cup 1977).

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

1970	v Gottwaldov	1-2 (H)	2-2 (A)
1976	v Esbjerg	2-1 (H)	1-0 (A)
	v Slask Wroclaw	0-1 (H)	0-3 (A)

UEFA CUP

1972	v Cologne	1-2 (H)	0-3 (A)
1974	v Hamburg	0-1 (H)	0-3 (A)
1977	v Newcastle United	0-0 (H)	0-4 (A)
1979	v Sporting Lisbon	0-0 (H)	0-2 (A)

FULL RECORD

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	3	5	12	11	37

All set for tie No. 120

★ This is only the second time Rangers have competed in the UEFA Cup. The first time was in season 1982-83 when the Light Blues defeated Borussia Dortmund in the first round but were knocked out by Cologne in the second.

★ *Next Tuesday will see Rangers play their 120th match in Europe. Since their first entry in 1956, the Light Blues have played in 43 European Cup, 54 Cup-Winners Cup, 18 Fairs Cup and four UEFA Cup games. The club have also played two European Super Cup ties — against Ajax in 1973.*

★ Rangers first match in Europe was in the European Cup in 1956-57. The Ibrox side were given a bye in the first round and met French champions Nice in the second round. The teams finished 3-3 on aggregate but Rangers lost the play-off in Paris 3-1.

★ Rangers created a record aggregate score for a Scottish club in Europe last season when they crushed Valletta of Malta 18-0 in the first round of the Cup-Winners Cup. The Light Blues won 8-0 in Malta and 10-0 at Ibrox.

★ Rangers have played one other side from the Republic of Ireland in Europe. In the second round of the 1968-69 Fairs Cup, they crushed Dundalk in a 9-1 aggregate, winning 6-1 at Ibrox and 3-0 in Ireland.

★ *The Light Blues have reached three European Finals — all in the Cup-Winners Cup. In 1961, they lost 4-1 over two legs to Fiorentina of Italy; in 1967 Bayern Munich defeated them 1-0 after extra-time in Nuremberg and, of course, in 1972 the Light Blues won the trophy by beating Moscow dynamo 3-2 in Barcelona.*

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first opponents in this season's UEFA cup competition



● This season's Bohemians squad. BACK ROW (left to right): Mick Byrne (Trainer), Paul Doolin, Ronnie Murphy, John Byrne, Tony Duggan, Dermot O'Neill, Gino Lawless (Captain), Paul Power, Jackie Jameson, Barry Murphy. FRONT ROW: Peter Kealy, Mick Shelley, Alan Kinsella, David "Rocky" O'Brien, Pierce Walsh, Larry Wyse, Joey Poutch, John Reynor, Dave Connell, Billy Young (Manager).

The men from Dublin . . .

DERMOT O'NEILL: A keeper who has earned widespread recognition, Dermot made his debut for Bohemians in 1981-82. Has been selected for League of Ireland representative sides and joined Bohemians from Dundalk. At 23 years of age he still harbours ambitions to play at top class level in either England or Scotland. Height 5.10, weight 11.0, age 23.

DAVE CONNELL: Dave is a former captain of the Irish schools side and is a strong and skilful defender who is capable of going forward and creating chances for the attack. Went to Bohemians as a midfielder and made his league debut in 1979-80. Height 5.8, weight 11.0, age 22.

BARRY MURPHY: One of the most dependable back-four men in the League of Ireland, Barry made his league debut for Bohemians in 1981-82 after joining the club from St. Patrick's Athletic and, apart from his splendid defensive qualities, he is good going forward, weight 12.7, age 24.

GINO LAWLESS: Gino has been with Bohemians since 1978 and is a player of immense strength and is extremely versatile. He is capable of starring at left back or in midfield, his best position, and has a powerful shot. He is an Under-21 international. Height 5.10, weight 11.0, age 23.

RONNIE MURPHY: Ronnie joined Bohemians last year from Shamrock Rovers and is another of the strong men in defence. His play as a back-four man has given even greater stability to the Bohemian defence. Ronnie is a former Irish Youth International. Height 6.2, weight 11.6, age 22.

PAUL DOOLIN: Skilful and possessing good vision Paul enjoyed his best spell with the club last season and is another of the present panel to make his debut in 1981-82. As a right sided midfielder he can cause trouble even for the best organised defence. Height 5.10, weight 11.0, age 20.

ALAN KINSELLA: Alan hadn't got the best of luck last season with injuries but, in spite of the handicap, still managed to give excellent displays. Strong and alert and a shrewd tackler he made his debut in 1980-81. Height 5.9, weight 11.0, age 21.

JOHN REYNOR: John was the hero for the Republic of Ireland Youths when his



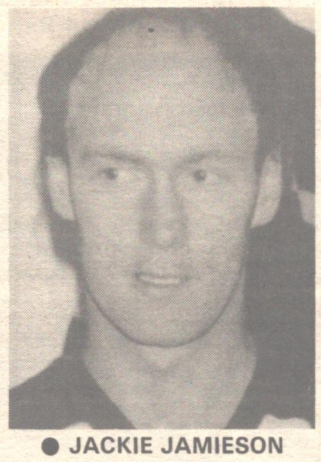
● GINO LAWLESS

goal ensured victory over Northern Ireland two years ago to send the Republic into the UEFA Youth finals in Finland. John has not found it easy to command a regular place on the first team, but toward the end of last season he showed he is ready to rectify that problem. Not yet quite 20 he has a fine future and can play as a linkman. Height 5.7, weight 11.0, age 19½.

JACKIE JAMESON: Irish soccer correspondents have run out of superlatives when it comes to describing the wizardry of the multi-talented Jackie Jameson. His princely skills have bemused every defender in the League of Ireland for the past five years and he is known as "the Irish Stanley Matthews." Scottish fans who appreciate skill and flair will not be disappointed if Jackie hits peak form. In his fourth year with Bohemians following a successful spell with St. Patrick's Athletic. Top scorer for Bohemians for the past three seasons. Height 5.11, weight 11.6, age 27.

DAVID "ROCKY" O'BRIEN: A player with flair and a keen goalscoring sense "Rocky" went through a poor spell by his standards last season and will be keen to get back to his best form this term. An Irish U-21 star. His lack of weight makes life just a little difficult as a striker, but his astute passing skills more than make up for that handicap. Height 5.7½, weight 10.0, age 21.

MICK SHELLY: "Super sub" Shelly is in his sixth year with Bohemians and has often turned the course of a game when called from the bench in moments of danger. A fast winger with a keen eye for the half chance and a versatile performer.



● JACKIE JAMIESON

Height 5.9, weight 11.5, age 24.

CHRISTY RYAN: Christy is a teenager with immense possibilities and figures largely in manager Billy Young's plans for the future. His speed and accuracy in front of goal was demonstrated to effect last season as he endeavoured to clinch a regular first team spot. Won representative honours with Dublin schoolboys. Height 5.10, weight 12.0, age 19.

JOHN BYRNE: A midfielder of distinct promise, John is on the fringe of regular first team selection. Another who gained selection on the Dublin schoolboys side he is positive in his approach and is not afraid to have a shot from long range which has proved fruitful on several occasions. Height 5.10, weight 10.7, age 22.

PADDY HUGHES: Paddy is a most elusive forward. Came to Bohemians from schoolboy club St. Malachy's of Dublin. Height 5.11, weight 11.0, age 20.

DEREK EDMONDS: Reserve keeper Derek has found it virtually impossible to make the first team simply because of the sparkling form of Dermot O'Neill. An Irish Youth international, he has made only one league appearance for the first team over the last two seasons. Height 6.1, weight 11.10, age 21.

JOEY POUTCH: Joey is the most recent arrival at Dalymount Park and he has made an immense impression after just a couple of appearances on the first team. A left-sided midfielder, he has remarkable vision and exceptional ability and is a real attacking player. At 17 years of age he seems destined to attract attention from other clubs. Height 5.9, weight 11.0, age 17.

Ban shock for Murphy

★ Bohemian's manager Billy Young got a shock last week when he discovered that key central defender Ronnie Murphy will be suspended for Tueday's match against Rangers.

Murphy is banned as a result of his dismissal two years ago while playing for Shamrock Rovers in the Cup-Winners Cup against Rumanian side University Craiova. Paul Power, the club's close season signing from Home Farm, is likely to take Murphy's place.

★ Rangers boss Jock Wallace and first team coach Alex Totten were in Dublin on Sunday where they watched Tuesday's UEFA Cup opponents Bohemians in action against Dundalk in a League Cup tie.

This Friday, the Dublin side are in action again when the Irish League season kicks off. Bohemians face Shamrock Rovers in their opening fixture

★ Rangers travel north on Premier League business this Saturday when they face Aberdeen at Pittodrie. All of the Light Blues small allocation of tickets for the match have been sold and Pittodrie will house a 23,000 capacity crowd.

★ Rangers Reserves will be in action tomorrow night (Thursday) when they face Hearts in a Reserve League Cup second round tie at Ibrox.

ALL YOUR SUPPORTERS' NOTES

HUTCHESONTOWN: The club would welcome new members. Meetings held every second Friday in Masonic Halls in Butterbiggan Road. If interested phone 880 6085 or 637 - 8107 for all details.

BROXBURN: The club would like to inform all members that all meetings, etc., will now take place in Badgers Brock in Broxburn. Bus v Aberdeen leaves at 9 a.m. Bus v Morton leaves 1.30 p.m. The club would also like to thank all other clubs for their support.

RENFREW LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves St. Orange Halls at approx 8.30 a.m. (non members welcome). Tickets being distributed for dance now.

INVERNESS: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Station Square at 9.30 a.m. For seats phone Inverness 231760 after 8 p.m. Will pick up en route.

DUNS AND DISTRICT: A video coach will run to Aberdeen on September 15th, leaving Chirnside at 7.30 a.m. Picking up at Duns, Greenlaw, and the Station Inn, Loanhead. Stopping at Kirkcaldy on way home. Anyone wishing a seat should contact Robert Elliot (0361) 83557. We are also holding a dance in the White Swan Hotel, Duns. Any club wishing to attend, please let us know in advance. Dance will be held on October 6 after Hearts game at Tynecastle.

BUCKHAVEN AND METHIL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Royal Hotel, Dysart at 9 a.m. Picking up at usual spots in Buckhaven, Methil and Kennoway. Returning home after game. Non members welcome.

PLEAN: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Plean at 8.30, Bannockburn at 8.35, St. Ninians at 8.40 and Denny Cross at 8.50. No drinks on bus. Monies for trip to Dublin to be paid by today (Wed). Anyone who has not paid by then will be considered not going and seat will be filled. Fare £20. For details of trip contact Alex Penman at Bannockburn 814778.

BALLINGRY LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Auld Shank, Ballingry at 9 a.m. Picking up at Cowdenbeath at 9.15 and Dunfermline at 9.30. Names only. Bus v Dublin Bohemians leaves Auld Shank at 11 p.m. on Monday, September 17th. Picking up at Cowdenbeath at 11.15 p.m. and Dunfermline at 11.30 p.m. Arrive back early on Wednesday morning. Thanks to Gillie and Whitegates RSC Craigneuk for giving members a lift to Motherwell recently.

ROSS-SHIRE: Names beging taken for bus v Aberdeen. It leaves Ederton at 8.30 a.m., picking up at Tain, Blantore. Invergordon, Alness, Dingwall, and Toll Roundabout. To book seats phone Invergordon 853595.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Minibus v Aberdeen leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn at 9 a.m. Tickets arrangements as per usual Saturday's regular meeting.

LONDON: Aberdeen trip now fully booked. Names for Rangers v Dundee United, Rangers v Dublin Bohemians and Hearts v Rangers. Early bookings essential. To book or for membership details phone R. Jenkins on 01 607 7259 (evenings only).

HELEN ST.: Aberdeen bus leaves Social Club at 8 a.m. Return after game. Seats Phone 440 2354.

CASTLEMILK TRUE BLUES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Castlemilk bus terminus at 10 a.m. Pick up points Mitchellhill Flats, Tormusk Shops, Glenwood School and bottom of Castlemilk Drive. New and non members welcome. We would like to thank the Rutherglen True Blues, especially Mr A. Holejack for all their help in midweek versus Cowdenbeath.

MUSSELBURGH: Any details of supporters buses leaving or going through Musselburgh, please contact K. Stitt, 50 Eskside West, Musselburgh or phone 345 3197.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves McLean Street, at 9 a.m., Seats non members, £5. Returning to Glasgow straight after game. Members tickets on bus. Buses for Dublin will leave 9 a.m. prompt Monday morning, September 17th. All travelling please note that good behaviour MUST prevail during this trip. New members welcome. All details phone Stuart 041 429 5578 between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

KIRKHILL TRUE BLUES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 8.30 a.m. from Main Street. Bus full. Trip to Dublin leaves 10.30 a.m., Sunday, September 16th. Bus v Morton leaves Clifton Arms at 1.15 p.m. Bus full.

THORNLIEBANK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Arden Bar at 9 a.m. Bus v Dublin leaves Monday, September 17th, at 11.30 p.m. Picking up in Irvine at 12.15 p.m. for the 3 a.m. sailing. Returning Glasgow approx 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 19th. Bus full.

WEST END TRUE BLUES (PAISLEY): Few seats available on second bus v Dublin Bohemians. Leaves from Park Parks Bus Terminal, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, at 9 a.m. Picking up in Paisley at 9.30 a.m., Tuesday, September 18th. Stay in Belfast for Linfield v Shamrock Rovers. Returning 8.30 a.m. Thursday, 20th. Balance of money now due.

● *REMEMBER . . . there is NO charge for club notes appearing in these columns. Keep your members informed about bus times, functions, fund raising ventures and presentations by writing to: Club Notes, Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow, G3 7HY.*

You can also phone in your Club Notes on 041-331-1933. Please make sure all club notes are phoned in by 1.30 p.m. on the Friday.

Phone 884 - 6789 for details. Bus v Aberdeen leaves Kilbarchan at 8.45, Castle St. 9.00, Orchard Street 9.15 and Brockfield at 9.30.

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 9 a.m. Returning home after match. Non-members welcome. Price £3. Due to cancellation two seats are available for Dublin. Anyone interested contact Ian Phillips on Bellshill 748353.

BALLOCHMYLE BAR: Any clubs going to Aberdeen can stop off en route for breakfast at this bar. Serve breakfasts from 7 a.m. Car and bus parking facilities. Ballochmule Bar, 672 Duke Street, Glasgow.

RUCHILL LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 9.45 a.m. Picking up at Macs Bar, Ivy Bank and The Meadows. All Dublin money to be paid to W. Mesh by the 15th. Any further details phone Bill Cleeves on 946 0232 or Rodney on 946 2129.

CUMBERNAULD LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves the Town Centre 8.30 a.m., Abronhill 8.45. Seats non members. Returning immediately after the game. Bus to Dublin leaves Cumbernauld Town Centre 3 a.m., and also picks up at 3.30 a.m. from George Square. Sailing from Stranraer at 7.30 a.m. Return home on Wednesday morning. For further details phone Gary on 22505.

FORRES LOYAL: Next meeting to be held in Carlton Hotel, Forres on Wednesday, September 12th (tonight) at 8 p.m. New members welcome. Bus v Aberdeen leaves The Cross at 9.30 a.m. Members £3. Non members £5. Phone Alex McGregor on Forres 75450 for details.

IBROX LOYAL: Bus v Dublin Bohemians. Names being taken for second bus. Seats £20. For details phone Norman Banks 440 1226. Bus leaves for Dublin on Tuesday, September 18th, at 8.45 a.m.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 8.00, 8.05, 8.10. Usual pick up points. Seats phone Robert on 762 4260. All travelling to Dublin remember identification.

BRIDGETON LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 8.30 a.m. from the Mermaid Bar. Staying after the game.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth at 9.30 a.m. Picking up at Milton House, Burtisland, and White Heather, Kirkcaldy. Membership fees now due.

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JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 9 a.m. Members tickets on bus. Still a few seats left for Dublin. Phone 851 9400 or 5540153. Leaves Loudon Bar, Duke Street.



Midweek action from the Skol Cup

PUT YOUR CASH ON RANGERS!

RANGERS reached their 27th League Cup semi-final last Wednesday night when they defeated Cowdenbeath at Central Park. And if you are a believer in fate, you can put your wages on the Light Blues winning the trophy right now.

All the statistics and all the form combine to suggest that Jock Wallace's men are poised to retain the trophy they won only six months ago.

And for those who take such things seriously, an interesting fact emerges from last week's quarter-final clash in Fife. For the last time Rangers met Cowdenbeath was in the League Cup semi-final in 1970-71. Rangers won 2-0 — and went on to win the trophy.

How can they fail to win the trophy for the 13th time? Certainly, if they continue to show the same resolve, determination and, most importantly, skilful football as they are at the moment then it would take a foolish man, or a Hearts or Dundee United fan, to bet against them!

Worthy

John Clark's giant-killers, in front of the biggest crowd Central Park has seen for many a moon, certainly wouldn't. They did their utmost last week to cause another upset and are without a doubt a very useful side indeed.

But they soon found out that with this Rangers side, there are no second chances. In the first half, the plucky Fifers were certainly worthy of the level scoreline and, indeed, if their adventurous attacking play had been matched by their finishing, they might well have been in the lead.

After the break, it was all so different. Rangers, who had shown their attacking abilities only temporarily in the first half and had seen those brilliantly denied by Cowden keeper Ray Allan, stepped up a gear — and that was enough.

In the space of 90 seconds, Cowdenbeath's dreams of further glory were shattered and the reality of Rangers' bid for more success in the tournament was confirmed.

Cowdenbeath 1
Rangers..... 3

Scorers: Cowdenbeath — Tierney (85 min.) Rangers — I. Ferguson (65), Russell (66), Redford (77). Att.: 9,925.

With 65 minutes gone, Iain Ferguson won the ball wide on the left wing. Fergie brilliantly turned inside Brian McDonough and showed his terrific turn of speed as he raced to the edge of the penalty area. He then let fly and his powerful shot took a deflection off Danny Wilson and settled in the back of the net.

That was just what the Light Blues needed. Cowdenbeath were down on the canvas and before they could pull themselves together, right from the restart Rangers hit them with a sucker punch.

Cammy Fraser won the ball and sprayed a fine pass wide to Ian Redford. The midfielder controlled the ball at the second attempt and sent over a cross to the far post, which Bobby Russell met on the run and crashed the ball past the helpless Allan with his left foot from eight yards.

To the home side's credit, they failed to cave in completely as many sides might have done. Even after Rangers netted number three in the 77th minute when Davie Cooper's cross was headed down by Craig Paterson and slotted home by Ian Redford, Cowdenbeath moved forward.

They were rewarded with five minutes remaining when Grant Tierney, elder brother of Rangers 'S' form signing Scott, rose to head home a Kenny Ward cross from eight yards.

How they lined up

COWDENBEATH: Allan, McDonough, Wilcox, Armour, Tierney, Wilson, Ward, Williamson, Paterson, Christie, Mitchell. Subs: Taylor (for Mitchell 78) and McTeague (not used).
RANGERS: Walker, MacKinnon, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, Redford, Russell, C. Fraser, McCoist, I. Ferguson, Cooper. Subs: Mitchell (for McCoist 74) and McPherson (for C. Fraser 90).
REFEREE: R. B. Valentine (Dundee)
Booked: Wilcox (Cowdenbeath) and McClelland (Rangers).



● SHY BOY . . . Bobby Russell hides from the "News" camera behind the post but the midfielder has just cracked Rangers second goal past Ray Allan.



● ONE MORE TIME . . . Ian Redford strikes home his third goal in as many games to put Rangers 3-0 ahead.



● EARLY STRIKE . . . John Mitchell looks on as Bobby Russell fires in a shot which was well saved by Ray Allan.

HAPPY JOCK...

RANGERS could reach the final of the Skol League Cup without meeting a Premier Division side. In the semi-final draw in Glasgow last Thursday, the Light Blues were paired with First Division Meadowbank Thistle.

Said Ibrox boss Jock Wallace, on hearing the draw: "I'm very pleased, especially since the first match is at Ibrox. We have every chance to reach the final again although we will give Meadowbank healthy respect as we do all our opponents."

The possibility of a switch to Tynecastle or Easter Road for the second leg of the tie was being discussed at a meeting between police and Meadowbank officials yesterday (Tuesday). The Commonwealth Stadium has a capacity of 16,500.

The draw was: Hearts v Dundee United, Rangers v Meadowbank Thistle.

Ties to be played on September 26 and October 10.



● RIPPING TIME . . . Bobby Russell's opponent has some involuntary alterations carried out on his stocking by the Ibrox midfielder's boot.



● GOING UP . . . Iain Ferguson has a head start on Cowdenbeath's Danny Wilson and Davie Wilcox as they challenge for this cross.

THE QUALITY STRIKE FORCE!

RANGERS Reserves moved into their familiar position at the top of the Premier Reserve League last Tuesday night when they convincingly defeated Dumbarton at Ibrox.

What pleased coach John Hagart most about the Colts' triumph was the quality of all four goals. The second eleven strike force is certainly hitting form, with the quartet against Dumbarton following on from the 6-1 thrashing of Dundee.

Rangers took the lead in the 25th minute with a goal created and executed by the team's two 'old heads', Robert Prytz and Sandy Clark. The Swedish midfielder showed great skills on the right before crossing for Sandy to bullet home a fine header from eight years.

Beauty

Six minutes later, John MacDonald netted his first goal of the season for first team or reserves — and what a beauty it was. The ball reached him just inside the box with his back to goal and he turned brilliantly and cracked a fine shot into the corner of the net from 12 yards.

In the 38th minute, wee John was on the mark again with another excellent goal. A good move in midfield saw the ball fall sweetly into his path 15 yards out and his well-struck and accurate shot gave the keeper no chance.

That ended the first half scoring but the Light Blues didn't maintain their super

Rangers..... 4
Dumbarton 1

form after the break and Dumbarton came more into the game. They were rewarded in the 70th minute when they pulled a goal back.

That seemed to shake the Light Blues up and it took them only five minutes to restore their three goal advantage. Substitute Robert Fleck picked the ball up on the right and blasted in a terrific shot from all of 25 yards.

Crackers

Said John Hagart: "I wasn't so pleased with our second half performance but the most pleasing thing was the quality of the goals. They were all crackers and John MacDonald's first one was absolutely marvellous."

Central defender David MacFarlane picked up John Hagart's nomination as "Young Player of the Match", and Scott Fraser was the only Ranger to be booked.

RANGERS: Bruce, Fraser, Leeman, Burns, MacFarlane, Davies, Kennedy, Prytz, Clark, MacDonald, Munro. Subs: Fleck (for Clark 45 min.) and E. Ferguson (for Leeman 65 min.).

FOR THE RECORD

● For the record, here is Rangers line-up against Dundee in the Premier Reserve League match at Ibrox on September 1.

Bruce, Fraser, Leeman, Burns, MacFarlane, Davies, Kennedy, Prytz, Fleck, Munro, MacDonald. Subs: E. Ferguson (for Fleck 75 min.) and Durrant (for Kennedy 75).

● The Rangers Amateurs Under-15 line-up against Pollok on August 9 was: Scott, McCann, Orr, J. Clark, Thomson, McEwan, Milligan, Andrews, Paton, Watson, Campbell. Subs: D. Clark (for Milligan 40) and Young (for J. Clark 40).

COLTS EARN BIG PAY-OFF...

Hibs.....0 Rangers.....2

The second eleven strengthened their position at the top of the league last Thursday night at Easter Road when they took a hard-earned two points from Hibs.

Both Rangers goals came in the second half after an opening 45 minutes which was competitive, entertaining, but, at times, untidy with both sides showing very little signs of breaking the deadlock.

The second half was a different story as the Light Blues turned on the style, playing some fine football and were always on top.

The first goal came in the 61st minute. Billy Davies, who had come on as substitute for Davie McPherson a few minutes earlier, sent over a cross from the left and Robert Fleck nipped in at the back post to blast in an angular shot from 12 yards.

Rangers sealed the two points in the 75th minute when a brilliant move involving Robert Prytz and Derek Ferguson in midfield ended with John MacDonald playing a neat one-two with Robert Fleck and heading home the return

Said John Hagart: "I was very pleased indeed with the result and the second half performance in particular was excellent.

It's good to see so many of the things we have been working at on the training ground working on the park."

RANGERS: McCloy, Fraser, Munro, Burns, MacFarland, McPherson, Fleck, D. Ferguson, Mitchell, Prytz, MacDonald. Subs: Davies (for McPherson 55 min), and E. Ferguson (for Mitchell 60).



● BILLY DAVIES . . . made first goal v Hibs.

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PERFECT TIN



Early and late goals finish Hibs

RANGERS' momentum in the Premier League race continued to increase steadily on Saturday when they recorded one of their most comfortable wins over Hibs at Ibrox for a few seasons.

It is a measure of how far the Light Blues have come under Jock Wallace that they now find themselves hot on the heels of Aberdeen in the Top Ten table without yet having struck top form.

There's no doubt that as long as they continue to play with the same determination and confidence, any team in the land will have to play very well indeed to beat them.

Belief

The difference between Rangers and Hibs on Saturday was that the Ibrox men had more belief in themselves — ***NOT TO MENTION A PERFECT SENSE OF TIMING.***

They couldn't have picked any better times in the 90 minues to score their two goals. And they were both excellent goals — another consistent feature of their play nowadays.

After only two minutes, Davie Cooper swung over a corner from the left and Craig Paterson rose magnificently to bullet an unstoppable header past the despairing Alan Rough from 12 yards.

Rangers....2 Hibernian...0

Paterson (2 mins), MacDonald (90). Att. 22,601.

The big centre-half, who had another fine game, clearly enjoyed the strike against his old club and it meant the men from Edinburgh were forced to chase the game from then on.

In doing that, they failed to seriously ruffle Rangers and merely succeeded in frustrating themselves. Rangers never dominated the game but they never looked in any great danger of losing either, and only the occasional high ball troubled the Light Blues.

And in the final minute substitute John MacDonald set the seal on the win with a super individual goal which was as well timed and executed as any you will see.

'Solo' collected a pass from Bobby Russell, rounded two Hibs defenders and then went past Alan Rough and slotted the ball into the net from an angle.

The satisfaction this victory brought, however, was soured by an incident in the second half.

Grabbed

In the 62nd minute, a man ran on the field from the Copland Road end of the ground and attacked Hibs' young defender Kevin McKee.

He was quickly grabbed by Alan Rough and escorted away by police.

We say again to this person and any others who may think of committing similar acts — ***WE DON'T WANT YOUR KIND FOLLOWING RANGERS.***

★ ONE THAT GOT AWAY . . . a Davie Mitchell header s

You're not welcome any more!

THE man who indulged in an act of mindless violence during Saturday's match against Hibs will never be welcomed again at Ibrox.

That was made clear by manager Jock Wallace after the match.

"We don't want people like that to follow this club. I don't want to see him back at Ibrox ever again," said the Rangers' boss.

The man, who has been charged with

IING!

★ JUST FOR STARTERS . . . There's just two minutes gone and Craig Paterson jumps almost unmarked to put Rangers into the lead

★ PERFECT FINISH . . . in more ways than one. John MacDonald nets the last minute goal that sealed Rangers' 2-0 victory as he rounds Rough to net from six yards.

★ SUPER SUB . . . Bobby Russell congratulates his team-mate as wee John shows just how happy he is.









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How they lined up

RANGERS: Walker, MacKinnon, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, Redford, Russell, C. Fraser, Mitchell, I. Ferguson, Cooper. Subs: McPherson (for Mitchell 64) MacDonald (for Ferguson 79).

HIBS: Rough, McKee, Schaedler, Sneddon, Rae, McNamara, Callachan, Brogan, Irvine, Rice, Thomson. Subs: Kane (for Irvine 68), Jamieson (for Brogan 45).

Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock). Booked: McClelland (Rangers), Callachan, Thomson (Hibs).

★ UP IN ARMS . . . Ian Redford and Alan Sneddon are caught in an unusual pose as the ball slips away. Kevin McKee is the other Hibs player.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	5	5	0	0	14	3	10
Rangers	5	3	2	0	6	1	8
St Mirren	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
Celtic	5	1	4	0	7	2	6
Hearts	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Morton	5	2	0	3	4	14	4
Dundee Utd	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
Dumbarton	5	1	1	3	5	7	3
Hibernian	5	1	1	3	3	8	3
Dundee	5	1	0	4	7	11	2

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	5	3	1	1	7	5	7
Brechin	5	2	2	1	9	6	6
Clyde	5	2	2	1	8	5	6
Ayr Utd	5	1	4	0	5	3	6
East Fife	5	2	2	1	13	12	6
Airdrie	5	3	0	2	7	6	6
Hamilton	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Clydebank	5	2	1	2	5	3	5
Falkirk	5	2	1	2	9	10	5
Forfar	5	2	0	3	8	6	4
Partick	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Kilmarnock	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Meadowbank	5	0	3	2	6	10	3
St Johnstone	5	1	0	4	7	13	2

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dumfermline	5	5	0	0	14	3	10
Alloa	5	4	1	0	8	2	9
Cowdenbeath	5	3	0	2	12	5	6
Queen's Park	5	3	0	2	13	10	6
Q.O.S.	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Stenhousemuir	5	1	3	1	4	6	5
Albion R.	5	2	1	2	8	11	5
Berwick	5	2	0	3	6	6	4
Montrose	5	2	0	3	8	10	4
Stranraer	5	2	0	3	3	9	4
E. Stirling	5	0	3	2	5	9	3
Arbroath	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Raith	5	1	1	3	6	11	3
Stirling A.	5	0	2	3	3	6	2

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	5	4	1	0	16	4	9
Celtic	4	2	2	0	13	4	6
Dundee Utd	4	4	2	0	8	4	6
Hearts	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
St. Mirren	5	2	1	2	13	12	5
Dundee	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Hibs	5	1	0	4	5	9	2
Aberdeen	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
Morton	5	0	2	3	3	11	2
Dumbarton	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Reserve League West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Queens Park	4	3	0	1	10	6	6
Motherwell	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
St. Johnstone	4	2	0	2	10	6	4
Ayr Utd.	3	2	0	1	8	5	4
Clydebank	3	2	0	1	6	6	4
Clyde	4	1	2	1	7	9	4
Airdrie	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Partick Th.	4	0	3	1	3	6	3
Hamilton	4	1	1	2	3	8	3
Stirling	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Kilmarnock	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Falkirk	4	0	1	3	6	10	1

Highland League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ross Co	5	4	1	0	12	8	13
Thistle	5	3	1	1	11	2	10
Buckie	5	3	1	1	12	4	10
Keith	5	3	1	1	17	6	10
Elgin	5	3	1	1	10	6	10
Caley	5	3	1	1	7	7	10
Huntly	5	3	0	2	10	5	9
Clach	5	3	0	2	11	8	9
Nairn	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
Brora	5	2	0	3	7	13	6
Forres	5	2	0	3	12	10	6
Deveronvale	5	1	2	2	8	7	5
Peterhead	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
Fraserburgh	5	1	0	4	4	11	3
Rothes	5	1	0	4	6	18	3
Lossiemourth	5	0	0	5	5	22	0

* 3 points for a win.

1st XI scorers

Iain Ferguson	11
Ian Redford	7
Ally McCoist	4
Eric Ferguson	3
Cammy Fraser	2
Davie McPherson	2
Craig Paterson	2
Robert Prytz	1
Sandy Clark	1
Bobby Russell	1
John MacDonald	1

2nd XI scorers

Robert Fleck	4
Billy Davies	3
Robert Prytz	3
John MacDonald	3
David MacFarlane	2
Vance Haddow	1
Steven Connor	1
Andrew Kennedy	1
Stuart Munro	1
Eric Ferguson	1
Sandy Clark	1

Weekend results

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Dumbarton	1	Celtic	3
Dundee U.	3	Dundee	4
Hearts	1	St Mirren	2
Morton	0	Aberdeen	3
Rangers	2	Hibernian	0

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie	1	Hamilton	2
Brechin	2	East Fife	2
Clyde	2	Clydebank	0
Kilmarnock	2	Forfar	1
Meadowbnk	1	Partick	1
Motherwell	1	Ayr	1
St Johnston	0	Falkirk	2

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Alloa	3	Montrose	1
Arbroath	1	Albion R.	2
Berwick	0	Dunfermline	1
Cowdenbeath	2	Queens P.	3
E. Stirling	0	QoS	0
Raith	1	Stirling A.	1
Stenhousemuir	2	Stranraer	0

HIGHLAND LEAGUE

Brora	4	Peterhead	2
Caley	0	Clach	3
Deveronvale	0	Thistle	2
Forres	2	Elgin	3
Fraserburgh	1	Rothes	2
Huntly	0	Ross Co	1
Lossiemouth	1	Keith	7
Nairn	0	Buckie	2

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Aberdeen	2	Morton	1
Dundee	0	Dundee Utd	1

This week's games

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES: Scotland v Yugoslavia; England v East Germany.

WORLD CUP GROUP TWO: Sweden v Portugal.

WORLD CUP GROUP THREE: Northern Ireland v Rumania.

WORLD CUP GROUP SIX: Republic of Ireland v USSR; Norway v Switzerland.

WORLD CUP GROUP SEVEN: Iceland v Wales.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Cardiff City v Leeds United.

FRIDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Doncaster Rovers v Lincoln City.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Southend v Chester; Tranmere v Swindon.

SATURDAY

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

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Ayr United v Clyde; Clydebank v Kilmarnock; East Fife v Meadowbank Thistle; Falkirk v Motherwell; Forfar v St Johnstone; Hamilton v Brechin City; Partick Thistle v Airdrie.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Albion Rovers v Alloa; Dunfermline v Cowdenbeath; Montrose v East Stirling; Queen of the South v Stenhousemuir; Queens Park v Arbroath; Stirling Albion v Berwick Rangers; Stranraer v Raith Rovers.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Chelsea v West Ham; Coventry v Manchester United; Ipswich v Arsenal; Liverpool v Sunderland; Newcastle v Everton; Southampton v Norwich; Stoke City v Leicester; Tottenham Hotspur v QPR; Watford v Aston Villa; West Brom v Sheffield Wednesday.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Barnsley v Cardiff; Birmingham v Carlisle; Blackburn v Grimsby; Brighton v Crystal Palace; Charlton v Oldham; Leeds United v Portsmouth; Manchester City v Huddersfield; Middlesbro' v Wolves; Oxford v Notts County; Shrewsbury v Wimbledon.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bristol Rovers v Reading; Cambridge v Bristol City; Derby County v Burnley; Hull City v Preston; Newport v Brentford; Orient v York City; Plymouth v Bournemouth; Rotherham v Bradford City; Walsall v Millwall; Wigan v Gillingham.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot v Exeter; Blackpool v Darlington; Bury v Colchester; Hartlepool v Rochdale; Hereford v Stockport; Mansfield Town v Crew; Northampton v Halifax; Scunthorpe v Chesterfield; Torquay v Port Vale; Wrexham v Peterboro.

SUNDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Nottingham Forest v Luton Town.

MONDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Southend v Stockport; Tranmere v Halifax.

TUESDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Birmingham City v Portsmouth; Blackburn v Cardiff City; Middlesbro' v Wimbledon; Sheffield United v Crystal Palace; Shrewsbury v Oldham.

Latest 'Player of the Year' news

CRAIG Paterson put Rangers on the victory road against Hibs on Saturday — and earned himself another man of the match nomination in the Rangers News 'Player of the Year' award.

That means Craig now leads the table, having collected six points. Bobby Russell won the vote against Cowdenbeath.

FIRST TEAM

Craig Paterson	6
Nicky Walker	3
Davie Cooper	3
Bobby Russell	3
Ally McCoist	2
Iain Ferguson	2
Ally Dawson	2

BOOKINGS: McClelland (2), Redford, MacDonald, McCoist, I. Ferguson, Dawson.

SECOND TEAM

David MacFarlane	8
Andy Bruce	6
Robert Fleck	5
John Laidlaw	3
Billy Davies	2

Bookings: D. Ferguson (2), Munro (2), Davies, Fleck, Fraser, MacFarlane, Kennedy. ORDERED OFF: Prytz.



● DAVID MacFARLANE . . . won both midweek 'man-of-match' reserve awards.

Midweek results

TUESDAY — SKOL CUP QUARTER FINAL: Dundee 0, Hearts 1. RESERVE LEAGUE WEST: Clydebank 0, Ayr United 5.

WEDNESDAY — SKOL CUP QUARTER FINAL: Cowdenbeath 1, Rangers 3; Dundee United 2, Celtic 1 (after extra-time); Meadowbank Thistle 2, St. Johnstone 1. PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE: St. Mirren 3, Hearts 2.

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Winning combinations: 25, 29, with three from 13, 18, 28, 39.

● The golden bonus was not won and now stands at £2,200.

Saturday's Results

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

This Week's Teams

● Team list for Saturday, September 15, is:
01 Aldershot, 02 Bury, 03 Aberdeen, 04 Dundee, 0 Chelsea, 06 Coventry, 07 Barnsley, 08 Birmingham, 0 Bristol R., 10, Cambridge U., 11 Hartlepool, 12 Here ford, 13 Morton, 14 Ayr, 15 Ipswich, 16 Newcastle, 1 Blackburn, 18 Charlton, 19 Derby, 20 Newport, 2 Mansfield, 22 Northampton, 23 Clydebank, 24 Falkirk 25 Stoke, 26 Tottenham, 27 Middlesbro', 28 Sheff Utd 29 Orient, 30 Plymouth, 31 Scunthorpe, 32 Wrexham 33 Forfar, 34 Watford, 35 West Brom, 36 Shrewsbury 37 Rotherham, 38 Swansea, 39 Altincham, 40 Dager ham, 41 Walsall, 42 Wigan A., 43 Dartford, 44 Maids tone.



YOUNG RANGERS CLUB CORNER

SEE THE CUP 'SEMI' FREE!

★ Happy birthday to our members ★

● The following Young Rangers Club members all celebrate a birthday in the coming week:

TODAY (WEDNESDAY)

PAUL WEST, 7 Cranston Court, Balloo, Nangoe, Co. Down, who is one.
DAVID SMITH, 48 Ratho Park Road, Ratho, Newbridge, who is 16.
ROBBIE PEPIN, 16 Glen Avenue, Largs, who is 12.
JOHN MAITLAND, Glenellen, Glealands, Rothesay, who is 15.
MARTIN KOBIELA, 55 Achlonan, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 17.
MARTIN DOW, 18 Main Street, Rhynie, Aberdeen, who is 13.
JAMES WOODS, 56 Baressy Road, Balornock, Glasgow, who is 13.
WILLIAM INGLIS, 52 Tinto Crescent, Wishaw, who is 16.
COLIN DICKSON, 25 Northbridge Street, Hawick, who is 15.

THURSDAY

FRASER MUNRO, 31 High Street, Invergordon, who is one.
DAVID PEARSON, 69 Semphill Avenue, Erskine, who is 16.
MARTIN REID, 7 James Jarvie Row, Mallaig, who is 12.
WENDY HAMILTON, 132 Alder Street, Huddersfield, who is six.
DOUGLAS WILSON, 1 Davidson Street, Clydebank, who is 13.
SCOTT CLARK, 34 Morar Road, Crossford, who is 15.
DAVID DUNN, 28 Ballindalloch Drive, Glasgow, who is 12.
BRIAN TEVEN, 45 Kintillo Road, Bridge of Earn, who is 13.
KAREN WADDELL, 72 Viewfield Road, Banknock, who is 12.
KAREN HARRISON, 32 Hillside Avenue, Kilmarnock, who is 17.
DEREK DUNCAN, 2 Kilmairs Drive, Glasgow, who is 12.

FRIDAY

ROSS CURRIE, 316 Spencer Street, Radnor Park, Clydebank, who is 13.
BOBBY GRAY, 4 Burrapark Road, Mid Yell, Shetland, who is seven.
COLIN OGLE, 4 Ashbrook Drive, Belfast, N. Ireland, who is 13.
ALASDAIR MACLEOD, 2 Columba Road, Inverness, who is 11.
MATT WHITE, 31 Gorsehall Street, Cleland, Motherwell, who is 12.
KENNETH MUNRO, 73 Montfode Drive, Ardrossan, who is 16.
IAIN GRAHAM, 36 Vatisker, Back, Isle of Lewis, who is 17.
ALEX MACKAY, 23 Ripon Road, Blackpool, who is 11.
STUART CARSON, Glenair, Crescent Street, Halkirk, Caithness, who is 17.
AUDREY MCNEE, 17 Marwick Street, Dennistoun, Glasgow, who is five.
ROBERT KELLY, 38 Lilac Crescent, Viewpark, Uddingston, who is eight.
JOHN REID, Chatham, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 14.
KEVIN BUNYAN, 4 Spring Bank, Brodick, Arran, who is 16.
GRAEME LEES, 13 West Kirkland Place, Dalry, Ayrshire, who is six.

SATURDAY

WILLIAM RICHARDS, 18 Craigdene Drive, Stevenston, Ayrshire, who is 15
DAVID ERSDALE, 9 Wardie Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is 11.
MARY MCLEOD, 12a Tarbat Crescent, Brura, Sutherland, who is 14.
GARVIN LEITCH, 3 McClue Road, Renfrew, who is 15.
STUART MCVEY, 3 Craigievar Avenue, Carron, Falkirk who is nine.
ALAN ROSE, 6 Canoustie Gardens, Glenrothes, Fife, who is 15.
CHRISTOPHER TORBETT, 8 Redbrae, Maybole, Ayrshire, who is 16.
GREIG REID, 48 Raemoir Avenue, Banchory, Kincardine, who is 17.
JIM WILSON, 14 Kelmure Way, Ruthergien, Glasgow, who is 17.
IAN MCCLUSKIE, 182 Camps Rigg, Carmondean, Livingston, who is 17.
CLAIRE MURRAY, 16 Netherthird Place, Cumnock, who is three.

SUNDAY

ROBERT JARDINE, 58 Clapperhowe Road, Jerviston, Motherwell, who is 11.
GRANT CALDER, 3d Barke Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld, who is 15.
PETER MACDONALD, 143 Priesthill Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
JIM WATSON, 192 Abbeygreem Road, Lesmahagow, who is nine.
ALLAN MACRAE, 39 Elm Place, Aberdeen, who is ten.
GARY BOYCE, 25 Cable Road, Whitehead, Carrickfergus, who is 13.
JOHN PATRICK, 86/60 Strowan Street, Glasgow, who is 14.
COLIN HISLOP, 39 Downcraig Road, Castlemilk, who is 13.
DOUGLAS STEEL, 21 Callawder Place, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire, who is 17.
SCOTT MCDONALD, 22 McCorley Road, Toomebridge, Co. Antrim, who is eight.
GORDON TAYLOR, 12 Crawford Avenue, Rosemarkie, Ross-shire, who is five.
JOHN PATERSON, 17 Chapel Place, High Valleyfield, Fife, who is eight.
JOHN BELL, 103 Warriston Street, North Carntyne, Glasgow, who is seven.

MONDAY

GEORGIA MAXWELL, Auchenleck Cottage, Auchencairn, Castle Douglas, who is six.
GEORGE JACKSON, 77 Conisborough Road, Glasgow, who is nine.
LYNNE BROWN, 6 The Clachan, Wishaw, who is 13.
DEREK LUNN, 11 Cowden Crescent, Woodburn, Dalkeith, Midlothian, who is 16.
IAN WRIGHT, Tomnabent, Benrinnes, Aberlour, who is 17.
STEWART THOMPSON, 23 Paterson Crescent, Irvine, Ayrshire, who is eight.
CHRISTOPHER OVENS, 2 Cypress Avenue, Fenham, Newcastle, who is 17.
JOHN PRITCHARD, 56 Dalserf Street, Barrowfield, Glasgow, who is five.
JOHN RENDALL, Willowbank, Willow Road, Kirkwall, who is 17.



● ARCHIE STEWART . . . 15 on Tuesday.

JOSEPH BOKAS, 7 Johnstone Place, Brora, Sutherland, who is nine.
ALEX THOMSON, 2b Union Street, Dykehead, Shotts, who is 11.

TUESDAY

ARCHIE STEWART, 86 Catherine Drive, Galston, Ayrshire, who is 15.
ALAN MACGREGOR, 797 Mosspark Drive, Glasgow, who is ten.
EDWARD LITTLE, 106 Croftfoot Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is 11.
NICOLA HAYES, 5 Sconser Street, Summerston, Glasgow, who is six.
STEWART KING, 29e Lennox Drive, Faifley, Clydebank, who is 12.
IAIN WATT, 6 Craighall Quad, Neilston, who is eight.
RUSSELL CHRISTIE, 24 Netherhill Avenue, Netherlee, who is 17.
W. HENDRY, 96 Hilton Terrace, Bishopbriggs, who is 15.
ROBERT YOUNG, 1 Beauly Drive, Livingston, who is ten.
ROBERT MCCRACHEN, 67 Craiglea, Bellsbank, Dalmellington, who is 16.
ALAN KERR, 80 Bellsgrove Street, Dennistoun, Glasgow, who is 11.
SANDY OGILVIE, 43 Snowdon Place, Stirling, who is 16.
GARY MARTIN, 17 Dell Road, Campbeltown, Argyll, who is 12.

MEADOWBANK Thistle, the real shock side of this season's Skol Cup competition, will visit Ibrox for the first time ever later this month.

They have been drawn against the Light Blues in the semi-finals — and you could be our guest at the match FREE.

The little Edinburgh club, who were only elected to the League ten years ago, have already knocked out Morton, Hibs and St. Johnstone in this season's tournament and would love to get THE shock result of all time by defeating Rangers.

Well, we are offering a pair of Main Stand tickets for the first leg tie and all you have to do is tell us which players scored Rangers goals in the 1981/82 League Cup final against Dundee United.

When you think you have the correct answers, jot them down on a postcard and send it to TICKETS, Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE. Don't forget to include your full name and address plus your YRC membership number.

The closing date for this competition is Wednesday, September 19. The Editor's decision is final in all matters and no correspondence will be entered into.

Just the ticket

HUNDREDS of entries flooded into the News offices for our recent season ticket contest and strip competition, so it is easy to see a lot of people want to watch Rangers every week and a lot of people like the new strip.

In the Season Ticket contest, we asked you to unscrabble the names of five famous Rangers players, then identify the player pictured. The five players were: ALLY McCOIST, WILLIE WADDELL, GEORGE YOUNG, NICKY WALKER, TOM FORSYTH. The player pictured was WILLIE MATHIESON.

The first all-correct postcard pulled out of the competition drum belonged to John Gillies, 50 Nith Street, Riddrie, Glasgow.

In our "New Strip" competition, we asked you to name Rangers opponents the last time they showed off a new strip for the first time at Ibrox. We also wanted to know the score from that match, and you had to identify the mystery player.

The answer was Tottenham Hotspur, who beat the Light Blues 1-0, and the mystery player was Aberdeen and Scotland centre half, ALEX McLEISH.

Stephen Fleming, of 1 Dunchattan Street, Dennistoun, in Glasgow, is the lucky winner of the new strip.

ACTION ROUND-UP ...Rangers Amateurs hit goal trail in style

SUPER SCOTTS INSPIRE COLTS

RANGERS' Under-16s completed the first half of their Section A matches in the Bank of Scotland League Cup Trophy with a fine win over Ayresome North at Kibble School in Glasgow last Saturday (September 1).

It gave the babes nine points from their opening five games in the six team group and a repeat in the reverse fixtures against Possil, East Kilbride, Glasgow Amateurs, East Ayrshire and Ayresome North will certainly see them make the semi-finals.

A very evenly-balanced first half saw both goalkeepers tested frequently and with both defences in fine form, it was clear that whoever scored first would be firmly in the driving seat.

Happily, it was Rangers who did just that. In the 15th minute, Brian Miller threaded a superb long pass from midfield to Scott Baillie and the striker controlled the ball well before firing a shot past the Ayresome keeper from 16 yards.

That was the only goal of the first half and as the second half wore on, Rangers' confidence increased and when they made it 2-0 in the 70th minute there was only going to be one winner.

Rangers 3
Ayresome North 0

Willie Clinton made a run from midfield and his pass found Jim Harvey in space and the full-back scored easily from close range.

Five minutes later, the scoring was completed and the points sealed when Scot Tierney latched onto a loose pass-back from an Ayresome defender and raced on to shoot past the helpless keeper from close range.

RANGERS: Crawford, Harvey, Jeffrey, Miller, Paton, Robertson, McPherson, Sharp, Tierney, Baillie, Clinton. Subs: Buchanan (for Robertson 40 min.) and Ashgar (not used).

ALL THE SCORERS

U-16s: Gary Robertson 7; Scott Baillie 5; Steven Gray 3; Scott Tierney 3; Willie Clinton 3; Tony Ashgar 3; Brian Miller 2; David Sharp 2; Jim Harvey 2; Kale Jeffrey 1.
U-15s: Alex McEwan 11; Jim Watson 7; Gary Andrews 6; Mark Thomson 5; Billy Paton 4; Donald Clark 4; Stuart Campbell 2; Jim Milligan 1; Steve McCann 1; Jason Clark 1; Jim Orr 1.

U-14s: John Spencer 16; Neil McPherson 6; Martin McIntosh 5; Scott Murray 5; Gary McSwegan 5; David Burton 4; Alex Wylie 2; Own goals 1.

ALEX LEADS GOAL ROUT

THREE goals from skipper Alex McEwan lead Rangers Under-15s goal blitz of Glasgow Amateurs at Kibble School last Saturday (September 1) in the penultimate match in Section A of the League Cup.

The emphatic victory ensured the Light Blues' place in the semi-finals of the competition as they made it a maximum ten points out of ten and took their goal difference figures to an impressive 27 for, five against.

Rangers began the rout in the 16th minute. Good work on the right from Billy Paton saw his cross flicked on by Donald Clark to Alex McEwan, who turned well and hooked the ball past the Amateurs' keeper from eight yards

Three minutes later, Donald Clark netted number two when he headed home a Jim Watson corner and in the 32nd minute Watson was the creator once more as he received the ball from Jim Orr and crossed for Billy Paton to nod home

The second half saw the Light Blues turn on the style and in the 50th minute Alex McEwan grabbed his second goal with a header Two minutes later, Jason Clark made it 5-0 with a super shot from 18 yards.

In the 58th minute, Alex McEwan created the opening for Mark Thomson to fire in a fine goal from the edge of the box and four minutes later McEwan completed his hat-trick when he netted from the penalty spot after Jim Watson had been brought down.

Goal number eight arrived in the 68th minute when Jim Orr fastened onto a pass from McEwan and shot home from 12 yards, and the procession continued five minutes later when Billy Paton knocked the ball in from six yards

Jim Watson got a much-deserved goal in the 76th minute when he made it 10-0, scoring from the penalty-spot with two minutes remaining Donald Clark completed the scoring RANGERS: Scott, Young, J. Clark, McEwan, Orr, Noble, Paton, Andrews, D. Clark, Thomson, Watson. Subs: Milligan (for Andrews 55 min.) and McCann (not used).

Rangers 11
Glasgow Ams..... 0

FIVE STAR SPENCER

FIVE goals from striker John Spencer, taking his total for the season to 16, almost certainly put Rangers Under-14s into the semi-finals of the Raeburn League Cup Trophy as the Light Blues crushed Clyde last Saturday (September 1), at Brancum Hall in East Kilbride.

A fine team performance, allied to young John's deadly finishing, wore down the Clyde defence and the comfortable victory gave Rangers eight points from four matches in Section D of the competition.

After a closely contested opening period, John Spencer fired the babes into the lead with a left foot shot from the edge of the box in the 25th minute. Two minutes later, it was 2-0 when Gary McSwegan latched onto a through ball from Alex Wylie and gave the Clyde keeper no chance with a well-struck shot.

Break

That ended the first half scoring, but Rangers turned on the style after the break and in the 47th minute grabbed number three. John Spencer fired in a powerful free-kick from the edge of the box and the keeper merely succeeded in fisting the ball into the net.

John secured his hat-trick in the 62nd minute to make it 4-0 for the young Light Blues. Martin McIntosh swung over a corner from the right and Spencer rose to head home from eight yards.

Clyde..... 0
Rangers 7

Two minutes later, Gary McSwegan provided the cross for Neil McPherson to head home number five and, in the 65th minute, John Spencer hit the target for the fourth time, on this occasion with a well taken goal from close range.

Cracked

The scoring was completed in the 67th minute when John Spencer netted his own fifth and Rangers' seventh goal. The ball broke to the striker just outside the box and he cracked home a terrific left foot shot.

RANGERS: A. Carmichael, Grossman, Hamilton, Kerr, S. Carmichael, Murray, Spencer, McIntosh, Wylie, McSwegan, McPherson. Subs: Burton (for Wylie 47 min.) and Brown (for Murray 50 min.).

Another famous name in our 'Where are they now' series — Jimmy Millar

HIS SIGNING ON FEE WAS £20!

FOR the last 21 years, Jimmy Miller has been pulling pints for happy customers at his Duke's Head pub in Leith. From 1955 until 1967, he was pulling in delighted Rangers fans as he scored goals for the club year after year.

Jimmy was what people might call a typical centre-forwad — a striker without fear and with a physical style of play that might not please the purists but which the Ibrox punters loved as he led a successful Light Blues side in the early 1960s.

The Edinburgh based player, who will celebrate his 50th birthday in November, won three League Championship, five Scottish Cup and three League Cup winners medals in his time at Ibrox.

Bonus

He moved to Ibrox in 1955 from Dunfermline Athletic for £5,000. The days of six-figure transfer fees between Scottish clubs were still light years away and Jimmy looks back at the move with a mixture of humour and regret.

"Signing at Ibrox was the best thing I could ever have done career-wise as a player. But when I think that I only got a £20 signing-on fee and I look at what players can earn nowadays it certainly gives you food for thought.

"I never really made much money out of football but I enjoyed every minute of it. I remember for one European tie against Real Madrid in 1961, there was a crowd of 80,000 in Ibrox. They brought in £65,000 but the total bonus paid to all eleven players was £330 — thirty quid each!

"I'm glad I have got my pub just now. It isn't making a fortune but I'm getting on alright and I enjoy the life. I'm leading a pretty hectic life and I work here most nights and during the day."

Life was pretty hectic for Jimmy Millar as a player, too. The young man who had been Hearts-daft as an Edinburgh schoolboy found himself playing for Scotland's top club and trips to Europe were commonplace.

The closest Jimmy came to glory in Europe was in 1961 when he was in the side which lost to Fiorentina in the European Cup-Winners Cup Final — a match which saw him come back from the worst part of his career.

"I always had trouble with my back and before that final I had been out for about three months. I had kicked the ground in a match and slipped a disc badly. I spent two months in plaster and traction.

"I honestly thought my career was over but things improved suddenly. Of all games to come back in, it was that one against Fiorentina in Florence. We lost 2-1 and I was just delighted to get through it all successfully."

The best moments and memories for Jimmy have been from the big occasions — cup finals and 'Old Firm' matches. He had a fine record of scoring against Celtic and he has one particularly fond memory from the matches.

Terrific

"I always loved the atmosphere at 'Old Firm' games and the New Year's Day one was always extra special. IN THE 1963 ONE, I SCORED THE WINNER WITH THE LAST KICK OF THE BALL AT PARKHEAD. IT WAS THE ONLY GOAL OF THE MATCH AND THAT WAS A TERRIFIC FEELING.

"The cup finals were pretty good, too, of course. I scored two goals in both the 1960 Scottish Cup Final against Kilmarnock and the 1964 one against Dundee, but the one which gave me most pleasure was my last final for the club, against Celtic, in 1966.

"We were very much the underdogs and Celtic were expected to beat us easily but we put on a great performance and won 1-0 with a great goal from Kai Johansen."

Jimmy's other star performance in a final was in the League Cup against Hearts in 1962. He blasted home Rangers goal from the penalty spot in the first match and also found the net in the replay which the Light Blues won 3-1.

Sadly for Jimmy, his success at club level wasn't repeated at international level. Fate seemed to have decreed he wouldn't make it as a Scotland star and he never completed the two matches he did play for the national side.

"My first cap was against Austria in 1963 and the match ended up with everyone being sent-off after the Austrians started fighting and the match was abandoned. I was picked again against Eire the same year, but I injured my knee and had to come off.

"I played a few games for the Scottish League and managed to score against Ireland but that was all I'm afraid. Still, very few players get a sniff of international football so I can't have any complaints."

Fate

Jimmy left Rangers in 1967 to join Dundee United and two years later hung up his boots at the age of 34.

"I RECKON I STOPPED TOO SOON BUT I HAD A GOOD CAREER AND WOULDN'T REALLY CHANGE MUCH IF I COULD DO IT AGAIN."

Jimmy then tried his hand at management with Raith Rovers but, by his own admission, found out he was "incompetent" and left Starks Park in 1970 to concentrate solely on working at the Duke's Head.

"There aren't too many Alex Fergusons' or Jim McLeans' going about and I just wasn't good enough to be a manager. I don't enjoy watching football to be quite honest — I don't take any satisfaction from it.

"I actually went to see my first match for about three years last week at Meadowbank, when they played St. Johnstone in the Skol Cup. One of my friend's son, Gordon Scott, is centre-forward for St. Johnstone and he scored their goal.

"But the game is far too tight now. There's no room for skill and I honestly feel sorry for strikers nowadays. They are playing without wingers and that's a thankless task. THAT'S WHY DAVIE COOPER WILL BE SO IMPORTANT TO RANGERS IN THE COMING SEASONS."

Golf

So what does the man who scored 166 goals for Rangers now enjoy doing when he gets away from his business?

"I love my golf and I am a member of Prestonfield Golf Club where I play every Wednesday and Sunday. I have a handicap of 14 and, to be honest, it's likely to stay that way!

"The golf also keeps me in touch with Ralph Brand. He was my best friend at Ibrox and we always roomed together on European trips. I play him once a month at golf and I'm glad to say I always win."

Jimmy has two sons and two daughters. Neither Jimmy (26) or David (18) will be following in Dad's football boots and, like most girls, Elaine (23) and Pam (20) have no interest in the game.

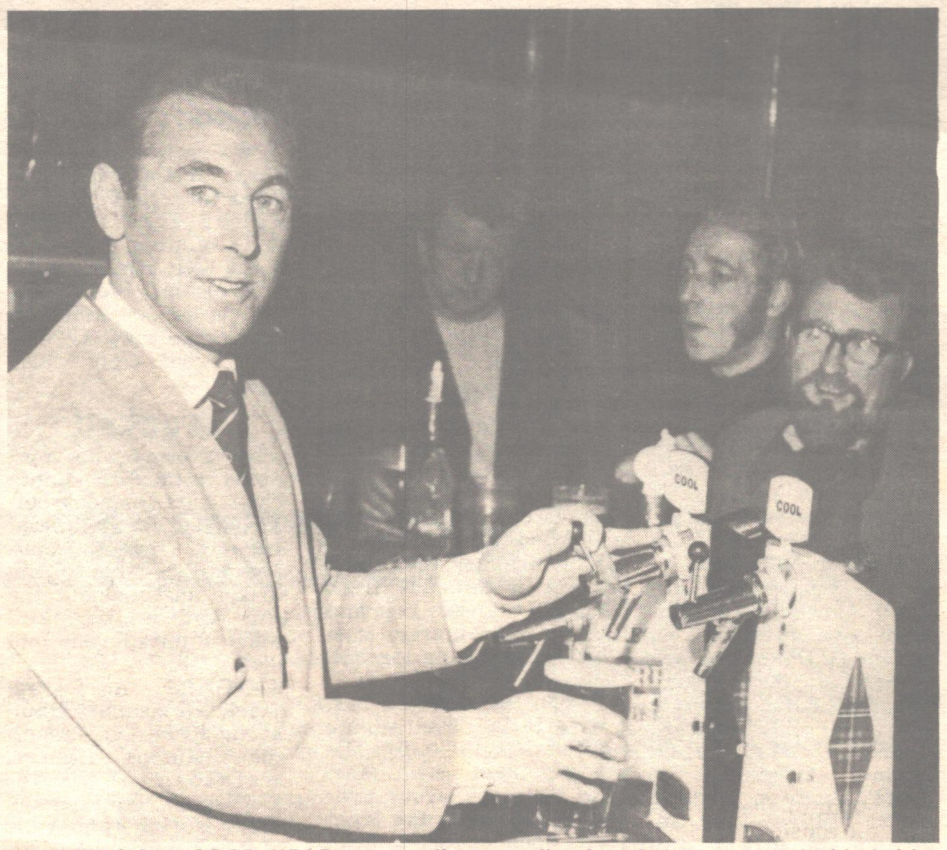
"Jimmy is a keen fisherman and David is always on the golf course — but I have never really tried to influence them to be footballers. I don't think the potential was there anyway. It's a hard life and I think it's better for them to have careers with more security."

'I never really made any money out of football'

'I wasn't good enough to be a football manager



● JIMMY IN ACTION . . . as he chases a loose ball in a match at Ibrox against Dundee United, one of the other sides he played for.



● KEEPING A GOOD HEAD . . . as Jimmy pulls pints for customers in his Leith pub.

BACK IN TIME . . . with the news from 5, 25 and 50 years ago

KINGS OF BRITAIN!

Rangers were acclaimed as the unofficial Kings of British Football this week fifty years ago as they took on and outplayed two of the best teams in the English First Division.

Wednesday, September 12 saw the Light Blues make the trip to London for their now almost annual challenge match against Arsenal. The Highbury side were reigning English Champions and had won the title three times in the last four season.

Sept. 12-18, 1934

Another classic encounter was expected and that was just what the 53,000 crowd inside the North London ground got as Rangers immediately showed they had come to attack by bringing a couple of fine early saves out of Moss and spurring the Gunners into displaying their fine talents.

The match was only ten minutes old when Arsenal took the lead. Jimmy Marshall, who moved from Ibrox to Highbury during the close season, made an early impact on his debut when he cleverly controlled a long pass from defence and pushed the ball to Hulme on the left wing.

Fierce

Hulme took the ball to the by-line and sent over a fine cross which Bastin met at the far post and cracked in a fierce left foot shot which gave Jerry Dawson no chance.

The goal was the signal for Rangers to turn on the style and their clever combination of powerful running and accurate passing had the large crowd applauding loudly as they looked for an equaliser, only to be denied by fine keeping from Moss and excellent defending from Hapgood and Male.

The pressure increased well into the second half and the Arsenal defence became increasingly desperate as they hacked the ball upfield time and time again. They had to crack soon — and they did in the 70th minute.

Furious

Bobby Main sent over a cross from the right and a furious scramble ensued in the goalmouth. With the defence trying to clear once more, Bob McPhail reacted quickest and nipped in to knock the ball past the helpless Moss from close range to make the final score 1-1.

ARSENAL: Moss, Hapgood, Male, Copping, Sidey, Crayston, Bastin, Dougall, Dunne, Marshall, Hulme.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Craig, Simpson, Brown, Main, MacAulay, Fleming, McPhail, Smith.

The result left Rangers highly satisfied and feeling very confident for their second match against of the English 'big guns', Manchester City who would be visiting Glasgow on Tuesday. But before the glamour began again, there was league business to attend to on Saturday, September 15.

Pay

Ayr United made the trip to Ibrox and made things very difficult indeed for a sluggish looking Rangers side. But the Somerset Park side failed to take some early chances and were made to pay as the Light Blues did enough to win the points comfortably.

Bob McPhail shot Rangers into the lead after half an hour, giving Hepburn in the United goal no chance from close range and in the 77th minute Archie MacAulay blasted the ball home from 16 yards to earn a 2-0 win.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, MacAulay, Smith, McPhail, Kinnear.

AYR UNITED: Hepburn, Taylor, Ure, A. McCall, Currie, Holland, Mair, Brae, McGibbon, Smith, T. McCall.

Other results affecting the top league positions were:

St. Johnstone2 P. Thistle....2
Clyde.....3 Hibs 2
Hamilton.....4 Celtic.....2
Aberdeen .....2 Motherwell .2
Hearts .....1 Airdrie 0

Third Lanark were top of Division Two after a 3-1 win at Cowdenbeath while in the Alliance League, Rangers reserves still had a 100 per cent recording following their 2-1 victory at Galston. In England, Sunderland topped the First Division after a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa.

Inspired

Jimmy Marshall made his full league debut for Arsenal in a match at Ewood Park against Blackburn Rovers, but sadly for the 'Doc' and his new teammates the Gunners lost 2-0.

Tuesday, September 18 saw the football focus return to Rangers' challenges to the best England had to offer and a crowd of 28,000 turned up at Ibrox to see the Light Blues take on Manchester City, the English Cup holders.

It was a magnificent match full of skilful and exciting football with the only disappointment being the lack of goals. That was largely due to the inspired form of goalkeepers Dawson and Swift who produced a string of wonderful saves.

The second half saw Rangers control the match as they had done against Arsenal but it looked as though they would have to be content with a draw once again. But in the final 30 seconds, they dramatically netted the winner.

Davie Meiklejohn took a free-kick 30 yards out which struck a defender and fell sweetly into the path of Archie MacAulay. The Ibrox striker steadied himself then left fly from 12 yards. Swift got his hand to the shot but it struck a post and entered the net.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, MacAulay, Smith, Venters, Nicholson.

MANCHESTER CITY. Swift, Dale, Barkas, Busby, Cann, McLuckie, Toseland, Marshall, Heave, Herd, Wright.

The other big sports news of the week was Wimbledon champion Fred Perry's triumph in the United States Open Tennis Championship. Despite playing with an ankle injury, the Briton beat American number one Wilmer Allison 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 1-6, 8-6 at Forest Hill.



● BOB McPHAIL . . . netted equaliser against Arsenal.



● SAMMY BAIRD . . . double against Anderlecht.

DONS LEAVE IT LATE . . .

RANGERS were involved in a superb Premier League encounter at Pittodrie this week five years ago — but had nothing to show for their efforts as Aberdeen took both points with 3-1 win.

From start to finish the pace was furious and the football terrific as both sides adopted a policy of all-out attack. And at half-time no-one would have argued that the 1-1 scoreline was totally fair.

Sept. 12-18, 1979

Aberdeen took the lead in the 18th minute. Ian Scanlon, playing his first match of the season, went past Colin Jackson on the right and sent over a waist-high cross, which John McMaster threw himself at to head the ball past Peter McCloy.

Equaliser

But Rangers fought back well and, in the 34th minute, had their fans in the 23,000 crowd on their feet when they equalised. Gordon Strachan mishit a clearance off Alex MacDonald and the ball ran loose. Derek Johnstone, who had moments earlier struck the bar, made no mistake as he pounced to fire a left foot rocket past Clark.

The second half saw the same end-to-end pattern and it was anybody's match. Unfortunately for Rangers, the turning point came in the 75th minute when the Dons regained the lead.

Penalty

Gordon Strachan hit the deck inside the box following a challenge from Gregor Stevens. The referee immediately pointed to the spot and Strachan himself got up to take the kick and give Peter McCloy no chance.

With only nine minutes left, Aberdeen sealed the points with a third goal. Joe Harper and John McMaster worked a short corner and the ball was sent across the face of the goal. Steve Archibald mis-kicked but Doug Rougvie stooped to nod the ball past Peter McCloy from close range.

ABERDEEN: Clark, Kennedy, Considine, McLeish, Garner (Rougvie), Miller, Jarvie (Harper), Archibald, Strachan, McMaster, Scanlon.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson (McLean), Stevens, Jackson, Watson, Cooper, Russell, Johnstone, A. MacDonald (Miller), Smith.

The other Premier League results were:

Celtic .....3 Hibs.....1
Dundee.....4 Morton.....3
Partick.....0 Kilm'ck....0
St. Mirren..3 Dundee U.2

Transfer

Rangers Reserves lost 3-2 to their Aberdeen counterparts in the Premier Reserve League at Ibrox. Billy Mackay and Derek Parlane scored the Light Blues' goals.

On the transfer front, Airdrie turned down what would have been a First Division record fee of £150,000 from Hibs for striker and captain Sandy Clark. The player was quoted as saying: "Rangers are the only club north of the border I would consider signing for."

EUROPE BRAWL

It was European week for Rangers 25 years ago and a crowd of 80,000 packed inside Ibrox to see what turned out to be a highly dramatic and exciting match against Anderlecht.

The Belgian champions visited Glasgow for the first leg of their European Cup First Round tie with a reputation of fine skilful football behind them — but they ended up turning the match on Wednesday, September 16 into a rough-house.

Two Anderlecht players were booked for ridiculous tackles and the referee was under constant pressure as the visitors continually contested offside decisions.

To their credit, Rangers kept their cool and managed to produce a display of super attacking football which gave them a fine 5-2 lead to take to Belgium for the second leg.

The Light Blues made a marvellous start, going two goals up inside the opening three minutes. The first came with 90 seconds on the clock when Harold Davis flighted in a free kick from the right and Jimmy Millar rose to head home from 12 yards.

Poor

Straight from the re-start, Rangers won possession through Alex Scott and the winger hared up the field and cracked a low angular shot into the corner of the net from the edge of the box which gave Meert in the Anderlecht goal no chance.

The Light Blues should have increased the advantage before half-time but a combination of poor finishing and fine goalkeeping kept the scoresheet at 2-0.

A piece of pure gamesmanship by the Belgians saw the referee have to go into the dressing room and Usher goalkeeper Meert and rightback Devogelaere out onto the pitch to join the rest of their team-mates who had slowly filed out in ones and twos with the Light Blues waiting.

Penalty

It didn't appear to put Scot Symon's men off, however, as they made it 3-0 in the 48th minute. Ian McMillan was hacked down inside the box by Hanon and Andy Matthew stepped up to take the penalty. His attempt was fisted out by Meert but Matthew raced in to head home the rebound.

Anderlecht fought back well after that and in the 52nd minute pulled a goal back. Van Den Boer crossed from the left and Stockman crashed a fine shot past Niven. Fourteen minutes later, Dewael shot home following a Van Den Bosch cut-back and Rangers advantage looked slim to say the least.

That sparked Rangers back into life, though, and a minute later they has restored a two goal advantage. Ian McMillan found Sammy Baird in space 15 yards out and the midfielder coolly shot the ball into the corner of the net.

In the closing minutes the Light Blues grabbed a fifth goal when they won their second penalty of the match. Van Wilder handled deliberately as the ball was about to enter the net and Sammy Baird scored with the kick, although Meert did get a hand to the ball.

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Little, Davis, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Millar, Baird, Matthew.

ANDERLECHT: Meert, Devogelaere, Culot, Hanon, Dekoster, Van Wilder, Dewael, Jurion, Stockman, Vandenboer, Vandenbosch.

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Four days before the big European tie, on Saturday, September 12, Rangers had been in league action at Easter Road. A crowd of 38,000 fans watched Hibs dominate most of the match but pay for their failure to convert the many chances they made.

Snatched

Ibrox keeper George Niven was in superb form as he marshalled his underpressure defence and he made two astonishing saves from Hibs striker Joe Baker. And in the 78th minute, the Light Blues snatched both points with the only goal of the game.

Jimmy Millar won possession just inside the Hibs half and began a powerful run which took him past Plenderleith and to the edge of the penalty area where he looked up once and cracked a fierce low drive past Wilson and into the net.

HIBS: Wilson, Grant, McLelland, Young, Plenderleith, Hughes, Scott, Frye, Baker, Aitken, McLeod.

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Little, Davis, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, Wilson, Miller, Baird, Matthew.

Crushed

In the other matches affecting the top of the league, Raith Rovers won 2-0 at Dundee, Stirling and Clyde drew 1-1 at Annfield, Hearts beat Celtic 4-3 at Parkhead, Partick Thistle defeated Third Lanark 2-0 at Firhill and at Love Street, St. Mirren crushed Arbroath 8-1.

Rangers reserves were in poor form, losing 5-1 to Hibs at Ibrox in the Reserve League.

The domestic action continued in midweek with the League Cup quarter-finals. The results were: Hearts 6, Motherwell 2 (agg. 7-3); Arbroath 2, Raith Rovers 1 (4-3); East Fife 1, Cowdenbeath 2 (2-5); Falkirk 0, Third Lanark 3 (1-5).

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BP Cup bye for Colts

RANGERS have been given a bye in the first round of the BP Youth Cup.

The competition, played at under-18 level, proved to be a great success last season and is highly rated by the Ibrox coaching staff.

The Light Blues reached the final last season where they lost 2-0 to Celtic at Parkhead. The West and South Section of the draw reads:

Byes — Celtic, Rangers and St. Mirren.

Kilmarnock v Morton; Clydebank v Queen's Park; Clyde v Partick Thistle; Motherwell v Hamilton; Ayr United v St. Cuthbert Wanderers; Q.O.S. v Annan; Stranraer v Wigtown.

Ties to be played on or before October 31.

● Rangers were saddened to hear of the death recently of one of their most loyal fans John Nicol. John, who was 47, will be remembered for starting up the Rangers Supporters Club AFC in Inverness.

He was a founder member of the Inverness and District Amateur Football Association and, in fact, died suddenly after attending a meeting of the local league he helped set up.

John followed Rangers all over the country and the Light Blues helped him out when he started up the supporters club.

Inverness Ice Rink collected money for a wreath and, with the money left over, bought a trophy for a special memorial competition, which will be known at the John Nicol Trophy and played for every year.

SAME AGAIN only better!

DAVIE COOPER will tonight have the chance to show that he is going to be a key figure in Scotland's attempt to qualify for the World Cup Finals for the fourth successive occasion.

The Rangers winger will win his fifth cap for the national side tonight when Jock Stein's team take on Yugoslavia at Hampden in a friendly international which is the final warm-up before the World Cup qualifying fixtures begin in October.

Dave made his return to the international arena last season when he played against Wales at Hampden in a Home International Championship and he had the satisfaction of scoring Scotland's first goal with a penalty-kick in a 2-1 win.

Great

His last appearance was against England at Hampden in May and he showed tantalising touches of his brilliant skills as the "Auld Enemy" drew 1-1. ***And it's an improvement on that performance which "Coop" is looking for tonight.***

He told the "News": "I'm looking forward to the game. I have enjoyed the last two matches and it's great to be part of the set-up again.

"Against England I was very pleased with the way I played in the first half and if I can do as well again, but for the whole match, I will be happy. It's an important game — they are all for your country — and I want to do well.

"I have been playing quite well this season and if I can do the same for Scotland, I'll be delighted. ***I would love to be involved in the World Cup games and I just hope I can stay in the team."***

Because of his selection for international duty, Davie only played in the first half of Queen of the South keeper Alan Ball's testimonial at Palmerston Park on Sunday against Manchester City.

★ Davie wasn't the only Rangers player picked for Scotland duty last week. Three Ibrox youngsters were included in the pool for last night's under-21 international at Easter Road between Scotland and West Germany. Davie McPherson was delighted on his recall while goalkeeper Andy Bruce and defender Hugh Burns received their first "call-ups" at under-21 level.



'I would love to be involved in the World Cup matches'

● DAVIE COOPER . . . hopes to be involved in World Cup qualifiers.

Champagne Ally!

★ Ally McCoist, that jack-of-all-sports but master of only one, had cause to celebrate last week as he recorded two rare victories in the snooker hall and on the golf course. Mind you, he did get a little help on both occasions.

First of all, Bobby Russell and Ally defeated Cammy Fraser and Bobby Williamson 3-1 at snooker. Then it was Ian Redford's misfortune to partner Ally on the golf course but the pair produced a surprise 3 and 2 win over Craig Paterson and Billy Mackay.

McCoist was so overjoyed that he actually cracked open a bottle of champagne on the 17th tee which he had optimistically brought along and, to rub it in even further, lit up a huge joke cigar!

John, Robert on duty, too

TWO other Rangers players will be in international action tonight. Ibrox captain John McClelland will be in Belfast for Northern Ireland's vital World Cup qualifying tie against Rumania at Windsor Park.

Billy Bingham's side are desperate for two points after the disappointment of losing their opening match in the section in Finland in May. The Rumanians showed some excellent skills in the recent European Championships but could be rattled by the Belfast crowd.

Also in the Irish line-up tonight will be Jimmy Nicholl, the "loan" Ranger who will make the trip from Canada where he is playing with Toronto Blizzard.

In Sweden, meanwhile, Robert Prytz will be on duty for the national side as they take on Portugal in a World Cup qualifying tie. The Swedes are confident of following up their opening section win against Malta, although the European Championship semi-finalists will provide stiff opposition.

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● Former Rangers star Colin Jackson helped out Ibrox skipper John McClelland recently wh he travelled north to Alness to accept the Ross-shire Rangers Supporters Club's "player-of-th year" award at their annual dinner dance in the Dalmore Hotel.

Big John was unable to attent the function, and Colin was delighted to step in. The pictu shows, from left to right, Duncan Henderson, Robbie Stewart, Colin Jackson, Alasdair Mac tosh, Clark Matthew, Alan Munro and Frank Geddes.

The club would also like to thank the Holepark Social Club in Cambuslang and the Broxbu and District RSC for the hospitality shown last season on their visits on the way to matches.

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