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Celtic tickets on sale . . .

THERE are still tickets available for the Rangers v Celtic clash at Ibrox on Saturday, August 25.

They are available from the stadium ticket office, which is open Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

The prices are: MAIN STAND, Centre: £4.50; Wing, £3.50. GOVAN STAND, Rear, £4.50; Front, £3.50. COPLAND STAND: Rear, £3.50; Front, £3. ENCLOSURE: £2.50.

For Saturday's match at Boghead, Dumbarton have made the game all-ticket and the limit has been set at 10,000. Ground tickets only are available from the ticket office and these are priced at £2.

Meanwhile, season tickets for Ibrox are also still available and they are priced as follows: MAIN STAND, F and G (OAP) £25; F and G £45; H and J £60; L (Ibrox Suite) 225.

Rover season tickets for the COPLAND ROAD and GOVAN STANDS cost £50 for adults and £25 for child/OAP, with proof of age required.

A new ticket available this season is for the enclosure and is available for adults only. It is priced at £35.

Postal applications will be accepted but they must include the correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope, as well as the cover of last season's book. The date for renewals is no later than September 7.



● HIT THE DECK! John MacDonald is about to take a tumble following this tackle inside the penalty box in last week's match against Leicester City at Ibrox. Iain Ferguson scored with the penalty to earn Rangers a 2-2 draw. More pictures and match slant pages 4 and 5.

£10,000 pay-out for pools agents

RANGERS Pools agents will be in the money next week.

Because it is next week that the winning numbers will be revealed in the great bonus scheme, which has a £10,000 total cash payout.

The new scheme means up to 100 agents could collect £100 each if they have sold specially selected cards on or before week three.

One hundred sets of code numbers have been selected and are being held in security. These will be revealed next week and the lucky agents who have sold the cards will receive the prizes.

In addition to the £100 payouts, other prizes in the one-off promotion are:

- **Two colour portable televisions.**
- **Two music centres.**
- **Two Continental holidays for two, which are valued at £400. The prizewinning list will be revealed next midweek and all agents will receive notification if they have won a prize.**

The full list of winners will be published in our issue dated August 29.

● This week's check — page 3.

Who's won our £50?

SOMEONE somewhere is £50 richer and doesn't know it. The lucky programme for the match with Leicester City was not claimed after the game.

So if you have the lucky programme, which was number 6635, then call the "News" offices (041-331-1933) or come in personally with your programme and we'll hand over the £50.

BILLY'S AGONY



● COME HERE YOU . . . Billy Abercromby holds back Dave MacKinnon in Saturday's match between Rangers and St. Mirren at Ibrox. More pictures and match slant on centre pages.

IBROX WINGER Billy Mackay was last week forced to tell manager Jock Wallace the news he didn't want to hear: "I've been advised to quit the game."

It was a stunning blow to both Billy and manager Wallace, with both of them having hoped that a recovery could still be possible after the horrific knee injury suffered by the player in a reserve match in March.

"I went to see the specialist on June 28 and he advised me then that if I continued to play, there was a high risk of permanent damage and I could end up a cripple," explained Billy.

Problem

"The problem is the ligaments on the outer part of my left knee are completely off the bone. The ligaments in the front part are snapped in two and my cartilage has had to be removed. The ligaments have had to be stapled onto the bone and that means the knee has no stability.

By 'News' Reporter

"Although it is coming on well, it will never be properly stable. I can now nearly walk without a limp, but I'll never be able to take part in contact sports again. So I think I'll just be curtailed to the golf course from now on."

Billy had been advised to go back to the specialists last week and it was on Thursday afternoon it was confirmed he would have to quit.

"I've been advised to continue working on the knee so I'll still be going into Ibrox for treatment and to use their facilities.

"But obviously I'll have to start thinking about my future."

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

BACK IN ACTION . . . and Rangers Amateurs start in style

ALEX'S HAPPY START

Rangers..... 2 Leicester City.... 0

RANGERS Amateur Boys Club's under-15 side were given a useful workout last Wednesday night at Ibrox when they took on Leicester City Boys Club in a special friendly match.

The 40 minute contest took place just before the challenge match between the senior sides and the Light Blues youngsters recorded a fine 2-0 win in front of a very appreciative crowd who were in the stadium early on.

Alex McEwan got his first season with the amateurs off to a great start when he fired in a terrific angled drive from 25 yards to give Rangers the lead in the 11th minute.

That was the only goal of the first half, but Rangers continued to press after the turnaround. It took them until six minutes before the end to grab their second goal, however.

Progress

Derek Paton made good progress down the right and sent over a fine cross for Gary Andrews to beat the Leicester keeper with a close range header at the near post.

Said club secretary Bobby Dinnie: "It was a good performance with the players showing some nice touches. It was a bonus for them to be able to show what they can do in front of a fair size crowd and they did very well."

RANGERS (4-3-3): Scott McCann, Noble, Orr, Thomson; Milligan, McEwan, Andrews; Paton, Frith, D. Clark. Subs: Campbell (for Milligan 20 min.), Watson (for Frith 20), J. Clark (for D. Clark 20), and Young (for McCann 20).

★ THE under-16s were in action for the first time this season at the weekend when they took part in the Tynecastle Youth Tournament in Edinburgh. Full details of how they fared in next week's "News."



★ Lexie Clyde, secretary of the Coleraine Rangers Supporters Club, wrote to the 'News' last week praising the recent efforts of the Rangers Amateur Boys Club in winning the Northern Ireland Youth Cup held in the town.

The Coleraine branch, who were founded in 1976, made individual presentations of inscribed silver tankards to the boys and held a reception for them at the local club.

In the picture above, Light Blues goalkeeper Ian Crawford shows off the Northern Ireland cup with one of the Coleraine club officials.

BABES' SUPER SHOW!

Pollok.....1 Rangers 5

THIS was the under-15s first full-scale match of the season and they produced a fine display to win last Thursday night at Bonnyholme Park.

The Light Blues took time to settle but in the 11th minute they went into the lead. After some good leading up work down the right wing, the ball went to Jim Watson, who made no mistake with a well-struck shot from close range.

Three minutes later, however, a very useful Pollok side were back on level terms again. Rangers defender Orr was under pressure as the home side attacked and he had the misfortune to put the ball into his own net.

It didn't take Rangers long to get back into their stride and in the 17th minute they were back in front Alex McEwan beat three players before netting.

In the 22nd minute, the Ibrox youths increased their lead when Derek Paton took advantage of an error in the Pollok defence and stepped in to score with a great shot from 16 yards.

It was 3-1 at the break and in the early stages of the second half, Pollok fought hard to get back into the game. But their hopes were gone in the 55th minute when Rangers went 4-1 in front.

Alex McEwan was again the man who did the trick, cracking a super free kick past the helpless keeper from 25 yards out. And Alex wasn't finished there.

In the 63rd minute, he completed his hat-trick and the scoring for the evening when he netted from close range after more fine play on the right by Derek Paton.

Said John Willock, the under-15 secretary: "It was a good display by the boys and a very good exercise overall. I'd like to thank the Pollok officials, for their great hospitality. It was tremendous."

ICI IN BIG TROUBLE

Rangers .....8 ICI Grangemouth 1

THE Rangers Amateurs' Under-14 side got their first season off to a flying start last Thursday night at Kibble School in Glasgow when they defeated ICI Grangemouth Boys Club.

The youngest of the three sides being operated in the Amateur Leagues this season were in fine form in front of goal and took only five minutes to open the scoring, Neil McPherson netting from close range after a cross had struck the bar.

Number two arrived in the 23rd minute. John Kerr thundered a terrific shot which struck the bar but again the woodwork couldn't save ICI as Mark McIntosh followed up to fire home the rebound.

A minute later, though, the Grangemouth side showed a lot of skill when they made it 2-1 with a superbly worked goal from a corner-kick.

On the half hour, Rangers restored their two goal advantage. And a real cracker it was too with midfielder Scott Murray blasting home a 30 yard shot which the ICI keeper was powerless to stop.

Mark

RIGHT ON THE STROKE OF HALF-TIME, THE LIGHT BLUES WENT 4-1 AHEAD. A BRILLIANT MOVE IN MIDFIELD INVOLVING FOUR PLAYERS ENDED WITH DAVID BURTON FINDING THE NET FROM CLOSE RANGE.

Rangers were in fine form by now and only a minute into the second half increased their lead further. John Spencer was the man on the mark with a fine right foot shot.

In the 42nd minute, it was 6-1 when David Burton grabbed his own second goal with a close range shot. On the hour, Scott Murray also did the double, netting number seven with a great shot from 25 yards out.

Excellent

And right on the final whistle of an excellent work-out for the under-14s, played in fine sporting spririt by the Grangemouth side, Alex Wylie made the final scoreline 8-1 to Rangers when he followed up to net after the ICI keeper had parried his original shot.

RANGERS: A. Carmichael, Grossman, Tochel, Hamilton, Kerr, Murray, Wylie, Macintosh, Burton, Spencer, McPherson. Subs: Doak (for Tochel), S. Carmichael (for McPherson) and Brown (for Grossman).

AND NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION BOYS' CLUB TOUR OF DENMARK . . .

Bronze medal for Colts

THE RANGERS Supporters Association Boys Club Under-11 side returned from their nine-day trip to Denmark last week highly pleased with their displays in two tournaments in the Scandinavian country.

They started off by winning the "bronze medal" at the Kolding Tournament and then only lost the competition at Esjberg on goal difference.

Said club treasurer and acting secretary Paul Thomson: "It was a great trip and the boys played really well. In the Kolding tournament, they were up against sides of under-12 level who were much bigger and more technically advanced than they were.

"But they produced some good football and were only knocked out at the semi-final stage 2-1 by the eventual winners, Middlefart. They won the third place play-off and got a bronze medal which was a fine start."

The squad moved on to Esjberg for a competition played on a league basis and they were very unlucky not to lift the trophy, only losing out on goal difference to the winners, the host club.

In all, the under-11's played 11 matches in nine days, winning eight, drawing two and losing only one. They made many friends during their stay in Denmark and Paul Thomson was quick to praise the hospitality of the locals.

"The hospitality was terrific as were the facilities. All the pitches we played on were like bowling greens and the people were amazed when we told them we have to hire a ground from the council to play.

"I'll be sending the 'News' to some people over there — I think they are all Rangers fans now. I would like to thank Kenning and Karsten Stroh who were our hosts and guides in Kolding and Knud Thordal-Knutsen who did the same in Esjberg.

"Along with all the parents of players in the Danish sides, who put our boys up, they made it a great day for us"

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BACK IN ACTION . . . 'Mitch' beats injury

DAVIE DEFIES DOC!

GUTS AND determination are two qualities which we have seen often in Davie Mitchell's play on the field — but the big striker also showed considerable courage away from the action during the close season.

"Mitch" arrived back in Glasgow a fortnight ago to join in the pre-season training with his Rangers team-mates — but not so long ago it looked very doubtful whether the Aussie international would be in action at all in 1984-85.

When he returned "down under" in May, Davie made the trip to a doctor for a check-up on a groin complaint which was bothering him and had kept him out of action a few times towards the end of last season.

Stunned

He was stunned when the Aussie doctor told him he would be out of action for between eight months to a year. Davie refused to accept it and he told the "News" why.

"There was just too much at stake in my career. I wanted to play in the series of challenge games the national team were playing in the summer and I was determined to come back here and make the Rangers first team regularly.

"I told the doc that, so he gave me some anti-inflammatory tablets which meant I was able to play for the national team. But I also had to have an operation on my groin. I was in hospital for three days and it was pretty painful.

Pain

"But I'm back in training now and I should be fully fit to play again in around three weeks time. It certainly makes a big difference from being out for a season and if I can get back in the first team, the pain of the op will have been worth it.

"The competition for places up front is even stronger now with Iain Ferguson signing.

"It's going to be tough. But I've put a lot into getting to Rangers and I'm determined that I'm going to get back in that first team, score goals — and stay there."

★ Davie's courage in defying doctor's orders certainly paid off — he played in eight of the Australian national team's summer warm-up matches and was a great success.

"The games were to give the coach Frank Arok a guide to his squad for the 1986 World Cup qualifying matches so I was obviously delighted at how well I played. In two of the matches against Juventus I won 'man-of-the-match' awards — one from a midfield role!"

The Socceroos played Nottingham Forest twice (1-1 and 2-2), Juventus three times (1-1, 2-4 and 2-0), Greek club Iraklis twice (2-0 and 1-3) and of course Rangers when Davie scored in the Aussies' 3-2 win.



● DAVIE MITCHELL . . . Eight first team goals last season and he's looking for more

Cammy's money date . . .

THE DATE for the Scottish League tribunal to decide the transfer fee of Cammy Fraser, who moved to Ibrox from Dundee at the beginning of the season, has been set for August 23.

★ ★ ★

More news has reached us from the Ibrox dressing room of results of the keen sporting contests that take place between the Rangers players. First of all, Scott Fraser handed out a lesson to Stuart Munro on the snooker table recently, winning three frames to nil.

And out on the golf course, Craig Paterson put down the challenge of Billy Mackay with a comfortable 4 and 3 victory. Billy was stunned when he birdied the 15th hole and then watched Craig conjure up an eagle to win

● *For those of our readers who keep statistics, here are the line-ups for the tour of West Germany and Switzerland. We regret that there is no record of substitutions.*

JULY 28th: Einsiedeln 1, Rangers 9: Walker, Burns, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, McPherson, Russell, E. Ferguson, I. Ferguson, Redford, Cooper. Scorers: I. Ferguson (5), E. Ferguson (2), Redford (2).

JULY 29th: Solothurn 2, Rangers 4: Walker, Burns, MacKinnon, McPherson, Paterson, Prytz, C. Fraser, D. Ferguson, Clark, MacDonald, E. Ferguson. Scorers: Clark (2), E. Ferguson, C. Fraser.

JULY 31st: Grenchen 1, Rangers 5: Walker, Burns, Dawson, McClelland, McPherson, C. Fraser, D. Ferguson, I. Ferguson, Clark, MacDonald, Cooper. Scorers: I. Ferguson (2), McPherson, C. Fraser, Dawson.

AUGUST 3rd: Sion 3, Rangers 0: McCloy, Dawson, McClelland, McPherson, Paterson, C. Fraser, Russell, Redford, I. Ferguson, McCoist, Cooper.

AUGUST 5th: Kaiserslautern 1, Rangers 2: Walker, MacKinnon, Dawson, McPherson, McClelland, C. Fraser, Russell, Redford, I. Ferguson, McCoist, Cooper. Scorers: Redford, I. Ferguson.

ON THE BUSES . . . ALL YOUR SUPPORTERS NOTES

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves Vale Station Bar at 1 p.m., 1.45 p.m. from Dumbarton Burgh Bar. Clydebank members please get bus at Stags Head, Dumbarton.

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW: Bus v Dublin Bohemians leaves Bellshill at 8.30 a.m. Catching the noon ferry from Stranraer to Larne. Staying Belfast or Larne until Tuesday. Depart for match on Tuesday afternoon. Straight back after the game catching the 3.30 a.m. ferry. Returning 8 a.m. approx in Bellshill. Seats available. Anyone interested should phone Ian Phillips on Bellshill 748353. Bus v Dumbarton leves Swan Inn at 1.30 p.m. Tickets on the bus. Two buses leave Swan Inn v Celtic. New and non-members welcome.

ROSS-SHIRE: Bus v Celtic. To book seats phone Invergordon 852512 or 853595. Membership is now due for new season.

IAN REDFORD STRATHKELVIN: Minibus leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn for Dumbarton at 1.30 p.m. Names required for tickets for both Dumbarton and Celtic games.

CARNOUSTIE: Bus v Celtic leaves Abroath at 9.45 a.m., Carnoustie 10 a.m., Monifieth at 10.15 a.m. and Dundee at 10.30 a.m. For all details phone Carnoustie 59441 or 53288. New members welcome. Bus run to every game.

RENFREW LOYAL: Bus v Dumbarton leaves Queen Street, Orange Halls at approx 1.45 p.m. Non-members welcome.

RUCHILL: Bus v Dumbarton will leave Criterion Bar at 1.45 p.m. Meetings last Friday of every month at "Archies." Anyone wishing to join for the new season phone Hugh Hardy on 946 0320 or Big Cleeves on 946 2212.

ABERDEEN TRUE BLUES: Names for Dublin to J. Jefferson, Belgrave Terrace, Aberdeen.

INVERNESS: Bus v Celtic leaves Station Square at 9.15 a.m. on Saturday, August 25. Picking up en route. Names now being taken. For seats phone Inverness 231760.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Dumbarton leaves 1.15 p.m. from McLean Street, opposite Morton's Bar. Seats non-members. All deposits for Dublin must be paid on this bus. New members welcome every competitive game £30. Phone Stuart for all details and Dublin. Seats 429 5578 between 6 and 7 p.m.

HELEN STREET: Dumbarton bus leaves club at 1.45 p.m. Seat new members.

DUNS: Bus v Celtic leaves Chirnside at 9.30 a.m. Picking up at Duns, Greenlaw, Lauder and the Straiton Inn Loanhead. We will be calling in at the Broxburn Rangers Club before the game. Anyone wishing to travel to this game should contact Robert Elliot on 0361 83557.

STEVENSON: New members welcome, fee £2. Meetings held in the Masonic Hall, Bradshaw Street, Saltcoats, every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Bus pick-up points in Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston, Kilwinning and Irvine.

TRADESTON: Bus v Dublin Bohemians leaves Paisley Road Toll at 11 p.m. Monday, September 17. Arriving back in Glasgow on September 19 mid-morning. Price is £20. New members required for season. Price £35. Buses are run to every competitive match (Scottish Cup, Skol Cup, League and Cup replays). Join on bus (no part-timers). Phone Eddie McLaughlin on 554 1217 or Monty on 445 1964. Bus v Dumbarton leaves 1.45 p.m. from Paisley Road Toll. Members must get their own tickets for this match.

ST ANDREWS (DRUMCHAPEL): Bus v Dumbarton leaves Cloan Avenue at 1.30 p.m. Usual pick-up points round scheme. Non-members — adults and boys. Bus v Falkirk leaves Cloan Avenue 6.30 p.m. Usual pick-up points. Seats adults and boys.

THORNLIEBANK LOYAL: Bus v Dumbarton leaves 1.30 p.m. Non-members welcome. Names for Celtic tickets. Bus v Dublin Bohemians few seats available price £21. Phone Willie on 638 9742. Bus leaves Monday midnight returning Wednesday morning. Deposits are now due.

CLARKSTON: Bus v Dublin Bohemians. For all details phone Kenny on 881 4720 after 5 p.m.

LINWOOD EURO: Second bus v Dublin Bohemians, picking up at George Square, Glasgow and Linwood Rangers Club. Price £20. Phone Stevie 889 5737 or Andy (50) 26515.

PLEAN: Bus v Durbarton leaves Plean 12.45 p.m., Bannockburn 12.50 p.m., St Ninians 12.55 p.m., Denny Cross 1.05 p.m. Non-members welcome. Memberships now due. Names wanted for Celtic, also Bohemiams in Dublin. Bus leaves Tuesday morning returning back Wednesday at midday. Price £25.

CUMBERNAULD LOYAL: Bus v Dumbarton for all details and tickets phone Gary 22505. Those travelling with the club to Dublin must clear al money no later than August 25 or seats will be re-allocated and deposits lost.

DUNDEE LOYAL: Bus to Dumbarton leaves Lindsay Street at 11 a.m. Names being taken for Dublin Bohemians match. For all details phone 89715 or 730389.

IBROX LOYAL: Bus v Dublin Bohemians. Seats available £20. Phone Norman Banks 440 1226. Bus v Dumbarton leaves Ibrox underground at 1.45 p.m. Non-members welcome.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Dumbarton leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy at 11.30 a.m. Picking up at Milton House, Burntisland and Ex-Service Club, Rosyth. Names for Celtic. Memberships now due for new season.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Names for Dublin Bohemians. Seats phone 762 4260. New members welcome.

NITHSDALE: Bus v Dumbarton leaves Torrisdale Street at 1.30 p.m. Picking up at Devon Street 1.45 p.m. New and non-members welcome. Two buses to Dublin price £18. For all details phone Brian Craig on 881 5674 or Billy Montgomery 647 9805.

● **The London Rangers Supporters Club are hoping to have a scarf made to their own design. If any other clubs can help them out on this subject, please contact the social secretary Robbie Jenkins on 01-607-7259 (evenings only).**

★ YOUR COMPLETE POOLS CHECK

POOL ONE: 4 possibles, 20 goals, 2 winners each receive £12,301.

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POOL TWO: 6 possibles, 5 goals, 2 winners each receive £500.

Winners: J. Cunningham, 33 Derwent Avenue, Falkirk, A. Dawson, 7 Orchard Court, Kingussie.

POOL THREE 6 possibles, 22 goals, 2 winners each receive £500.

Winning combinations: 16, 20, 22, 37 with one from 05, 07, 13, 15, 31, 38.

POOL FOUR: 5 possibles, 34 goals, 3 winners each receive £333.33.

Winning combinations: 16, 20, 28, 38 with one from 05, 22, 35, 39 and 40.

POOL FIVE: 56 possibles, 3 goals, 23 winners each receive £43.47.

Winning combinations: 11, 14, with three from 02, 03, 08, 10, 18, 21, 32, 36.

POOL SIX: 4 possibles, 9 goals, 2 winners each receive £1,000.

Winning combinations: 04, 29, with three from 03, 08, 10, 36.

● The golden bonus was not won and now stands at £1,400.

Saturday's Results

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

This Week's Teams

● Team list for Saturday, August 18th, is:
01 Bangor, 02 Gainsboro, 03 Alvechurch, 04 Bedworth, 05 Celtic, 06 Dundee, 07 Everton, 08 Barnet, 09 Goole, 10 Horwich, 11 Cheltenham, 12 Fisher Ath., 13 St. Mirren, 14 Airdrie, 15 Dagenham, 16 Gateshead, 17 Macclesfield, 18 Matlock, 19 Kings Lynn, 20 Leamington, 21 Brechin, 22 Hamilton, 23 Kidderminster, 24 Maidstone, 25 Morecambe, 26 Mossley, 27 Trowbridge, 28 Willenhall, 29 Kilmarnock, 30 Partick, 31 Northwich, 32 Nuneaton B, 33 Oswestry, 34 St. Liverpool, 35 Gosport, 36 Salisbury, 37 Arbroath, 38 Cowdenbeath, 39 Yeovil, 40 Southport, 41 Queens Park, 42 Stenhousemuir, 43 Stirling A., 44 Stranraer.

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● BEST BOOT FORWARD . . . and Ally McCoist fires in a great shot from the edge of the box to put Rangers level at 1-1.

DRESS REHEARSAL!

Strip show is not what Light Blues wanted . . .

RANGERS paraded their new strip last Wednesday night against Leicester City — but it was not the kind of dress rehearsal they were looking for.

The Light Blues were at their best in the opening half-hour of a match which threatened to be a cracker but fizzled out somewhat through a series of poor final touches to promising moves, plus just too many stoppages for innocuous fouls.

It didn't take long for Iain Ferguson to get the Ibrox supporters on their feet as he showed a great deal of his undoubted class in the early stages.

With a mere 40 seconds gone, he turned superbly to fire in a 20 yard shot which flew just wide, then in the third minute forced City keeper Mark Wallington into making a fine save from another well struck effort from the edge of the box.

Fergie's exciting style of play is obviously going to be a huge asset to Rangers this term and in the 15th minute he showed he can make chances, too, when he beat two men and crossed for Davie Cooper to shoot, but the Ibrox winger's effort was cleared off the line by Wilson.

Wildly

It was all Rangers and things looked very good indeed. But in the 18th minute, they were caught out by something they will have to be very wary of this season with their new style of attack play — the sudden counter attack.

With the Light Blues back-pedalling, City were halted on the edge of the penalty-area. Kevin MacDonald quickly took the free-kick and with the Rangers defence still sorting themselves out, John O'Neil rose to send a superb diving header past the helpless Nicky Walker from eight yards.

Andy Peake should have increased Leicester's lead when he shot wildly past in the 34th minute and five minutes later the Filbert Street men were made to pay when Rangers equalised. Cammy Fraser sent Ally McCoist off on a run and the striker superbly evaded two tackles before sending an accurate shot low into the net from 18 yards.

The Ibrox supporters' joy was shortlived, however, as with three minutes of the first half left City regained their lead. Ramsey beat Dave MacKinnon on the left and sent the ball to Gary Lineker and the England striker made no mistake with a fine left foot shot from 16 yards.

The second half saw City on top for long spells, and even the dismissal of Ian Wilson following a tackle on Iain Ferguson and words to the referee couldn't give Rangers the edge.

The final ten minutes, though, saw the home side finally wear down City's ten men and in the 82nd minute Iain Ferguson's first goal at Ibrox put the scores level again. After John MacDonald had been brought down by Peake, Fergie stepped up to net at the second attempt after Wallington had blocked his spot-kick

RANGERS.....2

McCoist (39), I. Ferguson (82 pen.).

LEICESTER CITY.....2

O'Neill (18), Lineker (42).



● FLYING FERGIE . . . Iain Ferguson rises above Kevin MacDonald for this cross but the ball is nowhere to be seen.



● GET LOST . . . Andy Peake fends off John MacDonald in the penalty area. A few seconds later, John was fouled and a penalty awarded.



● SELF CONTROL . . . Bobby Russell remains calm on the ball as he is challenged by Gary Lineker.



● HOME AND DRY . . . Relief and delight for Iain Ferguson as he turns away after beating Mark Wallington with the rebound from his penalty-kick.



FACT-FILE

RANGERS: Walker, MacKinnon, Dawson, McClelland, McPherson, Redford, Russell, C. Fraser, I. Ferguson, McCoist, Cooper. Subs: D. Ferguson (for Russell 33 min), MacDonald (for McCoist 63), Bruce, Clark and Burns (not used).

LEICESTER CITY: Wallington, B. Smith, Wilson, MacDonald, Rennie, O'Neill, Lynex, Lineker, Bright, Peake, Ramsey. Subs: Kelly (for Lynex 70), A. Smith (for Bright 70), Andrew, Jones and Feeley (not used).

Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow).
Sent-off: Wilson (Leicester City).
Att. 17,250.

★ Bobby Russell was forced to retire early from the action against Leicester. The Ibrox midfield star tore a muscle on a calf and was replaced by young Derek Ferguson in the 33rd minute.

★ Among the spectators at the match last Wednesday night was ex-Rangers player Alex Miller. The St Mirren boss was obviously checking up on the Light Blues before Saturday's league clash

● LEFT: HE FLIES THROUGHT THE AIR . . . with spectacular results. Ian Redford blasts in a volley which went just wide watched by Andy Peake and David Rennie.

Weekend Results

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

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

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Ayr	1	Hamilton	1
Clyde	1	Brechin	3
Clydebank	3	St. Johnstone	0
East Fife	2	Falkirk	4
Forfar	4	Partick	0
Meadowbank	0	Airdrie	3
Motherwell	2	Kilmarnock	0

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Albion R.	1	Cowdenbeath	0
Alloa	2	Queens Park	0
Berwick	2	Raith R.	1
Dunfermline	5	Stranraer	0
E. Stirling	1	Stenh'muir	1
Montrose	1	Stirling A	0
Qn. of Sth.	1	Arbroath	1

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Celtic	4	Hibernian	1
Hearts	1	Dundee Utd.	1
St. Mirren	1	Rangers	3

Player of Year award

THE Rangers News 'Player of the Year' award is off and running and already new boy Iain Ferguson has received his first vote from manager Jock Wallace for his display against Leicester City, while Ally Dawson was Jock's choice against St. Mirren on Saturday.

Players are awarded three points for a nomination, with one point being deducted for any bookings and three for an ordering off.

The full tables are:

FIRST TEAM

Iain Ferguson	3
Ally Dawson	3

SECOND TEAM

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

Bookings: Davies, D. Ferguson.

First team marksmen

Iain Ferguson	9
Eric Ferguson	3
Ian Redford	3
Cammy Fraser	2
Sandy Clark	2
Davie McPherson	1
Robert Prytz	1
Ally McCoist	1

Saturday fact-file

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
Rangers 0,
St. Mirren 0
Att. 22,398
RANGERS: Walker, Burns, Dawson, MacKinnon, McClelland, Redford, MacDonald, C. Fraser, I. Ferguson, McCoist, Cooper. Subs: E. Ferguson (for MacDonald 65 mins), S. Fraser (for Burns 87).
ST. MIRREN: Money, Wilson, Hamilton, Rooney, Fulton, Clarke, Fitzpatrick, McAvennie, Gallacher, Abercromby, Scanlon. Subs: Mackie (for Scanlon 67), Winnie (not used).
Referee: K. J. Hope (Clarkston).

Big names visit Ibrox

● THERE were some well known faces at Ibrox last week. Among the guests at the Rangers Leicester match was former Liverpool boss Bob Paisley. Also watching the action were Alex MacDonald and Kenny Black, both ex-Ibrox players now with Hearts.

And at Saturday's match against St. Mirren were Scotland boss Jock Stein, Celtic defender Danny McGrain and ex-Ranger, Derek Johnstone, now with Chelsea.

OPENING DAY LI



● ON THE WAY . . . Iain Ferguson slips past Frank McAvennie.



● ON THE MOVE . . . McAvennie is stranded as Fergie moves in on goal.



● BEATEN THIS TIME . . . Fergie can't reach this ball as he challenges Neil Cooper.

ON A SUMMER'S day perfect for watching football, more than 20,000 fans were disappointed at Ibrox on Saturday as Rangers failed to get off to the flying start they had so much wanted in the Premier League race.

There can be no doubt that if the Light Blues are to live up to the many expectations of them lifting the title this season they will have to improve dramatically on this display.

Rangers certainly gave 100 per cent in terms of effort, against a very well organised St. Mirren side but it all came to nothing where it mattered most — in front of goal.

Blazing

It was an afternoon dominated by defence, with strikers given little room on both sides, ***WITH THE RESULT THAT GOALKEEPERS NICKY WALKER AND CAMPBELL MONEY WERE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BLAZING SUNSHINE FOR LONG PERIODS.***

Rangers showed a lot of early promise with Iain Ferguson hitting the side netting with a great shot on the turn in the second minute and then Cammy Fraser firing the ball inches wide following a superb four man move six minutes later.

The first half hour, in fact, was undoubtedly Rangers best period of the match and in the 21st minute they created the nearest scoring chance of the 90 minutes.

Raced

Ian Redford and Davie Cooper combined cleverly on the left to put Ally Dawson through on goal but Money raced quickly from his line to half the full-back's progress before he could get in the vital touch.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A TERRIFIC GOAL — AND HOW THE MATCH NEEDED IT — BUT IT WAS TO BE THE LAST TIME RANGERS REALLY LOOKED LIKE BREAKING THE DEADLOCK.

The only time either side had the ball in the net was in the closing minutes when Gallacher shot past Walker, but the linesmen already had his flag raised for offside and the goal was rightly disallowed.

Overall, there can be complaints about the result. St. Mirren will be a hard side to beat this term.

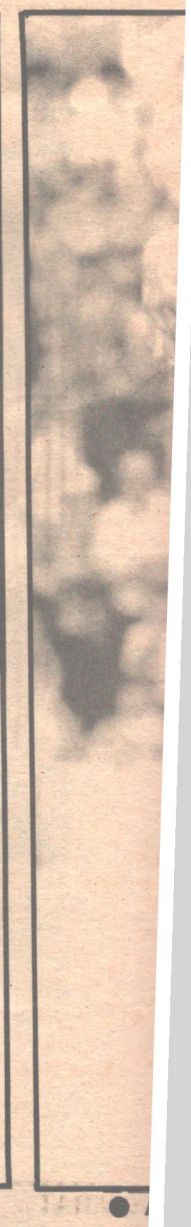
But Rangers MUST win their home matches and manager Jock Wallace will, no doubt, be spending a lot of time on the training ground this week with his players working on ways to get the goals that MUST start flowing if his side are to mount the title challenge they want.



● BLOCKED . . . Campbell Money gets down to save t only



● EYES DOWN . . . Eric Ferguson tries to start another attack.



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ET-DOWN



oal attempt by Ally Dawson with Mark Fulton looking on. It was Rangers chance in the match.



● HIGH JUMP . . . Davie Cooper seems to have springs on his feet as he towers above Tom Wilson.



D COMBAT . . . Mark Fulton and John MacDo- ld get in a tangle while going for this ball.



● INSIDE JOB . . . Davie Cooper turns neatly inside Tom Wilson in a second half attack.

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



HEAD DOWN . . . Four minutes of the second half gone and this brave header from John MacDonald gives Rangers a 1-0 lead over Celtic five years ago. McAdam, McDonald and Sneddon are the helpless Celts.

RANGERS SHOCKER

Ibrox men slip in Celtic clash

August 15-21, 1979

RANGERS had a hectic seven days this week five years ago with three matches to play, all in different competitions — and despite winning two and drawing one, it was a disappointment for the Light Blues.

They began on Wednesday, August 15, with a short trip to Firhill for a Glasgow Cup semi-final tie against Partick Thistle. Both sides fielded full-strength teams and the 7,000 fans saw a fairly entertaining match.

It was almost completely dominated by Rangers and as soon as they had taken an early lead, there was never any doubts about the final outcome.

The opening goal arrived in the seventh minute — and it was a real beauty from Davie Cooper. The Ibrox winger played a clever one-two with Derek Johnstone and then sent a perfectly placed shot past Alan Rough from a tight angle.

Rangers were content not to overtax themselves after that and only added one more goal to their total. It came in the 62nd minute and was the result of some fine teamwork.

Derek Johnstone, Tommy McLean and Bobby Russell combined to set up Gordon Smith with a chance just inside the Thistle penalty area and the striker lashed the ball home at the second attempt after Rough had blocked.

Move

PARTICK THISTLE: Rough, MacKinnon, Whittaker, Gibson, Marr, Anderson, Houston, Park, McAdam, O'Hara, Wilson. Subs.: Melrose and Doyle.
RANGERS: McCloy, Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, Watson, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper. Subs.: A. MacDonald and Mackay.

The League Cup sprang into action on the same evening. Rangers had a bye to the second round. In the top first round ties Aberdeen beat Arbroath 4-0 in their first leg clash at Pittodrie while Dumbarton and St. Johnstone drew 1-1 at Boghead.

Rangers made a surprise move into the transfer market when John Greig signed up 29-year-old George Young from Stirling Albion. The Ibrox boss paid a "nominal fee" for the keeper to replace the injured Stewart Kennedy in time for the UEFA deadline.

Special

Saturday, August 18, saw Ibrox stage two special occasions — the opening of the new Copland Road Stand and the first Premier League "Old Firm" clash of the season.

Because of the reconstruction to Ibrox, the crowd was limited to a 36,000 capacity, but the atmosphere was as electric as ever. And as the game progressed it looked as though the Light Blues fans were going to have another vitory to celebrate.

Celtic had been reduced to ten men in the 36th minute of the match when Roy Aitken was shown the red card for a dangerous tackle on Ally Dawson. And after a goalless first half, Rangers took advantage and opened the scoring.

Pushed

It came in the 49th minute. Davie Cooper found Alex MacDonald on the right. The wee midfield man flicked the ball across the face of the goal and young John MacDonald rose beautifully to power a header past Latchford from ten yards.

Four minutes later, it was 2-0 to Rangers and they seemed to be coasting to two points. Alex Miller pushed the ball through to Bobby Russell on the right and as Latchford came out from his line, the midfield player tucked a well-placed shot into the far corner of the net from 18 yards.

It was all Rangers now and Alex MacDonald missed a great chance to increase the lead and then Kenny Watson struck the bar with a fine shot.

The points were in the bag — or so it seemed. But Rangers eased up and relaxed — which was to prove to be a fatal error.

With six minutes left, Danny McGrain sent over a cross from the left and with the Rangers defence flat-footed and uncertain, Alan Sneddon raced into give Peter McCloy no chance with a header from close range.

It should have been just a consolation goal. But in the 87th minute disaster struck for Rangers when Celtic equalised. Murdo MacLeod took a free-kick on the left, gave it to Davie Provan who crossed for Tom McAdam to make the final score 2-2 from close range.

Mark

RANGERS: McCloy, Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, Watson, Cooper, Russell, Johnstone, A. MacDonald, J. MacDonald. Subs.: Smith (for Russell) and McLean (not used).
CELTIC: Latchford, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, Conroy, McCluskey, MacLeod, McAdam. Subs.: Doyle (for McCluskey) and Lennox (for Edvaldsson).

In the other Top Ten matches, Aberdeen beat Hibs 3-0 at Pittodrie, Kilmarnock defeated Dundee United 1-0 at Rugby Park and Morton won 2-1 at home to Partick Thistle. And at Dens Park, Ian Redford scored all four goals as Dundee beat St. Mirren 4-1.

Cammy Fraser was on the mark for Hearts as they went top of the First Division with a 4-2 home win over Ayr United.

In the Premier Reserve League, a late substitution earned Rangers a 1-1 draw with Celtic at Parkhead. Young striker Gordon Dalziel headed home an equaliser for the Light Blues in the 64th minute after coming on for Gordon Boyd.

The first team began their European campaign on Tuesday, August 21, when they faced Norwegian side Lillestrom in the Preliminary Round, first leg of the Cup-Winners Cup at Ibrox.

A crowd of 18,000 turned up for the match expecting to see Rangers build-up a healthy lead to take to Scandinavia with them for the return leg — but it didn't work out that way as Lillestrom threw up a clever defensive wall.

Packed

The Light Blues managed to beat it only once. That was in the 13th minute when Davie Cooper made a run down the left and switched the ball inside to Ken Watson. He played it into the packed penalty area and somehow found Gordon Smith, who hooked home a shot in off the post.
RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Smith, Jackson, Watson, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, A. MacDonald, Cooper. Subs.: J. MacDonald (for McLean), Robertson (for Johnstone), Miller, Young and Mackay (not used).
LILLESTROM: Amundsen, Hammer, Borg, Kordhal,L. Hansen, Gronlund, Erlandsson, Lonstad, Dokken, Holt, V. Hansen. Subs.: Kinn, Edvardsen and Soler (not used).

Rangers reserves, meanwhile, made it to the Second Round of the Reserve League Cup. Billy Urquhart scored both Light Blues goals in a 2-2 draw with Morton at Cappielow, which gave the colts a 4-3 aggregate victory.

In England, Terry Yorath made the big transfer headlines when he went from Coventry City to Spurs for £300,000. And Bob Stokoe became an early management casualty. He resigned as Blackpool boss when the directors signed a player from Bolton without his consent.

Sebastian Coe was making news once more on the athletics track. This time, he smashed the 1500 metres world record, held by Tanzania's Filbert Bayi since 1974, by two tenths of a second in Zurich in a time of 3:32.02.

DAVIE'S MAGIC MOMENT

August 15-21, 1934

THE FIRST clash of the season between the two clubs everyone was tipping for the major honours took place at Ibrox this week 50 years ago in front of a packed house of 64,000 fans.

The second week of the First Division programme on Saturday, August 18, brought Rangers and Motherwell together but, unfortunately, the two "big guns" of Scottish football failed to produce the type of match expected of them.

Both sides looked tense and it was almost as if the league title was at stake, even in the second game of the new term. Most of the play was confined to midfield and at 4.40 p.m., only one goal had been scored.

Happily for the Rangers fans it was the Light Blues who scored it to take a 1-0 victory and put themselves at the top of the table with four points from two matches.

The goal arrived in the 14th minute and it came from the best player on the field, Ibrox skipper Davie Meiklejohn. The big defender crashed in a ferocious 30-yard shot which struck the post then rebounded from the back of bewildered 'Well keeper McClory and into the net.
RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, MacAulay, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.
MOTHERWELL: McClory, Crapnell, Ellis, Wales, Blair, McKenzie, Ogilvie, McMenemy, MacFadyen, Stevenson, Stewart.

In the other "match-of-the-day," Hearts and Celtic took a point apiece from a goalless draw at Tynecastle. At Rugby Park, Hibs defeated Kilmarnock 1-0, Clyde beat Dunfermline 2-1 at Shawfield, Aberdeen won 1-0 at home to Falkirk and Queen's Park scored a fine 4-1 win over St. Mirren

Tour

In the Second Division, early pacesetters Raith Rovers beat Edinburgh City 2-1 at Starks Park while nearest challengers, Dundee United, hammered Dumbarton 5-2 at Tannadice. In the Alliance League, Rangers reserves beat Motherwell 5-2 at Fir Park.

Rapid Vienna, who had been beaten at Ibrox the previous week, completed their short tour. On Wednesday, August 15, they went down 5-1 to Hearts at Tynecastle, but the following Sunday ended their trip in style with an 8-0 win over Bohemians Dublin.

If you think England's cricketers are having a tough time of things just now, take in the scoreboard from the test match being played 50 years ago. Australia were 701 all out in their first innings, bowled the English out for 321 and were 186 for 2 in their second innings!

Dick Corbett of London retained his British Bantamweight Boxing title in his home town when he drew over 15 rounds against challenger Johnny King from Manchester.

The big news story of the week was the "approval" of the German people for Adolf Hitler to become President and total leader of the country. In a national referendum, 38,239,514 voted for him, 4,287,808 said no while 871,056 spoiled their ballot papers.

Adolf was pretty chuffed but said he wouldn't rest until he had won the hearts and souls of all those who didn't vote for him. How he was going to do that, he didn't say . . .

Back home, the big story was the attempted escape by six prisoners from Barlinnie Prison in Glasgow. The men had made their break for freedom while working in a field next to the prison. Five were re-captured, but the other man drowned while trying to swim across the Monkland Canal — he only had one more month to serve.

GREAT START FOR LIGHT BLUES

August 15-21, 1959

A GREAT week for Rangers 25 years ago as they won three matches out of three to keep up their challenges in the League Cup, Glasgow Cup and the League Championship.

Saturday, August 15, saw the Light Blues on League Cup section business. A crowd of 37,000 turned up at Ibrox for the clash with Dundee and were not disappointed as Rangers produced an excellent display to win 2-0.

Willie Telfer was the outstanding player in the team, mopping up anything Dundee had to offer in midfield or up front. He snuffed out the threat of Alan Cousin, the player Rangers had tried to sign the previous season.

Missed

Both goals came in the first half. In the 20th minute, a superb pass from Ian McMillan was missed by Jimmy Millar and the ball ran onto Ralph Brand who sent a left foot shot low past Horsburgh into the net from 12 yards.

Goal number two came in the 34th minute and it was a real beauty. Ralph Brand sent Davie Wilson clear on the right wing and the young winger, deputising for the injured Alex Scott, crashed home a great first-time right foot shot from a tight angle.
RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Telfer, Stevenson, Duncan, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson.
DUNDEE: Horsburgh, Hamilton, Cox, Curlett, Gabriel, Cowie, McGeachie, Bonthorne, Cousin, Henderson, H. Robertson.

Rangers' section, though, was still headed by Motherwell, who recorded a 3-1 win over Hibs at Easter Road. Ian St. John was the man who did the damage, netting a hat-trick in the space of two-and-a-half minutes —the quickest ever by a Scottish player.

Fine

In the other ties played that day, Raith Rovers beat Partick Thistle 2-0 at Starks Park, Airdrie, won 4-2 against Celtic at Broomfield, Third Lanark, defeated Dunfermline 6-1 at Cathkin and Hearts led their section thanks to a 2-1 away win over Stirling Albion.

In the Reserve League Cup, Rangers' second eleven recorded a fine 3-2 success over Dundee at Dens Park.

Two days later, on Monday, August 17, a crowd of over 30,000 were at Parkhead to witness the first "Old Firm" clash of the season when Celtic and Rangers faced each other in the first round of the Glasgow Cup.

After a goal-less first half, Rangers gradually began to take control of the proceedings and in the 51st minute took the lead. George Duncan played the ball to Sammy Baird, who moved forward and sent an accurate low shot out of Frank Haffey's reach from 18 yards.

Ten minutes later, Celtic were back on level terms. Divers crossed the ball to the unmarked Jim Conway and with the Rangers defenders looking at each other accusingly, the centre forward beat George Niven from point blank range.

The match was now finely balanced but to the joy of the Rangers fans, the Light Blues grabbed the winner in the 76th minute. Sammy Baird touched the ball out to Jimmy Millar on the left and he coolly beat Evans and rounded Haffey before slotting the ball into the net.
CELTIC: Haffey, McNeill, Mochan, Mackay, Evans, Peacock, Carroll, Jackson, Conway, Divers, Mackie.
RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Telfer, Stevenson, Duncan, McMillan, Millar, Baird, Wilson.

Wednesday, August 19, saw the opening of the 1959-60 League Championship campaign with Rangers fully expected to begin the defence of their title with a win from their visit to Annfield to face Stirling Albion.

Slip

In the seventh minute, the Ibrox men took the lead when Davie Wilson made a brilliant run down the wing and chipped over a cross to Jimmy Millar who headed powerfully into the net from ten yards.

It was all Rangers in the first half and they increased their lead in the 33rd minute. Bill Paterson sent a long ball down the centre of the park which was collected by Jimmy Millar who shrugged off two tackles and blasted a left foot shot past McCallum.

Two-nil was how it stood at the break and any hopes Stirling had of a comeback seemed to be completely dashed in the 67th minute. Jimmy Miller slipped the ball to Davy Wilson who raced through the Albion defence and blasted the ball past McCallum to put Rangers 3-0 up.

The Light Blues looked home and dry but three minutes later, Spence played a neat one-two with Benvie and raced through to cleverly take the return and slip it under George Niven's body from 12 yards.

Five minutes later, the pressure was really on Rangers as Stirling made it 3-2. Napier fired in a shot which seemed harmless enough, but Eric Caldow stuck a foot out in an attempt to clear and sent the ball spinning over Niven's head and into the net.

Shock

Albion, urged on by the home fans, piled on the pressure in an attempt to snatch an equaliser but Rangers managed to hold out for two opening league points.
STIRLING: McCallum, Hannah, Pettigrew, McKechnie, Sinclair, Johnstone, Grant, Benvie, Simpson, Spence, Napier.
RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Paterson, Stevenson, Duncan, McLean, Millar, Baird, Wilson.

The big shock of the evening's opening First Division programme was the hammering of one of the favourites for the title. Motherwell travelled to Dunfermline and were humiliated to the tune of 6-0.

Celtic got two points from a 2-0 win over Kilmarnock at Parkhead, Partick Thistle beat Arbroath by a similar score at Firhill, Hibs defeated Aberdeen 2-1 at Easter Road and Hearts also made a good start with a 3-1 victory at Dundee.

In the Reserve League, Rangers kicked off their campaign with a 4-3 defeat against Stirling Albion at Ibrox. McIlroy (2) and McKechnie were the Rangers scorers.

RANGERS 1984-85

★ Here they are — the men aiming to bring the major honours back to Ibrox. Jock Wallace's squad aim to do it in style — and they are already looking good in their new playing kit. BACK ROW(left to right): Robert Prytz, Derek Ferguson, David MacFarlane, Andrew Kennedy, David McPherson, John McClelland, Craig Paterson, Colin McAdam, David Mitchell, Eric Ferguson, Stuart Munro, Robert Fleck. MIDDLE ROW: Stan Anderson (Youth Team Coach), Colin Lindsay, Billy Davies, Ian Durrant, Scott Fraser, Nicky Walker, Peter McCloy, Andy Bruce, Hugh Burns, David MacKinnon, Tom Leeman, Steven Connor, Bob Findlay (Physiotherapist). FRONT ROW: Ian Redford, Ally Dawson, Iain Ferguson, Bobby Williamson, Davie Cooper, Alex Totten (First Team Coach), Jock Wallace (Manager), John Hagart (Second Team Coach), Sandy Clark, Cammy Fraser, Ally McCoist, Bobby Russell, John MacDonald.



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YOUNG RANGERS CLUB CORNER

SEE CELTIC CLASH FREE!

Win tickets for Old Firm match

RANGERS face Celtic at Ibrox on August 25th for the first Old Firm match of the new season and we're giving one lucky YRC member the chance to win a pair of tickets.

What we want you to do is to take a look at the picture left and tell us the name of the Rangers player, lying on the ground.

When you think you have the correct answer, put it on a postcard and send it, along with your name, address and YRC number, to "TICKETS," Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow, G3 7YE.

The closing date for this contest is Monday, August 20, and the first correct entry selected after that date will be the winner.

No correspondence will be entered into and the editor's decision is final in all matters.



Win our Ibrox Goodies

HOW would you like to win a Rangers bag filled with badges, pennants, programmes and posters?

That's the prize in another Young Rangers Club competition.

To stand a chance of winning this great prize, all we want you to do is to simply tell us the club Jimmy Nicholl plays for in Canada.

This competition is only open to YRC members, so when you send in your answer please write your membership number along with your name and address on a postcard.

Send your answer to "GOODIES," Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow, G3 7YE.

The closing date for this competition is Monday, August 20th.

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Wanted

WANTED: To complete sets — Rangers v Nice (EC) Programme 1957. Also Rangers Handbooks — 1945/46, 1946/47, 1947/48, 1949/50, 1956/57, 1959/60, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1963/64, 1964/65, 1966/67, 1969/70, 1973/74, 1974/75, 1977/78. Michelle Adams, 16 Rosemount Crescent, Birkhill, By Dundee, DD2 5PW.

Saint Douglas!

● DOUGLAS Sproull, 11 Park Street, New Stevenston, Motherwell, was the lucky winner of a pair of Main Stand tickets for last weekend's match with St. Mirren at Ibrox.

In the contest we asked you to name the St. Mirren player who was in the picture surrounded by Gregor Stevens and John MacDonald. The player was John McCormack, now with Dundee.

SORRY . . .

TWO errors in last week's "News" have been brought to our attention. Firstly, we stated in the page three story on John Laidlaw that the player had scored Rangers only goal in Croix last season — it was in fact John MILLAR.

And in the Light Blue Lookback, the name of one of the Rangers players mentioned in the fifty years ago section should have been ARCHIE MacAulay and not Bob MacAulay as we said. We apologise for these errors.

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Congratulations are in order to Sheligh Lumsden, who works in the Rangers Pools Office, who celebrated her 21st birthday on August 7.

★ Happy birthday to our members ★

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

TODAY (AUGUST 15)

STEPHEN CAMPBELL, 29 Hillary Road, Stenhousemuir, who is 12.
ALISTAIR WHITELAW, 65 Glenburn Crescent, Viewpark, who is 11.
RICHARD HODELET, 6 Cowal Crescent, Gourock, Renfrew, who is 14.
COLIN GREENWOOD, 19 Cunningham Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow, who is 11.
SCOTT CAMERON, 78 Torwood Avenue, Grangemouth, Stirling, who is ten.
MARK TURNER, 58 Maree Drive, Condorrat, Cumbernauld, who is ten.
JOSEPH KNOTTS, 11 Prospecthill Crescent, Toryglen, who is nine.
STEWART CALLAN, 9 Barrisdale Road, Westcrindle Dyke, Newmains, who is one.
KELLY ANNE HILLIER, 31 Wallace Road, Irvine, who is five.
GARY BROWNE, 26 Corlaich Drive, Toryglen, Glasgow, who is 13.
COLIN WILSON, 1c Ramsay Court, Kincardine, Alloa, who is 14.
STEPHEN BEATON, 37 Ashcroft Drive, Glasgow, who is 12.
SCOTT JAMES LITTLE, 36 Gateside Street, Largs, who is seven.
KENNETH CASSELLS, 51 Alloway Grove, Harestanes, Kirkintilloch, who is 13.
DAVID SINCLAIR, 48 Laxton Close, Sholing, Southampton, who is 15.
ALLAN CAMPBELL, 329 Morningside Road, Newmains, Lanarkshire, who is 17.

THURSDAY

WILLIAM LENNIE, 9 Salmona Street, Glasgow, who is 11.
CHARLIE McDOUGALL, Dumbraxhill Farm, Hawksland Road, Lesmahagow, who is 15.
ALLAN FERNIE, 1 Rannoch Avenue, Newton Mearns, who is 13.
DEREK CRAWFORD, 102 Darg Road, Stevenston, who is nine.
JAMES MARTIN, 25 Avondale Drive, Armadale, who is 14.
JOHN PETRIE, 6 Millerfield Road, Glasgow, who is 17.
MARY MacLEAN, 3 Mishigarry, Sollas, Lochmaddy, North Uist, who is 16.
JOHN MAILER, 16 Mamre Drive, California, Falkirk, who is 16.
STEPHEN SMITH, 23 Milton Place, Pittenweem, Fife, who is 14.
KEVIN THOMPSON, 113 Norman Rise, Dedridge, Livingston, who is ten.
ALISTAIR MAIR, Rankiellour Manis, Springfield, Cupar, who is eight.
JAMES CLOSS, 55 Birrens Road, Motherwell, who is 16.
MARK BYANS, 1772 South St. Pauls, Wichita, Kansas, USA, who is 16.

FRIDAY

JIM WHITE, 147 Newlands Road, Grangemouth, who is 14.
SCOTT ROSS, 3 Deanbank Street, Dundee, who is 16.
SCOTT LIVINGSTON, 8 Lochlea Avenue, North Drumry, Clydebank, who is 13.
GRANT KENNEDY, East Cottage, Mellerstain, Berwickshire, who is eight.
ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, 24 Dundas Street, Townhill, Dunfermline, who is 12.
LEE McNEILL, 4 Ashgrive, Methill, Fife, who is 14.
DIANE THOMSON, 33 Limeylands Road, Ormiston, East Lothian, who is five.
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE, 17 Rafford Street, Govan, who is 13.
CAROLE-ANNE WALES, 6 Gordon Terrace, Burnbank, Hamilton, who is nine.
GREIG ROSS, 177 Dochart Terrace, Menzieshill, Dundee, who is seven.
JINLELL BEATTIE, 24/37 Donnell Street, North Bondi, Sydney, Australia, who is three.
DAVID TROY, 25 James Street, Coleraine, Londonderry, who is nine.
GILLIAN McELENEY, 34 Gardener Crescent, Whitburn, who is eight.
IAIN SCOTT, 14 Somerville Drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow, who is two.
SANDY STUART, 28 Asle Street, Whithorn, Wigtownshire, who is ten.
STEVEN MacKINTOSH, 33 Ross Street, Milton, Invergordon, who is 13.
DOUGLAS CUMMING, 90 Balfour Wynd, Larkhall, who is 14.
SCOTT SELVEY, 65 Kelmorlie Placek, Pennyburn, Kilwinning, who is 16.
BRIAN ROY, 55 Courthill Avenue, Cathcart, who is 12.

SATURDAY

ROBERT DODDS, Littleton House, Gatehouse of Fleet, Kircudbrightshire, who is ten.
SCOTT BURNETT, 46 Parklea, Rosyth, Fife, who is 14.
JASON TRY, 11 Lisnablach Road, Coleraine, Londonderry, who is 14.
PAUL WAUGH, 12/8 Glaenstone Drive, Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, who is 16.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, 79 Lumsden Crescent, Almondbank, Perth, who is 11.
WENDY MECHAN, 26 Rona Court, Perth, who is 13.
DEREK MACKAY, 37 Upper Bayble, Point, Isle of Lewis, who is 16.
STEVEN HARDIE, 115 Oldany Road, Pitcoudie, Glenrothes, who is 13.
JOHN GOLD, 57 Thrashbush Crescent, Wishaw, who is 14.
BARRY STEWART, 36 Keith Road, Burghead, Morayshire, who is four.
BERNARD BENJAMIN, 13 Hazeldean Road, Harlesden, London, who is 12.
GREGOR WALKER, 124 Stratford, Calderwood 16, East Kilbride, who is 14.
JOHN WALKER, 93 Alexander Street, Airdrie, who is 17.
GREIG SCOTLAND, 90 Alloa Road, Clachmanan, who is ten.
ROBERT RUTHERFORD, 38 Blair Street, Kelty, who is 16.
WILLIAM SHIRKIE, 19 Glenhove Road, Cumbernauld, who is ten.

SUNDAY

DARREN HOWIE, 77 Ryebank Ladywell, Livingston, who is 11.
DAVID KERR, 2 Baldovan Crescent, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is four.
STUART BROWN, 1 Dryburgh Hill, East Kilbride, who is ten.
GARY McGREATH, 60 Muirshiel Crescent, Priesthill, who is 11.
DAVID BROWN, 14 Eildon Drive, Barrhead, Glasgow, who is 12.
PETER RUTHERFORD, 15a Stanefield Drive, Newarthill, Motherwell, who is 11.
MICHELLE STUART, 6 Simprim Mains, Coldstream, Berwick, who is nine.
GRAEME BOWIE, 54 Larch Crescent, Mayfield, Dalkeith, who is 12.
BRIAN ROSS, 118 Hillpark Drive, Glasgow, who is 17.
COLIN CALDWELL, 62 Houston Road, Bridge of Weir, who is 14.
COLIN McARTHUR, 270 Burnfield Road, Manswood, Glasgow, who is 13.
STUART METCALF, Allan Quoich, Mariodge, Braemar, who is 16.
INNES WALKER, 31a Douglas Street, Largs, Ayr, who is 17.
JOHN IRVINE, 5 Webster Court, Broxburn, who is 16.
MARK VAN DER TOORN, 506 Rosemount Road, Ardler, Dundee, who is ten.
ALLAN KENYAN, 67 Etive Court, Condorrat, Cumbernauld, who is 13.
STEPHEN DICKSON, 37 Niddrie Marischal Green, Edinburgh, who is two.

MONDAY

ROSS McFADYEN, 34 Heather Park, Kincaidston, Ayr, who is one.
JOHN ROBB, Robocco, Balmore Road, Torrance, who is 12.
COLIN MATER, 2 Ballinderry Park, Knockmore, Lisburn, who is 15.
GARY SMITH, 132 Sycamore Crescent, Greenhills, East Kilbride, who is 16.
DAVID MacKENZIE, Edina Villa, Soroba Road, Oban, who is two.
GARY PRESTON, 16 Shawport Avenue, Bradwell, Newcastle, who is 17.
HELEN WATERS, 72 Hardridge Road, Glasgow, who is 15.
ROBERT MATHIESON, 17 Norfolk Court, Glasgow, who is ten.
ANDREW KEITH, 39 Cromarty Road, Cairnhill, Airdrie, who is 16.
MARK STEWART, 46 Milton Street, Monifieth, Dundee, who is 14.
RODNEY BUTLER, 82 Netherthird Road, Cumnock, who is 17.
GARY McBAIN, 1 Mansion Road, Mount Vernon, who is 16.
FIONA MacKINNON, 7 Benuie Gardens, Bishopbriggs, who is 17.
IAIN JACK, 58 Westford Alness, Rossshire, who is 16.
DOUGLAS SCOTT, 27 Circus Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow, who is seven.

TUESDAY

JOHN McMILLAN, 147 King Street, Crieff, Perthshire, who is 15.
BRYAN STUART, 28 Ysle Street, Whithorn, Wigtonshire, who is 13.
RICHARD BROWN, 36 Melville Place, Raithwood, Kirkcaldy, who is 16.
JAMES RUSSELL, 42 St. Andrews Gardens, Dalry, Ayrshire, who is seven.
JAMES McAULEY, 5 Park Place, Aberdeen, who is 17.
BILLY PEARSON, 64 The Corse Crimmond, Fraserburgh, who is nine.
GRANT WHYTOCK, 8 Mauchline Place, West Mid Craigie, Dundee, who is 17.
WILLIAM SLOAN, 32 Main Street, Avonbridge, who is 15.
FINDLAY MacLEAN, 6 Mackan Crescent, Fort William, who is 12.
JAMES RAMSEY, 156 Nobleston Estate, Alexandria, who is 13.
STEPHEN PETCHEX, 8 Dale Close, Otdsall, Retford, who is 16.
BOBBY PEARS, 84 Braeside Street, Glasgow, who is 11.

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BACK IN ACTION . . . Saturday preview and the latest reserve news

Dave keeps out Colts

Rangers reserves tasted defeat for the first time this season last Tuesday night against East Fife's first team at Bayview Park — but left coach John Hagart satisfied at the completion of their pre-season build-up.

The trip to Methil was for East Fife keeper Dave Gorman's Benefit Match and the former Montrose player celebrated with some fine saves from the Ibrox colts forward line.

Said John Hagart: "It was a good, hard competitive match and I was pleased with our performance considering we had out such a young side. We missed one or two good chances but it was an excellent way to complete our warm-up programme."

East Fife.....1
Rangers 1

East Fife scored the only goal of the match five minutes before half-time — a bad goal to lose according to John — and that always looked enough to win the game.

There was a scare for the Light Blues in the 55th minute when Eric Ferguson had to leave the field injured but the young striker only suffered a slight strain and was soon back to normal in training last week.

Young defender David MacFarlane won John Hagart's nomination as 'Young man-of-the-match'.

RANGERS: Bruce, Laidlaw, Leeman, Durrant, MacFarlane, Davies, Kennedy, Clark, Fleck, D. Ferguson, E. Ferguson. Subs: Nisbett (for E. Ferguson 55 min.), Lindsay (for Fleck 70), Connor and Haddow (not used).

John's talk pays off

A HALF-TIME pep talk from second team coach John Hagart helped put the reserves on the road to victory in their opening Premier Division fixture at the weekend.

The young Light Blues were a goal behind and playing very poorly, but after the interval they turned on the style and ran out comfortable 3-1 winners.

"Frankly it was a very scrappy first half," admitted coach Hagart afterwards. "It was also a bit tough and we weren't playing well.

"But I was delighted with the way the players played in the second half. We were all over Saints. The whole team showed a complete transformation from their first half display."

Rangers went a goal behind in the 32nd minute when Tom Leeman conceded a penalty, which Saints converted, and it was also a penalty which enabled Rangers to draw level.

St. Mirren ...1 Rangers ...3

The ball was clearly handled on the line and Robert Prytz converted the penalty. That was the 48th minute and seven minutes later the Swede netted again from the spot, this time after Andy Kennedy had been brought down while he raced clear.

In the 63rd minute Robert Fleck completed the scoring when he raced onto a great through pass and he blasted a fine shot past ex-Ibrox goalkeeper, Jim Stewart. Robert, in fact, won John Hagart's young man of the match nomination.

"It was hard to single out any one player for praise, but Robert Fleck battled well and Sandy Clark was a magnificent example to the younger players. Robert Prytz also showed up well in his role as sweeper."

Derek Ferguson was booked for dissent and Billy Davies for a foul.

RANGERS: Bruce, Laidlaw, Leeman, Prytz, MacFarlane, Davies, Kennedy, D. Ferguson, Fleck, Clark, Durrant. Subs: Nesbitt, Lindsay (not used).

SONS PAY PRICE OF SUCCESS!

"You had better come to Boghead with your sleeves rolled right up. If you want anything from this match, you'll have to fight very hard to get it."

Defiant words. And they come from the man charged with the awesome task of keeping part-time Dumbarton in the Premier League as the Boghead club face their first season in the elite division of Scottish football.

Davie Wilson, known affectionately in his days as a player at Ibrox as the 'Blonde Bombshell', returned to Dumbarton midway through last season and steered them on the steady course to promotion from the First Division.

THAT, AS IT TURNED OUT, WAS THE EASY PART. SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT PROBLEMS FOR DAVIE AS HE HAS HAD TO COPE WITH A MASSIVE PAY REVOLT AMONG HIS PLAYERS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE CLUB GOING ON SALE AT £100,000 — WITH NO TAKERS AS YET.

Offer

When he spoke to the 'News' about this Saturday's match at Boghead between the 'Sons' and Rangers, he was still seeking the signatures of six of his first team men. But it hasn't dimmed his resolve or confidence for the mammoth challenge that lies ahead.

"If I have to send out half a reserve team to play Rangers or anyone else, I will send them out at least knowing that they want to play for Dumbarton and that they will give 100 per cent for the club.

"I have made the players an offer of a 100 per cent wage rise — now I don't think that's at all bad for part-timers. I can't do any better than that so now it's up to them — I have to worry about the playing side."



● DAVIE WILSON . . . facing pay revolt.



● JOCK WALLACE . . . no complacency.

Davie's problems were aggravated even further last week when one of his key players, goalkeeper Tom Carson, moved to Dundee. Dumbarton turned down the Dens Park club's offer so the fee will be fixed by a tribunal.

Although he has admitted that he will have to sell players if the offers come in, Davie was not at all happy about the Carson transfer.

"Yes, we need the money and I'll sell players if we have to. But I had already turned down a £30,000 bid from Dundee for Tom Carson and then a £40,000 offer from Watford for the same player. It just didn't come near what he is worth."

Problems

So the Sons went into their opening Premier League fixture on Saturday against Morton at Cappielow without an experienced keeper. With problems like this, does Wilson really see any hope of his club surviving the cut-throat Top Ten?

"THE PLAYERS ARE FITTER THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN BEFORE. I HAVE TAKEN THEM UP KILPATRICK HILL NEAR DUMBARTON AND I CAN TELL YOU IT MAKES GULLANE LOOK LIKE A MOLEHILL. THE PLAYERS WILL CERTAINLY BE PREPARED.

"It will be important for us to make a good start and I'll be looking to take something from every game at Boghead, starting of course on Saturday against Rangers. We can't afford to fall way behind early on."

If Rangers don't take two points from Boghead this Saturday, it will be hailed as a failure for the Light Blues. Jock Wallace will be sure to erase any complacency from his players mind. Against a team led by a man of Davie Wilson's single-minded determination, that's just not on.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

SKOL CUP, FIRST ROUND: Stranraer v Cowdenbeath; Queen of the South v Queens Park; East Stirling v Berwick Rangers; Dunfermline v Arbroath; Stirling Albion v Stenhousemuir.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

ENGLISH CHARITY SHIELD: Liverpool v Everton.

TUESDAY

SKOL CUP SECOND ROUND: Dundee United v Forfar.



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TENNENT'S T LAGER

DEREK'S REGRET

YOUNG Derek Ferguson enjoyed yet another fling in the first team last Wednesday night when he came on as a first half substitute for the injured Bobby Russell against Leicester at Ibrox.

But the 17-year-old Scottish Youth international was still annoyed about one moment of hesitation when he spoke to the "News"

It was in the second half, with Derek spraying some super passes about the field and displaying some of his terrific skills, that he found himself with a shooting opportunity just inside the Leicester area.

"Looking back, I should have just smacked it first time. I controlled it, though, and tried to set myself up for an easier shot and when I did get one in it was blocked.

"I hardly expected to be on the subs bench as I had been playing with the reseves at East Fife the previous night. And it was a real bonus to come on so early.

THE JOB BILLY DOESN'T WANT

LAST TERM, for the second successive season, Billy Davies led the Rangers second eleven to the Premier Reserve League Championship.

The 20-year-old midfielder was the inspiration behind the Ibrox colts title romp, which saw them finish ten points ahead of their nearest challengers Dundee United.

And into the bargain, Billy's consistency throughcut the term won him the Rangers News/Clydesdale "Young Player Of The Year" award.

Not a bad season — BUT IT IS ONE THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE RESERVES DOESN'T WANT TO REPEAT!

Billy explains: "This is the last year of my present contract so it is obviously very important for me to make a real breakthrough to the first team. It's no good just getting a handful of appearances every season.

"Being captain of the reserves is a real honour and something I take great pride in. BUT I'D MUCH RATHER GIVE THE JOB UP TO SOMEONE ELSE IF IT MEANT I COULD GET A REGULAR RUN IN THE FIRST TEAM."

Billy has been on the verge of becoming a regular since making his first team debut on January 12, 1981 when he came on as a substitute for Jim Bett during a Glasgow Cup tie against Partick Thistle at Firhill.

However, things haven't worked out quite the way Billy would have liked. Last season he took part in 11 first team outings, taking his career total to 32 but that extra something needed to have a consistent run has eluded him.

Learned

He says: "When Jock Wallace arrived last season, it was like starting afresh. I came in for a game against St Johnstone at Perth and I played fairly well and scored in a 4-1 win. The following week, I played the last ten minutes of a cup tie at Dens Park and then dropped out again.

"I've learned to take things like that in my stride, and I wasn't really too depressed by not being selected for the World Tour, which was obviously for the players considered to be first in line for first team places.

"But I have made a good start to this season and I intend to keep it up.I HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE BOSS CAN'T IGNORE ME. IT'S NOW OR NEVER FOR ME."

'I must make sure the boss can't ignore me'



● BILLY DAVIES good start to the season.

★Billy netted his first goals in the first team last season when he scored against Valletta and St. Johnstone. He scored 11 times for the reserves, taking his career total in the second eleven to 30.

★ Billy signed for Rangers as a 16-year-old in 1980. He will celebrate his 21st birthday on May 31 next year.

Too close for comfort!

IAIN Ferguson got just the kind of Ibrox debut he had wanted against Leicester City last week — a scoring one. But it was mighty close for comfort for the Rangers striker!

The £200,000 signing from Dundee grabbed his ninth goal of the new season in the 82nd minute when he followed up to blast the ball home after Mark Wallington had saved his original penalty-kick.

Said Iain: "It was a relief to get the second chance. The goal was just what I wanted and although I was disappointed at not being in the second half more I was happy with my performance.

"I started off well enough and the whole team was playing well. The fans gave me a pretty good reception and it's just a pity we couldn't have won the match."

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