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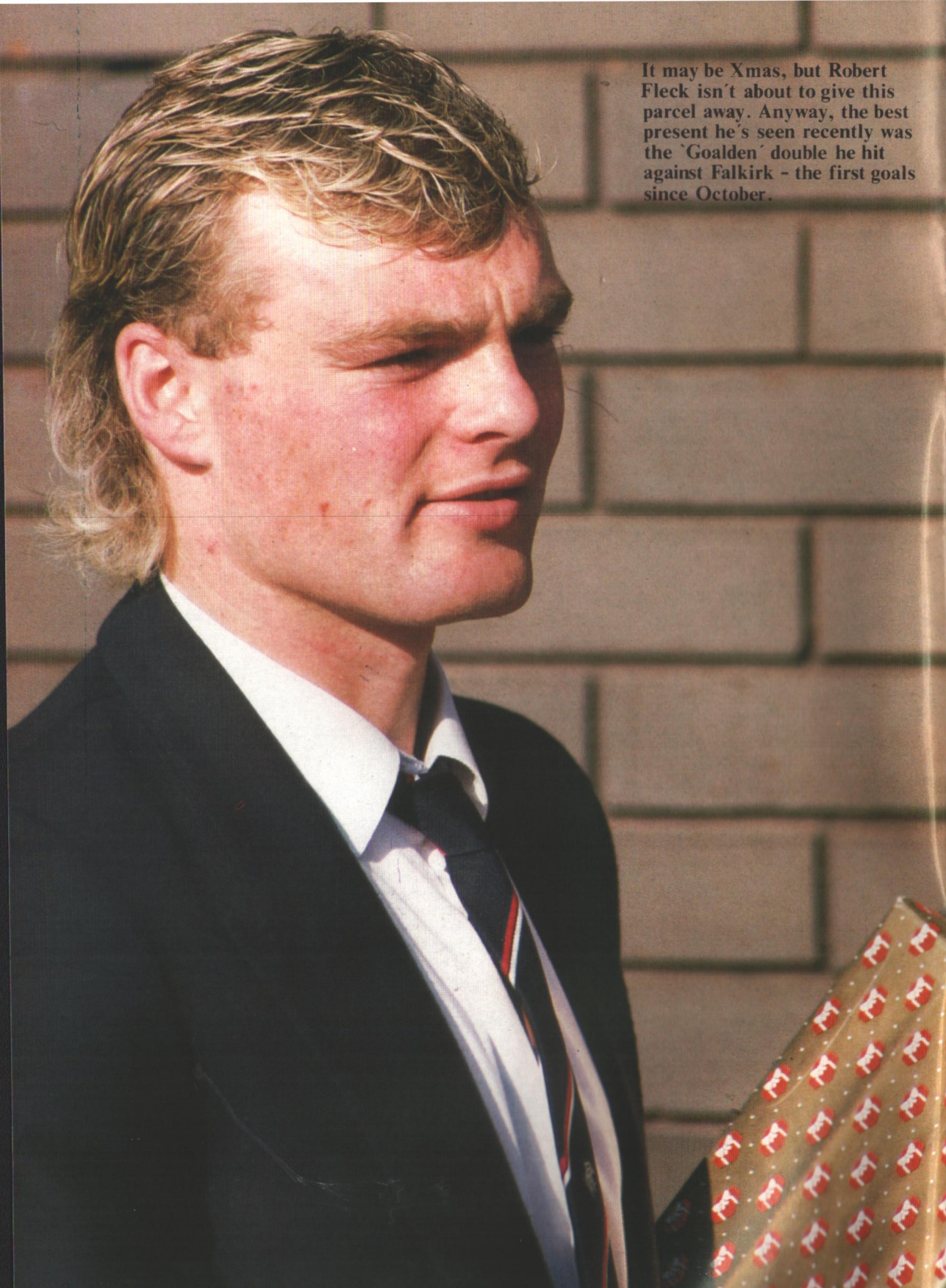
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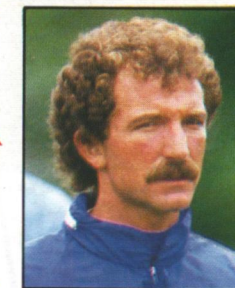
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TEAM TALK



● The win over Hamilton and the signing of Graham Roberts brought a good week to a satisfactory end.

After all the trauma and drama of the trip to Germany it was good to get the lads away for a few days.

But life goes on despite the break in Spain, and, indeed, before we left I completed the signing of Neil Woods from Doncaster Rovers.

I don't necessarily expect Neil to immediately make his presence felt in the first team but I am confident he will do so in the long term.

On the other hand, the signing I made when we got back from the sunshine is one I fully anticipate will have an immediate return for the Club.

Graham is a very experienced player who has been playing and competing at the highest level for quite some time. I have made no secret of my admiration for him over the last few weeks and although the speculation dragged on a bit at the time it seems worth it now.

We have got ourselves a player of proven ability who can play in a couple of different positions.

I'm sure Graham will settle just as quickly as Terry Butcher and Co., and come to enjoy being part of Rangers as much as the rest of the lads.

Graham's only complaint really is that he missed that trip to the sunshine of Spain!

Our break over there was no holiday, though, and on the contrary we put in some really hard work. It doesn't do players any harm to get them working in a different environment occasionally and with the heavy programme we have had already this season it was the right time.

We came back to that game at Hamilton and another welcome two points. We had to work hard for them but that's the way it always is and today, for instance, won't be any different.

United are a fine side as their recent success in Europe confirms yet again and we are looking forward to a good game this afternoon.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Ibrox, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the compliments of the season.

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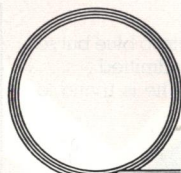
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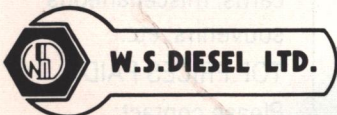
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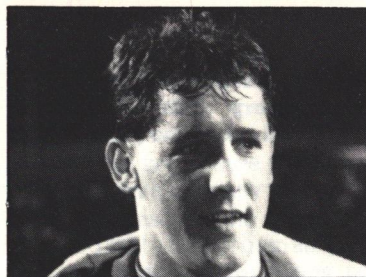


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CHARITY CALLS

● The Rangers players, who go out and about on charity calls all through the year, were even more in demand during the build-up to Christmas.

Lads like Ted McMinn, Ally McCoist, Chris Woods, Terry Butcher, Ian Durrant, etc., all give up their time willingly as much as possible even though it means seeing less of their own families.

This year has been no different with the players at a variety of functions and this seems like a good time to give them a pat on the back for the work they do so much of which goes un-noticed.

AWAITING THEIR FATE

● Stewart Munro and Davie Cooper, ordered off in that UEFA Cup tie against Borussia Moenchengladbach in Germany, will have to wait to hear their fate.

The pair are automatically banned from the first European tie next season - remember we are the only side already qualified thanks to the Skol Cup win.

But it's likely to be February before the matter is fully discussed by the powers that be and it remains to be seen if they take any further action although it would seem inconceivable.

GRAEME'S HICCUP

● Just as manager Graeme Souness was getting back into the swing of things he was rudely interrupted.

The Ibrox gaffer made his comeback after injury in the UEFA Cup tie against Borussia Moenchengladbach in Germany recently and was all set to play the following match against Falkirk.

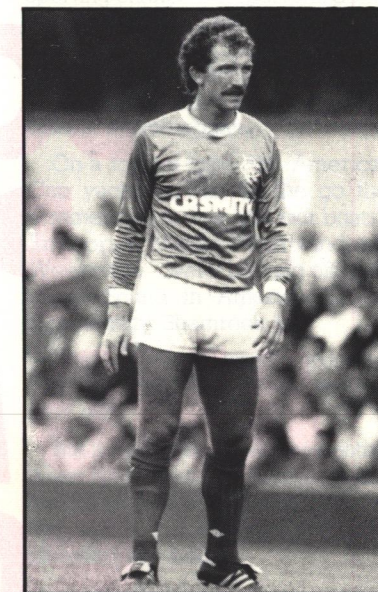
"I was suffering no ill effects from the European match and wanted to play against Falkirk but a flu bug laid me low and I had to miss out," said the Boss.

Our other injury or illness victims have all been progressing happily with Ian Durrant, for instance, having the plaster taken off his leg knock a couple of weeks ago.

And Colin West, battling back to full fitness, missed the sunshine break in Spain to step up his performance in a couple of games back home.

Hopefully, incidentally, that mid-season break will just be what is needed as we gear up for the months ahead.

It's going to be a long winter still and that tonic trip could not have come at a better time.



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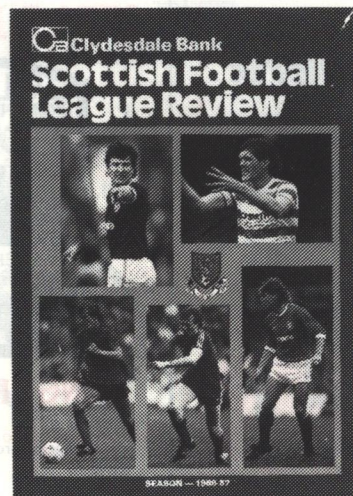
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● Canada and America proved popular hunting grounds for Rangers in years gone by.

But we're not so sure this fellow here was quite so happy about that.

He got himself on the wrong end of a good shot — but not from an Ibrox star — and duly found things not entirely to his liking.

But if it's any consolation then it could be that he ended up gazing down on all and sundry in the Stadium.

He was a gift during a visit to Calgary in Canada way back in 1930 and the inscription underneath reads: 'Presented to the Glasgow Rangers Football Club by The Calgary St. Andrews Caledonian Society on the occasion of their visit to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 11, 1930'.

Rangers were on yet another extensive tour of that part of the world and this was the trophy they 'bagged' after beating the local side 8-1 in front of a crowd of 5,000.

It was as one-sided as the score-line suggests although far from being outraged at their team being hammered like that the natives apparently found the whole thing 'educational'.

It wasn't only Calgary, though, where the people were educated for it happened in various centres and in Montreal, for example, a crowd of 2,000 watched Rangers win comfortably by 5-2.

But while the Ibrox lads were away in far-flung parts there was plenty of activity on all fronts back at home.

At our own ground, for instance, the 47th Police Sports were held and 15,000 turned out to watch what was traditionally one of the highlights of the summer.

Across the city at Parkhead, Celtic were reporting a profit of £3,554 while Partick Thistle's bank

manager was happier in those days than he's been in recent times.

The Jags listed a healthy profit of £10,010/19/-, helped no doubt by a Scottish Cup Final and replay against . . . Rangers.

The Scottish Football Association meanwhile were suggesting a minimum wage of 7/6 — around 37p for the information of our younger readers.

That would have been a welcome salary, though, for some people because sadly then there was considerable unemployment in the country.

Others, of course, were doing better and could no doubt have afforded the £50 that was needed for a trip to Buenos Aires.

But if you fancied a journey not just quite so far away you could have hitched a lift with a gentleman who tried to drive a Singer car up Ben Nevis. Perhaps not surprisingly he failed to make it after the back axle packed in.

That never really gave the car a sporting chance but sport still dominated the headlines with Bobby Jones winning the Open Golf Championship in some style and England beating Australia in the First Test at cricket in Nottingham.

On a topical note, the America's Cup yachting was on the go that summer as it is now and four boats — Enterprise, Vanite, Whirlwind and Weetamoe — were battling off Long Island Sound in America for the right to race Shamrock V.

None of which unduly troubled Rangers and they merrily went on their way.

But it must have been interesting when they did a head count to find out if everyone was on board for the trip home . . . especially if they included this fellow!



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IN RESERVE

● **Colin West's comeback trail took a big step forward on Monday, December 15 at Lesser Hampden.**

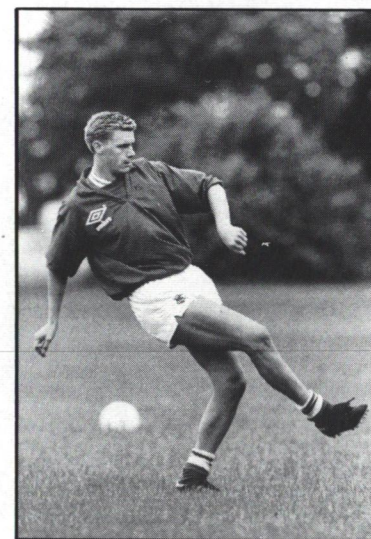
Our reserves took on the Queen's Park first team in a friendly encounter specially arranged to help Colin's bid to regain full match fitness.

We lost the game 3-1, but more importantly the big striker came through the whole 90 minutes without any adverse reaction at all to his injury.

We had planned to put Colin through his paces again on Wednesday night with another challenge match against Morton, but the rain saw to it that Cappielow was unplayable, much to the frustration of Donald Mackay.

The reserve coach said: "The cancellation of the Morton match was a real blow for us because after Colin coming through well against Queen's Park, we wanted to really push him against

Morton."



The defeat against Queen's Park didn't dismay Donald too much and he said: "No-one should take anything from the game itself - it was purely a training session for Colin's benefit as far as we were concerned.

"We were just delighted to see him coming through without any ill effects - the

result wasn't really important."

Phillip Knell was our goal-scorer in the match, taking the credit as the Queen's Park keeper fumbled his lob shot into the net.

Our line-up was: Walker, Burns, Yule, Nisbet, Pater-son, Beattie, A. McPherson, Miller, West, Knell, Trialist. Subs; Milligan (for A. McPherson) and Spencer (for Trialist).

The Premier Reserve League has been extended from 22 to 33 matches and will now continue right up until April 11.

Fans should note that our reserves have two attractive re-arranged League games next month.

Celtic visit Ibrox on Tuesday, January 13 and on the following Tuesday there is a real crunch match which our lads must win when Premier Reserve League leaders Aberdeen are our visitors.

We have games in hand as we go into the final third of the programme, but we must win those two matches to retain our hopes of keeping our grip on the Reserve title.

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UNITED

● Dundee United have done it again. Manager Jim McLean has worked his magic once more.

The Tannadice team are Scotland's sole survivors in Europe and although we firmly believe we should be right in there with them they still deserve congratulations.

Their aggregate win over Hajduk Split was another minor miracle and emphasises yet again how well equipped they are for the rigours of the UEFA Cup and European competition in general.

Not, mind you, that they are exactly badly-equipped for football of the domestic variety.

They are again proving strong and lasting championship challengers despite various handicaps that would have stopped other teams in their tracks.

At the start of the season, for example, they had no Walter Smith who was for so long McLean's right-

hand man and is now, of course, at Ibrox.

They had no Richard Gough who went south to ply his trade with Tottenham Hotspur, no Davie Dodds who disappeared over the horizon to Switzerland but then returned after an unsuccessful spell to Aberdeen and no Billy Kirkwood who is now with Hibs.

They have also lost captain and inspirational leader Paul Hegarty for long spells through injury this season.

Bearing all that in mind it's remarkable that United are still in there in the title race and have triumphed so much in Europe.

McLean, though, is nothing if not astute and through all the dramas and traumas he has steered United straight ahead as if nothing has happened.

"But this is no one-man band," he insisted recently. "It's a team effort



BILLY THOMSON

LAST TIME OUT

● We are going to take a look at a United performance that proved just how resilient the Tannadice team are.

It wasn't their last outing, but the game after they performed magnificently to reach the last eight of the UEFA Cup.

The Tannadice side drew 0-0 with Hajduk Split in Yugoslavia to go through to the quarter-finals and came home to face a trip to Kilbowie.

Clydebank is not the most hospitable of grounds – in a results sense – and it could so easily have been a case of "after the Lord Mayor's Show" . . .

But instead United rolled up their sleeves once again and carved out a 2-1 victory over Bankies.

It was a win that owes much to sweat and toil rather than the fluent stylish performances we have come to expect from Jim McLean teams.

But considering it was after the difficult Yugoslav trip the hard-to-please boss would undoubtedly make some allowances.

Eamonn Bannon put United on their way with a fine header from a Kevin Galacher cross but at that point Bankies were unlucky to be behind.

Justice was done shortly afterwards when Stuart Gordon equalised and few could have complained had that scoreline stood the same at the end.

But it was not to be and it was ex-Ranger Iain Ferguson who scored what proved to be the winner just after the interval.

Even then, however, Bankies pushed forward and it required all the character United showed in Split to survive although goalkeeper Billy Thomson was fortunate to stay on the park after a 'professional' foul on Jamie Fairlie that prevented what could easily have been a Clydebank equaliser.

But overall they were two more valuable points in the United Championship effort and this was the team that won them . . . Thomson, McGinnis, Holt, McNally, Clark, Narey, Ferguson, Page, Bannon, Gallacher, Redford. Substitutes Beaumont for Clark and Milne for Gallacher.

with the people in the team and those behind the team just as important.

"Certainly, it's not all down to me and others must take their share of the credit for any success we get," he added.

In saying that, McLean is diverting attention – albeit properly – from his own efforts.

There's no question he is the number one man at Tannadice and indeed that's been the case now for 15 years.

This present side, however, must be giving him as much pleasure as any of the previous teams he's built at Tayside bearing in mind the variety of changes that have been forced on him.

In goal, Billy Thomson has successfully rid Tannadice of the spectre of Hamish McAlpine in the nicest possible way.

The former St. Mirren 'keeper is now playing as well – or probably better – than at any time in his career.

Gary McGinnis, Dave Beaumont and John Clark link up with more experienced campaigners like Dave Narey and Jim McNally in the back four but, remember, lads like Hegarty and Maurice Malpas are around when injury allows.

Clark in particular has had his

work cut out with his move from attack to defence but he has responded admirably.

Narey, too, has done well without the more established defensive partners beside him.

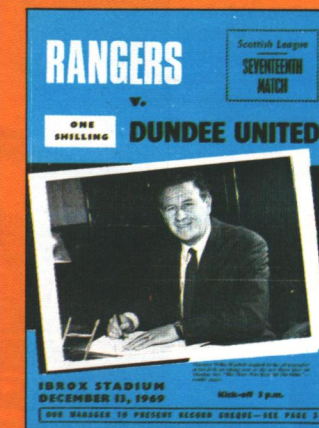
John Holt, who has just turned 30, is one of the club's great utility men who can step in and do a job whenever and wherever it's required of him. He is worth his weight in gold for McLean.

He has lined up in the middle of the park this season alongside men like Eamonn Bannon and ex-Ranger Ian Redford.

Up front it's that other ex-Ibrox man Iain Ferguson who has captured most of the headlines with a handful of goals since his move north but he has fine partners such as Gallacher, Ralph Milne and Paul Sturrock.

When you consider all these players – the fit and the walking wounded – it is an accurate reflection of a squad that is full of both quantity and quality.

It's unlikely that won't be reflected with at least one trophy this year and from Scotland's point of view it would be marvellous if the UEFA Cup was to be proudly perched in United's trophy cabinet at the end of the season.



PAST MEETINGS

● For Rangers and their supporters, season 1969/70 had been one of gloom and despair. Knocked out of the League Cup in most controversial circumstances by Celtic, they were trailing in the League Championship race when disaster struck in Europe on November 26 with capitulation to Gornik Zabrze of Poland (3-1). One day later, manager Davie White was dismissed and amid much press speculation as to his successor, Willie Waddell (nowadays of course an honorary director of the Club) was appointed on 3 December. The announcement was universally applauded, and indeed after these barren years was hailed as the coming of the Messiah. Rangers played at Tynecastle on December 6, but Willie Thornton remained in charge for that game as caretaker manager (his period in charge spanned two games, both of which were won). Waddell's first fixture was the visit to Ibrox of Dundee United on 13 December, and a near-capacity crowd was anticipated. Torrential rain in Glasgow that day limited the attendance to a still massive 41,000 and the teams lined up as follows: RANGERS: Neef, Johansen, Mathieson, Greig, MacKinnon, Smith, Henderson, Penman, Stein, Johnston, Persson (Watson). DUNDEE UNITED: Mackay, Rolland, Cameron, Gillespie, Smith, Henry, Wilson, Reid, Gordon, Mitchell, Scott. REFEREE: J. W. Paterson (Bothwell).

From the start, Rangers swept down on the visitor's goal, and Willie Henderson opened the scoring in the 14th minute. One minute later, however, Alan Gordon equalised for United. There was no further scoring, despite heavy Ibrox pressure, until the 86th minute when Colin Stein netted the winner, to give manager Waddell a winning start.

The programme for the game, pictured above, was a special 12-page souvenir issue to commemorate Waddell's first game as manager. Much of the publication not surprisingly, was devoted to Waddell's appointment, including a team photograph of the 1948 visit to Lisbon, on which flight the new manager was to meet his wife Hilda!

A glance back at Waddell's playing career revealed many cherished memories and advertisements of note including one for the Official Rangers Rug, a top quality axminster in full colour depicting Ibrox Stadium and the new Club crest, priced £5.19.6 (£5.97½p).

RANGERS v DUNDEE UNITED . . . SNIPPETS

● The highest attendance for a League meeting between the clubs in the post-war era was the 50,000 at Ibrox on 4 May 1976, highest Tannadice figure was 25,000 on 12 December 1964, and for Premier Division games only 20,264 on 21 April 1979. Lowest League attendances since the war were ironically both recorded within the space of twelve days in May 1984 – 7,500 at both Ibrox (2nd) and Tannadice (14th).

● Only two hat-tricks have been scored in post-war Rangers-Dundee United League meetings, both by Rangers players – Jimmy Millar who netted 4 (16 March 1963) and Jim Forrest (12 December 1964).

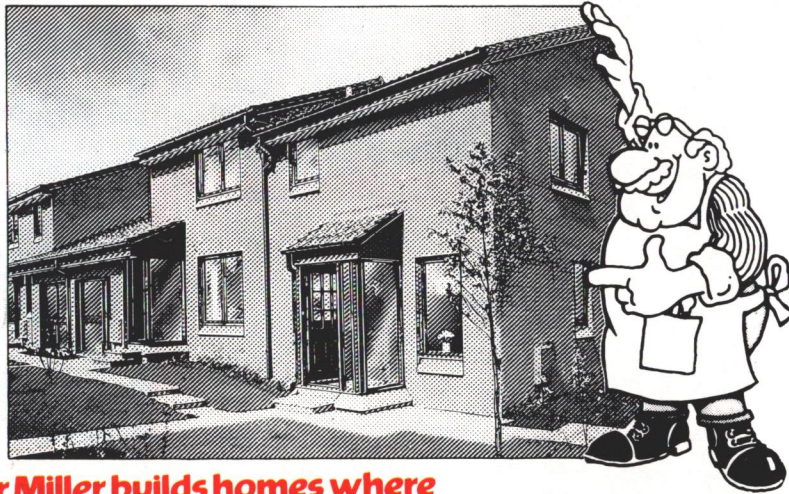
● Dundee United have the honour of being the only club ever to have five players appear for Scotland in the World Cup Finals – in Mexico 1986, Eamonn Bannon, Richard Gough, Maurice Malpas, David Narey and Paul Sturrock.

● Dundee United hold various Premier Division records (mostly jointly with other clubs) as follows:
Most consecutive wins: 11 (1982/3-1983/4; with Celtic)

Most consecutive away wins: 7 (1982/3-1983/4; with Celtic)
Longest home unbeaten record: 28 (1984/5-1985/6; with Celtic)
Least defeats in season: 4 (1982/3; with Aberdeen and Celtic)
Most goals scored in season: 90 (1982/3; with Celtic)

League Meetings 1946-1975 (Rangers score first)

	Ibrox	Tannadice
1960/61	4-0	1-1
1961/62	0-1	3-2
1962/63	5-0	1-2
1963/64	2-0	3-2
1964/65	0-1	3-1
1965/66	2-0	0-1
1966/67	3-1	3-2
1967/68	4-1	0-0
1968/69	2-1	1-2
1969/70	2-1	0-0
1970/71	1-1	2-0
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1974/75	4-2	2-2



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Robert McElroy continues his look at Rangers' record, season by season.

SEASON 1920/21

● Under the new management of Bill Struth, Rangers opened the season with a new goalkeeper in Willie Robb, as well as Alan Morton, but nevertheless with principally the same squad of players as before. One player who had been at Ibrox since November 1919 would now stake his claim to a regular first team outing – Geordie Henderson from Forfar – still regarded to this day by some old-timers as the finest Rangers centre-forward of all time.

The Ibrox men had a comfortable start to the defence of their title with three home League victories in one week, followed by away wins at Kilmarnock and Motherwell and a trip to Hampden Park on Glasgow Cup business. With nine successive victories behind them, Rangers travelled to Parkhead on September 18 for the Glasgow Cup semi-final. Goals by McInally and McLean proved too much for the Ibrox men who could only reply through Alan Morton, and thus suffered their second successive Glasgow Cup defeat at the hands of Celtic.

After ten consecutive League wins, a point was dropped in a 1-1 draw at Aberdeen on September 25 and then followed by four successive League victories in home games with St. Mirren, Hibernian, St. Mirren and an away win at Dumbarton.

With Rangers just one point clear of Celtic at the top, the eagerly awaited clash of October 23 saw Alan Morton score once more against Celtic, adding to an earlier Tommy Cairns goal, to nullify Celtic's lone counter by Cassidy. Rangers now had a substantial lead and that cushion and knowledge gave the Ibrox men the impetus to go right in for the kill, embarking on an incredible run of twelve consecutive League victories. Indeed, the only

BACK TRACK

point dropped before the turn of the year was on December 18 in a 1-1 draw at Ayr. Thus 23 League games, more than half the programme had seen Rangers amass a quite staggering 44 points out of a possible 46 and leave them six points clear of Celtic. Indeed, between September 27 1919 and December 31 1920, Rangers lost just one League fixture out of a total of 56 – the Ibrox meeting with Clydebank on 5 April, 1920.

A new signing in November was Belfast-born Billy McCandless, a full-back who would make his impact in the first team almost immediately. For the traditional Ne'erday meeting with Celtic, Rangers had been weakened by injury not the least of which was the broken leg suffered by left-half James Walls on Christmas Day at Shawfield, and lost 2-0 to goals by Cassidy – the first defeat of the season.

Now only four points adrift, Celtic's renewed title hopes were not given any further encouragement by Rangers, who proceeded to play five League fixtures in January without loss of either a point or even a goal.

Morton were entertained in the Scottish Cup at Ibrox and duly despatched with ease 2-0. This was followed by two successive single goal League victories at home to Raith Rovers and at Dundee before Scottish Cup dreams were almost destroyed by the unlikely of sources, Second Division Alloa Athletic achieving a goal-less draw at Ibrox on February 19. Rangers made no mistake in the replay one week later, also at Ibrox, winning convincingly 4-1.

Into the last eight, Rangers

faced a trip to 'Fatal Boghead'. The cup-tie was a triumphal procession with the Ibrox men winning 3-0 and when word came through that Celtic had fallen at home to Hearts the anticipation of all connected with Rangers knew no bounds.

That this anticipation filtered through to the players cannot be questioned and Ayr United suffered to the extent of a 7-2 hammering four days later. Their Cup semi-final opponents at Celtic Park on March 26 were none other than Albion Rovers, conquerors of the previous season, but this time revenge was sweet as Rangers won with ease 4-1.

March 30 saw Rangers travel to Belfast to play close friends Linfield in a friendly, winning 2-0. Returning home, it was obvious that all minds at Ibrox were fixed on the Cup Final and successive visits to Cappielow and Easter Road resulted in draws but as Celtic dropped three points in the same two weeks, Rangers found themselves only one point from the title with five games remaining. The Scottish Cup Final of May 16 was held at Celtic Park – an inexplicable decision by the S.F.A. who also doubled the admission from 1/- (6p) to 2/- (10p). A national newspaper waged a vociferous campaign against the decision, something approaching a boycott took place and only 28,294 turned up. Rangers pressed fiercely from the start but Thistle were superbly marshalled by the veteran Jimmy McMenemy and having withstood the Ibrox onslaughts broke away in 30 minutes to take the lead through Blair, whilst Rangers were reduced to 10 men

with Bowie sent off receiving treatment for injury.

The remaining hour was a tale of incessant Rangers' attacks but the Partick defence stood firm and the game finished 1-0, for Rangers first defeat in 20 matches!

Just three days later the Championship was clinched for the eleventh time with a 3-1 home win over Clyde and Rangers would finish the season with 76 points (a record unequalled to this day), 10 points clear of Celtic.

On April 26, Newcastle United travelled north to supply the opposition in Tommy Cairn's benefit match, which ended 0-0.

The Charity Cup found Rangers sweeping past Queen's Park and Clyde to face Celtic in the Final, but two McInally goals on May 14 strengthened the belief that Cups were just not meant for Ibrox that season.

Four Ibrox men represented their country during the season – Willie Robb, Sandy Archibald, Andy Cunningham and Alan Morton.

League Results

Aberdeen 2-1, 1-1; Airdrieonians 4-1, 3-0; Albion Rovers 2-1, 2-1; Ayr United 7-2, 1-1; Celtic 0-2, 2-1; Clyde 3-1, 3-1; Clydebank 1-0, 4-2; Dumbarton 2-0, 5-2; Dundee 5-0, 2-1; Falkirk 2-0, 2-0; Hamilton Accies 4-0, 1-0; Hearts 0-0, 4-0; Hibernian 1-0, 1-1; Kilmarnock 2-0, 2-1; Morton 2-0, 0-0; Motherwell 2-1, 2-0; Partick Thistle 3-0, 2-0; Queen's Park 3-1, 1-1; Raith Rovers 1-0, 1-0; St. Mirren 2-0, 1-0; Third Lanark 2-1, 1-0.

League Record:

P42 W35 D6 L1 F91 A24 Pts76. Final Place 1st.

Scottish Cup Results:

(1) Bye; (2) Morton 2-0; (3) Alloa 0-0, Replay 4-1; (QF) Dumbarton 3-0; (SF) Albion Rovers 4-1; (F) Partick Thistle 0-1.

Glasgow Cup Results:

(1) Queen's Park 2-1; (SF) Celtic 1-2.

Glasgow Charity Cup:

(1) Queen's Park 5-0; (SF) Clyde 2-0; (F) Celtic 0-2.

RECORD

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	FIRST TEAM			RESERVE TEAM		
	Total	League	Cup	Total	League	
	A	G	A	G	A	G
Woods	33	-	22	-	11	-
McPherson	32	6	22	5	10	1
Butcher	34	1	23	1	11	-
West	11	2	7	1	4	1
McCoist	35	16	24	13	11	3
Durrant	30	5	20	3	10	2
Ferguson	25	1	18	-	7	1
Fraser	24	2	16	1	8	1
Dawson	10	-	6	-	4	-
Munro	32	-	23	-	9	-
Souness	14	3	8	1	6	2
Cooper	33	8	22	6	11	2
Nicholl	28	-	19	-	9	-
McMinn	22	3	14	1	8	2
Russell	2	-	1	-	1	-
Fleck	27	13	20	10	7	3
Burns	5	-	4	-	1	-
Nisbet	3	-	1	-	2	-
Walker	2	-	2	-	-	-
MacFarlane	5	-	4	-	1	-
Miller	1	-	-	-	1	-
Bell	15	1	12	1	3	-
Paterson	3	-	3	-	-	-

Substitute appearances are included. Skol Cup penalty shoot outs not included. Up to and including 20.12.86 Up to and including 6.12.86

FINE FARE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 1986-87

	Home			Away			Goals		Pts	
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F		A
Celtic	25	10	3	0	7	3	2	50	15	40
Dundee United	25	9	3	1	6	3	3	42	19	36
Rangers	24	9	0	2	6	4	3	43	14	34
Aberdeen	25	8	3	1	4	6	3	37	18	33
Hearts	25	8	4	0	5	3	5	39	22	33
Dundee	24	5	4	3	5	1	6	37	32	25
St Mirren	25	6	3	4	1	6	5	24	28	23
Motherwell	25	1	5	6	4	4	5	24	38	19
Falkirk	24	4	5	4	2	1	9	21	36	18
Hibernian	25	3	4	6	1	3	8	19	44	15
Clydebank	25	1	3	8	3	2	8	19	51	13
Hamilton	24	0	2	11	1	3	7	17	55	7

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	F - A	Att	Pos
9 Aug	A Hibernian	1-2	24,576	-
13 Aug	H Falkirk	1-0	27,362	-
16 Aug	H Dundee United	2-3	43,995	-
20 Aug	A Stenhousemuir (Skol Cup 2)	4-1	9,400	-
23 Aug	A Hamilton	2-1	10,000	-
27 Aug	A East Fife (Skol Cup 3)	0(5)-0(4)*	10,000	-
31 Aug	H Celtic	1-0	43,502	-
3 Sept	H Dundee (Skol Cup 4)	3-1(a.e.t.)	33,750	-
6 Sept	A Motherwell	2-0	17,013	5
13 Sept	H Clydebank	4-0	26,700	4
17 Sept	H Ilves Tampere (UEFA 1-1L)	4-0	27,300	-
20 Sept	A Dundee	0-1	17,132	5
24 Sept	Hamp. Dundee United (Skol Cup SF)	2-1	45,249	-
27 Sept	H Aberdeen	2-0	40,155	4
1 Oct	A Ilves Tampere (UEFA 1-2L)	0-2	2,109	-
4 Oct	A Hearts	1-1	29,000	4
8 Oct	A St Mirren	1-0	17,000	3
11 Oct	H Hibernian	3-0	38,196	3
18 Oct	A Falkirk	5-1	18,000	3
23 Oct	H Boavista (UEFA Cup 2-1L)	2-1	38,000	-
26 Oct	Hamp. Celtic (Skol Cup Final)	2-1	74,000	-
29 Oct	A Dundee United	0-0	20,179	3
1 Nov	A Celtic	1-1	60,000	3
4 Nov	A Boavista (UEFA Cup 2-2L)	1-0	20,000	-
8 Nov	H Motherwell	0-1	33,996	4
15 Nov	A Clydebank	4-1	10,000	4
19 Nov	H Dundee	2-1	22,992	4
22 Nov	A Aberdeen	0-1	23,000	4
26 Nov	H Borussia Mn. (UEFA Cup 3-1L)	1-1	43,000	-
29 Nov	H Hearts	3-0	38,733	4
3 Dec	H St. Mirren	2-0	23,110	4
6 Dec	A Hibernian	0-0	18,536	4
10 Dec	A Borussia Mn. (UEFA Cup 3-2L)	0-0	34,000	-
13 Dec	H Falkirk	4-0	24,177	4
20 Dec	A Hamilton	2-0	10,000	3
27 Dec	H Dundee United			
1 Jan	H Celtic			
3 Jan	A Motherwell			
10 Jan	H Clydebank			
14 Jan	H Hamilton			
17 Jan	A Dundee			
24 Jan	H Aberdeen			
31 Jan	(Scottish Cup 3)			
7 Feb	A Hearts			
14 Feb	A St. Mirren			
21 Feb	(Scottish Cup 4)			
28 Feb	H Hibernian			
4 Mar	(UEFA Cup 4-1L)			
7 Mar	A Falkirk			
14 Mar	H Hamilton (SC-5)			
18 Mar	(UEFA Cup 4-2L)			
21 Mar	A Dundee United			
28 Mar	H Motherwell			
4 Apr	A Celtic			
8 Apr	(UEFA Cup SF-1L)			
11 Apr	H Dundee (SC-SF)			
18 Apr	A Clydebank			
22 Apr	(UEFA Cup SF-2L)			
25 Apr	H Hearts			
2 May	A Aberdeen			
6 May	(UEFA Cup Final 1L)			
9 May	H St. Mirren			
16 May	(Scottish Cup Final)			
20 May	(UEFA Cup Final 2L)			

* won 5-4 on penalties Own goals - 1

1986-87 RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
WOODS	DAWSON	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	RUSSELL	WEST	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	McMINN	FERGUSON(s10)	FLECK(s7)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	WEST	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	McMINN	DAWSON	FLECK	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	WEST	McCOIST(2)	DURRANT	COOPER	FERGUSON(s10)	McMINN	
WOODS	NICHOLL	DAWSON	SOUNESS(1)	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	WEST(1)	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER(1)	FERGUSON(s2)	FLECK	
WOODS	BURNS	DAWSON	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER(1)	WEST(1)	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	MUNRO	McMINN	
WOODS	BURNS	DAWSON	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	WEST	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	MUNRO(s2)	McMINN(s8)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	McMINN(1)	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	RUSSELL	FLECK(s9)	
WALKER	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON(1)	BUTCHER	FRASER	McMINN	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER(1)	FERGUSON	FLECK(s8)	
WALKER	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	FLECK(3)	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	McMINN(s9)(1)	FERGUSON(s11)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	FLECK(3)	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER	McMINN(s4)		
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	DAWSON	FRASER	FLECK	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	NISBET(s4)	McFARLANE	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	McMINN(1)	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER	FERGUSON	FLECK(s8)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS(1)	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	McMINN	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER	DAWSON(s7)	FLECK(s8)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	MILLER	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	RUSSELL	FLECK	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	BELL(s10)	NISBET(s11)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	MacFARLANE	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	FLECK	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER(1)	DAWSON	BELL(s7)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON(1)	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	FLECK(1)	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	MacFARLANE(s11)	BELL(s4)(1)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	BELL	FLECK(3)	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER(1)	MacFARLANE	NISBET	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON(1)	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	FLECK	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER	NISBET(s8)	McMINN(s4)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FRASER	DAWSON	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	McMINN	McCOIST	DURRANT(1)	COOPER(1)	MacFARLANE(s4)	FLECK(s8)	
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WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	FLECK	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER	McMINN(s7)	BELL(s4)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON(1)	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	BELL	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	FLECK(s9)		
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	FLECK	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	BELL(s7)	DAWSON	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FRASER	McPHERSON(1)	BUTCHER	BELL	FLECK	McCOIST(2)	DURRANT(1)	COOPER	McMINN(s10)	NISBET	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FRASER	McPHERSON(1)	BUTCHER	BELL	FLECK	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT	COOPER	MacFARLANE	McMINN(s7)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	BELL	McCOIST	DURRANT	COOPER	MacFARLANE	FLECK(s8)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FRASER	McMINN	McCOIST	DURRANT(1)	COOPER	MacFARLANE	WEST(s7)	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	BURNS	PATERSON	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	FLECK	McCOIST(1)	DURRANT(1)	COOPER(1)	BELL(s4)	WEST(s10)	
WOODS	BURNS	MUNRO	BELL	McPHERSON(1)	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	FLECK	McCOIST	McMINN	COOPER	PATERSON	WEST	
WOODS	BURNS	MUNRO	PATERSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	FLECK	McCOIST	BELL	COOPER	McMINN(s2)	WEST	
WOODS	DAWSON	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	BELL	FERGUSON	McCOIST	McMINN	COOPER	WEST(s7)		
WOODS	DAWSON	MUNRO	FERGUSON	McPHERSON	BUTCHER(1)	FRASER	FLECK(2)	McCOIST	McMINN	COOPER(1)	BELL	WEST	
WOODS	NICHOLL	MUNRO	SOUNESS	McPHERSON	BUTCHER	FERGUSON	FLECK(1)	McCOIST(1)	McMINN	COOPER	WEST(s7)	DAWSON	

A WELCOME TO GRAHAM

● Rangers this week completed the deal that brought Graham Roberts to Ibrox from Tottenham Hotspur.

"I'm absolutely delighted to have landed Graham. I have played against him a few times but I'm happy he's on my side now," said manager Graeme Souness.

"I can see Terry Butcher and Graham teaming up and that's good news for both Rangers and England," added the Ibrox boss.

The English internationalist himself was thrilled to at last complete the formalities.

"I'm pleased it's all over and now I'm just looking to get on with it," said the former White Hart Lane star.

"I've always wanted to join a bigger club and I know they don't come much bigger than Rangers.

"I was up at the Skol Cup Final earlier in the season and thought then that the fans were unbelievable. It's going to be great to have them on my side."

Graham has been capped six times by England - he's played alongside Terry and against his new manager at international level - and is a welcome addition to the ever-swelling ranks of Englishmen at the Club.

The Southampton-born defender or midfielder man is married to Ann and has a daughter Hollie who will be 4 in February.

More about Graham in future Match Magazines.

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● **If television is to be regarded as a reliable witness, the evidence of Manchester United's 3-3 draw with Spurs was pretty conclusive.**

A jury of millions returned a unanimous verdict that both clubs served up the most exciting 90 minutes since live coverage started.

But while I wouldn't expect United boss Alex Ferguson to dispute the entertainment value, I'm equally certain he'd find his own defence guilty of some suicidal errors.

It's ironic that Fergie, who left behind one of the strongest defensive triangles in Britain when he quit Aberdeen, has inherited a rearguard who frailties were exposed a long time ago.

Okay, the early loss of Paul McGrath against Spurs was a cruel blow but United are still committing the kind of horrendous mistakes - Kevin Moran's own goal was a classic example - that had become something of a trademark under Ron Atkinson.

United's recently-published balance sheet was not a pretty sight. But the near-£1 million loss didn't include the sale of Mark Hughes to Barcelona.

That means there is probably enough money in the Old Trafford kitty to enable Fergie to bolster his leaky defence.

But I would imagine Aberdeen's reply to be short, sharp and to the point if any enquiries are forthcoming for Messrs. Leighton, McLeish and Miller!

● **How Fergie must have wished the Spurs number five had been wearing a United shirt.**

It wasn't one of Richard Gough's better games since his £750,000 transfer from Dundee United at the start of the season but he still looked impressive.

Regular readers of this column will recall how I tipped Gough as a future

Tottenham captain within only a few weeks of his arrival at White Hart Lane.

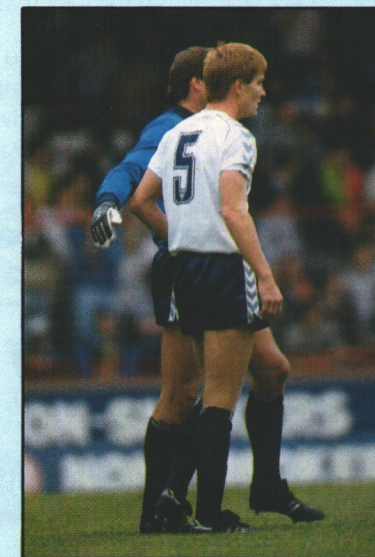
I was more than a little interested, therefore, to read how Spurs boss David Pleat was thinking along similar lines.

● **Brentford are claiming a soccer 'first' now that both Frank McLintock and his assistant Steve Perryman have collected the MBE.**

Frank, who hails from the Gorbals and is one of the nicest guys in the game, gained his gong a good few years back but former Spur Steve only called in at the Palace - Buckingham not Crystal! - to pick his up a couple of weeks ago.

They're claiming it's the first time a managerial double act have both been awarded the same honour, a fact I wouldn't dispute.

However I'm sure there are a few bosses in line for the OBE - that's Out by Easter!



RICHARD GOUGH

● **A Rangers reject is set to hit the big time in England.**

Central defender Ross MacLaren is playing a leading role in the revival of leading club Derby County, twice Football League Champions in the 70's but last season a Third Division outfit.

Edinburgh-born MacLaren was released from Ibrox in the summer of 1980 when he was 18. He was snapped up by Shrewsbury Town and went on to around 200 first team appearances.

Derby moved in for him 18 months ago and he played in all 46 of the League games last season when the Rams scraped through to a promotion place.

MacLaren is still a permanent fixture this season as Derby attempt to sweep through the Second Division and regain a place among the elite.

Long-serving - or should that be long-suffering - supporters who recall the glory days under Brian Clough are making comparisons between MacLaren and another Scot who will always hold a place in Derby's Hall of Fame.

Dave Mackay played more than 100 games for the club and returned to manage the Championship-winning side of 1974-75.

It's quite a compliment for MacLaren to be compared with one of Scotland's greatest-ever players.

● **Crisis club Chelsea are losing their tartan tag as they plunge deeper into trouble.**

Only three members of their starting line-up against Wimbledon a few weeks back were Scots - and one of them lasted only 20 minutes.

Big Doug Rougvie, who has made no secret of his desire to return home, was sent packing when his side were already 2-0 down.

They eventually lost 4-0 to their London neighbours which left Pat Nevin and David Speedie to troop off the field to the howls of derision from the sparse crowd.

Speedie's much publicised bust-up with manager John Hollins is a thing of the past but central defender Joe McLaughlin insists he wants to leave and has been 'punished' by a lengthy spell in the reserves.

The presence of Gordon Durie, Kevin McAllister and John McNaught failed to give Chelsea the kiss of life in the televised Guinness Soccer Six tournament won by Oxford United.

What next for under-pressure Hollins? Can it be true he's asked the Pensioners to bring their boots next week?

TOPIC

● **The recent addition of Neil Woods to the Ibrox ranks plus the variety of speculation concerning other players in the deep south has once again turned the English spotlight on Rangers in particular and Scottish football in general.**

The arrival here a few months ago of the likes of Terry Butcher, Chris Woods and Colin West has undoubtedly stirred things up on that side of the border.

Now the appearance of the 'other' Woods – even though he wasn't anything like as well known as the other imports – has shaken our friends in England once more.

Neil's arrival and the mountain of newspaper cuttings that suggest other names

Derek Statham of West Bromwich Albion, etc., means Rangers are 'the talk of the steamy' again.

It is clear, basically, that the 'shaken and stirred' English are generally having to take a keener interest in the goings-on in Scottish football.

And that's not entirely to the liking of pundits who previously felt we were only good for feeding them players and being the butt of poor-taste jokes.

Now the boot is on the other foot and they're not relishing it one little bit.

"I'm fed up hearing about what's happening in Scotland with Scottish football. I speak to players regularly and it's all they talk about,"

admitted one Midlands scribe recently.

I remember Aston Villa striker Andy Gray confirming as much the other day when he told me: "All the lads down here – whether they're English, Irish, Welsh or whatever – are taking a serious interest in Scottish football.

"They were astonished when the likes of Terry Butcher and Chris Woods went north and now they see the lads enjoying their football so much they're even more incredulous.

"It's been great to hear them talking about it so much after all these years," he said.

Much of the credit for this renewed interest – or maybe just new interest – must of course go to Graeme Souness who has revitalised thinking this side of the border.

And having done that he has helped make people more aware of everything else here apart from Ibrox.

After all, today's visitors Dundee United are now the last 'British' club involved in Europe according to our friends in England.

I don't recall any English side actually starting a Euro campaign this season but not to worry.

United will capture even more of the spotlight when the UEFA Cup quarter-finals come round in March – and they'll deserve it.

Celtic, Hearts, Aberdeen, etc., also get honourable mentions down south and hopefully it is the dawn of a new era.

It is all very pleasant and as the end of the year countdown continues it's a time when Scottish football can pat itself on the back so to speak.

What it must not do, though, is become complacent with all that has been achieved.

The groundwork has been laid for a healthy future . . . now everyone involved must build on that.

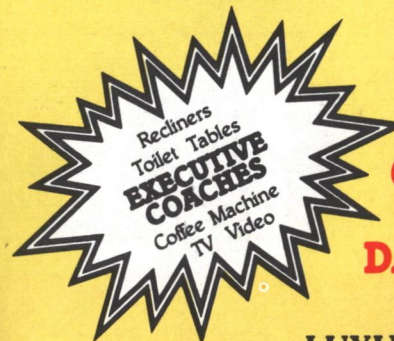
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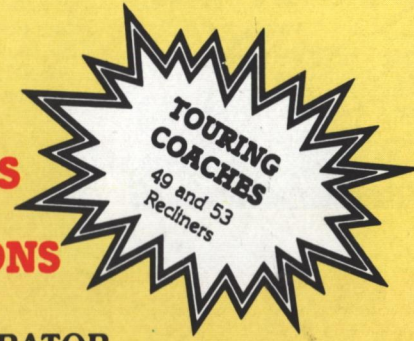
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RANGERS	DUNDEE UTD.
1 CHRIS WOODS	1 BILLY THOMSON
2 JIMMY NICHOLL	2 GARY McGINNIS
3 STUART MUNRO	3 JOHN HOLT
4 GRAEME SOUNESS	4 JIM McINALLY
5 DAVE McPHERSON	5 JOHN CLARK
6 TERRY BUTCHER	6 DAVID NAREY
7 CAMMY FRASER	7 IAIN FERGUSON
8 ROBERT FLECK	8 JIM PAGE
9 ALLY McCOIST	9 EAMONN BANNON
10 IAN DURRANT	10 KEVIN GALLACHER
11 DAVIE COOPER	11 IAN REDFORD
12	12
14	14

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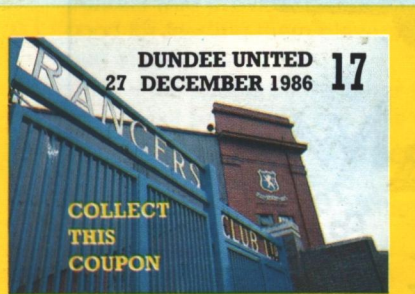
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SCORE CHECK

PREMIER DIVISION		
Aberdeen	v	Hamilton
Clydebank	v	Celtic
Dundee	v	Hibernian
Hearts	v	Falkirk
Motherwell	v	St. Mirren



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