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EARLY SEASON BLUES!

Quick start to season for players

RANGERS players have been instructed to return to Ibrox earlier than ever for pre-season training this July.

Graeme Souness and Walter Smith — who have both abandoned all plans of a holiday this year — want to have as much time as possible with the squad before the start of the 86-87 season.

So pre-season for the Light Blues will kick-off on Monday, July 7 — and the following week the first team squad will be heading for the continent for a fortnight.

Obviously, preparations for the trip are in the very early stages but Spain and West Germany are two possible destinations for the squad.

Graeme Souness told the "News" exclusively: "I want a full week of training with the players before we go away for a fortnight. It's vital that our preparation for the new season be as thorough as possible.

Details

"At the moment, there are no precise details about any trip abroad but even if we can't arrange any actual games, we will be travelling to get the squad together for several days."

But Graeme also re-iterated the importance of the remainder of this season for Rangers.

"It may start to sound boring and repetitive but I don't care how many times I say it — qualifying for the UEFA Cup is the top priority for Rangers just now.

"This Saturday presents the players with a big test when they travel to Pittodrie but they can do themselves and the club a big favour by getting the right result against Aberdeen."

Operation for Rangers star

RANGERS captain Craig Paterson will go into hospital this week for an operation he hopes will finally end his sickening saga of injuries.

The big defender will have a growth removed from the back of his troublesome right ankle and although this season is over Craig should be fighting fit in time for pre-season training.



● PUSH OFF . . . Derek Hamilton tries to force Ian Durrant off the ball during Saturday's St. Mirren clash. More action and match slant on pages 6 and 7.

Welcome to Ibrox



GRAEME Souness got his man last Tuesday when Walter Smith signed on as assistant-manager at Ibrox.

It was a badly-kept secret that 38-year-old Smith was the man the new Rangers player-manager wanted as his No. 2 — and last week Walter, who is also Scotland's assistant-boss, was delighted to make the move.

Rangers had held back while Dundee United, with whom Walter ended a 20-year association, were still chasing honours but Hearts 3-0 win at Tannadice ten days ago set the wheels in motion.

For everything you need to know about the brightest young coach in the game and why Graeme Souness brought him to Ibrox — plus our usual superb photographs — turn to pages four and five.

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WELL, what can we say? Just thanks . . . and sorry!

Yes, it's a big thank you to the many readers who 'phoned or wrote to say how much they enjoyed last week's special "Graeme Souness Edition" of the "News".

Unfortunately, we can only say how sorry we are that quite a few folk found there were no copies left when they reached their newsagent, although we increased supplies in many areas.

With so much happening at Ibrox these days the only way to be sure of your "News" is to place a regular order with your newsagent. That way you can keep in touch with the latest developments until the end of this season . . . then after a short break we'll be back to cover the build-up to what promises to be an exciting new campaign.

So stay with the "News" . . . ORDER your copy as Souness possible!

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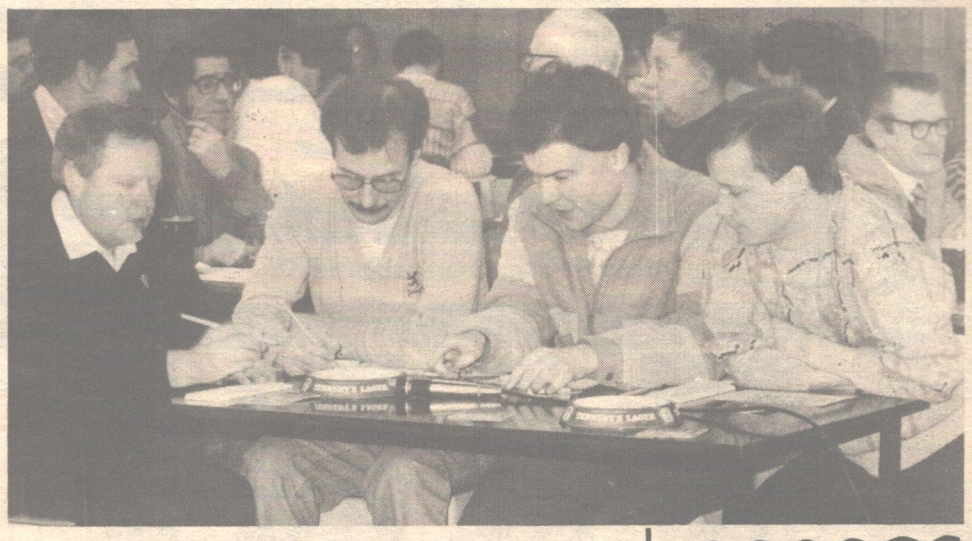

EIGHTEEN Rangers Supporters Clubs competed recently in a special Football Quiz at the Rangers Supporters Association Social Club.

The questions were fired by Tommy Daniels and Jim McGrain late into the night with Greenfield RSC eventually defeating the Govan True Blues 19-11 in the final.

● ABOVE LEFT: EYES FRONT . . . The Rangers Supporters Association Committee side await the next question. Left to right: Duncan Logan, Jumbo, Tommy Sinclair and John McTurk.

● ABOVE RIGHT; EYES DOWN . . . Serious looks from the Tradeston RSC foursome of, left to right, Jim Bolesworth, Jim Minelly, Allan Munro and Allan Kinloch.

Fans hold quiz . . .

Players wanted

GLASGOW Azzuri Boys' Club require football players for their newly formed under 13 side which will be competing in the Strathclyde Youth Club's Sunday league from next August.

Prospective players must be under 13 years by August 1, 1986.

Trials will be held on the 27th of this month in the South side of the city. Anyone wishing to take part should phone 777-7384 or 779-1625 any night after 6 p.m. for further details.

TITLE CRUNCH

RANGERS reserves face a title crunch this Saturday afternoon at Ibrox.

While the first team are chasing a UEFA Cup place at Pittodrie, the second eleven take on chief rivals Aberdeen in what amounts to a Premier Reserve League decider.

The Light Blues have a crucial game in hand on the Dons as the run-in takes place but if they lost on Saturday, that advantage would be thrown away.

Rangers match againt St Mirren at Ibrox on Saturday was postponed because the Love Street side had so many injuries and this will now take place on Tuesday, May 6 with a 7.30 p.m. kick-off.

Another league fixture has been arranged for the reserves — the game against Celtic postponed from New Year's Day will now take place at Ibrox next Wednesday night (April 30) with a 7.30 p.m. kick-off.

So, the challengers' run-in as Rangers bid to lift their third title in four seasons looks like this:

RANGERS: April 26 v Aberdeen (H), April 28 v Dundee (H), April 30 v Celtic (H), May 3 v Motherwell (A) and May 6 v St. Mirren (H).

ABERDEEN: April 26 v Rangers (A), May 3 v Clydebank (H). To be arranged — Hibernian (H).

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SCOTT NISBET and COLIN MILLER wish to convey their thanks to the Bents and District Rangers Supporters Club for their hospitality at their annual "Player of the Year" dance in Armadale last weekend.

Colin was accepting the prize on behalf of HUGH BURNS and attended with his wife Maria. Scott went along with his fiancee Pauline and both couples enjoyed a super night.

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CLAIMS are wanted as soon as possible to the Greater Manchester RSC for their lottery, the results of which were announced last Sunday in the Kensington Pub, Newton Street, Manchester. The results are as follows:

FIRST PRIZE (£100) — Ticket 3469. Ian McKill or McKie (address uncertain), Glasgow. SECOND PRIZE (£50) — Ticket 0498. M. Carr, 27 Egmont Street, Mossley, Jameside, Gr. Manchester. THIRD PRIZE (£25) — Ticket 4412. J. Dale "676" (no address given). FOURTH PRIZE (£15) Ticket 2691 — J. Elliot, 11 Dexter Road, Hr. Blackley, Manchester 9. FIFTH PRIZE (£10) Ticket 3485 — Alan Rave (no address given).

Claims, with winning tickets and proper signature and address should be sent to branch president Mr R. Chadwick (Jnr.), 3 Brendon Avenue, Moston, Manchester M10 9ND.

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PHIL HUNTER from Rose Cottage in Eccleston, Lancashire wishes to thank the Blackburn Loyal RSC for taking him on the recent trip to the "Old Firm" match at Ibrox and says he'll see you in Southport — whatever that may mean.

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DUE to the Glasgow Cup Final being scheduled for Friday, May 9, the Fallin Rangers Supporters Club have now changed the date of their "Player of the Year" dance to Friday, July 4.



WANTED

WANTED: Female pen-pal aged 18-24 for SAC Peter Barnett, RAF AKROTIRI, Cyprus, BFPO 57. Interests include Rangers FC, Discos, Pubs and most music.



● COLIN MILLER

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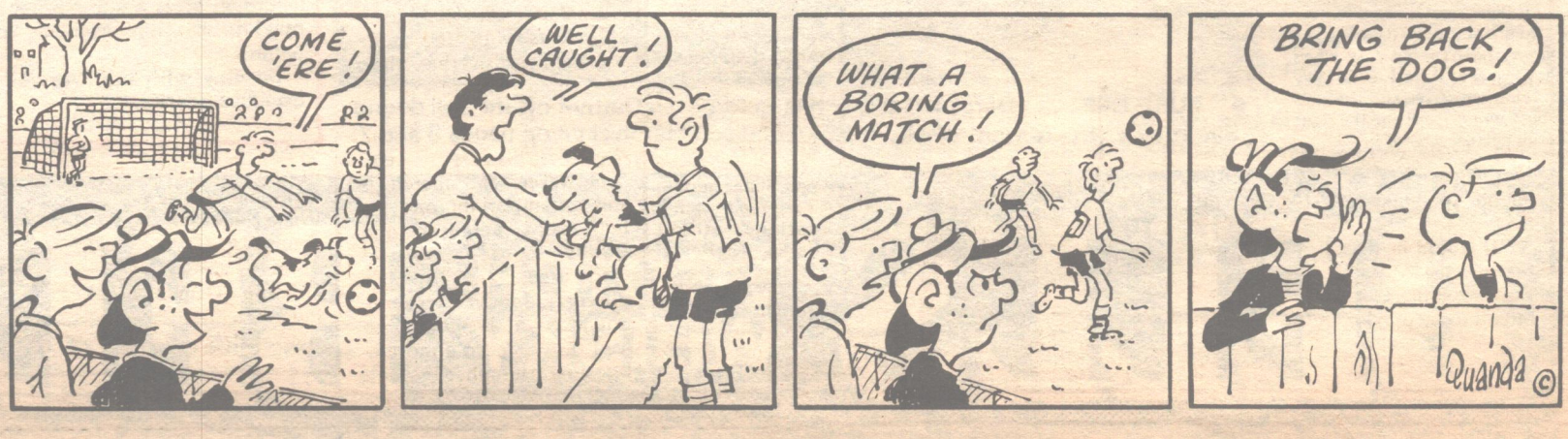

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

ALLY'S BLUE FUTURE

McCoist wants to play for Scotland . . . and Rangers

ALLY McCoist last week contemplated a bright future — on the international scene with Scotland and on the domestic front with Rangers.

The Rangers striker was delighted after being included in a full Scottish squad for the second time when he was named in the 19-man pool for the friendly against Holland in Eindhoven next Tuesday.

And as Ally savoured that, he went onto scotch recent suggestions that he would be leaving Ibrox at the end of this season when his contract expires.

He told the "News": "Negotiations for a new contract have still to take place between myself and Graeme Souness — but why on earth should I want to leave the club?

"I waited a long time to come here and it's taken me until this season to win over the Rangers fans. I've had a good season personally and now that the club are approaching new, exciting times, I want to be a part of it."

One newspaper suggested that Ally was interesting a couple of top Spanish clubs but the 23-year-old striker has heard nothing and doesn't want to anyway.

"Every one here on the playing staff has felt the buzz aroused by Graeme Souness's arrival and also Walter Smith. I have a great respect for both men and want to play alongside Graeme in Rangers' first-team next season."

Debut

But what about Ally's chances of playing alongside Graeme in the Scotland side in Holland — and perhaps even Mexico?

"Once again, I'm just delighted to have been named a part of the squad. I'd like to think I will make my debut either for the whole or for part of the game in Eindhoven — but that's up to Mr Ferguson.

"As far as Mexico is concerned, I am still a fringe player and unless anything dramatic happens I will remain so.

"It would be a marvellous bonus for me to play aganst the Dutch who are a good side and were unlucky not to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

"But my priority at the moment has to be Rangers' trip to Aberdeen on Saturday. They are still the only Premier League club I haven't scored against for Rangers and I intend to make up for that.

"It would be disastrous for us not to qualify for Europe and I certainly intend to be playing in the UEFA Cup next season — in a Rangers jersey."





● STAY WITH US, ALLY! . . . That could be the message from Walter Smith to Rangers star striker as they share a joke at the Albion last week.

Return is just the ticket for Colin!

COLIN Miller last week flew out to join the Canadian World Cup squad at their training headquarters.

But while the 20-year-old defender has hopefully got the Mexico finals to look forward to with Canada, he is also keen to return to Ibrox next season.

Colin had a discussion with Graeme Souness during the Light Blues boss's flying visit last Tuesday and his future should be clearer once the World Cup is over.

Colin told the "News": "I'm just as desperate as the rest of the lads to prove myself to the new manager and I made sure that the ticket the Canadian FA sent me was a return one.

"The manager made it clear to me that everyone will get a fair chance so I hope to be back for pre-season training in July. I have enjoyed my first team experience with Rangers and I would like to build a longer-term future with the club."



RALPH Slater, the favourite tailor of the Rangers players, has designed the special suits which the Scotland World Cup squad will wear in Mexico.

The suits are made from a specially lightweight fabric developed for warm climates and manufactured by DAKS (who make the official Rangers blazers) and will be supplied by Slater Menswear.

Our photo shows Ralph Slater getting Arsenal and Scotland striker Charlie Nicholas' vital statistics.

Graeme's looking for a Wembley win . . .

TONIGHT at Wembley, the world's oldest and most famous international football match will take place in front of one of the lowest attendances to watch it for some time.

The decision of the English FA to make the match a midweek occasion has certainly backfired on them with an almighty bang — and they won't find much sympathy in Scotland.

Superb

Last week, we saw the unprecedented sight of tickets for the match actually being put on open sale in Glasgow and there were very few takers.

Wembley has always been a weekend occasion for the huge army of travelling Scots whose behaviour record in recent years has been superb.

Important

England, though, tarred the Scots with the same hooligan brush that their own supporters earned and quite rightly most are keeping away from Wembley this year.

However, the match is still an important one for both Alex Ferguson and Bobby Robson's World Cup plans and Rangers player-manager Graeme Souness will be hoping to lead the Scots' to a morale-boosting triumph.

THE SCOTLAND SQUAD

AGAINST ENGLAND (TONIGHT — Wednesday)	
Arthur ALBISTON	Man. Utd
Roy AITKEN	Celtic
Jim BETT	Aberdeen
Eamonn BANNON	Dundee Utd
Kenny DALGLISH	Liverpool
Andy GORAM	Oldham
Richard GOUGH	Dundee Utd
Allan HANSEN	Liverpool
Alex McLEISH	Aberdeen
Paul McSTAY	Celtic
Maurice MALPAS	Dundee Utd
Campbell MONEY	St. Mirren
Willie MILLER	Aberdeen
David NAREY	Dundee Utd
Steve NICOL	Liverpool
Charlie NICHOLAS	Arsenal
Gordon STRACHAN	Man. Utd
Dave SPEEDIE	Chelsea
Graeme SOUNESS	Sampdoria
Graeme SHARP	Everton
Alan ROUGH	Hibs

AGAINST HOLLAND — Tuesday, April 29	
Roy AITKEN	Celtic
Jim BETT	Aberdeen
Eamonn BANNON	Dundee Utd
Davie COOPER	Rangers
Andy GORAM	Oldham
Richard GOUGH	Dundee Utd
Craig LEVEIN	Hearts
Allan HANSEN	Liverpool
Ally McCOIST	Rangers
Alex McLEISH	Aberdeen
Paul McSTAY	Celtic
Murdo MacLEOD	Celtic
Maurice MALPAS	Dundee Utd
Campbell MONEY	St. Mirren
Willie MILLER	Aberdeen
David NAREY	Dundee Utd
John ROBERTSON	Hearts
Graeme SOUNESS	Sampdoria
Paul STURROCK	Dundee Utd
Alan ROUGH	Hibs

WALTER'S THE RIGHT MAN...



GRAEME Souness last week explained why he had appointed Walter Smith as his assistant-manager at Ibrox.

On a flying visit to Glasgow, Rangers player-manager spoke highly of the man whom he has worked under in the Scotland side since October last year.

Said Graeme: "There's no surprise that Walter has arrived here. He is a man with a big name in Scotland and possesses a tremendous knowledge of the Scottish game with which I am admittedly unfamiliar.

"I am certain we couldn't have picked a better man for the job than Walter Smith"

Better

"I am certain we couldn't have picked a better man for the job than Walter Smith — he has all the credentials this club are looking for.

"When with the Scottish squads, I have been really impressed with his relationship with the players and that was a very important factor when I offered him the job.

"I also asked other people in the game about Walter and everyone of them gave me a glowing report on him — I am sure he will do a tremendous job here.

"The two of us have already discussed the player we would like to have at Ibrox and we have made inquiries — but there is a limit to the amount of money we can spend just at the moment.

"That's why it is so important that the club qualify for Europe. If we can get a good run in the UEFA Cup and also perform well at domestic level, the big crowds will turn up and all the more money will be available to buy quality players."

Superb

The capture of Walter Smith is certainly a superb one by the new Rangers boss.

Several clubs have been after Walter as a manager, but he was only too happy to remain as a number two and come to Ibrox.

"I am a great admirer of Graeme Souness and I think he is going to benefit the Scottish game as a whole — he will be the best player in the country.

"His leadership qualities, both on and off the field, are going to be invaluable to Rangers and I'm delighted to be working alongside him."

Another man sure that Rangers have made a fine capture in obtaining Walter's services is the man he leaves at Dundee United, Jim McLean.

The Tannadice manager said: "Our loss is Rangers' gain. I have nothing but admiration and respect for what Walter Smith has achieved with Dundee United in recent years.

"We could never have bought what he gave this club. We were very fortunate to have him here."



● FACE THE PRESS . . . Chairman John Paton, Player-Manager Graeme Souness and Chief Executive David Holmes look on as Walker is introduced to the media in the Blue Room.



● TIME FOR CHANGE . . . Walter checks his watch at the Albion as he puts the players through their paces — Dougie Bell looks on.

FANTASTIC!



● DUG OUT VIEW . . . The new management duo try out the Ibrox home dugout for size.

AFTER 20 years in football, Walter Smith has arrived at the club he was perhaps destined to join.

The 38-year-old Scottish assistant-boss's earliest memories of football are as a four-year-old when he was taken by his grandfather from his Carmyle home to watch Rangers on the Ibrox terracing.

Says Walter: "My grandfather was a founder of the local Rangers Supporters Club and after that first time he took me to Ibrox, I was a Rangers fan for good."

Broken

Like every young fan of the club, Walter dreamt of wearing the Light Blues jersey one day but although he was to enjoy a distinguished, if unglamorous playing career, that would escape him.

He began in amateur football with Bishopbriggs before being signed by junior side Ashfield.

His spell there only lasted for four months until Dundee United manager Jerry Kerr signed the 18-year-old defender in October 1966.

That was the start of a 20-year association with the Tannadice club only broken for a year-and-a-half. Walter signed for Dumbarton in September 1975 for £10,000 but returned to United in January 1977 for £4,000.

In March 1982 he was appointed assistant-manager by Jim McLean after a spell on the club's coaching staff.

"Jim McLean always encouraged his players to think about the game and he asked me to take charge of the reserves for a while which I enjoyed greatly. It all really started from there."

In June of 82, Walter tasted his first international coaching experience when he was assistant to Andy Roxburgh for the Scottish under-18 side which won the European Championships in Finland.

Jock Stein put him in charge of the under-21s in September two years ago and in October last year Walter was appointed number two in the senior squad set-up by Alex Ferguson.

There are many people who have influenced Walter's thinking and approach to the game — Dougie Smith, Doug Houston and Jimmy Millar are just three he mentions.

Millar, the former Idol of the Rangers fans, went to United in the later stages of his career and playing in the reserves proved a big help to the younger players at Tannadice of whom Walter was one.

But there's no doubt that the biggest influence of all on Walter has been the man who transformed Dundee United from an also-ran to a trophy-winning side — Jim McLean.

"I have enjoyed a close working relationship with Jjm McLean and I will always be grateful for what he has done for me. I would certainly not have left Tannadice to be assistant at any other club but Rangers."

Life is going to be pretty hectic for the Smith family — Walter is married to Ethel with two sons, Neil (9) and Steven (6) — and they will be moving house as soon as possible.

And of course Walter, along with Graeme Souness, has the World Cup Finals in Mexico to look forward to — so does it all add up to just too much?

"There will be no problems. Neither Graeme or myself will have a holiday, there will be work done with Rangers and we will give everything for Scotland during the build-up and the actual finals. There is no question of a conflict of interests."

NO LIMITS!

Light Blues' possibilities are endless

RANGERS' new assistant-manager, Walter Smith, after settling into his new Ibrox role last week, spoke to the "News" about the tasks facing the new management team.

And Walter made it clear that there would be no panic or wholesale changes to the playing-staff at the club.

He said: "Since the changes have been made at the club, there has been a lot of talk abut needing something like six new players — but I certainly don't think that's necessary.

"It has been my opinion for some time that there are good football players at Rangers and that opinion has been strengthened during my first few days of training with them.

"Obviously when a new manager comes to any club, he wants to bring in a couple of new faces on the playing staff at least.

"But Graeme and I agree that we must be fair to the players who are already here and most of them will be offered the opportunity to show us what they can do.

"That means that most players whose contracts are up will at least be put on short-term contracts for next season to give them the chance to prove themselves."

And as he kept the chair warm in the famous manager's office at Ibrox last week, there was no doubt in Walter's mind as to what the immediate priority for everyone at the club is.

Important

"We MUST qualify for the UEFA Cup next season. Rangers are a European club and the players realise how important it is to us in every way to be competing at that level every season.

"I believe you have to be optimistic in this game and I'm confident we will make it — but it's not going to be easy. We travel to Aberdeen on Saturday and as everyone knows that has been a very difficult place to get a result in recent years.

"But this is the kind of match which Rangers should go into with confidence and with no fears and the players have the chance now to set a new trend for the future.

"There are no limits here. This club is the biggest in Scotland, if not Britain, and there is every incentive for everyone to do well here. It's a marvellous challenge and I'm looking forward to it."

Rangers in safe hands . . .

RANGERS last week enlisted the help of former Dundee and Coventry City manager Donald Mackay.

Donald, who was a team-mate of Walter Smith during his playing days at Dundee United, will look after the players for the next fortnight with both Walter and Graeme Souness involved in Scotland's World Cup build-up.

Says Walter: "It is purely a short-term agreement and Donald knows that. He has been good enough to agree to assist us for the next few weeks and we are very grateful."

Donald, who quit as Coventry boss after a recent defeat by Liverpool, said: "I'm in a bit of limbo at the moment and I'm delighted to help Walter out."



● THE DUNDEE CONNECTION . . . Cammy Fraser and Iain Ferguson both signed from Dundee, former Dens boss Donald Mackay, Dundee-born Derek Johnstone and Walter Smith line up for the "News" camera.



● ABOVE: HAPPY DAYS ARE ON THE WAY . . . The gloom begins to lift and the players morale is higher. This clowning bunch are Bobby Williamson, Dougie Bell, Craig Paterson, John MacDonald, Cammy Fraser, Iain Ferguson and Derek Johnstone.

● RIGHT: THE REAL MACKAY . . . Donald Mackay shares a joke with John MacDonald during the training session last week.



IBROX TRIO RELEASED

AS WALTER Smith arrived at Ibrox last Tuesday, three men appointed by Jock Wallace said a sad farewell to the club.

First Team Coach Alex Totten, Reserve Team Coach John Hagart and Youth Team Coach Stan Anderson were all released from their contracts with the club.

Alex had been appointed First Team Coach by Jock on November 18, 1983, with John arriving at the club the following week to take charge of the second eleven.

Stan Anderson's unique association with the club saw him join on three separate occasions. He had a short spell as a midfielder on the playing-staff in the Sixties before being freed.

He joined the coaching staff for the first time in 1970, left to manage Clyde before being dismissed in 1977 and two years later he rejoined the Ibrox coaching staff under John Greig. He was appointed Youth coach by Jock Wallace.

Alex Totten said last week: "I wish Walter Smith all the best. He takes over my room and I left him a good luck note on his desk.

"The other coaches and myself were told we were leaving on Monday night but I'm not going to say anything against Rangers. For me, they will always be the greatest club in the world and I reckon I've gained from my experience with them."

The "News" thanks all three for their help during their time with the club and wishes Alex, John and Stan all the best for the future.

SAINTS AN



● TIGHT SQUEEZE . . . Steve Clarke gets sandwiched between team-mate Campbell Money and David McPherson as Rangers attack.



● LIFELINE . . . Peter McCloy looks up in relief as Frank McGarvey's 49th minute penalty-kick flies over the crossbar.



● BLOCK OUT . . . Neil Cooper blocks this Ally McCo Campbell Money stranded. Derek Hamilton and John Mac the action.

Light Blues slip up at Love St.

RANGERS UEFA Cup hopes took another severe body-blow when they visited Love Street on Saturday — and the road to Europe now looks very rocky indeed.

As if defeat by injury-hit St. Mirren wasn't bad enough, the Light Blues' main rivals for that place in the UEFA Cup, Dundee, won convincingly at home to Motherwell and now have a decided advantage in the run-in.

Rangers task is now quite clear. They must win at Pittodrie on Saturday and again against Motherwell at Ibrox the following week — and hope that the Dens Park men slip up against either Celtic or Hearts in their last two matches.

St. Mirren were well worth their win on Saturday and despite a battling second-half fightback from Rangers, Walter Smith will be able to tell Graeme Souness this week that the task they face at Ibrox is a huge one.

The home side took the lead in the 14th minute and the goal came as no surprise since they had enjoyed all the early pressure.

Peter Mackie crossed from the left and the ball fell to defender Steve Clarke. His shot was well blocked by Peter McCloy but the veteran keeper could do nothing as Frank McGarvey stepped in to steer the loose ball into the net.

Trouble

Rangers' attempts to get back into the match were all to easily frustratated by Saints, although Ally McCoist saw a fine volley fly inches over the bar in the 29th minute.

But three minutes later, the Light Blues were in real trouble when St. Mirren made it 2-0. Brian Hamilton flighted in a cross from the right and with the Rangers defence fatally hesitant, Billy Abercromby steered a right-foot shot past Peter McCloy

Four minutes into the second half, it all looked over for Rangers when St. Mirren were wrongly awarded a penalty-kick. Frank McGarvey clearly handled the ball before colliding innocuously with Stuart Munro but the re-

St. Mirren . . 2
Rangers . . . 1

feree pointed to the spot.

Justice was seen to be done when McGarvey blasted the spot-kick high over the bar and a minute later Rangers were back in the match thanks to a superb goal from Ally Dawson.

John MacDonald broke forward and played the ball inside to Ally who had moved forward in support. He side-stepped a defender before crashing a terrific shot into the corner of the net from around 20 yards out.

Rangers tried hard to save the match and Campbell Money produced fine saves from Ally McCoist and David McPherson before the end. But at the final whistle, Rangers could have no complaints and they now have a lot of thinking to do before the long trip to Aberdeen.

● THE Ossie Ardiles Testimonial Match scheduled for White Hart Lane next Monday night (April 28) has been postponed as Diego Maradona cannot make that date. Inter Milan will now supply the opposition instead of Rangers at a later date.

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● ALLY'S CRACKER . . . Neil Cooper can only look on in admiration as Ally Dawson cracks home a superb 50th minute goal for Rangers.

ACT-FILE

PREMIER LEAGUE
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AN-OF-THE-MATCH: Derek John-



OLD IT . . . Derek Hamilton gets
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et things going for Rangers.

IT. FLAT OUT . . Stuart Munro just
with this Davie Cooper cross in
lf with Campbell Money beaten.

ATCHING FOR SOUNESS . . .
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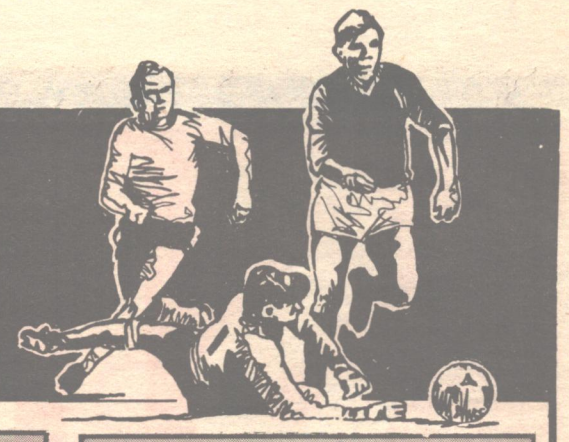
gers from the Love Street stand.





● SHOUT IT OUT . . . Walter Smith bellows some instruction to the Rangers players from the dug-out during his first match in charge.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hearts	34	19	10	5	58	31	48
Dundee Utd.	34	17	11	6	56	28	45
Celtic	33	17	10	6	58	38	44
Aberdeen	34	15	11	8	55	30	41
Dundee	34	13	7	14	43	49	33
Rangers	34	12	8	14	50	44	32
St. Mirren	34	12	5	17	40	57	29
Hibernian	34	11	6	17	47	58	28
Clydebank	34	6	8	20	29	70	20
Motherwell	33	6	6	21	30	61	18

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hamilton	36	22	8	6	71	40	52
Falkirk	37	16	10	11	53	36	42
Kilmarnock	37	17	8	12	59	45	42
Dumbarton	37	16	10	11	58	48	42
Forfar	36	16	9	11	47	39	41
East Fife	37	13	14	10	50	43	38
Airdrie	37	12	11	14	49	46	35
Morton	36	12	11	13	52	59	35
Partick Th	37	9	15	13	50	63	33
Clyde	36	8	16	12	41	52	32
Brechin	36	12	7	17	52	60	31
Montrose	37	9	13	15	41	53	31
Ayr Utd	37	10	11	16	38	55	31
Alloa	34	5	13	16	41	63	23

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Qn. of South	35	23	7	5	65	27	53
Dunfermline	35	21	10	4	83	44	52
Queens Park	37	19	8	10	59	35	46
Meadowbnk	37	17	11	9	65	45	45
St Johnstn	36	18	4	15	62	54	40
Stirling Alb	36	15	8	13	50	40	38
Arbroath	36	14	8	14	51	47	36
Stenhsemuir	34	14	6	14	50	59	34
Cowdnbeath	35	13	7	15	47	48	33
Raith Rovers	36	12	7	17	56	61	31
East Stirling	35	11	4	20	43	61	26
Berwick	36	7	11	18	45	71	25
Albion Rov	35	7	8	20	34	77	22
Stranraer	36	7	5	24	36	77	19

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	33	19	7	7	66	34	45
Rangers	31	18	8	5	67	30	44
Dundee Utd.	35	15	11	9	57	43	41
Motherwell	31	11	14	6	40	33	36
Celtic	31	13	6	12	49	31	32
St. Mirren	31	11	7	13	41	47	29
Dundee	33	9	11	13	52	66	29
Hearts	32	9	10	13	39	52	28
Clydebank	34	6	8	20	45	79	20
Hibernian	32	7	6	19	39	77	20

English First Division

TOP TEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Liverpool	39	23	10	6	81	37	79
Everton	38	24	7	7	78	38	79
Man. Utd	40	24	9	10	65	35	72
Chelsea	38	20	11	7	55	45	71
West Ham	36	21	6	9	58	33	69
Sheff. Wed	39	19	9	11	58	51	66
Notts For	39	18	9	12	66	51	63
Luton T	40	17	11	12	57	41	62
Arsenal	38	18	8	12	44	42	62
Newcastle	39	16	12	11	63	61	60

English Second Division

TOP TEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Norwich	39	24	9	6	80	35	81
Portsmouth	39	21	6	12	65	39	69
Wimbledon	37	18	11	6	52	35	65
Charlton	37	18	10	9	67	43	64
Crystal Pal	39	18	8	13	50	46	62
Hull City	39	15	13	11	61	52	58
Sheff Utd	39	16	9	14	60	60	57
Oldham	39	15	9	15	58	57	54
Brighton	39	15	8	16	61	59	53
Millwall	38	15	7	16	57	58	52

1st XI scorers

Ally McCoist	37
Bobby Williamson	13
Davie Cooper	6
Robert Fleck	5
Craig Paterson	5
Hugh Burns	5
Ian Durrant	5
Davie McPherson	4
Cammy Fraser	4
Scott Nisbet	4
Ted McMinn	3
Bobby Russell	2
Derek Ferguson	2
David MacKinnon	2
Ian Ferguson	1
Dougie Bell	1
Ally Dawson	1

2nd XI scorers

Robert Fleck	29
John MacDonald	20
Billy Davies	15
Eric Ferguson	13
Ian Ferguson	12
Cammy Fraser	4
Ted McMinn	4
Bobby Williams	4
David MacFarlane	3
Scott Nisbet	2
Ally Dawson	1
Ian Redford	1
Colin Miller	1
Derek Ferguson	1
Ronnie Yule	1
Angus McPherson	1
Derek Johnstone	1
Dougie Bell	1

Weekend results

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic	2	Hibernian	0
Clydebank	1	Dundee Utd	1
Dundee	4	Motherwell	0
St. Mirren	2	Rangers	1

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie	2	Ayr United	1
Clyde	1	Alloa Ath	1
East Fife	2	Montrose	0
Falkirk	2	Brechin C	1
Forfar A	2	Partick Th	1
Hamilton	2	Morton	1
Kilmarnock	3	Dumbarton	0

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath	0	QOS	1
Dunfermline	4	East Stirling	0
Meadowbank	3	Berwick R.	1
Queens P.	0	Cowdenbeath	1
St Johnstone	1	Albion R.	0
Stirling A	3	Raith Rov	1
Stranraer	0	Stenhousemuir	1

SCOTTISH PREMIER RESERVES

Aberdeen	1	Hearts	2
Motherwell	3	Dundee	1

This week's games

Friday

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Doncaster v Gillingham.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Stockport v Tranmere.

Saturday

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

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Alloa v East Fife, Ayr United v Falkirk, Brechin v Clyde, Dumbarton v Hamilton, Montrose v Forfar, Partick v Kilmarnock.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Albion Rovers v Meadowbank, Berwick v Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath v Stirling Albion, East Stirling v Arbroath, Queen of South v Stranraer, Raith v Queens Park, Stenhousemuir v St. Johnstone.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal v West Brom, Aston Villa v Chelsea, Ipswich v Oxford United, Liverpool v Birmingham, Luton v Watford, Manchester United v Leicester, Newcastle v Manchester City, Nottingham Forest v Everton, Q.P.R. v Tottenham, Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday, West Ham v Coventry.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Barnsley v Crystal Palace, Bradford City v Shrewsbury, Brighton v Sunderland, Charlton v Blackburn, Fulham v Huddersfield, Grimsby v Norwich, Leeds v Carlisle, Middlesbrough v Millwall, Sheffield United v Portsmouth, Stoke City v Oldham, Wimbledon v Hull City.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bolton v Bristol City, Brentford v York City, Bristol Rovers v Chesterfield, Lincoln v Wigan, Newport v Darlington, Plymouth v Blackpool, Reading v Derby, Rotherham, v Bournemouth, Swansea v Notts County, Walsall v Bury, Wolves v Cardiff.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Burnley v Scunthorpe, Chester v Southend, Crewe v Colchester, Hartlepool v Wrexham, Hereford v Halifax, Northampton v Cambridge United, Peterborough v Aldershot, Preston v Exeter, Rochdale v Mansfield, Torquay v Port Vale.

Sunday

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Swindon v Orient.

Latest 'Player of the Year' news

DEREK Johnstone won Walter Smith's 'Man-of-the-Match' nomination for his display at Love Street on Saturday — but the defender also loses a point for the booking he received.

FIRST TEAM

Ian Durrant	23
Hugh Burns	16
Nicky Walker	8
Bobby Russell	5
Derek Johnstone	5
Derek Ferguson	4
Cammy Fraser	4
Ted McMinn	3
Scott Nisbet	3
Ally Dawson	3
Ally McCoist	1
Stuart Munro	1

SENT OFF: McCoist, Burns, Paterson, D. Ferguson, Bell.

BOOKED: Bell (8), McPherson (7), Williamson (6), McMinn (6), Paterson (5), Burns (5), Durrant (5), Fraser (5), Cooper (5), MacKinnon (4), Johnstone (4), Munro (3), Dawson (3), Beattie (3), McCoist (2), Russell (2), Walker, Nisbet, I. Ferguson.

SECOND TEAM

Robert Fleck	19
David MacFarlane	13
Andy Bruce	11
Colin Miller	11
Stuart Beattie	7
Ronnie Yule	6
Eric Ferguson	6
Scott Nisbet	5
Billy Davies	5
Angus McPherson	3
Alan McCluckie	3
Ian Durrant	3
Derek Ferguson	1

SENT OFF: Beattie, Fleck.

BOOKED: Fraser (7), Beattie (3), Johnston (2), MacDonald (2), McMinn (2), Yule (2), Bell (2), Dawson, Fleck (2), I. Ferguson, Nisbet, Miller, Davies, Williamson, Russell.

★YOUR COMPLETE POOLS CHECK

MAIN PRIZE: 28 goals. Winning combinations are 21, 44 with 3 from 05, 18, 30, 37.

CONSOLATION PRIZE ONE: 18 goals. Winning combinations are 01, 12, 21 with 2 from 14, 16, 23, 32.

CONSOLATION PRIZE TWO: 19 goals. Winning combinations are 03, 05, 08, 44 with 1 from 18, 21, 29, 33, 35.

CONSOLATION PRIZE THREE: 15 goals. Winning combinations are any 5 from 02, 11, 21, 30, 34, 37, 44.

CONSOLATION PRIZE FOUR: 15 goals. Winning combinations are 03, 08, 33, 35 with 1 from 07, 13, 20, 24, 36.

CONSOLATION PRIZE FIVE: 2 goals. Winning combinations are 09, 25, 39 with 2 from 06, 10, 17, 22, 28, 38.

● Golden Bonus not won. £1,400 next week.

This week's teams

● Match list for April 26. 01 Hibs v Luton; 02 West Ham v St Mirren; 03 Dunfermline v Exeter; 04 Brechin v Southend; 05 Dundee v Chelsea; 06 Liverpool v Inter Milan; 07 Peterborough v Queen of South; 08 Torino v Man Utd; 09 Alloa A. v Halifax; 10 Gillingham v Morton; 11 Montrose v Derby Co.; 12 Aldershot v Ayr Utd; 13 Albion Rov. v Hereford; 14 Tranmere v Stranraer; 15 Everton v A.C. Milan; 16 Plymouth v Clydebank; 17 Napoli v Southampton; 18 Berwick R. v Rochdale; 19 Burnley v East Stirling; 20 Tottenham v Roma; 21 Raith R. v Colchester; 22 Motherwell v Bristol C.; 23 Juventus v Watford; 24 Northampton v Stenhousemuir; 25 Cowdenbeath v Torquay; 26 Man City v Rangers; 27 Wigan v East Fife; 28 Preston v Stirling A; 29 Brentford v Hamilton Acas; 30 Clyde v Walsall; 31 Notts Co. v Airdrie; 32 Aberdeen v Newcastle; 33 Arbroath v Crewe; 34 Kilmarnock v Blackpool; 35 Sheff Wed. v Celtic; 36 York v Falkirk; 37 Scunthorpe v Meadowbank; 38 Dundee Utd v Arsenal; 39 Dumbarton v Rotherham; 40 St Johnstone v Cambridge; 41 Notts For. v Hearts; 42 Stockport v Forfar; 43 Partick T. v Doncaster; 44 Wrexham v Queens Park.

Saturday's results

● FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results — Game:

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

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

Rangers clinch league title . . .

THE Championship flag was flying high at Ibrox this week, 25 years ago, as Rangers clinched the title with a magnificent 7—3 triumph over Ayr United on April 29.

Of course, it was a moment long overdue for the Rangers fans who had watched in frustration as their team had slowly lost their large points advantage over the other challengers.

Memorable

For Alex Scott it was to be a memorable day. The speedy striker notched an excellent hat-trick, and close by in the goal stakes were Ralph Brand and Davie Wilson, who both netted doubles. Ayr battled away, though, and scored through A. McIntyre, Fulton and Christie.

RANGERS: Ritchie, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Paterson, Baxter, Wilson, McMillan, Scott, Brand, Hume.

AYR UNITED: Gallagher, Burn, G. McIntyre, W. McIntyre, Glen, Curlett, Fulton, Gibson, Christie, A. McIntyre, Bradley.

Kilmarnock, who had put up such a strong fight for the championship, thrashed Partick Thistle 4—1 at Rugby Park in their final home match of the season. Scorers were Brown (two), Kerr, Black, with McBride netting for Thistle.

As reward for their efforts the Rangers board announced that they were to introduce new wage contracts for the pool of players. The new weekly wage was to be £30, totalling around £1,500 a year. Rangers were now in line with the top English clubs in the wage structure.

Stunned

With a few games left, the top three table was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	34	23	5	6	88	43	51
K'nock	33	20	8	5	73	43	48
T. L'rk	34	20	2	12	99	80	42

Three days previous to their title clincher, they took on Clyde in the Charity Cup at Ibrox. Over 10,000 fans watched as the "Bully Wee" gained a shock 4—3 win.

It was certainly the night for McLeans, with George (Rangers) and Jim (Clyde) scoring no fewer than five of the tally! Jim scored an excellent hat-trick with Bobby Steel also hitting the net. Alex Scott was the other scorer for Rangers.

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RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Provan, McKinnon, Paterson, Stevenson, Wilson, McLean, Scott, Penman, Hume.

CLYDE: T. McCulloch, Watters, Haddock, Currie, Finlay, Clinton, W. McCulloch, Herd, McLean, Colrain, Steel.

Celtic, bidding to qualify for Europe for the first time, took on Dunfermline in the replay of the Scottish Cup final at Hampden, on April 26.

Jock Stein's "East Enders" from Fife stunned the Glasgow side with a heroic display, none more so than keeper Eddie Connachan. His agility and reflexes kept the Celtic attack at bay, and enabled Dunfermline to lift the trophy with a 2—0 win.

An attendance of 87,866 saw Thomson make it 1—0 in the 68th minute with a header, and then in the 90th minute tragedy struck the hapless Frank Haffey. A cross from the right should have been no problem for the keeper, but he dropped the ball and Dickson was perfectly placed to score.

OFF DECISION!

Disallowed goal proves costly

April 23-29, 1981

BOBBY Russell gave Rangers the lead against Partick Thistle this week, five years ago, as they set out to guarantee a European place for the following season. But, the match was to end in disappointment for the Light Blues on April 25.

A Gregor Stevens free-kick in the 43rd minute was flicked on by the head of Derek Johnstone. Russell was well placed to fire home off the despairing hands of Alan Rough.

Vital

Drama came in the 61st minute in the shape of a disallowed goal which would have given Rangers a vital two goal lead. A huge kick-out from Jim Stewart quickly found its way into the Thistle box. Derek Johnstone rose with Rough, won possession, and then stabbed home. Referee Bob Cuthill awarded a goal before going over to talk with his linesman.

To the dismay of the Rangers fans in the 7,000 crowd the goal was chalked off. The significance of the decision to the Ibrox side was shown only five minutes later. Brian Whittaker latched onto an Alex O'Hara pass to shoot past Stewart from 25 yards.

PARTICK THISTLE: Rough, Welsh, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Doyle, Park, Jardine, Higgins, O'Hara, Clark. Subs were Lapsley (for Park), and Watson (for Clark).

RANGERS: Stewart, Jardine, Miller, Stevens, Forsyth, Bett, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, McAdam. Subs. were MacDonald and Cooper (both not used).

Celtic were presented with the Premier League trophy before their match against Kilmarnock at Celtic Park. But, a poor performance from them nearly let in Killie to gain a shock win. Ken Eddie gave them the lead which they held onto until the second half when Davie Provan equalised for Celtic.

Aston Villa and Ipswich Town kept the excitement going down south in the race for the First Division title. Villa beat Middlesbrough 3-0 at home with goals from Shaw, Withe and Evans.

Ipswich, meanwhile, beat Manchester City 1-0 at Portman Road thanks to a goal from Terry Butcher.

Rangers Reserves took on Airdrie at Ibrox in the Reserve League Cup and gained a 1-0 win thanks to a goal by Gordon Dalziel in the 15th minute. He beat three defenders before hammering home.

RANGERS: Marshall, Richardson, A. Forsyth, Davies, McPherson, Clark, Mackay, Robertson, Stirton, Black, Dalziel. Subs. were Watson (for Stirton), and Lyall (for Davies).



● BOBBY RUSSELL . . . put Rangers in front five years ago.

Up and down Blues!

RANGERS managed to cling on to second place in the Championship this week, 50 years ago, as season 35/36 drew to a close.

But, their final two league games had mixed outcomes. Kilmarnock were beaten 3—0 away and then Aberdeen came to Ibrox and inflicted a bitterly disappointing 3—2 defeat.

Victory

Rugby Park was the venue on April 25 for the Light Blues and they had no problem in notching two points with a comfortable victory.

Dave Kinnear scored in the 10th minute, and then in the 44th minute Alec Venters made it 2—0, scoring from a corner kick. The Ibrox mission was completed midway through the second half when McAuley finished off a fine solo run with an unstoppable shot past Brown.

KILMARNOCK: Brown, Leslie, Milloy, Smith, McClure, Ross, Thomson, Gallacher, Robertson, Beattie, Roberts.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, Cheyne, Kennedy, Simpson, Winning, Turnbull, McAuley, Smith, Venters, Kinnear.

Celtic ended their season with a victory in a 3—1 win over Partick Thistle at Firhill. Jimmy McGrory was missing, though, due to an injury, but his replacement, Fagan, proved to be more than adequate. He scored twice with Lyons also on the scoresheet. Wylie scored for the Jags.

Aberdeen moved into third place with a fine 2—1 win over Hearts at Tynecastle. It

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was to be the first time that the "Jam Tarts" had lost at home that season. Mills and Armstrong were the scorers for the visitors, with Walker on the mark for Hearts.

The top three table after that day was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	38	32	2	4	115	33	66
Rangers	37	27	7	3	108	40	61
Aberdeen	37	25	9	3	93	48	59

Arsenal lifted the FA Cup with a 1—0 win over Sheffield United at Wembley on April 25. Drake was the scorer in front of over 100,000 fans.

Beaten

Holding on to second place in the league was the Rangers aim on April 29 when Aberdeen visited Ibrox for a crunch meeting. The Dons had already beaten the Light Blues that season, and they were to do so again in a 3—2 win.

Goals by Bob McPhail and Alex Venters were not enough consolation for the home fans in the last match of the season. Beynon, Mills and Thomson scored for Aberdeen. They were the only team to achieve the double over Rangers in the 35/36 term.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, Cheyne, Kennedy, Simpson, Winning, Turnbull, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Kinnear.

ABERDEEN: Smith, Cooper, Urquhart, Fraser, Falcon, Thomson, Warnock, McKenzie, Armstrong, Mills, Beynon.

The final top three table of the season was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	38	32	2	4	115	33	66
Rangers	38	27	7	4	110	43	61
Aberdeen	38	26	9	3	96	50	61

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Action

Young Rangers player John Spencer, Gary McSwegan and Scott Murray will be in action for the Scots side in the game on Wednesday, May 28 — and so could you.

Target Ball is a competition open to all boys in Scotland over 10, but under 15 years of age on August 1, 1985.

To compete, you must simply fill in the entry form on this page, sending with it a 25 pence postal order to the Jock Stein Memorial Fund, to Mr T. Brown, Victoria Drive Secondary School, Larchfield Avenue, Glasgow G14 by Wednesday, April 30. Your postal order should be made payable to the SSFA.

The winner of the competition will receive £100 worth of Sports gear from Scotsport Glasgow, who are also providing consolation prizes.

You will be informed where and when your local heat will be by means of your stamped addressed envelope, and if successful will compete in the semi-finals in Glasgow.

Finalists will compete at Hampden Park on the evening of the Esso Invitation International.

● Tickets for the Scotland v Italy (under 15) match are available from the Rangers and Celtic shops. Adult £1.50, Juvenile £1.00.

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Who play at Upton Park?

QUICK QUIZ

1. Who resigned two weeks ago from being manager of Coventry City?
2. If Kevin Gallacher shot past Ray Charles, which two Scottish clubs would be playing?
3. Which English First Division club plays at Upton Park?
4. Who scored Liverpool's goals in their 2—0 FA Cup semi-final win over Southampton at White Hart Lane a fortnight ago?
5. Everton beat Sheffield Wednesday 2—1 at the Villa Ground. Who scored their first goal?
6. Which two Hearts players were recently included in the Scotland pool for the match against Holland?
7. Sheffield Wednesday beat Manchester United in the big match last week with one goal from Carl Shutt, and another from which other player?
8. Two ex-Celtic players are now playing for Charlton Athletic, can you name them?
9. Which England striker, playing in Italy, last week received a boost by being called into the international squad for the match against Scotland?
10. The Eagles is the nickname for which English Second Division club?

● Answers below right.

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GRAEME Souness was involved in another signing session last week, but it had nothing to do with strengthening his playing pool or backroom staff.

For Graeme personally signed a ball for this week's super "News" competition, one which one lucky Young Rangers Club member could have in their possession if they enter this week's contest.

Success

As all football fans know, Graeme has had an illustrious background which many a player would love to have experienced. Naturally, we hope his success continues with Rangers.

To give yourself a chance of winning the competition we want you to delve into Graeme's playing career and answer the following questions:

1. How many European Cup winning medals has Graeme?
2. In what years and against which sides did he play?
3. Against which country did Graeme make his Scotland debut, and in what year?

Simple isn't it? Jot down your answers on a postcard, or the back of a sealed down envelope, and address it to BALL, Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE.

You MUST include your YRC number on your entry card and all entries should be in for the closing date of April 30. Remember, the editor's decision will be final in all matters. No correspondence will be entered into.

ANSWERS

1, Donald Mackay; 2, Dundee United and Montrose; 3, West Ham United; 4, Ian Rush (2); 5, Alan Harper; 6, John Robertson and Craig Levein; 7, Mel Sterland (pen); 8, Jim Melrose and Mark Reid; 9, Trevor Francis (Sampdoria); 10, Crystal Palace.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS ★

MARCH 22

SCOTT FOTHERINGHAM, 33 Kildermorie Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow, was nine.

APRIL 22

RUSSELL GIBSON, 107 Kirkland Gardens, Ballingray, Fife, was 16.
RICHARD FREEDMAN, 12 Belmont Drive, Giffnock, was 15.
LEANNE STEPHEN, 24 Pentland Place, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, was eight.
FIONA CRAWFORD, 120 Ochil View, Denny, Stirlingshire, was 17.
STUART DUNCAN, 83 Drummond Place, Blackbridge, was 15.
ROBERT KYLE, 36 Weaver Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, was seven.
COLIN LOWIE, 156 Millgate, Winchburgh, West Lothian, was ten.
DONNA READE, "Aintree", Station Road, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire, was 15.
STEVEN MCMAHON, 20A Third Gardens, Glasgow, was 16.
DAVID ADAMS, 53 Ballymalash Park, Lisbur.., County Antrim, Northern Ireland, was four.

APRIL 23

BRENDAN CASEY, 6 Kirk Brae, Innerwick, Dunbar, East Lothian, is 12.
JAMIE DUFF, 54 Sellar Place, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire, is 11.
ALASDAIR RYBURN, 85 Hammerfield Avenue, Aberdeen, is eight.
NATALIE SALERA, 51 Corsock Street, Haghill, Glasgow, is four.
JAMES CRIGHTON, 28 Eden Drive, Rothesay, Bute, is 17.
JOHN CAMERON, 134 Earl Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow, is 17.
GREIG WATT, 83 Greig Court, Aberdeen, is eight.
JAMES HAMILTON, 252 Linthaugh Road, Pollok, Glasgow, is 17.
HUGH SCOTT, 40 Barbieston Road, Auchinleck, Ayrshire, is 14.
STEVEN FREW, 29 Racedown Road, Blandford Camp, Blandford, Forum, Dorset, is 16.
STUART RENNIE, 6 Malvern Court, Dennistoun, Glasgow, is 17.
GRAHAM KILTIE, 1 St Ninian's Terrace, Isle of Whithorn, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire, is nine.
GEORGE ROBERTSON, 44 Kieple Law Park, Mayfield, Dalkieth, is 11.

APRIL 24

IAN CAMERON, Crossgatehall, Carberry, Musselburgh, will be 11.
WAYNE BLACKBURN, 34 Cairnsmore Road, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, will be 12.
GRAEME CUNNINGHAM, 123 Paterson Avenue, Irvine, Ayrshire, will be eight.
NICOLA PATON, 8 Glenacre Quad, Castlemilk, Glasgow, will be eight.
GREGG DOWNIE, 57 Cleuch Gardens, Clarkston, Glasgow, will be 12.
ROSS PICKEN, 82 Kirkinner Road, Mount Vernon, Glasgow, will be six.
DEREK RUTHVEN, 60 Howeybank Crescent, Carluke, Lanarkshire, will be 16.
ALASDAIR MacKINTOSH, 3 Watt Place, Milngavie, Glasgow, will be 14.
CRAIG McFARLANE, Cranslagmory Farm, Rothesay, will be seven.
CRAIG KILGOUR, 48 Dennistoun Crescent, Helensburgh, will be 14.
LESLEY GREEN, 20 Grays Park Gardens, Belfast 8, Ireland, will be 12.
SCOTT JORDAN, 54 Lomond Crescent, Dunfermline, Fife, will be 16.
COLIN SEMPILL, Briar Bank, Glencruitten Road, Oban, Argyll, will be 16.

APRIL 25

EMMA TOOLE, 33 Hardie Street, Levenvale, Alexandria, will be two.
GORDON SMITH, 102 Braedale Crescent, Newmains, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, will be ten.
ROSS ISLES, 1 Hall Crescent, Burrelton, Blairgowrie, will be 13.
STUART MOFFAT, 4 Fountainwell Terrace, 17/2 Sighthill, Glasgow, will be 16.
STEWART CLARK, 38 Deanfield Terrace, Bo'ness, West Lothian, will be 12.
DENIS SHAW, 14D Hunter Crescent, Perth, will be 17.
DAVID McCONAGH, 113 MacKintosh Road, Raigmore Estate, Inverness, will be 15.
JOHN DOLAN, 188 Bridgeburn Drive, Moodiesburn, Chryston, Glasgow, will be 17.
MARK CHISHOLM, 27 Bridgend Avenue, Port Glasgow, will be 16.
STUART ROBERTSON, 4 Pict Avenue, Inverness, will be 14.
SIMON KERR, "Saetersdal". Kilbowie Road, Clydebank, will be 17.
IAN MARTINEZ, 12 Bartlands Place, Eaglesham, Glasgow, will be 15.
ROBERT SIMPSON, 24 Gardenside Crescent, Carmyle, Glasgow, will be 12.
ROBERT CARTLEDGE, 924 Tollcross Road, Glasgow, will be nine.
DAVID HOGG, 1 Duntarvie Quad, Easterhouse, Glasgow, will be 14.
MARK CHISHOLM, 27 Bridgend Avenue, Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire, will be 16.
ANGELA BLEAKLEY, 12 Knowepark Road, Bents, Stoneyburn, West Lothian, will be 17.
PAUL BEATTIE, 16 Cameron Avenue, Ross-shire, Tain, will be 14.

APRIL 26

DEREK REID, 313 Croftfoot Road, Croftfoot, Glasgow, will be eight.
CHARLES McCURDAY, 4 Aspen Place, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, will be seven.
EILEEN STEWART, 108 Cowal Place, Dunoon, Argyll, will be 15.
RAYMOND FITZPATRICK, 12 Staffin Street, Summerston, Glasgow, will be 14.
ANDREW McKNOCKITER, 65 Mowatshill Road, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, will be eight.
JIM JOHNSTON, 21 Stanalane, Bowmore, Islay, will be 17.
ROSS HUNTER, 12 Glen Tennet, St Leonard's, East Kilbride, will be 15.
ANDREW IRONS, 45 Dunbae Road, Stranraer, will be 15.
CARLA FINLAYSON, 2 Hyndshaw View, Law Village, Carluke, will be 15.
JEREMY O'HARA, Rowanbrae, 103 Northgate, Peebles, will be 13.
GEORGE WICK, 191 Earl Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow, will be four.
DAVID LIVINGSTONE, 77 Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, Midlothian, will be 17.
IAN SIMPSON, 3 Dochart Crescent, Polmont, Stirlingshire, will be 17.
DAVID COOPER, c/o 46 Kaines Crescent, Kirknewton, will be three.
SANDRA HAIN, 60 Invergarry Drive, Deaconsbank, Glasgow, will be 17.
DEREK STRACHAN, 34 Finch Road, Greenock, will be nine.
BARBARA BRECKNEY, 44 High Park Avenue, New Cumnock, Ayrshire, will be 17.
LOUISE PURDIE, 33 Cambuslang Road, Farmecross, Rutherglen, will be seven.
DEREK MacKENZIE, 12 Woodend Drive, Aberdeen, will be 14.
NEIL PATON, 29 Aubreys, Letchworth, Herts., England, will be 13.
THOMAS ORR, 19 Garlieston Road, Barlanark, Glasgow, will be three.

APRIL 27

MARK CESSFORD, Gateshaw, Kelso, Roxburghshire, will be 17.
SUSANNA ADAMS, 14 Coolmore Street, Donegall Road, Belfast, will be eight.
MORAG RENNIE, 121 Station Street, Renton, Dumbartonshire, will be 17.
ROBERT IRVINE, 76 Overton Road, Springside, Irvine, will be 14.
JOHN DOBBIE, 53 Newton Crescent, Rosyth, Fife, will be 17.
JOY McINTYRE, 30 Station Street, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, will be 12.
ROBIN WAITT, 18 Holmwood Drive, Langholm, will be 15.
PAULINE PARKES, 1 Hazel Road, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, will be eight.
GARY McLEAN, 269 Dyke Road, Knightswood, Glasgow, will be ten.
DAVID TRAILL, 53 Carron Place, Castlepark, Irvine, will be 13.
JAMES MITCHELL, 93 Inchfad Drive, Drumchapel, Glasgow, will be 16.
IAN MORRISON, 74 Duddingston Avenue, Whitehirst, Park Estate, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, will be 13.
GARY DUNSMORE, 13 Chacefield Street, Bonnybridge, will be 11.
JAMIE CRAWFORD, 120 Ochil View, Denny, Stirlingshire, will be 16.
NEIL PATON, 17 Islay Place, Wardneuk, Kilmarnock, will be seven.
STEPHEN CUMMING, 13 Belmont Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow, will be 15.
KEVIN CULLEN, 12 Whitslade Street, Provanhall, Glasgow, will be 15.
RICHARD WIGGINS, 47 Spey Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, will be ten.
RONNIE McINTOSH, 176 Bartiebeith Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow, will be four.
DOUGLAS BOYLE, 33 Corrie Gardens, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire, will be ten.
DONALD SHIELDS, 117 Laxton Drive, Lenzie, Dumbartonshire, will be five.
DAVID LAWRIE, 55 Boghall Drive, Bathgate, West Lothian, will be eight.

APRIL 28

GARRY BURNETT, 37 Hughes Crescent, Mayfield, Dalkeith, Midlothian, will be 15.
CAMPBELL THOMPSON, 40 MacKenzie Place, Maryburgh, Ross-shire, will be 14.
ALAN DEAKIN, c/o 18 Dodside Street, Sandyhills, Glasgow, will be 12.
ALAN LAVERIE, 3 Sun Street, Glenluce, Wigtownshire, will be 15.
ELAINE KING, 21 Braemount, Cowdenbeath, Fife, will be 16.
JOHN-PAUL McISAAC, "Parkfield", Argyll Road, Kirk, Dunoon, Argyll, will be 14.
MARK BAILLIE, 12 Kirklandneuk Road, Renfrew, will be 14.
LEE DREVER, 78 White Street, Glasgow, will be 13.
CHRISTOPER ATKINS, 159 Feorlin Way, Garelochhead, Dumbartonshire, will be 17.
ALEX SIM, 18 Connel View, New Cumnock, Ayrshire, will be 15.
GARY McEWAN, 18 Newfield Square, Glasgow, will be 16.
CALUM KENNEDY, Tresdal, Canisbay by Wick, Caithness, will be 17.
BILLY McAUSLAN, 10 Elmbank, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, will be 16.
IAIN GRAINGER, 26C Niddrie Mill Crescent, Edinburgh, will be three.
DOUGLAS GALLOWAY, 28 Howford Road, Cardonald, Glasgow, will be seven.
AUDREY PURVES, 23 Hamilton Avenue, Broomlands, Dumfries, will be 15.
PAUL MADDEN, 52 Park Gardens, Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, will be nine.
DEREK CARROLL, 2 Shankland Lane, Greenock, Renfrewshire, will be nine.

APRIL 29

IAN FINDLAY, 24 Ardgart Place, Rathcoole, Newtown Abbey, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland, will be 17.
WILLIAM BRUCE, Knoltlaurs Farm, Chapleton, Strathaven, Lanarkshire, will be 14.
DEREK STEWART, 58 Birchfield Drive, Glasgow, will be 16.
CRAIG MITCHELL, 8F Montrose Street, Clydebank, will be six.
JOHN MORRISON, 4 Shankston Crescent, Cumnock, Ayrshire, will be 17.
THOMAS SAMSON, 51 Emrys Avenue, Cumnock, Ayrshire, will be 17.
GARY CRAWFORD, 76 Fordwych Road, Kilburn, London, will be five.
COLIN BELLSHAW, 4 Foley Road, Rothesay, will be 10.
PAUL STRAIN, 39 Glandore Terrace, Portadown, will be 13.
ANDREW RODDEN, 36 Cathay Street, Glasgow, will be 10.
KENNETH McMAHON, 30 Balfron Road, Oldham, Paisley, will be 14.
KAREN MONTGOMERY, 18H Combrae Crescent, Silkeside, Coatbridge, will be six.
DOUGLAS BARR, 13 Blackmoor Place, New Stevenston by Motherwell, will be 17.
KAREN BUCHANAN, 44 Baird Terrace, Eastfield, Harthill, Lanarkshire, will be 16.
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ACTION ROUND-UP . . . Rangers Amateurs and Association news

ASSOCIATION BOYS CLUB

Rangers 5
Goldenhill 1

THE under-15s picked up another two league points with this convincing win over Goldenhill at Toryglen on Thursday, April 10.

Billy Findlay opened the scoring in the first minute for Rangers but Goldenhill equalised three minutes from the interval.

The second half was all Rangers pressure. Dominic Sharkey restored their lead in the 46th minute before Alex McMillan struck twice (53 and 59) then Maxwell Testo shot home the fifth and final goal six minutes from the end.

RANGERS: Gough, Swandells, Hendry, Grieve, McCafferty, Mulholland, Findlay, Govan, McMillan, Testo, Sharkey. Subs: Tolmie (for Sharkey) and McPhee (for Govan).

Scotstoun Th 0
Rangers 8

THE under-15s romped into the semi-finals of the Ian Wishart Cup with this crushing win over Scotstoun Thistle at Temple Parks on Sunday, April 13.

New-signing Ian McPhee starred with two goals and also grabbing doubles were Dominic Sharkey and Maxwell Testo.

Jim McCafferty opened the scoring in the sixth minute and the procession went on through Alex McMillan (14), Ian McPhee (31, 48), Dom Sharkey (51, 59) and Maxwell Testo (68, 76).

RANGERS: Gough, Swandells, Hendry, Grieve, McCafferty, Testo, Findlay, Govan, McMillan, Mulholland, McPhee. Sub: Sharkey (for McCafferty).

Rangers 2
St. Columbas 3

A DREADFUL first-half display saw the under-13s 3-0 down in this league game at Toryglen and despite a second half comeback, St. Columbas held on for both points.

The visitors took advantage of the terrible Rangers first-half to go three up but were stunned as the Light Blues fought back with Willie Chatham pulling a goal back from 20 yards in the 40th minute.

Fifteen minutes later Robertson made it 3-2 when he netted from close range but despite several close things, Rangers couldn't find an equaliser.

RANGERS: McNeill, Sidwell, Chatham, Patrick, Currie, Gold, McElveen, Anderson, Campbell, Duff, Robertson. Subs: Simmonds (for Anderson) and Toner (not used).

Rangers 3
Westpark 3

A GIFTED goal five minutes from time forced the under-13s into a replay of this League Cup semi-final as they drew at Bishopbriggs last week.

Chatham opened the scoring for Rangers in the 25th minute but Westpark equalised to make it 1-1 at half-time. They then took the lead early in the second half.

Rangers hit back and goals from Robertson (45) and Gold (52) put them ahead before a bad mistake in the defence allowed Westpark that late equaliser.

RANGERS: McNeill, Gordon, Sidwell, Patrick, Currie, Gold, Simmonds, Anderson, Chatham, Toner, Robertson. Subs: Campbell (for Anderson) and McElveen (not used).

Rangers 6
Auchingill 0

HAT-TRICKS from Carmichael and Russell took an inspired under-12 side to two league points against Auchingill at Toryglen on Thursday, April 10.

Carmichael opened the scoring in the 20th minute with a 20-yard shot which proved the only goal of the first half but five minutes into the second, Russell scored and then made it 3-0 in the 48th minute.

Carmichael grabbed number four in the 52nd minute, Russell completed his hat-trick four minutes later then Carmichael grabbed his third and Rangers sixth in the 59th minute.

RANGERS: Kyle, Patrick, McGowan, Carmichael, Johnstone, Raeburn, Patterson, Bruce, Russell, Thomson, Bell. Subs: Caldwell (for Bell) and Ioannou (for Raeburn).

Rangers 2
Hillington 7

THE under-12s were hammered in this league fixture at Toryglen on Sunday, April 13.

Rangers were 3-0 behind after 20 minutes before Russell pulled a goal back in the 23rd minute. Hillington scored again to make it 4-1 at half-time and scored two more before Rangers replied again through Bruce in the 57th minute.

Hillington scored again near the end to cap a miserable display from Rangers.

RANGERS: Kyle, Patrick, McGowan, Thomson, Johnstone, Carmichael, Patterson, Raeburn, Russell, Bruce, Bell. Subs: Caldwell (for Carmichael) and Ionnou (for Bell).

JOHNNY HUBBARD TOURNAMENT

RANGERS under-10s sent two sides to this prestigious five-a-side competition played at the Barn Sports Centre in Ayr last week and both did extremely well.

Over 90 teams entered the competition and the Rangers 'B' side won it with the 'A' team finishing fourth — a terrific achievement for the under-10s all told.

The line-ups were:-

'A' TEAM: Clark, McWilliams, Leggat, Currie, Campbell, Davidson, McElhiney.

'B' TEAM: Brown, Caldwell, Miller, Freedman, Orr, Ayton.

Rangers 14
Downcraig Celtic 0

THIS friendly at Windlaw Primary School on Sunday, April 13 proved to be a total mismatch as the under-10s annihilated Downcraig Celtic in devastating style.

It was simply one-way traffic all the way and the men on the scoresheet were Ayton (4), Orr (3), Campbell (2), McWilliams, Freedman, Miller, McElhiney and Caldwell.

RANGERS: Brown, Clark, McElhiney, Caldwell, Leggat, Freedman, Campbell, Miller, Orr, Currie, Ayton. Subs: McWilliams (for Campbell) and Gallagher (for Orr).

IF YOU can't wait until the Glasgow Cup Final on May 9 for your next bout of "Old Firm" action, then why not go along to Adamslie Park this Friday evening.

Rangers under-16s are playing their Celtic counterparts in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup at the ground which is the home of Kirkintilloch Rob Roy.

Adamslie Park's the place to be . . .

The teams met there in the under-15 final last season when Rangers won a thrilling match 3-2 in front of a sizeable crowd and another cracker is on the cards. The action is scheduled to start at 6.45 p.m.

The under-16s league fixture scheduled for St. Augustine's School against Clydebank last Wednesday night was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

BABES AT THE DOUBLE



● COLIN WILKIE . . . scored twice.

Rangers . . . . . 6 Valspar 0

IT WAS doubles all round for the Rangers under-14 strike force as they picked up another two league points at Valspar's expense at St. Augustine's School on Saturday, April 12.

Alan Granger, Colin Wilkie and Dougie Smith all found the net as the Light Blues totally controlled the proceedings without ever approaching their very best form.

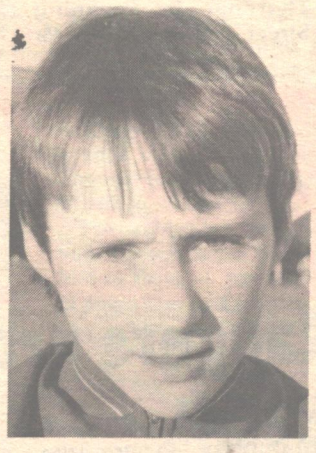
The scoring was opened in the 10th minute when Alan Granger crash in a fine free-kick from 20 yards then on the stroke of half-time, Granger sent Charlie McKenzie clear down the right and his cross was headed home by Colin Wilkie to make it 2-0 at the break.

Wilkie was on the mark once again in the 42nd minute as the Light Blues tightened their grip on the game. Again it was a header, this time from a Granger cross.

Three minutes later, Colin Wilkie turned provider when he crossed for Dougie Smith to head in number four and in the 47th minute Dougie shot home from 15 yards to make it 5-0.

The scoring was completed in the 50th minute, Yalcin Bekar took up good position on the right and when his cross came over, Alan Granger was on hand to steer it over the line from close range.

RANGERS: Arrol, McKenzie, Boardman, Leslie, McDonald, Bekar, Burke, D. Smith, P. Smith, Granger, Wilkie. Subs: Jackson (for McKenzie) and Rannachan (for Burke).



● JASON MEIKLEJOHN . . . 15th minute goal.

Influence

A half-time re-shuffle, with Mark Grossman coming on for John Williamson and skipper John Spencer moving back to exert his influence in midfield soon paid off for Rangers.

In the 48th minute, the deadlock was broken. Scott Murray was the provider of the goal with a deep cross from the right wing which Ian Stewart met a few yards out, giving the home keeper no chance at all.

Fierce

Valspar soon reminded Rangers that they were still in the game as they burst forward five minutes later and hit the post with a fierce 18-yard shot.

But on the hour, the Light Blues sealed their win when substitute Mark Grossman pounced on a mistake by the Valspar goalkeeper to steer the ball into the net.

RANGERS: Hill, McKenzie, S. Carmichael, Cochrane, Hamilton, McSwegan, Williamson, Murray, Tochill, Spencer, Stewart. Subs: Grossman (for Williamson 40) and Somerville (for McKenzie 65).

Extra-time exit

RANGERS under-13s made a sad and tired exit from the Scottish Cup, losing this quarter-final replay to Bishopton in extra-time on Saturday, April 12.

The Light Blues were twice ahead during the regulation 70 minutes but the home side hit back on both occasions and went on to score the only goal of the 15-minute extra period.

In the first half, Rangers were the better side and deserved the 1-0 lead they earned thanks to a 15th minute goal from Jason Meiklejohn.

The deadly striker grabbed his 55th goal of the season as he ran onto a through ball and slammed a right-foot shot past the Bishopton keeper from 10 yards.

Key player Thomas Elvin failed to appear for the second half for the Light Blues through injury and his absense seemed to affect the side.

Bishopton 3
Rangers 2
(After extra time)

Glory

In the 40th minute, Bishopton equalised for the first time from the penalty-spot after Alan Howie was judged, rather harshly it seemed, to have fouled an opponent.

But in the 55th minute Rangers regained the lead when they were awarded a penalty. Jason Meiklejohn was pulled down as he ran onto an Andrew McLaren through ball and he got up to steer the kick into the net.

The Ibrox lads looked on course for the semis but eight minutes from time Bishopton made it 2-2 direct from a free-kick on the edge of the penalty-area.

That meant 7½ minutes each-way of extra-time and the home side struck in the first half to win the tie and shatter Rangers youngest side's dreams of Scottish Cup glory.

RANGERS: McInnes, Howie, Meldrum, Mahood, Dickens, Verhees, Elvin, McLaren, Frazer, Mieklejohn, Rose. Subs: Stirrat (for Elvin) and Orr (not used).

INTERNATIONAL LIGHT BLUES

THREE Rangers players — John Spencer, Gary McSwegan and Scott Murray — were in the Scottish under-15 schoolboys side which took on Northern Ireland in Larne on Saturday.

Also on the international front, under-16 skipper Alex McEwan was in the Scots schoolboys under-18 side which lost a thrilling match 5-4 to England at Fir Park last Monday evening.

Royal win for Rangers

Valspar 0
Rangers 2

SECOND half strikes from Ian Stewart and Mark Grossman earned Rangers under-15s another two vital league points from this hard-fought win over Valspar at King George V Park on Monday, April 14.

In difficult conditions, Rangers played against the strong wind in the first half but still enjoyed most of the possession despite failing to break down the rigid Valspar defence.

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NORTH WEST AREA (PARTICK): Bus v Aberdeen leaves Rosevale Bar 9.30. Members uplift "Player of the Year" dance tickets.

ST. ANDREWS (DRUMCHAPEL): Bus v Aberdeen 8 a.m. Cloan Avenue, 8.05 Shopping Centre, 8.10 Lincoln. Seats non members.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen 8.30 a.m. Ballochmyle Bar. Seats non members.

CENTRAL FIFE: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Garage at 9 a.m. Usual pick up points.

LARGS & DISTRICT: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Fairlie 7.45 a.m. Largs 8.00 Wemyss Bay 8.10. Names required for Glasgow Cup Final, season tickets not valid. Tote number 2 and 34, three winners A. McNicol, A. Culless, T. Wood.

GREENGAIR: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Fine Fare, Airdrie 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26 non members welcome. Contact D. Mathieson on Airdrie 64732.

TUDOR ARMS (PAISLEY): Bus v Aberdeen leaves Tudor 7.30 a.m. Seats non members. Bus v Spurs leaves Tudor 11 p.m., Sunday, April, 27. Departs London midnight 28th. Few seats available. Contact Eddie on Brediland 2610.

IBROX LOYAL: Spurs v Rangers April 28. Bus leaves Underground 8 a.m. Seats £16. Details phone N. Banks on 440 1226.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE LOYAL (LIVINGSTON): Bus v Aberdeen leaves Harvester 9 a.m. Picking up at Copper Turn 9.15. Stopping on way back from game. Names required for Glasgow Cup Final (May 9) phone 0506 37114 or 0506 411164 for all details.

STEWARTON "FOLLOW FOLLOW": Bus v Aberdeen will leave outside Stewarton Arms at 8 a.m. Returning straight after game. "Player of the Season" dance details still to be finalised. For details see G. Walker.

SANDBANK: "Player of the Year" dance cancelled due to Glasgow Cup Final, Chelsea v Liverpool (May 3) few seats left. All money to be paid by April 26, Ian (427-4267).

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW: Bus v Aberdeen leaves 9 a.m. Non members welcome. Price £3. Names now being taken for tickets for Glasgow Cup Final. All buses leave Coachouse (Swan Inn).

HELEN STREET BRANCH: Aberdeen bus leaves 8 a.m. Social Club. Meeting immediately after game.

QUEENZIEBURN (STRATHKELVIN): Mini bus leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn 8.30 a.m.

LONDON: Next meeting Friday, April 28, Sols Arms, Drummond Street, Euston. Trip to be arranged to the Glasgow Cup Final. Names for outing to Manchester RSC.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Aberdeen bus Saturday leaves 9 a.m. returning immediately after game. Seats non members £5.00. Spurs v Rangers in London leave 11 p.m. night before game from Grapes Bar and returning after game from London. Arriving back early hours. All seats £15 phone Stuart 041 429 5578 or Adam 041 882 5571 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. for details.

BROXBURN: Bus leaves 9 o'clock v Aberdeen. Bus leaves for Motherwell at 1.15. On morning of Motherwell game AGM meeting at 11 a.m. All members to attend.

ROSS-SHIRE: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Edderton 8.30. Usual pick up points. To book all seats phone Invergordon 853595.

KILMARNOCK TEDDY BEARS: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Kilmarnock Swimming Baths at 7.30 a.m., picking up at Stewarton. Non members £6. Returning home after game. Names and £10 deposits now required for Spurs v Rangers match. Bus can pick up at New Cumnock, Thornhill, Dumfries and Annan. Bus leaves Baths on Sunday, April 27 at 10.30 p.m. and returns home immediately after game. Seats non members £13. For details phone Big Jock on 27544.

NITSDALE: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Torrisdale Street 8.30. Bus v Tottenham leaves Devon Street, Sunday, 12 midnight. Details phone Brian Craig (881 5674) after 6 p.m.

THORNLIEBANK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen 8 a.m. Arden Bar. Pick up and pay for dance tickets from D. Hughes.

ROCKSOLES: Bus leaves Vulcan Tavern 9.30 for Aberdeen game, overnight stay in Montrose.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Hilton Road 8 a.m., The Cross 8.05 a.m. Hawthorn Street 8.10 a.m. Bus for Spurs phone 762 4260.

WEST END TRUE BLUES (PAISLEY): Aberdeen bus leaves Kilbarchan 8.30 p.m. Castle Street 8.45 p.m. Jolson's 8.50 p.m. Stringfellows 9 p.m. Bus to Spurs leaves 11 p.m. from Jolson's Sunday night return London 11 p.m. on Monday night. Glasgow pick up point £14. Non members welcome on both buses. For seats phone 041 884 6789.

PLEAN: Aberdeen v Rangers bus leaves Denny Cross 8 a.m., St. Ninians 8.10, Bannockburn 8.15, Cowie 8.20, Plean 8.25 a.m. Torwoodlea Hotel 8.35 a.m. Airth 8.45 a.m. Non members welcome. Tickets on the bus. Few tickets left for "Player of the Year/Supporter" at Plean on Saturday, May 10. Contact Alex Penman now. Names wanted for Glasgow Cup Final on Friday, May 9. Put your name down and book your ticket. Contact Alex Penman.

BRIDGETON LOYAL: Bus 8.30, Mermaid bar. Return to Arbroath midnight.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves "Night Magic", Dunfermline 9.30 p.m. Picking up at Ex-service club, Rosyth; Milton House, Burntisland; White Heather, Kircaldy. Bus v Spurs (28th) leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy at 11.30 on Sunday 27th, picking up at the above. Bus fare £5, paid Aberdeen game. Details James 269172 and Bruce 722467.

NUMBER TEN!

David Holmes makes Downing St presentation

TENNENT'S T LAGER

FROM Number 10 Downing Street to the Blue Room at Ibrox, all within a space of three hours — that was the hectic programme Rangers Chief Executive David Holmes faced last Tuesday.

In Downing Street, he was along with two world leaders, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Sir Stanley Rous, former president of the world governing body of soccer. In the Blue Room he completed the signing of his two top men, Graeme Souness and Walter Smith.

Successful

It was a very successful day for the dynamic boss who hopes to put Rangers back on the top with his detailed planning, the same way as he does as Managing Director of the John Lawrence Building Group.

At Downing Street, Mr Holmes presented the Prime Minister and Sir Stanley with portraits of Alan Morton, the former Rangers and Scotland international left winger who became a Director of the club after his playing days.



● PORTRAIT OF A LEGEND . . . A picture of Alan Morton just like this one was presented to Mrs Thatcher in Downing Street last week by Mr Holmes.

Sir Stanley was delighted to receive such a wonderful gift to mark his 91st birthday since he was a personal friend of Alan Morton.

Greatest

There were three cabinet ministers present at the Downing Street reception, John MacGregor, Chief Secretary of the Treasury, Mr George Younger — Defence Minister and Malcolm Rifkind — Secretary of State for Scotland. And also there was Ken Friar, Managing Director of Arsenal Football Club with whom Rangers have had a long association over the years.

Sir Stanley Rous, former president of FIFA, will never forget the magic of the Wembley Wizards . . . especially the "wee blue devil" Alan Morton of Queens Park, Rangers and Scotland fame. For in 1928, Sir Stanley was linesman at Wembley when Scotland defeated England 5-1.



● HOLMES AT HOME . . . David Holmes, who had such a hectic programme last Tuesday, in his Lawrence Group office at Ibrox.

Said Sir Stanley, "It was one of Scotand's greatest performances. Every player was outstanding and I can never forget the brilliant work of Alan Morton. He was a personal friend of mine and we had a long association after his playing days were over. He was a great credit to football.

The night before Scotland played England, their captain Jimmy McMullan of Manchester City, told his players just to go to bed and pray for rain the next day. The heavens opened and the rain teemed down. And before the match started, Jimmy who began his career with Denny Hibs, the team that produced Sir Matt Busby of Manchester United and Jimmy Smith of Rangers, told his boys "just go out and play your natural game". They did just that and the memories of that great triumph have lived on.

Famous

Sir Stanley added, "When the games were played in Scotland, it was always an English referee who was in charge with Scots officials at the line and at Wembley, the roles were reversed.' That Wembley day, Alan Morton's inside partner was Alex James who played for Raith Rovers, Preston North End and Arsenal.

Other great inside forwards who partnered the famous wee blue devil were his Ibrox team mate Bob McPhail and an old firm rival Patsy Gallacher in representative games.

The Prime Minister also spoke of her own wee blue devil John McGregor, who went to the same Dykehead primary school in Shotts where Jack Gillespie, vice chairman of Rangers, also attended as a boy.

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