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FERRY WARNING FOR IBROX FANS

IN THE light of the tragic Townsend Thoresen ferry disaster at Zeebrugge, Rangers are issuing their fans in Northern Ireland with a sobering warning.

Hundreds of Light Blues supporters will be travelling on board the ferries from Larne to Stranraer and Cairnryan for the big "Old Firm" clash at Parkhead on April 4.

Clearly, it is vital for them to conform to all the rules and regulations imposed by the ferry companies as Ibrox Operations Executive Alistair Hood told the "News."

Said Alistair: "Too often in the past, the misconduct of football fans have created diversions for the captain and crew of ferries and the regrettable tragedy at Zeebrugge shows just how important it is for these people to concentrate on their jobs.

"Having recently met our supporters in Northern Ireland, I know them to be responsible people — but I must emphasise to them that there is no way high spirits can be allowed to interfere with the ferry crews' duties.

"We have supporters travelling to our games on the ferries every week but, of course, there will be a much larger than normal number of them coming over for the match at Parkhead on April 4.

"I would urge them to take the greatest care possible and make sure their journey to and from Scotland is a happy one and a safe one."



● ALISTAIR HOOD

Mills on the move!

AS YOUR 'News' went to press, it looked likely that Nottingham Forest midfielder Gary Mills would become the latest English recruit to Rangers' star-studded squad.

The 25-year-old former England under-21 international was the subject of a £150,000 deal and the Light Blues were confident the move would go through at the weekend.

Mills made his debut for Forest back in the 1978-79 season and has been with Brian Clough since then, apart from loan spells to Derby County and North American club Seattle Sounders.

IT'S ALL UP TO US NOW

RANGERS are now clear at the top of the Premier League — and the Light Blues aim to reinforce that position when they travel to Tannadice this Saturday.

Graeme Souness and his men were in action last night (Tuesday) when they took on Dundee at Dens Park but irrespective of the results of that game, the match against Dundee United this weekend will go a long way to deciding the outcome of the championship.

Saturday's 2-0 win over Hamilton Accies at Ibrox was boosted by the fact that title rivals Celtic lost 1-0 to Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

But Rangers know it's their own performances which will decide whether or not the league flag will fly over Ibrox for the first time since 1978.

Said assistant-manager Walter Smith: "It's all in our own hands now although obviously results elsewhere do have a bearing on how things can finish up.

Pressure

"But we know that every match for us from now on is a mini Cup Final and that if we can win those games we will be the champions.

"All the pressure was on our players against Hamilton with the Scottish Cup defeat still being talked about by everyone.

"But they went out and performed like the professionals they are and we are delighted with the victory. Hamilton went out to defend again but this time we always looked like scoring."

Rangers had injury worries over Ian Durrant (arm) and Graham Roberts (knee) before last night's game at Dens Park, but both should definitely be fit for Tannadice.

Rangers reserves were also in action last night (Tuesday) when they took on Aberdeen at Ibrox in a crucial Premier Reserve League match. Full report in next week's 'News'.

"Every match is now a mini Cup Final"
— Walter Smith



● OVER THE TOP . . . Robert Fleck in high-flying action but Dave McKellar makes a brilliant save. More action from Rangers' 2-0 win over Hamilton and match slant on pages 6 and 7.

United match a sell-out . . .

THIS Saturday's crunch Premier League match between Dundee United and Rangers at Tannadice is a complete sell-out.

Any supporters who do not have a ticket for the match should stay away from Dundee this weekend — they will not gain entry to the ground without a ticket.



EDINBURGH DATE FOR IBROX BOSS

RANGERS player-manager GRAEME SOUNESS will be among a star-studded line up at the North British Hotel in Edinburgh on Thursday, April 16.

The Ibrox boss is just one of a host of football stars and celebrities who will be paying tribute to former Hibs and Scotland physiotherapist TOM McNIVEN.

Tom recently retired from the game after 25 years service and a quick look at the guest list shows just how highly he was regarded by the rest of his profession.

Apart from Graeme Souness, Scotland boss ANDY ROXBURGH, DAVID HAY of Celtic, Hearts' SANDY JARDINE and Hibs assistant-manager PETER CORMACK will all be there.



● SANDY JARDINE . . . star guest

TOMMY DOCHERTY, ANDY CAMERON and TONY HIGGINS will be beside Tom at the top table as after-dinner speakers, while Liverpool boss KENNY DALGLISH and Manchester United manager ALEX FERGUSON have promised to do their best to be there too.

McNiven is a great champion of the amateur game and Lothian club Prestonfield Links United are promoting the bash which, as you might expect, is not cheap.

Tickets are going at £25 a time and Prestonfield secretary Gerry Herriot is currently taking bookings. He can be contacted on 031-334 5616.

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CHRIS WOODS has been voted 'Player of the Year' by the Kinning Park Loyal Rangers Supporters Club.

The Light Blues goalkeeper has been invited to accept his prize on the night of the club's dinner dance on Thursday, April 23 in the Corkerhill Masonic Social Club.

Also picked to attend is Ian Durrant who lives in Kinning Park and is the club's Honorary President.

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THE Camelon Rangers Supporters Club would like to pass on their thanks to TERRY BUTCHER for going along to accept their "Player of the Year' award at their recent dance.

STUART MUNRO and former Rangers' keeper JIM STEWART also attended what was a great night — although the Camelon lads do advise Terry to take some singing lessons!

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THE Kells and Connor Rangers Supporters Club from County Antrim in Northern Ireland will be making their first ever visit to Ibrox as a club on Friday, April 3.

They will be making their 'Player of the Year' presentation to DEREK FERGUSON before going to the 'Old Firm' match at Parkhead the following day.

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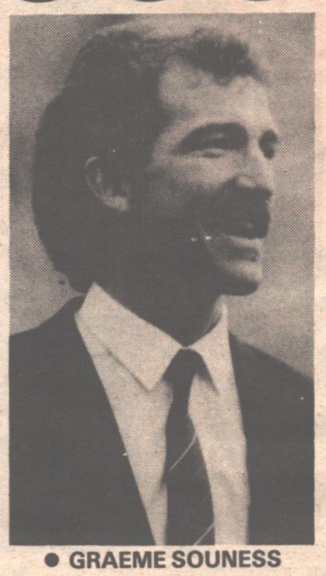
IBROX could be available to everyone next season — in miniature.

ALAN LODGE and his wife



● GRAEME SOUNESS . . . star guest



Rangers fix it for John

JOHN Ferguson enjoyed a big day out recently when Rangers left no stone unturned to make his visit to Ibrox to watch the match against Hibs an enjoyable one.

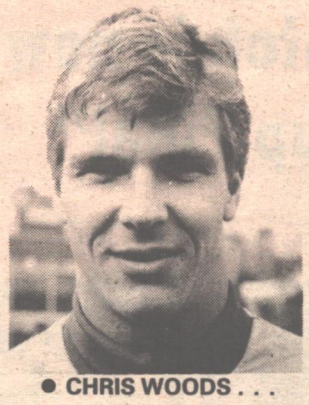
The 17-year-old Rangers fan suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a rare disease which affects boys only. Sadly the disease is fatal and John's brother died from it last year.

John's life ambition was to see Ibrox Stadium and Rangers made sure he did that in style, taking him from his home in Dumfries by chauffeur-driven car to the match.

As you can see from our photo, John also met the Rangers stars in the dressing-room on a day he'll never forget.



● The Sun Inn Cumnock Rangers Supporters' Club recently presented Ibrox skipper Terry Butcher with their 'Player of the Year' award. Terry is pictured receiving his prize from Ian Lowe, Billy Leitch, Joe Wilson, John Findley, Billy Dow and Calum Pringle.



● CHRIS WOODS . . . star man

ALEX have set up a business under the Manpower Services Commission's Enterprise Allowance Scheme producing a series of self-assembly models of famous British Football stadiums.

Called Stadia Graphics, they are based in Dean Street and next season they hope to add Ibrox to the likes of Highbury, White Hart Lane, Old Trafford, Anfield, Wembley and Hampden Park which are already on the production line.

Alan told the 'News': "I had a meeting with Mr HUGH ADAM about the model and he was very interested. But at the moment there is already a cardboard model of Ibrox on sale in the Rangers Shop.

"The type of models we make are far more detailed, though, with every entrance being reproduced and every detail right down to the advertising boards.

"We would love to produce a model of Ibrox and hopefully next season we can get a contract to do it."

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CAROLINE REID from Johnstone would like to thank all the people who answered her advert for a pen-pal in a recent issue of the 'News'.

If you would like to get a pen-pal through the pages of the 'News', send your details to 'PENPALS', Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE.

Wanted

WANTED: Penpals, male, age 15 and over. Three girls who are into The Stranglers, Simple Minds and Billy Idol. We are also crazy about football, especially Rangers. So put pen to paper and send photos to Arlene Love, Debbie Atwell and Linda McMillan at 12 Clyde Place, Conseford, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland PA5 0NU.

WANTED: Rangers News issues 697 (July 17, 1985), 706 (September 18, 1985) and 731 (March 12, 1986). Please write to Gordon Michie, 11 Northall Road, Markinch, Fife KY7 6JR.

Long distance call . . .

ONE of the most unique 'Player of the Year' presentations will be taking place at Ibrox soon — the Melbourne Rangers Supporters' Club are coming up from 'down under' to hand over their prize.

Last season, the Aussie lads handed over their trophy to winner Davie Cooper when the Ranger was with the Scotland squad on World Cup duty in Melbourne.

Favourite

As yet, the votes still haven't been tallied up although TERRY BUTCHER looks a strong favourite to land the Melbourne lads' prize — they haven't yet decided which match they will be attending, either.

However, the rest of the Rangers support will not be able to miss them — they are bringing a huge 12 foot by six foot Australian flag with them so give them a cheer when you see it.

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NO SLIP-UPS NOW!

If we want title we can't put a foot wrong

THIS Saturday, we face one of our sternest tests on the run-in to the Premier League Championship when we travel to Tannadice to take on Dundee United.

People are already labelling the game as a "title decider" but that is silly.

As far as I'm concerned, every match is a title decider from now until May 9 and we are out to win every game we play. There can be no slip-ups now if that trophy is going to come back to Ibrox.

There is also no way we will be going to Tannadice for a draw.

Just like we went all-out to win at Tynecastle in February and smashed Hearts unbeaten home record, we will be giving everything and trying to record an impressive win over Dundee United.

All three previous matches against them in the league, as well as the Skol Cup semi-final, have been smashing and the goalless draw on our last visit to Tannadice was one of the most exciting I can remember.

Great

Our support were brilliant at Tannadice that night and I'm sure they will be there in huge numbers again to urge us on to two points this Saturday. They really can make a big difference.

Depending on Dundee United's result against Barcelona tonight, they could be vulnerable — but we know nothing less than our very best will be good enough to beat them.

They are excellent at sucking in pressure from teams and then hitting on the break with guys like Kevin Gallacher, Paul Sturrock and Iain Ferguson using their pace to great effect.

However, a repeat of our performance again st them at Ibrox at the end of last year would do nicely.

Graham Roberts made his debut for us that afternoon and we played some great football to beat them 2-0. Robbo had a marvellous 90 minutes and this is the type of big game he revels in.

It should be a cracker and as usual I'm confident that we can do the necessary and bring another two points back to Ibrox.



Donald made me unhappy

Mackay made me an unhappyman last week when Blackburn Rovers won their way to the Full Members Cup Final.

Dangermouse to the players is Donald to you, our ex-coach who has taken on the managerial role at Ewood Park and last week made it to Wembley when his side stuffed my old club Ipswich 3-0.

I wish my old mates had been going to the final, but good luck to Donald — he deserves the success.

Meanwhile, I was cheered up a bit when the lads thought up an even better nickname for assistant-manager Walter Smith.



● DONALD MACKAY . . . bad news for Terry when Donald's Blackburn side defeated Ipswich last week.

We are calling him McCall because of his new haircut — he looks just like the character in the TV programme "The Equalizer." Just as well Watty can take a joke or we might have a new club captain after this column is printed!

Terry talking . . . to you!

IF THERE is any subject you would like Terry to talk about in his column, then drop him a line to 'Terry Talking', Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow, G3 7YE.

He'll do his best to answer any questions you may have.



● GRAHAM ROBERTS . . . shaking hands with George Smith after his debut against Dundee United in December when he was in brilliant form.

United can win through tonight

DUNDEE United will step into the fire this evening (Wednesday) when they walk out onto the pitch at the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona.

It is one of the most intimidating arenas in the world of football but I believe Jim McLean and his men have the ability and the confidence to get the result which will take them into the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup.

I well remember my own experience of the stadium's unique atmosphere when I was a member of the Ipswich Town side who played Barcelona in the quarter-finals of the European Cup-Winners Cup.

We had won 2-1 at Portman Road in the first leg with little Eric Gates getting both goals — but their vital 'away' goal from Esteban was always going to make life difficult for us.



● JOHAN NEESKENS

When we walked out into the Nou Camp, it was like being in a goldfish bowl. The terraces and stands just seemed to go up for ever and I had never seen so many people in one place.

You can feel the sheer passion the people have for Barcelona, rather than hear it. A big crowd at Ibrox create more noise than the 100,000 in the Nou Camp — but the atmosphere is unique.

It wasn't a great game when we played them. We knew we had to keep it tight but with Johann Neeskens in great form for them, they scored through Migueli — a player who is still with the club.

That meant we had to score to go through and although we enjoyed a spell of pressure near the end, we went out on the away goals rule.

United, though, have the advantage of not having conceded a goal at Tannadice and that's why I'm backing them to go through — I think they will score in the Nou Camp.

It may be a case of the supermarket against the corner shop as Jim McLean is fond of saying — but it's all down to 11 men against 11 on the night and United have what it takes.

I don't like Brockville

A QUESTION often asked by football magazines and newspapers to players is: "What is your favourite away ground?"

Well, without any disrespect to Falkirk, I can honestly say that Brockville would certainly not come into the reckoning with me when asked that question.

The three visits I have made there with Rangers this season may have all been winning ones — but they have been a personal nightmare in one way or another.

Luck

Against Stenhousemuir in the Skol Cup, we were cruising 4-0 when we lost a bad goal which neither I or Chris Woods were too happy about to say the very least.

Then, when we first travelled to meet Falkirk there in the Premier League, we won easily 5-1 but I managed to get my first "goal" as a Rangers player when I took a brainstorm and whacked the ball past Chris Woods.

Last Saturday, my luck at Brockville didn't improve as I was booked and generally had a 90 minutes which I was completely unsatisfied with.

We were cruising to a win at 2-0 up and then made it difficult for ourselves when myself, Chris and Graham Roberts made a real mess of a through ball and allowed Brian Scrimgeour to pull a goal back.

The three of us have taken some stick about the goal and whatever way you look at it, it was an "expensive" mistake

We seemed to have lost control of several matches when we have been well on top and none of us can explain the reason. We just take our foot off the pedal and it's something we have to combat.

However, with the exception of the Dundee United match at the start of the season, we haven't lost a match in those circumstances and when we take the lead against the top sides we look capable of staying in that position.

It just shows that the matches against the so-called lesser opposition have the need for just as much effort and concentration as the games against the big boys.

Terrific night at dances

MY DIARY was pretty full as usual last week and it started off when I attended two supporters clubs dances last Saturday night after the Falkirk match.

First port of call was Kilsyth where I was made tremendously welcome and they saw me safely despatched to my second appointment which was at the Camelon club.

I was persuaded to sing by some misguided fans and they must have had second thoughts when they heard my vocal chords going into action!

Terrific

Both sets of supporters gave me terrific hospitality and I don't think I've signed so many autographs in one night. The enthusiasm was unbelievable.

Sunday night was the official Rangers dinner-dance at the Albany Hotel when the players, officials and their partners all gathered.

The music was provided by a group who played the "big band" sound and although it's not my cup of tea, it was quite good.

On Monday night, I stayed in for a change but on Tuesday night it was off to the Grosvenor Hotel where I was one of the judges at the Miss Evening Times beauty contest.

My choice didn't make it, so I'm not taking the blame! It was a great night out, though, and the lads in the dressingroom reaped the benefit the following day.

The judges were all given portfolios of all the 16 girls and I took mine into Ibrox. Everyone had a good check through and came up with 16 different winners! The pictures have since disappeared, incidentally.

On Wednesday it was my turn to babysit and I had a relaxing night in listening to my favourite Heavy Metal music — Krokus, Gary Moore and Duke Jupiter who I'm sure you have all heard of!

Thursday night was set aside for answering my mail which took me a good three hours, and on Friday it was off to Cumbernauld to open a new William Hill bookies with Celtic skipper Roy Aitken. All in a week's work.

Spotlight on Rangers' quarter-final BP Youth Cup tie

DEADLY DUO STRIKE AGAIN

John, Gary net for Light Blues

THE deadly double-act of John Spencer and Gary McSwegan teamed up yet again last Wednesday night to fire Rangers under-18s into the semi-finals of the BP Youth Cup.

The 16-year-old have been forming a goalscoring partnership since playing together at under-14 level — and it was finishing of the highest quality from them which enabled Rangers to overcome a stubborn Queen's Park side.

In truth, it was a disappointing performance from the young Light Blues who never came close to reaching the heights they displayed in their 7-1 devastation of Kilmarnock in the last round.

In the first half, they struggled to get to grips with the game in midfield and even in the early minutes a draw looked a likely outcome.

But Rangers took the lead in the 27th minute in some style, with John Spencer displaying his deft touch by cleverly turning his opponent on the edge of the penalty area and driving a low shot past the despairing Queen's Park 'keeper.

That shou!d have been the spur for the boys to take a firm grip of the game but they allowed the visitors back into things and then lost a bad goal.

Outpaced

It came right on the stroke of half-time — the best possible time for Queens and the worst for Rangers — when Colin Scott couldn't collect a harmless looking cross, the defence failed to clear and Gardner stepped in to drive the ball home.

Rangers had it all to do in the second half and in the early stages continued to struggle.

The introduction of Gary Andrews pepped up the attack, however, and as the visitors began to tire, Rangers' full-time training began to pay off.

In the 75th minute the winning goal arrived when Gary McSwegan, switching from the left wing to a central striking role, outpaced the defence, held off a challenge and then slammed a low hard shot past the 'keeper from 14 yards.

Rangers never looked in danger after that and might have scored a couple more goals before the 90 minutes were up.

RANGERS: Scott, Hamilton, Clark, McEwan, Thomson, A. McPherson, Spencer, Milligan, Frith, Knell, McSwegan. Subs: Andrews (for Milligan 61 min.) and Henderson (not used).

Rangers	2
Queens Park	1



● NINETY MINUTES FROM THE FINAL . . . The Rangers squad who earned their place in the BP Youth Cup semi-finals. Back row (left to right): Gary Andrews, Jim Milligan, Paul Hamilton, Colin Scott, Mark Thomson, Gary McSwegan, Alan Henderson. Front row: Alex McEwan, John Spencer, Angus McPherson, Jim Frith, Jason Clark, Phillip Knell.



● SUPERSUB . . . Gary Andrews was impressive when he came on as a substitute and here he gets in another telling cross from the right.



● HEADBOYS . . . Jim Frith loses out on this occasion as his opponent rises to clear the danger.

Players are confident . . . but cautious!

THE Rangers players were confident but cautious about their chances of winning the BP Youth Cup following the quarter-final win over Queen's Park.

Captain Angus McPherson, who missed a penalty late in the match, said: "We didn't play anywhere near as well as we did against Kilmarnock in the previous round but we are in the semis and have every chance to go all the way.

Nightmare

"The penalty was a bit of a nightmare although the goalkeeper did well to save it. However, there's no excuse for not scoring from the spot and I'm just relieved it didn't have any bearing on the final score."

Defender Alex McEwan set his sights on an "Old Firm" final when he said: "The lads were glad to see that Celtic beat Aberdeen in one of the other quarter-finals as we would love to meet them in the final.

"Despite not playing too well against Queen's Park, the spirit in the squad is building all the time and if we got a crack at Celtic I'm sure we wouldn't let ourselves or the club down."

The other quarter-finals are between Morton and Motherwell with Dundee playing Dundee United. the semi-finals should take place sometime in April.

McCloy unhappy

DESPITE being just 90 minutes from the BP Youth Cup Final, coach Peter McCloy was not satisfied with Rangers' performance against Queen's Park last week.

He told the 'News': "The players we expected a lot from just didn't produce the goods on the night and that was disappointing, despite the fact that the result was good.

"The boys have got to realise that we will stand by them if they give us full effort and commitment even when they don't play well. But we didn't even get that.

"We can't really accept young players not showing the willingness we are looking for.

"On the credit side, the players did finish the match well and the fact that there are so many right-sided boys in the team doesn't help and we did look a bit lop-sided at times.

"But they must learn to do things together as a team and not as individuals. That's the only way to achieve success and that's what they'll have to do if they ever want to win this competition."



● GARY THE GREAT . . . It's the winner for Rangers as Gary McSwegan holds off the defender's challenge to shoot home in the 75th minute.



● FLYING FRITH . . . Spectacular action as Rangers' striker Jim Frith takes off to get in a shot in the second half.

TWO POINTS TO THE WEST



● ABOVE: COLIN WEST . . . on the mark from the penalty-spot for the reserves against Dundee at Dens.
● RIGHT: LINDSAY HAMILTON . . . good performance and a clean sheet against Dundee.



Colin's penalty kick wins match

Dundee . . . . . 0 Rangers 1

A SECOND-HALF penalty-kick from Colin West earned Rangers reserves two welcome points against Dundee at Dens Park last Monday night.

The Light Blues failed to match the excellent form they showed against Hibs at Ibrox two days before, but they nonetheless deserved their victory.

Confidence

Coach Peter McCloy said after the game: "The result is pleasing but the performance could have been better and I felt we slipped back a bit after the good display against Hibs.

"We should have scored a few more goals, especially after the penalty when we were all over Dundee. However, another win should have given the team added confidence."

Injury

Both sides had their share of the scoring opportunities in the first half but goalkeepers Tom Carson and Lindsay Hamilton were equal to whatever was put their way.

Rangers replaced Derek Ferguson at half-time with Alex McEwan as the under-21 international midfield star was still feeling the effects of injury.

The Ibrox lads stepped up the pressure as Dundee began to tire and Gary McSwegan was denied twice by fine saves from the goalkeeper.

In the 68th minute, however, Rangers made the breakthrough when a shot from David MacFarlane beat Carson but was handled on the line by a defender.

Killer

Colin West stepped up to take the spot-kick and made no mistake, grabbing his fifth goal in eight matches for the reserves.

Rangers really should have made the superiority tell after that but once again their final ball into the box let them down and the killer touch is still lacking from the second team.

Peter McCloy declined to make a 'Young Man-of-the-Match' award, feeling that there was no outstanding candidate on this occasion.

RANGERS: Hamilton, MacFarlane, Yule, Dawson, Nisbet, Russell, Milligan, Ferguson, McSwegan, West, A. McPherson. Subs: McEwan (for Ferguson, 46) and Knell (for Milligan, 60).

Rangers fight back

Falkirk 2
Rangers 4

A BRILLIANT second-half performance from Rangers reserves earned them their third successive Premier Reserve League win as they came from behind to beat Falkirk at Brockville on Saturday.

The home side fielded no fewer than NINE of the first-team players who had faced Rangers the previous week and in the first 45 minutes it looked as if the young Light Blues were going to be overpowered.

Falkirk took the lead from the penalty spot after the ball had struck Hugh Burns on the arm and when they made it 2-0 before the break, things looked bad for Rangers.

Brilliant

But inspired by the brilliant Bobby Russell in midfield, the Ibrox lads completely outran and outfought Falkirk in the second half.

They pulled a goal back on the hour when Gary McSwegan fired in a shot which the keeper got to but which was over the line before David MacFarlane nipped in to make sure.

Ten minutes later, Rangers were level following a great move which ended with Gary McSwegan sending over a low cross for John Spencer to control the ball and drive an unsaveable shot into the net.

Pressure

Falkirk were wilting under the by now relentless pressure and in the 73rd minute Rangers took the lead when Bobby Russell strode forward from midfield and with the home side expecting a pass he just kept on going before rattling in a terrific left-foot shot.

Bobby was involved in the fourth goal for Rangers in the 80th minute when he played the ball to Phillip Knell on the left and the young Irish striker's cross was headed home by Hugh Burns.

Magnificent

Said a delighted Peter McCloy: "It was a magnificent team effort in the second half and I can't praise Bobby Russell high enough. He and Cammy Fraser both played with injuries and did well for us."

David MacFarlane's disappointment at not being credited with the first goal will be consoled by the fact that he wins the 'Young Man-of-the-Match' award.

RANGERS: Hamilton, Burns, Dawson, Thomson, Nisbet, Russell, Fraser, MacFarlane, McSwegan, Knell, Spencer. Subs: Frith and A. McPherson (not used).



● BOBBY RUSSELL . . . in brilliant form.

ASSOCIATION BOYS CLUB

Cardonald . . . . . 2 Rangers 6

A STUNNING second-half performance from the Association under-16s earned them two more league points from this match against Cardonald Boys Club at Bellarmine School on Sunday, March 8.

Alex McMillan grabbed a hat-trick as Rangers twice came from behind before finally swamping their opponents with a superb attacking performance.

The home side took the lead in the seventh minute, taking advantage of a short pass-back from Derek Mulholland, but Rangers equalised four minutes later when Alex McMillan shot home from 10 yards.

Cardonald regained the lead in the 29th minute following a mix-up between goalkeeper Richard Gough and right-back Jason Grieve, but McMillan again equalised for the Light Blues with a six-yard header in the 38th minute to make the half-time score 2-2.

The second half saw almost total pressure from Rangers and they went into the lead for the first time in the match when Maxwell Testo shot home from six yards in the 47th minute.

Douglas Govan provided the opening for goal number four in the 65th minute when he sent Ian McPhee clear with a great pass and the substitute made no mistake with his shot from 16 yards.

Six minutes from the end it was 5-2 to Rangers when Alex McMillan completed his hat-trick with an unsaveable shot from 12 yards out.

The Association lads completed their second half blitz in the 87th minute when another fine pass from Douglas Govan sent Gary Tolmie clear and he drove the ball past the Cardonald keeper from eight yards.

RANGERS: Gough, Grieve, Lloyd, Degnan, Rogerson, Testo, Tolmie, Govan, McMillan, Mulholland, Corbett. Subs: McPhee (for Corbett) and Swandells (for Grieve).

Rangers . . . . . 1 Kilpatrick 3

A BAD slip-up in the league championship from the under-12s who failed to take advantage of the chances they created against Kilpatrick at Holyrood School on Sunday, March 8.

Rangers took the lead after just two minutes when Kenny Brown deceived the visitors' keeper with a delightful chip shot from just six yards out.

But despite going on to create around 20 decent scoring chances opposed to Kilpatrick's five, the Light Blues scorned them all and were left to pay the price.

Kilpatrick's strike-rate in front of goal was far more impressive and they scored twice before the interval to make the half-time score 2-1.

Rangers continued to be poor in front of goal in the second half and Kilpatrick scored again to make sure of both points.

RANGERS: Inglis, Weir, Clarke, Williamson, Johnstone, Bruce, McWilliams, Cooper, Gow, Campbell, Brown. Subs: Hendry and McLeod (not used).

Rangers . . . . . 4 Wolves 0

THE under-10s used six substitutes in this special friendly match against Wolves at Eastbank School on Thursday, March 5.

The game was part of their preparations for the forthcoming tournament in the Isle of Wight and all the action came in the second half as Rangers rattled in four goals.

Trialist Andrew Essler opened the scoring with regular players Ryan Hendry, Jamie Mitchell and Robert Drennan all following him onto the scoresheet.

RANGERS: Gardiner, Drummond, Howden, Page, King, Allan, McDonald, Aitchison, Wilson, Dearie, McKinnon. Subs: Watret, Mitchell, Denham, Drennan, Essler and Hendry (all used).

Gourock . . . . . 0 Rangers 6

ANDREW Essler almost certainly booked himself a permanent place in the under-10s side when he grabbed a hat-trick in this friendly match win over Gourock at Inverkip on Saturday, March 7.

Some of the Gourock lads were 11-year-olds but they were still no match for a Rangers side in terrific form.

Jamie Mitchell scored a brilliant goal and Derek McDonald grabbed a double to add to Essler's hat-trick.

RANGERS: Gardiner, Drummond, Aitchison, Page, King, Drennan, Mitchell, Watret, Dearie, Denham, Essler. Subs: Howden, McKinnon and McDonald (all used).

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● GLAD ALL OVER . . . McPhers

● DEAD-EYE DAVIE . . . Rangers are on their way as Davie Cooper, watched by Graeme Souness, smashes home a brilliant 40th minute free-kick.



● SUPPORTING ROLE . . . Robert Fleck is in control and team-mate Stuart Munro backs him up in this attack.

PRES
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RANGERS moved clear at the top of the Premier League on Saturday and at the same time laid to rest as much as possible the spectre of their shock Scottish Cup exit.

Hamilton Accies employed the same defensive tactics as they did on that now famous visit to Ibrox back in January, but this time there was little chance of Rangers not winning.

With Chris Woods a virtual spectator for the 90 minutes, Scotland's biggest crowd of the day — again — saw a flash of Davie Cooper's genius and a typical striker's goal from Ally McCoist pick up the points.

Rangers set up camp in the Hamilton half of the field right from the start and the Lanarkshire men at times had all 11 of their players inside their own penalty area.

Ally McCoist shot just wide of McKellar's left-hand post in the eighth minute following good work from Souness and Fleck, and a minute later the Accies keeper did well to turn a David McPherson shot behind for a corner kick.

Marvellous

McKellar then defied Fleck with another good save and when Ally McCoist shot just over the crossbar in the 35th minute, the fans must have been wondering if they were in for another one of those days.

But they needn't have worried. Five minutes from half-time, David McPheson was fouled 25 yards out by Chico Speirs. Graeme Souness shaped as if he would take the free kick,

Rangers 2
Hamilton..... 0

but Davie Cooper stepped in and bent a low shot past the defensive wall and into the bottom right hand corner of the net. A marvellous strike.

Rangers continued to pile on the pressure after the interval and in the very first minute of the second half McKellar did brilliantly to arch back and touch a netbound shot from Robert Fleck over the bar.

A second goal was needed to make sure of the points even though Hamilton looked like they could play until the end of the season without scoring, such was their lack of imagination up front.

It was Rangers' inventiveness in the 63rd minute which brought them that second goal.

Davie Cooper knocked a corner kick on the right short to Jimmy Nicholl and he picked out Terry Butcher at the back post with a good



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FACT-FILE

PREMIER LEAGUE

Scorers: Cooper (40 min) and McCoist (63).
Att: 33,486.

RANGERS: Woods, Roberts, Munro, Souness, McPherson, Butcher, Nicholl, Fleck, McCoist, Durrant, Cooper. Subs: Ferguson and West (not used).

HAMILTON ACCIES: McKellar, McKee, Sprott, Brazil, Speirs, Collins, Taylor, Clarke, Jamieson, McCabe, Brogan. Subs: McDonald (for Brogan 64) and Mailer (for Taylor 75).

REFEREE; Kenny Hope (Clarkston).

BOOKED: Durrant (Rangers); Collins, McCabe (Hamilton).

RANGERS NEWS 'MAN-OF-THE-MATCH': Graham Roberts.



●PUSH OFF . . . Arm to arm wrestling as Chico Speirs and Ally McCoist battle for possession.



me Souness, Robert Fleck, Graham Roberts and David ongratulate Super Cooper on his goal.

SURE ITS!



● ABOVE: NICE AND EASY . . . Ally Brazil and Dave McKellar can only look on as Ally McCoist knocks in his 30th goal of the season to seal the points for Rangers.

● RIGHT: HIGH THERE, CAPTAIN . . . Super Ally gets a lift from captain Terry Butcher as the dynamic duo get that winning feeling.



ight Blues dominate match



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although if they had scored another four or five goals it would not have been an injustice — their domination of the game was so total.

As it is, Rangers moved into a very promising position in the championship race and victory at Tannadice this Saturday would make the prospects of the flag flying at Ibrox again very bright.

● IN YOU GO . . . Chico Spiers and Gerry Collins can't stop Robert Fleck getting in a shot which was well saved by Dave McKellar.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	35	24	6	5	68	19	54
Celtic	36	22	8	6	72	32	52
Dundee Utd.	34	21	8	5	56	26	50
Aberdeen	36	18	12	6	52	23	48
Hearts	35	18	10	7	56	33	46
Dundee	33	13	8	12	48	41	34
St Mirren	35	10	9	16	29	41	29
Motherwell	35	8	10	17	35	54	26
Hibernian	35	8	10	17	32	55	26
Falkirk	34	6	6	22	26	58	18
Clydebank	35	5	8	22	29	78	18
Hamilton	35	3	7	23	31	74	17

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Meadowbk	30	16	8	6	53	29	40
St Johnstn	31	14	11	6	53	40	39
Ayr Utd	31	16	7	8	53	42	39
Raith Rov	29	12	14	3	57	34	38
Stirling A.	30	13	11	6	39	26	37
Cowdenbth.	31	14	7	10	49	44	35
Alloa	30	14	6	10	41	39	34
Albion Rov	31	11	9	11	39	43	31
Queens Park	30	7	15	8	38	39	29
Stranraer	30	7	10	13	34	41	24
Arbroath.	31	9	5	17	37	55	23
Stenhsemuir	31	6	9	16	27	48	21
Berwick	31	7	6	18	33	51	20
East Stirling	30	4	8	18	24	46	16

Reserve League West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dunfermline	15	11	0	4	45	29	22
Raith Rov.	15	7	7	1	24	11	21
Stenhouse.	16	8	2	6	30	23	18
East Fife	16	7	3	7	34	37	17
Stirling A.	15	7	2	6	24	19	16
Cowdenb'th	17	7	1	9	35	42	15
East Stirling	16	4	4	8	23	36	12
St. Johnst.	15	2	3	10	16	34	7

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dumfermline	36	21	9	6	55	32	51
Morton	36	19	8	9	71	45	46
East Fife	36	12	18	6	52	45	42
Dumbarton	34	18	5	11	49	38	41
Airdrie	36	15	9	12	40	33	39
Kilmarnock	36	13	10	13	50	43	36
Forfar.	34	10	14	10	47	47	34
Partick Th.	35	10	11	14	41	44	31
Clyde	34	8	14	12	35	42	30
Qn of South	36	10	10	16	43	52	30
Brechin	35	8	7	20	32	62	23
Montrose	36	6	9	21	29	61	21

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	25	16	6	3	53	21	38
Celtic	28	15	7	6	58	39	37
Rangers	27	11	12	4	49	29	34
Hamilton	29	12	10	7	54	40	34
Motherwell	28	10	11	7	46	30	31
Dundee Utd.	26	12	6	8	43	39	30
Hearts	28	10	8	10	37	38	28
Clydebank	24	7	5	12	37	45	19
Falkirk	27	7	5	15	36	69	19
Hibernian	26	6	6	14	29	51	18
Dundee	26	5	7	14	41	56	17
St Mirren	25	4	7	14	31	55	15

Reserve League East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Kilmarnock	19	10	4	5	33	20	24
Clyde	18	10	3	5	40	23	23
Airdrie	19	9	5	5	40	25	23
Dumbarton	20	9	5	6	34	36	23
Morton	20	9	3	8	35	34	21
Ayr United	20	7	5	8	31	41	19
Partick T.	19	5	7	7	22	23	17
Albion R.	15	5	4	6	20	21	14
Queen's P.	19	5	2	12	13	30	12
Q.O.S.	17	3	4	10	23	40	10

1st XI scorers

Ally McCoist	30
Robert Fleck	21
David Cooper	10
David McPherson	8
Ian Durrant	6
Cammy Fraser	4
Graeme Souness	4
Colin West	3
Ted McMinn	3
Graham Roberts	2
Bobby Williamson	2
Dougie Bell	1
Derek Ferguson	1
Terry Butcher	1
Neil Woods	1
Own goal	1

2nd XI scorers

Hugh Burns	10
Bobby Russell	8
Robert Fleck	5
Colin West	5
Neil Woods	4
Gary McSwegan	4
Iain Ferguson	3
Ronnie Yule	3
Philip Knell	3
Jim Frith	3
Bobby Williamson	2
Dougie Bell	2
Craig Paterson	2
Scott Nisbet	2
John Spencer	2
David McFarlane	1
Alan McCluckie	1
John MacDonald	1
Ally Dawson	1

Weekend results

SCOTTISH CUP QUARTER FINAL

Clydebank	0	Dundee	4
Hearts	1	Motherwell	1
Dundee Utd	2	Forfar	2
Raith Rovers	0	St. Mirren	2

PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	1	Celtic	0
Rangers	2	Hamilton	0

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie	0	East Fife	0
Clyde	0	Dunfermline	1
Montrose	1	Kilmarnock	1
Morton	1	Brechin City	0
Q.O.S.	0	Partick T.	1

SECOND DIVISION

Berwick R.	1	Alloa	1
Cowdenbeath	3	Stranraer	3
Meadowbank	2	Arbroath	1
Stenhousemuir	0	Queens Park	2

PREMIER RESERVES

Falkirk	2	Rangers	4
Hamilton	1	Hearts	0

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP
(Fifth Round)

Celtic	2	Aberdeen	0

This week's games

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

EUROPEAN CUP, QUARTER-FINALS, SECOND LEG: Anderlecht v Bayern Munich, Brondbyernes v FC Porto, Dynamo Kiev v Besiktas Istanbul, Real Madrid v Red Star Belgrade.

CUP-WINNERS CUP, QUARTER-FINALS, SECOND LEG: Ajax v Malmo FF, Sion v Lokomtiv Leipzig, Torpedo Moscow v Bordeaux, Vitosha Sofia v Real Zaragoza.

UEFA CUP, QUARTER-FINALS, SECOND LEG: Barcelona v Dundee United, Inter Milan v IFK Gothenburg, Swarovski Tyrol v Torino, Vitoria Gukmares v Borussia Moenchengladbach.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION THREE: Bristol Rovers v Fulham, Chester v York City.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION FOUR: Hartlepool v Exeter City, Hereford v Rochdale.

FRIDAY

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION FOUR: Colchester v Southend.

SATURDAY

FINE FARE LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic v Clydebank, Dundee United v Rangers, Falkirk v Hearts, Hamilton Accies v Aberdeen, Hibernian v Dundee, St. Mirren v Motherwell.

FINE FARE LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION: Brechin City v Queen of the South, Dumbarton v Airdrie, Dunfermline Athletic v Morton, East Fife v Clyde, Kilmarnock v Forfar Athletic, Patrick Thistle v Montrose.

FINE FARE LEAGUE, SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers v Ayr United, Alloa v Stenhousemuir, Arbroath v Stirling Albion, Queen's Park v Meadowbank Thistle, Raith Rovers v Berwick Rangers, St. Johnstone v Cowdenbeath, Stranraer v East Stirling.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE: Chelsea v West Ham United, Everton v Charlton, Manchester City v Newcastle United, Norwich City v Luton Town, Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester United, Southampton v Aston Villa, Tottenham v Liverpool, Watford v Arsenal, Wimbledon v QPR.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION TWO: Birmingham City v Portsmouth, Bradford City v Barnsley, Brighton v Ipswich Town, Crystal Palace v Leeds United, Huddersfield v Stoke City, Hull City v Derby County, Plymouth v Grimsby Town, Reading v Sheffield United, Shrewsbury Town v Millwall, Sunderland v Oldham Athletic, West Brom v Blackburn Rovers.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION THREE: Blackpool v Middlesbrough, Bolton v Walsall, Brentford v Mansfied, Bristol Rovers v Wigan, Chester v Newport, Darlington v Carlisle, Doncaster v Bury, Gillingham v Bournemouth, Port Vale v Chesterfield, Rotherham v Notts County, York City v Bristol City.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION FOUR: Burnley v Aldershot, Cambridge United v Preston, Cardiff City v Wrexham, Halifax v Torquay, Lincoln v Exeter, Northampton v Stockport, Orient v Crewe, Rochdale v Peterborough, Scunthorpe v Swansea, Tranmere v Wolves.

SUNDAY

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE: Coventry City v Oxford United, Nottingham Forest v Leicester City.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION THREE: Swindon Town v Fulham.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION FOUR: Hereford v Hartlepool.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR TABLE

GRAHAM Roberts moves up to the four-point mark in the Rangers News 'Player of the Year' table after winning the 'Man-of-the-Match' vote for his display against Hamilton Accies on Saturday.

In the reserves, David MacFarlane's fine performance at Brockville won him the 'Young Man of the Match' vote and pushes him into second place in the table behind Scott Nisbet.

The full tables are:

FIRST TEAM

Terry Butcher	19
Ally McCoist	10
Ian Durrant	8
David Cooper	8
Robert Fleck	7
Derek Ferguson	7
Dougie Bell	6
Cammy Fraser	5
Stuart Munro	5
Graham Roberts	4
Jimmy Nicholl	3
Chris Woods	2
David McPherson	1

SENT OFF: Souness, McPherson, Munro, Cooper, Roberts, Durant.

BOOKED: Butcher (8), McPherson (5), Cooper (4), McMinn (4), West (2), Nicholl (3), Woods, Munro, McCoist (2), Fraser (2), Ferguson (2), Fleck (2), Bell, Paterson, Dawson, Souness (2), Roberts (2), Durrant.

SECOND TEAM

Scott Nisbet	14
David McFarlane	11
Colin Miller	9
Stuart Beattie	9
Phillip Knell	6
Robert Fleck	6
Derek Ferguson	6
Alex McEwan	3
Gary McSwegan	3
Angus McPherson	2
Hugh Burns	1

SENT OFF: McMinn.

BOOKED: Frith, Spencer, Burns (2), Dawson, A. McPherson, Yule, Fraser (2), Nisbet, MacFarlane, West.

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Winners share £1,000.

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Winners share £1,000.

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Winners share £1,000.

● The Agents' Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £3,800.

Saturday's Results

● Saturday's check — Game 01—3-1; 02—2-1; 03—0-0; 04—1-0; 05—0-0; 06—0-2; 07—4-2; 08—1-2; 09—1-0; 10—0-1; 11—3-0. 12—1-0; 13—6-0; 14—3-1; 15—2-4; 16—2-2; 17—1-0; 18—1-1; 19—0-2; 20—2-2; 21—1-1; 22—0-1; 23—2-1; 24—1-2; 25—1-1; 26—0-0; 27—3-2; 28—4-1; 29—4-0; 30—1-1; 31—1-1; 32—0-0; 33—1-1; 34—1-1; 35—1-3; 36—3-1; 37—1-0; 38—2-1; 39—2-1; 40—4-4; 41—0-2; 42—0-2; 43—0-0; 44—1-1.

This week's teams

● Match list for March 21: 01 Birmingham v Portsmouth, 02 Bradford C. v Barnsley, 03 Brentford v Mansfield, 04 Bristol R. v Wigan A., 05 Cardiff v Wrexham, 06 Lincoln C. v Exeter, 07 Rochdale v Peterborough, 08 Scunthorpe v Swansea, 09 Dundee United v Rangers, 10 Falkirk v Hearts, 11 Brighton v Ipswich T., 12 Crystal P. v Leeds U., 13 Huddersfield v Stoke C., 14 Rotherham v Notts. C., 15 York v Bristol C., 16 Gainsboro v Caernarfon, 17 Horwich v Worksop, 18 Matlock v Hyde, 19 Hamilton v Aberdeen, 20 Hibernian v Dundee, 21 Norwich C. v Luton T., 22 Wimbledon v Q.P.R., 23 Blackpool v Middlesbrough, 24 Bolton W. v Walsall, 25 Burnley v Aldershot, 26 Cambridge U. v Preston, 27 Morecambe v Marine, 28 Mossley v S. Liverpool, 29 Arbroath v Stirling A, 30 Queens Park v Meadowbank, 31 Hull C. v Derby C., 32 Reading v Sheff. U., 33 Gillingham v Bournemouth, 34 Port Vale v Chesterfield, 35 Brechin v Queen of South, 36 Dumbarton v Airdrie, 37 Partick v Montrose, 38 Albion v Ayr, 39 Dunfermline v Morton, 40 Darlington v Carlisle, 41 Sunderland v Oldham A., 42 Shrewsbury v Millwall, 43 Man. City v Newcastle, 44 Chelsea v West Ham.

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LIGHT BLUE LOOKBACK . . .the news from 15, 25 and 50 years ago

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

MAGNIFICENT Rangers gave 75,000 fans a night to remember this week 15 years ago as the Light Blues marched triumphantly to the semi finals of the Cup Winners Cup.

Torino were sent packing in a 1-0 victory which put Rangers through on a 2-1 aggregate. Alex MacDonald was the hero who earned the Ibrox club a glamorous last four tie with the powerful Bayern Munich of West Germany.

Joy

His moment of joy came in the 46th minute just as the Italians were settling down for the second period. Rangers launched an attack immediately after the restart and Tommy McLean sprinted down the wing. His cross was precise and found Johnston who promptly headed across goal. MacDonald forced the ball over the line.

Early first half pressure from Rangers had given Torino a taste of what was to come. Desperate defending from the visitors thwarted the Light Blues. The second half was no different and, after the great start, Rangers went on to hit the post twice with John Greig and Willie Johnston being the men denied. Torino, however, had their own good spells.

Toschi hit the post in the 41st minute and Colin Jackson was forced to clear off the line from a Luppi drive. But, they couldn't make a breakthrough and Rangers achieved a one nil victory.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Jackson, Smith, McLean, Johnstone, Stein, MacDonald, Johnston.
TORINO: Castellini, Lombardo, Fossati, Puia, Cereser, Ferrini, Luppi, Crivelli, Bui, Rampanti, Toschi.

Rangers second leg win put them into the hat for the next round and they were drawn against Bayern Munich with the first leg in Germany. April 5 was the date announced for that game with the Ibrox match scheduled for April 19. The other game saw Dynamo Berlin paired with Dynamo Moscow.

In a great European night for Scotland Celtic marched through to the semi finals of the European Cup after a



● GOLDEN MOMENT . . . Alex MacDonald turns away in triumph after scoring the goal against Torino which took Rangers into the Cup-Winners Cup semi-finals.

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dramatic 1-1 draw at Parkhead. The Celts, who won on a 3-2 aggregate, went one goal behind in the first half to a strike from Dunai. They recovered, however, to equalise through Lou Macari.

Their efforts had earned them a meeting with Inter Milan with the first leg in Italy. The other game was Ajax versus Benfica. The crack Dutch side had knocked out Arsenal on a 3-1 aggregate, including a 1-0 win at Highbury. A tragic own goal from George Graham had seen to that.

Probably the best result of the European evening was that of Wolverhampton Wanderers. The Midlands side beat Juventus 2-1 at Molineux and went through on a 3-2 aggregate to the semi finals of the UEFA Cup where they were to face Ferencvaros of Hungary.

Saved

Four days previously Rangers found themselves in a thrilling fifth round tie in the Scottish Cup. Plucky Motherwell came so close to knocking out the mighty Gers, leading 2-1 with just seven minutes left.

Colin Stein saved the Ibrox blushes with an 83rd minute life saver. Rangers had gone ahead through Alex MacDonald in the 33rd minute, but were pulled level with a goal from Well's Heron. The Fir Park crowd went delirious in the 73rd minute when Campbell put them ahead. Thankfully, Stein pounced afterwards to earn the Light Blues a replay.

MOTHERWELL: Fallon, Muir, Whiteford, Forsyth, McCallum, Watson, Campbell, McInally, McCabe, Lawson, Heron.
RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Jackson, Smith, McLean, Johnstone, Stein, MacDonald, Johnston.

The other Cup scores that day were as follows: Celtic 1, Hearts 1; Hibernian 2, Aberdeen 0; Raith Rovers 1, Kilmarnock 3.

United shock Ibrox men...

RANGERS fell to a sensational defeat this week 25 years ago as Dundee United did their Tayside neighbours, Dundee, a huge favour.

The Tannadice side travelled to Ibrox on March 24 and, in front of a 28,000 crowd, shocked the home faithful with a 1-0 win which suddenly put second placed Dundee right back into contention.

With fifteen minutes played United scored. Tommy Millar, brother of Rangers forward Jimmy, sped down the wing and cut across a fine pass despite being jostled by Ralph Brand. Walter Carlyle ran into the box and scored from a couple of yards out with Billy Ritchie helpless.

The stunned Light Blues piled on the pressure but couldn't find a way past the resolute United defence, inspired by the 'keeping of Ugolini.

With just minutes left on the clock Willie Henderson was upended in the box by Briggs. To their great dismay, Rangers could only watch as the referee waved aside their appeals. Rangers had lost two bad points.

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● GEORGE McLEAN . . . transferred to Norwich City.

RANGERS: Ritchie, Shearer, Caldow, Millar, Davis, Baxter, Scott, McMillan, Wilson, Brand, Henderson.
DUNDEE UNITED: Ugolini, Gordon, Briggs, Neilson, Roe, Fraser, Carlyle, Millar, Gillespie, Irvine, Mochan.

Rangers nearest challengers all won. Dundee beat Hibs 1-0 at Dens Park to move within one point of the Ibrox club. Third placed Dunfermline, meanwhile, beat Kilmarnock 2-0 at East End Park. They were three points behind, but had played two games more.

The top three was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers . .	29	20	5	4	77	28	45
Dundee . .	29	20	4	5	59	42	44
Dnfrmline .	31	19	4	8	75	40	42

Rangers star, George McLean, completed a transfer to Norwich City after a prolonged period with the reserves, thanks mainly to the brilliant form of Ian McMillan. City manager, Willie Reid, had spent the week looking for players in Scotland and regarded McLean as the perfect man for up front.

Rangers man of the moment, Davie Wilson, was earning banner headlines again this week. Following on from his six goal show against poor Falkirk, Wilson netted a further hat-trick for the Scottish League Select versus their English counterparts.

Villa Park, home of Aston Villa, was the venue on March 21 for a 4-3 victory for the Scots. A thrilling match also saw Ralph Brand score. Scorers for England were Hunt (2) and Haynes.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Connachan, Caldow, Hamilton, Crerand, McNeill, Fraser, Scott, Quinn, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

Rangers Reserves found themselves in the middle of a stormy League Cup semi final tie at Rugby Park against Kilmarnock on March 20. Over 4,000 fans watched as Killie had one player sent off and one booked. Rangers George McLean had his name taken also.

Rangers won fairly comfortably with goals from Hume and Penman to put themselves through to the final.

RANGERS RESERVES: Martin, Provan, King, McKinnon, Paterson, Sutherland, Watson, Willoughby, McLean, Penman, Hume.

Action days for Rangers

RANGERS were right in the thick of League action this week 50 years ago with two games in a five day period.

Three points out of four were gained with games against Aberdeen, at Pittodrie, and Hamilton Accies at Ibrox.

On March 20 Rangers travelled North in the league's match of the day with the second placed Dons trying hard to knock the Light Blues off their perch at the top of the league.

Explosive

A fine match, watched by a healthy crowd, ended in a 1-1 draw. It was to be Aberdeen who struck first with a goal which had a slight element of luck about it.

Armstrong attempted a shot just outside the box but completely sliced his efort. The ball broke loose in the box and fell kindly for his fellow striker, Mills. Dawson was given no chance whatsoever with an explosive drive.

Rangers fought back, though, and four minutes from half time they levelled the scores with an excellent goal. Jimmy Smith sent in a perfect cross to the back post for the waiting Dave Kinnear. The Light Blues forward headed across goal and, as Johnstone rushed from his goal to clear, Bobby Main nipped in with great speed to knock the ball into the net.

ABERDEEN: Johnstone, Cooper, Temple, Dunlop, Falloon, Thomson, Beynon, McKenzie, Armstrong, Mills, Strauss.
RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, McKillop, Simpson, Brown, Main, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Kinnear.

It was a result which left Aberdeen trailing Rangers by four points with no games in hand. Third placed Celtic achieved a narrow 2-1 victory over St. Mirren at Love Street that same afternoon.

Hamilton Accies were the next side to face a confident Rangers outfit, with Ibrox the venue on March 24.

March 18 - 24, 1937

The Light Blues ran riot in a 4-0 triumph with the scoreline telling the whole story. Only fifteen seconds had been played when visiting goalkeeper, Morgan, found himself giving his back some exercise.

Straight from the kick off Jimmy Smith released Alec Venters with a tremendous through-ball and the forward finished clinically with a drive which received a slight deflection from Scott.

It was to be all one-way traffic after that memorable incident. In the 35th minute Bob McPhail netted from the penalty spot, after he himself had been fouled, to make it 2-0. Twenty minutes later Jimmy Smith sent a thundering drive into the net for Rangers' third and in the 57th minute a 25-yard belter from Jimmy Simpson finished the scoring at 4-0.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Kennedy, Simpson, Brown, Main, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Kinnear.
HAMILTON: Morgan, Wallace, Scott, Cox, Thomson, Jarvie, King, Waterson, Wilson, Harrison, McNee.

Aberdeen maintained their second place with a fine 5-1 win over Albion Rovers. The evening before Celtic and Motherwell played before a record crowd, the biggest ever at Fir Park, in a Scottish Cup quarter final replay. Over 35,000 watched Celtic win 2-1, to face Clyde in the semis at Ibrox.

The top three table was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers . . .	33	22	9	2	75	26	53
Aberdeen . .	33	21	7	5	80	38	49
Celtic	32	19	7	6	76	41	45

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While we can't make the second part of that dream come true, the Rangers News is this week giving you the chance to at least wear the colours of our famous team.

For in this week's competition we are giving all Young Rangers Club members the chance to win a fantastic replica Rangers top, and we're going to throw in a pair of Rangers shorts and socks for good measure.

As usual, all you have to do is answer a simple question concerning your favourite football team.

Name

Take a look at the photograph on the right of Ally McCoist and his team mate Jimmy Nichol.

Before joining up together at Ibrox, the Rangers duo played for the same English football club. All we want you to tell us is the name of that side?

It's as simple as that.

When you think you know the answer, jot it down on a postcard, or the back of a sealed down envelope and send it to "TOP PRIZE", Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE

Remember, only members of the Young Rangers Club can enter this competition and the editor's decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.



Who is Andy playing for?

1. Former Wolves star Peter Daniel last week took over as manager of which English club?
2. Ex-Rangers striker Andy Kennedy is now playing with which English Midlands team?
3. If you saw Andy Nicol tackle Joe McBride, which Premier Division fixture would you be watching?
4. Who is the manager of Cup-Winners Cup hopefuls Ajax Amsterdam?
5. True or false — Jimmy Bone once played for Partick Thistle.
6. Rangers signed legendary centre-half Willie Woodburn from which junior club?
7. True or false — Graeme Souness never made a first-team appearance for Spurs.
8. Which former Rangers player is currently starring for Dunfermline Athletic?

QUICK QUIZ



● **ANDY KENNEDY . . . see question two.**

9. East Stirling play their home matches at which venue?
10. Who was the captain of Denmark's World Cup side?

● **ANSWERS BELOW**

Answers

1 — Lincoln City; 2 — Birmingham City; — 3 — Falkirk v Hibernian; 4 — Johann Cruyff; 5 — True; 6 — Musselburgh Athletic; 7 — False, he played for Spurs once; 8 — Eric Ferguson; 9 — Firs Park; 10 — Morten Olsen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

MARCH 12

STEPHEN WILKIE, 173/99 Prospecthill Circus, Toryglen, was one.

TODAY (WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18)

MURDINA MACKENZIE, 2B Leurbost Lochs, Isle of Lewis, is 16.
ALISON STEWART, 75 Elm Drive, Johnston Castle, is 16.
JOHN RAMSAY, 73 Galloway Drive, Inverness, is 13.
MAXWELL DAVIES, 23 Compayne Gardens, London, is 15.
DARREN BEATTIE, 121 Drylie Street, Cowdenbeath, is nine.
CAROL STRAIN, 15 Hawthorn Crescent, Hill of Beith, is 15.
DREW STRATHIE, 23 Hornbeam Crescent, Falkirk, is 12.
VICKY REID, 16 Howieshill Avenue, Cambuslang, is 12.
RICHARD BRADFORD, 15 Inverewe Drive, Deaconsbank, is 14.
ALAN MURRAY, 121 Arbroath Avenue, Cardonald, is seven.
KEVIN HODGE, 3 Kennard Street, Lochgelly, is 15.
DOUGLAS MACDONALD, 133 Cairnhill Circus, Crookston, is 14.
CALUM MURRAY, 121 Newmarket, Isle of Lewis, is 17.
DOUGLAS McPHAIL, 101 Broomfield Avenue, Newton Mearns, is 15.
BILLY WILLIAMS, 30 Dalilea Drive, Easterhouse, is eight.
PHILIP MUNROE, 135 Ash Road, Cumbernauld, is 12.
ALAN JOHNSTON, 31 High Street, Caithness, is 16.
JONATHAN SUTHERLAND, 39 Abbey Road, Perth, is 13.
CAMPBELL COWIE, 14 Burns Terrace, Ardrossan, is 15.

THURSDAY

PAUL COOPER, 15 Baldragon Road, Easterhouse, will be 12.
MICHAEL RENNIE, 30 Sullven Way, Inverness, will be 13.
GRANT WEBSTER, 40A Hawick Drive, Dundee, will be 15.
PAULA HALDANE, 42 Rosewell Drive, Lochore, will be 16.
LYNNE SHEARER, Edmar Cottage, Kennoway, will be 14.
LESLIE SUTHERLAND, 1 Anderson Terrace, Aboyne, will be 13.
DUNCAN MACDONALD, 14B Hunter Crescent, Perth, will be four.
BRIAN CUMMINGS, 29 Almond Street, Grangemouth, will be 11.
THOMAS STEWART, 43 Rosebank, Suachie, will be 13.
STEWART MURDOCH, 80 Rannoch Avenue, Hamilton, will be 17.
GRAHAM HERBERTSON, 22 Castlepark Gardens, Fairlie, will be 17.
TONY JOHNSTON, 32 Ravelston Street, Carntyne, will be 11.
PAUL GLOVER, 2 Deans Avenue, Dumfries, will be 17.
DAVID BEVERIDGE, 61 Park Street, Cowdenbeath, will be 14.
PAUL DONALDSON, 25E Cultenhove Crescent, Stirling, will be 17.
NEIL DUDGEON, 13 Forthview, Bannockburn, will be 16.
ANDREW WILLIAMS, 18 North Street, Peebles, will be 16.
STUART MACKENZIE, 8 Clett Terrace, Caithness, will be eight.
CAMERON WALLACE, 5 Charlotte Street, Isle of Islay, will be 17.
GARY GRAHAM, 30 Auldhill Entry, Linlithgow, will be 16.
COLIN FAULDS, 58 Lamlash Crescent, Cranhill, will be five.
JIM WARD, 90 Charles Street, Townhead, will be 15.
MARCEL FIES, Giselbert Street 26, West Germany, will be three.
STEPHEN GERRARD, 72 Muir Street, Larkhall, will be 10.
DAVID SMITH, Bayfield Avenue, Drumchapel, will be two.

FRIDAY

RUSSELL STABLES, 2 Elum Terrace, Bo'ness, will be 12.
GREGOR McCALLUM, 18 MacArthur Street, Wick, will be 14.
ALISON CUTHBERT, 42 Burnhead Road, Larkhall, will be 17.
DEREK HUGHES, 10 Park Place, Coatbridge, will be 12.
DAVID BRYSON, 1 Cairn Crescent, Alloway, will be 12.
COLIN DEWAR, 2 Mavisbank Street, Lanarkshire, will be 11.
LYNN BRANNIGAN, 48 Greenend Avenue, Johnstone, will be 13.
WILLIAM CARMICHAEL, 33 Kendoon Avenue, Drumchapel, will be 13.
GREIG BLACK, 197 Wood Street, Grangemouth, will be 10.
DARREN ADAMS, 22 Stenhouse Gardens, Edinburgh, will be eight.
ALLAN MAXWELL, 63 Dickens Avenue, Clydebank, will be 17.
IAN THOMAS, 48 Peel Glen Road, Drumchapel, will be 14.
VIVIENNE LITSTER, "Springhill", Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead, will be 16.
ALAN BROWN, 11 Jedworth Road, Drumchapel, will be 13.
THOMAS WALLACE, 122 Carron Place, Irvine, will be 13.



● **DEREK KERNAHAN . . . three on March 22.**

RONNIE CAMPBELL, 39 Kinglas Road, Bearsden, will be 17.
SCOTT DRUMMOND, "Blairbruaich", Bathgate, will be 14.
WILLIAM BLAIR, 50 Waverley Drive, Glenrothes, will be 15.
DAVID SAVAGE, 35 Kingston Avenue, Iliceston, will be nine.
WILLIAM MACDOUGALL, 115 Dunkenny Road, Drumchapel, will be 14.
BRYCE REDBURN, 29 Kishorn Place, Craigend, will be 14.
SCOTT ROBERTSON, Main Street, Chirnside, will be 15.
VICTORIA GALLAGHER, 47 Downcraig Road, Castlemilk, will be two.
STEPHEN FRASER, 26 Napier Avenue, Bathgate, will be 17.
GRAEME LUSK, 80 Hazelwood Road, Bridge Of Weir, will be 14.
ALEXANDER CORKINDALE, 327 Kinfauns Drive, Glasgow, will be nine.
FINLAY GRAHAM, Shore Street, Dunbar, will be 16.
MARK FERGUSON, 42 Millar Road, Saltcoats, will be 16.
SCOTT BRYSON, 84 Kilmallie Road, Fort William, will be 15.
LOUISE McMILLAN, 295 Holmlea Road, Cathcart, will be seven.
JIM CUZEN, 6 Lochbridge Road, Easterhouse, will be 14.
CLAIRE CAMERON, 19 Barony Court, Ardrossan, will be seven.

SATURDAY

MICHAEL ALEXANDER, Oranjemund 9000, Namibia, South West Africa, will be 17.
SCOTT COOPER, 7 Fendoch Street, Glasgow, will be 14.
IAN SMELLIE, South Mains Farm, Sanquar, will be 12.
JENNA STIRRAT, 24 Walker Road, Fauldhouse, will be five.
SCOTT WILSON, 230 Aylsham Drive, Ickenham, will be one.
JOHN YOUNG, 64 Main Street, Barrhead, will be one.
GARY DOHERTY, 40/5 Windsor Crescent, Clydebank, will be nine.
ROBERT McLEAR, 716/25 Argyle Street, Glasgow, will be 17.
STEPHEN KELLY, 11 Walnut Court, Belfast, will be nine.
YVONNE CREIGHTON, 1 South Terrace, Wigton, will be 15.
GRAEME MAIR, 46 Wallace Street, Dumbarton, will be 13.
DAVID TAYLOR, 16 Bexley Terrace, Wick, will be 15.
LINDA SLEITH, 17 Hawthorn Road, Cumbrnauld, will be 17.
GARY BAIRD, 24566/56 L/CPL Baird, 4 ADTR, 11 SQN, RCT BFPO 29, will be four.
IAN MACKENZIE, 15 Upper Bayble Point, Isle of Lewis, will be 12.
IAN CHRISTIE, 12 Lorne Street, Glasgow, will be 14.
JAMES GOUGH, 9 Cloan Avenue, Drumchapel, will be 16.
ROBERT WILSON, 24D Athol Place, Stirling, will be 11.
COLIN MARSHALL, 254 Millcroft Road, Cumbernauld, will be 16.
COLIN DUNCAN, 2 Kilmaurs Drive, Giffnock, will be 12.
MARK HUME, 29 Arran Court, Alloa, will be 15.
JONATHAN ECCLES, Broadyard, Kirkcudbright, will be four.
LORNA STEVENSON, 81 Leadside Crescent, Dunfermline, will be 16.
BRIAN MANN, Whitecastles Farm, Lockerbie, will be 15.
NICOLA BANKS, 9 Coll Gardens, Irvine, will be eight.

SUNDAY

IAN PICKTHALL, 26 Riverbank, Gatehouse of Fleet, will be 15.
NEIL PICKTHALL, 26 Riverbank, Gatehouse of Fleet, will be 15.
DEREK KERNAHAN, 1250 Dumbarton Road, Whiteinch, will be three.
KENNETH KERR, 66 Wawarston Road, Edinburgh, will be six.
SIMON BELL, 7 Windsor Close, Gillford, will be 13.
CRAIG MARTIN, 1 Kirkhill Park, Broxburn, will be 14.
STUART HUXTABLE, 141 Main Street, Glenluce, will be 17.
JANNETTE HORNE, 10 Ramsay Lane, Kincardine, will be nine.
WAYNE WALLACE, 52 Aberlady Crescent, Dundee, will be six.
ALLAN WARD, 143 Mavisbank Street, Airdrie, will be 14.
KIRSTY STANDERWICK, 170 Landemer Drive, Rutherglen, will be 13.
DAVID MACDONALD, 2 Robertson Avenue, Prestonpans, will be 10.
GRAHAM FRASER, 30 Willon Place, Elgin, will be 13.
GORDON HAY, 11 Bartlands Place, Eaglesham, will be 14.
GARY ANDERSON, 16 Burnside, Wigan, will be eight.
COLIN COPEMAN, 47 Barbauchlaw Avenue, Armadale, will be 17.
COLIN JARDINE, 163 Glen Avenue, Larkhall, will be 16.
ROBERT GRIFFITHS, 61 Castle Chimmins Road, Cambuslang, will be 15.
PHILIP DAVIDSON, 28 Dalvenie Road, Banchory, will be 15.
KEITH THOMSON, 58 Nethan Avenue, Wishaw, will be 16.
BEN DAVIDSON, 12 Barncluith Road, Hamilton, will be eight.
ROSS MACLEOD, 65 Kimberley Street, Dalmair West, will be 12.
SIMON BELL, 7 Windsor Close, Guildford, will be 13.
SCOTT HANNAH, 89 Castle Crescent, East Calder, will be one.

MONDAY

GARY BREMNER, 207 Second Avenue, Uddingston, will be seven.
GORDON BAIRD, 10 Carmyle Avenue, Glasgow, will be 15.
DEREK NEWMAN, 17 Woodbush Court, Dunbar, will be eight.
JOHN STRAIN, 16 Battlefield Avenue, Glasgow, will be five.
JAMES SYMONS, 64 Millgate Road, Hamilton, will be 14.
KAREN HURLEY, 3 Burnmouth Road, Barlanark, will be five.
ALISTAIR MATEER, 66 Leander Crescent, Renfrew, will be five.
GRAHAM WILSON, 14 Gillies Hill, Stirling, will be one.
PAUL FYFE, 29 Maitland Court, Helensburgh, will be 11.
COLIN JAMIESON, 38 Avon Street, Larkhall, will be 16.
GARY MEEK, 239 Langside Gardens, Polbeth, will be one.
GORDON DAVIDSON, 15 North Quadrant, Motherwell, will be 15.
DAVID DONNACHIE, 16 Hawkhill Road, Girvan, will be eight.
CRAIG DUNSMURE, 5 Polwarth Crescent, Edinburgh, will be 14.
ANDREW RODGER, 1 Cragdale, East Kilbride, will be 12.
RICHARD EDWARDS, Glenshellach Road, Oban, will be 17.
SCOTT NICOLL, 87 Nettlehill Drive, Uphall Station, will be 15.
MARK MOSSMAN, 22 South View, Morpeth, will be 16.
DARREN CLARK, 29 Scott Road, Irvine, will be four.
BLAIR HUGHES, 4 Dalriach Court, Oban, will be 14.
BRUCE SIMPSON, 22 Leith Walk, Wick, will be 14.
COLIN WALKER, 164 Torogay Street, Milton, will be 14.
IAN McLEAN, 87 Inverary Avenue, Glenrothes, will be 12.

TUESDAY

LORRAINE STAFFORD, 88 Dalserf Street, Barrowfield, will be five.
SUZANNE REYNOLDS, 9 Kettlestoun Road, Linlithgow, will be 10.
COLIN McGILP, 3 Rafford Street, Govan, will be 12.
STUART CAMERON, 179 Mossvale Road, Craigend, will be 14.
GRAHAM WHITEFORD, 6A Crossclyde View, Carluke, will be 12.
CRAIG McFARLANE, 8D Langfaulds Crescent, Faifley, will be five.
ANDREW DYCE, 149 Junction Road, Sydney, Australia, will be six.
JOHN GRANT, 196 Carnethie Street, Rosewell, will be 15.
CRAIG HOUSTON, 284 Gilmartin Road, Linwood, will be 14.
BARRY ADAMS, 57 Lockhart Place, Wishaw, will be 17.
CATHERINE BAGLEY, 15 Southcroft Street, Glasgow, will be 10.
ALSIA DRYSDALE, High Street, Fort William, will be 10.
JOHN YOUNG, 30 Edward Place, Dunblane, will be 14.
GRAHAM MILLS, 52 Avonspark Street, Balornock, will be 15.
KENNETH HENDERSON, 9 Garry Crescent, Invergarry, will be 17.
BILLY WARD, 39 Acre Drive, Maryhill, will be 17.
ANDREW CRAWFORD, 33 Spencer Close, Jersey, will be 15.
SCOTT FERGUSON, 32 Obsdale Park, Alness, will be 16.
A. D. McFARLANE, 138 Torogay Street, Milton, will be 17.

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● DEREK FERGUSON . . . out to regain his place in the first team — and stay there.

DEREK WANTS GRAEME'S JOB

Ferguson wants to be central midfield lynch-pin at Ibrox

DEREK Ferguson is aiming to push Graeme Souness out of Rangers' first team!

But before you get too worried, young Fergie isn't planning a one-man mutiny against the Ibrox player-manager.

The talented 19-year-old midfield star has simply set his sights on something Graeme himself thinks he will achieve sooner or later — becoming the central midfield lynchpin of Rangers.

Derek's progress has taken another battering in recent weeks as injury once again saw him out of the first team reckoning.

Frustrating

A combination of strains to his back and hamstring were the trouble on this occasion but Derek is now fighting fit and was full of optimism when he spoke to the 'News.'

Fergie said: "It's been really frustrating for me. I took the knock in the goalless draw against Aberdeen in January and since then I managed to make just a few appearances for the reserves.

"I feel fine now though and I want to be involved in the run-in to the end of the season which is going to be really exciting for everyone at the club.

"There's been some talk about the club needing a right-sided midfield player — 'desperately was how one paper put it — but I feel I should be able to make that position my own very soon.

"Jimmy Nicholl has been doing well, though, so I don't see what all the fuss is about."

But while the right side of midfield is Derek's immediate priority, taking over in the centre of the field is his ultimate one.

Tongue-in-cheek, he told the 'News': "The gaffer can't go on for ever and I have learnt so much from him this season that I feel confident I can take over his job if he feels he wants a rest!

"Seriously, that is my best position and although it might sound silly, I feel I'm getting on a bit as I've been at Ibrox quite a while now. I should be making a more permanent impression."

For the record, folks, Derek reaches the veteran age of 20 this July!

Derek is already looking beyond the end of this season and while others may be thinking of their summer holiday destinations, he is out to improve his game.

Aim

"I've got a lot of work to do in the close season. There are parts of my game I know I must improve and the biggest aim is to get into scoring positions and score goals far more often.

"There are two years left on my present contract with the club and I'm very happy at Ibrox. I can't really see myself ever leaving the club the way it is just now.

"But I will not be completely satisfied until I am a regular in the team. It's time I made sure of my place ever week."

BREAK GARY DIDN'T WANT. . .

A BROKEN leg almost ended Gary Andrews' football career . . . when he was just two years old!

Thankfully, the right-winger made a full recovery and is now one of the brightest prospects at Ibrox — but he still laughs when he recalls his bizarre accident as an infant.

He told the 'News': "I can just about remember it and even if I couldn't, my family have laughed about it enough since. At the time it wasn't so funny — my leg was broken when I was playing football in the hall in our house with my father and grandfather.

Inseparable

"It didn't put me off football, thank goodness, and as soon as I was fully healed I was back annoying my mum again and kicking a ball around."

Gary Andrews and football have indeed always been inseparable and he first took part in organised soccer at Caldercut Primary School near his home in Summerston, Glasgow.

Said Gary: "I actually started out as a centre-half because at that time I was tall for my age and dwarfed most of the other lads in the team. Since then, everyone has overtaken me and I don't seem to have grown much at all."

Although he enjoyed his football with Caldercut, there was no silverware coming their way and it was the same in secondary school football when Gary moved to North Kelvinside High.

The Young Ones

PART SEVEN of our series where we turn the spotlight on the players aiming to be the stars of the future at Ibrox. This week it's the turn of Gary Andrews to go under the 'News' focus.

His real step up came when he signed for the famous Possil Boys Club, breeding ground of so many top stars including Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish and more recently, of course, Rangers striker Robert Fleck.

"I played with Possil at under-14 level and they were a good side. One of my team-mates there was Steve Frail who has recently become a professional with Dundee."

Gary picked up a winners medal in the Paisley and District Cup with Possil before moving on to play with the Rangers Amateur Boys Club at under-15 and under-16 level.

By this time, he was already on schoolboy forms with Rangers and it was with the Boys' Club that he enjoyed his best moment so far when they defeated Celtic 3-2 in the Scottish Cup Final.

Great

"There was a great atmosphere playing in that match and Celtic had been holding the upperhand against us at the time. But we turned the table in a great match and really deser ved our win."

Celtic, in fact, were the only other senior club to show an interest in Gary and they almost beat Rangers to the punch.

"On the very night I signed for Rangers, Celtic actually came on the phone asking me to go to Parkhead. I had already played trials for them but I realised a boyhood dream signing for Rangers and that was that."

Now 17-year-old, Gary has felt the benefit of full-time training this season and so far has taken part in nine reserve matches as well as being involved in all three BP Youth Cup times so far.

He says: "The full-time training has made a hell of a difference to me and at times I still can't believe I'm at the same club as guys like Davie Cooper, Terry Butcher and the gaffer himself.

"On the first day of pre-season training last year, I remember going onto the team bus and looking around me at all the big stars. I just couldn't believe I was now a part of the set-up.

"I'm loving every minute of it now and Jimmy Nicholl has been the biggest help to me. He's tremendously experienced and it's no co-incidence that my best game for the reserves was against St. Mirren when Jimmy was playing at right-back behind me."

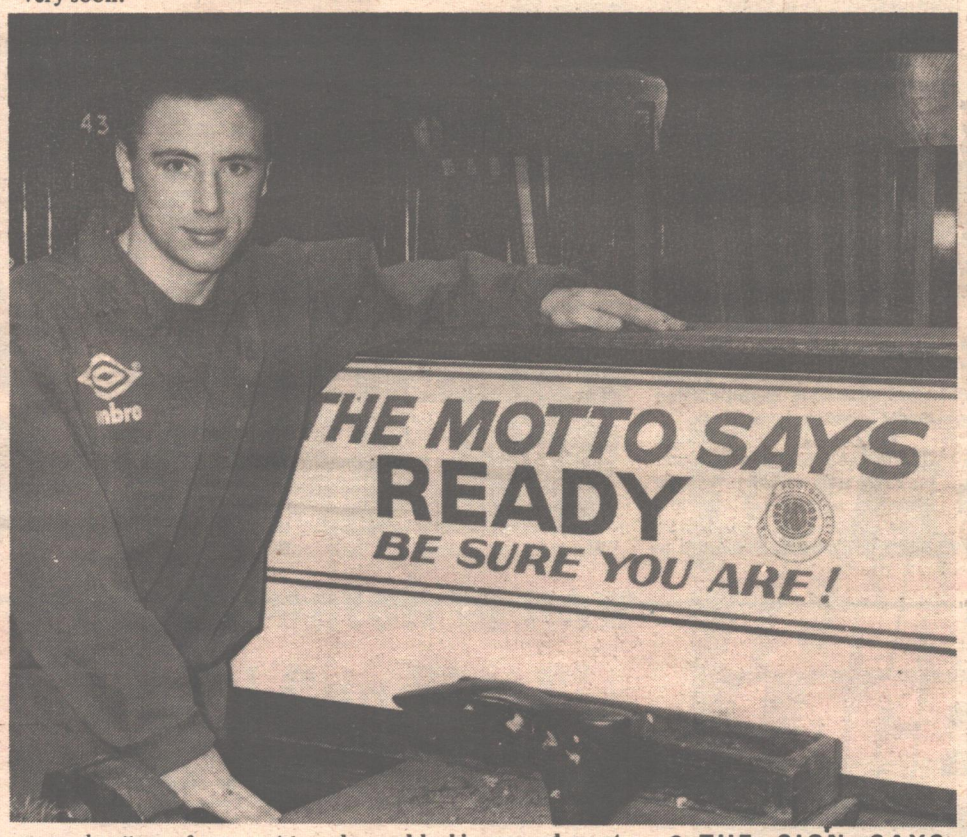
Duties

Visitors to Ibrox will notice Gary performing a regular shuttle service between the "home" and "away" dressing rooms as he carries out his special duties as one of the young boys.

"I've never cleaned a pair of boots at Ibrox yet — my job is to make sure the dressing rooms are clean and tidy and to keep the first team squad supplied with whatever they might need for their kit bags.

"I take a bit of stick from the other lads who call me "Sponge" as I'm, always cleaning the floors. But I don't mind it and I really enjoy being a part of Rangers."

There could be another member of the Andrews clan making his way into the game — Gary's young brother David is currently making his mark in Boys' Club football with Summerston under-13s.



● THE SIGN SAYS READY . . . and Gary Andrews is. The 17-year-old winger is aiming for glory with Rangers.

WANTED

WANTED: I would like to exchange video tapes (VHS) of Spanish First Division matches for ones of Rangers in action. I have tapes of all clubs — Barcelona, Real Madrid, Seville, Athletico Madrid etc. Write to Francis Alonso, Juan Bautista Zabala, No. 3 bis — 2o Izq, Algorta, Vizcaya, Spain.

London clear at top

THE London Rangers Supporters' Club moved three points clear at the top of the APRSCIL League with a vital 3-1 win over second-placed Rotherham United at Wormwood Scrubs on Sunday, March 8.

The Light Blues opened the scoring in the 32nd minute when Rab Richardson crossed from the right and Jim Percy found the net with a good header.

Shot

Five minutes into the second half, United equalised but Rangers regained their lead in the 80th minute when Jim Percy scored with a terrific volley from the edge of the penalty area.

The Light Blues were reduced to 10 men when Les Brown was sent off but they clinched the points in the last minute when from a Gary Lawther free kick Jim Percy's shot was saved by the keeper before Rab Richardson scored from the rebound.

RANGERS: Shine, Blight, Curley, Wilson, Southgate, Torrance, Timony, Lawther, Richardson, Brown, Percy. Subs: C. Logan and Jobber.

The other results were: Blackburn Rovers 3, Sunderland 3; Bristol City 2, Leeds United 3; Hull City 3, Celtic 3; Plymouth Argyle 1, Burnley 5.

The league table now looks like this. —

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers .	12	10	1	1	40	10	21
Rotherhm	11	8	2	1	41	15	18
Leeds U..	13	7	1	5	43	29	15
Celtic . . .	13	6	3	4	32	27	15
Burnley .	11	6	1	4	40	20	13
Hull City .	13	6	1	6	40	41	13
Bristol C.	10	4	1	5	27	30	9
Blackbn .	14	3	2	9	32	55	8
Plymouth	10	2	2	6	26	37	6
Sunderld.	13	0	2	11	17	74	2

NOTHING TO FEAR

Ibrox defender confident of victory



● RIGHT: LOOKING FOR A FLAG DAY . . . David McPherson with the champinship flag from 1978 when Rangers last won the title. He hopes there will be a new one coming to the trophy room come May 9.

THE YEAR Rangers wrapped up the 'treble' of Premier League Championship, Scottish Cup and League Cup, a tall, awkward looking lad from Crookston in Glasgow was snapped up on an 'S' form.

David McPherson was 14-year-old back then and while developing into one of the most talented defenders in the Scottish game, he has witnessed and then been a part of the disappointments suffered by Rangers since that last title triumph in 1978.

Joy

Now, the 23-year-old can see the real possibility of winning a championship medal for himself — and this Saturday's crunch match against title rivals Dundee United at Tannadice holds no fear for him.

He told the 'News' last week: "I can just about remember the joy at Ibrox after winning the 'treble' although at that time my connection with the club had hardly begun.

"Since then, there have been lots of disappointments and in recent times we have never really come close to even challenging for the championship.

"Things have changed a lot now and as I'm constantly being reminded, I'm a veteran now!"

Indeed, of the current first-team squad at Ibrox, only Davie Cooper, Ally Dawson and the injured Bobby Russell have been on the playing staff longer!

Said Davie: "Everyone at the club is aware of how important the championship is to the fans and I can assure them that it's equally vital to the players.

"Only one or two of the lads know what it's like to play in a league-winning side, but I'm confident that I will collect more than one championship medal in my career at Ibrox.

"We have got every chance to take the title this season and we know that we will only have ourselves to blame if we blow it. It's in our own hands now and having worked so hard to get into this position, I can't see us letting ourselves and the fans down."

So to Tannadice on Saturday and one of several matches between now and the end of the season that are certain to have 'Title Decider' written all over them.

Best

Said David: "We are all looking forward to playing Dundee United and the fact that we have to play them, Celtic and Aberdeen all away from home doesn't bother us in the slightest.

"In fact, we are far happier playing at Tannadice, Parkhead and Pittodrie than we are at the smaller grounds. We seem to reserve our best performances for matches aganst the top clubs.

"It can sometimes be more difficult to get the adrenalin going at the smaller clubs, but that's no problem from now on as every match takes on equal significance for us.

"We are going out to win every match and although some people might say a draw would suit us at Tannadice, we will be going flat-out for both points — that's the way to win the title.

"They are out to win the title too and it should be a cracking match — but I don't think any team can match our determination and no-one at Ibrox is looking beyond the fact that the title is coming back for the first time since 1978."

The great title race — who they play

RANGERS: Dundee United (A), Motherwell (H), Celtic (A), Dundee (H), Clydebank (A), Hearts (H), Aberdeen (A), St. Mirren (H).
CELTIC: Clydebank (H), Hamilton (A), Rangers (H), Hibernian (A), Dundee United (H), St. Mirren (A), Falkirk (H), Hearts (A).
DUNDEE UNITED: Rangers (H), Hamilton (A), Dundee (H), St. Mirren (A), Hamilton (H), Celtic (A), Falkirk (A), Hibernian (H), Motherwell (A).

The men in the middle

DUNDEE referee Bob Valentine will be in charge of the final 'Old Firm' Premier League clash of the season when Rangers make the short journey to Parkhead on April 4.

The officials have just been named for the exciting run-in to the championship and May 9, the last day of the season, sees Don McVicar from Carluke in the middle as Rangers take on St. Mirren at Ibrox.

Hopefully, he will be blowing the whistle at the end of 90 minutes to signal the championship arriving back at Ibrox for the first time since 1978.

Test

In other crunch matches, Alan Ferguson from Giffnock will be in control when Hearts visit Ibrox on April 25, while the following week Gorebridge referee Jim Duncan will be the man in the middle as Rangers face a stiff test against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

Jim Duncan is also down to take charge of this Saturday's game against Dundee United at Tannadice.

The officials for the other matches will be: March 28 — Motherwell (H), Douglas Hope (Erskine); April 11 — Dundee (H), Douglas Yeats (Perth); April 18 — Clydebank (A), Mike Delaney (Cleland).

ALL YOUR CLUB NOTES

BLACKBURN LOYAL: Bus v Celtic at Parkhead leaves Blackburn Railway Station at 8.30 a.m., picking up at Preston Bus Station at 9.00 a.m. Bus v Liverpool leaves Bridge Hotel at 5.00 p.m., picking up at Blackburn Railway Station at 5.30 p.m. Non members welcome. Further details contact Ian Gilmour (0254) 28140.

WATERSIDE: Thanks to Bridgeton Loyal and Stenhousemuir Supporters Clubs for transporting members to the Motherwell game when our coach broke down.

NORTH WEST AREA: Bus v Dundee leaves Rosevale Street at 10.30 a.m. Members please pay all dues and uplift tickets on bus.

TANNOCHSIDE (VIEWPARK): Bus v Dundee leaves Bothwell Library at 5.00 p.m., picking up at the Olde Club 5.10 p.m., North Road, Bellshill 5.20 p.m. Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Bothwell Library at 11.00 a.m., picking up at the Olde Club 11.10 a.m., North Road, Bellshill 11.20 a.m. Bus will be stopping at Auchtermuchty on the way. Names for Celtic.

ABERDEEN: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Guild Street at 10.30 a.m. with usual pick-ups in Stonehaven and Montrose. Members in Arbroath 'phone Secretary. Names and £5 deposits for Liverpool must be paid by April 6. To reserve seats on future buses, phone Donald — (0224) 636023. Next meeting April 6.

KINGSPARK LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Montford at 11.30 a.m., Jean Armour 11.45 a.m. Bus v Dundee, when played, leaves Jean Armour at 4.30 p.m., Montford 4.45 p.m. Tickets on bus. Non members welcome. Pay all Player Of The Year tickets by Saturday.

HELEN STREET: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Social Club at 10.30 a.m.

RENFREW LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Queen Street 12.00 p.m. Members uplift tickets on bus. Seats for non members. Bus v Dundee, leaves Queen Street 5.00 p.m. prompt. Members who previously ordered tickets, confirm with J. Begg that they can still attend match. Possible tickets for non members, contact J. Begg.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves McLean Street 12.30 p.m. Bus v Dundee, leaves 5.00 p.m. Both buses, seats non members £3.00. Members tickets on bus. Pay all dance ticket money now to Adam Malcolm. Hall fully booked. Names for Liverpool due again now. All details phone Stuart — 041 429 5578, between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

SHETTLESTON LOYAL: Bus v Dundee at Dens Park, leaves Vecilius Street 5.30 p.m. Tickets on bus. Bus v Dundee Utd., at Tannadice, leaves Vecilius Street, 12.30 p.m. Tickets on bus.

NITHSDALE: Quiz Night to be held in Devon Street Orange Halls, Friday, March 20. Details, contact W. Montgomery (423 7886). Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Torrisdale Street 12.00 p.m., Devon Street 12.15 p.m. Bus v Dundee rearranged fixture leaves Torrisdale Street only at 5.00 p.m.

MARYHILL LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Claraden Bar 12.00 p.m., all members 11.30 a.m. Non members welcome.

EDINBURGH LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Travellers Tryst 1.00 p.m. and goes – traight to match with no other stops. For Liverpool seats phone John 031-336-1938.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE LOYAL (LIVINGSTON): Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Harvester 12.00 p.m., usual pick-ups, 12.05 p.m., 12.10 p.m., 12.20 p.m. Seats and tickets available. Bus v Dundee (rearranged game) leaves 5.00 p.m. Bus for pre-season tour, phone 411164 or 410453 for all details.

J. C. LOYAL (PAISLEY): Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Ralston 11.30 a.m., all seats full. Nominations now for Player of the Year. Names for Celtic game to Jim (041-334-9816). Happy birthday to Roddie — 21 and Jim — 24 this week.

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW: Bus v Dundee leaves 5.30 p.m. Two buses v Dundee Utd. leaves 9.30 a.m. with a visit to the Garage Social Club in Dundee. Possible ballot for tickets for this match. All members please note, dance ticket money to be paid to Brian Warton by March 24, all tickets sold. All buses leave Swan Inn.

DUNDEE LOYAL: Next meeting Saturday, March 21, in Ambassador Suite, 12.00 p.m., when Dundee Utd., tickets can be uplifted. Any club wishing to socialise with us privately or prior to this match please phone Dundee 643 905.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus v Dundee, Wednesday, if match on, leaves Louden Bar 5.15 p.m. Bus v Saturday leaves 12.30 p.m., seats non members.

GRAEME SOUNESS LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Gorston Street 11.40 a.m., Ruchill Street/Maryhill Road 11.50 a.m., McArthur Park/City Centre 12.00 p.m. Non members, for tickets and seats phone S. Watson 945 0801.

CALLANDER: Dundee Utd. v Rangers. There will be a ticket ballot on Friday 20, at 8.00 p.m. in Wolsley Park Hotel. Midweek game against Dundee at Dens Park will also be a ticket ballot. New members for next season, anyone interested who lives in nearby towns, Doon, Dunblain, etc. Phone Brian McNair(0877 31149). 130 Main Street, Callander.

CUMBERNAULD LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Town Centre 11.30 p.m. For Liverpool seats phone Gary (67) 29349.

WISHAW OFFICIAL: Bus v Saturday leaves Kennilworth Avenue 12.00. Names for forthcoming ticket games, tickets must be paid for when ordered. New and non members welcome.

INVERNESS TRUE BLUES: Buses v Dundee Utd. leave Town Hall 10.00 a.m. Names now for Motherwell, 28th and Celtic, April 4. Deposits now for Club Jumpers. Player Of The Year Dance tickets are now available and will be issued on first come first served basis. Members only.

WELLHOUSE TRUE BLUES: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Bartiebeith Road, 10.00 a.m. Members tickets on bus. Non members welcome.

SUN INN (CUMNOCK): Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Cumnock 10.00 a.m. Logan 10.10 a.m., Muirkirk 10.20 a.m. Names for Motherwell and Celtic. Contact Midge at Logan or Joe at 0290 23002.

WALSALL AYE LOYAL: Members who don't attend meetings please contact us, as we need four weeks notice for tickets and buses. Bus v Dundee, midweek, few places left. Two buses now run to almost every game. Will be attending some dances at other clubs weekend stays. Demand so great, any less than four weeks notice means travel limited. Following clubs please contact us — North West England, Liverpool, Preston, Scarborough, Plumstead (London), Thringstone, Corby and Cambridge concerning games tournament in Walsall. M. Miller, 12 Lister Road, Beechdale, Walsall or D. Johnson, 15 Vigo Close, Walsall Wood.

LONDON: Next meeting in Sols Arms, Hampstead Road, London, NW1 (nearest tube — Warren Street) on Friday, March 27. Names will be taken for match v Celtic on April 4. Contact Robert Jenkins 01 607 7259 (evenings).

BARRHEAD TRUE BLUES: Bus v Dundee United leaves Athurlie Inn 10.30 p.m. Phone J. McKinnon — 881 4236.

PARTICK LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Merkland Street 12.00 p.m. For seats phone A. Gardener (954 6314).

IAN DURRANT FOLLOW FOLLOW (KILSYTH): Bus v Dundee leaves Broch Car Park 5.00 p.m., Tuesday. Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves same place 11.30 a.m., stopping enroute, for lunch. Thanks to Queenzieburn for successful games night on Friday, March 13.

LARGS AND DISTRICT: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Fairley 9.45 a.m. Largs 10.00 a.m., Wemyss Bay 10.10 a.m.

MID ARGYLE TRUE BLUES: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Ardrishaig 8.30 a.m., Loch Gilphead 8.40 a.m., Inverary 9.15 a.m.

KILMARNOCK TEDDY BEARS: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Swimming Baths 11.00 a.m. Bus v Dundee leaves same place 4.45 p.m. Names now for Celtic match. See Big Jock.

ALLY McCOIST: Bus v Dundee, Tuesday, leaves Greenhills shops 5.00 p.m., Olympia 5.15 p.m. Seats and tickets for non members. Bus v Dundee Utd., Saturday, leaves Greenhills Shops 12.00 p.m., Olympia 12.15 p.m. Tickets on bus. Seats non members. Phone East Kilbride 38315.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Burgh Bar 11.00 a.m., picking up at Alexandra on way. Bus v Dundee leaves Burgh Bar 4.30 p.m., picking up at Alexandria, when match played. All tickets on bus.

LINWOOD: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Napier Street 11.00 a.m. Non members welcome.

PLEAN: Bus v Dundee, Tuesday, March 17, leaves Denny Cross 5.15 p.m., St. Ninians 5.25 p.m., Bannockburn 5.30 p.m., Cowie 5.35 p.m., Plean 5.40, Torwoodlea Hotel, 5.50 p.m., Airth 6.00 p.m. Tickets on bus. Non members welcome. Bus v Dundee Utd., Saturday, March 21, leaves Denny Cross 12.20 p.m., St. Ninians 12.30 p.m., Bannockburn 12.35 p.m., Cowie 12.40 p.m., Plean 12.45 p.m., Torwoodlead Hotel 12.50 p.m., Airth 1.00 p.m. Tickets on bus. Non members welcome.

STEWARTON FOLLOW FOLLOW: Bus v Dundee Utd., leaves Stewart Arms 10.30 a.m. Tickets on bus. Inner dance tickets, still some available priced £6.50. For details contact G. Walker — 83786 or I. Atkinson — 82652.

ARDROSSAN, DALRY AND BEITH: Bus v Dundee leaves Ardrossan 10.00 a.m., Dalry 10.10 a.m., Kilbirnie 10.15 a.m., Beith 10.25 a.m. Non members welcome.

HUGH BURNS LOYAL: Bus v Dundee Utd., Saturday, March 21, leaves Club 12.00 p.m. Usual pick ups.

LEICESTER LOYAL: Next meeting at Granby Halls, Leisure Centre, Ayelstone Road, Leicester, on April 2nd. Payments to be made for Celtic game on April 4. Meeting starts 7.00 p.m.

STATION BAR LOYAL (BRIDGETON): Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Landressy Street, 12.00 p.m.

BRIDGETON LOYAL: Bus v Tuesday leaves 5.15 p.m. Bus v Saturday leaves 10.30 a.m. Both buses leave Mermaid Bar.

THORNLIEBANK: Bus Saturday leaves 11.00 a.m. Non members welcome.

ROSS-SHIRE: Bus v Dundee Utd. leaves Edderton 8.00 a.m., picking up at Tain, Ballantyre, Invergordon, Allness, Dingwall, Tore Roundabout. To book seats phone Invergordon (853 595 or 852 483). Names also being taken for Celtic at Parkhead, April 4.

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