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Rangers to play in prestigious tourney

RANGERS are to compete in a prestigious under-21 tournament in France at Easter.

Peter McCloy will be in charge of the side who will fly out to Metz to participate in an eight-team competition along with some of European football's biggest names.

Quality

Juventus, Inter Milan, Borussia Moenchengladbach, Anderlecht and possibly Liverpool are also sending teams.

Ibrox boss Graeme Souness told the 'News': "It's a quality tournament and players like David Kirkwood, Scott Nisbet, Neil Woods and Jimmy Phillips will gain great experience — presuming, of course, that they are not required by the first team at the time."

Exclusive

Terrific

With the reserves due to be completed on April 11, the tournament fills a void for the second team — and the nucleus of Rangers under-18 squad may be going for a terrific experience.

Said Peter McCloy: "We may have to take 16-year-olds like Gary McSwegan and John Spencer but they can pick up priceless experience from a tournament of this standard."



● WELCOME TO IBROX . . . Rangers' assistant manager, Walter Smith, welcomes David Kirkwood to the club from East Fife last Friday. More details of David and Jimmy Phillips on the back page.

Celtic tickets

DATES and prices for Celtic tickets have now been decided and fans should take note of the following details.

Season ticket holders can purchase tickets by exchanging voucher number 39 on Friday, March 27. The ticket office will be handling the transactions on the above date only.

Prices

Tickets will go on public sale on March 30, with fans restricted to just one per person, in the inner Govan Stand from 9.30 onwards.

Supporters clubs should uplift their tickets before the Motherwell match, or certainly no later than April 1. Prices: Stand, £4 or £5; Ground, £3.

Rangers apologise to fans who may be disappointed but stress that with a tickets allocation of just 18,700 they clearly cannot satisfy everyone.

It will be cash at all turnstiles for this Saturday's Premier League match between Rangers and Motherwell at Ibrox.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

GRAEME Souness last week completed his transfer buying for this season.

The Rangers player-manager snapped up defender Jimmy Phillips from Bolton Wanderers for £75,000 and midfield starlet David Kirkwood for a fee of £30,000 from East Fife.

That takes the Light Blues' spending under the new management to £2,195,000 — and the boss made it clear that the title would have to be won with the current crop of players.

Delighted

Graeme told the 'News:' "There will be no more signings before the transfer deadline at the end of the month and I'm delighted to have brought Jimmy and David to the club.

"They fill a gap I feel had existed at the club in the number of quality players around the 19-21 age group and provide cover in positions the squad looked a bit threadbare in.

"I had hoped to bring Gary Mills to Ibrox from Nottingham Forest but that deal is now dead. We couldn't agree terms and that is that."

Exclusive

No more signings

David Kirkwood made his debut in Rangers colours against St Mirren reserves on Saturday, but Jimmy Phillips will get his first taste of action this weekend.

Said Graeme: "They are both players for the future but that doesn't mean they will not be considered for the first team immediately. It's up to them to show me what they are made of as soon as possible."



● THAT'S IT . . . No more signings before the transfer deadline for Graeme Souness as he heads for championship success.

Rangers go south . . .

RANGERS midfield men Cammy Fraser and Bobby Russell flew to London on Monday in a bid to finally end their injury problems. Both players have been suffering from complicated groin strains and have seen a specialist.

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SCOTT Nisbet has joined East Fife on loan until the end of the season. The 19-year-old defender will gain great experience in the competitive First Division with the Bayview club who are battling for promotion. He made his debut in Saturday's 1-1 draw against Clyde.

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RANGERS reserves will open their Reserve League Cup campaign next Monday night (March 30) when they travel to Greenock to take on Morton at Cappielow with a place in the quarter-finals up for grabs. Kick-off is at 7.30 p.m.



BABES IN BP ACTION

RANGERS under-18s are just one step away from the BP Youth Cup Final — and they can complete the final hurdle tonight (Wednesday).

The semi-final draw for the prestigious competition paired the young Light Blues with Motherwell and the match goes ahead at Fir Park with a 7 p.m. kick-off.

The other tie will be between Celtic, who defeated Rangers 2-0 in the inaugural final in 1984, and the winners of the Dundee United quarter-final.

Rangers are quite happy with the draw, with the boys all hoping for an 'old Firm' final, but they know that Motherwell will present them with a stiff task.

Under Tommy McLeans youth policy, the 'Well's under-18 side are one of the strongest in the country

Said coach Peter McCloy: "We have played two friendly warm-up games against them and both were very hard-fought and ended in draws. It's going to be tough but the boys have put themselves in with a chance of glory and it's up to them to grab the opportunity."

Rangers' youngsters have the necessary talent in players like John Spencer, Gary McSwegan, Scott Murray, Angus McPherson and Phillip Knell to go all the way and lift the trophy.

The other semi-final must be played on or before April 15.

Inside Ibrox

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IAN Durrant has won the Celtic Young Player of the Year award! Yes, it's true and the midfield ace will be receiving his trophy soon at Ibrox.

Before you think we have gone totally loopy, we should explain that it's Celtic pronounced with a 'K'.

The award is one of many presented by 'Eskalibor Magazine', and players who qualify for the award are those in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Eire, Brittany and Galicia who are of Celtic origin.

Fanch Gaume, the secretary of the Celtic Nations Union, is in Scotland working as a teacher in Glasgow and hopes to present Ian with his trophy as soon as he is given the go-ahead from Ibrox secretary Campbell Ogilvie.

Other winners in the awards were French striker Yannig Stopyre of Toulouse, who was Celtic Nations 'Player of the Year' and Kenny Dalglish who was their 'Manager of the Year'.

Fanch Gaume, incidentally, was able to assist Rangers assistant-manager Walter Smith last month when he lent him a videotape of Bordeaux in action before the Light Blues friendly with the club.

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ISABEL Scott of the student association, the amazingly named Beta Sigma Phi Lambda Chapter, wrote to the 'News' to pass on the thanks of the organisation to the Rangers fans.

They were collecting for the charities they support outside Ibrox at the match against Hibs on February 28 and a total of £650 was raised.

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THE English connection at Rangers may be strong, but the Scottish contingent are making sure their influence spreads over the newcomers.

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● IBROX legend Jim Baxter teamed up with St. Mirren captain Tony Fitzpatrick to smash open a Bell's Charity Bottle at The Club Bar in Paisley as part of a Gala Charity Evening. Over £200 was raised for the 'Save The Children' Fund.



● TRUE to their word, the Melbourne Rangers Supporters Club turned up in Scotland last week and made their presence known at Dens Park during the Dundee-Rangers match.

As you can see from our photo, the lads duly produced their massive banner and were delighted when Dundee went 'down under' all the Rangers pressure.

The biggest and the best

IT'S THE biggest and fastest-growing football supporters club in Britain — and that's official.

We're talking about the incredible Young Rangers Club, our exclusive army for Ibrox fans aged up to 17 which is attracting hundreds of new recruits each week.

Just three weeks ago we told you about our 14,000th member, Craig Buchanan from Grangemouth who enjoyed a super day out at Ibrox.

Lucky

Well, astonishingly, we have also now clocked up our 15,000th Young Ranger — and are already close to issuing our 16,000th kit!

Joanne Breen from Lang Street in Paisley is the lucky youngster who is our 15,000th member and she will also enjoy a great day out at Ibrox.

Because our recruitment is taking place at such a rate, we have decided that Joanne will be shown round along with our 16,000th member — and that could be YOU!

Turn to page 11 for details of how to join the biggest supporters army in Britain.

Spotted by your stunned 'News' reporter at Ibrox last week was the sight of trainer Phil Boersma wearing a Scotland jersey!

He certainly looked the part in the dark blue and having seen Phil in action on the training ground, maybe it would be worth the trouble for Andy Roxburgh to check if the Liverpudlian has any Scottish heritage!



YOU lucky man! Rangers captain Terry Butcher undertook a pleasant duty recently when he was one of the judges at the Miss Evening Times beauty contest at the Grosvenor Hotel in Glasgow.

Tel is pictured with winner Liz Hynes and runners-up Siobhan Hood and Pamela Forbes and will no doubt be on the receiving end of merciless stick from his Ibrox team-mates about beauties-and-the-beast!

The press release issued by the Evening Times with the photograph caused a smile — it described our Terry as "Captain of Rangers and Scottish internationalist"! If only it were true . . .

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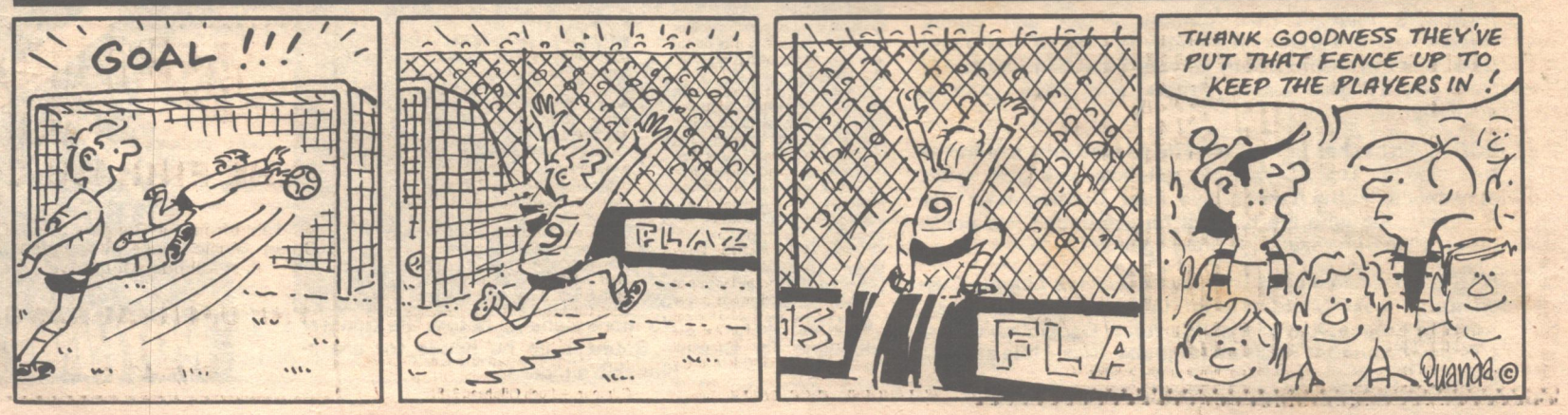

WE'RE LOOKING GOOD





● ROBERT FLECK . . . deserves much praise for his tireless efforts up front at Dens Park.

WHISPER it, but we are looking good for the Premier League title.

The football we played and the points we won in our games aganst Hamilton Accies last Saturday and at Dens Park against Dundee last Tuesday night especially, have given us every chance to be champions.

It's hard for the players not to look ahead to the end of the season and think about getting our hands on that trophy, but we have to remain calm and — yes I know it's the worst cliche in football — take each game as it comes.

Satisfying

Right now, we are capable of getting over each obstacle which is put before us and it was particularly satisfying for the team to defeat Hamilton and rid ourselves as much as possible of the memory of the Scottish Cup disaster.

It was particularly satisfying to see the team keep its shape despite missing a few early chances and once Davie Cooper broke the ice with that brilliant free-kick, we were in no danger at all.

It was good to see Ally McCoist grab another goal and when he took his tally for the season to 30 on Tuesday night at Dens Park, I wondered just how anyone can doubt his value to Rangers.

A couple of the lads asked me before the game which way I would choose to kick as there was a fierce wind blowing at Dens, and I made up my mind to go with the gale in the first half.

Credit

As it turned out, my 'tails never fails' policy worked yet again and we really did the business in that first 45 minutes — it was some of the best football we have played all season.

It could easily have been a tricky game for us and the club haven't got a great record at Dens Park — but that's what this team has been doing all season, smashing jinxes and breaking records.



● SMILE PLEASE . . . Ally McCoist and Terry with seven-year-old Andrew Grant who was the mascot at the Rangers-Hamilton Accies match.

Robert Fleck and Ally McCoist deserve great credit for their tireless displays at Dens Park as they were required to chase a lot of long balls from the back with the strong wind.

It was nice to see Fleck back on target again, although I still can't believe my shot didn't go in and dropped from the bar for Robert to net.

This Saturday, Motherwell are the visitors to Ibrox and we will be going all out to avoid a repeat of their last visit to the Stadium when a late goal from Ray Farningham gave Tommy McLean's team the points.

Again, it's unfortunate that games at Ibrox are not quite so attractive for the fans because so many teams come to defend and stop us playing football.

But we all know what the ultimate prize is now and victory on Saturday is essential. If we can get an early goal and force them to open up, it should be another two points.

The congratulations of everyone at Ibrox go to Dundee United for their marvellous performance against Barcelona in Spain last Wednesday night.

I watched the match at home on the telly and I was delighted to see my prediction of a United win come true. I'm convinced they can now go all the way and win the competition.

Needless to say, we all hope they can put out Borussia Moenchengladbach in the semi-finals and make it all the way.

I'll certainly be having a few words with my England team-mate Gary Lineker when the national squad meet up again — perhaps now he'll be able to tell the rest of the players just what a high standard of football the Premier League sides produce.

Last Sunday, I did my bit to try and convert Scottish snooker star Stephen Hendry to the Ibrox cause but I'm afraid he is still a very much dyed-in-the-wool Hearts fan

I met the talented kid at my local snooker club in Stirling where I have been given Honorary membership. It's called John Spencer's — after the English snooker player, not the young Rangers player I should add!

Last Thursday I made the journey down to Ayr for a Sportsman's Dinner in a very good cause — the Action Research for Crippled Children Association.

Celtic skipper Roy Aitken was also there — he was highly impressed with our result at Dens Park — as was his Parkhead team-mate Alan McInally and Scotland's assistant manager Craig Brown.

I must admit it's pretty tiring being Rangers' captain and I was grateful to Ian Durrant for going along to the Bridgeton Loyal's annual dance to collect my 'Player of the Year' trophy. Sorry I couldn't make it myself lads.

Terry Butcher

George celebrates

THERE was a special occasion at Ibrox last Tuesday on the morning of the Dundee game when our much-loved kit man George Dodds celebrated his 70th birthday.

The lads got together to give him a cake and we did consider throwing him in the bath — but at his age we decided that would be a bit over the top!

Doddy is a great character who brightens up the dressing room and he is also not slow to criticise any of the lads whom he things are not doing the business on the field.

In fact, all he wanted for his birthday was two points from Dens Park and thankfully we managed to get them for him.

YOUR CLUB NOTES

AYR AND DISTRICT: The club has decided a charity donation this season will go to the Zeebrugge ferry disaster. The committee would like to thank members for their support which allows us to send to this fund. Player Of The Year dance, April 18 in Aftongrange Hotel. Tickets now available.

RENFREW LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Queen Street 2 p.m. prompt. Seats for non members. Last chance to book seats v Celtic. Members note — Celtic tickets limited to one per member. Season ticket holders must hand tickets to J. Begg before Thursday, March 27. Committee meeting in Masonic Halls prior to Motherwell match at 12 p.m.

CALLANDER: Bus v Motherwell leaves Wolsley Park Hotel 12.45 p.m. New members for next season who live in nearby towns of Thornhill, Aberfoyle etc. Enquiries to Brian McNair — 0877 31149.

MERCAT TRUE BLUES (CUMNOCK): Bus v Motherwell leaves Mercat 12.45 p.m. Bus v Celtic leaves 12.30 p.m. Possible tickets ballot. Phone Brian — 23781.

NITHSDALE: Bus v Liverpool, possible dates May 10 or 11. Non members £6. For details phone 881 5674.

ABERDEEN: Bus v Motherwell leaves Guild Street 9 a.m. with usual pick up points in Stonehaven, Montrose and Arbroath. Next meeting 30-3-87, by which time all names and £5 deposits for Liverpool must be paid. For seats on future buses phone Donald (0224) 636023. Details of membership and re-enrolment for next season phone Gordon (0224) 647504.

KINGSPARK LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Montford 1.45 p.m., Jean Amour 2 p.m. Non-members welcome. All Player Of The Year dance tickets must be paid by Saturday, March 28.

DAVID McPHERSON "DOUBLET" (CLYDEBANK AND DISTRICT): Bus v Motherwell leaves the Doublet 1.45 p.m., Hawthorn Street 1.55 p.m., Atlantis 2 p.m. Non members welcome. Names now for re-arranged Liverpool game. (Two buses possible). Phone 37 78878.

KNIGHTSRIDGE LOYAL (LIVINGSTON): Bus v Motherwell leaves 12.45, 12.50, 12.55, 1.05, usual pick ups. Meeting in Rab's 12 p.m. Dance tickets must be paid for at meeting. Everyone who booked seats for Liverpool please confirm. Names for pre-season tour, phone 0506 411165 or 410453.

SHETTLESTON LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leves Vecilius Street 1.45 p.m.

BROXBURN: Bus v Motherwell leaves Strathbrock 1 p.m. Travel club meeting 12 noon.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Louden Bar 2 p.m. Seats non members.

BARRHEAD TRUE BLUES: Bus v Motherwell leaves Arthurlie Inns 1.30 p.m. Non members welcome. Phone John McKinnon 881 4236.

LARGS AND DISTRICT: Bus v Motherwell leaves Fairley 1 p.m., Largs 1.15 p.m., Wemyss Bay 1.25 p.m. Bus v Celtic full. Names for Clydebank, Hearts, Aberdeen, St Mirren and Liverpool, only few seats left on these buses. Please book early. £5 deposits required for Liverpool.

QUARRY BAR LOYAL (RUTHERGLEN): Two buses v Motherwell leave 2 p.m. Non members welcome. All dues must be paid prior to Celtic game. Player of the Year dance tickets now available.

ROSS-SHIRE: Bus v Celtic at Parkhead, April 4, to book seats phone Invergordon 853 595. Names being taken for Dundee at Ibrox.

BLACKBURN LOYAL (LANCASHIRE): Bus v Celtic leaves Blackburn Train Station 8.30 a.m., picking up at Preston Bus Station 9 a.m. Bus v Liverpool leaves Clitheroe Bridge Hotel 5 p.m., picking up at Blackburn Bus Station 5.30 p.m. Any clubs wishing to use our concert room facilities on the afternoon of Liverpool match contact Ian Gilmour 0254 28140.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves McLean Street 1.45 p.m. Seats non members strictly limited. Members collect tickets from Grapes Bar between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. prompt, same day. All club dance tickets sold, money now overdue to Adam Malcolm. Names and £5 desposits now for Liverpool (when played). All details phone Stuart 041 429 5578 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. only.

TANNOCHSIDE (VIEWPARK): Buses v Motherwell, Saturday, March 28, leave Bothwell Library 1.39 p.m., picking up at the Olde Club 1.40 p.m. Members please note, meeting at Olde Club 12.15 p.m. prior to match. Names for Celtic. Anyone interested in playing five-a-side football please come to the Bellshill YMCA every Friday between 6-7 p.m.

WELLHOUSE TRUE BLUES: Bus v Motherwell leaves Bartiebeith Road 1 p.m. Non members welcome. Pay dance ticket money.

GRAHAM ROBERTS LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Harvie Shops 1.40 p.m., Mall car Park 1.45 p.m., Mearns Cross 1.50 p.m., Clarkston Toll 2 p.m. Non members welcome.

GRAEME SOUNESS LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Gorston Street 1.30 p.m., Ruchill Street/Maryhill Road 1.40 p.m., McArthur Park/City Centre 1.50 p.m. Non members welcome.

STATION BAR LOYAL (BRIDGETON): Bus v Motherwell leaves Landressy Street 2 p.m. Seats non members. Names and £5 deposits required for Liverpool.

CARSON STAR (AYR): Bus v Motherwell leaves Club 1 p.m. Meeting 28-3-87, 11.30 a.m. prior to match. Members please note that all outstanding money must be paid by this meeting to qualify for Celtic ticket ballot. Also note that all Celtic tickets must be uplifted by 12 noon or April 4, otherwise tickets will be re-allocated.

STUART MUNRO LOYAL (FALKIRK): Names for Celtic as soon as possible, tickets going fast, contact Sam Monteith (secretary) or John Ross (treasurer). Names also being taken for Rangers Rally, new date, August 30.

PLEAN: Bus v Motherwell leaves Airth 12.30 p.m., Torwoodlea Hotel 12.40 p.m., Plean 12.45 p.m., Cowie 12.50 p.m., Bannockburn 12.55 p.m., St Ninians 1 p.m., Denny Cross 1.10 p.m. Non members welcome. Tickets on Bus. Thanks to Willie Shirra and members of Camelon R.S.C. for hospitality shown at Player of the Year Dance.

MID ARGYLL TRUE BLUES: Bus v Motherwell leaves Ardrishaig 10 a.m., Loch Gilphead 10.10 a.m., Inverary 10.45 a.m. Names for matches with Celtic and Dundee. Meeting on March 25 in Argyll Hotel, Lock Gilphead at 8 p.m. Contact Alan McLean — Crinan 201 or Colin Gilmour — Loch Gilphead 2181.

KILMARNOCK TEDDY BEARS: Bus v Motherwell leaves Swimming Baths 1.15 p.m. Names fo Celtic.

BUCKHAVEN AND METHIL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Golf Tavern 11.20 a.m., picking up at Kennoway, Douglas Arms, Toll Bar, Buck and Hind, Royal Hotel, Dysart. Bus v Celtic, same time and pick ups. Anyone interested in Liverpool game in May,contact Dave Thomson 0333 28285 or any committee member.

BALLINGRY LOYAL: Buses v Motherwell leave the Auld Shank, Ballingry 11.30 a.m., picking up usual places and times. Non members welcome. Names for Celtic. Few tickets still available for dance — see Colin or Davie.

STEWARTON FOLLOW FOLLOW: Bus v Motherwell leaves Stewarton Arms 1.30 p.m. Limited number of dinner dance tickets still available priced £6.50. Dance on March 28. For details contact G. Walker 83786 or I. Atkinson 82652.

MARYHILL LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Claraden Bar 2 p.m., all members 1.30 p.m. Non members welcome.

WISHAW OFFICIAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Kennilworth Avenue 1.30 p.m. Names for forthcoming ticket games, tickets must be paid for when ordered. New and non members welcome.

BRIDGETON LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Mermaid Bar 2 p.m.

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Alexandria Station 1.30 p.m., Burgh Bar, Dumbarton 2 p.m. Player of the Year dance tickets now on sale priced £12, includes buffet. Free transport to and from Commodore Hotel, Helensburgh April 25.

SUN INN (CUMNOCK): Bus v Motherwell leaves Logan, 12.45 p.m., Cumnock 12.55 p.m. Names for Celtic game. Thanks to New Cumnock R.S.C. for taking three of our members to Dundee. Contact Midge at Logan or Joe 0290 23002.

GRYFFE INN (BRIDGE OR WEIR): Bus v Motherwell leaves Gryffe Inn 2 p.m.

FIFE RED WHITE AND BLUE: Bus v Motherwell leaves Dunfermline Bruce Street Car Park 12 p.m., picking up at Blutherburn and Kincardine. For details phone Lorraine 729 872. Thanks to Dunfermline Loyal for taking members to and from Dundee after bus broke down. Also thanks to Allander RSC for picking up some members

THORNLIEBANK LOYAL: Bus v Motherwell leaves Main Street, Thornliebank 1.30 p.m. Non members welcome.

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THE DENS DESTROYERS

Rangers end Dundee jinx

Dundee 0
Rangers 4

IF EVER there was a 90 minutes to show that Rangers were championship material, this was it.

Graeme Souness and his men simply destroyed Dundee at Dens Park last Tuesday night as they laid their jinx at that ground in a style beyond all expectations of their huge travelling support.

It was Rangers first win at Dens Park since September 1, 1984, and the scoreline doesn't flatter them one little bit.

Powerful

Scottish Cup semi-finalists Dundee simply didn't have an answer to the powerful, exciting attacking football produced by the Light Blues and Jocky Scott's men slumped to their first defeat in 12 matches.

The Dundee manager was clearly stunned by what he had seen from Rangers and he had nothing but praise for the Ibrox men.

Said Scott: "Rangers are very, very good. It's no disgrace to lose to a team of that calibre and they are certainly the best side we have played this season."

Indeed, it's doubtful if any side in Scotland could have lived with Rangers last Tuesday, particularly in the first 45 minutes when they reached the very peak of their form.

Dundee were under pressure right from the kick-off and it was only a mixture of brilliance from 'keeper Bobby Geddes and bad luck which delayed the opening goal until the 17th minute.

It was poacher supreme Ally McCoist who broke the deadlock, Geddes performing heroics again to parry a tremendous drive from Davie Cooper, but he was helpless as Ally was on the spot to knock home his 31st goal of the season from the rebound.

Robert Fleck and Graham Roberts both went close as the relentless pressure continued and it was only a matter of time before the beleaguered Dundee defence wilted again.

Number two duly arrived in the 30th minute with Davie Cooper again starting things off with a perfect cross from the right and David McPherson towered above everyone at the back post to power a header past Geddes from close range.

Super

Six minutes later, the points were in the bag and Terry Butcher took full advantage of the wind as he struck an awesome 30-yard shot which battered off the crossbar.

Robert Fleck reacted quickly as everyone else hesitated and the little striker gleefully knocked in his 22nd goal of the season.

If Dundee harboured any thoughts of a comeback after the interval, their hopes were completely shattered just a minute into the second half when relentless Rangers made it 4–0.

Robert Fleck set off on a super run and when his shot was blocked in the penalty area the ball broke to Ally McCoist and once again the unfortunate Bobby Geddes was left with no chance.

Rangers simply strolled through the remainder of the match and if they had scored another three of four goals they would not have been flattered.

Graeme Souness led by example with a performance which had class written all over it and the manager's influence is spreading right throughout this Rangers side for whom the sky really does look to be the limit.



Fact-file

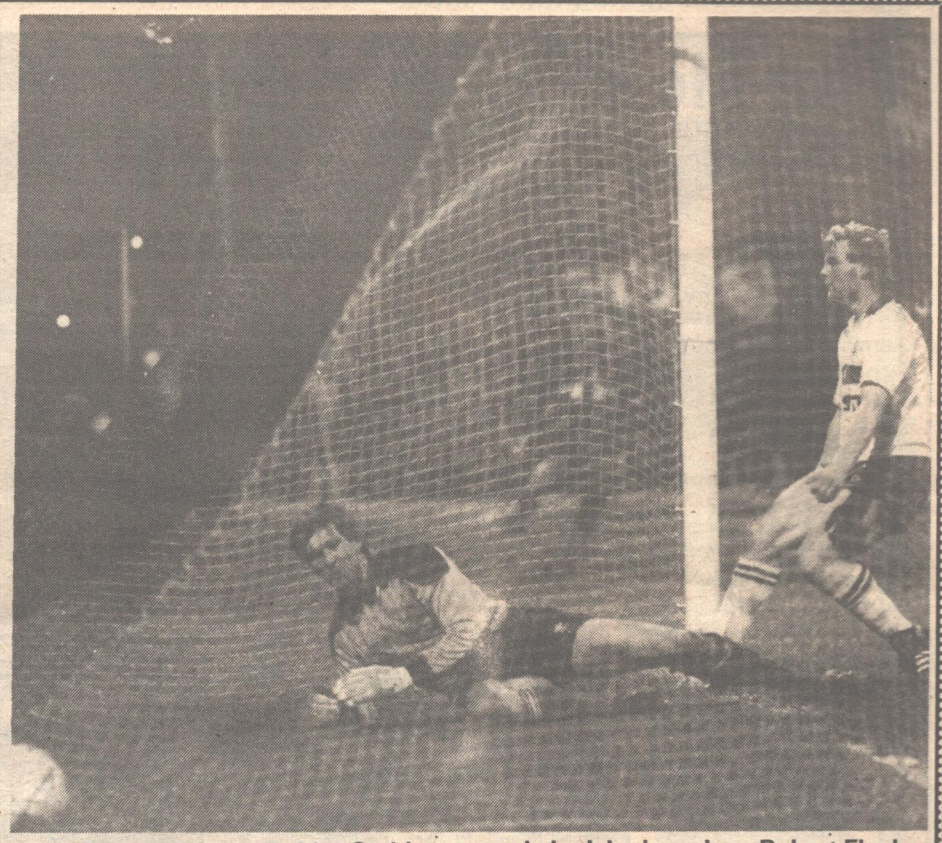
Scorers: McCoist (17 min, 46), McPherson (30), Fleck (36). Att. 18,723.
DUNDEE: Geddes, Shannon, McKinlay, Glennie, Smith, Duffy, Forsyth, Brown, Mennie, Coyne, Jack. Subs: Rafferty (for Brown 65) and Wright (for Mennie 65).
RANGERS: Woods, Roberts, Munro, Souness, McPherson, Butcher, Nicholl, Fleck, McCoist, Durrant, Cooper. Subs: Ferguson and West (not used).
BOOKED: Duffy, Brown (Dundee).
MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Ally McCoist.



- **TOP: THREE CHEERS . . . Ally McCoist, Robert Fleck and Graham Roberts celebrate Ally's 17th minute opening goal for Rangers.**
- **ABOVE: HEADING FOR A SECOND . . . It's 2–0 for Rangers as David McPherson watches his header sail towards the net in the 30th minute.**
- **LEFT: FIVE ALIVE . . . David McPherson looks quite pleased with himself as he celebrates his goal.**



● POWER PLAY . . . No mistakes from Robert Fleck as he blasts in Rangers' third goal from close range in the 36th minute.



● NET PROFIT . . . Bobby Geddes can only look in despair as Robert Fleck moves in to make sure of his goal.







● ABOVE LEFT: RIGHT ON TARGET . . . It's goal number 32 of the season for Ally McCoist as he fires in a right-foot shot in the first minute of the second half.

● LEFT: JOY BOYS . . . Graeme Souness hands it to Ally McCoist after his second goal with Jimmy Nicholl and Ian Durrant joining the fun.

● ABOVE: PULLING POWER . . . Dundee defender Jim Smith tries to halt the rapid progress of Rangers speed merchant Robert Fleck.

Fact-file

PREMIER LEAGUE

Scorer: McPherson (25 min).

Att: 21,275.

DUNDEE UNITED: Thomson, Holt, Malpas, McInally, Clark, Narey, Ferguson, Bannon, Hegarty, Kinnaird, Redford. Subs: Gallacher (for Kinnaird 59) and Bowman (for Bannon 83).

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

REFEREE: Jim Duncan (Gorebridge).

BOOKED: Clark (Dundee United).

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



● HERE WE GO . . . David McPherson rises to meet Davie Cooper's cross in the 25th minute and his header is blocked by John Clark with Terry Butcher putting on the pressure.

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● HIGH AND LOW . . . Dave Narey looks down on Robert Fleck as the Rangers striker bursts clear of his marker.



● UP IN ARMS . . . Looks painful for Terry Butcher as Billy Thomson clears the danger from the Rangers skipper.



● SO CLOSE . . . Ally McCoist fires in a 21st minute shot which beat Billy Thomson but struck the post.

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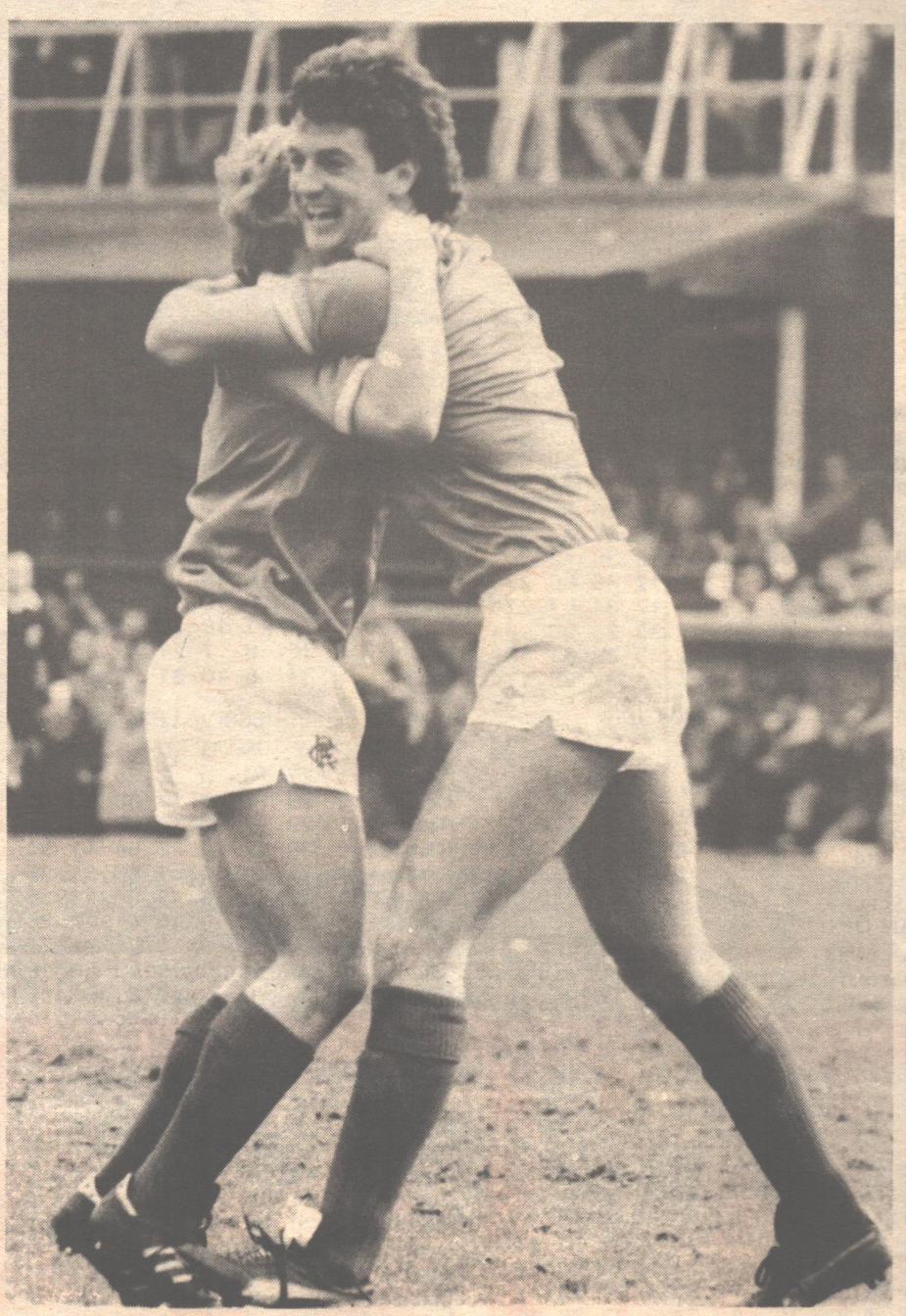
THERE . . . John Clark can't do anything this time as David smashes home the rebound with Terry looking on.



● NICE ONE, BIG MAN . . . Robert Fleck is first on the scene to congratulate David on his 10th goal of the season.

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free-kick short to Davie Cooper on the right and his cross was headed goalwards by David McPherson.

The ball came back off John Clark and this time David knocked it straight back into the corner of the net with his right boot from eight yards.

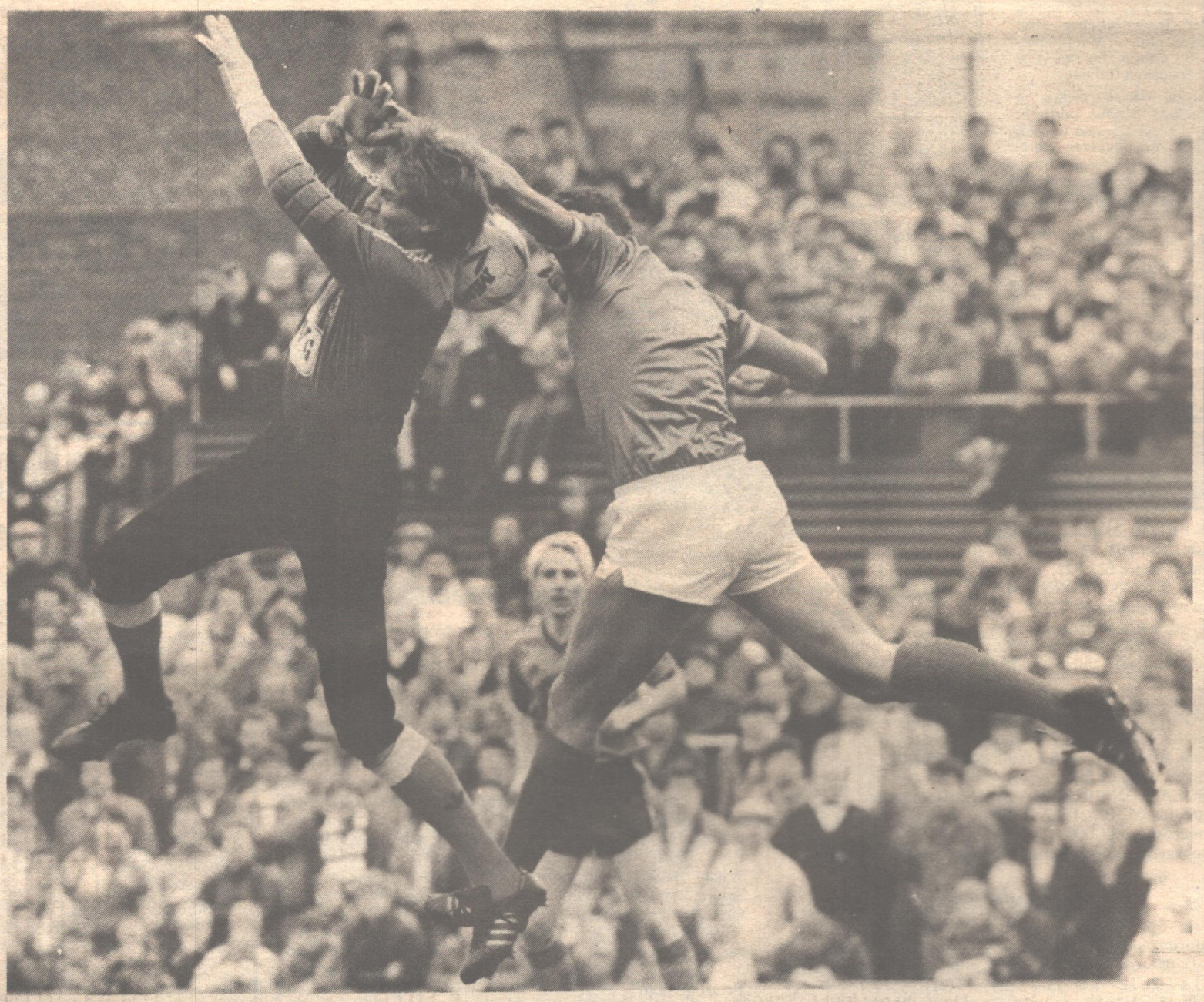
The match never lived up to it's pre-game billing but there were enough goalmouth incidents to keep the large crowd happy, particularly the vociferous and delighted Rangers support.

Shot

They almost witnessed the goal of the season three minutes from the end of the match when Robert Fleck broke clear and unleashed a screamer of a shot from all of 30 yards.

The ball almost uprooted the goals as it struck the crossbar and Ally McCoist's diving header from the rebound was too near the brave Billy Thomson who managed to save.

However, that David McPherson goal proved enough to earn Rangers a vital victory — and if they keep their heads, there is nothing which can stop them becoming champions.



● LEG SHOW . . . Billy Thomson and Terry Butcher doing battle again with Jim McInally awaiting the outcome.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
RANGERS	37	26	6	5	73	19	58
Celtic	37	23	8	6	75	32	54
Aberdeen	37	19	12	6	54	23	50
Dundee Utd.	35	21	8	6	56	27	50
Hearts	36	18	11	7	56	33	47
Dundee	35	13	9	13	50	47	35
St Mirren	36	10	10	16	30	42	30
Motherwell	36	8	11	17	36	55	27
Hibernian	37	8	11	17	34	57	27
Falkirk	35	6	7	22	26	58	19
Clydebank	36	5	8	23	29	81	18
Hamilton	36	5	7	24	31	76	17

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Meadwbnk	32	18	8	6	60	32	44
St Johnstn	33	16	11	6	56	41	43
Raith Rov	31	13	15	3	62	38	41
Stirling A.	32	15	11	6	41	26	41
Ayr Utd	32	17	7	8	54	42	41
Cowdnbeath	32	14	7	11	49	45	35
Alloa	32	14	6	12	42	42	34
Albion Rov	32	11	9	12	39	44	31
Queens Pk	32	7	15	10	39	43	29
Stranraer	32	11	7	14	36	45	25
Arbroath	33	9	6	18	39	58	24
Stenhsmuir	32	7	9	16	28	48	23
Berwick	32	7	6	19	35	54	20
E. Stirling	31	4	9	18	24	46	17

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
Dunfermline	37	21	9	7	56	34	51
Morton	37	20	8	9	73	46	48
Dumbarton	36	19	6	11	53	40	44
East Fife	37	12	19	6	53	46	43
Airdrie	37	15	10	12	42	35	40
Kilmarnock	37	14	10	13	52	43	38
Forfar	36	10	14	12	47	51	34
Clyde	36	9	15	12	38	43	33
Partick Th	37	10	12	15	41	46	32
Qn of Sth	37	11	10	16	45	53	32
Brechin	36	8	7	21	33	64	23
Montrose	37	6	10	21	29	61	22

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	27	18	6	3	60	25	42
Celtic	29	15	7	7	60	43	37
Rangers	29	12	12	5	53	33	36
Hamilton	30	12	10	8	54	41	34
Motherwell	29	11	11	7	48	31	33
Dundee Utd.	27	12	6	9	44	41	30
Hearts	29	11	8	10	41	40	30
Clydebank	26	8	6	12	41	48	22
Dundee	27	6	7	14	42	56	19
Hibernian	27	6	7	14	31	53	19
Falkirk	28	7	5	16	38	72	19
St Mirren	27	4	7	16	32	59	15

Reserve League East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Airdrie	20	10	5	5	42	26	25
Kilmarnock	20	10	5	5	34	21	26
Clyde	18	10	3	5	40	23	23
Dumbarton	21	9	5	7	35	38	23
Morton	20	9	3	8	35	34	21
Partick Th	20	6	7	7	26	25	19
Ayr United	20	7	5	8	31	41	19
Albion Rov	16	5	5	6	21	22	15
Queens Park	20	5	2	13	15	34	12
Q.O.S.	17	3	4	10	23	40	10

1st XI scorers

Ally McCoist	32
Robert Fleck	22
David Cooper	10
David McPherson	10
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	9
Robert Fleck	5
Colin West	5
John Spencer	5
Neil Woods	4
Gary McSwegan	4
Ian Ferguson	3
Ronnie Yule	3
Phillip Knell	3
Jim Frith	3
Bobby Williamson	2
Dougie Bell	2
Craig Paterson	2
Scott Nisbet	2
David McFarlane	1
Alan McCluckie	1
John MacDonald	1
Ally Dawson	1

Weekend results

FINE FARE LEAGUE — PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic	3	Clydebank	0
Dundee United	0	Rangers	1
Falkirk	0	Hearts	0
Hamilton	0	Aberdeen	2
Hibernian	2	Dundee	2
St. Mirren	1	Motherwell	1

FINE FARE LEAGUE — DIVISION ONE

Brechin C.	1	Queen of South	2
Dumbarton	2	Airdrie	2
Dunfermline	1	Morton	2
East Fife	1	Clyde	1
Kilmarnock	2	Forfar A.	0
Partick Th	0	Montrose	0

FINE FARE LEAGUE — DIVISION TWO

Albion R	0	Ayr United	1
Alloa Ath.	0	Stenhousemuir	1
Arbroath	0	Stirling A	1
Queen's Pk	1	Meadowbank	3
Raith Rov.	3	Berwick R	2
St. Johnstone	1	Cowdenbeath	0
Stranraer	0	E. Stirling	0

SCOTTISH PREMIER RESERVES

Aberdeen	3	Falkirk	2
Hearts	4	Celtic	2
Motherwell	2	Dundee Utd	1
Rangers	2	St. Mirren	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE — DIVISION ONE

Chelsea	1	West Ham	0
Everton	2	Charlton	1
Man City	0	Newcastle	0
Norwich C	0	Luton	0
Sheff. Wed	1	Man Utd	0
Southampton	5	Aston Villa	0
Watford	2	Arsenal	0
Wimbledon	1	QPR	1

This week's games

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, GROUP ONE: Rumania v Albania. GROUP FIVE: Holland v Greece.

FRIDAY

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION FOUR: Southend v Orient, Stockport v Cambridge United.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE: Arsenal v Everton, Aston Villa v Coventry City, Leicester City v Manchester City, Liverpool v Wimbledon, Luton Town v Spurs, Manchester United v Nottingham Forest, Newcastle United v Southampton, Oxford United v Sheffield Wednesday, QPR v Norwich City, West Ham United v Watford.

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

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION THREE: Bournemouth v Darlington, Bristol City v Chester, Bury v Gillingham, Carlisle United v Doncaster, Fulham v Port Vale, Mansfield v York City, Middlesbrough v Rotherham United, Newport v Brentford, Notts County v Bolton, Walsall v Blackpool, Wigan v Swindon Town.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot v Northampton, Crewe v Cardiff, Exeter v Rochdale, Peterborough v Hereford, Preston v Burnley, Swansea v Halifax Town, Torquay v Tranmere, Wolves v Scunthorpe, Wrexham v Colchester.

SUNDAY

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, GROUP TWO: Portugal v Malta.

FULL MEMBERS CUP FINAL (at Wembley): Blackburn Rovers v Charlton Athletic.

TODAY LEAGUE, DIVISION THREE: Chesterfield v Bristol Rovers.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR TABLE

ALLY McCoist has cut the gap at the top of the Rangers News "Player-of-the-Year" table to just six points behind leader Terry Butcher after winning the "Man-of-the-Match" vote for his two-goal display against Dundee.

Graham Roberts picked up the points for his performance against Dundee United, while in the reserves, John Spencer was "Man-of-the-Match" against Aberdeen and St. Mirren with three goals in the two matches.

The full tables are:

FIRST TEAM

Terry Butcher	19
Ally McCoist	13
Ian Durrant	8
David Cooper	8
Robert Fleck	7
Derek Ferguson	7
Graham Roberts	7
Dougie Bell	6
Cammy Fraser	5
Stuart Munro	5
Jimmy Nicholl	3
Chris Woods	2
David McPherson	1

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

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
John Spencer	4
Alex McEwan	3
Gary McSwegan	3
Angus McPherson	2
Hugh Burns	1

SENT OFF: McMinn.

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

★YOUR COMPLETE POOLS CHECK

MAIN PRIZE: 23 goals. Winning combinations are: 07, 08, 17, with 2 from 03, 13, 16, 18, 20, 30, 34, 36.
Winners share £22,922.

CONSOLATION PRIZE ONE: 20 goals. Winning combinations are: 13, 16, 18, 20, 34, 36.
Winners share £2,000.

CONSOLATION PRIZE TWO: 14 goals. Winning combinations are: 03, 07, 08, 17, with 1 from 13, 16, 18, 20, 26, 32, 33, 34, 36.
Winners share £1,000.

CONSOLATION PRIZE THREE: Void under rule 10.

CONSOLATION PRIZE FOUR: 07 goals. Winning combinations are: 26, 32, with 3 from 04, 12, 24, 44.
Winners share £1,000.

CONSOLATION PRIZE FIVE: 0 goals. Winning combinations are: 02, 05, 10, 21, 27, 37, 43.
Winners share £1,000.

- The Agents Golden Bonus was won. £1,000 next week.

Saturday's Results

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

This week's teams

- Match list for March 28: 01 QPR v Norwich City, 02 West Ham v Watford, 03 Grimsby Town v Shrewsbury, 04 Ipswich Town v Hull City, 05 Leeds United v Plymouth Argyle, 06 Millwall v Crystal Palace, 07 Middlesbrough v Rotherham, 08 Newport v Bolton Wanderers, 09 Dumbarton v Morton, 10 East Fife v Dunfermline, 11 Barnsley v Birmingham, 12 Blackburn v Reading, 13 Fulham v Port Vale, 14 Mansfield v York, 15 Aldershot v Northampton, 16 Crewe Alexander v Cardiff, 17 Cambridge City v Bromsgrove, 18 Corby v Witney, 19 Hamilton v Celtic, 20 Hibernian v Falkirk, 21 Luton Town v Tottenham, 22 Manchester United v Nottingham Forest, 23 Oldham Athletic v WBA, 24 Portsmouth v Sunderland, 25 Walsall v Blackpool, 26 Wigan Athletic v Swindon, 27 Folkestone v Salisbury, 28 Kings Lynn v Redditch, 29 Aberdeen v St Mirren, 30 Clydebank v Hearts, 31 Charlton v Chelsea, 32 Leicester v Manchester City, 33 Bury v Gillingham, 34 Carlisle v Doncaster, 35 Wolves v Scunthorpe, 36 Wrexham v Colchester, 37 Clyde v Partick, 38 Worcester v Shepshed, 39 Peterborough v Hereford, 40 Sheffield United v Bradford City, 41 Oxford United v Sheffield Wednesday, 42 Newcastle v Southampton, 43 Aston Villa v Coventry, 44 Arsenal v Everton.

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BOOK REVIEWS

● THE bookshelves are beginning to be filled with sporting publications once more following the post-Christmas lull, and the 'News' is now able to take another look at the books available.

THE GLORY, GLORY NIGHTS (by Colin Gibson and Harry Harris, Cockerel Books, £14.95).

RECOGNISE the gent on the right of the cover who is proudly holding up the UEFA Cup?

Yes, it's our own Graham Roberts whose proudest moment is just one of many magical European nights recalled in this lavishly produced and superbly illustrated book.

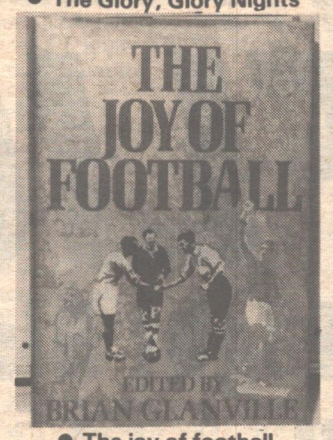
Graham, of course, was Spurs hero in their 1984 UEFA Cup triumph against Anderlecht when his dramatic late equaliser at White Hart Lane took the final to extra-time and penalty-kicks with Keith Burkinshaw's men coming out on top.

There are almost 300 pages of reproduced match reports, players reflections and excellent photographs from 25 years of Spurs' involvement in European football.

The 1962-63 Cup-Winners Cup clash between Rangers and Spurs is one of the matches recalled and even though the Light Blues lost 8-4 on aggregate, it makes fascinating reading.



● The Glory, Glory Nights



● The joy of football

THE JOY OF FOOTBALL (by Brian Glanville, Hodder and Stoughton, £12.95).

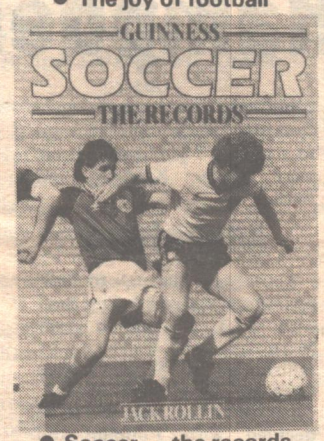
A FOOTBALL book with a difference and for the more refined supporter, this is a very worthwhile buy.

Edited by Terry Butcher's favourite journalist, Brian Glanville of The Sunday Times, it's a selection of 'classic' pieces of football journalism throughout the years.

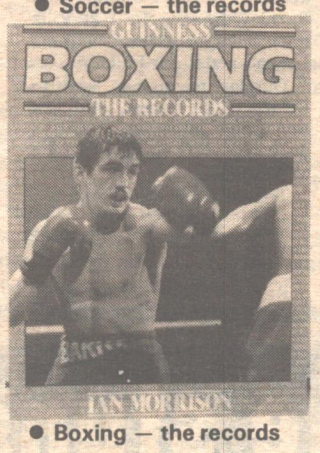
Writers ranging from J. B. Priestley to Hugh McIlvanney are included and there's no doubting the quality of the pieces on great games, great names as well as the section devoted to football fiction.

The unique passions and enthusiasm aroused by football are the reason for this celebration and the book captures the 'joy' of the game perfectly.

At 280 pages for £12.95, it's not bad value either and it's sure to become a collector's item in years to come.



● Soccer — the records



● Boxing — the records

SOCCER — THE RECORDS (by Jack Rollin, Guiness Books, £6.95).

THIS excellent book shows that statistics don't have to be boring and presents all the main footballing records in an easy-on-the-eye and interesting style.

In addition to the normal lists of who-won-what-when, there are features on the careers of stars like Diego Maradona, Michel Platini, Kenny Dalglish, Zico, Bryan Robson and many more.

There is also in-depth focus on all the major British clubs, including Rangers of course, as well as a special section on the World Cup.

Packed from cover-to-cover with black-and-white and colour photographs, it's good value at £6.95 for almost 150 pages of priceless reference material and also a book that can be read and enjoyed by the less serious fan.

BOXING — THE RECORDS (by Ian Morrison, Guinness Books, £7.95).

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DARWEN ON THE GREEN (by Bernard Darwin, Souvenir Press, £9.95)

WHEN the weather means the golf course is out of bounds, this is the ideal way for the frustrated golfer to relax at home

A selection of 50 pieces drawn from famous author Bernard Darwin's work, the warm friendliness of golf and the sheer enjoyment of the game come shining through on every page.

Although he died some 25 years ago, Darwin's thoughts and opinions on the game remain as valid today as they did when he was the country's leading golf writer.

ONLY ONE CLUB FOR MARK . . .



● MARK THOMSON . . . knew where future lay.

THREE of the biggest clubs in Britain were after the signature of Mark Thomson — but as far as he was concerned, there was no choice to make.

The Kilmarnock-born player made his mark with Bellfield Boys Club and his excellent form soon brought the scouts flocking to his father's door.

Trials

He was invited for trials with Arsenal and was offered professional signing terms with Celtic — but as soon as Rangers declared their interest, Mark knew where his future lay.

He told the 'News': "My family are Rangers daft and if I hadn't taken the chance to go to Ibrox, I would never have lived it down. But there was no way I could say 'no' to Rangers.

"I did go to Ipswich Town as well as Arsenal for trials but although I got on well at Portman Road and Highbury and was asked back by both clubs, I felt it was too far away from home to start out in the professional game.

Good

"So when Rangers asked me to train with them four years ago, I was delighted and although I never signed schoolboy forms at Ibrox there was no way any other club could tempt me away."

Mark started out life as a striker with Bellfield Primary School's team but progressed into defence as either a left-back or central defender with Kilmarnock Academy's side.

"There was quite a good team at the secondary school and one year we won a 'treble' of trophies."

But it was at Boys Club level that Mark's career began to really take shape and having progressed well with Bellfield Boys Club, he signed for Rangers Amateurs Boys Club.

He played with them at under-14, under-15 and under-16 level and did have the chance to sign full-time for Rangers at Christmas time 1985.

Correct

Mark explains: "I decided against it at the time as I felt it wouldn't do me any favours to join the squad halfway through a season and always be struggling to reach the same level of fitness as the rest of the players.

"I think it has turned out to be the correct decision and turning full-time at the start of this season under Graeme Souness and Walter Smith has been the best thing that has ever happened to me.

"Playing full-time with top professionals gives you so much confidence and as a defender I can learn so much simply by watching guys like Terry Butcher, Graham Roberts and David McPherson in training.

Tremendous

"Making some appearances in the reserve team has also been a big boost as I thought I would have to wait until next season to make the breakthrough.

"Ally Dawson has been of tremendous help to me in the matches I have played in the second team and now I just can't get enough action at that level."

Mark doesn't celebrate his 18th birthday until October and he is looking to the possibility of TWO BP Youth Cup winners medals with Rangers.

"This season's Under-18 team have done really well to reach the semi-finals of the tournament and if we beat Motherwell we will have every chance of lifting the cup.

Great

"But the real aim was for us to have a great side next season and only Angus McPherson and Philip Knell of the current side are not qualified to play in next year's tournament."

Mark's parents, Johnny and Rose, were proud spectators when their son was part of the Rangers side who destroyed Kilmarnock 7-1 in the second round of the BP this season at Rugby Park and you can be sure they will be there if he makes it to the final.

Jokes Mark: "It was just as well we won at Rugby Park — there were so many friends and relations of mine at the game in my home town that I would never have got out alive if we had lost!"

The Young Ones

PART EIGHT of our series where we turn the spotlight on the young men hoping to be stars of the future at Ibrox. This week it's defender Mark Thomson's turn to be put under the 'News' focus.

Downfield Athletic . . . 2 Rangers . . . 4

A HOSTILE support on home territoy failed to throw Rangers Under 16's off course in their trek to win this year's Scottish Cup.

Despite Downfield playing in their own ground, and having all the backing, the Light Blues taught them a footballing lesson last week at Downfield Juniors Park, and won this semi-final comfortably.

In the 11th minute Rangers took the lead with an excellent goal. A great run and cross from Gary Tolmie ended with Ian McPhee heading home.

That same player made it 2-0 eight minutes later, with a 10-yard drive. Rangers continued to up the pace and got a third in the 28th minute. Tolmie netting from 10 yards with a drive.

Downfield scored to make it 3-1 in the 58th minute with an eight yard shot. Alex McMillan, however, restored the three goal lead in the 74th minute with a shot from 12 yards, courtesy of a brilliant through ball from man of the match Douglas Govan. Downfield struck in the 82 minute to end the scoring at 4-2.

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

Craigneuk Colts . . . . 3 Rangers 2

RANGERS Under 14's threw away a two goal advantage to lose two league points at Coltness last week.

In hard fought match the Light Blues took the lead in the 15th minute with a six-yard effort from Edward Annand. Seventeen minutes later it was 2-0 with Annand getting his second with a drive. Craigneuk then proceeded with a comeback which was eventually to end with a winning goal in the last two minutes.

RANGERS: McInnes, Gallagher, Gordon, Patrick, Duff, Gold, Elvin, Meldrum, Annand, Robertson, Chatham. Subs were Simmonds (for Elvin) and Sidwell (for Gordon).

Rangers . . . . . 2 Tower Hearts 2

A TOPSY turvy league match at Fernhill saw the points being shared and the lead switching constantly on March 15.

ASSOCIATION BOYS CLUB

Hearts opened the scoring midway through the first half catching out a flat-footed Rangers defence. Colin Carmichael equalised two minutes from half-time, scoring direct from a corner. Jaimie Haining then gave the Light Blues the lead in the 50th minute with a close range drive. With just ten minutes remaining Hearts stormed back to level the score and gain a point.

RANGERS: Kyle, Raeburn, Johnston, Russell, Gillespie, McGowan, Thomson, Haining, Johnston, Carmichael, Gardiner. Subs were Stewart and Bell (both not used).

Celtic . . . . . 2 Rangers 0

BARROWFIELD was the venue for this 'Old Firm' clash in the league on March 15.

It was to be a disappointing afternoon for Rangers, with Celtic getting all the breaks and their two goals in the first half. They had one chance, but got two goals!

An own goal gave them a 1-0 lead and their position was reinforced just eleven minutes after that sixth minute tragedy for the Light Blues. Unfortunately, it was to be an error from Neil Inglis which gave the Celts their second goal. Rangers piled on the pressure in the second half but could not get that all important goals.

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

Erskine. . . . . 0 Rangers. 4

DEBUT boy, Andrew Essler, capped a fine afternoon for Rangers Under 10's last week by scoring at Erskine.

The Light Blues substitute, who scored the fourth goal, replaced Derek Dearie. Rangers coasted to victory. Goal number one came in the third minute through Jamie Mitchell. Greig Denham made it 2-0 in the 20th minute and then Mitchell got his second in the 37th minute to make it 3-0. Essler put the icing on the cake with the fourth goal in the 45th minute.

RANGERS: McKinnon, Drummond, Aitchison, Page, King, Drennan, Dearie, Watret, Stoddart, Denham, Mitchell. Subs were Hendry (for Aitchison) and Essler (for Dearie).

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

'Well done by Rangers!

March 25-31, 1972

RANGERS recovered from a potentially disastrous result this week and in doing so qualified for the semi finals of the Scottish Cup.

Morton, the pride and joy of Greenock, travelled to Ibrox on March 25 and took the points in a 2-1 win. Two days later the Light Blues had to face up to Motherwell at The Stadium in a quarter final replay. Morale, almost certainly, had suffered quite a set-back.

Confidence

But, Rangers showed great skill and confidence to march on to a last four tie with Hibernian at Hampden on April 15.

Motherwell stunned the 50,000 crowd with a goal after just one minute. Campbell crossed and Lawson headed home. Seven minutes later, however, and Rangers were level with an unbelievable goal.

Willie Johnston fired a cross into the box for Colin Stein, who appeared to be in an offside position. 'Well keeper, John Fallon, made the mistake of keeping his eye off the ball and watching the player. He saw it at the last minute but fumbled. The ball stopped on the line. Fallon tried to collect but only succeeded in palming the ball into his net! Motherwell were furious that offside was not given.

Rangers went on to take the lead in the 12th minute with an excellent goal. A Tommy McLean cross was dummied by Johnstone and Stein followed up to fire home from inside the box past Fallon.

Motherwell still defied the odds and in the 65th minute they equalised to make it 2-2. A close in shot from that man Lawson, once again, left McCloy helpless.

That was to be their last fling. Goals by McLean, in the 77th minute, and Stein, five minutes later, sealed the Rangers victory with a scoreline of 4-2.

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Jackson, Smith, McLean, Johnstone, Stein, MacDonald, Johnston.

MOTHERWELL: Fallon, Muir, Whiteford, Forsyth, McCallum, Watson, Campbell, McInally, McCabe, Lawson, Heron.

TWO days previously Morton inflicted a damaging result at Ibrox in a shock win. Despite taking the lead with a 45th minute goal from Colin Jackson, Rangers lost 2-1. Steve Chalmers, ex-Lisbon Lion, equalised in the 70th minute and then Jackson scored again, only this time his 85th minute effort went past the wrong keeper.

RANGERS: McCloy, Denny, Mathieson, Conn, Jackson, Smith, Penman, Johnstone, Stein, A. MacDonald, I. MacDonald.

MORTON: Sorenson, Shevlane, Laughton, Lumsden, Anderson, Rankin, Gillies, Mason, Chalmers, Murphy, Armstrong.

The top three table was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	27	23	3	1	77	19	49
Aberdeen	29	20	6	3	73	23	46
Rangers	28	19	1	8	59	27	39



● GOAL HERO . . . Colin Stein celebrates one of his two goals against Motherwell in the Scottish Cup 15 years ago with John Fallon the grounded 'keeper.

FINAL CONFLICT

Light Blues win Hampden place

March 25 - 31, 1962

RANGERS won through to their sixteenth Scottish Cup Final this week 25 years ago with a hard-fought 3 – 1 victory over plucky Motherwell.

Until the 89th minute, however, Rangers were by no means sure of their final place.

An incident-packed match saw Motherwell receive some bad luck in the 15th minute when their number six, McCann, was carried off after a tackle from Bobby Shearer. He came back on to the field after a 20-minute absence, but was to be only a passenger on the right wing.

Rangers took the lead in the 38th minute and it was to be Max Murray who provided the finishing touch. Ralph Brand sent Davie Wilson clear on the wing. The speedy forward eluded several challenges before crossing into the box. Murray scored from close range.

Only three minutes passed before Rangers scored again. Willie Henderson fired in a cross and Murray pounced again to make it 2 – 0.

Credit

Motherwell appeared dead and buried, but to their credit they made an excellent comeback. Roberts made it 2 – 1 in the 52nd minute with a thundering drive from a Delaney pass. They were to make it a right scrap until that 89th minute strike by Rangers.

The huge contingent of Rangers fans in the 84,000 crowd went mad when Wilson netted an absolute cracker of a goal. The striker controlled a pass, sailed past two defenders and fired home from 22 yards.

RANGERS: Ritchie, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Paterson, McKinnon, Henderson, McMillan, Murray, Brand, Wilson.

MOTHERWELL: Wylie, McSeveney, Thomson, Aitken, Martin, McCann, Hunter, Quinn, Delaney, McPhee, Roberts.

Rangers opponents' in the final on April 21 were to be St Mirren who beat Celtic 3 – 1 in an astonishing game at Ibrox the same afternoon.

Furious

A 70th minute pitch invasion by Celtic fans, with their side losing 3 – 0, caused the game to be held up for 16 minutes. The teams were taken off the park. When it restarted, Byrne netted an 83rd minute consolation effort for the Celts.

A furious Celtic chairman, Robert Kelly, said to the press afterwards, 'If the match had been abandoned because of our supporters we would have conceded the tie rather than go to a replay.'' St Mirren scorers were Fernie, Kerrigan and Beck.

Advantage

Spurs went through to their second successive FA Cup final with a 3 – 1 triumph over Manchester United at Hillsborough. Scorers were Greaves, Jones and Medlin. Their opponents were still to be decided with Fulham and Burnley drawing 1 – 1 at Villa Park. Anglo Scot, Graham Leggat, netted for Fulham.

Dundee, meanwhile, went to the top of the league, holding a one point advantage, with a 3 – 2 win over Stirling Albion at Annfield.

The top three was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee' . .	30	21	4	3	71	44	46
Rangers . .	29	20	5	4	77	28	45
Dnfermline	31	19	4	8	75	40	42

Rangers Reserves took on Dundee United at Tannadice on March 28 in the first leg of the Reserve League Cup final. The Light Blues, in the club's first final of the season, won 3 – 1. Scorers were Hume, Penman and Willoughby, with Boner netting for United.

RANGERS: Martin, Provan, King, Woods, McKinnon, Greig, Watson, Willoughby, Forrest, Penman, Hume.

The Scotland squad for the England game on April 14 was chosen and no fewer than six Rangers players were in the 19-strong pool.

SCOTLAND: Brown(Spurs), Leslie (West Ham United), Caldow (Rangers), Hamilton (Dundee), Kennedy (Celtic), Mackay (Celtic), Baxter (Rangers), Crerand (Celtic), Mackay (Spurs), McNeill (Celtic), Ure (Dundee), Brand (Rangers), Divers (Celtic), Millar (Rangers), Quinn (Motherwell), Scott (Rangers), St John (Liverpool), White (Spurs) and Wilson (Rangers).

Thistle stung . . .

March 25 - 31, 1937

TWO goals in two minutes left Partick Thistle shell-shocked this week 50 years ago as Rangers secured two more vital league points.

The clash of the Glasgow sides took place at Ibrox on March 29, and, thanks to those opening glory moments, Rangers won 3 – 1.

Cross

One minute past three o'clock, with the fans still arriving at the ground, Rangers took the lead. Dave Kinnear sent in a curling cross from the corner flag and Alec Venters scored to make it 1 – 0.

A stunned Thistle were hardly given time to recover when, in the second minute, Rangers made it 2 – 0! Alec Venters passed to Jimmy Smith, who in turn sent Dave Kinnear clear. A thunderbolt drive gave Johnstone no chance in the Thistle goal.

The Jags fought back, however, and in the 60th minute Wallace scored to make it 2 – 1 when he fired past Dawson. Bob McPhail, though, put an end to the visitors brief comeback with a third for Rangers. Sutherland attempted a pass-back and the Light Blues forward intercepted to score.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, McKillop, Simpson, Brown, Thornton, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Kinnear.

PARTICK THISTLE: R. Johnstone, I. Johnstone, Calderwood, Elliot, Sutherland, McLeod, McSpadyen, McKennan, Wallace, McMenemy, Smith.

The other scores that Monday saw second placed Aberdeen drop a point in a 2 – 2 draw with St Johnstone at Muirton Park. Third placed Celtic beat Falkirk at Parkhead with a penalty from Geatons.

The top three table was as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers . .	34	23	9	2	78	27	55
Aberdeen .	35	22	7	6	85	40	51
Celtic. . . .	34	20	8	6	78	42	48

Draw

The Saturday fixtures (March 27) went ahead without Rangers who had played their scheduled match with Kilmarnock a month previously: Aberdeen maintained their runners-up spot with a 4 – 0 victory over Hearts at Pittodrie and Celtic could only draw 1 – 1 with Partick Thistle at Parkhead.

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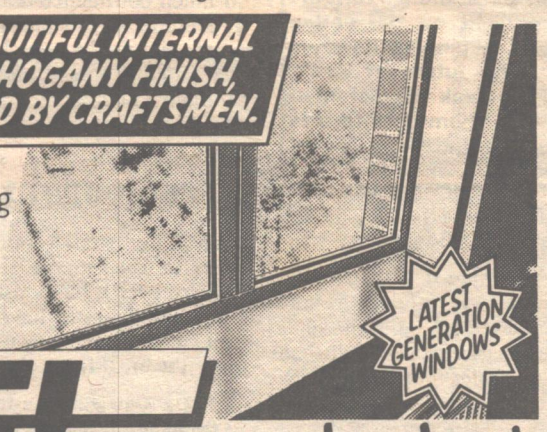

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For this week we are pleased to announce the lucky winners of the competitions

Firstly, we gave you the chance to win two Rangers strips — a home strip and the Light Blues' away strip. And, the lucky YRC member who got all the answers correct was Heather Rodgers, 2 Napier Court, Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire.

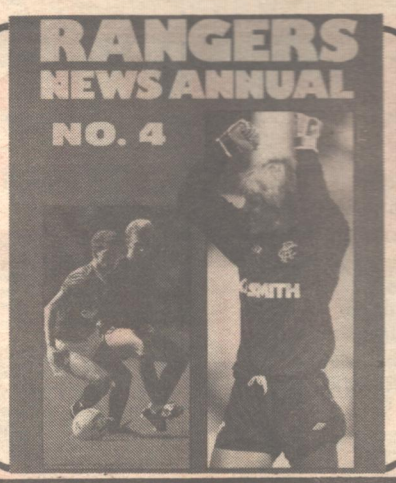
Heather's correct answers were: Hearts, Jim Duffy and Morton.

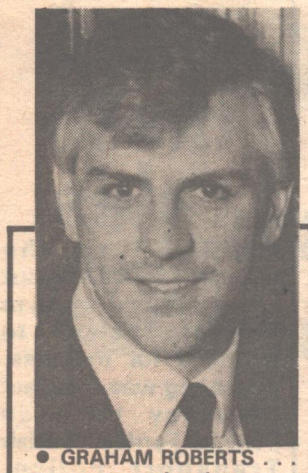
Four Derby Star footballs, were the prizes offered in another contest in the annual and one ball will be going to the following four lucky winners:

Steven Irwin, 16 Leven Street, Motherwell; Carole Ann Wright, 57 Broompark Road, High Blantyre, Glasgow; Robert Donald, 12 Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow; and Alan Grant, Forth Street, Edinburgh.

Their correct answers were: Ally McCoist, Jimmy Millar, Derek Parlane and Jimmy Smith.

The winner of our Meal Competition in the annual will be announced shortly, so keep an eye out for our next few editions. YOU could be the lucky person to spend a day with your favourite Ranger.





● GRAHAM ROBERTS . . . see question three.

QUICK QUIZ

1. If you were to see Paul Davis tackled by Liam O'Brien, which two sides would be in action?
2. Plough Lane is the home of which club?
3. True or false? Graham Roberts was signed by Spurs from non-league football.
4. From which club did Rangers sign Jimmy Nicholl?
5. Can you name the manager of Leeds United?

● ANSWERS BELOW



WE'VE GOT IT TAPED!

FOUR copies of an excellent tape are up for grabs this week in yet another super "News" contest for all young Rangers Club fans.

Clem Dane's collection of songs under the title "The English Connection" are now on sale at most music outlets, and we've arranged for four tapes to be the prizes in our contest.

All you have to do is answer three simple questions about an action picture from the past.

This week's snapshot comes from the Rangers v Clydebank match at the start of this season at Ibrox:

1. Can you name the Rangers player?
2. Who are the two Clydebank players challenging?
3. What was the final score?

Answers

Once you have your answers, jot them down on a postcard, or the back of a sealed down envelope and send it to TAPES, Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow G3 7YE.

All entries MUST be in for the closing date of April 15 and, remember, the editor's decision is final in all matters and no correspondence will be entered into.

★ Clem's tape is currently on sale priced £3.99. Fans can buy it at the Rangers Shop, 150 Copland Road, adjacent to the Stadium.

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 8
CHRISTINE MAITLAND, 26 Altyre Street, Tollcross, was 13.

FEBRUARY 12
PETER DOWNIE, 225 Redburn, Alexandria, was 16.

MARCH 12
ALLAN BELLETT, 1 Allison Place, Kirkliston, was nine.

MARCH 19
NEVILLE CALDERWOOD, 36 Ravenscroft Avenue, Belfast, was 12.

MARCH 21
ANGELA REID, 120 Gyle Park Gardens, Edinburgh, was nine.

MARCH 22
IAIN INGLIS, 30 Gateside Avenue, Kilsyth, was four.

TODAY
(WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25)
GORDON WILSON, 7 Jura Gardens, Larkhall, is nine.
ANDREW DOBBIE, 107 Chapelle Crescent, Tillicoutry, is 14.
ANNE HOGG, 2 Longformacus Road, Edinburgh, is 15.
ALAN GILMOUR, 69 Kirkwood Avenue, Clydebank, is 16.
CHRISTOPHER ADAMSON, 29 Parkmount Crescent, Ballymena, Northern Ireland, is 13.
NIKKI McMILLAN, 6 Millerfield Road, Dalmarnock, is four.
STUART STIRLIING, 39 Knoweknack Terrace, Lanark, is 10.
MICHELLE McFARLANE, 14/2 Bachstrasse, West Germany, is four.
MARTIN RICHARDS, 25 Belltrees Crescent, Paisley, is 10.
DEREK STONE, 66 Stonebank, Livingston, is 14.
CRAIG MacMILLAN, 70 Moulin Circus, Cardonald, is 14.
ROBERT BURNS, 129 Brook Street, Alva, is 13.
CHRIS EVANS, 13 Echline Gardens, South Queensferry, is 16.
STEVEN COCHRAN, 16 Kilpatrick Crescent, Paisley, is 13.
GARY SMITH, 5 Hillside Avenue, Bearsden, is 16.
MARK JOHNSTON, 65 Loch Street, Dunfermline, is 17.
GARETH McCRONE, 32 Hill Crescent, Bathgate, is 15.
DEREK McAVOY, 100 Hayfield Terrace, Denny, is 12.
LAURIE-ANNE MacPHERSON, 41 Burnside, Telford, is 10.
JOHN BERWICK, Police Station House, Ladybank, is 12.
BARRY SHEARER, 50 Dumgoyne Avenue, Milngavie, is 14.

THURSDAY
MALCOLM MacDONALD, Cnoc-na-sgillinn, Isle of Mull, will be eight.
ROSS TAYLOR, 41 Fairfield, Sauchie, will be eight.
DAVID LOWEY, 15 Holm Place, Linwood, will be nine.
CHRISTOPHER LEES, 48 Polwarth Crescent, Prestonpans, will be five.
STEVIE HENDERSON, 59 Bute Crescent, Shotts, will be two.
ANDREW MILBURN, The Walled Garden, Ormiston, will be 16.
JAMIE KELSO, 5 Curlinghaugh Crescent, Wishaw, will be six.
ANGUS McLEAN, 5 The Acres, Perth, will be 16.
KEVIN FAIRBAIRN, 10 Greendykes Road, Edinburgh, will be 17.
JOHN JOHNSTON, 1 Alford Avenue, Kirkintilloch, will be 13.
EDWARD BROWN, 85 Braes View, Denny, will be 16.
NEIL DUNCAN, 20 Crammon Terrace, Banff, will be 16.
DUNCAN McGOWAN, 9 Caldwell Road, Carluke, will be eight.
CAMPBELL BLAKELY, 34 Nith Drive, Renfrew, will be 14.
BILLY SYMINGTON, 50 Osborne Drive, Lochside, will be 17.
SHARON TAYLOR, 7 Muirside Road, Tullibody, will be 11.
DAVID HENDERSON, 47 Monreith Road, Newlands, will be 15.
GORDON MURRAY, 121 Newmarket, Isle of Lewis, will be 15.
BILLY KELL, 129 Dickson Drive, Irvine, will be 12.
KENNETH BROWN, 16F Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, will be two.
WILLIAM HENDRY, 72 Whitevale Street, Dennistoun, will be 10.
ALAN CONNAL, 11 Southfield Drive, Falkirk, will be 16.
CRAIG DUNCAN, 2 St Margaret's Drive, Armadale, will be 14.
BILLY SHANKS, 3 Hawthorn Place, Isle of Skye, will be 11.
STUART STRONACH, 40 Craiglomond Gardens, Balloch, will be seven.
DEREK RAMSAY, 16 Manson Crescent, Perth, will be 17.

FRIDAY
DAVID IRVINE, 6 Barra Drive, Airdrie, will be 12.
GORDON LEIGHTON, 6 Wade Place, Aberfeldy, will be eight.
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MORVEN SHAW, 80 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, will be 14.
ANDREW HENDERSON, 12 Manse Road, Angus, will be 14.
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CRAIG CULLEN, 108 Lodd Street, Haghill, will be six.
MURDO MacLEAN, 11 Lawrence Street, Glasgow, will be 15.
LEE NORTH, 11A Dyer Road, Barnsley, will be 15.
ELIZABETH FINLAY, 18 Allanvale, Dunlop, will be eight.
ROBBIE WALKER, 67 Breval Crescent, Hardgate, will be 17.
DIANE RAE, 238 High Street, Laurencekirk, will be nine.
DAVID MILLIGAN, 16 Lochmark Avenue, Drongan, will be 17.
DAVID HAYES, 360 Kinfalins Drive, Drumchapel, will be seven.
DEREK McLAUGHLIN, 30 Cromer Street, Richill, will be two.
BILLY McCRACKEN, 70 Lime Road, New Cumnock, will be 14.

SATURDAY
IAN BROWN, 1 Lavelle Drive, Coatbridge, will be 15.
ALEX FYFE, 59 Glenkirk Drive, Drumchapel, will be 12.
WILLIAM HUNTER, 5 Tannadice Avenue, Cardonald, will be eight.
YAN STEWART, Balnamuir House, Pitlochry, will be 13.
GRAHAM TIDD, 46 Neuk Crescent, Houston, will be seven.
GRANT WILSON, 26 Clure Drive, Prestwick, will be eight.
RAYMOND McCAFFERY, 102 Crail Street, Tollcross, will be 12.
NATHAN STEPHENSON, 5 Howden Dike, Cleveland, will be eight.
EWEN MacDOUGALL, 36 MacQueen Street; Isle of Harris, will be 10.
CRAIG SHIMMONS, 3 Woodbank Crescent, Clarkston, will be 10.
MARK GRAHAM, 18 Mackay Crescent, Fort William, will be one.
ROBERT DONALD, 12 Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow, will be 12.
DEREK BANKS, 48 Holytown Road, Motherwell, will be 14.
CHRISTOPHER HEPBURN, Kinloch Arms Hotel, Carnoustie, will be 17.
STEVEN CRAWFORD, 49 Shaw Avenue, Armadale, will be 13.
CHRISTOPHER CLARK, 58 Mainshill Park, Erskine, will be 13.
STUART THOMSON, 9 School Road, Falkirk, will be 16.
GORDON BAXTER, 18 Ravensby Road, Carnoustie, will be 15.
ANDREW SPEIRS, 24 West Muir Road, West Calder, will be 16.
EUAN FISHER, 16 Brierbush Crescent, East Lothian, will be 16.
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PAULINE WEIR, 67 Burghead Drive, Glasgow, will be 16.
DEREK LETFORD, 18 Milton Gardens, Whins of Milton, will be 12.
GRAEME STEEL, 42 Dunbae Road, Stranraer, will be 12.
JAMES DUFF, 25 Stravanan Road, Castlemilk, will be 17.
THOMAS EWING, 25 Motehill Road, Paisley, will be 16.
ROBERT HERON, 8 Craigens Place, Cumnock, will be 15.
ROBERT McNELLIE, 11 Kilmein Avenue, Patna, will be 17.
GARY McKEON, 15 Calder Crescent, Armadale, will be 15.
GORDON LAPPIN, 66 Thomasmuir Street, Greenock, will be six.
PAUL ALLAN, Black Watch Inn, Aberfeldy, will be 15.
JOSEPH BRATTEY, 7 Langholm Street, Yoker, will be 16.
CRAIG McLAREN, 1 Caledonia Street, Paisley, will be five.
SCOTT WEIR, 64 St Andrew's Gardens, Dalry, will be 16.
DONNA COPELAND, 23 Seaview, Wigtown, will be 13.

MONDAY
DUNCAN TURNER, 58 East Bankton Place, Livingston, will be 10.
NORMAN SHANKS, 3 Hawthorn Place, Isle of Skye, will be 10.
MARK MACHRAY, 6 Garrell Grove, Kilsyth, will be 14.
PAUL BENNET, 14 Raith Road, Fenwick, will be nine.
SUSAN DEAN, 133 Thornhill Road, New Elgin, will be 12.
SANDY STEWART, 40 Homebush Drive, Woodberry, Australia, will be 12.
JOHN McINALLY, 35 Ann Street, Tillicoultry, will be 14.
FRASER MATEER, 1 Birnock Avenue, Deanfield, will be one.
KIRSTEEN MARTIN, 1 Uirkhill Park, Broxburn, will be 16.
DEREK FRENCH, 24 Marches Drive, Armadale, will be 15.
ROBERT MILLAR, 15 Hazel Avenue, Johnstone, will be 11.
CAMERON WOOD, 49 Birkenshaw Way, Armadale, will be 12.
ANDREW McDUFF, 70 Kingswood Drive, Glasgow, will be 16.
MARK McCALLUM, 16 Fleming Place, Blackridge, will be 14.
JOHN BRINE, 38 Linthaugh Road, Pollok, will be 15.
JOHN VINSON, 11 Argyll Road, Dunoon, will be 15.
MARGARET SMITH, 18 Drumby Crescent, Clarkston, will be 16.
CRAIG WILSON, 72 Gillies Hill, Cambusbarron, will be 14.
LACHLAN RAE, 256 Lime Crescent, Cumbernauld, will be 14.
BILLY MITCHELL, 3 Quarry Side Street, Glenmavis, will be 15.
DOUGLAS CRANE, 33 Kennedy Avenue, Montrose, will be nine.

TUESDAY
CRAIG FINLAYSON, 44 Tormusk Road, Castlemilk, will be three.
STEPHEN McMURRAY, 34 Grange Terrace, Bo'ness, will be 13.
STEWART GREACEN, 8 Peacock Loan, Carluke, will be five.
ANDREW NAPIER, 66 Lamlash Crescent, Cranhill, will be six.
MICHAEL CASEY, 1 Wexford Road, Woodend, will be three.
MARK SMITH, 39 Cleghorn Drive, Broxburn, will be 15.
SANDRA MIENE, 59 Woodstock Road, Lanark, will be 14.
HUGH DOCHERTY, 1K Aberfoyle Road, Greenock, will be 12.
NICHOLAS HARVEY, 42 Cumbrae Drive, Falkirk, will be 11.
IAN CAMPBELL, 31 Broomton Road, Balornock, will be 10.
ROBERT FRASER, 60 Cornhill Drive, Coatbridge, will be 11.
GORDON BARCLAY, 27 Seaforth Road, Tain, will be five.
BILLY HAMILTON, 33 Garraway Road, Helensburgh, will be 11.
GEORGE IRVINE, 116 Bramhill Park, Sauchie, will be 11.
JAMIE BUCHAN, 19 Springbank, Peterhead, will be five.
GORDON LOW, 3 Belmont Road, Cambuslang, will be 17.
TOM MARR, 50 Cumbrae Drive, Falkirk, will be 17.
ANDREW TURNBULL, The Old Manse, Yetholm, will be 15.
JOHN McMULLAN, 45 Dundee Terrace, Edinburgh, will be eight.
LAURA FRASER, The Beeches, Drumnadrochit, will be 15.
KENNETH WATSON, 139 Dormanside Road, Glasgow, will be 12.
MARK ARMSTRONG, 9 Larch Grove, East Kilbride, will be 15.
ANDREW BARTON, 15 Cloan Avenue, Drumchapel, will be 10.
HUGH BORTHWICK, 52 Main Street, Biggar, will be 14.
GARY HUGHS, 23 Balmeg Avenue, Giffnock, will be four.
TRACY KELLY, 70 Glenhove Road, Cumbernauld, will be 15.
SARAH JOHNSTON, 47 Norstane, Shetland Isles, will be 10.
STEVEN DRUMMOND, 6 Hunt Place, Dunfermline, will be 17.
STEPHEN GREGG, 31 Hawthorn Walk, Dromore, will be nine.
TRACEY RAE, 4 Park Bank, Erskine, will be 16.

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THE HAPPIEST MAN IN SOCCER

– that's what move made kirkwood ...

DAVID Kirkwood last week signed a two-year contract with Rangers and pro-claimed himself the happiest player in Scottish football.

The 19-year-old mid-fielder, who joined East Fife as a 12-year-old, left Bayview in a £30,000 deal which went through last Thursday night — and David can hardly take it all in.

He told the 'News': "It's a move I just couldn't turn down and I always knew East Fife would not stand in my way when an oppor-tunity like this came along.

Course

"I have just completed the first year of a three-year course in Engineering Studies which I'm keen to complete and Rangers are going to try and arrange for me to continue my studies in Glasgow."

David plans to set up home in Glasgow as soon as he can with Methil not being the easiest place in the world to commute from.

David made his first-team debut for East Fife when he was only 16 and since then has made over 100 appearances for the Bayview club.

His talent has not gone unnoticed despite playing all of his football so far in the First Division.

He has won international honours for Scotland at under-17 and under-18 level where he was a team-mate of Rangers' youngster Scott Nisbet.

Said David: "I know Scott very well but judging from the atmosphere in the dressing room on my first day here, there's not going to be any problem fitting in at Ibrox."

David is joined at Ibrox by 21-year-old defender Jimmy Phillips who, de-spite the sound of his name, is an Englishman.

Graeme Souness tied up a £75,000 deal with Bolton Wanderers' manager Phil Neal who is, of course, one of Graeme's former An-field team-mates.

At six foot and 12 stones, Jimmy plays at either left-back or in the centre of defence and before the start of this season had made 78 league appearances for Bolton since making his debut in 1984.



● THUMBS UP . . . Dave Kirkwood, delighted to be at Ibrox, which is slightly bitter than Bayview.

All-change at Ibrox!

THERE are to be major improvements made to the pitch and other areas of Ibrox during the coming close season.

Rangers have lost major revenue as a result, having to turn down a lucrative pop concert by one of the world's biggest rock groups, who are now looking to play at Murrayfield.

However, the club need the full 12 weeks of the close season to take up the whole playing surface and improve it, by a method which is still to be decided depending on a report being carried out.

Last summer's Simple Minds concert at the Stadium cut the available time for improvements to just seven weeks.

Work

The pitch has taken a battering this season because of the extended 44-match Premier League.

Other work being carried out includes a refurbished police room which is necessary under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

Rangers secretary Campbell Ogilvie told the 'News': "We will be building a new control room above the players' tunnel, with a computerised crowd control screen.

"The new system will also incorporate the disc-jockey's box and there will be access to the boxes from inside the stand, whereas before police and the disc-jockeys have had to go in through the Enclosure."



● CAMPBELL OGILVIE

Heed these rules

FURTHER to the warnings to fans about travelling from Northern Ireland to Scotland for matches, a meeting was held last Thursday between Sealink Ferries, British Transport Police, Rangers Operations Executive Alistair Hood and Celtic's Security Adviser Ken Stewart.

After the discussions in Stranraer, the following FOUR points were issued which supporters must heed, especially relevant to the large numbers who will be coming across from Larne to Stranraer for the Celtic-Rangers match.

1: STEWARDS — Each group require to nominate stewards on the basis of one steward to each ten persons in the group and the names of the stewards should be made known to Sealink in advance of the travel date.

The stewards will make themselves known to the ship's purser on arrival at the ship where they will be given a distinctive badge to wear whilst travelling on the ship.

2: ALCOHOL — The carrying on board ship of beer, wine or spirits is prohibited. Any person considered to be under the influence of alcohol or with alcohol in their possession will be refused access to the ship.

3: SPORTING COLOURS — Friendly rivalry is ap-preciated but unfortunately different colours on the same ship do not always mix. The wearing of scarves and other club favours is therefore prohibited.

4: GENERAL BEHAV-IOUR — Rowdyism, of-fensive language or anti-social behaviour will be actively discouraged and individuals or groups who do not comply will be banned from using any of three Cross-Channel routes to and from Northern Ireland.

Hewitt sinks colts . . .

Rangers . . . . . 2 Aberdeen 4

A JOHN Hewitt hat-trick sunk Rangers Reserves at Ibrox last Tuesday night and halted their mini-revival in the Premier Reserve League.

The scoreline is rather harsh on the young Light Blues side and it was only their inexperience in the centre of defence which cost them at least a share of the points.

Good

Said coach Peter McCloy: "For much of the game it was a very good performance from us and we really should have gone in at half-time with a winning lead behind us.

"We created a lot of chances which we should have taken advantage of but at the end of the day bad mistakes in defence let us down."

John Hewitt fired Aberdeen into the lead in the eighth minute but Rangers stormed back with David MacFarlane



● JOHN SPENCER

and John Spencer hitting the crossbar and Gary McSwegan shooting wide from a good position.

The equaliser came in the 36th minute when John Spencer took up good position in the penalty area, controlled a cross from the right and drove the ball low past the Dons' goalkeeper.

In the first minute of the second half, a mistake from Scott Nisbet let John Hewitt in to regain the lead for Aberdeen and when Paul Wright made it 3-1 in the 65th minute things looked bleak for Rangers.

Terrific

But with Nisbet moved up front, the Light Blues fought back and in the 75th minute Bobby Russell beat two men before smashing in a terrific left foot shot.

Rangers pressed forward for the equaliser and Hugh Burns almost got it but with five minutes to go John Hewitt broke clear and left Lindsay Hamilton again blameless to make the final score 4-2.

John Spencer won the 'Young Man of the Match' vote, and was also booked!

RANGERS: Hamilton, Burns, Yule, Thomson, Nisbet, Russell, Fraser, MacFarlane, McSwegan, Knell, Spencer. Subs: A. McPherson (for McSwegan, 65) and McEwan (not used).

John at the double . . .

Rangers . . . . . 2 St. Mirren 0

LITTLE John Spencer was a big star for Rangers reserves as he grabbed a super double to sink St. Mirren in this Premier Reserve League fixture at Ibrox on Saturday.

The second team bounced back well from their defeat by Aberdeen and were never in any danger of not winning this game with keeper Lindsay Hamilton hardly having a save to make.

Pleased

Said coach Peter Mc-Cloy: "The match was a bit scrappy at times, particu-larly in midfield, but we were well worth our win and I was well pleased with John Spencer, David MacFarlane, Mark Thom-son and Davie Kirkwood in particular."

Davie's debut in a Light



● CAMMY FRASER

Blue jersey was cut short 15 minutes from the end of the match when he pulled a muscle and was replaced by Jim Frith, but the £30,000 buy from East Fife should be okay.

He definitely looked the part in midfield with a lot of nice touches but it was his team-mate Cammy Fraser who set up the opening goal in the 30th minute with a brilliant di-agonal pass to John Spencer who smashed a terrific shot past Les Fridge from just inside the penalty area.

Luck

John was on target again in the 65th minute when he headed home a cross that any other player would have gone for with his foot, and the 16-year-old might have had a hat-trick with a little more luck.

Not surprisingly, Spencer won the 'Young Man of the Match' vote from Peter Mc-Cloy, although David MacFarlane ran him close with an outstanding 90 minutes in the centre of defence.

RANGERS: Hamilton, McEwan, Yule, MacFarlane, Thomson, Russell, Fraser, Kirkwood, McSwegan, Knell, Spencer. Subs: A. McPherson (for McEwan, 60) and Frith (for Kirkwood, 75).

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