

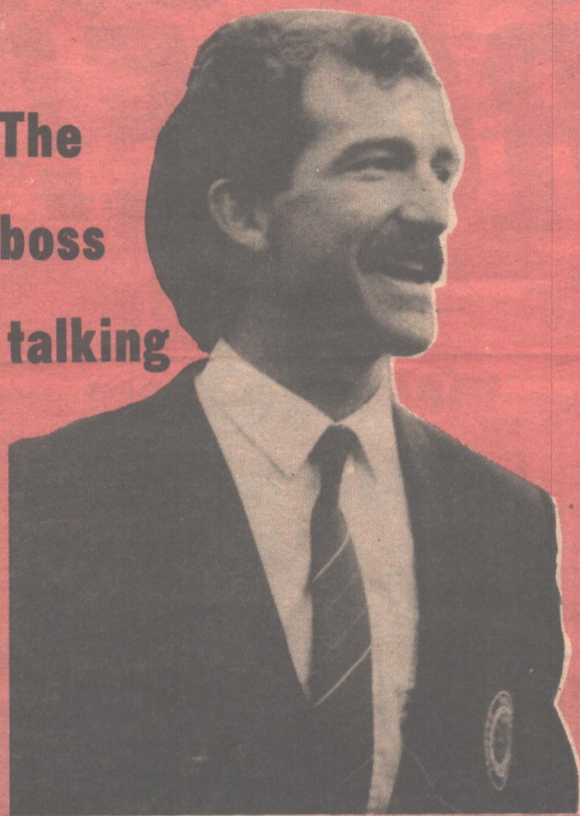
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The boss talking



GRAEME Souness has won three trophies in his first season in football management as he has led the Rangers revival in magnificent style.

This week, in an exclusive 'News' interview, the Ibrox boss reflects on many different aspects of an incredible season — and looks forward to more success with Rangers.

On pages 4 and 5, Graeme talks frankly about:

- ★ Why the Premier League is far more important than the European Cup.
- ★ Why he stays out of the players' dressing-room as much as possible.
- ★ Why his relationship with the Scottish sporting media has not been good.
- ★ Why the Rangers supporters are the best.
- ★ Why losing to Hamilton Accies in the Scottish Cup was the worst day of his career.
- ★ Why there will be more top quality, big name stars coming to Ibrox.



● DRESSED TO THRILL . . . A happy Ibrox dressing-room begin the celebrations on Saturday in a 'News' exclusive picture. Walter Smith is still drying off after being thrown in the bath fully clothed by the players!

I'LL PLAY AGAIN!

Souness not hanging up his boots yet

THE Rangers supporters jubilantly celebrated their heroes' title triumph at Ibrox on Saturday — and then were given a massive boost from player-manager Graeme Souness for next season.

The Light Blues boss has decided he WILL be a player in 1987-88 after contemplating hanging up his boots following his sending off at Pittodrie the previous week.

It's marvellous news for Rangers and their fans for there is surely no doubt that Graeme is still a world-class player, one of the best in his position in the world.

Said Graeme after Saturday's 1-0 win over St. Mirren: "Yes, I will be playing next season. I was pretty emotional after the Aberdeen match, but the things I was upset about then are things I would like to talk about some other time.

Friendly

"Right now, my only thoughts are on planning our league campaign for next season and I feel I can do that best on the field. Besides, it's absolute murder watching from the touchline!"

Graeme flew out with his squad to Israel, on Sunday, for a week-long break which included one friendly match, against an Israeli select in Tel Aviv on Monday.

By 'News' Reporter

The planning for next season has already started and Graeme intends to have at least two big-name stars at Ibrox in time for pre-season training which will start on Wednesday, July 8.

He said: "The Premier League will always be my priority. It's the ultimate measure of who is the best team in Scotland. Although we have defeated Celtic three times out of five this season, if they had won the title they would have been the best team. It's as simple as that."

It's clear that now that the Premier League trophy is safely back in the Ibrox trophy room, Graeme intends that it will stay there!



● DYNAMIC DUO . . . Jubilant Graeme Souness and his assistant Walter Smith keep a firm grip of the Premier League trophy.



● RONNIE YULE . . . free transfer.

Free transfers for Ibrox duo

RANGERS have given free transfers to two players — and offered new contracts to two more.

Striker Phillip Knell and defender Ronnie Yule are the players who are leaving Ibrox. The club thank 18-year-old Phillip and 20-year-old Ronnie for their services and wish them all the very best in the future.

Meanwhile, Ally Dawson has been offered a new one-year contract and Stuart Munro a new two-year deal by manager Graeme Souness.

Said the Ibrox boss: "I'm hopeful that both players will accept the offers."



● PHILLIP KNELL . . . free transfer.



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WE'RE READY FOR EUROPE!



● WE'VE DONE IT, LADS . . . The final whistle goes at Pittodrie and the smile on Graham Roberts's face says it all.

WE'RE ready for the European Cup! That's the message from Rangers inspirational defender Graham Roberts following the memorable championship triumph.

The former Spurs star described last Saturday at Pittodrie as "one of the best moments in my life", and he's looking forward to much more success at Ibrox.

— that's the message from Graham Roberts

By 'News' Reporter

The powerhouse defender, who has quickly built up a fantastic relationship with the Rangers supporters, spoke to the 'News' about how everything at Ibrox is geared to success at home and abroad.

Said Graham: "We have got a very good squad of players at the club and it's going to be strengthened even more by the management before next season."

"We want to do well in everything we play in and while winning the domestic competitions is always the first priority, everyone at the club has genuine ambitions to do well in Europe and, ultimately, we want to win the European Cup."

Success

"It would be rash to say we will win it next season, but what I can say with absolute confidence is that this team is geared exactly right for success in Europe and we couldn't have anyone better than Graeme Souness to lead us in continental competition."

Graham, of course, has tasted European success before, when he skippered Spurs to the UEFA Cup in 1984.

He says: "That match, as well as the birth of my daughter, are the only things which can equal the feeling I got when we won the title at Pittodrie last weekend."

"I would love to be on a winning side again in Europe and I'm sure I can do that with Rangers. It might not be next season, but I'm sure it will happen."

Graham's special relationship with the Rangers supporters caused him quite a scare at Pittodrie, as he disappeared under a sea of red, white and blue at the final whistle.

Said Graham: "The fans have been absolutely tremendous to me since I joined Rangers. I thought the Spurs supporters took some beating, but the punters here are unbelievable."

"I must admit, though, it was pretty scary at the final

whistle at Pittodrie. I wondered if I was every going to make it to the dressing-room and I practically had to fight my way there.

"We knew the title was ours with about five minutes of the match left. The punters behind the goal were shouting out that Celtic were losing and we just couldn't believe it."

Impressed

"The match itself was never a classic, we were very tense and it was our team spirit that pulled us through, especially after the bad blow of losing the gaffer."

"But we have proved ourselves to be worthy champions and the lads at Ibrox have all impressed me since I came to the club."

"Ally McCoist is a tremendous goalscorer, while Ian Durrant and Derek Ferguson are two of the best midfield players I have seen for a long, long time."

"And watch out for Jimmy Phillips next season. What a player he has turned out to be, a marvellous tackler and also very skilful. He is a great buy for the club."

Style

If there's one thing which has taken the shine off Rangers season a little bit, it's the way their style of play has been clamped down upon by officials.

Says Graham: "The opposition are always going to try and wind Rangers up and we must learn to accept it, but at the same time try and not let our normal type of game be inhibited."

"The way referees interpret the game in Scotland is different from down south. But officials don't win championships, it's up to players and we have proved that ability counts."

"I just love playing football and playing for Rangers has been the best experience of my career. It's the best move I could have made and I'm very pleased with my form. I'm looking forward to more silverware next season."

A LIFER!

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McCoist achieved lifetime ambition

ALLY McCoist achieved a lifetime ambition last weekend when Rangers won the Premier League championship.

But the Ibrox striker, whose tally of over 40 goals did so much to take the Light Blues to the title, paid a price for the success.

At the end of the match at Pittodrie, Ally was mobbed by delirious supporters who had rushed on to the field to acclaim the triumph.

Several players lost boots and jerseys to frantic souvenir hunters but Ally also had an expensive gold chain ripped from his neck during the celebrations.

Jubilant

He told the 'News': "It's not so much the cost of the chain — it has great sentimental value to me. So if anyone out there has it, I would be grateful if it could be returned to me."

"The scenes at the end were unbelievable. I had bits of my jersey ripped off me and also lost one of my boots. It was quite frightening at times, to be honest, but everyone was so jubilant that I knew I would get to the dressing-room in one piece."

Ally, for once, wasn't on the scoresheet in the match and indeed he was substituted in the second half with Colin West coming on to take his place.

But he insists there's no way that took the shine off his personal memories of a fantastic day.

Said Ally: "I had no complaints about being taken off, really. I might have looked a bit miffed, but that was just



● CHAMPIONSHIP RIP-OFF . . . the incident after the match at Pittodrie when Ally McCoist lost his chain — now he's appealing for its return.



● ALLY McCOIST

because it would have been nice to have stayed on the park at the final whistle.

Delighted

"But with us down to 10 men, it made sense to take me off at that stage of the game. I was also delighted that big Colin got the chance to be involved on the day we won the title."

"He has had a difficult season but came through it smiling

and he has been an important member of the squad off the field and always contributed when he has played."

Ally finished top scorer for Rangers for the fourth successive season, that is each year since he signed for the club from Sunderland.

"It means a lot more to me this season with a league championship medal in my pocket. That is the ultimate for any football player and for me, it's not how many goals I score that are important, but what honours I can pick up with Rangers."

Good

"It's been a good season for me. I feel my relationship with the supporters is much better and I have also forced my way into the reckoning in the Scotland squad."

"There is certainly a lot to look forward to in the seasons to come at Ibrox and the challenge of the European Cup next season really excites me."

* IF YOU have Ally's gold chain — or know who has — then either get in touch with him c/o Ibrox Stadium, or contact the 'News' at our usual address.



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THANKS LADS!



● CHRIS WOODS

I'M DEVOTING my column this week to the people without whom I would not have been able to collect the Premier League Trophy at Ibrox on Saturday.

If there has ever been a better bunch of players with a greater team spirit than those we have got at Ibrox, I'd love to know about them.

The championship has been won by a marvellous team effort and I can't praise the lads highly enough. It really has been an honour and privilege for me to be their captain.

So, here's my run-down on the men who won Rangers the championship

CHRIS WOODS: I've never been in doubt about Chris's ability and he has proved to everyone in Scottish football just how a good a goalkeeper he is.

I rate him the best in his position in the world, and that is no mean praise. He's commanding, a great talker and the perfect man to have behind you in the defence.

It's impossible to over-emphasise the value he has been to Rangers and time after time he has produced vital saves which have earned us a lot of our points in the title race.



● GRAHAM ROBERTS

Marvellous

GRAHAM ROBERTS: It's been marvellous playing alongside Graham. The man is a born winner and he has added a bit of necessary steel to the defence.

He is good in both boxes, defending brilliantly and also getting into useful positions when we are on the attack.

He has been an inspiration to everyone at the club both on and off the field and I think all of us have benefited from him since he signed on from Spurs.

STUART MUNRO: To my mind Stuart is certainly the unsung hero of the side this season. He has enjoyed an excellent year and has only missed two matches which speaks for itself.

He has improved no end since I first saw him play and he simply gets on with his job with the maximum effort and the minimum fuss.

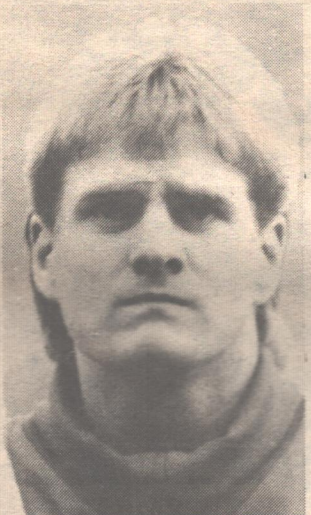
Stuart is quiet and efficient, as they say, but no-one should underestimate him and I'm sure he will go from strength to strength in the coming seasons.

DAVID McPHERSON: Despite being switched about to different positions, David has performed superbly throughout the season and there's no question he has a marvellous career ahead of him.

When I was a young player at Ipswich, I played at left back for a while and it did me no harm at all. Similarly, David has reacted well in the centre of defence, at fullback or in midfield.

He still has plenty of learning to do but he has all the ability needed. I honestly can't see how he can be kept out of the reckoning for the Scotland squad if he keeps up his present rate of progress.

He can also score goals, too



● STUART MUNRO



● DAVID McPHERSON



● DEREK FERGUSON

— 11 in total this season which is a terrific strike rate for a player in his position.

JIMMY NICHOLL: Known as "The Hustler" because of the way he closes down opponents so quickly.

He's an experienced, wily old player who is quick in the tackle and he and David McPherson have alternated very well throughout the season on the right flank.

David benefits from Jimmy's experience. His distribution of the ball is tremendous, too, and he's a great professional for any club to have.

IAN DURRANT: "Jasper" just doesn't look like a player — he is so frail and small. But he makes up for that with a heart the size of a lion's and he is Rangers through and through.

To me, he's a bit like Diego Maradona, using his head and guile to get past people. Ian has to run around the shower to get wet, but what a player he is.

I thought he was immense against Aberdeen, chasing every ball and literally running himself into the ground. A tremendous little player who can only go from strength to strength.

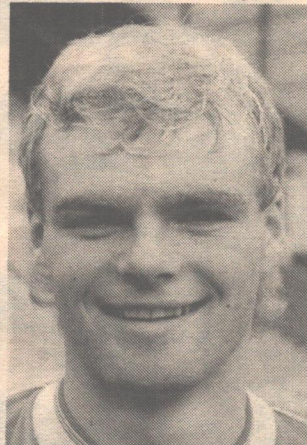
Terrific

DEREK FERGUSON: Fergie has been very unlucky with injury this season but he is very much a star for the future. There's no doubt in my mind that he will be a star for Rangers and Scotland very soon.

He has terrific awareness and vision and is equally at home playing long or short passes, all of them accurate.

He possesses a good shot, too, as he showed in Portugal this season and he and Ian Durrant work well as a pair. They are the ideal duo for Rangers to build their future around.

ROBERT FLECK:



● ROBERT FLECK

"Squarehead" and "Telly Addict" are just two of the nicknames that have been conjured up for Robert and he has been terrific member of the squad.

A lot of people saw him as a stop-gap member of the team when Colin West was injured, but has scored a lot of goals and proved to be a perfect foil for Ally McCoist.

He zeroes in on the long balls we hit from defence brilliantly and his terrific pace allows him to cause havoc for defenders as he bursts into the box. A great little player.

ALLY McCOIST: A marvellous character to have in the dressing room, Ally is everybody's pal and is always in a chirpy kind of mood no matter how things are going.

People all talk about the number of goals he has scored, which is marvellous, but what isn't appreciated as much is Ally's overall contribution to the team.

He works tremendously hard, sometimes on his own up front, and reads the game tremendously well. His ball control is good, too, and he's a great player to have on your side.

Unlucky

DAVIE COOPER: "Albert" as he's known to the lads because of all the moaning he does! But even I have got to admit he is one hell of a player when he's on his game.

He's got great pace for an old man, is a terrific dribbler and has laid on some absolutely vital goals for us this season. A winger in the old-fashioned mould.

One of Davie's biggest assets is his competitive spirit and I think he has been rejuvenated by what Graeme Souness has done to Rangers.

COLIN WEST: Big Westy has been terribly unlucky this season with injury and since that bad knock against East Fife, he has not started a match for us.

But despite all of that, he has remained very much a member of the squad and his attitude is a perfect example for any footballer who falls into the frustrating position he is in.

You never hear him moaning and I'm sure he will get the chance to prove his ability again. In my book, he is a fine player who can play a big role for Rangers again.

JIMMY PHILLIPS: There is no doubt that "Willie" is one of the best signings made by any club in recent times and he is going to prove himself to be an absolutely first-class player.

He has done really well in the limited number of appearances he has made so far and his non-

out and try to intimidate him but I'm sure the boss can handle that and it would be a great loss to football if he did pack in playing.

CAMMY FRASER: It's very sad still to think that Cammy will no longer be pulling on the light blue jersey with the rest of us — I've only known him a short time but I'll miss him every bit as much as the rest of the players.

To have to quit through injury must be the worst thing in the world for a professional footballer and there's no doubt that Cammy was a very valuable player for Rangers earlier in the season.

He deserves his championship medal as much as anyone.

TED McMINN: It seems like ages ago that Ted was sold to Seville, but we mustn't forget the important part he played for us this season.

He was vital to our success in the Skol Cup — who will ever forget his performance against Dundee United in the semi-final? It's sad that he had to leave Ibrox.

However, that's football and at least I will always have the memory of playing alongside one of the craziest, most unpredictable players you could ever see anywhere in the world.

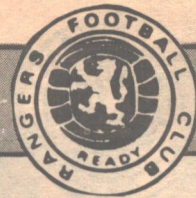
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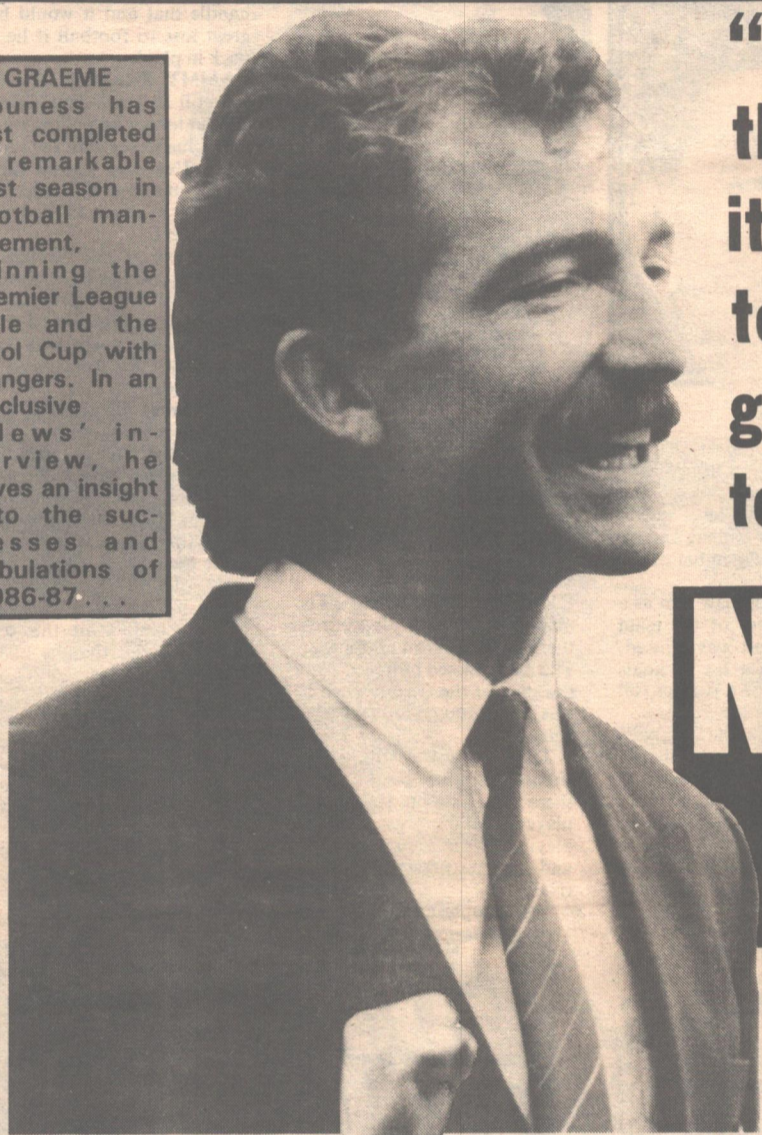


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I'LL DO IT MY

● **GRAEME** Souness has just completed a remarkable first season in football management, winning the Premier League title and the Skol Cup with Rangers. In an exclusive 'News' interview, he gives an insight into the successes and tribulations of 1986-87...



"I'll do this job the way I think it should be done to bring the greatest success to Rangers"

THE way Graeme Souness has taken Scottish football by storm has been received with mixed reactions by the media.

In fact, it's no secret that Graeme has declined to talk to the Scottish press for most of this season, letting Walter Smith capably handle the after-match press conferences and so on.

Inevitably, that has brought criticism upon the Rangers boss from the newspapers — but he makes no apologies for his stance with them.

Attitude

He told the 'News': "It's true to say that there have been problems with media relations and I have found their attitude as difficult to understand as they seem to have found mine.

"A lot of things that the press took for granted with previous managers of Rangers they just will not get from me and I make no apologies for that.

"I will do this job my way in the way I think it should be done to bring the greatest success to Rangers Football Club.

"Sure, I'll make mistakes along the way as anyone does in any profession. But I'll stand or fall by my own success rate — not by how I get on with the media.

"Let's face it, it's impossible for me to please everyone and the top of my list are the supporters, directors and players of Rangers Football Club.

"IF I CAN SATISFY THEM, NO-ONE ELSE REALLY MATTERS".

New faces at Ibrox

Hateley still first target for Souness

THERE will be new, top quality players at Ibrox for the start of next season and hopefully Mark Hateley will be the first.

The English international striker's contract with AC Milan runs out next month and Graeme Souness is determined that Hateley will sign on the dotted line for Rangers.

He told the 'News': "It's no secret that the chairman, Walter Smith and myself went to see Mark in action and I have played against him both for Liverpool and Sampdoria.

"He is a top quality player who is being chased by all of the top clubs in Europe — but I'm very hopeful that Mark will come and sign for Rangers. He is the type of player we need to be successful in Europe."

Rangers will not always make their signings at the top end of the transfer market, as the recent shrewd purchases of Jimmy Phillips from Bolton and David Kirkwood from East Fife proved.

Said Graeme: "Geoff Twentyman has been appointed our Chief Scout in England and he could prove to be one of our best signings. He did a great job for Liverpool for years and it was Geoff who recommended Jimmy Phillips to me.

"I only had to watch him once to see what a good player he was and there should be more where Jimmy came from.

Prices

"I make no apologies for buying from the English league. It's a bigger marketplace and when I try to buy in Scotland, I'm too often quoted ridiculously inflated prices.

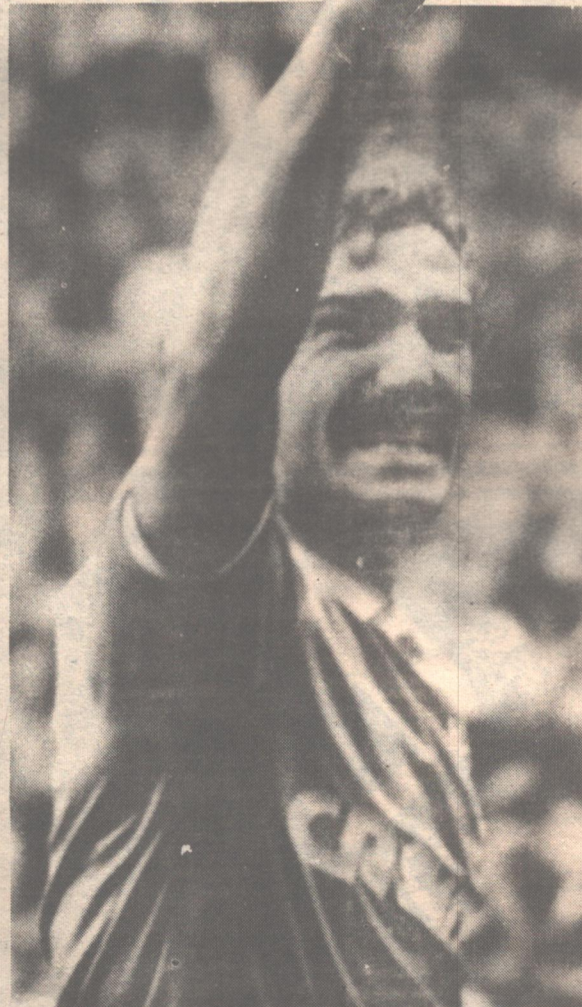
"Anyway, the days of Rangers being in business to subsidise other Scottish clubs ended when I came here."

While Graeme intends to continue buying players, there is no way that the Ibrox Youth policy is going to be neglected.

Graeme said: "When there is money coming through the gates, players will always be bought. But at the same time, a club of Rangers stature should always be able to attract the cream of the kids in Scotland.

"Gordon Neely comes recommended as the best man at his job in Scotland and that's why he was signed. He has only just started rebuilding the youth programme but I'm happy with what he has already achieved.

"We will not see the fruits of what he is sowing for another six years or so but I'm confident that Rangers will bring through their own talent as well as buying players."



● **HERE'S TO YOU . . .** The familiar clenched fist salute as Graeme acclaims the Rangers supporters after scoring.



● **WE'RE ON THE WAY UP . . .** It's just the start for Rangers under Graeme Souness — he intends leading them all the way up the football ladder.

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

Mixed fortunes at Stadium . . .

RANGERS arrived back in Glasgow this week 25 years ago, fresh from their after season trip to Copenhagen.

The next two items on the agenda for the Ibrox board of directors were a visit to Russia and the all important issue of re-signing for the new season.

There was good AND bad news for the Light Blues. Two more players fell in line with Ronnie McKinnon and Ian McMillan and decided to accept the terms on offer from the club.

Doug Baillie and Willie Henderson put pen to paper for the deal which guaranteed them £30 per week plus £5 appearance money.

Offer

The players still holding out for a better offer were Billy Ritchie, Bobby Shearer, Eric Caldwell, Harold Davis, Jim Baxter, Alec Scott, Jimmy Millar, Ralph Brand and Davie Wilson.

Disappointment for Rangers, however, came in the news that two players would not be included in the Ibrox party which would travel to Russia for a three match tour.

Jim Baxter and Billy Stevenson were the men who would miss the trip behind the 'Iron Curtain'. Baxter discovered that the

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dates of the Russian matches clashed with a Far East tour with the British Army Side. His presence was required.

Stevenson, meanwhile, had booked a holiday in Canada and chose to keep the flight reservation. His future at Ibrox, though, was in doubt in any case, as he was still looking for a transfer.

Transfer news dominated the headlines and this was most certainly the case with the Denis Law saga, involving Turin and Manchester United.

In a sensational new twist to the affair, Turin announced that they had sold the player to Juventus for a fee of £160,000. However, they added that Law had not signed the necessary papers.

A furious Law hit out at this development and speaking very frankly, said: "Unless I'm transferred to Manchester United I will pack in the game."

Third Lanark were being tipped to make a move for ex-Rangers left winger, Johnny Hubbard, after announcing that their star forward Joe McInnes was up for sale.

AND FINALLY . . .

Rangers win last match before tie against Dynamo

May 13 - 19, 1972

Eight minutes later and the score changed to 2-1 for St. Mirren when Jim Blair netted with a drive. The last seven minutes of the first half produced high drama when the Light Blues were awarded two penalty kicks.

Andy Penman scored from the spot in the 40th minute after Fyfe had been fouled by Alistair McLeod. Minutes later and the same defender fouled the same attacker. Penman took the kick once more, but this time Gilmour saved his effort.

Superb

Alex MacDonald made the score 2-2 in the 61st minute with a flick from a Johnston cross. Alfie Conn got his second and Rangers' fourth in the 77th minute with a superb lob before grabbing a third right on the full-time whistle with a header from a Penman cross.

Another pleasing factor for Willie Thornton, in charge of the side that evening whilst Willie Waddell watched Moscow Dynamo, was the fine form of club skipper John Greig. The defender replaced Derek Parlane to play fifteen minutes and receive a huge cheer from the Rangers faithful.

ST. MIRREN: Gilmour, McLaughlin, Jamieson, Miller, McQueen, G. McLeod, Osborne, Blair, A. McLeod, Munro, Prentice.

RANGERS: Neef, Jardine, Denny, Parlane, Johnson, Smith, Penman,



● ALFIE CONN . . . netted a hat-trick 15 years ago

Conn, Stein, Fyfe, MacDonald.

Rangers manager, Willie Waddell, was in Russia watching Moscow Dynamo draw 1-1 with Kairat, a struggling First Division club. Dynamo were booed off the park in their home stadium.

Venue

Spurs won the UEFA Cup at White Hart Lane despite drawing 1-1 with Wolves in the second leg tie. They had won the first leg at Molineux 2-1. Alan Mullery netted for Spurs while Dave Wagstaffe scored for the visitors. The London side became the first British club to have won two separate European competitions, having won the Cup Winners Cup in 1963.

Ibrox was the venue for the Scotland v England Schoolboys on May 13. The game ended in a 1-1 draw with Arthur Albiston netting from the penalty spot. George Hunter and Alex O'Hara were representing Rangers, with both on 'S' forms.

America's most racist politician was on the receiving end of an assassination attempt whilst campaigning in his home state of Alabama. Governor George Wallace was shot three times from point blank range. The gunman turned out to be one of his party followers. Wallace survived the attack, although his injuries were so serious that it was feared he might not ever walk again.

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Victory

Hearts and Hibs clashed in Edinburgh and the contest, for the Roseberry Charity Cup, was won by the Tynecastle team, with a 2-0 victory in their home patch.

Sam Goldwyn, the 'greatest showman in films' and an owner member of the United Artists Corporation, announced to the press and public in Hollywood that the corporation would now make only technicolour pictures.

This "startling" innovation would add at least £1 million a year to the the company's movie bill. However, an adamant Goldwyn stated, "I am through with black and white."

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Spotlight on the Light Blues' Glasgow Cup Final success

TREBLE TOP!



● UP FOR THE CUP . . . Ally Dawson holds aloft the Glasgow Cup as captain at Parkhead last week to the acclaim of the Rangers fans.

Midweek fact-file

GLASGOW CUP FINAL
 Scorers: Baillie o.g. 77 min. Att: 15,109.

CELTIC: Latchford, Traynor, Rogan, Shepherd, Baillie, O'Leary, Smith, McGeer, McNally, Burns. Subs: Archdeacon and Fraser (not used).

RANGERS: Walker, A. McPherson,

Phillips, MacFarlane, Dawson, Thomson, Kirkwood, Nisbet, McSwegan, West, Spencer. Subs: McEwan (for McSwegan 71) and Knell (for Thomson 80).

REFEREE: Douglas Hope (Erskine).

RANGERS NEWS 'YOUNG MAN-OF-THE-MATCH': Jimmy Phillips.

RANGERS completed a 'treble' of trophies this season when they defeated Celtic at Parkhead last Thursday night in the final of the Glasgow Cup.

Both sides sent out shadow squads for the match but, as in any 'Old Firm' encounter, the match was fiercely contested and the crowd of over 15,000 at Celtic Park were all desperate to see their favourites win the trophy.

Rangers retained the trophy thanks to a battling performance and a 77th minute own goal from Lex Baillie, son of former Light Blues defender Doug Baillie.

This is the 44th time Rangers have won the beautiful old trophy in 63 final appearances and it provided the second string with a winning end to their season which delighted coach Peter McCloy.

He said: "It wasn't a great match but the boys all worked hard and they will all benefit from playing in an 'Old Firm'

Celtic 0 Rangers 1

final. It's a nice way for them to round off the season and a reward for all the hard effort they have put in."

Rangers created the first clear-cut chance of the game in the 17th minute when a David Kirkwood cross from the right eluded the Celtic defence only for John Spencer to head the ball wide of Peter Latchford's right hand post.

Incidents

Nicky Walker was tested in the 29th minute when he comfortably held an overhead kick from Alan McNally and a minute later Jimmy Phillips shot inches wide of Latchford's right hand post after exchanging passes with Colin West.

Those were the only noteworthy incidents of the first half, although Rangers did have strong penalty claims turned down three minutes from the interval when a shot from Colin West appeared to be handled by Barney McGee.

As the second half pro-

gressed, Celtic took the upperhand a little and in the 53rd minute Nicky Walker made a fine save, bravely diving at the feet of Mark McGhee as the Celtic striker broke clear inside the box.

Rangers replaced Gary McSwegan with the alert Alex McEwan and in the 77th minute they grabbed the goal which ensured that the Glasgow Cup would stay at Ibrox.

David Kirkwood found space on the right and fired over a cross which was aimed at the head of Colin West.

Lex Baillie, sensing the danger of big Colin lurking in the penalty area, desperately tried to clear the ball but it smacked off his shin and sailed past the helpless Peter Latchford into the roof of the net.

It was enough to make sure there was no return for Celtic and with five minutes to go, Alex McEwan almost grabbed a second goal with a fierce 20-yard drive which was touched over the crossbar by Latchford.



● DOUBLE HANDED . . . Ally Dawson and Angus McPherson keep a firm grip on the lovely old trophy as it's paraded in front of the supporters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

TODAY (WEDNESDAY, MAY 13)
 CHRISTOPHER CAMERON, 1 Hamilton Drive, Giffnock, is 11.
 JULIE COOPER, 455 Methilhaven Road, Buckhaven, is 16.
 SCOTT KERRIGAN, 38 Buchanan Avenue, Bishopcleeve, is 12.
 LYNN McLEAN, 19 Vennachar Street, Dykehead, is 13.
 STEPHEN HAINING, 599 Alexandra Parade, Dennistoun, is 10.
 JOANNE WINTON, 36A Crumlin Road, Glenavy, is 9.
 COLIN MACDONALD, Cnoc-na-sgillinn, Tobermory, is 10.
 MARK BURNS, 30 George Street, Wigtown, is 16.
 DAVID MURPHY, 31 Dalcarny Road, Dalmellington, is 13.
 DEAN FORBES, 83 Deramore Drive, Portadown, is 13.
 PETER DOOLAN, 62 Thomas Muir Street, Greenock, is 14.
 LEIGHTON DICK, 46 Ivanhoe Place, Stirling, is 11.
 IAN FORBES, 26 Strathmore Street, Kinghorn, is 13.
 LINDA MEIKLEJOHN, 28 Whiting Road, Wemyss Bay, is 16.
 STEPHEN WATTS, 24 Charles Road, Ealing, is 13.
 ABRAHAM VENNARD, 21 Clounagh Park, Portadown, is 13.
 DAVID BRADSHAW, 10 Cairns Road, Cambuslang, is 12.

DREW LESLIE, Inganess Road, Orkney, is 14.
 SCOTT KENNEDY, 56 Walker Road, Ayr, is 15.
 KELLY GOODWIN, 32 Gertrude Place, Barrhead, is 9.
 SEAN McKINNA, 21 Park Crescent, Carron, is 17.
 KYLE CARSON, 14 Braemar Avenue, Lurgan, is 17.
 CLAIRE SMITH, 47 Whins Road, Alloa, is 7.
 ROGER DOWNEY, 35 Ballygallin Park, Coleraine, is 17.
 ANDREW WILSON, 11 Beeston View, Kidsgrove, is 16.

THURSDAY
 MARK BROWNING, 15 Braehead, Lochwinnoch, will be 9.
 JULIE PATON, 13 Hilltop Crescent, Skene, will be 16.
 PAUL MURPHY, 9 Green Road, Kinross, will be 12.
 WALTER LOVE, 6 Culloch Road, Falkirk, will be 11.
 ROWAN McMILLAN, 26 Springvalley Terrace, Edinburgh, will be 6.
 GARY DUNCAN, 5 Kelythill Road, Kely, will be 15.
 IAN DUNSMORE, 18 Hardy Gardens, Bathgate, will be 11.
 PAUL GOVAN, 21 Gleneshe Drive, Blairgowrie, will be 10.
 CRAIG STEEN, 155 Rhyber Avenue,

Lanark, will be one.
 DAVID KING, 35 New Street, Kilbrachan, will be 15.
 DEREK LOCKE, 1 Scott Place, Bellshill, will be 12.
 DAVID FORREST, 37 Muirfoot Road, Rigside, will be 16.
 JOHN McCREANOR, 77 Marchfield Avenue, Paisley, will be 17.
 GREIG GLENDINNING, 2 Cruachan Way, Barrhead, will be 16.
 IAIN COWIE, 29 Arngask Road, Helensburgh, will be 15.
 SCOTT McNAB, 17 Kingsburn Grove, Rutherglen, will be 15.
 CAMERON COOK, 1 Golfhill Drive, Helensburgh, will be 15.
 SUZANNE CREIGHTON, 16 Howieshill Avenue, Cambuslang, will be 8.
 SCOTT WILLIAMSON, 39 Lunderston Drive, Pollok, will be 16.
 COLIN DICKSON, 30 Irvine Mains Crescent, Irvine, will be 14.
 SCOTT McINTYRE, 2 Kinross Avenue, Port Glasgow, will be 5.

FRIDAY
 KENNY RAMKIN, 11 Antrim Avenue, Stranraer, will be 11.
 RICHARD ALLAN, 44 Giebe Park, Gordon, will be 10.
 ROBBIE LEES, Cìr Mhor Sannox, Isle of Arran, will be 15.
 ROBERT MURRAY, 26 St Cuthbert's Road, Berwick-on-Tweed, will be 9.

RAYMOND McCARDLE, 20 Rannoch Street, Glasgow, will be 16.
 STEVEN McPHERSON, 63 Craighleith Road, Grangemouth, will be 12.
 SCOTT FERGUSON, 47 St. Andrew's Gardens, Dalry, will be 13.
 DAVID McKEE, 102 Stamperland Avenue, Glasgow, will be 10.
 ROBERT O'HARA, 108 Gliddoch Road, Penilee, will be 12.
 IAN McCOLL, 8 Keir Hardie Street, Greenock, will be 4.
 SCOT LAUDER, 15 Lochy Place, Erskine, will be 16.
 JANICE WIK, 191 Earl Street, Scotstoun, will be 14.
 ALAN MATTHEWS, 96 Peathill Avenue, Chryston, will be 15.
 PAUL McCUTCHEON, 43/9 Muirhouse Green, Edinburgh, will be 17.
 DENISE MELLOY, 116 Bute Drive, Perth, will be 11.
 SCOTT CLELAND, 43 Muirhouse Avenue, Wishaw, will be 10.
 STEPHEN DOCHERTY, 202 Dormanside Road, Glasgow, will be 13.
 JAMES THOMSON, 56 Garvie Crescent, Kilsyth, will be 16.
 WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, 46 Birniehill Avenue, Bathgate, will be 15.
 GARETH McNICOL, Brodick, will be 14.
 GARRY PATIENCE, 3 John Street, Avoch, will be 7.
 BARRY YEAMAN, Calton Street,

Coupar Angus, will be 12.
SATURDAY
 JOHN STEELE, 24A Ravenhill Gardens, Belfast, will be 15.
 DAVID HUTCHESON, 2 Glover Street, Perth, will be 14.
 DOUGLAS HAMILTON, 33 Anderson Street, Newburgh, will be 13.
 GARY STURROCK, 11 Wraes Avenue, Barrhead, will be 9.
 ANDREW WORKMAN, Woolwich House, Woking, will be 16.
 DEREK SMITH, 15 Daviot Street, Drumoyne, will be 10.
 JORDAN HENRY, 26 Lawson Drive, Ardrossan, will be 8.
 COLIN SUTHERLAND, 36 Wellhouse Crescent, Glasgow, will be 9.
 ALAN McINTOSH, Broallan Beauty, Inverness, will be 17.
 ALAN CHARLES, 24 Commercial Street, Methil, will be 10.
 DEREK FULTON, 32 Ferguson Way, Livingston, will be 10.
 TRACEY HADDOW, 7 Gareloch Way, Wiltburn, will be 8.
 SUSAN WATT, 6 Craighall Quadrant, Neilston, will be 8.
 ROBERT McCULLEN, will be 5.
 DEREK JOHNSTONE, 48 Geldenhuis Street, Welkom, will be 6.
SUNDAY
 CRAIG DONALDSON, 10 Goodwood,

Killingworth, will be 8.
 EMMA GOOLD, 1 Braefoot Avenue, Milngavie, will be 10.
 GEORGE SPROTT, 59 Springfield Crescent, Stranraer, will be 11.
 TOMMY McLAREN, 15 South View, Bellshill, will be 16.
 ALAN KENNY, 3/10 Murroch Avenue, Dumbarton, will be 12.
 DAVID WILSON, 4 Low Road, Perth, will be 11.
 JAMES WEBBER, 75B Elm Drive, Johnstone Castle, will be 9.
 JAMES BLACK, 9 Queens Drive, Ardrossan, will be 8.
 ALAN ROSS, 290 Pappert Estate, Bonhill, will be 11.
 ALAN PAUL, 2 Dinyra Place, Coatbridge, will be 14.
 LYNNE HARDWARE, 23 Gilmour Avenue, Hardgate, will be 14.
 ANGELINA NEWLANDS, 61 St. Mungo Avenue, Towhead, will be 17.
 LINDSAY STEWART, 23 Lancing Road, Stobsley, will be 10.
 GRAEME CAVERS, Silvercraigs, Kirkcudbright, will be 8.
 SCOTT NOBLE, 14 Ord Place, Muir Of Ord, will be 11.
 DEREK McLAREN, 8 Jedworth Road, Drumchapel, will be 13.
 MARIE McGEHEE, 32 Tree Bank Crescent, Ayr, will be 13.
 SCOTT FULTON, 20 Dudley Drive, Coatbridge, will be 15.



● ABOVE LEFT: JOY BOYS . . . The happy Rangers players with the Glasgow Cup. Back row (left to right): Mark Thomson, Alex McEwan, David MacFarlane, David Kirkwood, Colin West, Ally Dawson, Nicky Walker. Front row: John Spencer, Phillip Knell, Scott Nisbet, Angus McPherson, Gary McSwegan, Jimmy Phillips.

● ABOVE: IT'S THERE . . . Peter Latchford looks back in agony while Colin West follows up to make sure the ball goes into the net from Lex Baillie's miscue.

● LEFT: SO CLOSE . . . Lex Baillie and John Traynor are beaten but this header from John Spencer went wide of the goal.

● BELOW: HOLD OFF . . . Colin West keeps his eye on the ball as he holds off this challenge from Lex Baillie.



● HAPPY DAZE . . . Alex McEwan and David Kirkwood celebrate the victory after the final whistle.



● ALL SMILES . . . John Spencer, Angus McPherson and Jimmy Phillips (background) show their delight at winning the trophy.



ALL OUR MEMBERS . . . HAPPY

SCOTT HAMMOND, 148 Berwick Drive, Glasgow, will be 16.
 JOSEPH STODDART, 66 Shafton Road, Knightswood, will be 17.
 HEATHER DUFFY, 11 Midfield Road, Coalburn, will be five.
 ANDREW REID, 6 Marchmont Gardens, Bishopbriggs, will be 15.
 DONALD HUTCHINSON, 2 Moorburn Avenue, Glasgow, will be 16.
 LISA WILKIE, Woodview, Rothesay, will be 10.
 JOHNNY McQUILLAN, 40 Coulpark, Alass, will be seven.
 GARY ARMOUR, 24 Haughtate Street, Levens, will be 14.
 GAYLE RICHARDSON, 52 Kildonad Drive, Helesburgh, will be 10.
 RICHARD CUMMINGS, 29 Almond Street, Grangemouth, will be eight.
 CHRISTOPHER FOLEY, 131 Croftfoot Road, Croftfoot, will be three.
 SCOTT KERR, 33 Crauford Avenue, West Kilbride, will be 14.
 CAMERON NAIRN, 38 Cleddans Crescent, Hardgate, will be 17.

MONDAY
 CHRISTOPHER REID, 12 Kirkmichael Road, Maybole, will be 10.
 COLIN WHIGHAM, 170 Jubilee Avenue, Livingston, will be 10.
 CHRISTOPHER WILCOCK, 19 Lauderdale Drive, Newton Mearns, will be 10.

GREGOR McMILLAN, 2 Gilpin Way, Braintree, will be one.
 JEAN BONES, 64 Horndean Crescent, Queenslie, will be eight.
 JOHN THOMSON, 19 Parkburn Avenue, Kirkinilloch, will be one.
 NEIL JOHNSTON, 112 Pederil Rise, Livingstone, will be 12.
 ALEX REID, 66 Glenacre Drive, Castlemilk, will be 14.
 IAN ALEXANDER, Gardeners Cottage, Dunbar, will be five.
 COLIN BENNEWITH, 2 Stronord, Newton Stewart, will be 17.
 COLIN PATTERSON, 2 Glochrie Court, Dumfries, will be 15.
 DAVID SMART, 2 Duntarvie Quadrant, Easterhouse, will be 15.
 STEVEN McGARRY, 103 Glenfield Road, Paisley, will be 17.
 BILLY HARKNESS, 6 Greenwood Crescent, Coatbridge, will be seven.
 RICHARD BUSHNELL, 32 Springbank, Kennoway, will be 12.
 ALAN BEATTIE, 79 Tarry Road, Arbroath, will be nine.
 SANDY COOPER, 7 Linklet, Kierkwall, will be 16.
 ALEX REID, 66 Glenacre Drive, Castlemilk, will be 14.
 CRAIG McSORLEY, 20 Ardencraig Crescent, Castlemilk, will be four.
 GAVIN BELL, Station Road, Gordon, will be 10.
 KENNETH MACKAY, Invermudale,

Alnaharra by Lairg, will be 14.
 COLIN CARMICHAEL, 96 Eider Grove, East Kilbride, will be 11.

TUESDAY
 DEREK FORBES, 17 Downcraigs Drive, Castlemilk, will be seven.
 BILL RANKIN, 84 Forthriver Road, Belfast, will be 10.
 GARETH CROOK, 5 New Lane, Penwortham, will be 11.
 MARK HEGGIE, 5 Woodlands Gardens, Bothwell, will be 14.
 STUART GODFREY, 6 Forth Street, Grangemouth, will be 13.
 JOHN KILDAY, 4 Church Close, Shawbury, will be one.
 NICOLA CLARK, 101 Langlaw Road, Dalkeith, will be eight.
 DEREK STEELE, 8 Glencairn Terrace, Kilmarnock, will be 10.
 JOHN URQUHART, 51 Sutherland Street, Helmsdale, will be 17.
 MAIRI IRONSIDE, Marine Hotel, Mallaig, will be 11.
 BILLY FLEMING, 16 Woodhead Green, Hamilton, will be 14.
 IAN REID, 79 Culzean Place, Kilwinning, will be 17.
 ANDREW LYON, Sheriffflatts Farm, Biggar, will be 14.
 GRAHAM BARTSCH, 51 Craigeend Road, Stirling, will be eight.
 BARRY PEAT, 24 Brunt Court, Dunbar, will be nine.

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Club Notes

DAVID McPHERSON (DOUBLET LOYAL): Memberships for '87-'88 now being taken, phone Dougie — (37) 78878 to order application forms.

SHETTLESTON LOYAL: The committee would like to thank all members for their tremendous support throughout a marvellous season, we are already looking forward to an even better season next year. Next meeting, Monday, June 1, 7.15 p.m. in the 21st Social Club, Old Shettleston Road. Big turn out please.

KNIGHTSRIDGE LOYAL (LIVINGSTON): Re-enrolment to be paid by June 6, members £2.50, non members £5 — to be paid by June 6 or seats will be filled — phone 411 164 or 410 453.

INVERNESS TRUE BLUES: Would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the season, especially Willie McPherson and all at The Masonic Arms, Longcroft, for their hospitality. All raffle books must be returned by Thursday, May 14. Membership fees now being taken for next season, adults £5, OAPs and under-16s £3. Names being taken for season tickets. Must have £25 deposit. Club jumpers will be available shortly.

ROSS-SHIRE: Tickets for dinner/dance in The National Dingwall, Friday, May 15, available from committee members. Bus to dance leaves Edderton 6.30 p.m. For details phone Invergordon — 852 512 or 852 483 or 853 595.

NORTH WEST AREA: Club committee would like to thank all members for their support and help throughout the season. Thanks to Mr Souness and players for our league championship win.

BURNS LOYAL (IRVINE): A.G.M. to be held in Burns Tavern, Thursday, May 28, at 7.30 p.m. Large attendance requested.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Club would like to thank Gary, Shankie, Michael, Lenny and the rest of the Belfast boys for their visits this season. We hope they will continue in the future.

GRAEME SOUNESS LOYAL (MARYHILL): Dance tickets to be paid by Friday, May 15, at the latest in the Scotch and Rye between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., members £3, non-members £10. Phone Stewart Watson (945 0801).

WISHAW OFFICIAL: Club would like to congratulate Rangers. Also, thanks to all members who supported club during the season. The committee look forward to continuing support next season.

NITHSDALE: Ibrox visit May 17, members meet at Social Club, 1.30 p.m.

BRIDGETON LOYAL: A.G.M. Saturday, June 27. The committee would like to thank all members and non-members who gave the bus their great support this season. Also thanks to all the staff of the LARGS AND DISTRICT: The club would like to thank everyone who has travelled with us throughout the season. A.G.M. June 4, further details in local press. Members are strongly advised to purchase season tickets for next season.

WELLHOUSE TRUE BLUES: Bus v St. Mirren leaves Bartiebeath Road 1 p.m., members uplift tickets on bus. Winning tote numbers: 9 and 34 (one winner). Meeting for members on Sunday, May 17, 12 p.m., County Inn Lounge, Springboig.

RENFREW LOYAL: All members note that A.G.M. will be held in Orange Halls, Queen Street, Renfrew, Sunday, May 17, 11.30 a.m. Agenda: Re-election of committee, auditor's report, proposals for season '87-'88 and finalisation of arrangement for club weekend outing to Blackpool on June 6 and 7. Committee would like to thank all members for their magnificent support and excellent conduct throughout the season. Also thanks to staff in Rangers News, Matt and staff in ticket office and members of Lodge 40, Arbroath, for their hospitality and welcome after Pittodrie match.

CONGRATULATIONS RANGERS F.C.

From Philip Kearney
From Grangemouth



● A REAL TRUE BLUE... Lifelong Rangers fan Helen Robb with the Rev. Ron Campbell who is promoting a gala night for her at Ibrox next Monday night.

Big night for Helen

A GALA evening will be held in the Executive Suite at Ibrox next Monday night in honour of Helen Robb.

Helen is a sprightly 84-years-old and is probably the oldest female Rangers supporter still attending matches at Ibrox and she has delighted in the success story this season.

She first went to see Rangers as a four-year-old with her father and it was not until she was 20 that Helen was allowed to travel to Ibrox on her own.

Latterly, Helen has been a season-ticket holder in the Members Lounge at Ibrox and the gala evening next Monday is being put on by the Reverend Ron Campbell, from Copland Road next to Ibrox, who is also a regular in the Members Section.

There will be a buffet meal followed by a series of speeches and then presentation to Helen from the club, former players and the press.

Andy Cameron and Mr Abie will provide the entertainment for the night and if you want a ticket, priced at £10, contact Rev Ron Campbell on (041) 427 3299.

Best bet from Ibrox

THE slogan of Rangers Pools is "Positively Your Best Bet" and they are out to prove it's no idle claim.

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To keep agents informed, Rangers Pools are holding three Open Days at Ibrox as follows: Sunday, May 17 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, May 18 — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, May 19 — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

If agents take along a friend who later starts his or her own agency, they will be presented with a Rangers tie or scarf.

NEW CLUB PLAN FROM RANGERS

RANGERS announced the first part of their plans to solve the ticket problem in time for next season when they launched the 'Rangers Premier Club' last week.

The new club's members will all have a plastic credit card which will guarantee them a number of special benefits in 1987-88.

Members of the Premier Club will automatically get a seat in the Govan Stand at Ibrox for all Premier League, Scottish Cup and Skol Cup matches, as well as having the right to buy a ticket for European Cup and friendly games.

Rangers have teamed up with Style Financial Services to offer what is believed to be the first package of its type in British football.

Response

Each individual membership of The Premier Club costs £160 for the full season, with members able to pay at a minimum of £15 per month to Style Financial Services. Additional seats for under-18s can be bought for just £40.

In addition to a guaranteed seat in the Govan Stand, the Premier Club card will save members from the hassle of queuing for tickets.

Rangers chairman David Holmes said: "From the staggering response of our supporters this season, it looks

By 'News' Reporter

like the best way of ensuring a ticket for Ibrox next season is to join the Premier Club.

"In launching the club, we are trying to make season ticket ownership available to all our fans, who can choose to pay by different methods.

"We certainly don't have any ideas about shutting the doors at Ibrox and letting a select band of people in. This club will never reject the unemployed and people in a poor financial position — they'll be here with the same chance as anyone else."

Membership of the Premier Club will also allow the supporters to free entry to 'Win-A-Car' competitions, the chance to be a VIP guest of Rangers and meet the players in the Executive Suite and also an exclusive Premier Club tie.

For the time being, Rangers will only accept applications for the Premier Club — current season ticket holders wishing to renew will be advised in the near future when to apply for the 1987/88 season.



● A REAL CARD... Rangers chairman David Holmes is flanked by Brian Alston of Style Financial Services and Ibrox Marketing Director Freddie Fletcher at the launch of the Premier Club.

BOB Findlay, our ex-physiotherapist who, due to the re-structuring of the backroom staff, recently left the club, sent his congratulations to the players on winning the league championship.

Bob's message...

Bob remains a loyal supporter of the club.

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