

# RANGERS NEWS

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## Terry out for the season . . .

RANGERS captain Terry Butcher will miss the rest of the domestic season and almost certainly the European Championship Finals.

The bad news was given to Terry last Monday by surgeon Peter Scott and it will now be next season before his broken left leg will have sufficiently healed.

Terry described last week, when he was fined along with Chris Woods in Glasgow Sheriff Court for breach of the peace during the Old Firm clash last October as "the worst week of my whole life."

Meanwhile, Players Union boss Tony Higgins blasted the sentences imposed by Sheriff Archie McKay, saying: "It seems strange that only two of the players would appear to have been singled out."

"There were four players involved in the overall incident. If there is a prosecution every time a red card is shown, it will be an end to the game as we know it."

● SEASON ticket holders will soon be mailed individually regarding renewal arrangements for 1988-89.

In this context, it is important that season ticket holders advise the Ticket Office immediately of any change of address since season tickets were originally issued.

## Tickets for Saints match

GROUND tickets priced £3 for this Saturday's Premier League match against St Mirren at Love Street will be on public sale daily until Friday between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Supporters clubs should already have uplifted their allocations for this match.

Anyone without a ticket should not turn up at Love Street — no tickets will be on sale at the ground.



## Rush to be a Ranger?

THE reality of Ian Rush becoming a Rangers player could be much closer than many people believe.

The brilliant Welsh striker, a former team-mate of Graeme Souness at Liverpool, is unhappy at Juventus and could be set to leave the Italian League at the end of the season.

### Move

Speaking on ITV on Saturday afternoon, Rush made it clear that he fancied the idea of a move to Ibrox and scorned suggestions that his religion would make such a move difficult.

Said Rush: "I would go to Ibrox, to play football and help Rangers win trophies. I'm sure that's all that concerns the Rangers supporters."

● LEFT: IAN RUSH . . . could the Welsh superstar be bound for Ibrox?

● RANGERS have re-arranged a Premier Reserve League match against Falkirk at Ibrox for next Tuesday night with a 7.30 p.m. kick-off.

The match was originally scheduled for May 7, the last day of the league season, but has been brought forward to April 26 so as Rangers can fit in their end of season commitments in the Second Eleven and Glasgow Cups.

# NO HOLIDAY CAMP!

RANGERS have mapped out their pre-season programme for 1988-89 which will consist of six games and an unprecedented training camp in Italy.

The Light Blues first-team squad will travel to Tuscany on Monday, July 11 for 10 days of intensive training sessions and match practice in a private camp.

Ibrox assistant boss Walter Smith told the 'News': "It's a new way for us to start, but it's something Graeme found effective while he played in the Italian League with Sampdoria."

"We won't be playing any matches but the time away will be spent talking about our plans for 88-89 and working out new ideas on the training ground."

Rangers will return home on Friday, July 22 and resume normal pre-season training at Ibrox before starting their series of chal-

## Rangers face tough training in Italy

lenge matches against Raith Rovers at Starks Park on Saturday, July 30.

They then have two testimonial matches — one for Alan Robertson against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park on Tuesday,

August 2 and the other on Wednesday, August 3, for Clydebank keeper Jim Gallacher at Kilbowie.

The team are then on their travels again, this time to Holland where they will compete

in the Rotterdam four-club tournament on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6.

Two other top European clubs will be there with Rangers along with host side, Feyenoord who include former Light Blue striker Davie Mitchell in their ranks.

A final warm-up match against a top English or European club side will take place at Ibrox on Tuesday, August 9 before the Premier League season commences on Saturday, August 13.



● SITTING PRETTY . . . That's 21-year-old Amanda Laird from Edinburgh, who won the Miss Scotland title at Rangers' Edmiston Club last Thursday night. More pictures and report of the glittering night in next week's 'News.'

"It's something Graeme found effective while he played in the Italian league with Sampdoria" — Walter Smith

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**Fergie's flaw...**

Lorraine Malcolm, 5 Whitehill Avenue, Hillhead, Glasgow, writes

I FELT that I had to write and say how much I agreed with Graham Roberts when he said Derek Ferguson was a great player but that he didn't score enough goals.

Fergie is the best player Rangers have got at the moment and apart from his lack of goals, he deserves more recognition.

His performances against Steaua Bucharest and Celtic were outstanding and I think he deserves the Scottish Young Player of the Year award.



• DEREK FERGUSON... a great player but should score more goals says Lorraine Malcolm.



• GRAEME SOUNESS... has the right attitude to the pressures of his job says James Callaghan.

**Come and join our new club**

Dan Forbes, Secretary, Plymouth True Blues RSC 6 Wilton Street, Millbridge, Plymouth, writes...

IN issue number 828 of the 'News' you published a letter from a gentleman in Plymouth asking about Rangers fans in the area.

We have here in Plymouth a Rangers Supporters Club set up in the past few months. We meet fortnightly at Pennycross Mission Hall at 6 p.m. on Sundays —

the next meeting is on Sunday, May 10.

Any Rangers fan in the area is most welcome to call in and if he lives locally to join us.

Although a recently formed club, most of the members have been Rangers fans for many years and we have been so impressed with what we have seen of Graham Roberts from this year that we have made him our first 'Player of the Year'.

Little acorns grow into mighty oaks and we believe we have a very bright future as a supporters club. We may be far away but our thoughts are constantly in Glasgow or wherever else Rangers are.

**NO SWEAT!**

**In some distress**

John Taylor, 69 Pentland Road, Chryston, Muirhead, writes...

I AM deeply distressed by the criticism that Rangers have been getting because of their bad disciplinary record this season.

I agree that the statistics do not make good reading for Rangers but I think the team have not only been playing the opposition but they have been up against many of the referees.

**STAR LETTER**

James Callaghan, 37 Hillkirk Street, Glasgow, wins a tenner for this letter...

GRAEME SOUNESS had his priorities correct when answering the 'News' question on 'pressure' in the excellent interview in the April 6 issue.

He knows he is living the life of Riley as team gaffer and also playing for the Ibrox side.

**Graeme can handle all the pressures**

He is aware, too, that he should be thankful for his position when so many others in society find it a struggle to survive.

Outwardly, Graeme might seem to some of us as a hard man but he has shown himself to be very

humble indeed.

As he says in the interview, any pressures people say he has are hardly that at all.

We should all echo the humility and concern for others which Graeme displays.

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• JOCK WALLACE... why so silent asks Bill Ross from Scone in Perthshire.

**Not convinced?**

Ian Jack, 53 Ancaster Drive, Glasgow, writes... THE explanation on the front page of the 'News' dated April 6 of what happened when Jock Wallace attended the recent match against Hearts was, I'm afraid, unconvincing.

The press, radio and TV have all given detailed accounts of the disgraceful way that he and his wife were treated.

It is unfortunate but true to say that this is only the latest in a series of incidents which have humiliated the club and bemused its supporters.

THE EDITOR REPLIES: If you want to believe Jock was treated in a "disgraceful way", that is your prerogative Mr Jack. The 'News' was not trying to "convince" anyone about anything — we were putting Rangers' case in the matter which we still stick by.

Jock Wallace was a great manager of Rangers Football Club and will always be remembered and treated as such.

**Silence is deafening**

Bill Ross, 20 Catmoor Court, Scone, Perth, writes...

FURTHER to recent scurrilous reports in our "popular dailies" about alleged events at Ibrox on Saturday, 2/4/88, involving Jock Wallace and Alistair Hood:

Thank you for putting the record (sic) straight about what really happened but if you'll forgive my saying so, it still leaves one very important question unanswered, namely, why has there been such an ominous silence from Jock Wallace?

Jock must have known that efforts were made to contact him and he must have known why. Surely he must have been aware that his silence would only add to the speculation?

Jock, by telling the truth, would have saved the club a great deal of unwanted and embarrassing publicity. It's all the more strange when you consider that reticence was never Jock's weakness in the past.

**Leave it out Greavsie...**

David Caulfield, Glenora House, Lochwinnoch, writes

IN a recent edition of "Shoot!" magazine, Jimmy Greaves answered a letter from an English reader who condemned Graeme Souness and implied that he should quit before he "injures someone for life."

Jimmy's response was, and I quote: "Souness is obviously incapable of making the decision to hang up his boots. He is going to get worse. The Rangers chairman should tell him that as a manager he has their full backing, but if he wants to continue playing he can find himself another club."

This is totally unjust and I would be interested to hear other Rangers fans views on this subject.

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# STAR FILE

## ... All you want to know about Ray Wilkins

**FULL NAME:** Raymond Colin Wilkins.  
**BIRTHPLACE AND DATE:** Hillingdon, September 14, 1959.  
**HEIGHT AND WEIGHT:** 5ft. 7½ in., 11st. 4lb.  
**MARRIED/CHILDREN:** Yes, to Jackie with Ross (6) and Jade (2½).  
**CAR:** Rover 820.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Chelsea, Manchester United, AC Milan, Paris St. Germain.  
**JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Nothing.  
**CLUB NICKNAME:** Del Boy.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** A groin strain which required an operation when I was with Manchester United.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER PLAYER:** Michel Platini.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** AC Milan.  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Johnny Giles.  
**OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE:** Jimmy Connors.  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Tynecastle.  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** Rangers travelling support.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** For England against Belgium in the 1980 European Championship.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Glen Hoddle's volley for Spurs against Manchester United — I was in the United team so I had a good view.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Graeme Souness when he was with Liverpool and I was with United.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** The FA Cup Final of 1982 when United beat Brighton.  
**BIGGEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Being made captain of England.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing the captaincy at Old Trafford.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Too many people have helped me to mention.



● **CAPTAIN FANTASTIC ...** Ray skipping Rangers on Saturday against Hibs, lines up with Mark Walters and match mascot Jason Miller.



● **RIGHT: GLEN HODDLE ...** his brilliant volley for Spurs against Manchester United was the best goal Ray has seen.

**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Poached egg and tomato at 9 a.m.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** 84 full caps for England plus schoolboy, youth and under-21.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** I'll stay in football, although I don't know in what capacity.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** There are a lot of good kids at Ibrox who could make it to the top with hard work and dedication.  
**BEST ALL-TIME WORLD XI:** Brazil of 1970.  
**FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Too many to mention.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** Too be a success with Rangers.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To remain at the top for as long as possible.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES/DISLIKES:** Having a laugh/smoking.  
**FAVOURITE COLOUR:** Blue.  
**OTHER SPORTS YOU PARTICIPATE IN:** Golf, tennis, swimming.  
**FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMMES:** Films.  
**TV PROGRAMMES YOU SWITCH OFF:** Soaps.  
**BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY:** Lethal Weapon.  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR:** Clint Eastwood.

**FAVOURITE ACTRESS:** Sophia Loren.  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Any of them.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:** Pasta/glass of wine.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Italy.  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Barbados.  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** Taking the family out to lunch.  
**TASTE IN MUSIC:** Varied — I like most things.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** I've already met her — The Queen.  
**WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH £1 MILLION:** Enjoy it.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO THROW A CUSTARD PIE AT:** No-one in particular.  
**WHAT ONE ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE IF STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND:** An aeroplane.



● **JOHNNY GILES ...** The former Leeds United superstar was Ray's boyhood footballing idol.



● **UNITED HE STOOD ...** Ray in the famous shirt of Manchester United, playing in the 1983 Milk Cup Final.



● **ITALIAN CONNECTION ...** Ray with fellow English international Mark Hateley after their debuts for AC Milan.

# HIGHLAND



● YA BEAUTY . . . Delight is etched all over John Spencer's face as he celebrates his second and Rangers third goal.

Clachnacuddin . . . 3  
Rangers . . . . . 4

GRANT Street Park witnessed a memorable 90 minutes last Sunday as Rangers lent their weight to Clach's bid to avoid extinction.

The famous old Inverness club are £140,000 in the red and are currently struggling at the wrong end of the R. B. Farquhar Highland League table.

So it was appropriate that Rangers should send a team north to help their old friends out, coming as it did 100 years on from the first visit of an Ibrox side to Inverness.

### Survival

Clach were rewarded with a 4,500 crowd and receipts of around £12,000 which will prove invaluable in their fight for survival.

For Rangers, it was another useful workout with several fringe players advancing their claims for first-team recognition.

John Spencer scored two of Rangers goals in the seven-goal thriller with his striking partner Gary McSwegan heading home a

## Old pals act as Rangers do the business on and off the field

cracker to maintain his recent superb run of form.

Young Alan Henderson was the last-gasp hero, though, with the winning goal for the Light Blues just when it seemed Clach had earned a famous draw.

In a sporting match, handled by top grade ref Bob Valentine who kindly volunteered his services, Rangers opened the scoring in the 12th minute.

Gary Andrews, whose appearances this season have been strictly limited because of a mysterious shin injury, went through the Clach defence on his own and his low cross was smacked into the net by the unmarked John Spencer.

As the rain fell heavily, Clach pulled themselves back into the match and

their battling spirit brought an equaliser in the 17th minute when Lowe's fine pass to Murray saw Nicky Walker parry the midfielder's shot and Charlie Innes stepped in to shoot home.

The fans were forgetting the miserable weather as the players kept them thoroughly entertained and in the 20th minute Rangers made it 2-1 when Gary McSwegan powered a terrific header past the despairing clutch of 'keeper Rudkin.

But Clach wouldn't be denied and in the 38th minute they were level again, this time Lowe glancing a neat header past Nicky Walker from Macleod's free-kick.

Rangers refused to accept equality and restored their lead a minute from half-time when the Clach defence were caught square and John Spencer took full advantage to sweep his second goal past the exposed Rudkin.

The second half saw Rangers dominate without creating too many clear-cut chances although they had a good penalty claim turned down when John Spencer appeared to be unfairly challenged in the box by Williamson.

### Spirit

Clach's indomitable spirit came through again in the 71st minute, though, when their player-manager Jim Oliver beat Nicky Walker in clinical style to make it 3-3.

The local fans thought their favourites had clinched a memorable result but they reckoned without Alan Henderson who took full advantage of defensive uncertainty to head the winning goal 11 minutes from time.

John Spencer almost completed a great afternoon with a hat-trick only for Rudkin to make a tremendous save diving at the youngster's feet.

Both teams were given a warm ovation as they left the field at the final whistle.

● LEFT: GARY'S BULLET . . . A brilliant header from Gary McSwegan makes it 2-1 to Rangers with Mike Paul the beaten defender.



# FLING



● SHAKE ON IT . . . Clach player-manager Jim Oliver and Rangers captain Stuart Munro exchange pennants before the match.



● LEFT: MIDFIELD CRUNCH . . . Scottish international Derek Ferguson graces Grant Street Park as he takes on Jim Oliver.

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● BELOW: THE WINNER . . . Alan Henderson rises calmly amidst the defensive confusion to head the vital winner for Rangers.



## Fact- file

**CHALLENGE MATCH**  
Scorers: Clach — Innes (17), Lowe (48), Oliver (71); Rangers — Spencer (12, 44), McSwegan (20), Henderson (79).  
Att: 4,500.  
**CLACHNACUDDIN:**  
Rudkin, Dearie, Clark, Paul, Oliver, Murray, Williamson, MacLeod, Innes, Corbett, Lowe.  
Subs: Gillan (for Dearie), Davidson (for Oliver), Munro (for Williamson), Stewart (for Lowe).  
**RANGERS:** Walker, Kirkwood, Munro, P. Hamilton, Phillips, Andrews, D. Ferguson, Spencer, McSwegan, McCall, Edwards. Subs: Rouse (for Andrews), Henderson (for McSwegan) and Thomson (not used).  
**REFEREE:** Bob Valentine (Dundee).

## Partick Defence on the rack . . .



● WHAT A CRACKER . . . Davie Cooper lashes in a 63rd minute free-kick to give Rangers the lead at Firhill.

# GIE'S



● HOWZAT . . . Davie turns to acclaim the cheers of the Rangers supporters and is congratulated by Ally Edwards.



## Fact-file

### GLASGOW CUP, SEMI-FINAL

Scorers: Partick Thistle — Mitchell (68); Rangers — Cooper (63), Spencer (84).

Att: 4,500.

**PARTICK THISTLE:** McLean, Dinnie, Mitchell, Purdie, McGhie, Watson, Kelly, Pirie, Gallagher, Law, Dodds. Subs: Logan and Maher (not used).

**RANGERS:** Walker, MacFarlane, Munro, Nicholl, Phillips, McCall, Cooper, Kirkwood, McSwegan, Spencer, Edwards. Subs: Rouse and Thomson (not used).

**REFEREE:** Mike McGinley (Clydebank).

**BOOKER:** Nicholl (Rangers).

**RANGERS NEWS/ FOCUS TV "YOUNG MAN OF THE MATCH":** John Spencer.

● LEFT: WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT? . . . With Archie McLean stranded, it looks a certain goal for John Spencer but the effort was cleared on the line by Alan Pirie.

# PEACE!

Partick Th. 1  
Rangers . . 2

THE persistence and determination of John Spencer paid off at Firhill last Wednesday night to send Rangers into the Glasgow Cup Final for the 64th time.

The 17-year-old had not given the Partick Thistle defence a minute's peace all night with his tireless running and harrying but with the scores level at 1-1, John seemed to have thrown away the chance of outright victory for Rangers.

## Gaping

After a lung-bursting run from midfield from Jimmy Nicholl, the little striker was left with a gaping goal to aim at from around eight yards out.

Astonishingly, he took too long about his shot and when he did fire the ball goalwards, it was cleared off the line by Alan Pirie.

That was seven minutes from the end of the match and it looked as though the

## Wee John gives Thistle a torrid time of it

miss had consigned Rangers to the lottery of a penalty shoot-out at Firhill for the second successive season.

However, we reckoned without Spencer's ability to shrug off his miss and from the corner kick taken by Davie Cooper on the right following Pirie's clearance, wee John bulleted home a header at the back post for the winning goal.

## Cute

**IT WAS JOHN'S 22ND GOAL OF THE SEASON AND IT'S DOUBTFUL IF HE HAS ENJOYED ANY OF THE PREVIOUS 21 QUITE AS MUCH!**

It was a fitting finale to an entertaining 90 minutes played in the best of spirits and it was a tribute to both

sides that they kept the 4,500 crowd happy while playing on such a dry and bumpy pitch.

Rangers had dominated the first half with chances galore being created and scorned.

Gary McSwegan showed some lovely touches without displaying the kind of finishing skill which has served him so well this season, although he was desperately unlucky with one effort which struck Archie McLean's left-hand post after a cute turn right on the stroke of half-time.

McLean made some fine stops, particularly from Davie Cooper and Ian McCall, although the Thistle 'keeper could do little but be relieved as he watched a brilliant 30-yard free-kick from Davie strike



● BY THE RIGHT . . . Stuart Munro cracks in a ferocious first-half shot which flew inches wide of McLean's right hand post.

the crossbar in the 32nd minute.

Nicky Walker must have felt redundant in the first half but he showed his powers of concentration by making a splendid diving save from a 16-yard shot by Bobby Law.

The danger Thistle posed was shown again in the 59th minute when Davie Kirkwood acrobatically cleared a Pat Kelly lob off the line with Nicky beaten but four minutes later

Rangers broke the deadlock.

Davie Cooper stepped up to take a free-kick some 22 yards out and his fierce shot took a slight deflection off the Partick Thistle wall before beating Archie McLean at his right-hand post.

Typically, Thistle were strung into action and equalised in the 68th minute when Billy Dodds made good ground on the left and his low cross was battered

past the blameless Nicky Walker by the unmarked John Mitchell from eight yards.

Nicky then had to make a good diving save from a Pat Kelly shot before that dramatic finale saw John Spencer claim Rangers' final place at Ibrox against Celtic.

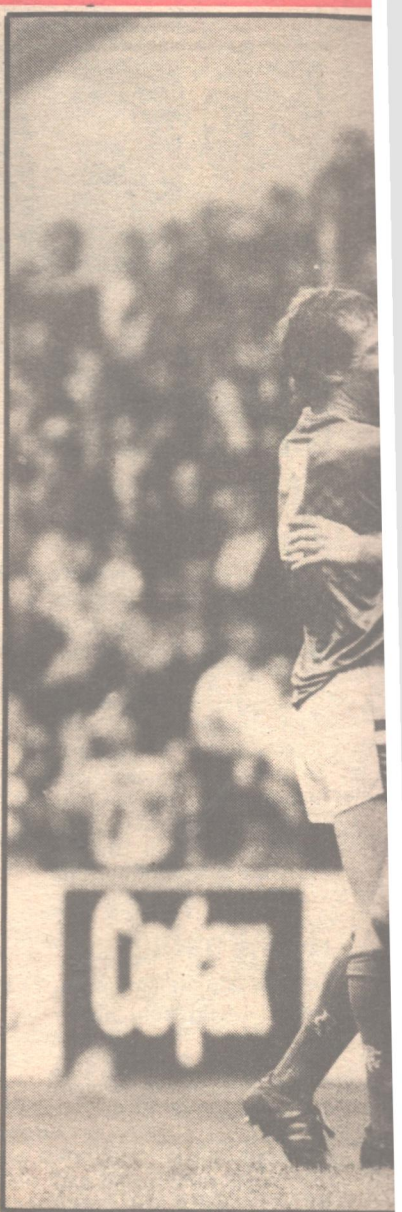
The same kind of doggedness and resilience can see the Light Blues win the famous old trophy for the 45th time.



● PLAYING FOOTSIIE . . . Archie McLean slides in to make an unorthodox but effective save at the feet of John Spencer.



● NICE ONE, FERGIE . . . Derek Ferguson cleverly lobs the ball over one and all for Rangers' goal in the 23rd minute.



● PAT ON THE HEAD . . . Jim . . . hand to congratulate De



● MARK'S ROCKET . . . Gordon Hunter can only look on as Mark Walters fires in a shot which Andy Goram held.

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● TWISTING AND TURNING . . . Gordon Hunter and Andy Watson don't know which way to go to stop Davie Cooper.

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## Key injuries dent Rangers' hopes

reduced to 10 men when Mickey Weir was rather harshly sent-off for dissent.

John Brown, though, sadly limped off in the 35th minute for yet another injury blow to Rangers at a time when resources are being stretched to the limit all over the field.

Having said that, Scott Nisbet did himself no harm on Saturday with a good performance in the centre of defence, Stuart Munro again showed what a compact full-back he is and Derek Ferguson was a stand-out in midfield.

The Rangers fans also got a first glimpse of Gary McSwegan in first-team action but the 17-year-old striker had only 10 minutes to show what he could do.

He just failed to get on the end of a Ray Wilkins through ball but, that apart, there was no opportunity for the teenager to grab a winner for Rangers.

By that time, Hibs were well and truly on level terms with their equaliser having arrived in the 47th minute from a Paul Kane penalty-kick after Davie Cooper had handled an Alan Sneddon cross from the right.

You couldn't really grudge them their point, earned as it was with a depleted side after Weir's dismissal but Rangers rightly felt they should have taken advantage.

As it was, Andy Goram was never seriously tested in the second half

### Ibrox fact-file

PREMIER LEAGUE

Scorers: Rangers — D. Ferguson (23); Hibernian — Kane (pen. 47).  
Att.: 32,218.

RANGERS: Walker, Nicholl, Munro, Nisbet, Wilkins, Brown, D. Ferguson, Bartram, I. Ferguson, Durrant, Walters.  
Subs: Cooper (for Brown 35) and McSwegan (for D. Ferguson 80).

HIBERNIAN: Goram, Sneddon, Mitchell, Orr, Rae, Hunter, Weir, Evans, Kane, Collins, McBride.  
Subs: Watson (for McBride 62) and McIntyre (for Evans 87).

REFEREE: Kenny Hope (Glasgow).

BOOKED: Nisbet (Rangers); Evans (Hibernian).

SENT-OFF: Weir (Hibernian).



● DEBUT DAY . . . Man of the match Derek Ferguson leaves the field in the 80th minute and Gary McSwegan makes his Rangers debut.

# Scoreboard



## HOW THEY STAND IN THE LEAGUES . . .

Premier League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic . . . .	41	28	10	3	74	23	66
Hearts . . . .	41	23	14	4	74	31	60
Rangers . . . .	41	24	8	9	77	33	56
Aberdeen . . .	40	20	15	5	55	23	55
Dundee Utd . .	40	14	13	13	46	44	41
Dundee . . . .	41	17	6	18	70	60	40
Hibernian . . .	40	10	17	13	35	40	37
Motherwell . .	41	13	8	20	36	54	34
St. Mirren . . .	41	8	15	18	39	61	31
Falkirk . . . .	40	8	11	21	35	67	27
Dunfermlin . .	41	8	9	24	39	80	25
Morton . . . .	41	3	10	28	25	89	16

First Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hamilton . . .	41	22	11	8	65	34	55
Meadowbank .	41	20	11	10	67	45	51
Clydebank . . .	41	19	6	16	52	57	44
Raith Rovers .	41	18	7	16	75	68	43
Airdrie . . . .	41	15	13	13	63	61	43
Forfar . . . .	41	13	16	12	62	58	42
Partick . . . .	41	16	9	16	60	59	41
Queen's Park .	41	12	15	14	49	62	39
Clyde . . . .	41	16	6	19	71	72	38
Kilmarnock . .	41	11	11	19	49	56	33
East Fife . . .	41	12	8	21	57	74	32
Dumbarton . .	41	19	11	20	44	68	31

Second Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ayr Utd . . . .	36	27	6	3	94	28	60
St. Johnstone .	36	23	8	5	69	23	54
Brechin . . . .	36	19	7	10	53	36	45
Queens Park . .	36	18	9	9	56	41	45
Stirling Albion .	36	16	9	11	55	50	41
East Stirling . .	36	13	12	11	47	45	38
Alloa . . . .	36	15	7	14	47	43	37
Montrose . . . .	36	12	11	13	41	44	35
Arbroath . . . .	36	10	13	13	54	60	33
Stenhousemuir .	36	11	9	16	46	54	31
Albion Rovers .	36	9	11	16	41	70	29
Cowdenbeath . .	36	8	12	16	46	65	28
Berwick . . . .	36	5	4	27	27	71	14
Stranraer . . . .	36	3	8	25	31	77	14

Premier Reserve League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee U. . . .	27	22	1	4	73	18	45
Aberdeen . . .	29	19	6	4	76	19	44
Celtic . . . .	29	19	3	7	71	44	41
Rangers . . . .	29	15	7	7	63	47	37
Motherwell . . .	27	12	7	8	46	39	31
Dundee . . . .	27	13	3	11	65	46	29
Hibernian . . .	27	11	4	12	46	54	26
Hearts . . . .	24	9	5	10	34	31	23
St. Mirren . . .	28	6	3	19	24	58	15
Falkirk . . . .	28	4	6	18	24	70	14
Morton . . . .	27	5	3	19	25	62	13
Dunfermline . .	28	3	6	19	37	84	12

English First Division (top ten)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Liverpool . . .	34	24	8	2	78	20	80
Man Utd . . . .	36	19	12	5	61	35	69
QPR . . . .	36	19	8	9	45	33	65
Everton . . . .	35	18	10	7	48	22	64
Nottm Forest . .	34	18	9	7	58	34	63
Arsenal . . . .	37	17	10	10	52	34	61
Wimbledon . . .	34	13	11	10	51	40	50
Sheff Wed . . .	36	15	5	16	46	56	50
Coventry . . . .	35	12	11	12	42	49	47
Newcastle . . .	35	11	13	11	47	47	46

English Second Division (top ten)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Millwall . . . .	40	22	7	11	66	47	73
Middlesbrough .	40	20	12	8	56	29	72
Blackburn . . .	40	20	12	8	63	48	72
Aston Villa . . .	41	20	11	10	66	41	71
Bradford . . . .	39	20	10	9	63	47	70
Crystal Palace .	40	19	9	12	79	57	66
Leeds Utd . . .	40	17	10	13	57	49	61
Man City . . . .	40	17	7	16	71	54	58
Stoke . . . .	41	16	10	15	48	54	58
Swindon . . . .	39	16	9	14	72	55	57

## 1st XI scorers

Ally McCoist . . . . .	46
Ian Durrant . . . . .	17
Robert Fleck . . . . .	14
Mark Falco . . . . .	10
Richard Gough . . . . .	6
Mark Walters . . . . .	5
Graeme Souness . . . . .	4
Jan Bartram . . . . .	3
Derek Ferguson . . . . .	3
John McGregor . . . . .	2
Graham Roberts . . . . .	2
Davie Cooper . . . . .	2
Ray Wilkins . . . . .	1
Neil Woods . . . . .	1
Terry Butcher . . . . .	1
Ian McCall . . . . .	1
John Brown . . . . .	1
Ian Ferguson . . . . .	1
Own goals . . . . .	4

## 2nd XI scorers

Gary McSwegan . . . . .	26
John Spencer . . . . .	22
David MacFarlane . . . . .	8
Mark Falco . . . . .	8
Ian McCall . . . . .	6
Robert Fleck . . . . .	6
Colin West . . . . .	5
Sandy Robertson . . . . .	4
Jimmy Phillips . . . . .	4
Ally Edwards . . . . .	3
Scott Nisbett . . . . .	3
Davie Cooper . . . . .	3
Jim Milligan . . . . .	2
John McGregor . . . . .	2
Avi Cohen . . . . .	2
Stuart Munro . . . . .	2
Ally Dawson . . . . .	1
Arnar Gretarsson . . . . .	1
Alan Henderson . . . . .	1
Own goal . . . . .	1

## Weekend results

FINE FARE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION			
Dundee . . . . .	4	Falkirk . . . . .	3
Dunfermline . . . . .	2	St. Mirren . . . . .	1
Hearts . . . . .	2	Celtic . . . . .	1
Morton . . . . .	0	Aberdeen . . . . .	2
Motherwell . . . . .	4	Dundee U. . . . .	2
Rangers . . . . .	1	Hibernian . . . . .	1
FINE FARE LEAGUE DIVISION 1			
Airdrie . . . . .	1	Raith R. . . . .	2
Clyde . . . . .	0	Kilmarnock . . . . .	0
Clydebank . . . . .	0	Meadowbank . . . . .	2
East Fife . . . . .	1	Hamilton . . . . .	1
Forfar A. . . . .	1	Partick T. . . . .	0
QOS . . . . .	0	Dumbarton . . . . .	0
FINE FARE LEAGUE DIVISION 2			
Alloa A. . . . .	1	Ayr U. . . . .	3
E. Stirling . . . . .	1	Stirling A. . . . .	3
Montrose . . . . .	1	Berwick R. . . . .	0
Queens Park . . . . .	1	Cowdenbeath . . . . .	1
St. Johnstone . . . . .	4	Arbroath . . . . .	0
Stenhousemuir . . . . .	2	Brechin C. . . . .	1
Stranraer . . . . .	2	Albion R. . . . .	2
SCOTTISH PREMIER RESERVES			
Aberdeen . . . . .	3	Morton . . . . .	1
Falkirk . . . . .	0	Dundee . . . . .	1
St. Mirren . . . . .	2	Dunfermline . . . . .	0

## Focus Player of the Year table

**DEREK Ferguson** has joined **Graham Roberts** at the top of the table to set up a thrilling end of the season chase to become the **Rangers News/Focus TV "Player of the Year."**

Fergie won the "Man of the Match" award for his display against Hibs at Ibrox

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
Graham Roberts . . . . .	24	John Spencer . . . . .	12
Derek Ferguson . . . . .	24	Scott Nisbett . . . . .	9
Ian Durant . . . . .	21	David MacFarlane . . . . .	9
Ally McCoist . . . . .	12	Sandy Robertson . . . . .	9
Chris Woods . . . . .	12	Gary McSwegan . . . . .	9
Ray Wilkins . . . . .	12	Paul Hamilton . . . . .	6
Graeme Souness . . . . .	9	Angus McPherson . . . . .	6
Mark Walters . . . . .	9	Mark Thomson . . . . .	3
Richard Gough . . . . .	9	David Kirkwood . . . . .	3
		Ally Edwards . . . . .	3

Terry Butcher . . . . .	6
Ian Ferguson . . . . .	6
Stuart Munro . . . . .	3
Trevor Francis . . . . .	3
Ian McCall . . . . .	3
Jimmy Nicholl . . . . .	3
Davie Cooper . . . . .	3
Scott Nisbett . . . . .	3
John Brown . . . . .	3
Jan Bartram . . . . .	3



● John Spencer.

## ★ YOUR COMPLETE POOLS CHECK

**COMPETITION ONE:** 28 goals, 1 possible. Winning combinations are: 3, 7, 11, 29 and 32. Also 27 goals, 20 possibles. Winning combinations are: 3, 11 and 29 with 1 from 7 and 32 and 1 from 2, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 35.

Winners share approximately £3,800.

**COMPETITION TWO:** 19 goals, 3 possibles. Winning combinations are: 3, 11, 14 and 29 with 1 from 8, 16 and 18.

Winners share approximately £3,800.

**COMPETITION THREE:** 17 goals, 5 possibles. Winning combinations are: 7 with 4 from 15, 22, 23, 32 and 35.

Winners share approximately £3,800.

**COMPETITION FOUR:** 2 goals, 6 possibles. Winning combinations are: 10, 34 and 36 with 2 from 5, 24, 31 and 33.

Winners share approximately £3,800.

**COMPETITION FIVE:** 16 goals, 3 possibles. Winning combinations are: 2, 6 and 17 with 2 from 4, 13 and 26.

Winners share approximately £3,800.

### SPACESHOT

Best possible entry: 10 pts.

Picture A: 11 and 37.

Picture B: 2 and 14.

Any of the following combinations will also qualify for a prize.

Picture A: 1 from 10, 11 and 12 with 1 from 36, 37 and 38.

Picture B: 1 from 1, 2 and 3 with 1 from 13, 14, 15.

### Last week's results

● **RANGERS POOLS** Four in One. Saturday's check — Game 01—2-1; 02—2-2; 03—4-2; 04—1-1; 05—0-1; 06—2-2; 07—0-5; 08—3-1; 09—1-2; 10—0-0; 11—4-2; 12—2-1; 13—1-1; 14—4-0; 15—1-3; 16—3-1; 17—2-2; 18—3-0; 19—2-1; 20—0-2; 21—2-0; 22—1-3; 23—1-3; 24—1-0; 25—0-2; 26—1-1; 27—2-0; 28—2-1; 29—4-2; 30—2-1; 31—1-0; 32—2-3; 33—1-0; 34—0-0; 35—1-3; 36—0-0.

### This week's teams

● Four-in-One match list for Saturday, April 23, 1988: 1, Blackpool v Grimsby; 2, Bristol R v Port Vale; 3, Sheff U v West Brom; 4, Stoke v Swindon; 5, Aston Villa v Shrewsbury; 6, Barnsley v Birmingham; 7, Charlton v Newcastle; 8, Derby v Southampton; 9, West Ham v Coventry; 10, Wimbledon v Chelsea; 11, Dundee U v Dunfermline; 12, Falkirk v Morton; 13, Dumbarton v East Fife; 14, Hamilton v Forfar; 15, Man C v Bradford C; 16, Plymouth v Crystal P; 17, Albion R v Alloa; 18, Ayr v E Stirling; 19, Cowdenbeath v Berwick; 20, Montrose v Queens Park; 21, Leeds v Oldham; 22, Leicester v Reading; 23, Aberdeen v Hearts; 24, Celtic v Dundee; 25, Hibernian v Motherwell; 26, St Mirren v Rangers; 27, Liverpool v Tottenham; 28, Oxford U v Everton; 29, Kilmarnock v Airdrie; 30, Meadowbank v Clyde; 31, Hull v Huddersfield; 32, Ipswich v Middlesboro; 33, Partick v Q of S; 34, Raith v Clydebank; 35, Portsmouth v Norwich; 36, QPR v Sheff Wed.

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# REMARKABLE!

## Ally's knowledge leaves Coleman quite speechless

ALLY McCOIST proved a big hit with his debut performance on BBC-1's Question of Sport, which was screened last Tuesday night.

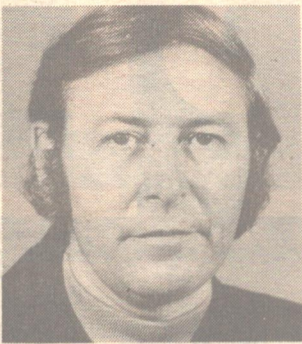
The Rangers star was in Bill Beaumont's team along with John Emburey and he played a starring role in leading them to a comprehensive win over Emlyn Hughes' side of Bob Norster and Stephen Hendry.

In fact, Ally almost left quizmaster David Coleman speechless with his sharp reply to the toughest question of the programme — "What first in 1988 was achieved by Denham Green".

### Bonus

It stumped everyone but Ally who earned bonus points for his team with the correct reply that it was the horse which won the first flat race of this season, at Doncaster.

To make it worse for Emlyn Hughes, he was at the meeting and Ally



● EXTRAORDINARY! ... How "Question of Sport" quizmaster David Coleman looked while covering the 1972 Olympic Games — pic used by request of A. McCoist Esq.

personalities. I already knew Stephen Hendry, and we had a good old crack because he's a Hearts fan.

"It's a nice atmosphere on the programme and it's easy to see why it's such a big success.

"I was delighted to do better than Terry Butcher and Roy Aitken and I'll be giving them severe stick for a while — mind you, my mum wasn't too impressed with my good knowledge of horse racing!"

● POSSIL still lead the Rangers News Amateur League after the latest set of fixtures played on Sunday, April 10.

The results were: Bargeddie 2, Purple Star 0; Devon Street 4, Petershill 7; Ibrox Amateurs 3, John Hope 3; Possil 4, Clydesdale 1; Rutherglen 1, Townhead 1.

rubbed it in by telling him it was a 25 to 1 shot!

Said Ally: "I really enjoyed myself and it was nice to meet different sporting

● OVER the past week the club has received phone calls from supporters enquiring about the visits to the ground — and why some are arranged when it has officially been announced that tours of the stadium have stopped.



● ALLY McCOIST ... making a big impression on "Question of Sport" on BBC-1.

## Praise for Rangers

RANGERS have been praised by the CBI's Scottish Council for their involvement in the Govan Initiative urban regeneration programme.

At a meeting held in the Thornton Suite at Ibrox last Thursday, the club were lauded for providing the Initiative's offices in the Broomloan Road Stand.

A CBI spokesman said: "One of the main reasons for meeting at Ibrox is the part Rangers Football Club are playing in the rehabilitation of Govan."

"Rangers, along with Govan Shipbuilders, Gray Dunn's and Howden's have been involved in the Govan Initiative."

And Govan regional councillor Ian Davidson said: "These firms get involved at some level."

## Sandbank progress in League Cup

RANGERS progressed to the second round of the Supporters League Cup with a 4-2 win over Meadowbank Thistle A on Sunday, April 10.

The Sandbank lads, already crowned league champions, want to add more silverware to their collection although they got a shock when Thistle took the lead in the 27th minute after a bad passback from James Moffat.

But inspirational player-manager Jeff Holmes pulled them back into the match six minutes later with a header from a Billy Rutherford cross which he described himself as "gorgeous."

Two minutes into the second half, John Scott headed Rangers into the lead and Walter Ferguson made it 3-1 with a 12-yard shot in the 52nd minute. Billy Rutherford coolly made it four seven minutes later and although Thistle scored again in the 61st minute, the Sandbank lads were never in danger.

RANGERS: Scott, Patterson, Owens, Moffat, J. Holmes, Rutherford, Hayes, McKechnie, Morrison, Ferguson, Walker. Subs: Ross (for Morrison), and Mahomet (for Patterson).

The other results were: Dundee 0, Hearts 3; Dundee United 3, Alloa 1.



● LEFT: BIG NIGHT OUT ... Terry Butcher was the guest of honour at a recent boxing night in the Albany Hotel in Glasgow held by the St. Andrews Sporting Club. The Rangers skipper nominated the most outstanding boxer of the night and here he presents Robert Harkin from Helensburgh with a tankard watched by Mr Archie Green of Samuel Webster and Wilsons Ltd.



● ROSS-SHIRE'S BIG NIGHT ... Former Rangers star Alex Willoughby and his wife Ann attended the annual dinner dance of the Ross-shire RSC in the National Hotel, Dingwall. Club members in the pic are Mike MacLeod, Alistair McIntosh, Jess Henderson, David Skinner, Frank Geddes, Alan Munro, Alec Lawson and Clark Matthew.

● A TOTAL of 19 teams took part in a highly successful Quiz Night held by the Purple Star FC at the Lore Street Orange Halls in Kinning Park.

The Armadale RSC just pipped the Kinning Park Loyal by two points to win the competition.

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## Top of the bill

SOME more superb entertainment can be enjoyed by members in the month of May with seven top acts performing.

Headlining the month are The Drifters — on May 5 and 6 — and their shows are just a few tickets away from being sell-outs.

But, just take a look at what The Edmiston has in store for the rest of the weekends.

**MAY 7 — Top female vocalist Charlie Brown.**  
**MAY 13 — In The Mood:** a vocal harmony duo made up by Dave O'Donnell and Melanie Woodhouse.  
**MAY 20 — Karen Fell — top female vocalist.**  
**MAY 27 — Jeanne and Bobby Jo — an award winning international cabaret act.**



● **IN THE MOOD.** . . . a vocal harmony duo, who are bound to please the Edmiston members.



● **LEFT: KAREN FELL . . .** coming soon to play the Edmiston.

## Amateurs on the stage

TEN quality bouts of amateur boxing will be staged at the Edmiston this Monday evening — and it's a first for the club.

And the good news for members is that there are still some tickets to be bought for the night which is being organised by top boxing promoter Alex Morrison.

Prices are £4 and £10.95 (including meal).

Providing competitors are the Maharg ABC, Glasgow, and Edmiston General Manager, Ian Armstrong, has been promised quality.

"It should be an interesting night," said Ian, "and if all goes well I'll try to arrange similar evenings."

To book your tickets phone 041-427 4481 and ask for Ian Armstrong or Lesley Diamond.

## TONY PACKS THEM IN

ONE of the biggest names in the world cabaret circuit will be entertaining the Edmiston members tomorrow evening (Thursday) and Friday.

AND THE CLUB WILL BE PACKED OUT ON BOTH NIGHTS TO GREET TONY CHRISTIE.

Tony is really looking forward to gracing the stage and told us: "The Edmiston has got to be one of the best clubs in Scotland."

"Looking around it you can't fail to notice the fact that the members are well off for comfort and service — and I'm just delighted at getting the chance to play before them."

"I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE TWO GREAT NIGHTS."



● **TONY CHRISTIE . . .** ready to entertain the members this Thursday and Friday.

Tony's career reached an all-time peak in the early '70s — and it was in this period that he made his name with apparently great ease.

His first hit single was LAS VEGAS, recorded in 1970.

Prior to that, although voted Vocalist of the Year for five successive years, it was not until he teamed up with the highly successful song writing partnership of Peter Callander and Mitch Murray that his recording career really took off.

LAS VEGAS, which they both wrote and produced, was followed by a string of hits including I DID WHAT I DID FOR MARIA.

Subsequent hits included DON'T GO DOWN TO RENO, AVENUES AND ALLEYS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY, DRIVE SAFELY DARLIN' and QUEEN OF THE MARDI GRAS.

Tony's biggest hit, however, was IS THIS THE WAY TO AMARILLO.

Tickets are virtually sold out for both Tony's performances and the few that are left can be booked by phoning Ian Armstrong or Lesley Diamond on 041 427 4481.

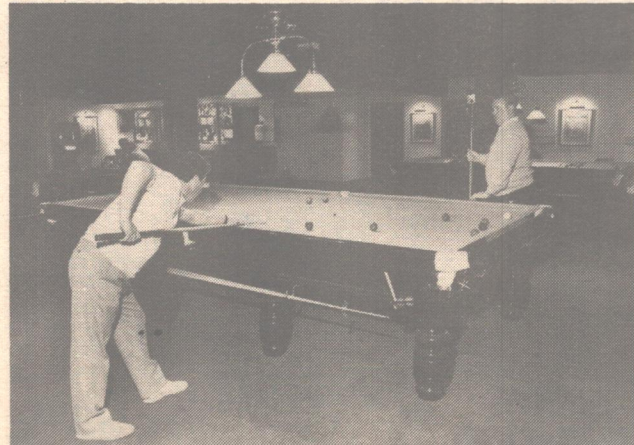


● **CHARLIE BROWN . . .** top vocalist entertainment.

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● **TAKE a look at the following diary of all that's best in entertainment AND at The Edmiston:**

April 21 — Tony Christie; April 22 — Tony Christie; April 23 — Phil Anthony; April 25 — Boxing Gala (ten bouts from the Maharg ABC); April 28 — "Just for a laugh" featuring Graham Paul, Leigh Myers, and Foreign Affairs; April 29 — Steve Denver; April 30 — SOLD OUT; May 5 — THE DRIFTERS; May 6 — THE DRIFTERS (sold out); May 7 — Charlie Brown; May 13 — In The Mood; May 14 — Danny Eckstine; May 20 — Karen Fell; May 21 — Pamela Wheelan; May 27 — Jeanne and Bobby Jo; May 28 — Kelly Andrews.



● **BLUE HEAVEN . . .** the snooker facilities at the Edmiston.

## Snooker at the Edmiston

MEMBERS are reminded that there are first class snooker facilities at The Edmiston — with a total of four tables in a separate lounge.

There is also one in the club's private lounge which can be hired for a very reasonable rate.

What's more — the baize is BLUE.



● **JEANNE AND BOBBY JO . . .** the award winning duo soon to appear at the Edmiston.

# SPEEDY RETURN

VOTES are coming in thick and fast after our story last week when we asked the supporters to choose their player of the year.

The response to our story has been marvellous and the ANIXTER Awards Poll promises to be one of the highlights of a fantastic night of entertainment which The Edmiston is planning for the end of the season.

FOCUS TV are also coming to sponsor the evening and are teaming up with the "News" to present the official player awards.

The first team squad, management, and directors, have all been invited to this special night.

Some top cabaret and an excellent dinner are already lined up — and YOU, the supporter, will also get the chance to enjoy what should be a fabulous night.

### Prospect

The minute a date is arranged tickets will go on sale — allowing YOU the opportunity to play a part in the evenings proceedings.

FOCUS TV and The Rangers News are presenting some superb prizes for the following awards — First Team Player of the Year; Second Team Player of the Year; First Team top Goalscorer; Second Team top goalscorer.

ANIXTER are providing prizes for the following accolades in the Readers Poll— Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year, Best Goal of the Season.

YOU can take part in the above poll by filling in the coupon provided at the end of this story.

Ian Armstrong, General Manager of the Edmiston, is excited by the prospect of the whole night. He said, "In short, it's a night for the players, for the management, and the supporters."

"Everything is going well so far and it's my hope that we can make this an annual event."

Both FOCUS TV and ANIXTER were delighted to step in and provide sponsorship.

Drew McGregor, spokesman for ANIXTER, who are specialists in Electronic Communications, said: "It should be a great night's entertainment and we were very happy to back the readers poll."

"The players, or the winners of the poll, can look forward to receiving some excellent prizes. I think I can say quite confidently that they will be wearing large smiles when they see them."

To make sure you're vote is recorded fill in the following coupon:

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Once you have completed the voting form then send it to READERS POLL, Rangers News, 2 Park Gardens, Glasgow, G3 7YE for the closing date of May 4.

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

# “NOT DEAD YET”

● RIGHT: TOMMY McLEAN . . . scored the opener at Pittodrie, this week 15 years ago.

April 20-26, 1973

**RANGERS** title hopes took a blow this week 15 years ago after dropping a point at Pittodrie as Celtic won on the same day.

It left the Light Blues hoping that the Parkhead side would lose their last game away match to Hibernian, and that they would defeat East Fife at Ibrox the same day.

After the 2-2 draw with Aberdeen, Rangers manager Jock Wallace said — “The title is not dead yet.”

The game on April 21 attracted a crowd of 32,000 and they watched as Tommy McLean gave Rangers the best possible start with an opening goal in 22 minutes.

Rangers held their lead until

## Big Jock sees hope for 'Gers

the 67th minute when Jim Hermiston equalised from the penalty spot. Both sides set out to score a winner and Peter McCloy produced some brilliant goalkeeping at this juncture of the match.

Taylor looked to have secured victory for The Dons in the 85th minute. But, with just seconds remaining Alfie Conn made it 2-2 to leave the Ibrox side with a glimmer of hope for the title.

Peter McCloy was later named as Man of the Match. **ABERDEEN:** Clark, Williamson, Hermiston, Thomson, Young, Smith,

Murray, Taylor, Jarvie, Varga, Graham.

**RANGERS:** McCloy, Jardine, Mathieson, Greig, Johnstone, Smith, McClean, Forsyth, Parlane, MacDonald, Conn.

Celtic defeated Arbroath 4-0 with goals from Harry Hood, Davie Hay, Dixie Deans and Ernie Winchester (OG). It left the Celts a point ahead at the top of the table.

Their last game of the season at Easter Road would prove to be difficult and Hibs had not lost a league match to them that season.

Rangers took some comfort from this and from Hibs captain Pat Stanton's remarks about the game. He said: “We can beat Celtic! But if we do it will not be to help Rangers — it will be for ourselves.”

Rangers were being linked with Dundee United's 29-year-old captain, Doug Houston — a utility defender and a handy man to have in a squad.

The Light Blues management were refusing to comment on the reports but it was also stated that they were prepared to part with Graham Fyfe to secure any deal.

### ‘Frees’

Aberdeen released their list of players that could leave Pittodrie and included amongst the “frees” were ex-Rangers star, Jim Forrest.

Another player apparently interesting Rangers was Irvine Meadow's left winger, Eric Morris. He was beginning to make a name for himself and had attracted interest from Dundee United and Newcastle United.

Rangers central defender Ronnie McKinnon took part in a prestigious benefit match in Germany that week — and found himself rubbing shoulders with Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller.

Over 35,000 fans watched the game which featured a World Select versus Hamburg. The World Select won 5-2 with the help of other Scots Lou Macari and Alan Gordon.

Finally, down south there were celebrations going on in the streets of Liverpool after the Anfield side clinched the league championship with a 2-0 victory over Leeds United



● PAT STANTON . . . confident about beating Celtic.

## Season's end for Rangers

April 20-26, 1938

**THE** end of the season could not come quick enough for Rangers this week 50 years ago as they fell to yet another sad defeat.

Hearts defeated them 3-2 at Tynecastle in front of 25,000 fans on April 23.

For both, the league had been lost with Celtic clinching the title on the same day with a 3-1 win over St. Mirren at Love Street.

Biggs gave Hearts the lead in the 41st minute but Dave Kinnear levelled the scores for Rangers in the 55th minute. Bobby Main gave the Light Blues a 2-1 lead soon after. But, two goals from Andy Black allowed Hearts to steal victory.

**RANGERS:** Dawson, Gray, Winning, McKillop, Simpson, Brown, Main, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Kinnear.

It was Scottish Cup final day at Hampden and East Fife drew 1-1 with Kilmarnock. McLeod and McAvoy were the respective scorers.

Rangers now had just one game left to fulfil — Queen of the South at Ibrox.

One Cup was certainly making its way to the Ibrox trophy room — the Second Eleven Cup.

The Light Blues Colts hammered Clyde 6-1 at Ibrox in the second leg of the final to win the Cup on a 9-1 aggregate.

Scorers were Jimmy Turnbull (3), Bert Harrison (2), and Jimmy Fiddes.

**RANGERS:** Jenkins, McDonald, Cheyne, McKillop, Woodburn, Little, Main, Fiddes, Turnbull, Harrison, Reid.

## No worries for Rangers

April 20-26, 1963

**RANGERS** failed to beat Raith Rovers this week 25 years ago — but no-one was worrying down Ibrox way.

For the Light Blues had clinched the league championship the week before — therefore deeming the league match with Raith at Stark's Park as meaningless.

It finished 2-2 on April 20 and 10,000 supporters watched McGrogan sensationally give Raith the lead after just one minute.

The home side then incredibly went two goals ahead through Stevenson in 24 minutes from the penalty spot. Rangers, fresh from a fierce lecture by manager Scot Symon at half-time, took to the field intent on getting something from the game.

### Header

An own goal from Haig in 52 minutes got them off to a good start and three minutes later the Raith faithful were stunned as they watched Jimmy Millar net Rangers' second with a header after Thorburn had dropped a Willie Henderson cross.

Rangers pressed for the winner but they failed to breach the home defence.

**RAITH ROVERS:** Thorburn, Stevenson, Haig, Wilson, Bolton, Burrows, Lourie, McDonald, Gilfillan, Menzies, McCroghan.

**RANGERS:** Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, McKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McLean, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

That week Rangers had an unusual guest for their training at The Albion in the shape of Walter McGowan the Scottish boxer from Burnbank who was preparing for his British and European flyweight title fight.

### Cheery

The Ibrox first team squad received some cheery news when Eric Caldow left hospital after breaking his left leg against England in the Wembley international.

Said Caldow, “I hope to be back playing by August. There is absolutely no pain in my leg now.”

A young player by the name of Tommy McLean was being relied on by Scotland youths to turn on the style against their English counterparts at White City, London.

The 15-year-old Kilmarnock player was being tipped for the top along with team-mate George Graham of Aston Villa.

### Joy

Dundee lost the first leg of their European Cup semi-final 5-1 to AC Milan in Italy. Alan Cousin provided the sole moment of joy when he equalised Milan's first goal in the first half.

Finally, Princess Alexandra was getting married to Angus Ogilvy at Westminster Abbey with the Royal Family, amongst others, in attendance.

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4. Who was named last week as the English Player of the Year?
5. Ex-Hibernian favourite and Rangers player, Dougie Bell, is now playing his football with which club?

• ANSWERS BELOW RIGHT

## Order, please!

• Take a look at the following players and teams and place them in correct order:

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Garry Thompson	Blackburn Rovers
Gary Pallister	Aston Villa
George Woods	Middlesbrough

• ANSWERS BELOW RIGHT



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3. What was the score?

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## ANSWERS

- QUICK QUIZ: 1. Asa Hartford; 2. Harteppool Utd; 3. Norwich City; 4. John Barnes of Liverpool; 5. Shrewsbury Town.
- ORDER PLEASE: Steve Archibald (Blackburn); Garry Thompson (Aston Villa); Gary Pallister (Middlesbrough); George Woods (Crystal Palace).
- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: 1. What was the occasion? Southampton vs Rangers at Ibrox on May 16, 1982. 2. Who is the Southampton captain? Steve Archibald. 3. What was the score? 1-1.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS...

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20  
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**DAVID SLOAN**, 11 Lingley Avenue, Airdrie will be 16.  
**ALEXANDER McLEMON**, 67 Househillmuir Road will be 16.  
**STEVEN JONES**, 28 Tasmania Street, Northern Ireland will be 10.  
**STUART CAMERON**, 283 Warriston Street, Glasgow will be 16.  
**BRIAN SEMPLE**, 68 Muirfoot Road, Lanark will be 15.  
**ALEXANDER FEINER**, 159 Grahame Tower, London will be nine.  
**KENNA CUNNINGHAM**, 12 Scalpay Harris, Isle of Scalpay will be two.  
**KEITH ARMSTRONG**, 58 William Street, Dumfriesshire will be 10.  
**FRIDAY**  
**DAVID STOKES**, 10E Morar Drive, Renfrewshire will be 11.  
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**COLIN MITCHELL**, 85 Juniper Drive, Glasgow will be 15.  
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**SUNDAY**  
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**LYNSEY CUNNINGHAM**, 19 Copland Quad, Glasgow will be 15.  
**ROBERT SOUTAR**, 36 Vennacher Street, Shotts will be five.  
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**WAYNE BLACKBURN**, 34 Cairnsmore Road, Kirkcudbright will be 14.  
**IAN JOYCE**, 27 Kersewell Avenue, Lanark will be 13.  
**STUART TESTER**, 23 Lomond Drive, Moray will be 10.  
**KENNETH McCANN**, 20 Machrie Drive, Glasgow will be 11.  
**MARK PATRICK**, 6 Ochill Road, Renfrew will be 10.  
**IAN MAIR**, 3 Castlehill Road, Ayrshire will be five.

### MONDAY

**ELEANOR PATTERSON**, 7 Kirkland View, Stranraer will be 17.  
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**JAMES MARTIN**, 4 Lochgoin Avenue, Glasgow will be three.  
**GRAEME ADAMS**, Home Farm, Stranraer will be 11.  
**MARC BOWMAN**, 2 Malton Court, Northern Ireland will be seven.

### TUESDAY

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**INVERNESS TRUE BLUES:** St. Mirren v Rangers bus leaves Town Hall at 9.45 a.m. Names required for all remaining games. Club meets every Tuesday in the Cameron Club, Portland Place for booking seats. Pick ups can be arranged for Brora, Tain and Allness Areas. For more information phone Roddy: 0463-231385.

**DUNDEE LOYAL:** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Lindsay Street 11 a.m. AGM to be held YMCA, May 14th, 12.15 p.m. Wembley bus leaves Friday, May 20th, for details phone 818522 (Dundee).

**BLACKBURN LOYAL (LANCASHIRE):** Bus for Aberdeen at Ibrox will leave Blackburn Railway Station at 8 a.m. For further details please contact Ian Gilmour on 0254-28140.

**CLYDEBANK DOUBLET LOYAL:** v St. Mirren, Doublet 2.0, Atlantis 2.10. Dance Money due now. Names and deposits Wembley.

**THORNIEBANK TRUE BLUES:** Bus v St. Mirren (away) leaves Bay Horse 2.0, Coach House 2.10, Main Street 2.15. Tickets on bus. Non-members welcome. £10 deposits for Wembley now due. THANKS to Tommy Daniels and assistants for hospitality recent in quiz night in Kinning Parks Orange Halls.

**CHRIS WOODS LOYAL:** Rangers v Aberdeen bus leaves St. Columba Church 11.30. AGM will be held Kirkliston Masonic before this match. New members welcome phone John 0592-743463. Tickets must be paid for Falkirk match on this bus. Rangers v Falkirk bus leaves St. Columba Church 11.45. New members welcome. Phone John 743463. Applications for new memberships can be obtained from John or Jim 743520.

**KINNING PARK LOYAL:** Bus for St. Mirren leaves 1.45 p.m. Seats, non-members £1. Members collect tickets before departure. Also members clear all outstanding dues. Wembley, May 21st. Luxury coach, video/toilet, seats available £20, deposit £10 now due. Leave Friday morning 9 a.m., arrive London 4 p.m. Return Sunday 3 p.m., back Glasgow 10 p.m. Sunday night. Phone Stuart 041-429-5578 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. only please.

**NITSDALE:** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Torrisdale Street, 2 p.m.

**BRIDGETON LOYAL:** Bus 2 p.m. Mermaid Bar.

**WISHAW OFFICIAL BRANCH:** Bus for Saturday leaves Kennilworth Avenue, 1.15.

**RENFREW LOYAL:** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Queen Street 2 p.m. Non-members welcome.

**KILMARNOCK TEDDY BEARS:** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Swimming Baths at 1.30 p.m. Supper dance April 30, tickets now on sale, price £3. See big Jock.

**KINGSPARK LOYAL:** St. Mirren Bus, Montford, 1.30, Jean Armour 1.45. Tickets on bus. Non-members welcome.

**SHETTLESTON LOYAL:** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Vesalius Street, 1.30.

**TANNOCKSIDE (VIEWPARK):** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Bothwell Library 1 p.m., picking up at the Olde Club 1.10. Non-members welcome.

**ALLY MCCOIST:** Bus for Saturday leaves Greenhill Shops 1 p.m. Forthum bar, 1.15 p.m. Names and pay for Aberdeen tickets on Saturday, also names for visit to Social Club at Falkirk on last game of season. Phone East Kilbride 38315.

**LENZIE RANGERS:** Bus v St. Mirren leaves Millersneuk Shopping Centre at 1.30. New and non-members welcome. Members phone Hugh Graham: 776 7011 about tickets on Friday between 7-8 p.m.

**ABERDEEN:** Bus v St. Mirren April 23, leaves Guild Street 9 a.m. Usual pick-up points.

● **JAN BARTRAM** is on international duty again tonight (Wednesday) when Denmark take on Greece in Copenhagen in a vital Olympic Qualifying match.

The Danes need two points to retain a chance of pipping group rivals West Germany for a place in the Seoul finals and the Rangers defender is certain to play a big part for the home country once more.

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# BUDDIES NO MORE

**IAN FERGUSON** aims to be on the winning side in a Rangers-St Mirren fixture for the first time when the two sides meet on Premier League business at Love Street this Saturday.

The 21-year-old Scottish under-21 midfielder star played his last match for Saints AGAINST Rangers at Ibrox on February 13 when the Light Blues coasted to a 4-0 win.

He left the Paisley side a few days later for £750,000 to at last join his beloved Rangers where he believes a glittering future awaits him.

### Vital

And while Fergie may not have made a whirlwind start to his Ibrox career, he's more than sure that Rangers can collect two points down Paisley way this Saturday.

Said Ian: "It's a vital game for Saints as they could still be relegated and I'll be wishing them well in every game left this season apart from Saturday's."

"I expect I'll get a fair bit of stick from the St Mirren fans but I'm still on good terms with Alex Smith and the players at Love Street so I'll be out to enjoy the match."

"There may seem to be more

## Fergie playing to win on Saturday

at stake for St Mirren in the game, but no-one at Ibrox will be taking it easy.

"The gaffer has made it clear he expects better from Rangers than we have been giving him in recent weeks and we know we must respond."

"The defeat against Morton was a real low for the players and I would gladly have swapped my first goal for Rangers for a good win in that game."

"We have got to prove in the three games we have left in the Premier League that we can still give the Rangers fans something to shout and cheer about."

"The fans have been everything I thought they would be since I came to Ibrox and if you can't play for them, you can't play for anyone."

"With Hearts going to Pittodrie this Saturday, we have to hope for a slip which will give us a chance of getting back into second place."

"St Mirren will make it hard for us with players like Ian Cameron and Frank McGarvey in the side."

"But I'll be aiming to make sure I have a happy return to Love Street and help take two points back to Ibrox."

● **IAN FERGUSON** ... out to sink his old team-mates at Love Street this Saturday.

"I expect I'll get a fair bit of stick from the St Mirren fans"



## McGregor and Roberts out for the season

**RANGERS** defenders Graham Roberts and John McGregor seem certain to miss the rest of the season because of injury.

Graham pulled a hamstring early on in the match against Morton at Cappielow last weekend and has also been suffering knee trouble.

There is the possibility that he could play in the last two games of the season, but Rangers may prefer to have his



● **JOHN MCGREGOR** ... his knee injury will keep him out for the rest of the season.

knee injury sorted out completely and have him fully fit for the start of 1988-89.

For John McGregor, the rest of 1987-88 is definitely a write-off after damaging a knee against Aberdeen at Pittodrie on February 6 this year.

The versatile player has not suffered any additional problems to his troublesome knee, but he will not be risked again this term.

## Fightback denies reserves

Hibernian..... 2 Rangers..... 2

A BRAVE fightback by Hibs reserves denied Rangers another victory in the Premier Reserve League when the teams met at Easter Road on Friday night.

The Light Blues were 2-0 up and seemed to be coasting to the points but Hibs stormed back into the match and only a brilliant reflex save from Lindsay Hamilton in the final minute denied the home side a victory.

Said coach Peter McCloy: "It was disappointing to drop a point after commanding the game for so long but Lindsay's performance was very pleasing indeed, apart from the second Hibs' goal when I felt he might have cut out the cross which led to it."

Rangers opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Ian McCall curled over a cute free-kick from the left and Gary McSwegan rose superbly to head home his 26th goal of the season from 10 yards past John Ramage's right hand.

Lindsay Hamilton made fine saves from George McCluskey and Paul McGovern as Hibs looked for an

equaliser but Rangers were unlucky not to make it 2-0 in the 24th minute when another McSwegan header was cleared off the line.

Ramage made a fine save from Gary in the first minute of the second half but the 'keeper was benused in the 48th minute when team-made Joe Tortolano inexplicably rolled the ball past him and into his own net to give Rangers a two-goal advantage!

Alan Henderson replaced Gary McSwegan in the 59th minute and a minute later Hibs pulled a goal back when Paul McGovern was unchallenged as he headed home a Tortolano cross from the left.

Jim Milligan made a brilliant goal-line clearance to deny Danny Lennon the equaliser in the 69th minute and Ian McCall missed a great chance to tie the points up for Rangers eight minutes later.

Hibs equalised in the 82nd minute when substitute Miller Mathieson, with his first touch after coming on the previous minute for David Fellingner, headed home a George McCluskey cross from the right. **RANGERS:** L. Hamilton, P. Hamilton, Edwards, MacFarlane, Thomson, Rouse, Robertson, Kirkwood, McSwegan, McCall, Spencer. Subs: Henderson (for McSwegan 59) and Milligan (for MacFarlane 61).