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• In goes No. 3! Bobby McKean is right on the spot to slide the ball home for Rangers' third goal.

## 'Yes, I was pleased', says boss

THE Rangers players showed how determined they are to put the Light Blues back at the top of the Premier League, with their non-stop effort in Saturday's 3-0 win over Ayr United.

From the kick-off until the final whistle it was obvious just how keen the Rangers players were to win, and equally obvious that all the 'Gers men were prepared to give everything to get that victory.

Ibrox boss Jock Wallace praised his

players' attitude when he told the "News," "I was very pleased with my players against Ayr United.

"Right from the first minute they played as if they wanted to win the game. And they kept on playing until the

match was well and truly wrapped up.

"Even although they didn't hit their best form all the time, their determination to succeed and not to let the club, the supporters or each other down was very heartening to see."

In the tightly-competitive Premier League, that victory over Ayr United takes Rangers to within two points of the championship leaders.

That in itself is in-

### Hamper winner

MISS Catherine McCulley, 24, Savoy Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, is all set to have a very happy Christmas... for she is the latest winner of our fantastic £50 Christmas Hamper Competition.

The correct answers to the contest were: A - false; B - False; C - False; D - True.

Her suggestion for a new name for Ibrox was - the Struth Memorial Park.

Congratulations Cathy! Your hamper will soon be on it's way.

• Another great competition to win a hamper - See Page 12.



• JOCK WALLACE

centive enough for the Rangers players to take into Saturday's game with Motherwell at Ibrox.

But what will spur on the Light Blues even more is the knowledge that the victory over Ayr gives them the ideal springboard to begin a run of successes that will emphasise their Premier League challenge.

The points gained on Saturday will take on even more significance if two more are added to them this weekend.

## NEW YEAR TICKETS ON SALE

TICKETS FOR Rangers' Ne'erday game with Celtic, at Ibrox, are now on sale at the usual agencies.

The prices are: Main Stand £2.50 and £2; Centenary Stand £1.50 and £1.25; Enclosure 80p and Ground 60p.

Tickets can also be had by postal application to the Ticket Office at Ibrox Stadium. Those writing for tickets should include proper remittance and a stamped addressed envelope.

The game against Celtic, which will kick-off at 2 p.m., is an all-ticket match. No cash will be taken at the turnstiles.

### STOP PRESS

3 fans each!

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• The Ayr defence has to move smartly to foil this goal bid by Martin Henderson.



# DEREK GOES INTO "SHOWBUSINESS"

## In Calum's Xmas show at Apollo

DEREK PARLANE is getting set to make his showbusiness debut in Calum Kennedy's Christmas Show at Glasgow's Apollo Centre.

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In 1891 the championship was shared with Dumbarton.

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (20)  
1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1973  
LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (8)  
1947, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1975

OTHER STATISTICS  
Glasgow Cup holders 37 times, Charity Cup (32), Southern League (4), Southern League Cup (4), Emergency War Cup and Scottish Regional League (1939-40), Victory Cup 1945, Reserve League champions (27), 2nd XI Cup (23), Reserve League Cup (6).

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## Association honour Alex



• Alex Miller poses with his beautiful wall clock, presented at the Association's Carnival Dance. In the picture with Alex are the Association's officials, wives and guests of honour.

BOBBY MCKEAN, JOCK SHAW and head-groundsmen Davie Marshall were among the Ibrox personnel who were guests of honour at a special Carnival Dance of the Rangers Supporters Association's Edmiston Drive Club.

That night, however, belonged to THE guest of honour Alex Miller, who was there to receive the club's Player of the Year award to mark Alex's tremendous loyalty and service to the club.

Alex's prize was a beautiful wooden wall-clock, which will make a most pleasant adornment to the Miller household.

The Rangers striker is one of several Scottish personalities scheduled to make an appearance during the show's run . . . and all for the aid of charity.

Derek's appearance seems almost certain to be on the evening of Saturday, December 27, when he will take part in a kind of "blind man's bluff" game which will raise money for a charity.

It should be lots of laughs with everyone enjoying themselves, and most important of all, it will be a winner as far as a deserving charity is concerned.

## KEN SITS HIS TEST

KENNY WATSON faces a big day tomorrow, when he sits his driving test. We wish the midfield man all the best for this.

## JOHN, PETE DOING WELL

Doing good business just now are John Greig and Peter McCloy. The captain and the keeper both own sports shops and are enjoying a brisk trade supplying their team-mates with suitable goods for Christmas presents.

## BACKROOM VICTORY

IT is more than your "News" correspondent's life is worth not to mention that fact that coach Joe Mason and physiotherapist Tom Craig had a notable heady-tennis victory over Derek Johnstone and Davie Armour last week. Congratulations, gentlemen.

## BOYD'S UPS AND DOWNS

A week of mixed fortunes for Alan Boyd. The young full-back scored his first goal for the Reserves in the 2-0 win over Aberdeen, but the following few days saw him

missing training because of a stomach upset.

However, by Thursday, Alan was back at his best and able to put in a training stint in the afternoon under coach Joe Mason.

## OLD FIRM TREAT FOR THE KIDS

MANY deserving children from the Glasgow area had a day to remember when they were guests at a special Christmas Party given in Lewis's department store in Glasgow's Argyle Street last week.

To entertain the children there were stars from Rangers and Celtic, and as you can see from our picture, the celebrities quickly

made friends with the youngsters.

In our picture (below) Celtic star Dixie Deans, and Rangers men Ally Scott and Derek Johnstone get chatting to some shy young ladies.

Not so shy are these young lads (right) who are quick to ask Alex O'Hara for his autograph. Looking on are Kenny Watson and Donald Hunter.



## From Russia, with Yuri's good wishes

A CHRISTMAS card with best wishes arrived at the "Rangers News" offices this week all the way from Russia, and enclosed was a letter.

It was from 24-year-old Yuri Altuchov and he writes

"I have been a fan of Scottish football for many years, particularly Rangers. Over the years I have amassed a collection of football club badges.

The only thing is that most of these are all Continental clubs and I have few Scottish ones.

I was wondering therefore if any readers of the 'Rangers News' would be willing to exchange badges of Scottish clubs in return for European ones."

The address to write to if any readers are interested is —

Yuri Altuchov, Do Vostrebovanija, Khorkov -1, USSR.

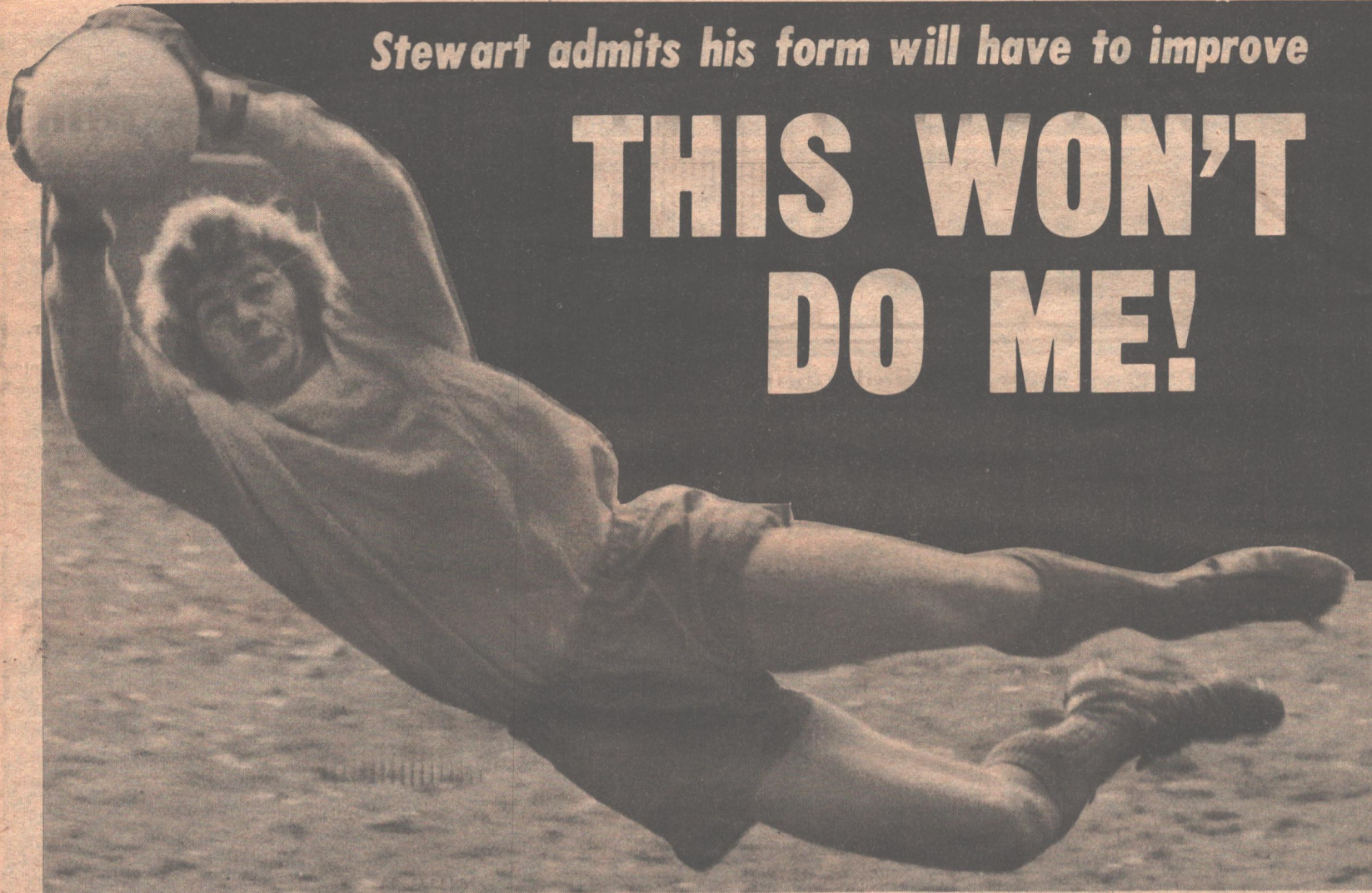
## THE LUCKY 'S' BABES

THE "S"-form youngsters Tuesday night training sessions ended for a short spell with last night's work-out. But don't think the Ibrox babes will have it easy over the festive season.

On the contrary, many of them will be doing a lot of work at Ibrox. Taking advantage of school holidays, many will be reporting to Ibrox regularly in the near future for some day-time training with the full-timers.

It goes without saying that thousands of schoolboys would give a lot to spend their Christmas holidays training at Ibrox.





Stewart admits his form will have to improve

**THIS WON'T DO ME!**

• STEWART KENNEDY . . . "It is an infuriating business"

# Robertson happy after that fine 90 minutes

ONE goal and one assist . . . that's not a bad contribution to a 2-0 victory, and Chris Robertson had every right to feel pleased with himself when he did just that in Rangers Reserves' recent win over Aberdeen.

But what makes Chris even more pleased with his performance against the Dons Colts is that it was his first full Reserve game since his visit to hospital for an ankle operation.

Although the young striker had been brought on as a substitute in a couple of games to help him get match-fit, it really is a big difference between that and playing the full 90 minutes.

Chris himself admits that he was glad to hear the final whistle as he was feeling the pace by then.

"When you take in the time I was out of action before the operation, then the spell I had on the sidelines while I got back to fitness, it adds up to quite a while away from match action.

"Although I kept fairly fit during the time I wasn't playing there is no substitute for playing in a game, and I felt I needed that match against Aberdeen.

"I think that should see me back to peak fitness, and it was good to come back with a win.

"I was quite pleased with my performance against Aberdeen too. Being involved in the move that saw Alan Boyd give us an early lead was good for my confidence.

"Getting the goal, too, was another bonus, although I have to admit I'll probably never get an easier one. It was really only a one-yard tap-in, but it was a good feeling to be back among the

goals nevertheless.

"Now I only hope I can get a few more to follow that one — and I don't care if they're all from one yard. As long as they are going into the net and the team is winning that is good enough for me.



• CHRIS ROBERTSON

"The main thing just now, however, is to prove that my ankle injury is now behind me. I've had more than my fair share of knocks in the past couple of seasons, now I just want to concentrate 100 per cent on furthering my Ibrox career."

"I'M not at all pleased with my performances . . ." that was Stewart Kennedy's honest answer when the "News" asked him how he felt things had gone since his return to the first team at the end of October.

The game against Ayr United, last Saturday, was Stewart's 11th first team match since he took over from Peter McCloy at such short notice seconds before the start of the European Cup game in July.

Stewart looks back on his most recent first team run with little approval.

"It is nothing I can put my finger on," he admits, "but I have just not played as I know I can.

## Infuriating

"It is an infuriating business. When I was injured at the start of the season and lost my place to Peter McCloy, I went into the Reserves.

"And I'm not kidding when I say I played the best and most consistent goalkeeping of my life in that spell in the second team. I was dying to get a chance in the first team.

"When that chance came with Peter's injury in France, I thought a couple of games would get me back in tune with first team football, and I'd be able to turn on the stuff I'd been doing for the Reserves.

"But I'd be kidding myself if I said I had done that.

## Happier

"I just can't fathom out exactly what's wrong. I've had some really good saves, but lost some silly goals, and that really annoys me.

"Take the Dundee game for example. I felt I had some good saves, and I know I had to deal with more crossballs in that 90 minutes than I have had all season.

"I took all these crosses really well, then was almost beaten by a silly header that came back off the post, and made me look really stupid.

"I can only put it down to being just one of those bad spells that every player goes

## by 'News' Reporter

through now and then, and I think playing through that spell has helped me.

"I feel I'm getting back to the type of standard I'll always demand from myself. Apart from the odd incident or two I've felt a bit happier with my game of late.

"What I would really like to get under my belt is a couple of shut-outs — preferably shut-outs where I've had to make a couple of good saves.

"Not only would that be good for the team, it would be good for myself too."

## Christmas bonus for English 'Gers fan

ONE of Rangers' most ardent English fans could be receiving a Christmas bonus he will never forget.

...Fourteen-year-old Ian Crockett, of Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire, has been a Rangers fan for as long as he can remember.

...Everything in his home has to be blue. In fact when his mother bought him a Rangers strip as a present he insisted that the R.F.C. crest be embroidered on because the sew-on badge was not real enough.

...His blue and white track-suit received the same treatment, but these can't make up for the fact that Ian can't see Rangers very often.

...With this in mind his mother wrote to Supporters' Association President David Miller to see if he could possibly manage to obtain a few of the players autographs.

...In view of the fact that Ian had also written before informing him of his intention of joining the association as soon as he was old enough, Mr Miller decided to arrange some of the stars' autographs.

...That's why there will certainly be a very happy young Rangers fan in England next Thursday . . . Merry Christmas from all of us, Ian.

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## TICKET WINNERS

A FULL sack of entries greeted our announcement of yet another Stand Ticket contest in which readers could win free stand tickets for the Light Blues' home game against Hibs in the early part of 1976.

After all the entries had been sorted out, the first

three all-correct entries chosen at random from the competition drum were:

..GORDON LINN, 36 Carrick Road, East Mains, East Kilbride.

..ANNE LINDSAY, 64 Murtle Square, Auchinairn, Bishopton, Glasgow.

..AVRIL JARRON, 2 Castle View, Port Seton, East Lothian.

They all had the correct answers of St. Johnstone and the second goal, and they will receive two Stand tickets in plenty of time for the big match.



# ★ Spotlight on Saturday's big match with 'Well

## RACE FOR



## THE FLAG

# Rangers have score to settle

### —and two points will do fine

RANGERS and Motherwell meet for the fourth time this season, when the Fir Park side come to Ibrox on Saturday.

And it is safe to say that both sides will regard their weekend meeting as the most important of the season.

The reasons for that are pretty obvious. As far as Rangers and Motherwell are concerned, Premier League points have never been so precious.

Unfancied at the start, Motherwell have established themselves as genuine championship contenders. They

are convinced they can bring the Premier League to Fir Park, and two points on Saturday will cement their challenge.

Rangers, of course, are equally desperate for full points to maintain their championship challenge, and, as an added incentive, want revenge for the defeat they suffered at Fir Park in October.

It was the 2-1 win that day which really confirmed Motherwell's League challenge, and every Rangers player is agreed it was a result the Fir Park side should never have got.

Leading by an early Derek Johnstone goal, and playing well, Rangers had a number of chances to clinch the game, but didn't take them. They paid dearly for these misses when the Fir Park side scored two late goals to win the match.

That result was some compensation for Motherwell's dismissal by Rangers in the League Cup. The two sides were paired in the same qualifying section, and although their two matches finished in draws, Rangers went through to the quarter-finals.

But although the Light Blues got the better of Motherwell in the League Cup section, the fact is that Rangers have still to beat them this season — an indication of how tough it will be at Ibrox.

Motherwell certainly don't lack belief in themselves, and as they have proved consistently this season, they can match the best when they hit top form.

The Fir Park side is a good blend of fine individual players, who combine well as a team. They are sound at the back, creative in midfield and sharp and dangerous up front.

In goal they'll have Stuart Rennie, who astonishingly joined 'Well on a free transfer and has proved a very shrewd acquisition indeed.

The 'Well full-backs will be Peter Millar and captain Joe Wark. Both are talented players, who tackle strongly, read the game well and contribute to the attack with telling overlaps.

The centre of the defence is likely to feature the combination of Willie McVie and Gregor Stevens.



Colin Stein, Derek Johnstone and Derek Parlane turn away after the big man's goal. The dejected Motherwell player is Willie McVie.

Since moving from Clyde during the close-season, Willie McVie has matured into a first-class centre-half, as illustrated by his inclusion in Scotland's pool for tonight's international with Rumania.

He and Stevens, a very promising youngster, play well together and will be difficult to defeat.

The Motherwell midfield trio could be on the lines of Bobby Watson, Tom McAdam and Vic Davidson, a good combination of strength, skill and experience.

As well as making goals, the three are as sharp when

it comes to taking them too.

Sharpness is definitely the word to describe 'Well's front three of Bobby Graham, Willie Pettigrew and Ian Taylor.

Graham, so cultured on and off the ball, and Pettigrew, so quick to seize even a half chance, have rightly earned themselves quite a reputation.

Not so much is written about Ian Taylor but he has made and scored a number of important goals for 'Well this season.

That then is the likely Motherwell line-up for Saturday, but Fir Park boss, Willie

McLean has plenty of other alternative formations up his sleeve.

With players like Willie Watson, Stewart McLaren, Pat Gardner, and John Goldthrope also available, that goes without saying.

Of course Motherwell's most recent venture into the transfer market has brought them the services of Peter Marinello.

The ex-Hibs, Arsenal and Portsmouth winger is a fast, dangerous player, and Rangers must watch him with caution on Saturday.



Derek Johnstone opens the scoring at Fir Park with a powerful header which 'keeper Rennie can't reach.

## Leading scorers

WE'RE pleased to report a fair bit of movement in the Ibrox scorers' table this week following the 3-0 win against Ayr United, at Ibrox, last Saturday.

Martin Henderson, scorer of Rangers' second goal, continues to move steadily up the marksmen's league. He now has four to his credit.

After a long scoring blank, Sandy Jardine got back on target via the penalty spot and he now joins Alex MacDonald on the seven goal mark.

Bobby McKean grabbed Rangers'

third against the Somerset Park men and doubles his total.

Derek Johnstone still leads on 12. The full list is:

Johnstone	12
Parlane	8
MacDonald	7
Jardine	7
Young	5
Millar	4
Henderson	4
Stein	3
Fyfe	2
Jackson	2
McKean	2
McLean	1
Scott	1
McDougall	1
Greig	1
O'Hara	1
Own goals	5

## Your club notices

**EAST KILBRIDE:** Bus v Motherwell leaves Westwood at 1.35 p.m.; Murray at 1.40 p.m.; Parkhall Street at 1.45 p.m. and Calderwood at 1.50 p.m.

**DUNOON:** Bus to Ibrox on December 20th leaves the Bay Hotel, Gourrock, at 13.45

(1315 boat). Non-members welcome.

**HELEN STREET:** Tannadice bus leaves Ibrox Garage at 10 a.m. Uplift Celtic tickets. Tynecastle bus on January 3 leaves Garage at Noon and Club at 12.05 p.m. Seats available on both buses.



The controversial 'no goal' incident. Derek Johnstone challenges Stewart Rennie for a high ball and heads the ball into the net. The referee ruled Derek's challenge unfair and awarded Motherwell a free-kick.



# GOLDEN GOALS

● ● JOHN GREIG has already featured in our "Golden Goals" series, when he recalled his memorable last-gasp goal which earned Scotland a vital World Cup win over Italy in 1965. This time, however, the Ibrox skipper picks two goals from many vital ones he has scored for Rangers.

## CAPT. SPECTACULAR!

—The two humdingers that made big John so happy . . .

RANGERS couldn't have made a better start to their first-ever Inter-Cities Fairs Cup campaign in season 1967-68.

The first round had seen them paired with East German cracks Dynamo Dresden, and in the first leg the Ibrox side had made the trip behind the Iron Curtain and come back with a great result — a 1-1 draw.

It was a tremendous achievement, and one which guaranteed a big and confident crowd at Ibrox for the second leg in the early part of the season.



JOHN GREIG



★ ★ FLASHBACK: Just one of the many spectacular goals scored by Ibrox skipper John Greig (inset) in his career at Ibrox. This 35-yard thunderbolt beats Motherwell 'keeper Rennie to open the scoring for Rangers in the 1-1 draw at Ibrox earlier this season.

## 'I always maintain I only score great goals'

The Rangers players were confident they could do it, but not over confident as John Greig remembers. "The East Germans had played very well in the first leg, and really put our defence under an awful lot of pressure.

"That is only to be expected in away European ties, but even so, you can judge the strength of a team by the kind of pressure they put you under. Dresden were a good side.

"Still, we were more than half-way there, and in front of our fans we knew they would be a different proposition than they had been in the first leg.

"But we still knew it wouldn't be easy and we were going to treat them with every respect."

John's words of caution were soon to be understood by everyone of the crowd at Ibrox, that night, as Dynamo Dresden gave Rangers quite a fright.

There was no sign of impending shocks when Andy Penman shot Rangers ahead. The Ibrox crowd settled back and waited for the goal glut to follow, but they were to be disappointed.

Although Rangers had the vast majority of the pres-

sure they couldn't find a way past a well organised German defence to score the goal that would settle the tie in their favour.

Dresden hadn't made much of an impression on Rangers defence any time they attacked, but while the Ibrox side had only a one goal aggregate lead, the place in the second round was always in jeopardy.

As the match moved into the closing minutes, it looked as if Rangers would have to settle for a 1-0 win and a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Then came a shock, as John Greig recalls. "There wasn't long to go when Dresden suddenly launched a good attack and scored.

"What a shock that was. We had had almost all the pressure, and although we had only scored once, they still looked a beaten team.

"Then all of a sudden, they were level, and you could see the change in them. They realised they had everything to play for now, and the whole pattern of the game had changed.

"We had to shake ourselves up, too. From being virtually through to the second round of the Cup, we now had a right fight on our hands, but I must admit all the boys responded superbly.

"We took the game to the East Germans for the final few minutes of the match, and with only seconds remaining came a moment that I will certainly never forget.

"I got a chance to shoot from the edge of the box and let one go with my right foot. The East German keeper couldn't reach it, and it was in the net.

"It was a great moment. We had gone through all sorts of worries that night, but that goal finally took us through to the second round.

"I like to think it was an important goal, too. If we hadn't scored then, the game would have gone to extra time, and anything could have happened then, particularly as Dresden had just recently equalised.

"There is a special atmosphere about European ties at Ibrox, and when you score a goal like that, it's something you'll never forget."

If Greig picks that European winner as his most important goal for the club, he comes back to domestic competition to find the one he thinks was his best-ever.

That came in season 1962-63 when a youthful John Greig was making one of his earliest appearances in a

Rangers jersey.

"It was a league match at Aberdeen, and I had only played a few matches for the first team before that Pittodrie game.

"I was wearing number 8 that day, and it was a really close, exciting game. The scoreline stood at 2-2, when my moment of glory came.

"I was in the inside right position when I got a ball pushed forward. An Aberdeen defender came into challenge, but I chipped the ball over him, ran round and hit it on the volley into the net.

"I always maintain that I only score great goals, but I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say that definitely was one.

"Everything went right for me, from the moment I got possession to the time when the ball landed in the net. What made it even better was that that turned out to be winning goal.

"It was a memorable day . . ."

## Results, tables

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Premier Div.

Celtic	0	Aberdeen	2
Dundee U.	0	Hearts	1
Hibs	1	Motherwell	0
Rangers	3	Ayr U.	0
St. Johnst.	0	Dundee	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Div. I

Airdrie	0	Clyde	1
East Fife	0	St Mirren	1
Falkirk	0	Partick	0
Hamilton	0	Arbroath	1
Kilmarnock	0	Montrose	0
Morton	0	Dumbarton	0
Q.O.S.	1	Dunfermline	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Div. II

Clydebank	0	Meadowbank	0
Stirling A.	1	Forfar A.	0

SCOTTISH CUP — First Round

Albion R.	0	Hawick	0
Brechin C.	0	Berwick R.	0
E. Stirling	0	Alloa Ath.	2
Elgin	0	Forres M.	1
Peterhead	0	Rathfriland	1
Stranraer	1	Queen's P.	0

SCOTTISH PREM Reserve League

Aberdeen	3	Celtic	2
Ayr U.	1	Rangers	3
Dundee	2	St. Johnst.	2
Hearts	3	Dundee U.	3

SCOTTISH COMB. Reserve League

Arbroath	2	Hamilton	2
Clyde	4	Airdrie	5

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	Home			Away			Goals
	P	W	D	P	W	D	
Celtic	16	4	2	2	5	1	23
Hibs	16	6	2	0	2	3	18
Mwell	16	5	3	0	2	3	20
Rangers	16	6	1	1	2	2	16
Hearts	16	2	4	2	2	2	18
Dundee	16	4	2	2	2	2	16
Adeen	16	4	2	2	2	1	22
Ayr	16	5	1	2	1	2	28
Ddee U.	16	3	1	4	1	2	26
St. Johnst.	16	2	0	6	0	0	18

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Div. I

Team	Home			Away			Goals
	P	W	D	P	W	D	
Kilmock	16	6	1	1	5	1	20
Partick	16	6	1	1	3	4	12
Airdrie	16	4	3	1	2	4	22
St Mirn	16	5	3	0	2	2	23
Montrose	16	6	2	0	1	2	22
Arbrth	16	5	1	2	2	2	27
Dbrton	16	4	2	2	2	1	24
Falkirk	16	3	2	3	3	1	23
Morton	16	2	5	2	1	3	26
Clyde	16	3	1	4	2	2	27
East Fife	16	4	1	2	1	2	37
Dfmlne	16	2	4	2	1	3	32
Hamilton	16	3	1	3	1	2	23
Q.O.S.	16	2	3	3	0	1	20

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — Div. II

Team	Home			Away			Goals
	P	W	D	P	W	D	
Cdbank	16	6	2	1	5	1	30
Alloa	16	4	3	0	5	1	25
Rathfr	16	5	3	0	3	4	23
Stirling	16	5	2	2	1	3	29
Cowdbth	16	4	1	2	3	2	23
Quns P.	16	5	2	1	0	4	25
Stranr	16	3	1	3	3	2	27
Albion	16	3	3	2	2	2	22
E Stng	16	3	2	2	1	5	23
Brechin	16	3	2	2	1	2	20
Forfar	16	2	3	2	1	3	26
Berwick	16	2	1	5	2	1	23
Stnsmr	16	1	1	5	2	3	24
Mdwbk	16	2	3	3	0	2	9

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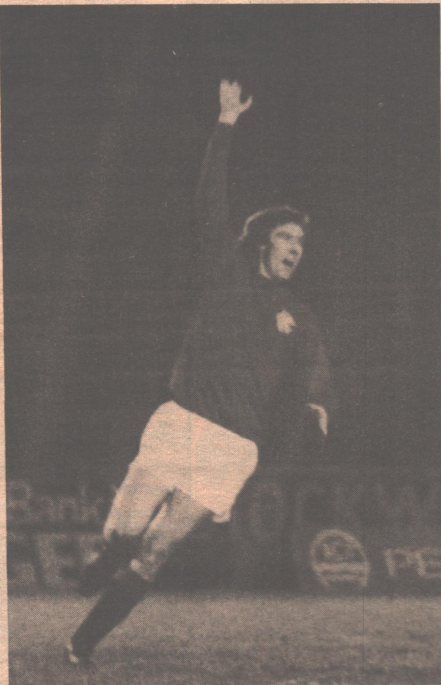


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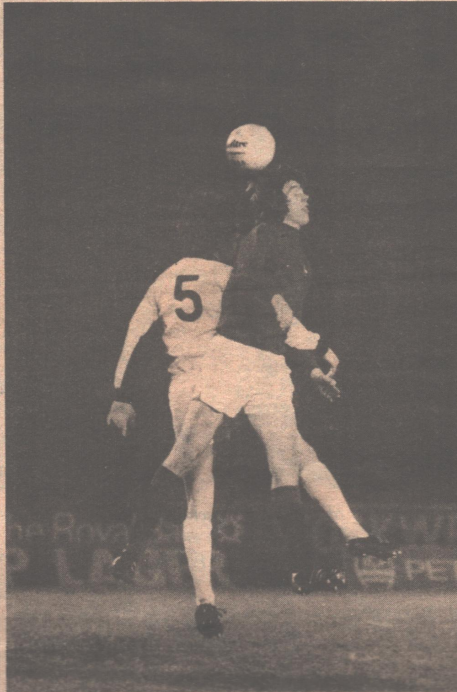
# LIGHT BLUE CHARGE PAYS OFF



• Martin Henderson in a heading duel as Derek Johnstone waits to snap a chance.



• A jubilant Martin Henderson turns round to receive the congratulations of his team-mates after scoring No. 2.



• A dangerous Rangers attack as Martin Henderson tries to connect with the cross.



• Skipper John Greig clears an Ayr attack in fine style.

A SECOND-HALF goal charge earned Rangers a thoroughly deserved 3-0 win over Ayr United, and two valuable Premier League points.

There was no mistaking the determination of Rangers to make up for their defeat at Somerset Park earlier in the season.

Right from the kick-off when Alex MacDonald and Derek Johnstone had early chances to the final seconds of the game when Bobby McKean scored 'Gers third goal, the Light Blues took the game to Ayr.

As well as 100 per cent effort from the whole team, there were fine individual performances, none better than John Greig's great display against Ayr's tricky winger Johnny Doyle.

With the dangerous Doyle well policed by the Ibrox skipper, Ayr's main attacking weapon was blunted and the Somerset Park side were mostly kept busy in defence.

Ayr survived Rangers opening burst, and did have the ball in the Light Blues net after 13 minutes. But it was chalked off for offside.

The rest of the first half saw Rangers mostly in charge, and Alex MacDonald, supporting his forwards well from midfield, might have grabbed a couple of goals.

As it turned out, it was Sandy Jardine who finally hit the opener for Rangers from the penalty spot in 53 minutes after Ayr centre-half Rikki Fleming had handled in the area.

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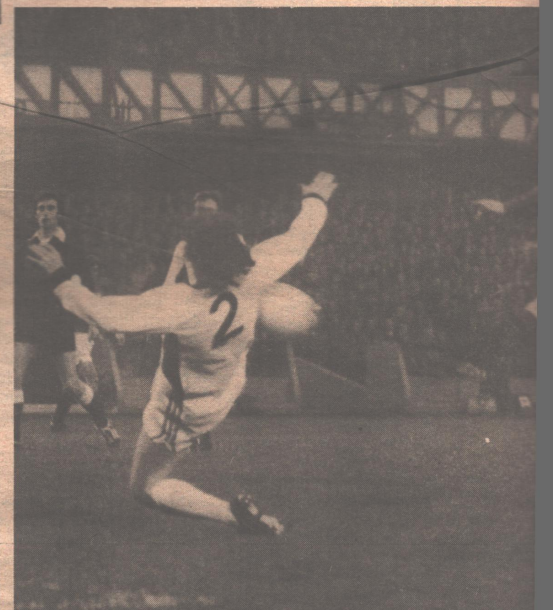
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• Wham! Alex MacDonald gets in a shot for goal but his effort



# es all the action...



## BLUE GE FF!

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Johnny Graham booked for a trip  
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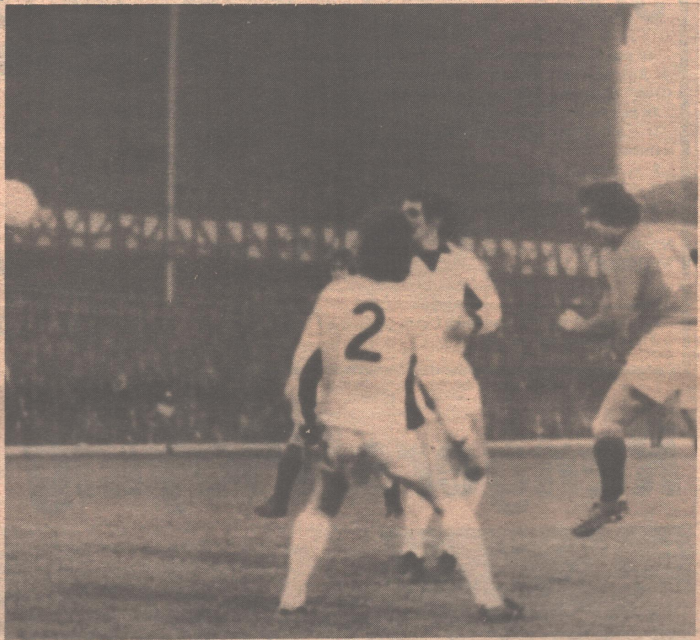
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● Spot on! Sandy Jardine puts Rangers ahead from the spot.



● Derek Johnstone finds himself sandwiched between two Ayr players as Rangers attack.



● Tommy McLean nips in smartly to try a header for goal.



● Colin Jackson wins this duel for the ball.

s blocked.



# The Page for Young Rangers



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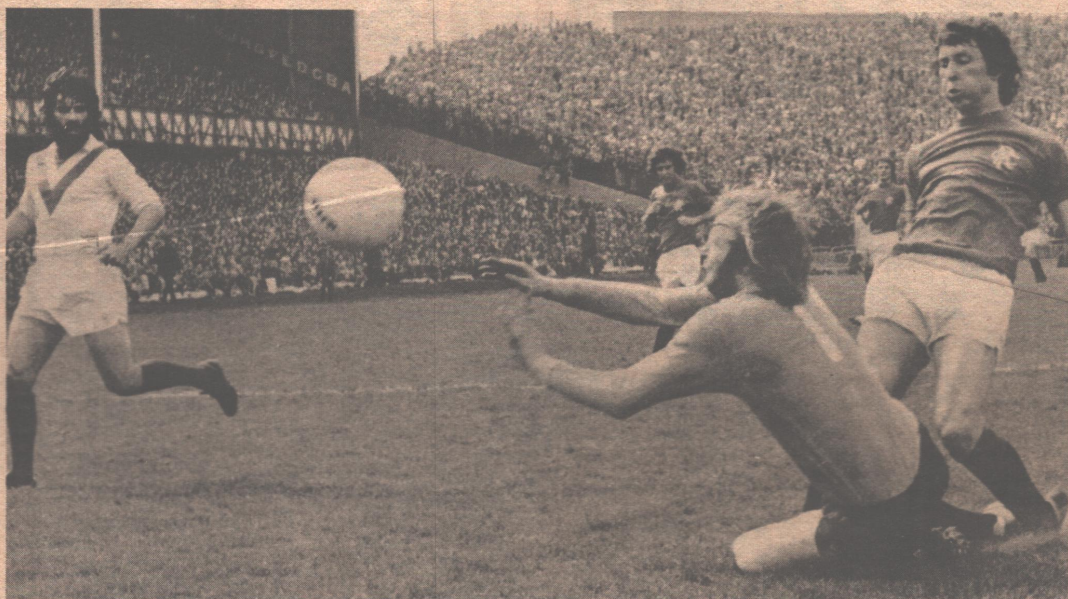
• Sandy Jardine

1. Who is the manager of Arsenal?
  2. Who scored Rangers goals in their 3-0 win over Queen's Park in the Glasgow Cup earlier this season?
  3. How many appearances did Derek Parlane make in the league last season?
  4. Sandy Jardine scored five goals in the League Cup last season. How many of these were penalties?
  5. If Drew Jarvie was tackled by Bobby Ford, which two clubs would be playing?
  6. Can you name the only amateur club in British senior football?
  7. What is the nickname of Airdrie?
  8. Which two teams contested the 1970 World Cup Final?
  9. Who were the first winners of the League Cup?
  10. Sandy Jardine was substituted on two occasions last season. Who were the opponents?
- (Answers on Page 12.)

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## ENTRY FORM

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# COLTS ON TOP, TOO!

## Stein sets them on winning way

WHILE the first-team were beating Ayr United with a three-goal second-half burst, the Ibrox Colts were defeating United's Reserves with three first half goals.

The Colts 3-1 victory pleased Joe Mason, although the coach admitted he would have been happier if 'Gers had taken some of the second-half chances that came their way.

"Still, they played quite well," said Joe, "and there were some

good individual performances.

"Alex O'Hara had a very good game at centre-half; Gordon Boyd had a good match and Chris Robertson did well, too."

Colin Stein set the Colts on the winning way with a fine header in 20 minutes, and the Ibrox youngsters made it two soon afterwards.

Gordon Boyd worked a clever 1-2 with Chris Robertson and slammed home a good shot from 12 yards.

Five minutes from

half-time came number three, with Colin Stein heading home en Alistair Dawson free-kick.

The Colts went looking for more goals in the second half, but although chances came up, they weren't taken, and it was Ayr United who got the only goal of the half.

Rangers Reserves: McCloy, A. Boyd, Dawson, McDougall, O'Hara, Denny, G. Boyd, Robertson, Stein, Watson, Scott. Subs: Armour (for Boyd), Morris (not used).



COLIN STEIN . . . he opened the scoring with a fine header.

RESERVE LEAGUE (Top Six)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Dundee	16	10	3	3	43	23	23
Rangers	15	10	4	1	43	21	21
Aberdeen	16	8	6	2	37	24	18
Motherwell	14	7	4	3	32	28	17
Dundee U.	15	6	5	4	30	28	16
Celtic	14	7	6	1	34	33	15

## Two greats!



WE'RE happy to reproduce here a picture of two all-time Ibrox greats — Bob McPhall and Davie Meicklejohn.

Partick Loyal secretary, W. T. Robertson writes: "Further to your article on Bob McPhall, I enclose a photograph gifted to me by, of all

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W. McDermid, 29 Percival Street, Kirkcaldy.

**POOL THREE — 9 possibles, 17 goals, 4 winners.**  
(Each receive £125.)  
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A Glasgow man.

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(Each receive £20.)  
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For each has picked up a cheque

Of course, they were not the only lucky winners be-

It could be your

What's been the happiest moment since you signed for Rangers?

There are two things which come to mind. The first is just signing for the Club. Having been Rangers daft since I was knee high it was always my ambition to play for them. I only signed for the club at the end of August and despite the fact that I'm quite tall already, I felt even taller.

The other happiest moment so far was being asked to go on the trip to France last Easter for a Youth Tournament that Rangers were participating in. We didn't win the tournament unfortunately (Bayern Munich were the eventual winners), but we did win a play-off for third place. We played quite well and it was a worthwhile experience.

**'The goalie scored past himself with a rebound'**

mazy dribbles pulled in the crowds and gave them real entertainment for the money they paid at the turnstiles.

Defenders couldn't match him and some of the goals he scored were really brilliant. He had the habit of making a quarter chance into a goal. He was a real character and it's a pity he left the game at an early stage.

Although he's had a recent "comeback" I reckon he won't be the same.

# A Ranger answers

This week—

**RALPH BRAND JNR.**



Alex O'Hara one, Chris Robertson one, and myself.

We were desperate to win as Bayern Munich had beaten us 1-0 the previous day so we were fighting to get into a play-off position which we eventually did. Over the whole tournament I think I played quite well, but the goal will stick in my mind for quite a while.

season, in October, when we won 3-1. Bobby McKean scored two with Davie Armour scoring the other. It was a great game and the team played well. The ground has a good atmosphere. It wasn't full but they created a fair bit of noise and this helps to stir a player on. The only sad bit was that I was substituted late in the second half thanks to an injury.

You have played in midfield and up front for the club. Which of the two positions do you enjoy playing most?

Midfield. This is the area where most of the play is channelled through so you see more of the ball. Up front you are given the chance to score goals which every player enjoys. I think it is more important to play well than to score goals, although of course somebody has to put the ball in the net.

Is there any ground in Scotland that you enjoy playing on?

Pittodrie. I played in the Reserve match against them at Aberdeen earlier this

Who would you say has had the biggest influence on your career?

When I was younger my father helped me a lot with advice and encouragement but since I came to Ibrox it has been Joe Mason. He made me work at my game and I think I am beginning to feel the benefits of his coaching now.

Finally, Ralphie, what do you do when you are not playing football?

I listen to records most of the time, but in the summer I like to try my hand at other sports such as golf and tennis.

Is there anything that annoys you in football?

Being injured. It's so disappointing to train all week and not get a game because you are injured. I think it sometimes makes a player all the more determined to get back into the team at the first opportunity. Being sidelined is terrible and I just hope that I don't get too many injuries.

Have there been any funny incidents which have happened to you or your teammates during a game?

Not to me personally, but I remember when I was about 14, we were playing a match against Currie Youth Club. I was playing for my own Youth side at the time and we were leading the match 2-0.

We had all the play and one shot from our centre-forward hit the post and went out for a bye-kick.

As he trotted back up-field the goalkeeper took the bye-kick. It hit the centre-forward on the back of the head and sailed back over the goalkeeper into goal to put us 3-0 in front!

You have scored several goals for Rangers, which one has given you the most satisfaction?

A goal that I scored in the Youth Tournament I mentioned earlier in France. The match was against Roubaix and we really "hammered" them. We won 5-1 that day with Billy Steel notching two goals,

Have you had any disappointing moments so far?

Yes, and they have all happened over the space of the last month or two. I received a few injuries and I think that this more than anything has affected my performances on the field.

I haven't been playing too well, but now my injuries are behind me I'll be working on my game and doing my best to improve.

Which player have you admired most?

George Best of Manchester United. At the height of his career there was nobody who could touch him. His

## RANGERS' NEW BOY

RANGERS have provisionally signed talented keeper Ronnie Lowrie, of Blantyre Vics. The young keeper was with Queen's Park for over a season before that and was, in fact, capped at amateur level.

The Ibrox club beat off a number of other interested clubs such as Hibs, Dundee and Motherwell, for the youngster's signature.

## Saturday's check

Following is the check for Saturday's results. —

Game:	19-0-2;	20-0-0;	21-2-1;
01-1-0;	02-3-0;	03-3-0;	22-0-1;
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07-1-0;	08-0-1;	09-2-1;	24-1-1;
10-1-3;	11-2-1;	12-1-2;	25-3-2;
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			36-2-1;
			37-0-1;
			38-1-1;
			39-5-2;
			40-1-4;
			41-1-0;
			42-0-0;
			43-2-0.

## Next week's numbers

Following is official list of teams for Saturday, December 20:

01 Port Vale, 02 Lincoln, 03 Hamilton, 04 Morton, 05 Oxford U., 06 Rotherham, 07 Northampton, 08 Berwick R., 09 Brechin, 10 Plymouth.

11 Sheffield W., 12 Rochdale, 13 Ayr U., 14 Dundee, 15 Portsmouth, 16 Shrewsbury, 17 Scunthorpe, 18 Hibs, 19 Rangers, 20 Bolton.

21 Walsall, 22 Aldershot, 23 Watford, 24 Workington, 25 St. Johnstone, 26 Airdrie, 27 Bristol R., 28 Chester, 29 Chesterfield, 30 Bournemouth.

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## SWINGALONG WITH PHIL!

### 'Opportunity Knocks' star makes a welcome return

THE Festive season is always regarded as that time of the year when everybody should be happy, and that will be exactly the case at the Rangers Social Club next week when the star turn takes the stage.

His name is Phil Clarke Junior and he has appeared at the Club before. He went down very well and if it hadn't been for the fact that he has been out of the country he would almost certainly have been brought back long before this.

Like Christian, this week's star act, he has appeared on TV's "Opportunity Knocks" and since that appearance life has been rather good.

He appeared on the show for three consecutive weeks and also took part in two "Special" shows.

One such invite was for a Christmas Day show when the cast was specially chosen by Hughie Green . . . which is a measure of how Phil is rated by people in the show-business world.

Phil's success was not achieved quickly, far from it. At the age of 14 he was singing with a pop group but after six years of hard work without really getting anywhere, he decided to try his luck at going solo.

It was a decision which he never regretted. He did the rounds of all the local clubs and then turned professional after reaching the final of an Edinburgh talent contest.

Phil moved up faster after that and now looks forward to his "plum" booking at Edminston Drive.

The patrons at the Club will be too. They will be given the opportunity to sit back and enjoy his pleasant music . . . just the way to kick-off a Happy Christmas.



● PHIL CLARK JUNIOR . . . a special invite from Hughie Green.

### Manhattan back for a Sunday supershow . . .

THAT talented group Manhattan are back at the Rangers Social Club again this Sunday and will be providing a high standard of entertainment for all during the lunchtime programme.

...The group have appeared at the Club before . . . just eight weeks ago. They were a terrific success and were given a great reception by the audience.

...There are four members in the band and at the moment they are thoroughly enjoying themselves playing in many different parts of Scotland.

...The members in the group, Cherry McDaid, on drums; Billy Tolen, on bass guitar; Adrian Tolen, on lead guitar; and Brendan McCall, on rhythm guitar and vocals, enjoy playing the Club and they will be belting out pop and country western music to keep things going with a swing.

...Most groups like making regular tours South of the Border but Manhattan are not of that breed.

...“We have played the North of England on several occasions, but we are not that keen on it. We would rather play Scotland and enjoy ourselves,” said Billy Tolen.

## With 6 shopping days to Christmas.

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