



# RANGERS NEWS



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Get set for Tennent Cup cracker . . .

## SUPER START

RANGERS fans hoping for an exciting start to the new season can expect to see one of the best teams in England at Ibrox right at the beginning!

For last week West Bromwich Albion confirmed that they will be participating in this season's Tennent-Caledonian Cup competition, defending the trophy they won last year.

Apart from the fact that it will mean a good preparation fixture for John Greig's side, if the two sides happen to meet in the semi-finals or final, it will also guarantee football fans a first class entertainment bill.

West Brom, managed by Ron Atkinson, qualified for Europe and will play in the UEFA Cup next term.

They had a very successful season and, on top of finishing high enough up the league to merit a

### West Brom return to defend the Title

Europe place, they fought their way through to the semi-finals of the English F.A. Cup where they only lost out to Ipswich, who eventually won the tournament.

As well as being a good all-round team, the 'Hawthorn' club also have some outstanding individuals including Laurie Cunningham, the man who made history by becoming the first coloured player to play for England.

### Terrific

He caught the imagination of fans in last season's tournament with his wonderful display of skilful ball control against St. Mirren and Rangers and, in fact, won the 'Player of the Tournament' award.

Then there is Willie Johnston, the ex-Ibrox favourite, Tony Brown, Paddy Mulligan, Alastair Robertson and Len Cantello.

Even though the other two teams have still to be announced, West Brom, by their very presence, have once again assured the Tennent-Caledonian Cup, which will be played on August 5th and 6th, will be another big hit.



WILLIE JOHNSTON

## Play for your place

### — and Boss Greig means it!

IN his playing days, John Greig was always perfectly frank and straight to the point. Now as manager the same thing goes . . . and when he said last week that every player will be playing

for their place in the new season HE MEANT IT.

"As far as I am concerned all players will be starting off on equal footing.

"It will be rather like a sprint race. They will all begin on the same line,

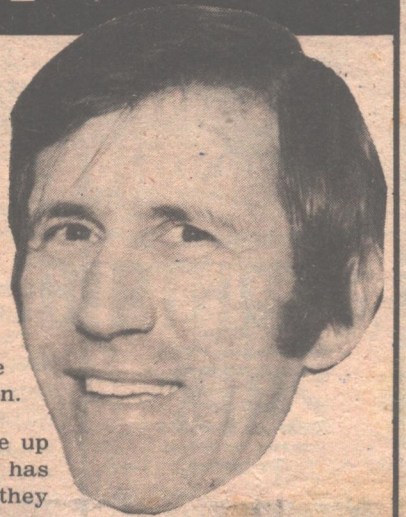
then it's up to each man to prove himself."

That, of course, means there is no firm starter for any one position at the beginning of the season.

"All the places are up for grabs. Everyone has the chance, whether they be experienced players or youngsters," said boss Greig.

The fact that every player has a chance of grabbing a first team jersey right at the start is a firm incentive for him to do extra well in pre-season training.

And, of course, assuming they all do well it means manager Greig will have one of the happy problems of being a football boss . . . who to leave out!



Manager Greig . . . doing some straight talking.

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### Dalkeith man wins £24,000

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Remember this fantastic player? Laurie Cunningham of West Bromwich Albion accepts a 'Man of the Match' cheque from Rangers Chairman Rae Simpson after his brilliant displays against St. Mirren and Rangers in last season's Tennent Caledonian Cup competition.

## Defenders of Quality...



### BELL'S SCOTLAND'S NUMBER ONE SCOTCH



● Gordon Smith accepted his "Player of the Year" award from the Blackburn Loyal RSC recently. Picture shows Gordon along with club secretary Ian Gilmour, Mrs Linda Gilmour, Michelle Gilmour and Gordon's fiancée Marlene.

# TOP MAN - TWICE!

Gordon Smith attended the 21st Player of Year annual dinner-dance of the Carnwath Rangers Supporters' Club last Saturday and accepted a beautiful coffee set for being their "top" man.

The award was presented by secretary Mrs Ballantine and she also received a wall clock from the club's Honorary President, Tommy McLean, for being secretary since the

club's inauguration in 1956. One other Ranger attending was Davie Cooper.

Gordon ran up a "double" when he attended the dinner-dance of the Blackburn Loyal

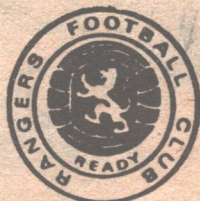
RSC, which was held at the Witton Bank Hotel in Blackburn.

He was also their Player of the Year and was presented with a handsome trophy to mark the occasion.

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### The Honours

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RUNNERS-UP 1961, 1967  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (37)  
1891, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1975, 1976, 1978.  
1891 the Championship was shared with Dumbarton.  
SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (22)  
1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1976, 1978.  
LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (9)  
1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1978

### OTHER STATISTICS

Glasgow Cup holders 39 times; Charity Cup (32); Southern League (4); Southern League Cup (4); Emergency War Cup and Scottish Regional League (1939-40); Victory Cup (1946); Reserve League Champions (29); 2nd XI Cup (24); Reserve League Cup (8).

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RANGERS manager John Greig added another match to his pre-season build-up last week when he arranged a game in the Highlands against Inverness Caley at Telford Street Park.

The match will be played on the first Saturday of the new season - July 29 - and Rangers will travel north on the Friday and return on the Sunday.

The encounter against Inverness Caley will, in fact, mark John's first game in charge as Rangers manager so, even though the game will be played a long way from Ibrox, the scene of many of his triumphs as a player, it will hold special memories for him for the rest of his life.

And, just as in the game which he has fixed up on August 1 against Kilmarnock, he will be fielding a strong side.

"It's part of our preparations," he said last week, "and so there are a lot of things to be worked on. Anyway, Rangers don't play friendlies so that should mean a good game."

## What a Club!

WE hear that a Rangers Supporters club in Northern Ireland has just handed over a cheque for £500 to the Manor House Home in Lisburn.

The money was raised from various ventures and members of the Lagan Village RSC can take a pat on the back for their efforts. Well done lads!

## Derek's a winner

Our pennant competition had a large response and the first correct entry we drew from the competition drum was the entry of Derek Johnstone!

But it was not the card of THE Derek Johnstone of Ibrox... it came from 18 Fernbrae Avenue, Fernhill, Rutherglen, Glasgow.

IT has been said quite often that the summer is a footballer's "rest period." The time when he throws his boots away and puts his feet up.

If you happen to hold that opinion it might be advisable to whisper it when Sandy Jardine's around! Because his summer record over the last six years has been hectic to say the least.

Sandy arrived home from Argentina with the World Cup squad last week and, in fact, that was the SIXTH summer out of seven he has either been playing or training.

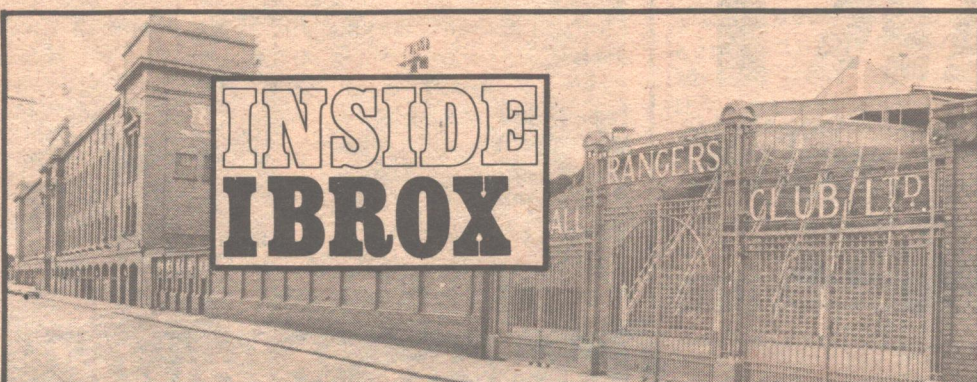
Last year was the odd one out when he had a long rest and if he remembers more about

that one it is hardly surprising, because all the others have been action packed with football!

In 1972 he was playing for Rangers in the European Cupwinners' Cup Final in Barcelona and he would have been South America-bound with the Scotland squad had it not been for a late call-off.

The following year he was in the Scotland side playing in the Home International Championships and this was, in fact, in an International jersey, the start of a long run of successive appearances.

A year later, in 1974, he was again wearing his country's colours, both in the Home Internationals and also in the World Cup Finals in Munich, and in West Germany he played such brilliant football he was rated one of the outstanding defenders of the



# Six 'working' summers!



● Sandy Jardine

tournament, even although Scotland only played three matches.

To this day Sandy still rates that World Cup as one of the high spots of his playing career.

1975 saw Sandy again stripped for action with Scotland in the Home Internationals and he was also due to play in the European championship match against Rumania, but a foot injury kept him out of the side and that was the first time in 23 consecutive internationals he wasn't wearing the No. 2 jersey.

The following year is one he would well have liked to avoid because it was after Rangers had won the Treble and he had suffered all season with a recurring ankle injury and, after three weeks at a special clinic in London, he had to spend his time doing training on his own at Ibrox and near his home.

This meant, of course, he missed out on the club's tour of Canada and North America. The previous year his injury before the Rumania match ruled him out of the Australian tour.

Last year was his "rest" year and that was because Rangers didn't go on tour.

## Big cash in the Rangers Lottery

ARE you interested in becoming an agent for the new Rangers Lottery? If you are then you should contact the Rangers Pools office immediately, because they are looking for a limited number of Glasgow shopkeepers as a suitable outlet for the new lottery which they aim to start shortly.

No date has yet been set but tickets for it will be limited to 40,000 and will only be sold in the Glasgow area.

Traders will find many advantages in selling the tickets because there is a 10 per cent discount on all tickets sold, which is more than any other lottery in Britain.

There will be no counterfoils to deal with either... customers will simply be purchasing the tickets in the same way they would buy a newspaper or a box of matches.

As only 40,000 tickets will be available the odds are certainly more favourable... and definitely attractive.

The first prize will be £1,000, second prize is £750 and third is £500. There will be other prizes down to a minimum of £50.

The draw for the prizes will be made by computer.

● Any traders in the Glasgow area interested should complete the form on Page 6 and send it to Mr Adam, Rangers Pools, 11 Harrison Drive, Glasgow, G51 2UJ.



SPOTLIGHT ON RANGERS EUROPEAN RIVALS

# IRON MEN!



By our man in Europe

●The Hungarian national squad which went to Argentina . . . included in this line-up are two of Ujpest Dozsa's star players, skipper Laszlo Faszekas and ace striker Andras Torocsik, who are the first and second men in the third row from the left. Picture by courtesy of "Evening Times"

## Ujpest are dark horses from behind the Curtain . . .

A CHANCE remark by a Rangers fan in the street brought an interesting thought to mind last week. He reckoned that it had been quite a while since Rangers had come up against a side from behind the "Iron Curtain" and that they were probably due a meeting with a team from that neck of the woods.

He could be right — although we sincerely hope not — and that means next season Rangers might well find themselves up against the Hungarian champions of last season . . . Ujpest Dozsa.

Although they have slipped just a little in recent years, they established themselves as a consistently good outfit in the early seventies when, between 1969 and 1975, they clocked up a total of seven consecutive league championship wins.

### Success

They also won the Hungarian Cup three years on the trot from 1969-71 which, of course, meant they had also won the double in those three years. They lifted the cup again in 1975 as well as their league title win and it was only a year later when Ferencvaros lifted the two trophies that a club other than Ujpest could say they won the "double."

They won their first trophy in 1930 when they

lifted the league title, 45 years after they had been formed.

They have had great players, men like Gyula Zsengeller, who played during the 1930s and Second World War. He was leading scorer for them on numerous occasions and five times became his country's leading marksman.

And there was also the famous partnership in the early seventies of Ferenc Bene and Antal Dunai, who, almost literally, terrified defences because of their ability to score an average of 60 goals a season.

They both led the goalscoring tables on three occasions and only now with the emergence of Torocsik have they been replaced.

And Torocsik's presence in the team could well mean that next season Ujpest will not only be a "dark horse" in Europe, but will be favourites to lift the Hungarian title for the 18th time in their history.

### GOALS GALORE FOR FANS

WITH star players who are guaranteed to hit the back of the net regularly, Ujpest are a side who entertain the fans.

In their 34 league matches last season they scored a total of 95 goals, seven more than in 76-77. They won 19 matches, drew 13 and lost only two, giving a points total of 51.

This was an improvement of one point from 76-77.

In Europe last season (the UEFA Cup), they reached the second round and went out to Spanish side Athletic Bilbao.

In the tie against Bilbao, Ujpest triumphed 2-0 on their own territory, but they slipped up in the return leg when they let in two goals in the first half to allow the Spaniards back into the tie.

Although they held out in the second half, they lost another goal in extra time and that signalled the end of their Europe hopes for another year.

Ujpest have, in fact, got quite a good record in Europe because they were finalists in the old style Fairs Cup in 1969.

They got a bye in the first round and then disposed of Aris Solonika and Legia Warsaw in the next two rounds.

In the quarter-finals they then beat the holders of the Cup, Leeds United, on a 3-0 aggregate and, in fact, beat the Elland Road club both home and away.

In the semi-finals they had little trouble dealing with Goztepe, beating them 4-1 and 4-0 and this put them through to a meeting with Newcastle United, who had knocked out Rangers in the semi-finals.

They lost both legs of the final 3-0 at St. James Park and 3-2 on their own ground, the Ujpest Dosza Stadium.

And later, in seasons 71-72 and 72-73, fans in Scotland got the chance to see the Hungarians in action when they played Glasgow Celtic in the European Cup.

They won one tie and lost the other and a season later — in 1973-74 they went all the way to the semi-finals of the European Cup and only losing to Bayern Munich, the eventual winners

## UJPEST DOZSA

### HONOURS

#### LEAGUE

1929-30, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1934-35, 1938-39, 1945, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1959-60, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1978.

#### CUP

1969, 1970, 1971, 1975.



## SCOT WARNS: THEY DON'T MESS

ONE Scotsman who had the opportunity of seeing Ujpest at close quarters last season was well-known referee Ian Foote (above) who was in charge of their UEFA Cup match against Austrian side Linz ASK in Austria.

And he was more than impressed with their performance that night, despite the fact they lost 3-2.

"They pushed the ball around at a terrific pace," he said. "In fact, they scored a goal inside the first minute or so and then hit another about ten minutes later.

"I think they realised then that it was all over and they just seemed to put on the brakes. It cost them dear because they lost a goal before half-time and then the Austrians got another two in the second half, the last coming about five minutes from time, which meant they couldn't do much about it.

"Mind you, they didn't mess about in the return leg because I noticed in the paper they won 7-0. "But in that first leg

they played in a style which was similar to that which Peru used in the World Cup once they got going.

"They broke quickly from defence, although I must say the system they used was one in which all the attackers played rather like the kind we used to see in Scotland, with two wingers, centre forward and two inside players

"And their whole forward line looked very impressive when they were on the ball. They pushed the ball around well and played their passes almost man to man.

"If the Austrian goalkeeper hadn't made a lot of good saves Ujpest would have run up a cricket score."

And those words clearly spell a warning to any side who might meet Ujpest in Europe next season.

## STARS ON TOP OF THE WORLD

THERE is little doubt that Ujpest possess some of the most talented players in Hungary such as striker Andras Torocsik.

He is 23 with over a dozen caps for Hungary, and eight international goals.

But there is a big question over his temperament.

Remember Hungary's opening match of the World Cup Finals earlier this month? He got himself sent off with only minutes remaining in the critical game with Argentina.

It wasn't unexpected, either — in the opening six months of 1977 he was barred from the international side because of indiscipline.

Another star performer is Laszlo Faszekas, who will be 31 in October, skipper of Ujpest and the national side. He was the country's leading league scorer last term with 24 goals.

He has been capped over 70 times and in ten years has notched 17 goals for Hungary.

A right-sided attacker, he has a reputation for getting goals consistently with his club side — 24 goals this season, 21 the previous year show why.

Laszlo Nagy can play in a number of positions though he is usually seen on the left.

He is 29, has been capped 19 times and scored six goals. He scored in his international debut in October 1970 when Hungary beat Norway 3-1 in a European championship match.

Jozsef Toth is a fullback who plays on the left side of the field and likes to overlap when his side is attacking. He has 23 caps and played in all Hungary's six World Cup qualifying matches.



# GORDON'S GLORY

## What a start . . . what a finish!



IN the days not so long ago when Gordon Smith wore the blue and white colours of Kilmarnock instead of Rangers, his team-mates used to call him "Casper," after the cartoon ghost character on television.

The exact reason for that nickname is one we don't know, but when you see him on the field of play a reason often becomes apparent.

Because Gordon has the knack of being in the right place at the right time without the opposition knowing about it. Indeed sometimes they probably think he just appears rather like Casper the friendly ghost does!

And his good positional sense, especially in front of goal, helped Rangers on numerous occasions last season when he was not only around to set goals up, but to snap them up too.

### Scored

He found the back of the net on no fewer than 27 occasions last term, which means he scored almost as many goals in one season with Rangers as he did in five with Kilmarnock!

While Gordon would be more than happy to have achieved that feat he can also feel very satisfied with his own rewards for those goals . . . three medals for winning the league, league cup and

Scottish Cup, and that was something he particularly wanted to achieve because he hopes to beat his grandfather's footballing record.

"My grandfather was Mattha Smith and he won Scottish Cup medals in 1920 with Kilmarnock when they beat Albion Rovers 3-2 and then again in 1929 when they beat Rangers 2-0," says Gordon.

"I always hoped that I would at least follow in his footsteps in some way or another by winning a major honour, but never in my wildest dreams did I think I would pick up three in one season or that I would score so many goals."

But even "ghosts" can have their dreams come true and that was exactly what happened in 77-78 for the former Kilmarnock winger who became a goalscoring sensation as a front running midfielder player.

Gordon could probably pick numerous moments from last season which gave him a lot of satisfaction, but undoubtedly the one which stands out above all others came



By News Reporter

against Celtic in the League Cup Final when, just a matter of minutes from full-time, he headed the winning goal and gave Rangers the trophy for a record ninth time.

"As long as I live I will never forget that moment. It sticks in my head for a lot of reasons but mainly because it was my first goal in my first Cup Final and it was the winning goal.

"I remember so much about it, although how I came to be exactly the position I was I am not sure.

"I knew that there was only a little bit of time left and I suppose I thought at the back of my mind the game would probably go to extra time.

"Then Alex Miller crossed the ball from the right wing somewhere and when his cross went in the goalmouth Alex MacDonald challenged Peter Latchford for it.

"It all happened so quickly that I didn't know whether Alex headed the ball down to me or whether Peter had punched it in my direction, but anyway the ball came towards me and I dived to head it and it went into the net.

"I didn't run away and throw imaginary punches towards the skyline, but I felt just as happy. I could have jumped for joy. Why I didn't I don't know."

Rangers other goalscorer in that match was Davie Cooper which meant, of course, that the £165,000 Rangers had paid out for the two players was more than justified as it had won them the first trophy of the season and put them one up with two to go in their bid for the "treble."

### Record

And another important game which sticks in Gordon's mind was also one in which he scored. In fact, the goal he scored was the Ibrox side's last league goal of the 77-78 campaign and it gave them the league championship title for a record breaking 37th time.

The opponents were Motherwell and Gordon got the second of Rangers two goals in their 2-0 win.

"I don't mind admitting that was one of the most enjoyable games of the season. The atmosphere was terrific because I reckon every single fan at Ibrox that day was behind us. They knew we were so close to the title and they wanted to play their part in helping us win it.

"And they did, because every single one of the players seem to raise their game when there is a big crowd making plenty of noise and cheering on their team. That's why we were so glad not just to win the league but to win it at Ibrox.

"And I reckon we gave them what they wanted after just five minutes when Colin Jackson got a goal with his head. I didn't know at the time how long had gone, but I read it in the papers the following day and, well, sometimes things like that stay in your mind.

"My goal came in the 20th minute and I know that from reading the same paper. Derek Johnstone had a brilliant run down the left inside the penalty area and he got to the by-line and cut the ball back to me right into my path. I just couldn't miss and as soon as that went in I think we all knew that was that.

"We had won the league and when the referee blew the final whistle all that was left was for us to do a lap of honour. I suppose saying it like that all sounds a bit matter of fact, but I don't think anybody can describe the feelings a player gets when his team have just won the league.

The Scottish Cup Final also stands out because it was in that match which Rangers clinched the "treble" and Gordon played very well that day.

But another game against Aberdeen also stands out in his mind — in October when Rangers crushed the Pittodrie side 6-1 in the League Cup at Ibrox.

"I got a hat-trick in that match, my first, and so far only one, for the club, although I certainly hope it won't be the last. As I remember it, I had managed to get a couple of goals in several games, but had always seemed to just miss out on the third elusive goal.

"But I got it that night. One goal was with my head and two with my right foot."

Gordon has to go back further for his first goal in a Rangers jersey because it was against Partick Thistle at Firhill when the Light Blues won 4-0 and

Gordon, in fact, notched two that day.

"I remember getting my head to a cross but who sent it over I don't know. I just remember diving to head the ball home and that was it. I got another near the end when I just hit the ball over the line."

### Hat-trick

In retrospect that was a magnificent performance from Rangers because it came at a time when they were lying almost bottom of the league and it is not very often that teams in that position serve up the kind of football the Light Blues did that day.

And that game was also the start of a 14-match spell in which he scored 16 goals, including a hat-trick and four doubles.

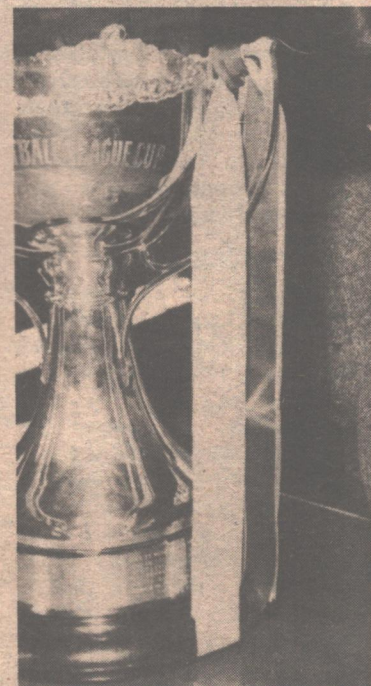
Indeed, after making his debut against St. Johnstone on August 24 at Ibrox in the League Cup, Gordon missed only one match throughout the rest of the season and that was a Glasgow Cup tie against Partick Thistle in October.

So, as you can see, all in all it was a highly successful season for the Rangers star and next season he is hoping things will be just as enjoyable.

## Didn't he do well



Gordon Smith clinches the League Championship for Rangers in the final game of last season against Motherwell as he slots the ball home from a few yards out after Derek Johnstone had cut the ball back into his path.





# — AND HIS SWEET TASTE OF SUCCESS

Enjoying the fruits of success as a Ranger . . . That's Gordon Smith as he autographs books for some autograph hunters (below) and below and left gives answers to a television interviewer and brings back the memories with the League Cup win—his first senior medal.



never ever thought I'd pick up three medals in a season'



TOM Forsyth had hoped that he would be helping Scotland out in the later stages of the World Cup Finals at the weekend, instead of resting at home.

But the fact that the Scots didn't reach the last stages does have one consolation for the Ibrox defender . . . it meant he was able to take his wife out for their wedding anniversary for the first time in four years!

That was a nice surprise for his wife, Linda, because whereas she might have been watching him on television on their anniversary it meant she could be with him on their special day.

Tam, in fact, had arranged with various friends before he left for Argentina for flowers to be sent to his wife, but because he arrived home early it meant he could do it and have a private celebration.

In the past three years he has been with Rangers on tour or has been attending one function or another.

And if you think the close season means things will be quiet for him you are wrong! Big Tam, as most folk know, is a keen bowling fan and he told the "News" that much of the next few weeks will be "for the bools".

He is due to play a number of ties at his local bowling club in both singles and doubles competitions. In fact, with all his ties he might not have much time for practising!

And Tam will just be as busy off the bowling green because next month when they come back from family holiday at the Isle of Arran Tam and Linda are expecting another addition to the family.

# THE FORSYTH SAGA!

## At last! Big Tam and the Wife celebrate



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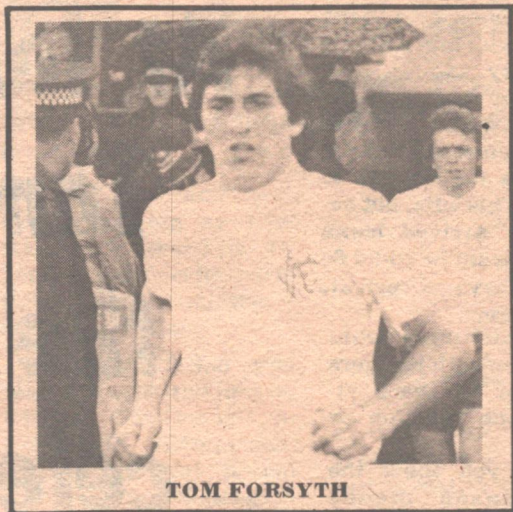
# TRIO FOR BIG TAM

Randolph Quill, West Princes Street, Glasgow, writes . . .

Watching the Scotland v Holland match on television last week I was, of course, delighted with the way Scotland played and also with the performance of Tom Forsyth, the only Rangers player in the team.

However, I was rather annoyed when, at the end of the match, after his header went over the bar, the commentator stated he had only scored one first team goal for Rangers.

Now correct me if I am wrong, but did Tom Forsyth not score a goal against Partick Thistle at Ibrox last season? I know no-one will disagree and if Archie McPherson had



TOM FORSYTH

even bothered to read his "News" when Tom Forsyth talked about his Magic Moments, he would have read Tom's description of the goal he scored.

I am also sure Tom Forsyth has scored another goal on at least one occasion, possibly more.

ED.: Tom Forsyth scored a goal against Morton in October, 1974,

when Rangers won 2-0, against Celtic in the 1973 Cup, Final and against Thistle. To be fair to Mr McPherson, he would have been in Argentina when the issue of the "News" you refer to went on sale.

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James Houston, Glasgow Road, Clydebank, writes . . .

I was most interested in the coments from John Greig in last week's "Rangers News." He stated that football is all about players and I couldn't agree more.

I have felt for some years now that all too often the Press have given massive coverage to the sayings of managers, particularly on the Monday morning when they are giving their post mortems on a good or bad performance by their team in Saturday matches.

While managers have a very important role, I feel we should really be talking about the achievements of the players on the park and not the quotes which managers drag up from week to week.

One has to be honest. When a team has lost, the manager comes up with a variety of excuses. On perhaps three or four occasions out of ten he may be justified in saying he didn't get the breaks, had bad luck, etc., etc.

But the rest of the time he should admit that his team lost because they

didn't play as well as the other side and therefore didn't deserve to win.

I'm looking forward to next season already and can only pray that the excuses from other managers will not only be

swept under the carpet, but rolled up and locked in a cupboard.

P.S.: I don't include Rangers in that criticism, simply because we don't need to make excuses — we usually win!

## POOLS WINNERS

- POOL ONE** — 2 possibles, 27 goals, 1 winner.  
(Receives £23,846)  
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(Each receives £125)  
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R. Hollis, 9 Laggan Path, Shotts.  
J. Stirling, 90 Lochrie, 2D Oliphant Court, Foxbar, Paisley.
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Mary M. Cassidy, 173 Brockburn Road, Glasgow.
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John Riddell, 15 Main Street, Thornliebank, Glasgow.

# When the Light Blues went white



DEREK JOHNSTONE



STEWART KENNEDY

I was wondering if you or any of your readers can help me in finding out some details about a match played three or four seasons ago when Rangers were playing Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup and lost 2-1. As I remember, that night Rangers wore an all-white strip. What I would like to know is whether Rangers have worn an all-white strip since that game. I do know they have worn white jerseys and socks with blue shorts, but I don't recollect an all-white strip.  
— James Payne, Duke Street, Glasgow.

We do not keep records of colours worn, but we do know that on January 10, 1976 — nine months after the game against Aberdeen — Rangers wore an all-white strip against St. Johnstone at Ibrox.

Somewhere along the line we can't help thinking that there have been various letters on this subject before, but if any readers can verify or correct the answer we have given above, then we'll be only too happy to print their information.

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In the first-ever League Championship played in

## you asked for it ?

Scotland, I know Dumbarton and Rangers were declared joint champions. Can you please tell me why this was so and was there every any kind of games between the two to decide the issue? — Allan Taylor, Gorvan Road, Glasgow.

The two finished the season with 29 points from 18 games and there was a play-off between the two to see who would be Champions.

This deciding match was played on Thursday, May 21, 1891, and the game finished 2-2. The question of who should be champions went before the Scottish League Committee and it was the chairman's casting vote which decided that the Championship should be shared.

Can you please tell me the last match that Stewart Kennedy (pictured above) played for Rangers?

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— Wilma Scott, Scott Street, Glasgow.  
Stewart's last game in

a first team jersey was against Celtic at Parkhead on March 25 this year.

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I have been having an argument with my brother for about two weeks now over how many goals Derek Johnstone scored in 1975 when Rangers won the League. Can you please help me win 50p? — Bill McIntosh, Victoria Road, Glasgow.

For that whole season Derek Johnstone (above left) scored a total of 18 goals.

## Saturday's Pools check

- FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results. — Game:**  
01-1-0; 02-4-3; 03-1-2;  
04-0-8; 05-1-4; 06-8-0;  
07-1-1; 08-4-1; 09-2-2;  
10-1-1; 11-2-1; 12-0-1;  
13-0-0; 14-1-1; 15-1-1;  
16-2-2; 17-1-5; 18-3-4;  
19-3-0; 20-5-1; 21-1-3;  
22-1-2; 23-0-1; 24-1-3;  
25-0-0; 26-1-4; 27-0-5;  
28-1-1; 29-5-2; 30-1-0;  
31-1-2; 32-3-2; 33-1-0;  
34-0-1; 35-0-2; 36-2-0;  
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40-2-2; 41-2-3; 42-1-1;  
43-2-0; 44-1-0.

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# HALF AND HALF!

THREE weeks ago we offered our readers the chance to win a souvenir which every Rangers fan would be proud to own . . . a copy of the Scottish Cup Final programme against Aberdeen autographed by the 11 Rangers players who started the match.

We had a whole host of entries for this competition. What was surprising was that not one of the entrants gave the correct answer to the competition. For that reason we felt we just couldn't award the programme to any entrant, even though quite a few did get one of the two players right.

You may remember we asked you to identify two players in action who had their faces blanked out. Well, the two players were Gordon Smith and Alex MacDonald and because no-one managed to answer the competition questions correctly we are putting the programme up as a prize again this week.

To win the autographed programme you have to answer two very simple questions about the picture which we have reproduced on this page. The photograph (above) is the goal from the 1-0 victory against Moscow

Dynamo a few years back and Derek Johnstone is the scorer.

The two questions we want you to answer are: 1. In what year was the match played? 2. Was the goal scored in the first or second half?

We know most folk will find the first question relatively easy, but the second one will probably pose quite a few problems. But when you think you have the correct answer jot it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Programme Contest," Rangers News, 1 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, G3 7NT.

The first all-correct entry chosen from the competition drum after the closing date will be adjudged the winner and he or she will receive the autographed programme as their prize.

The closing date for the competition is Wednesday, July 12, and any entries arriving after that date will not be eligible. All entries must bear the entrant's full name and address otherwise they will be immediately disqualified.

Under no circumstances will correspondence be entered into and the Editor's decision in all matters is final.



## ANOTHER SUPER CONTEST

## SPECIAL OFFER

For the past couple of years members of the young Rangers Club have been able to take advantage of a number of special offers through the pages of the "News."

This week we give members another opportunity to buy a couple of Rangers souvenirs and save money at the same time . . .

In the past we have always told you what the items are, but now for something completely different. For just 60p members will be able to purchase a "mystery" package from the Rangers souvenir shop and we can tell you that the value of the goods is well in excess of the 60p

which you will have to pay.

What do you have to do to take advantage of this surprise parcel? Simply send off a 60p postal order to the Souvenir Shop, Ibrox Stadium, Edmiston Drive, Glasgow, G52.

The offer is only available by post and therefore the price includes the cost of postage. The offer will last for three weeks and will close on Wednesday, July 12.

When you are writing to the souvenir shop, you must include your full name, address and also your Young Rangers Club membership number (not the card). Then, once we have checked you are a bona fide member, we will send your mystery parcel off to you.

## PROGRAMME HUNTERS



**FOR SALE:** Large selection of Rangers programmes. Anyone interested please contact JOHN PENMAN, 51 Carden Castle Park, Cardenden, Fife, Scotland.

**WANTED:** Seven football strips for a five-a-side team to fit 10-11-year-olds. Any school team with such strips not now required by them would be very accept-

able. Anyone that can help please contact JOHN PENMAN, 51 Carden Castle Park, Cardenden, Fife, Tel. Cardenden 720074.

### PROGRAMMES

**WANTED:** Liverpool programmes (home only) in exchange for foreign pennants, badges and old Rangers programmes. Anyone interested please contact David Allan, 163 Kings Park Avenue, Glasgow G44.

## The Young Rangers



## Club Corner

it's packed with action!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIDS

THE following Young Rangers Club members have all celebrated birthdays recently or will be doing so shortly.

**KAREN STEVENSON**, 29 Austin Road, Jordanhill, Glasgow, who will be 10 today (Wednesday).

**GILLIAN HANNAH**, 4 Thorn Street, Lochans, Stranraer, who will be 10 today.

**NICOLA ROWE**, 5 Farm Close, Hadley, Telford, who will be 9 today.

**RAYMOND KLAR**, 35 Whitelaw Street, Maryhill, Glasgow, who will be 9 tomorrow.

**TRACEY COYLE**, 20 Blinkbommie Terrace, Slammanan, Falkirk, who will be 8 tomorrow.

**DAVID HENNESSY**, 792 Bilsland Drive, Ruchill, Glasgow, who is 12 tomorrow.

**CAROLINE YOUNG**, 179 Wilton Road, Carlisle, who will be 9 tomorrow.

**RONALD McLEISH**, 42 Kingdale Gardens, Kennoway, Leven, Fife, who will be 13 tomorrow.

**PAUL RENTON**, 45 Eastcliffe, Spittal, Berwick-on-Tweed, who will be 12 tomorrow.

**ANDREW MacINTYRE**, 8e Scalpay Terrace Soroba, Oban, Argyll, who will be 7 on June 23.

**JOHN McDOUGALL**, 27 Balgair Street,

Glasgow, who will be 14 on June 23.

**DONALD McALISTER**, Bruchag Farm, Kingarth, Bute, who will be 14 on June 23.

**ROBERT SIMPSON**, 69 Whitby Street, Glasgow, who will be 8 on June 24.

**JACQUILINE EMERY**, 40 Eton Avenue, Glasgow, who will be 13 on June 24.

**ALAN GORDON**, 5 Houston Terrace, Thurso, Caithness, who will be 10 on June 24.

**LYNNE MacINTYRE**, 8e Scalpay Terrace, Soroba, Oban, who will be 11 on June 25.

**STEVEN WEST**, 19 Floors Terrace, Dunbar, East Lothian, who will be 4 on June 25.

**RHODA MacCUISH**, Kenmore, Shiedaig, Strathcarron, Ross-shire, who will be 15 on June 26.

**JOHN TURNBULL**, 11 Dumyat Drive, Falkirk, who will be 11 on June 26.

**DEREK SPARK**, 11 Hillside Avenue, Dufftown, who will be 14 on June 27.

**APRIL HARVEY**, 21 Leadburn Road, Glasgow, who will be 15 on June 27.

The "News" sends greetings to all those mentioned above and we hope they have a very special day on their birthday.

If you are a member of the Young Rangers Club and would like to see your name mentioned in the Birthday Greetings column, then why not write in and tell us?

All you have to do is to tell us your name, address and also what age you will be on a certain date. Send your letters to: Birthday Greetings, "Rangers News," 1 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, G3 7NT.

Please try to send them in at least two weeks in advance.

## Pick your Pen Pal

**WANTED:** I would like a female pen-pal. I am 19 years old and support Rangers. I would also like a photo if possible. My hobbies are most sport games and I also like music. I would like my penpal to be between the age of 16-20 and if possible live in the East Kilbride or Glasgow area. Anyone interested please contact

Thomas Cresswell, 4 Mungo Park, Marray 5, East Kilbride.

**WANTED:** I would like a pen pal who is a Rangers fan and a Liverpool supporter from the Liverpool or Belfast area to correspond with me, I am 21 years old. Please contact - Mr Hugh Bremner, 71 Springbank, Kennoway, Fife, Scotland.

## HOW TO JOIN

All you have to do to join the Young Rangers Club is to send off just 50p (by Postal Order only) to - The Young Rangers Club, "Rangers News," 1 Royal Terrace, Glasgow G3 7NT.

In return for this we will post to you three items:

- 1 - A membership card with your name and membership number.
- 2 - A smart blue and white members' badge.
- 3 - A Young Rangers Club ballpoint pen.

You must be 17 years old or under.

Name .....

Address .....

Date of Birth ..... Age .....

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

## QUICK



## QUIZ

- 1 - Which club play at Loftus Road?
- 2 - Who is the manager of Everton?
- 3 - What is the nickname of Morton?
- 4 - How many times have Rangers qualified for Europe?
- 5 - The 1982 World Cup will be held in which European Country?
- 6 - How many times have Liverpool won the F.A. Cup?
- 7 - Who were the last Iron Curtain country side to play Rangers?
- 8 - In what year was the first European Cup match played?
- 9 - How many countries entered for the World Cup?
- 10 - How many caps has Derek Johnstone gained for Scotland?

Answers next week



# LIGHT BLUES GET THEIR 'SKATES' ON

— with a new sprint coach

RANGERS fans will have to watch the players a bit more closely next season ... or they might miss some of the action! And the reason for this is simple — SPEED.

For Rangers have just secured the services of a sprint coach to help improve players reactions and their speeds over short distances.

Manager John Greig told the 'News' he felt a number of players at Ibrox could benefit from the move and from the start of the new season the sprint and reaction coaching will be compulsory for all young players, although he hoped that a large number of the more experienced players will also take advantage of the new facilities.

The man who will be coaching the players is Stuart Hogg, a personal friend of John's, who lives in Fife and he will travel through to Ibrox when required, which will probably be about one or twice a week when fixtures permit.

Said John: "I had arranged with Stuart some time ago that if I was ever

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fortunate to take over any club then he would come along and help coach the players at sprinting.

"I am glad that Club is Rangers and so is he, because he's been a Rangers fan since he was knee-high.

"Like most folk I have been watching the World Cup over the last couple of weeks and some of the players have been tremendously fast as well as skilful.

"I am sure that by adding some speed to some of the players at Ibrox their game will improve as a result."

Stuart Hogg's track record is impressive. He has been coaching for seven years, even though he only retired from professional sprinting three years ago, and in that time has coached Bob Swan, the winner of four British sprint titles inside the space of three years.

He has also coached quite a few prominent football personalities, not the least of which is Willie Johnston, a player whom many rate among the fastest in Britain and who is, of course, a former Ibrox man.

And right at this moment, possibly even as you are reading this, an Ibrox youngster is under his coaching wing. He is Billy Mackay, who is no slowcoach over short distances.

If Stuart can achieve with the Rangers players what he did for Bob Swan we just might have a couple of players entering for the British Professional Sprint Championships!

## DEREK STAYS



DEREK PARLANE

### — and he'll fight for that place

DEREK Parlane has withdrawn his transfer request. Derek asked verbally for a transfer in February last year, but after a talk with manager John Greig last Friday morning the striker decided he would stay at Ibrox and fight for

a first team place in the new season.

Boss Greig was particularly happy with the outcome of the talk as he has made no secret of the fact he wants to hang on to players in a bid to win the top honours again in Scotland next season, as well as make an impact on the European front.

"Derek now feels quite happy to stay at Ibrox and play for a place in the first team. He knows he can't expect to walk into the side as a result of withdrawing his transfer request, but he is prepared to fight. That is the kind of spirit and attitude I want," said John.

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## PETE'S RARIN' TO GO!

"I CAN'T wait for the new season to start!" That's how Rangers goalkeeper Peter McCloy feels right at this moment after returning from a family holiday in Spain.

The goalkeeper, who was in tremendous form for Rangers towards the end of last season, put in a training session at Ibrox last week and said afterwards: "That has really put me in the mood again and I just wish pre-season training would hurry up and get started.

"I thought the season finished too quickly for me because I was really enjoying it and, even if I say so myself, felt I was playing quite well.

"Now after my break I am raring to go."

Peter, in fact, has always impressed at the start of pre-season training and last term his good showings in practise matches earned him a quick call-up for the first team in Rangers' short

pre-season tour of the Highlands.

He kept his place in the side for both the Tennent-Caledonian Cup and also the league programme.

But, even though he was particularly happy with his form towards the end of the season, he is well aware he faces stiff competition from teammate Stewart Kennedy, something he has had to face for the last four seasons.

And there was good news too for Peter from a personality outside Ibrox last week when Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough made a good point during the ITV coverage of the World Cup.

He stated that almost all of the goalkeepers who had performed well in the tournament were all over the age of 30 and it just so happens Peter will be 32 in November!

No wonder he was smiling when he arrived for training!



PETER McCLOY

## CLUB CALL

CARNWATH: A.G.M. will be held tonight (Wednesday) in Lesser Town Hall at 7.45.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: A.G.M. Friday, August 11 in Masonic Halls in Rutland Crescent at 7.30. Old and new members welcome, 50p per week and £2 joining fee.

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