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A TV FARCE!

Rangers have been at odds with the television companies in recent weeks over the amount of advertising around the Ibrox pitch. Observers of this little TV drama will have noticed that it has now become a farce.

By THE EDITOR

The TV people's complaints have looked pretty foolish from the start, but at the weekend they became positively laughable.

As you are probably aware the telly bosses have been claiming that the double row of advertising boards at Ibrox is "excessive." They say it breaks European rules about how much advertising can be put in front of the cameras at a sporting event.

So they haven't been filming recent matches at Ibrox Park.

But looked what happened on Sunday. STV showed some of the action from a game between Ajax and Bayern Munich. The Dutch ground didn't have **TWO** rows of adverts like Ibrox.

Oh, no . . . **it had THREE rows of adverts.**

Concerned

So if the European TV men were as concerned about advertising levels as they are supposed to be . . . how could they possibly send cameras to the Ajax ground?

And to bring the argument much closer home, it seems incredible that STV should be telling Rangers there is too much advertising at Ibrox when they are screening a game with treble-banked adverts. BBC share their opponents concern about the double row of boards at Ibrox, yet on Saturday night the Beeb showed highlights from two football matches and Rugby international — and at all three grounds viewers could see double rows of adverts.

So why the double standards? Why put a taboo on Rangers' ground when the cameras are still being sent to other grounds with a similar amount of advertising?

Foolish

These are two questions the telly bosses should have to answer and when the Scottish League Management Committee meet tomorrow it is to be hoped they will decide to quiz the TV authorities on these lines.

Meanwhile both TV channels will no doubt go on making themselves look foolish. They won't film Ibrox matches at the present, yet on their Friday evening and Saturday lunch-time programmes they are still showing flashbacks with the same adverts they don't want to show in the background!

You and I may find this difficult to understand. But the TV men obviously know what they are doing.

You see, these top programme producers didn't get where they are today without knowing the difference between too much advertising on an old film and too much advertising on a film take this week!

PLEASE NOTE . . .

The 'News' has now moved to new offices and our new address is now 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

Our telepho'ne number, however, remains the same. It is still 041-332-2798.



● Gordon Smith is given a "helping hand" by Murdo MacLeod during this Rangers attack in Saturday's "Old Firm" game at Hampden. Roy Aitken looks on. Match slant and more action pictures on Page Five.



● Celtic goalkeeper Roy Baines is at full stretch to stop this Tommy McLean cross reaching the high flying Alex MacDonald as Murdo MacLeod looks on.

Fifteen up!

It's fifteen in a row for the unstoppable Ibrox Reserves! Their 3-1 victory at the weekend over Celtic means they have now gone an incredible 15 matches without defeat against the Parkhead side.

Their last defeat was in April 1976 — more than two years ago.

The win keeps the Colts at the top of the Premier Reserve League by three points. They head the table with 21 points while Aberdeen, who are their nearest challengers, have 18 points.

Full match report on page six.



WEAR THE COLOURS
RANGERS OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS' STRIP, TRACK SUITS AND TEAM JACKETS BY UMBRO INTERNATIONAL.



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Alex MacDonald accepted his 'Player of the Year' award from the Cowcaddens RSC at their annual dinner dance recently. In the picture are (left to right) J. McDonald, G. Glen, A. Goody, Alex MacDonald, G. McEwan, Derek Johnstone, W. Robertson, and R. Muir.

The trophy Derek Johnstone is holding is the one presented for the 'Most Promising Youngster' which was awarded to Derek Strickland. Unfortunately, he couldn't manage to the dance and DJ accepted it on his behalf.

Rangers allow Ralph to go

Rangers have released Ralph Brand. The youngster was freed last week after having spent three seasons as a full-time player with the Club and two on an 'S' Form.

Ralphie, who put pen to paper in 1973 while still a pupil at Currie High School, made 69 full appearances for the Reserves and came on as substitute in 18 matches.

He played in one first team match — a friendly against Morton in December 1976 when he wore the number six jersey in Rangers 3-2 win at Cappielow.

At the moment Ralphie is still looking for a club, but Rangers would like to thank him for his services in the past and wish him all the best for the future.



● RALPH BRAND

★★★

The lucky programme number at Saturday's match against Celtic at Hampden was number 6411. If the person who holds this programme calls at the Stadium they will be able to collect their prize of £50.

In at Ibrox for extra treatment last week was centre-half Colin Jackson. The 'Bomber' received treatment while his team-mates were training and was also back on Wednesday while the rest of the players enjoyed the day off before playing that night against Arbroath in the League Cup.

Colin is now well on the road to recovery after a groin strain.

Two other players who received treatment last week were Alex Miller and Ally Dawson. Alex was suffering ing from a badly bruised foot while Ally sprung a joint in his shoulder. Both were fit enough for Saturday's matches against Celtic at first team and reserve level.



Tom Forsyth received his 'Player of the Year' trophy from the Clarkston RSC last week and in the picture you can see him accepting his award from Committee man Alan Wright. Also in the picture are Alan Cranford, Alan McGregor and Kenneth McLennan.

After 27 games in 15 weeks it's ...

A BREAK — AT LONG LAST!

November 22nd might not be a very important date as far as some people are concerned, but it will be an important one for the Rangers players. That's because it will be the first day that not one single Ibrox player will be in action for club or country.

Since the season started on the last Saturday in July it is a fact that Rangers have either played every midweek or provided a player for international duty.

Obviously then, that means all of the players who have been competing in two matches a week will take a well earned rest but, according to manager John Greig, it is odds on that most of them won't want to!



John Greig

"The players prefer to be involved all the time in actual games rather than just working for ninety minutes on a Saturday and then spending the rest of their week training," he said.

"The best way to get involved is by playing every midweek and that's why we have enjoyed the two games a week spell since the season started."

Rangers have played in four different competitions since the start of the 78-79 term as well as a couple of friendly matches and Testimonial games.

They have played no fewer then 27 times inside a 15 week spell and that has meant a hectic spell of organisation for the playing, coaching, managerial and background staff.

Fortunate

Rangers only weeks without a first team match were in late September and October when Scotland were playing Austria and Norway in the European Championship and, of course, they had players in the pools for these games on both occasions.

At the end of this month the Ibrox men will again have the opportunity of a midweek rest as the international side fly off to Portugal.

That means any niggling injuries which the Light Blues stars may pick up will get the opportunity to heal — something which certainly would not have happened had they picked them up in the last fifteen weeks or so.

"We have been fortunate about injuries this season and touch wood, I hope we don't get any," continues John. "But they are part and parcel of the game and they won't always necessarily heal without a midweek game anyway."

Different

The Reserves have been active too over the last few weeks. In fact, their game against Queen of the South at Ibrox on Monday night in the Second Eleven Cup was their ninth in just over five weeks — a spell which has seen them play Celtic no fewer than four times! And those games have been in three different competitions!

All in all, it has been a hectic spell for the Light Blues but one which they have enjoyed tremendously — with one exception. They reckon some of the results should have been better!

They really know their game!

Congratulations are in order for the Coatbridge Rangers Supporters Club. Four of their members entered the 'Scotsport' quiz recently and, we are pleased to say, they won through to the second round where they now await the winners of three other ties.

Over 260 teams from all over Scotland have entered so the lads have done well so far.

★★★

Any supporters clubs wishing to enter the John Greig Cup competition should send their entries in now.

The competition is organised by the Blackburn Loyal RSC and is run on a home and away basis. First Round ties are expected to be played in January.

Anyone interested in participating in the competition should contact Blackburn Secretary Ian Gilmour at 32 Delph Lane, Westbury Gardens, Blackburn, BB1 2BE, who will send them an entry form.

THE NEW LOTTERY

Look for a tree — and you might win £1,000! That's what fans can win in a new Rangers lottery which has recently been launched.

Ten of the tickets, which cost 25 pence each, carry a special three symbol and this entitles the holders to take part in an exciting draw for the £1,000 first prize.

Even if you don't manage to get hold of one of the 'three tickets' you can still win a fair bit of cash because the next prize is £500 with others ranging below that.

The first draw will take place on Friday, December 1st, but tickets must be bought by November 24th to be eligible.

Tickets can be bought from pools agents.

MIDWEEK

League Cup.
Quarter-Final, 1st Leg.
Rangers 1, Arbroath 0.
Scorer: Wells (o.g.).
RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, A. Forsyth, T. Forsyth, Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Watson. Subs: Armour (for Parlane) and Cooper (for Smith).
ARBROATH: Lister, McKenzie, Rylands, Cargill, Wells, Fettes, Fletcher, Edwards, Wilson, Carson, Yule. Subs: Fallon (for Edwards) and Gavine (for Wilson).
Referee: M. Delaney (Airdrie).
Attendance 9,000.
Bookings: Rangers — Jardine. Arbroath — Carson.

We must score more goals

— says Boss Greig

Before Saturday's match against Celtic at Hampden, Rangers had hit the back of the net 47 times this season — but it still isn't enough.

Yet it is not for the want of trying, as manager John Greig explains.

"We are now doing more shooting practise in our training programmes than we have ever done in the past but it seems we are just unlucky in front of goal at the moment," he says.

Our shots have been coming back off the post or bouncing off goalkeepers or we are simply finding that the men wearing the number one jerseys are in tip top form."

Impeccable

The last part of that statement can be backed up by the tremendous displays of some opposition keepers this season.

Hamish McAlpine, Dennis Connaghan, Billy Thomson, Alan Rough, Jim Leighton and the latest last week in Arbroath keeper John Lister have all turned in impeccable performances against the Light Blues.

It could be argued that one of these days Rangers are going to make some team come a cropper, but that is not what John Greig is looking for.

"I am looking for more goals naturally, but I want them to come consistently. I don't want us to run up six or seven and then go three or four matches without scoring and then hitting another six or seven in another single game.

"What I want is for us to hit three goals one week, three another week, maybe four or two the next and then another three in the next game. That's consistency and that's what I am looking for."

Exception

"And it's not as if we haven't been making the chances to do just that because we have. In fact, if we had taken even one of the chances in some games we would be a lot better off in our league position.

"With the exception of the match in Turin against Juventus we have created chances in every game and when we start tucking them away regularly I will be happy."

LEAGUE CUP DRAW

Should Rangers win through against Arbroath tonight in the League Cup then they shouldn't have too long to wait until they know their semi-final opponents.

It is expected that the draw will be made at the Scottish League Management Committee meeting tomorrow in Glasgow around lunchtime.

Ties will be scheduled for December 11th and 13th. Both will be one-off matches and will be played at Hampden.

Ticket news

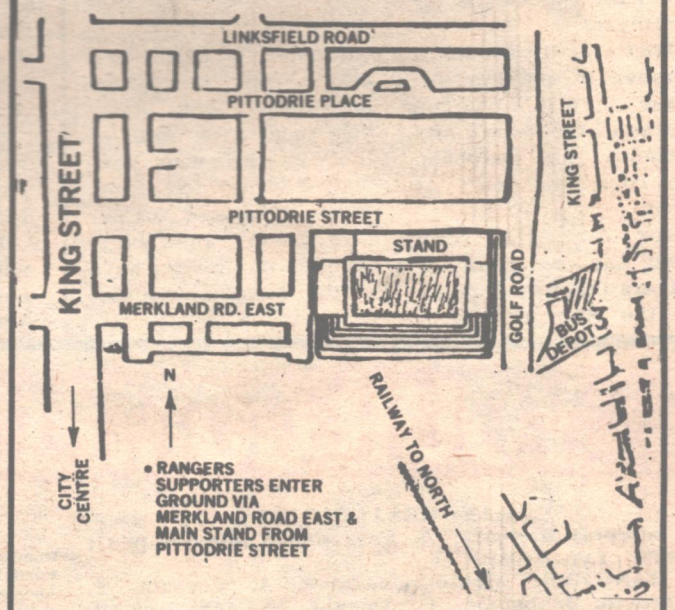
The Arbroath v Ranger match at Gayfield tonight is all-ticket with a crowd limit of 9,500.

The terracing tickets are priced at £1 — with a 40p transfer charge to the stand.

Tickets for the game can be obtained from the Ibrox Ticket Office, which is open from 9.30-1.00 p.m.

Tickets for the Aberdeen game at Pittodrie on Saturday have been completely sold out.

PITTODRIE PLAN



Following the successful segregation of fans in the past, supporters will once again be asked to follow police instructions this Saturday at Aberdeen.

Rangers fans should enter the ground by Merkland Road East and the stand by Pittodrie Street.

These routes are quite clearly marked on the map above.

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A KEEPER'S NIGHTMARE!

If goalkeepers in Scotland's Premier Reserve League have nightmares these days . . . you can bet this is the kind of vision which appears before them!

Because this terrible trio of young Rangers are the lads who have shot the Light Blues into the lead on the race for yet another Reserve title.

The three ace marksmen who have bagged a total of 31 goals already this season combined their talents for this exclusive and unusual "News" picture which shows how they might look to a 'keeper if they were allowed a ball each!

Billy Urquart (8 goals) tries an overhead kick while Derek Strickland (12 goals) simply shoots another one home while Chris Robertson (11 goals) uses his head on this occasion.

Some of the trio's 23 goals have been beauties and among their Ibrox mates it is generally agreed their best goals were as follows:

Urquhart — One of the seven against Celtic in the League Cup when he headed the ball over a Celt and then smashed it into the net.

Robertson — In the same Celtic game when he beat two men and banged the ball into a corner of the net.

Strickland — He hasn't got a goal with his head yet but his best was a volley from an overhead kick by Davie Armour in a Second Eleven Cup match with Celtic.

So is it any wonder goalies — especially Celtic goalies! — get the jitters when they see this trio . . .



WHAT A POOL!

The demands of the modern game mean there is no chance of any manager being able to field the same eleven players in every game throughout the season.

All clubs, regardless of the type of success they hope to achieve, must have a pool of players so they can call in replacements should any man be injured or things not quite work out the way the manager intends them to.

Alternatively, a club boss will bring in youngsters to give them their chance in the hope they will gain experience for the future.

That usually means a number of players are used throughout the course of the season and certainly that has been the case this term at Ibrox.

For manager John Greig has used plenty of players this year looking for the right results in the 28 games his side have played so far.

To date he has used 19 players and, of course, that figure will more than likely be increased in the months that lie ahead.

Only two players of that 19 can claim to be ever presents in the first team, these being goalkeeper Peter McCloy and midfield player Bobby Russell.

In fact, the longest period in which manager John Greig has been able to field the same side is two weeks and that was in September when the Light Blues played Aberdeen, Morton, Juventus and Motherwell.

It's not just on the first team front that there have been plenty of appearances. As well as the 19 men who have played for the top eleven at some stage or another this term, the same number of players have made reserve appearances.

Gordon called up

A happy and surprised Rangers player! That's what young Gordon Dalziel found himself last week after an exciting couple of hours last Sunday morning.

The 16 year old yongster was called up by Rangers at the start of last week after manager John Greig had watched him play ver impressively against a Scottish Secondary Juvenile Select in trial match at the Albion training ground.

Although the young Light Blues side (which was composed of 'S' Form players) lost 1-0 Gordon still showed plenty of skill throughout the ninety minutes and manager Greig asked the youngster to sign full-time with the Club almost immediatley after the match.

So on Monday mroning he reported to Ibrox for the first time as a professional player and was immediately put through his paces in a training session. Having already met most of the players on previous occasions (he has reported for training on holidays in the past) it was simply a question of settling into his new surroundings.

"This has come as a complete surprise to me," said Gordon last week. "When I came in for the trial match I just wanted to do well and I simply never imagined that I would be called up after it."

Gordon, who lives in Airdrie, signed for the Ibrox Club on an 'S' Form last year and has already made a couple of appearances for the Reserves in the past.

Gordon made his debut as a full-time player in the reserve match against Celtic at Parkhead on Saturday when he came on as a substitute for Billy Mackay in the second half.

It was a different scene from playing in games with Bonkle Youth Club — his side up until last weekend — and the fact Rangers won got him off to a good start in his new Ibrox career.

FORGET EUROPE!

Everybody, it seems, is talking about Rangers' tremendous achievement in reaching the quarter-finals of the European Cup for the first time in thirteen years.

But you won't hear the subject mentioned in the Ibrox dressing room until January at least — and even then it will only be so as the players can discuss the draw.

For manager John Greig has told the players to forget all about the European scene for the next couple of months and concentrate on their footballing interests much nearer home, namely, the league and League Cup competitions.

"The players did tremendously well to beat Juventus and PSV Eindhoven because they are two class teams, but now they have to put that to the back of their minds and think about winning at home," says the Ibrox bosses.

"The quarter-finals will not be played until March and that's a long way away. We won't know our opponents until January so obviously our matches in Scotland must now take priority".

The Ibrox boss's orders are quite sensible, of course.

Rangers must not get carried away by their success on the European front. There is no guarantee that they will win the trophy — although everybody even loosely connected with Ibrox hopes that is the case! — and to be absolutely certain of playing in Europe again next season they must win a domestic competition to qualify.

To ensure that they are participating in the European Cup they must win the league and so you can't blame John Greig for getting his priorities right.

His next match target is two points at Pittodrie on Saturday — after beating Arbroath at Gayfield tonight of course!

YOUR COMPLETE WEEKEND ROUND-UP

RANGERS 1 CELTIC 1

Scorers: Rangers; A. Forsyth (56 minutes pen); Celtic; Lynch (53).

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, A. Forsyth, T. Forsyth, Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Smith, Watson, Miller. Subs: Parlane, Cooper (not used).

CELTIC: Baines, Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, MacLeod, McAdam, Burns, Doyle, Subs: McCluskey, Lennox (not used.

Referee: B. R. McGinlay (Glasgow).

Attendence: 52,330.

Booked: Ranger; MacDonald, Miller, Celtic; McDonald, Edvaldsson.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee Utd	13	5	3	16	12	15	
Partick Th.	13	6	4	3	14	12	15
Aberdeen	13	5	4	4	24	15	14
Celtic	13	6	5	2	22	17	14
St. Mirren	13	6	5	2	13	12	14
Rangers	13	3	3	7	13	12	13
Hibs	13	4	4	5	13	13	13
Morton	13	4	4	5	15	17	13
Hearts	13	4	5	4	14	20	12
Mwell	13	3	9	1	11	26	7

PREMIER DIVISION

Hearts 0, Patrick Th. 1
Morton 3, Dundee Un. 1
Motherwell 1, Aberdeen 1
Rangers 1, Celtic 1
St. Mirren 1, Hibernian 0

RESERVE LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	12	10	1	1	29	12	21
Abrdn	12	8	2	2	33	11	18
Hibs	13	8	2	2	33	11	18
Mthrwll	13	5	2	6	11	22	12
Morton	12	4	3	5	19	23	11
Dnd Utd	11	4	2	5	24	17	10
Celtic	12	3	3	6	23	21	9
Hearts	11	3	3	5	9	20	9
Partick	13	2	2	8	17	19	8
St. Mirren	13	2	3	8	13	21	7

Aberdeen 4, Motherwell 0
Celtic 1, Rangers 3
Dundee Un 3, Morton 1
Hibernian 3, St. Mirren 0
Partick Th 1, Hearts 2

DIVISION I

Airdrie 3, Dumbarton 6
Arbroath 3, Hamilton 6
Ayr United 3, Raith Rovers 0
Clyde 6, St. Johnstone 4
Clydebank 1, Montrose 0
Dundee 0, Kilmarnock 0
Stirling A 4, Q.O.S. 1

DIVISION II

Dunfermline 2 Alloa Ath 2
East Fife 2, Berwick R 4
Falkirk 1, Forfar A 0
Meadowbank 2, Albion R 0
Stenh'muir 1, Cowd'nb'th 1
Stranraer 4, Brechin C 2

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE
DIVISION 1

Cowd'nbeath 0, Dundee 0
Raith Rovers 5, Dunfermline 2
Hamilton 3, Ayr United 0
Q.O.S. 2, Queen's Park 4

The full table of scorers is:

Gordon Smith.....12
Derek Parlane.....7
Derek Johnstone.....7
Alex MacDonald.....6
Alex Forsyth.....6
Davie Cooper.....3
Bobby Russell.....3
Tommy McLean.....2
John MacDonald.....1
Alex Miller.....1
Own goals.....1



Peter McCloy looks perfectly relaxed as the teams take the field for Saturday's match, but captains Andy Lynch and Derek Johnstone are looking more than just a little bit thoughtful.



A clash of the two number fives. Derek Johnstone is beaten to this cross ball by Roddie McDonald.

THE RIGHT RESULT

Honours finished even in Saturday's 'Old Firm' match and, in retrospect, that was probably the right result. No side dominated the game and the nett product was a 1-1 scoreline which pleased both managers.

For Rangers, the point gained meant they crept just a little closer to league leaders Dundee United but, amazingly, did not move up the table!

They are still sitting in sixth place with 13 points from the same number of matches while United have 15 points.

On Saturday the Light Blues once again showed some excellent passing interchanges and, after taking some time to settle, delighted their fans with some brilliant skilful football. However, once again, they failed to snap up the chances they created.

Celtic's workmanlike efforts over the ninety minutes earned them a draw, but Rangers can point to several near things which might have given them both points.

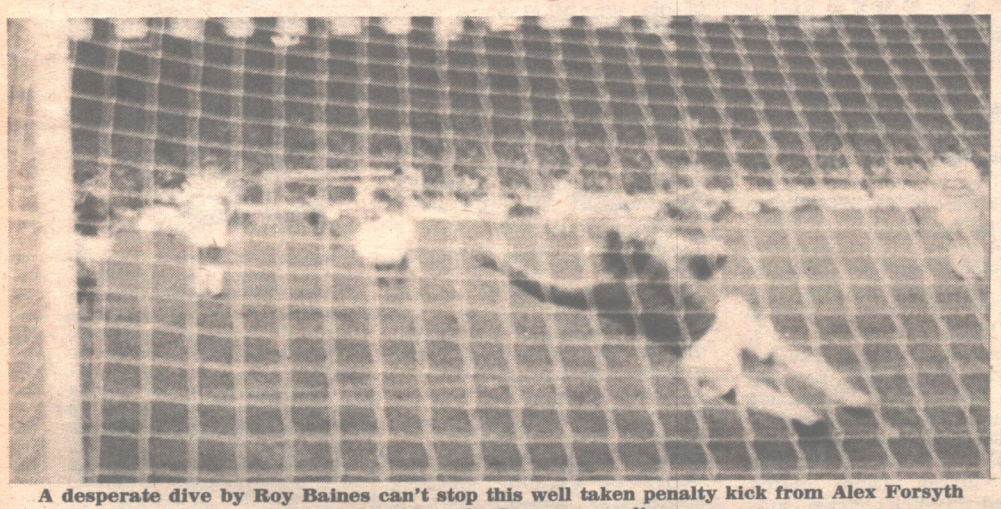
Alex MacDonald just failed to touch home a header across goal by Gordon Smith in the second half while a Smith shot was kicked off the line in the first half by Andy Lynch.

Peter McCloy had to be on his toes throughout, however, and made two fine saves in the first half as well as holding a couple of tricky crosses in the second.

There were times in the game, particularly in the second half, when Celtic were allowed a lot of room to manoeuvre in with defenders appearing to back off as attackers ran at them. This allowed the Celtic forwards to get in quite a few shots and gave fans some anxious moments. No doubt John Greig will have words with his team about that.

The goals themselves were both simple affairs. Celtic took the lead in the 53rd minute when Andy Lynch worked a one-two with Murdo McLeod before slotting the ball home from 8 yards and then, three minutes later, Alex Forsyth brought the scores back to level again when he slammed in a penalty after Johannes Edvaldsson had palmed a Derek Johnstone header off the line.

Some people said the header might have hit the bar or gone over. We can't agree. It looked to us as if the ball was going and Forsyth's expert execution of the award was justice not just for that one incident but also for the whole match.



A desperate dive by Roy Baines can't stop this well taken penalty kick from Alex Forsyth hitting the net for Rangers equaliser.



It's all eyes on the ball as Alex MacDonald fires in this left foot shot in the first half. The effort was saved by Roy Baines.



Gordon Smith beats his own team-mate Ken Watson to this Tommy McLean cross in the second half, but the ball went wide. Davie Provan is the Celtic player.



Roy Aitken closes in on Alex Forsyth as the Rangers defender attempts to get in this second half cross.

COLTS WIN AGAIN

Two goals from Chris Robertson and another from Billy Urquhart gave the Reserves yet another victory over Celtic at Parkhead on Saturday.

The Colts ran out 3-1 winners and took their unbeaten run against the Parkhead side to fifteen matches without defeat.

It was a good performance from the youngsters who, it must be admitted, were never really tested throughout the ninety minutes.

"We played all the football in the game and that made me happy," said coach Joe Mason afterwards. "We played very well in the first half but found things a wee bit sticky in the second, though we never looked like losing".

Rangers opened the scoring after just 17 minutes and Chris Robertson was the man who did the damage. Ally Dawson sent over a free-ekick from the left and Davie Armour challenged goalkeeper Peter Latchford. The ball broke to Robertson and he tucked it away from six yards.

Celtic grabbed an equaliser nearly five minutes later when they raided up the left touchline. The ball was cut back from the by-line and while Stewart Kennedy managed to get a hand to it he couldn't stop it getting through to one of the forwards who touched it home.

Though the teams were level, Rangers looked superior in every department and after several close things deservedly took the lead again two minutes before the interval with a fine goal.

Ally Dawson centred again, this time from the right side, and his beautifully flighted cross was met first time by Urquhart who came sliding in to steer the ball wide of Latchford and into the net.

That was how the score stood at half-time and after the restart things contained in much the same vein. Only the very occasional Celtic attack broke Rangers domination of the game.

In fact, Eric Morris and Jim Denny, playing at the centre of the defence, had a very lean time of things and played through most of the second half at a walking pace.

In the 67th minute Chris Robertson was in the right place at the right time to score the goal which sealed the match and the points for Rangers.

Billy Urquhart rose above the Celtic defence at a corner kick and as his header came crashing down off the bar Chris nipped in to touch the ball over the line.

RANGERS: Kennedy, Boyd Dawson, Strickland, Denny, Morris, Mackay, Robertson, Urqhart, Armour, John MacDonald. Subs: McLaren (not used) and Dalziel (for Mackay).

CLUB SPOT

EDDLEWOOD: Bus v Aberdeen leaves at 8 a.m., staying to midnight. Seats available for non members price £3. Phone J. Martin for details at Hamilton 58956.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Bus v Arbroath leaves Fulton Road at 4.30 The Cross 4.35 and Hawthorn Street at 4.40. Bus v Aberdeen leaves Fulton Road at 8 a.m. The Cross 8.05 and Hawthorn Street at 8.10.

GLENROTHES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves C.I.S.W.O. at 10.30 a.m.

BRIDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Buses v Arbroath leave at 4.15. Seats and tickets available. Buses v Aberdeen leave at 8 a.m. and return at midnight.

BRISTOL BAR LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Members tickets on bus.

THIRTY TWO TRUE BLUES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Buchanan House at 08.30. Returns immediately after match. Tickets on bus.

WHITBURN TRUE BLUES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves from the Linden Bar at 7.30 a.m. prompt and back at Blackburn Cross for 7.45 p.m. Non-members welcome.

PARTICK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Merkland Street at 9.00 a.m., returning at 11 p.m. Seats available for non-members. Phone 041-647 5198.

HELEN STREET: Bus v Arbroath leaves Ibrox Garage at 4.15. Seats available. Bus v Aberdeen leaves at 8.00, returning after the game. For details phone 041-440 2354.

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CLYDEBANK: Arbroath bus leaves 4.30.

GLENWOOD: Aberdeen bus Drive 8. Tickets on bus.

YOU ASKED FOR IT ?

● **If you have a question about Rangers send it to: You Asked for it, "Rangers News", 1 Royal Terrace, Glasgow G8 7NT.**

How many goals did Cunningham score?

How many goals did Andy Cunningham score for Rangers? — Frank Thomas, Haining Road, Renfrew.

He scored 201 in 447 matches, for the Light Blues.

Could you please supply me with the teams, scorers, and subs. for both teams in the following games: Rangers-Airdrie (April 26, 1975); Rangers-Ayr (September 24, 1977) and Rangers-Clydebank (October 1, 1977) — A. Anderson, London Road, Glasgow.

The details for the matches are as follows. — Rangers v Airdrie. **RANGERS:** Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Mckean, (Miller), Jackson, Forsyth, McLean, Stein, (Young), Parlane, MacDonald, Johnstone. **AIRDRIE:** McWilliams, Jonquin, Cowan, Menzies, Black, Whiteford, McCann, (March), Walker, McCulloch, Lapsley, Wilson. Airdrie won the match 1-0. Billy Wilson scored the goal.

Rangers v Ayr Utd: **RANGERS** — Kennedy, Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McKean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper. Subs McLean, Munro (not used). **AYR** — Geohegan, Filippi, Fleming, McAnespie, Tait, Kelly, Hannah, McCulloch (McSherry), Cramond, McCutcheon (Masterton), McCall. Rangers won 2-0, Gordon Smith scored both goals.

Rangers v Clydebank: **RANGERS** — Kennedy, Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McKean (McLean), Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper. Sub. Parlane (not used). **CLYDEBANK** — Gallagher, Hall, Fallon, McCormick, Abel, Hay, McColl, Colgan, Ronald, Larnach, McCallan (McNaughton). Sub. Lumsden (not used). Rangers won 4-1. Cooper and Smith both scored twice for the Gers, with Colgan netting for Clydebank.

Could you please give me details of the 1963 Scottish Cup Final? Helen Blain, 171 Wyndford Road, Glasgow.

The final that year was played between Rangers and Celtic. Them match ended in a 1-1 draw with Rangers winning 3-0 in the replay. The teams were as follows:

First match — **RANGERS:** Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, McKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McLean, Millar, Brand, Wilson. **CELTIC:** Haffey, MacKay, Kennedy, McNamee, McNeill, Price, johnstone, Murdoch, Hughes, Divers, Brogan.

Replay — **RANGERS:** Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, McKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson. **CELTIC:** Haffey, MacKay, Kennedy, McNamee, McNeill, Price, Craig, Murdoch, Divers, Chalmers, Hughes.

Brand (2) and Wilson scored the winnin goals in the replay.

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Thanks . . . forty times!

Caroline Garnham, 7 Rookery Way, Old Newton, Stowmarket, Suffolk, writes . . .

Thank you very much for printing my pen-pal letter in the Rangers News a few weeks ago.

I've had well over 40 replies, and have passed several on to friends.

I'd like to apologise to the people who haven't received a reply. It's simply because I can't afford to write to any more.

'I'd like to thank everyone for writing, and wish them all the best.

POOLS GUIDE

POOL ONE: 20 possibles, 19 goals, 12 winners each receive £1930.64.

N. Scott, 1 Glendoune Rd, Clarkston, Glasgow; Miss J. Rooney, 64 West End Dr., Bellshill; Mr L. Dinse, 3 West Pilton Circus, Edinburgh; Cumbernauld winner NP; Mrs H. Hamilton, 2 Davarr Ave, Cumnock, Ayrshire; F. Heron, 4 Akarit Rd, Stenhousemuir; Mrs C. Morrison, 41 Queens Cres., Chapelhall, Airdrie; John Pullar, 290 Kersiebank Ave, Grangemouth; Mrs Morris, 119 Paisley Rd, Renfrew; A. Wylie, 15 Abbeyhill St, Glasgow; Mrs J. Mackie, 8 Roome Bay Ave, Crail, Fife; Aberfeldy winner NP.

POOL TWO: 70 possibles, 6 goals, 40 winners each receive £22.72

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POOL THREE: (second best) 21 possibles, 18 goals, 13 winners, each receive £76.92

POOL FOUR: 3 possibles, 34 goals, 1 winner receives £1,000

Mr J. Zeman, 115 Bearlands, Wotton-u-Edge.

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G. Malcolmson, 719 Springfield Rd, Glasgow; L. Patterson, 3 Auchingramont Rd, Hamilton; Gordon Cook, 431 Paisley Rd West, Glasgow; Mrs M. Bruce, 48 Motehill Rd, Gallowhill, Paisley; Mr R. Thompson, 30 Hawthorn Rd, Elgin, Morayshire; Mrs M. McKenzie, 142 Hillend Cres., Glasgow; Robert Bell, 44 Strowan St, Sandyhills; W. Lothian winner NP; Mrs M. Hunter, 148 Kingsbridge Dr, Glasgow; Jack Mathers, 8 Banknowe Rd, Tayport, Fife; Mrs Walker, 120 Cartmore Rd, Lochgelly, Fife; W. Cook, 188 Ardencraig Rd, Glasgow; Mrs A. Campbell, 2 Ross St, Kinross; J. A. Leggat, 90 Devonway, Clackmannan; Mr J. Kerr, 39 Wallace Rd, Irvine, Ayrshire; I. R. Bolton, 39 Kenilworth Rd, Bridge of Allan; S. Hughes, 30 Abernethy St, Glasgow; W. Sutherland, 6 Largo Pl, Dundee.

Saturday's Check

FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results: Game 01—3-0; 02—3-0; 03—2-1; 04—1-2; 05—1-1; 06—2-1; 07—0-0; 08—1-1; 09—6-4; 10—1-0; 11—3-0; 12—2-1; 13—0-1; 14—1-1; 15—0-1; 16—0-0; 17—0-0; 18—4-1; 19—2-2; 20—1-0; 21—1-0; 22—1-1; 23—1-0; 24—2-0; 25—0-1; 26—2-4; 27—0-1; 28—3-1; 29—2-0; 30—1-1; 31—0-0; 32—1-0; 33—3-0; 34—0-0; 35—1-1; 36—1-1; 37—2-1; 38—1-3; 39—0-0; 40—0-1; 41-2-1; 42—1-1; 43—1-0; 44—3-6.

Next week . . .

Following is official list of teams for Saturday, Nov. 18:

01 Morton, 02 Aston Villa, 03 Blackburn, 04 Chesterfield, 05 Arsenal, 06 Bolton, 07 Wrexham, 08 Bristol R, 09 Colchester, 10 Blackpool.

11 Aberdeen, 12 Dundee Utd., 13 Chelsea, 14 Derby, 15 Burnley, 16 Cambridge Utd., 17 Exeter, 18 Walsall, 19 Liverpool, 20 Man. Utd.

21 Q.O.S., 22 Raith, 23 Patrick Tn., 24 Nottingham F., 25 Wolves, 26 Luton, 27 Millwall, 28 Gillingham, 29 Hull, 30 Middlesbrough.

31 Norwick, 32 Oldham, 33 Sheff. Utd., 34 Clyde, 35 Dumbarton, 36 Lincoln, 37 Peterborough, 38 Sunderland, 39 Hamilton, 40 Swansea.

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THE YOUNG RANGERS CLUB CORNER



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YOU CAN WIN A RANGERS SHIELD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

MARK GLOVER, 15 St. Ringan's Drive, Castle Douglas, Isle of Man, who was 8 on November 8.

GRAEME MURRAY, Breval Crescent, Hardgate, Clydebank, who was 12 on November 12.

SCOTT LONGRIDGE, 93 Dougrie Road, Glasgow, who was 10 on November 14.

CRAIG LYON, 99 Lackfield Road, Lenzie, who is 7 today (Wednesday).

ALAN FARRELL, Annhead Drive, Priesthill, Glasgow, who is 14 today.

MAXTONE McCONNELL, 15 Browning Road, Coventry, who is 17 today.

DEREK MacFARLANE, 28 Cruachan Cottages, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 15 today.

ALISON EWING, 9 Deepdene Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, who is 9 on November 16.

EILEEN SHAND, 106 Cummings Park Drive, Aberdeen, who is 16 on November 16.

SCOTT BEATTIE, 21/4 Ashtree Court, Old Kilpatrick, Glasgow, who is 8 on November 16.

STEWART WHITMAN, 27 Tulliebelton Road, Bankfoot, Perth, who is 10 on November 16.

ROBERT NICOL, 27 Craigton Gardens, Milngavie, who is 11 on November 16.

BRUCE CASSIDY, 1 Power Close, Ashdown Park, Salisbury, Rhodesia, who is 1 on November 16.

ALAN FERGUSON, 11 Fulton Crescent, Kilbarchan, who is 17 on November 16.

PAULINE LOWE, 53 Woodside Avenue, Ruthergien, who is 15 on November 16.

KEVIN REID, Algen View, Banffshire, who is 10 on November 17.

GRAEME CHRISTIE, 13 Forgue Road, Rothienorman, Inverurie, who is 14 on November 17.

VILLA MacBETH, 40 Millbank Road, Tulloch Wood, Dingwall, who is 16 on November 17.

ROBBIE McPAUL, 20 Auchendores Avenue, Port Glasgow, who is 8 on November 17.

SCOTT DONNACHIE, 29 Luithaugh Road, Pollock, Glasgow, who is 13 on November 17.

DUNCAN McKERRACHER, 15 Averon Road, Alness, Rosshire, who is 10 on November 17.

STEWART McLEAN, 24 Wellington Street, Greenock, who is 14 on November 17.

STEVEN RIGBY, Gateside Caravan Park, near Peterhead, who is 12 on November 17.

BRIAN GILBERT, 35 Mosside Road, Blackburn, West Lothian, who is 14 on November 17.

GRAHAM BYRES, 35 Shirley Road, Lochside, Dumfries, who is 12 on November 17.

DOREEN MacDONALD, 2 Enadede, Uig, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, who is 15 on November 18.

LYNN INGLIS, 7 Tofthill Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, who is 15 on November 18.

VICTOR LAURENSON, Hamnavoe, Shetland, who is 12 on November 18.

ERNEST EVANS, 11 Exeter Drive, Glasgow, who is 13 on November 19.

GARY WEIR, 69 Clouston, Glasgow, who is 13 on November 19.

CAMPBELL FREW, 97 Parsell Square, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, who is 11 on November 20.

BILLY McAUSLAN, 10 Elmbank, Bishopbriggs, who is 7 on November 20.

JOHN BOYCE, 131 Thomson Street, Glasgow, who is 2 on November 20.

THOMAS GRIERSON, 10a Hebrides Drive, Dundee, who is 13 on November 21.

If you are a Young Rangers Club member and would like to see your name mentioned in this column then all you have to do is write in and tell us.

Simply put your name and address and what age you will be on your next birthday and send it to "Birthday Greetings," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

Please try to send your requests in at least two weeks in advance.

THE RANGERS SHOP

Winter is fast approaching and many fans will be looking for ways to keep warm as the temperatures drop in the months ahead.

So this week we take the opportunity of telling Rangers fans the best way to keep warm when they are watching their favourites in action — get a Rangers v-necked jersey.

The V-Necked woollen pullovers are selling for the astonishing bargain price of just £4.50.

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All items include postage.

Free lucky ticket will be given to each order sent in. The draw will take place on Saturday, December 16.

Travel tip!

A special train for the Aberdeen-Rangers match at Pittodrie will leave Glasgow's Queen Street on Saturday at 10.09 and will arrive in Aberdeen at 13.22.

The train will depart from Aberdeen at 17.20 and arrive back at Queen Street at 20.47.

The return fare will be £ 6.60.



Still time to win a Rangers strip

Are you a member of the Young Rangers Club? Have you entered our competition when we gave you the chance to win a complete Rangers strip?

If you haven't, then there is still just time enough for you to send in your entry form.

All you have to do is tell us who you think will score Rangers first goal against Aberdeen on Saturday. Put your answer down on the special form below and then send it to: "Goalscorer", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

The closing date is tomorrow (Thursday) so you'll have to post your entry today. So hurry. That lucky winner just might be you!

Name .....

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I think the goalscorer will be .....

.....

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TICKET WINNERS

Two very lucky people! That's Ronnie Guinion and Frank McKenna, who both won tickets in our recent ticketcompetitions.

Ronnie, who lives at 11 Loadingback Court, Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, won two briefs for the big match at Hampden on Saturday after having his entry chosen first from the contest drum. He correctly told us that our picture depicted action from the meeting between Rangers and Celtic at Ibrox in September last year and that the player who had just scored the goal was Gordon Smith.

The other lucky man was Frank McKenna from 349 Tollcross Road, Glasgow.

He won two tickets for the match against Morton at Ibrox a week on Saturday after correctly stating the competition picture showed Rangers taking the field for a game in Sweden.

If you want to turn your bedroom into a Rangers shrine, then we have the very article that will add the final crowning to such a glory room.

This week the 'News' is giving you the chance of winning an expensive Rangers shield **ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

The shield is the work of quality craftsmanship and would take pride of place in any souvenir collection.

To own such a possession would undoubtedly make your friends envious, especially as it would cost them £5.50 to buy over the counter at the Rangers Souvenir Shop.

All you have to do is tell us which famous ex-Rangers star is shown in our picture (left) and which team are Rangers playing. It's an old picture but it shouldn't be too difficult.

When you have the answer, jot it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Shield Competition", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NT.

The closing date for the competition will be Friday, November 24 and any entries arriving after that date will not be eligible.

No correspondence will be entered into and the Editor'd decision in all matters is final.

QUICK QUIZ

1. How many goals did Sammy Cox score for Rangers, in his 349 matches for the club? Was it 11, 17 or 22?

2. Which English Third Division Club play at Roots Hall Football Ground?

3. Were Millwall originally known as Millwall Athletic or Millwall Rovers?

4. Which Scotland player made his international debut against East Germany at Hampden in 1974 when he came on as a substitute?

5. What nationality was ex-Rangers player Johnny Hubbard?

6. Willie Pettigrew was Motherwell's top goalscorer in season 1976-77 with 21 goals, but who was their second top marksman?

7. In what year was Alan Ball signed by Everton?

8. Feyenoord and Reykjavik provided the highest score ever achieved in a single European Cup match. What was the score?

9. What was the score in the first Hearts-Morton meeting of the season?

10. Which Scottish team were the highest goalscorers in British football in season 1973-74?

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

C'mon ... join us!

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", 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

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.....Address

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

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

Our best chance of success is in the league

— Henderson

Albert Henderson is easily Scotland's longest serving one club manager. He joined the little Angus club in 1961 straight from the ranks of the Dundee playing staff and has been in charge ever since.

During that 17 year spell he has always preached the simple things and that was exactly his attitude last week after his side's match against Rangers at Ibrox in the League Cup. His team lost only 1-0 and are still very much in contention for tonight's return match on their own ground.

"I've always been honest too," he says, "and that's what I am going to be right now. I would rather lose this League Cup tie against Rangers so long as we win our next three league games".

Considering their present league position this was hardly a surprising statement. The Gayfield club are currently languishing at the bottom of the First Division and unless they start picking up points soon will find themselves travelling to the likes of Meadowbank and Stenhousemuir as a Second Division attraction.

"Our league position must be our main concern at the moment. As far as I am concerned the best chance Arbroath have of achieving any kind of real football success is in league competition and we are not going to do that from our present position.

"As for the return leg against Rangers in the League Cup I know they are the favourites and I can well understand why. It is obvious. We are playing the best team in Scotland who have beaten two of Europe's best teams in a European competition and we are not kidding ourselves that we can bang in the goals against them at Gayfield.

"We'll try to win. We'll always do that regardless of who the opposition may be. But if we win — and that would only be by the narrowest of scorelines — my main priority will still be to climb up the table and win back the respect Arbroath have gained in years past.

"I think one of the reasons why I have lasted so long as a manager is because I have helped to create a reasonable side and it is one people can take pride in. I want that always to be the case and we'll do that with consistency in league competition".

"News" spotlight on Saturday's league match

SEVEN LOOKING FOR A 'FIRST'

Rangers will make the long journey north to Aberdeen on Saturday and there will be no fewer than seven players from the first team pool going there on a special mission . . . to seek their very first ever league victory against Aberdeen at Pittodrie in a first team match!

It is an astonishing fact that of the fourteen players who have turned out regularly for the top side this season, only half of them have been in the winning side against the Dons on their own ground.

Rangers last victory there was in December 1974 when Jimmy Bonthrone was the man in charge and that particular win was only achieved with a goal three minutes from time by the smallest man on the park — Tommy McLean.

That gave the Light Blues a 2-1 victory and also gave them their first win there in five seasons because, before that, the last time they had taken both points from Pittodrie had been in December 1969 when they won 3-2.

Indeed, it is very interesting to recall the teams that wore Rangers colours in these two games. The line-up on December 7th, 1974 was: Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Johnstone, Jackson, Forsyth, McKean, McLean, Parlane, MacDonald, Young.

Aberdeen were formed in 1903 and joined the Scottish League in 1905.

The line-up on December 20th, 1969 was: Neef, Johansen, Mathieson, Smith, McKinnon, Greig, Henderson, Baxter, Stein, Settrington, W. Johnston.

Of the team which faced Aberdeen four years ago only seven players look like playing on Saturday namely Sandy Jardine, Derek Johnstone, Colin Jackson, Tom Forsyth, Tommy McLean, Derek Parlane and Alex MacDonald.

That means that Peter McCloy, Alex Forsyth, Bobby Russell, Gordon Smith, Ken Watson, Davie Cooper, and Alex Miller will all be looking for their first victory on Aberdeen soil.

The 'Dons' scored 68 league goals last season and conceded 29.

Of course, a mere glance will tell you that the side which won 3-2 in 1969 have either retired from football or are now playing with other clubs. Incidentally, Colin Stein scored twice in this match with Willie Johnston scoring Rangers other goal.

Although the seven men will all be searching for a 'first,' the other four are just as keen to pick up both points.

In the present league situation where so many teams are bunched together, it is vital that points are picked up in a bid to steer clear of the pack and while it is the position at the end of the season that matters, it is the points collected over nine months which determine the final league position of any one club.



● Derek Johnstone hammers the ball into the back of the net despite the attentions of Aberdeen's Willie Miller and Willie Young. This was Rangers opening goal against the Dons in their last league victory at Pittodrie in December 1974.

Pittodrie, of course, was not a happy hunting ground for the Light Blues last season. In their two league matches there they lost seven goals and scored only one whilst in the other meeting between the two teams they went down 3-1 in the League Cup. This of course, came after Rangers had soundly beaten the Dons 6-1 at Ibrox in the first leg.

And you can be sure that one order manager John Greig will issue to his players for this weekend's game is that they keep their concentration for the full course of the match — not just ninety minutes.

The most league points the Pittodrie side have ever gained was 61 in season 1935-36.

For in the last encounter between the two sides in September at Ibrox, Rangers were held to a 1-1 draw in wind swept conditions after holding most of the play throughout and playing some imaginative and creative football which thoroughly merited both points.

Sadly, they were denied the full spoils of victory because in the 93rd minute Dom Sullivan equalised with a header.

Aberdeen's longest serving player is Bobby Clark, who joined them from Queens Park in 1965.

But, just as Alex Ferguson told the 'News' back in September, they must beat their most difficult opponents—themselves.

Their victory over Dundee United last Saturday — by virtue of a penalty from Joe Harper — meant they ended a run of three successive league defeats at the hands of St. Mirren, Hearts and Morton.

All three defeats were by the same scoreline (2-1) and you can bet that manager John Greig would be a very pleased man on Saturday night if his team won by that score.

PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

Here is a record of the matches between the two teams in the Premier League. Rangers' score first.

	Home	Away
1975-76	1-0, 2-1	0-1, 0-0
1976-77	1-0, 1-0	3-3, 1-2
1977-78	3-1, 0-3	1-3, 0-4
1978-79	1-1,	

Rangers have played Aberdeen 13 times in the Premier League, and have won five, lost five and drawn three. Rangers have scored 14 goals and conceded 19.

This week's football

TONIGHT

LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-Finals (Second Leg)

Arbroath v Rangers, Celtic v Montrose, Aberdeen v Ayr, Hibs v Morton.

SATURDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aberdeen v Rangers, Dundee United v Motherwell, Hibernian v Celtic, Morton v Hearts, Partick Thistle v St. Mirren.

FIRST DIVISION

Clyde v Dundee, Dumbarton v Ayr United, Hamilton v Clydebank, Kilmarnock v Stirling Albion, Queen of the South v Montrose, Raith Rovers v Airdrie, St. Johnstone v Arbroath.

SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v Berwick Rangers, Alloa v Cowdenbeath, Brechin City v East Stirling, Dunfermline v Stranraer, East Fife v Meadowbank, Forfar v Queen's Park, Stenhousemuir v Falkirk.

Joe's the man to watch

It could be argued th Joe Harper is one of t most expensive playe in Scottish football at t present moment. He h cost no fewer than fi clubs well over £400,0 between them in tran fer fees and, even the days, that is a lot money.

He is now in his secon spell with the Pittodr club banging in the goa as regular as clockwork.

Joe has played wit Huddersfield, Morton Hibs and Everton as we as the Dons and when h went south t Merseyside in Decem ber 1972 he was Sco



● JOE HARPER

land's costliest footba export at that time – Everton paying £180,00 for his services.

He didn't settle down though, and returned t Hibs just over 15 month later for £120,000.

Ally McLeod, nov manager of Ayr, brough him back to Pittodrie i 1976 at a steal of jus £50,000 and he began t play as if he had neve been away.

In his first season after rejoining them he hit 18 of their 56 league goals and also notched nine in the League Cup and one in the Scottish Cup.

Last year he set up the record for scoring the greatest number of aggregate goals with the club, beating the record previously held by Benny Yorston.

This term he is in the news once again.

Already he has hit the goal trial in deadly fashion, having scored 20 times, two of which were against Ayr United in a 3-3 draw at Somerset in the League Cup quarter-final last week.

He obviously, will be the man to watch on Saturday and whether it be Colin Jackson or Derek Johnstone who plays at centre half on Saturday you can bet he will be the man they keep their eyes on for the whole ninety minutes!

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 22. 2, Southend United. 3, Millwall Rovers. 4, Kenny Burns. 5. South African. 6, Jim O'Rourke (9 goals). 7, 1966. 8, 12-2. 9, 1-1. 10, Airdrie with 102 goals.

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