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THE STAGE IS BEING SET!



● *Coming along just nicely! That's the latest stage this "News" picture shows of the stand at the West end of the Stadium. It should be finished in time for the start of next season and the players and all fans will obviously benefit greatly from the fantastic atmosphere it will provide.*

RANGERS MAY FACE FRENCH ACES AGAIN

St. Etienne get invite to Canada tourney

THE European Cup clash between Rangers and St. Etienne back in 1975 could be played out again later this year.

That's the possibility Rangers learned last week when manager John Greig was informed by telephone that the French side had been invited to take part in the four-club tournament which Rangers will be competing in in Canada later this year.

The Canadian organisers know that St. Etienne would be a big attraction for the local fans, particularly the French-speaking population in nearby Quebec.

Rangers and St. Etienne have formed a close bond between each other in recent years. After their meeting in 1975, Rangers offered to help out the Frenchmen with their preparations for the 1976 European Cup final against Bayern Munich and the two sides have kept in touch since.

The organisers will know within the next few days whether St. Etienne will take up the invite, but it seems almost certain that the Italian representative in this seven-day tourney will be Ascoli.

The Italian side, although not well known in Britain, are doing well in their own league at the moment.

They are lying fourth in the table, just behind Inter Milan, AC Milan and Juventus, but they are ahead of other more fancied sides.

The games will be played in three centres — Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver — and already the organisers report that "considerable interest has been shown by a lot of Scots exiles."



● *Rangers skipper Derek Johnstone, after a great run, slots home a fine goal for his second counter and the fourth for the Light Blues against Dundee on Saturday. See Match Action on Centre Pages.*

THISTLE DATE

RANGERS and Partick Thistle are scheduled to meet in a re-arranged league fixture at Firhill next Wednesday (April 16) — providing this Saturday's Scottish Cup meeting between Rangers and Aberdeen doesn't end in a draw.

The Thistle-Rangers encounter was originally due to be played on January 1 but was postponed because of the weather. The Scottish League then re-arranged the fixture for Saturday, May 3, but last week it was announced the two clubs would now meet next midweek.

PAY AT GATE

THIS Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final between Rangers and Aberdeen is NOT all-ticket. They are only required for the stand and these may be had from the SFA, priced £5 and £4, at 6 Park Gardens, Glasgow.

Entrance to the terracing will be by a payment of £2 at the turnstile.



● *GREAT STUFF! Derek Johnstone can't hide his delight after his goal . . . and Davie Cooper agrees!*

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Your 'News'

● *Due to the Easter Bank Holiday your "Rangers News" has been published later this week. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.*

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GIVE ME AN "OLD FIRM" GAME EVERY TIME!

★ ASK A PLAYER

● *THIS week in our "Ask a Player" feature we put readers' questions to Ally Dawson. Next week Bobby Russell will be in the hot seat, so if you have a question for Bobby send it to "Ask a Player", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.*

Q. Which Premier League opposition do you most enjoy playing against

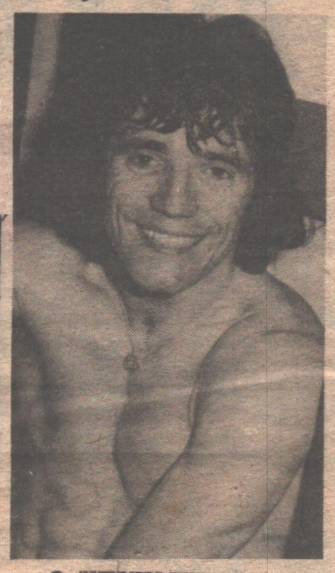
ALLY. Celtic. It's the challenge and atmosphere of playing in an 'Old Firm' match. You have got to be very alert in a fixture like this, and the fans always get right behind the players, which keeps them on their toes.

Q. What has been your favourite Rangers game so far

ALLY. The League Cup final against Aberdeen last season. This gave me my first major winner's medal after what was a great team performance.

Q. What is your favourite meal

ALLY. Steak seems to be the footballer's main dish, but I prefer veal.



● KEVIN KEEGAN

Q. Which player do you admire the most

ALLY. Kevin Keegan because he is the best. He puts a lot of hard work into his game and gets results. He has both style and ambition and that has made him the player he is.

Q. Which TV show do you like the most

ALLY. Faulty Towers is undoubtedly the best. It's the funniest show that's ever been on the telly, and John Cleese's antics makes the show top of my list, and it's popular with the rest of the players at Ibrox.

Q. How much do you think the support helps your game.

ALLY. When the support gets behind the team it gives the squad a real boost.It makes players eager to hit the net. It's the best asset a player could have.

Q. Of all the different positions you have played in, which do you prefer

ALLY. I have played in almost every position, but I like my place with Rangers at the back. The only jerseys I haven't worn for the Light Blues are 7, 8 and 9.

Q. What do you do after training during the week

ALLY. When I go home I like to relax and if the weather's good play a round of golf. I used to have a part-time job but after a hard day's work at the Stadium I found it very tiring.



● ALLY DAWSON played in nearly every position

Q. Which game do you think has been of most experience to you

ALLY. We played Ayr United in 1975, and at that time I was just 17. It was a very hard game as far as I was concerned at that time. Johnny Doyle was playing for Ayr at that time and he played very well. At the end of the game I thought I had learned a lot from that match, despite losing 3-0.



● JOHNNY DOYLE

Q. What was your ambition when you were young

ALLY. Before football I always wanted to join one of the forces . . . maybe the police.

Q. Who is your favourite actor and what's the best film you've seen recently

ALLY. I like watching Charles Bronson. His pictures are usually very good. The most recent, and best, film I went to see was the China Syndrome with Jane Fonda. I enjoyed that one.

Q. What has been your happiest football moment

ALLY. Being named in the Scotland pool for the game against Portugal. I was really pleased to be included so early. When I was playing in the Under-21 games I knew the next step could be the senior squad, but I didn't think it would be so soon.

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PLAY IT AGAIN, BOSS!

Ibrox Manager back in action

RANGERS manager John Greig is going to don his playing gear again!

But before Ibrox fans begin to think of him filling a Light Blue jersey again, we should point out that it will be a DARK BLUE shirt he will be wearing.

John will be one of a number of big name stars who will be taking part in a special match at the Meadowbank Sports Centre on Sunday, April 20, between a Scotland Select and a Leeds United team.

The match is in aid of the Lothian Federation of Boys Clubs, with part of the money helping to buy kidney machines.

This is the first time since he quit playing that Greig has decided to take part in a charity match. "I have had a lot of invitations," he says, "but have turned them down for a variety of reasons.

"However, the gentleman in charge of the Lothian Federation was the man who started me playing football with an organised club in my younger days and he did the same for plenty of other lads. By playing in this game I hope to help the youngsters too."

The match will also give the Ibrox boss the opportunity of meeting up with the many relations and friends he has in Edinburgh, but whom he hasn't seen for a while since his move from the capital to a home nearer Glasgow.

And the game will also enable him to have a natter with some of his former opponents from previous matches when he played with both Rangers and Scotland.

For among the stars who will be turning out for Scotland are Bobby Moncur, the ex-Newcastle and Sunderland defender, who is now manager of Hearts, Alan Gordon and Jim O'Rourke (both ex-Hibs) and goalkeeper Gordon Marshall, who played with Celtic, Arbroath and Hibs and who will captain the Scottish side.

In opposition to Greig will be stars like Billy Bremner (now manager of Doncaster), Jackie Charlton (manager of Sheffield Wednesday), Allan Clarke (manager of Barnsley), and John Charles, who starred with Juventus, Roma and Cardiff. All, of course, played with Leeds for lengthy spells.

Anybody who is in the district should pop along to the Meadowbank Stadium for the capital's version of "All our Yesterdays". It starts at 3.15.

Hope you're fit, boss!



John's clean sweep

YOUNG John MacDonald is certainly in the middle of a winning streak these days and, if you don't believe it, just ask that well known Ibrox bookmaking firm, Forsyth, McLean and Co.

Big Tam and Wee Tam organised a sweep for last week's Grand National and it was Scotland's recently elected "Young Player of the Year" who drew Ben Nevis, the winner of the big race.

The bookies' boss Mr Forsyth, was not amused at young John's success.

"He didn't even offer me a backhander," says Tam.

While John picked the winner, Gregor Stevens drew Rough and Tumble, which finished second, and new boy Ian Redford won third prize by drawing The Pilgarlic.

It is hoped that his Grand National success will not go to John MacDonald's head but who was it who left Ibrox last Saturday chanting, "Roll on the Derby!"?

Rangers player Gregor Stevens missed last week's match against Celtic at Parkhead as well as the game v Dundee at Dens Park on Saturday. He was suspended for both games as a result of being over the disciplinary points mark following his last booking against Dundee United.

Downie's "double"

THE referee for this Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final between Rangers and Aberdeen is D. S. Downie of Edinburgh.

This means Mr Downie will be in charge of Rangers' games for two consecutive weeks . . . he was the man in the middle of Saturday's encounter between the Light Blues and Dundee!

GERMANY'S TOP PERFORMANCE IN EUROPE

Seven clubs in UEFA "semis" in last two competitions

RANGERS' MANAGER John Greig describes the Bundesliga as "the most technically advanced division in Europe" and, on the strength of the German record in European competitions in the last two seasons, there is no one who can dispute that assessment.

Such is the strength of West German football that they are already assured of at least one winner in a European tournament this term.

For they are providing all FOUR semi-finalists in the UEFA Cup and that means the Germans will keep the trophy in their own country for the second successive year.

AND, ASTONISHINGLY, THE GERMANS HAVE PROVIDED SEVEN OF THE EIGHT SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE LAST TWO SEASONS — A RECORD.

Tonight, with a population of over 60 million showing interest, the Germans will prove to the European football world that they are the best.

Borussia, the holders, travel to the Neckar Stadium to take on VFB Stuttgart, who finished second in the Bundesliga last season, just one point behind champions Hamburg.

Bayern Munich, three times winners of the European Cup in the mid-70s and currently chasing the domestic league title, meet Eintracht Frankfurt in the other semi-final.

With Hamburg still challenging in the European Cup (they play Real Madrid), it is the Germans' proud boast that only two of their sides have been knocked out of a UEFA tournament this season.

One of them — Kaiserslautern — was eliminated by Bayern Munich, the other was Fortuna Dusseldorf WHO WERE KNOCKED OUT BY RANGERS!

That shows how much of an achievement Rangers victory against Fortuna really was, particularly when you remember that the Dusseldorf side were the runners-up in the Cup-Winners' Cup last season.

So why have the Germans managed to gain such a grip on the European competitions? Ibrox boss John Greig pushes forward some very convincing reasons.

"A lot of it stems from the success of their international side," he says. "In the last couple of World Cups they have had a magnificent record and that has obviously rubbed off on the clubs.

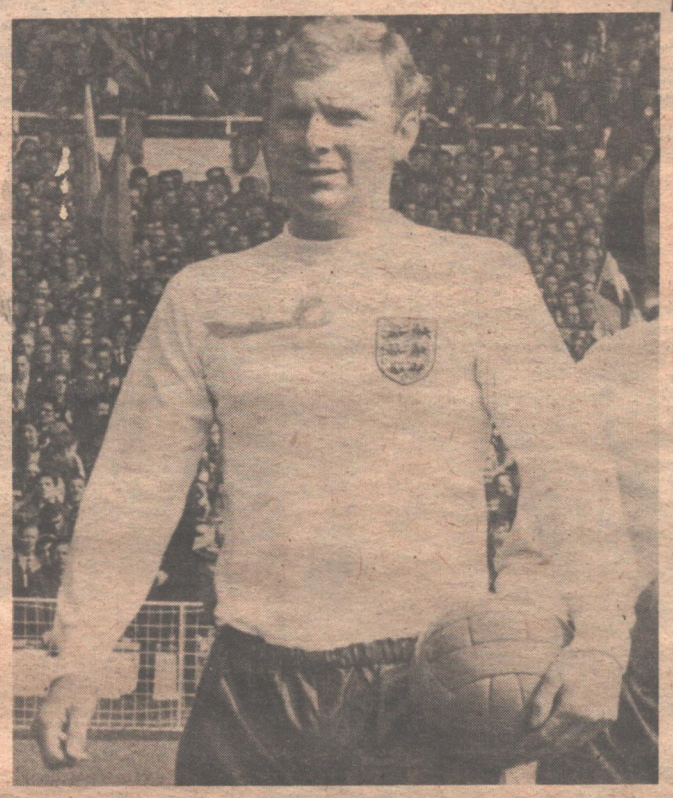
"It also shows there is a good club structure, too.

"They pay a lot of attention to detail. They have a coaching system which starts with young boys who are only 8 years old. They spend hours just getting the kid to trap a ball. That's something we don't do in Britain.

"Of course, finance is also important. They have a big population, so they have more money. Don't forget, too, that a lot of cash was spent on improving the stadiums and their facilities for the World Cup in 1974 and the clubs have reaped the benefit from this."

In his first two seasons as manager of the Club, Greig has tasted both success and defeat in European games against the West Germans. Last term the Light Blues went out to Cologne in the European Cup quarter-final, but this season beat Fortuna in the First Round of the Cup-Winners' Cup.

"They are well organised and difficult to play against. You can't get away from that fact. They are so much better than Italian teams, who are certainly never easy to beat. Not only do they stop goals like the Italians do, but they can score them from anywhere as well, and that's something which makes it difficult for any team."



● BOBBY MOORE ... England's most capped player.

Chelsea reduce their overdraft

THE BUILDING of a new stand at Stamford Bridge in the mid-70's was the reason why Chelsea had to go into debt by several million pounds.

However, the London club have now paid back almost £2 million of their debts, it was revealed in a recent home programme.

The club have reduced their debt from £3,400,000 in July 1977 to £1,527,000 and Martin Spencer, the chief executive who was called in four years ago to save the club from threatened liquidation, says the figures are very encouraging.

"We still have to meet a monthly interest cost of around £22,000 plus other day to day expenses, as well as this year's ground improvements which will cost £150,000," he says.

"The crisis period has receded, but it is still imperative to control expenditure tightly."

Although they were relegated last season, Chelsea made a profit of £101,493.

BRIEFLY ...

Michail Sames, of FC Steaua Bucharest, is the "Player of the Year" in Rumania.

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The Rumanian national side will be touring South America later this year and will play 10 matches as part of their preparations for the 1982 World Cup Qualifying games.

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Northern Ireland will play in a special competition in Australia in June. Two other countries, un-named so far, will also be invited to take part.

Yes, football writers CAN pick a team!

NO MATTER what team a Scotland international manager picks, there will always be criticism in the Press.

But the sportswriters certainly have the chance to play at being manager in Yugoslavia where, once a year, they pick a side of their choice which then plays in opposition to one chosen by the national team boss.

The match always takes place at the annual gathering of players and coaches in Belgrade and the sportswriters have shown in recent years they know more about the game than many people give them credit for.

In this year's match the Belgrade Sportswriters' team beat the ntional side 2-1. That was their third success in six games, with one of the matches being drawn.

Enough said!

Middlesbrough head for the East

ENGLISH First Division side Middlesbrough have agreed to take part in an international tournament in Japan later this summer. They will play Espanol and the national teams of China, North Korea and Japan, as well as the Japanese league champions.

The competition, which will be held in Tokyo, will run from mid-May until mid-June.

Argentina bid for a Cup 'treble'

ARGENTINA, holders of the World Cup and the FIFA World Youth Championship, could win a unique place in the history books this year if they win the Olympic soccer title.

They recently topped their seven club section in the Olympic Games Qualifyng Tournament and became one of five teams who have already secured their place for Moscow.

The others are Russia (hosts), West Germany (holders), Norway and Columbia.

FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE

Why Pele isn't world's most capped player

ACCORDING to a recent table published in the latest issue of FIFA News, Bjorn Nordqvist of Sweden is the world's most capped player, having played 115 games for his country.

Three English players occupy the next three places in the table — Bobby Moore (108 caps), Bobby Charlton (106) and Billy Wright (105).

Pele is rated as having played 93 internationals, but some statisticians would dispute this. However, Brazil played a number of games against league teams in their own countries in friendly matches in Pele's reign and some people omit these games from the offical records.

Other interesting star names in the table are Ferenc Puskas who played a total of 88 times for both Spain and Hungary, Franz Beckenbauer (103 caps for West Germany), Kazimierz Deyna (102 caps for Poland) and Uwe Seeler (72 times for West Germany).

The table doesn't list any players who have received less than 70 caps, so no Scottish players were included. However, Kenny Dalglish's appearance in the recent international against Portugal was his 70th for his country, so that will put him into the reckoning when the table is updated.



● KAZIMIERZ DEYNA

The number of referees in West German football at all levels rose by 1,679 last season. The total number now stands at 55,152, an increase of 15,000 in the last seven years.

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Only two international matches are scheduled for this month, both involving Czechoslovakia. They are Spain v Czechoslovakia (April 16), and Czechoslovakia v Hungary.

Argentina, Holland are kept apart

ARGENTINA and Holland, who contested the last World Cup Final in 1978, have been kept apart in the two groups which were drawn recently for the Uruguay Gold Cup tournament later this year.

The competition is for past world champions, but has already had one set back after England declined to participate because the time of the tournament — December 30 to January 10 —would interfere too much with their league programme.

Holland, beaten finalists in the last two World Cups, were then invited to take England's place and they have been paired in Group A with Italy and Uruguay.

Argentina, West Germany and Brazil make up Group B.

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THE DAY COLIN CRACKED THE DONS BARRIER



● "Me And My Shadow" could be Gerd Muller's theme tune as Colin Jackson keeps the Bayern Munich ace under close observation in the Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final in 1972.

THE man of the moment at Ibrox is definitely defender Colin Jackson who, having been a great servant of the Club for 18 years, thoroughly deserves the testimonial match which is in the pipeline.

In the course of his career with the Light Blues, Bomber has played a crucial role in countless games and, coincidentally, the big stopper, who was reared in Aberdeen, has reserved some of his best performances for games against Saturday's cup opponents.

This week's "Golden Goal" features Colin's winner against the Pittordrie club when the sides clashed in the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup on March 6, 1971.

Aberdeen came to Ibrox as league leaders and, having already beaten Rangers at the Stadium, the Dons were fancied to end the Light Blues' cup ambitions but Bomber and his teammates had other ideas.

Rangers mounted an almost incessant onslaught on the Aberdeen goal, but the visitors defenders frustrated the Ibrox side and the 65,000 crowd by employing the most unattractive offside ploy.



● COLIN JACKSON

The Dons' use of the offside trap was a regular feature of their play in those days but, with Martin Buchan marshalling their defence, they could justify the tactic by pointing to their goals-against tally which was the lowest in Scotland.

Rangers couldn't break down the Aberdeen barrier, so the sides went in at half time with a blank scoresheet and many in the crowd pictured the tie going to a replay at Pittordrie.

The second half began like the first but the visitors rearguard continued to hold firm. Then, midway through the period, Colin Jackson decided to take a hand in proceedings and that proved to be Aberdeen's undoing.

Colin vividly recalls the decisive moment in that vital tie and he takes up the story.

"I was up in Aberdeen's penalty area when Colin Stein hit the crossbar and the ball rebounded in my direction. I got to it, and sent it towards the goal but Bobby Clark got a hand to the ball, keeping it out.

"But it came straight back to me and, as Clark scrambled along his line, I knocked it past him for what turned out to be the winner."

Bomber has made something of a habit of netting vital goals and surely none was more vital than his later-than-late effort in last season's League Cup Final, and who were the opponents None other than Aberdeen!

Who can forget those dramatic circumstances, as the game went into injury time with the score deadlocked at one goal apiece

A foul on Derek Parlane, as he cut in from the wing, gave Rangers a free kick on the edge of the box and, as Tommy McLean prepared to take the kick, Bomber moved upfield.

Colin was somewhat handicapped as he trooped into the Dons' goal area.

"I had been elbowed in the right eye just a few minutes earlier and it began to close up so, when the cross came over, I could only see out of my left eye," recalls the Ibrox stalwart.

"As I went for the ball, I just had to hope for the best and it couldn't have worked out better," says Colin as he recalls heading wee Tam's free kick past Bobby Clark for Rangers' last gasp winner.

While Aberdeen have cause to dread Bomber's presence in their penalty area, it must be said that the big man has not given the Dons exclusive rights to heartbreak from his goals.

Celtic will testify to that when they recall Colin's winner at Parkhead on September 14, 1974.

The home side had gone in front through a Kenny Dalglish goal but, after the interval, Ian McDougall equalised and Rangers mounted a relentless assault on Celtic's goal in search of the winner.

It came after 75 minutes when Bomber leapt above the Celtic defence to head home a corner and secure both points for Rangers.

Rangers went on to win the championship that season and, when looking back on that campaign, the manager at that time, Jock Wallace, said:

"Winning at Parkhead was the first step on the road to winning the title because it gave the players the confidence in their own ability which they showed over the rest of the season."

The significance of that goal to Rangers can be matched by that of Colin's effort against Motherwell at Ibrox on April 29, 1978.

The 'Gers had to beat the Fir Park side to clinch the Premier League championship but it was anticipated that Motherwell would defend, hoping for a share of the points.

But Jackson ended any hopes which Motherwell had of mounting a rearguard action when he leapt to head a John Greig free-kick into the Motherwell net.

That one set Rangers on the road to victory and when Gordon Smith made it 2-0, the title flag was Ibrox bound.

When talking about Colin Jackson's goals, it's easy to overlook the big fella's stubborn defensive play which has proved too much for opposing forwards on numerous occasions.

Let's not forget how he kept the legendary Gerd Muller in his pocket when the Light Blues met Bayern Munich in the semi-final of the march to the European Cup-Winners' Cup triumph in Barcelona.

Or how he kept tabs on Juventus superstar Roberto Bettaga when the Italian aces were dumped out of Europe by Rangers.

Looking back on Bomber's days at Ibrox it's easy to realise why the Club have agreed to a testimonial match for Colin and it's fitting that his service to Rangers is rewarded in such a way.

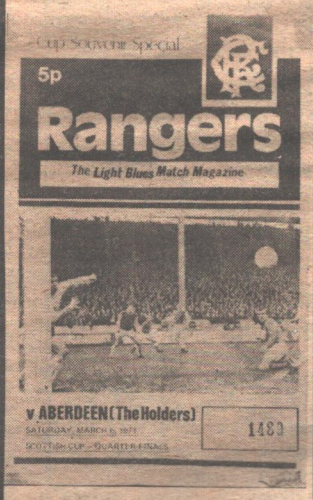
Colin, you deserve it!

Derek's wish came true ... and how!

THE programme for that 1971 quarter-final tie was a pocket sized, 24 page, production priced 5p and must rate as excellent value for money, with many interesting pictues of Rangers' league game against Hibs a week earlier and a previous clash with Aberdeen.

There were also two pages devoted to pen pictures of the Dons' players and the usual programme features, i.e. reserve review, scorers table and the season's fixtures and results.

Ibrcx star Derek Johnstone was spotlighted in an ask-and-answer page and it is interesting to note that Derek declared that his ambition was to win a full cap for Scotland. He's certainly fulfilled that aspiration!



Jubilant Jackson Sweeps Rangers into the Cup Semi's...



● How the following week's Ranger's programme saw Colin's Golden Goal against Aberdeen in March 1971.

THE BIG PENALTY MYSTERY

A decision that had everyone baffled

A DEFEAT that wasn't deserved. That was the sad story for Rangers last Wednesday night following their final league confrontation of the season against their arch rivals Celtic at Parkhead.

Rangers, although a little shaky in defence at times, were the better side and every time they attacked they looked like scoring. Unfortunately, the Light Blue couldn't show the sharpness required in front of goal and chances were allowed to slip away.

Yet, the real talking point of the night was the mystery of the "penalty that never was" in the 34th minute when Gordon Smith was blatantly brought down by Roddie McDonald inside the box.

Everyone in the ground — including Celtic fans — expected a penalty to be awarded, but the referee waved play on and left 52,000 fans mystified.

There is little doubt the claim was made at an important stage of the match, and had it been given Rangers would certainly have had a vital edge over their opponents who had looked vulnerable every time the Light Blues attacked.

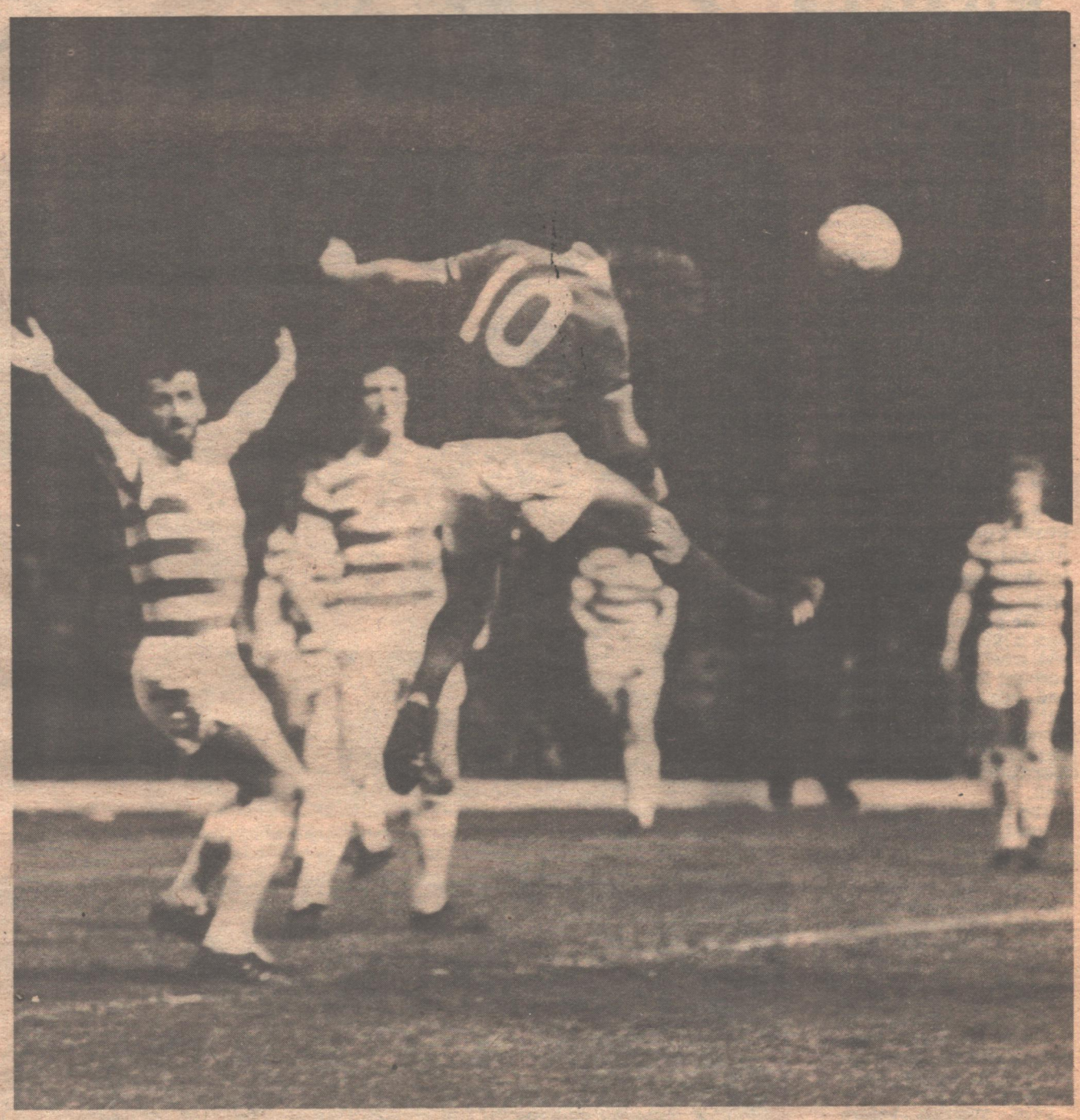
Certainly, this incident will be recalled on occasions when the match itself is long forgotten.

No amount of arguing, however, will alter the fact that the home side scored the winner late in the game.

Now Rangers must put the defeat behind them and concentrate on gaining a result at the same venue this Saturday . . . against Aberdeen in the Cup.



● GORDON SMITH



● Rangers' Ian Redford nods the ball into the Celtic net but the goal was disallowed for offside.

FACT FILE

Wednesday, April 2, 1980
Premier League
CELTIC 1, RANGERS 0

Scorer: McGarvey (85 mins.)

CELTIC: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain; Aitken, McDonald, McAdam; Provan, Lennox, McGarvey, McLeod, Doyle. Subs: McCluskey, Burns (not used).

RANGERS: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson; T. Forsyth, Jackson, Smith; Cooper, Miller, Johnstone, Redford, J. MacDonald. Subs: McLean, Russell (not used).

Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride).

Booked: Smith, Mellor, Redford (Rangers), McGrain (Celtic).

Attendance: 52,000.

★ YOUR COMPLETE POOLS GUIDE

£24,809 . . . what an Easter egg!

A LUCKY Glasgow woman received a super Easter bonus from the Rangers Pools last week . . . a tremendous Pool One jackpot totalling £24,809.90.

This staggering payout is the highest ever to a single winner in any one week, and the lucky client couldn't have wished for a better way to start the holiday weekend.

The winner's agent was also in on the record-breaking bonanza. He scooped a cool ten per cent — exactly £2,480.99.

"Women have a better chance of winning than men . . . simply because more women, about 3-1 or so, subscribe to the pools," says Pools Manager Hugh Adam.

"The prize money on the Rangers Pools is going up and up, as is the chance of winning something. And our other two ventures — the Pools Lottery and Rangers Football Club's lottery — are doing very well.

"We started running the Club's lottery a few months ago, and the response has been unbelievable. There is a limit to how many tickets we can sell and the tickets are usually snapped up quickly.

"Everybody these days is looking for a win, no matter how small, so these are the cheapest competitions to enter and the rewards to the winners make it well worth while."

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NEXT WEEK'S NUMBERS

HERE is the team list for Saturday, April 12. 01 Gillingham, 02 Hull, 03 Huddersfield, 04 Lincoln, 05 Kettering, 06 Northwich, 07 Wolves, 08 Burley, 09 Mansfield, 10 Millwall, 11 Newport, 12 Portsmouth, 13 Telford, 14 Wealdstone, 15 Fulham, 16 Leicester, 17 Oxford United, 18 Reading, 19 Scunthorpe, 20 Wigan, 21 Dumbarton, 22 Dundee United, 23 Luton, 24 Oldham, 25 Bury, 26 Carlisle, 27 York, 28 Bournemouth, 29 Hibs, 30 Hamilson, 31 Preston, 32 Queen's Park Rangers, 33 St. Mirren, 34 Arbroath, 35 Sunderland, 36 Swansea, 37 Chester, 38 Bradford, 39 Crystal Palace, 40 Derby, 41 Altrincham, 42 Clyde, 43 Stoke.

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Reserve Review

5-GOAL COLTS GO NAP

THE Reserves completed a good day for Rangers on Saturday when they chalked up a convincing win against Dundee at Ibrox. The Colts hit five goals for the loss of only one and coach Stan Anderson had a broad smile on his face as he emerged from the dressing room following the satisfying win.

"We played well and it was a very encouraging win when you take into account the fact that we had two young players out", he said. "They have gained valuable experience and it was pleasing to see them do well.

The Reserves got off to a good start after only four minutes when Gordon Dalziel raced through the middle of the Dundee defence to slot the ball home from 12 yards with a low shot.

The striker repeated the trick in the 20th minute with an almost identical goal, although in between he might have netted with two more opportunities which came his way.

Five minutes before half-time young Billy Mackay, who has made a bit of a habit of notching spectacular goals recently, put the Light Blues three up with another of his "specials".

In the 60th minute Ross McLaren netted his first goal for the Club when he fired in No. 4 with a shot from just outside the penalty area and then, seven minutes later, MacKay hit his own second and Rangers fifth with a low shot from 15 yards which slipped under the goalkeeper's body.

The Ibrox men became just a little casual after that goal and Dundee managed to grab a consolation effort in the 80th minute.

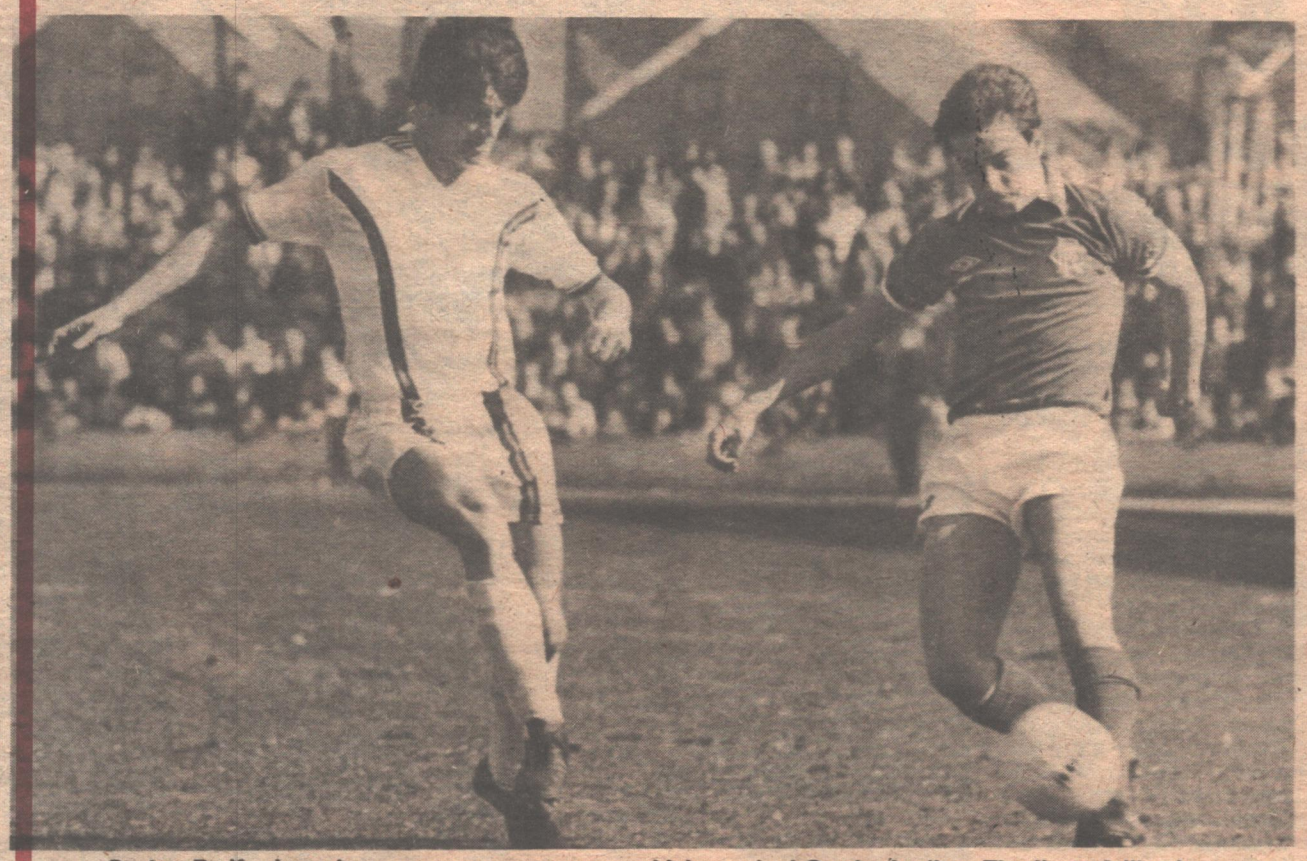
RANGERS: Kennedy, McLaren, A. Forsyth, Clark, McIntosh, K. Watson, D. Robertson, G. Watson, Dalziel, A. MacDonald, Mackay. Subs: C. Robertson (for K. Watson) and Richardson (for A. Forsyth).

● FOOTNOTE: A team of Rangers 'S' Form signings were scheduled to meet Queens Park last night (Tuesday). Details next week.

IN MIDWEEK

Wednesday, April 2
PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE
Ranger 1 Celtic 4
Rangers Scorer: A. MacDonald.
RANGERS: Young, A. Boyd, A. Forsyth, K. Watson, Richardson, A. MacDonald, Mackay, G. Boyd, Urquhart, G. Watson. Subs: McLaren (for K. Watson) and C. Robertson (for Urquhart).

'GERS SUNSH



● Ian Redford sends over an accurate cross which reached Sandy Jardine. The Ibrox fullback touched on to Davie Cooper who scored for goal No. 1.



● Davie Cooper's shot gives Dundee keeper Donaldson no chance despite a desperate dive and it's No. 1 for the Light Blues.



● Following a cross from Sandy Jardine an Ian Redford shot goes just over the bar early in the second half against the Dundee men.



● Young John MacDonald cracks the b to stab home

The Ligh warm up

RANGERS' preparation for this tish Cup tie against Aberdeen w weekend at Dens Park when th and recorded their best away vi

The win, their first in four outings in Dundee this term, was not just good for morale but convincing, and that apart from ensuring an excellent afternoon for the Light Blue supporters who made the journey north, meant all the players will be geared up and anxious to get into action this week at Parkhead.

Rangers play on Saturday against Dundee was laced with plenty of good, skilful, attractive football and all four goals they scored were as a result of that kind of play.

Credit, though, must be given to Dundee for giving the Light Blues a tough fight and their resilience meant it wasn't until the later stages of the game that Rangers cashed in on their overall superiority.

When the Ibrox men did edge ahead for the second time, they steamrollered their opponents into submission and the only surprise at the sound of the final whistle was that Rangers hadn't scored more goals — a minor point when you net four away from home.

Derek Johnstone, although he started quietly, soon showed the lethal scoring touch for which he has become famous and he took both of his goals brilliantly.

Bobby Russell also paraded his midfield skills again and his play carved open the home defence on numerous occasions. He might have got his name on the scoresheet early in the game if he had elected to shoot after an opportunity had

INE STROLL!

t Blues for Cup

aturday's all-important Scot- given a massive boost at the turned in a sunshine display ry this season.



● Derek Johnstone heads home powerfully for his first of a "double," from a superb Bobby Russell cross.

Match slant

een created by John MacDonald, ut the midfield player unselfishly ound a team-mate and Dundee uickly recovered to clear the dan- er.

Ally Dawson again gave another mpressively steady performance in efence, but it was an all round dis- lay by Rangers and that was em- hasised when Tommy McLean ame on as a substitute and showed p well as Rangers pushed forward n the search for more goals.

Manager John Greig admitted af- erwards he was well pleased with he result and the quality of the per- ormance. He had every right to be. Here's hoping he gets the chance to make the same observations this weekend after the Cup-tie against he Dons.



● WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE THEN! Big D.J. is congratulated by a jubilant Bobby Russell, who made the cross for the skipper to nod home Rangers' second goal.



ll over beautifully for Gordon Smith oal No. 3.



● EVERYBODY UP . . . but Dundee keeper Donaldson gets a fist to the ball to clear from big Derek in this Light Blue raid.

Saturday's Results

PREMIER DIV.

Celtic	1	Aberdeen	2
Dundee	1	Rangers	4
Kilmarnock	0	Morton	2
Partick T	2	Dundee U	2
St Mirren	2	Hibernian	0

DIVISION I

Airdrie	0	Hearts	1
Arbroath	4	Dumbarton	1
Ayr Utd	2	St. Jhnstne	2
Berwick R	1	Stirling A	1
Clydebnk	0	Raith R	3
Dfmline	0	Hamilton	0
Mothrwll	3	Clyde	0

DIVISION II

Albion R			2
Stranraer			2
Cowdbth	0	Forfar A	1
East Fife	1	Alloa A	0
Falkirk	0	Brechin	0
Montrose	2	E Stirling	1
Q.O.S.	0	Meadbank	2
Queens P	1	Stenhmuir	1

RES LEAGUE—PREM DIV

Aberdeen			0
Celtic			1
Dundee U	1	Partick T	1
Morton	1	Kilmarnock	0
Rangers	5	Dundee	1

DIV. I (EAST)

Hearts	0	Dunfmline	3

DIV. I (WEST)

Hamilton	4	Clyde	0

Premier League

PREMIER LEAGUE

	Home			Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	29	11	3	1	4	7	3	53	26	40
Aberdeen	29	9	3	4	6	4	3	52	31	37
Morton	31	9	2	4	5	4	7	50	40	34
St Mirren	29	9	4	2	3	6	5	45	41	34
Rangers	30	9	5	2	3	2	9	42	36	31
Dundee U	29	6	6	2	2	5	8	32	27	27
Kilmrnock	29	6	6	4	2	5	6	29	42	27
Partick T	28	3	6	3	4	6	6	30	38	26
Dundee	31	8	3	4	1	3	13	42	65	24
Hibs	28	5	4	4	0	0	15	24	53	14

First Division

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	Home			Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Airdrie	35	12	2	4	7	6	4	70	41	46
Hearts	32	12	3	1	5	7	4	49	34	44
Ayr U	35	10	5	4	5	7	4	57	45	42
Mthwell	35	9	6	3	6	4	7	55	43	40
Raith R	35	7	7	5	6	5	5	52	41	38
Dunbarton	36	8	4	5	8	2	9	51	48	38
Clbank	35	8	6	3	5	2	11	55	52	34
Stirling A	34	7	4	7	5	6	5	37	35	34
Hamilton	35	9	5	3	3	5	10	48	55	34
St Jnstne	34	3	5	7	7	5	7	50	63	30
Dnfine	34	7	6	5	3	4	9	34	49	30
Berwick	34	5	7	6	3	5	8	52	56	28
Arbroath	36	6	5	6	2	5	12	47	69	26
Clyde	34	2	5	8	2	7	10	37	63	20

Reserve League

RESERVE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	28	18	8	2	61	30	44
Aberdeen	29	19	2	8	61	30	40
St Mirren	29	14	10	5	50	24	38
Rangers	29	13	7	9	49	45	33
Dundee U	23	12	5	6	40	25	29
Morton	26	13	3	10	43	37	29
Kilmarnock	29	10	8	11	36	32	28
Partick	30	6	7	17	39	61	19
Dundee	25	5	1	19	36	73	11
Hibs	28	3	3	22	27	74	9

Scorers

SATURDAY'S 'double' for Derek Johnstone brought his tally this season to 20 and that keeps him well clear at the top of the scorers table. The full list of marksmen is:

Derek Johnstone-20; John MacDonald-11, Gordon Smith-11, Davie Cooper-6, Bobby Russell-5, Alex MacDonald-5, Sandy Jardine-5, Tommy McLean-3, Colin Jackson-3, Ally Dawson-2, Billy Urquhart-2, Alex Miller-2, Billy Mackay-2, Ken Watson-1, Alex Forsyth-1, Gordon Boyd-1, Ian Redford-1, Gregor Stevens-1, Own goals-3.

FACTFILE

Premier League

DUNDEE 1, RANGERS 4

Scorers — Dundee: Sinclair (23 mins). Rangers: Cooper (21 mins), Johnstone (53 and 78), Smith (75).

DUNDEE: Donaldson, Barr, Millar, McLaren, Glennie, McGeachie, Mackie, Sinclair, Fleming, Shirra, Ferguson. Subs: Murphy, Corrigan (not used).

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, T. Forsyth, Jackson, Smith, Cooper, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, J. MacDonald. Subs: Miller (not used) and McLean (for J. MacDonald.

Referee: D. S. Downie (Edinburgh).

Attendance: 12,948.

Booked: McGeachie (Dundee).



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RANGERS ARE DUE A RESULT

Light Blues know the importance of this one

THERE'S A MAGIC about cup ties which gives them an edge over everyday fixtures, but this week's semi-final encounter between Rangers and Aberdeen at Parkhead has countless added ingredients which should make the match one of the most intriguing of this season.

Rangers' record against Aberdeen in recent months does not make pleasing reading for Ibrox fans but one thing is certain, the Light Blues won't lack effort in their bid to put the record straight.

Much has been said about the 'Gers failure to beat Aberdeen but anyone who has seen this season's clashes between the clubs will agree that John Greig's players haven't had a break in their favour in games against the men from the 'Granite City'.

★★★

The Rangers manager certainly doesn't approach the game with the doom which many would anticipate.

"Past results mean absolutely nothing," says John, "and I have every confidence in my team's ability to turn the tables on Aberdeen.

"We've been very unlucky in the previous games against them and surely our luck is bound to change.

"The players kow how important the game is and I'm sure that they won't let the fans down."

The fans are very important to Greig, who is the first to praise them for the support which they have given the Club, as he says:

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"We owe it to them to do well in the cup because they have backed us throughout the season and their loyalty deserves to be rewarded."

But John Greig knows the stern task which his men face and he is fully aware of the threat which Alex Ferguson's team will pose.

Nobody needs to tell the Ibrox boss about the barrier which Willie Miller and Alex McLeish will build, or of the midfield skills of Gordon Strachan, and he certainly won't allow his team to neglect strikers Steve Archibald and Drew Jarvie.

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Tom Forsyth and Colin Jackson must rate among the best defenders in the country and it will be very interesting to see how they cope with the Dons deadly duo which has created havoc in numerous defences this season.

That aspect of the game will be crucial but a similar battle at the opposite end of the field will be equally important.

In the last league encounter there were indications that Davie Cooper and John MacDonald can cause problems for Aberdeen and the Ibrox faithful will be hoping that the ball playing wizards will be instrumental in Aberdeen's downfall.

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A Rangers' victory against Aberdeen is long overdue, as is a win at Parkhead, and there can be little doubt that Saturday's cup tie would be a more than appropriate time to break the Light Blues' duck on both accounts.

The importance of cup success cannot be over emphasised and the players will approach the tie with a determination which should be enough to see the Club through to the final and, ultimately, a successful defence of the Scottish Cup.



●The scene which greeted Aberdeen when they last won the Scottish Cup back in 1970. The Dons will be hoping they get the opportunity of another such welcome this season, but first of all they must win Saturday's semi-final against Rangers.



●Thousands of Aberdeen folk crowd the street to acclaim their 1970 Cup winning side. No doubt the Dons hope they get even a quarter of this support at Parkhead on Saturday!

ROAD TO THE SEMI-FINAL

Rangers

Third Round	Rangers 2, Clyde 2	Shawfield
Replay	Rangers 2, Clyde 0	Ibrox
Fourth Round	Rangers 1, Dundee United 0	Ibrox
Fifth Round	Rangers 6, Hearts 1	Ibrox

Aberdeen

Third Round	Aberdeen 1, Arbroath 1	Gayfield
Replay	Aberdeen 5, Arbroath 0	Pittodrie
Fourth Round	Aberdeen 8, Airdrie 0	Pittodrie
Fifth Round	Aberdeen 2, Partick Thistle 1	Firhill

If it's a draw

IN THE event of both of Saturday's Scottish Cup semi finals ending in a draw, then the replays will take place on the following dates: RANGERS v ABERDEEn on Tuesday, March 15 at Celtic Park. CELTIC v HIBS on Wednesday, March 16 at Hampden Park.

If only one of the ties ends in a draw then the replay will take place at Hampden on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.

No extra time will be played in Saturday's games if the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes.



● IAN SCANLON

● In last season's Scottish Cup competition Rangers scored 15 goals and Aberdeen netted 12.

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● 'Dons 'keeper Bobby Clark has missed only one of his side's Scottish Cup ties — against Airdrie in February.

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● Steve Archibald scored four goals in Aberdeen's 8-0 victory over Airdrie in the Scottish Cup this season, and Ian Scanlon netted a hat-trick when Aberdeen beat Arbroath 5-0.

● Out of all the meetings between Rangers and Aberdeen in the tournament there have been four draws. These were in 1952-53 when a 1-1 draw forced a final replay which Rangers won 1-0, and in 1961-62 when Rangers won 5-1 after a 2-2 draw. The clubs were level again in 1965-66 when Rangers won 2-1 after a 0-0 draw, and then in 1974-75 Aberdeen knocked Rangers out with a 2-1 win after a 1-1 draw.

● Rangers top scorer in the Scottish Cup tournament this season is John MacDonald with four goals to his credit. The 'Dons top scorer is Steve Archibald with seven.

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● Rangers record victory in the Scottish Cup tournament overall was 14-2 against Blairgowrie in the first round of the competition on January 20, 1934.

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● *Aberdeen's record victory in the Scottish Cup is 13-0 against Peterhead on February 9, 1923.*



CLUB NOTES

FIFE LOYAL. Bus v Aberdeen leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy at 12 noon. Picking up at The Crown, Burntisland and Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves McLean Street 2 p.m. Seats available for non members, 50p. Dance tickets now available from S. Daniels (429 5578) and J. Finnan (427 1389).

DUMFRIES: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Academy Street 10.30 a.m. Non members welcome.

DUNDEE LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Lindsay Street 10.30 a.m. Seats available. Phone 450279. Non members welcome.

CARNWATH: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Carnwath 1 p.m., Bellshill 1.45 p.m.

PENILEE: Bus v Aberdeen leaves Clinic 1.45 p.m. Non members welcome.

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GLENROTHES. Bus v Aberdeen leaves C.I.S.W.O. at 12.30.

PAISLEY NORTH. Bus v Aberdeen leaves Three Horse Shoes at 2 p.m., non-members welcome.

PENICUIK AND DISTRICT. New members wishing to join this newly re-formed club should come along to our meeting in the Royal Hotel any Monday night at 7.30. Bus to the semi-final leaves Royal Hotel at 11.45 a.m. Seats available.

HELEN STREET. Bus v Aberdeen leaves Ibrox Garage at 1.55, and the Club at 2 p.m. Seats available on bus.

BLACKBURN LOYAL. Bus for semi-final at Aberdeen will leave Blackburn Railway Station at 8.30 a.m. Non members welcome. For further details please contact Ian Gilmour on 0254 28140.

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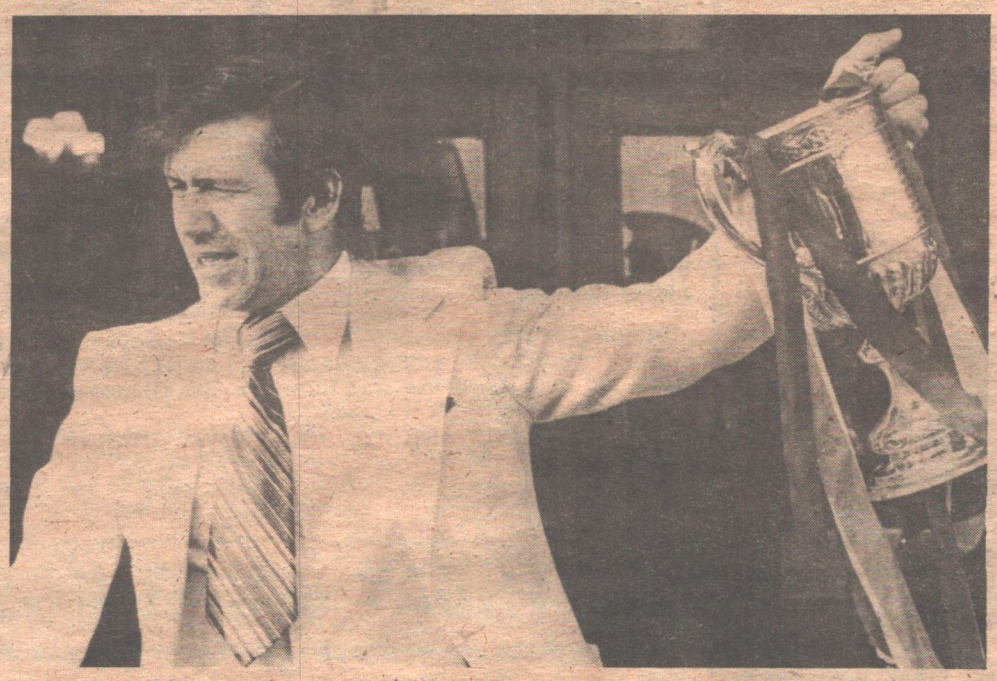
WHEN DAVIE TOOK RAP FOR HELPING OUT



●John Greig leaves Hampden Park in May 1978 with the Scottish Cup. This was the Greig's last match as a player with the Club and, ironically, the team the Light Blues had just defeated was Aberdeen.

ONE member of the Ibrox staff who has vivid memories of a cup clash with Aberdeen is Chief Scout Davie Provan, who faced the Dons in the semi-final in 1966.

Davie, playing left back for the Light Blues, has a rather strange recollection of that replayed tie as he recalls.

"I was booked for breaking up a fight! I separated one our lads and an Aberdeen player, but I was penalised for 'violent conduct towards an opponent'. I couldn't believe it".

But his booking apart Davie has happy memories of that game because Rangers dumped the Pittodrie side 2-1 in the replay, having drawn 0-0 in the first game.

"We took a lot of stick after the first game," says the big man, "but we played really well in the replay and deserved to win by more than 2-1.

"Jim Forrest and George McLean got the goals which took us into the final and, of course, a goal from Kai Johansen won the cup against Celtic".

Davie's recent return to Ibrox has pleased the fans who appreciate he is a Ranger of the old mould, a man whose heart has always been with the Club and whose dedication to the Light Blues was never in question.

A Rangers victory against Aberdeen will bring a rapturous roar from the Ibrox faithful and you can bet your boots that Davie Provan will cheer as loud as anyone.

UP TO DATE

SUNDAY

ABERDEEN deny that their striker Joe Harper may not play again. The Dons star is unable to run properly at the moment because of a knee injury, and he will be travelling to London shortly to see a specialist. Harper last played for Aberdeen in November '79.

MONDAY

AMERICAN side San Jose Earthquakes are the latest club to show an interest in Hibs player George Best. Bill Foulkes, the manager of Earthquakes, says that he spoke to Best before the game against Celtic and states the player was interested in a move when his contract with Hibs was up.

Tom Clark, the chairman of Clyde and treasurer of the SFA, dies. He was 70.

TUESDAY

RESULTS: PREMIER LEAGUE: Kilmarnock 0, Aberdeen 4. FIRST DIVISION: Hearts 0, Ayr United 1. SECOND DIVISION: East Stirling 4, Meadowbank 1; Queens Park 0, Cowdenbeath 2. PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE: Dundee United 1, Dundee 2.

WEDNESDAY

RESULTS: PREMIER LEAGUE: Celtic 1, Rangers 0; Dundee 1, St. Mirren 3; Hibs 0, Dundee United 2; Partick Thistle 0, Morton 1. FIRST DIVISION: Clydebank 2, Dumbarton 2; Stirling Albion 0, Raith Rovers 0; St. Johnstone 1, Clyde 2. SECOND DIVISION: Brechin City 2, Stranraer 3. PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE: Rangers 1, Celtic 4.

Berwick Rangers annouce that they have "signed up" former Airdrie and Scotland international Bobby Flavell to their scouting team.

THURSDAY

HEARTS announce plans to convert Tynecastle into a modern, all-seated stadium within five years. They reckon the cost will be about £1 million.

St. Mirren also launch an ambitious plan to interest firms in sponsoring the club in future matches. The package involves sponsored kits, Super Saint interviews, executive reservations and company seats . . . as well as the games.

Celtic's Danny McGrain is told that, as a result of his booking against Rangers the previous evening, he will miss the match against Kilmarnock in a fortnight's time.

Alloa boss Hugh Wilson, whose team is third bottom of the Second Division, resigns. He had been in charge at Recreation Park for four seasons, and before that was the club's chief scout. His post will be taken by coach Alex Totten until the end of the season.

SATURDAY

St. Johnstone inform their manager Alex Stuart his services are no longer required. The club are at the lower end of the First Division and in midweek they lost to bottom club Clyde at Muirton. Coach Roger Hynd will take over the side until a new manager is appointed.

The SFA annouce details of a new financial set-up for NEXT season's Scottish Cup tournament. All clubs participating will receive increased cash bonuses.

The new fees will be: First Round £300; Second Round £400; Third Round £1,200; Fourth Round £1,800; Fifth Round £2,500; Semi-finals £4,000; Losing Finalist £12,000; Winners £30,000.

The scheme to deduct cash from any side having players booked or sent off in a match will continue.

George Smith, of Edinburgh, will be the referee for this season's Scottish Cup Final at Hampden on May 10.

THE CUP RECORD

THE full Scottish Cup record between today's two teams is:

Season	Result	Venue	Round
1977-78	Rangers 2 Aberdeen 1	Hampden	Final
1975-76	Rangers 4 Aberdeen 1	Ibrox	Fourth
1974-75	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 1	Pittodrie	Third
Replay	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 2	Ibrox	
1970-71	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 0	Ibrox	Fifth
1968-69	Rangers 6 Aberdeen 1	Parkhead	Semi-final
1965-66	Rangers 0 Aberdeen 0	Hampden	Semi-final
Replay	Rangers 2 Aberdeen 1	Hampden	
1961-62	Rangers 2 Aberdeen 2	Pittodrie	Third
Replay	Rangers 5 Aberdeen 1	Ibrox	
1955-56	Rangers 2 Aberdeen 1	Ibrox	Fifth
1954-55	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 2	Pittodrie	Sixth
1953-54	Rangers 0 Aberdeen 6	Hampden	Semi-final
1952-53	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 1	Hampden	Final
Replay	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 0	Hampden	
1935-36	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 0	Pittodrie	Fourth
1933-34	Rangers 1 Aberdeen 0	Ibrox	Fourth
1905-06	Rangers 3 Aberdeen 2	Pittodrie	Second

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Partick Thistle v St Mirren.

FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v Dunfermline; Hearts v Raith Rovers; Clyde v Stirling Albion; Stranraer v Alloa; Forfar v Cowdenbeath.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

SCOTTISH CUP, SEMI FINAL

RANGERS v ABERDEEN; Celtic v Hibs.

SCOTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee v Morton; St. Mirren v Kilmarnock.

FIRST DIVISION

Arbroath v Berwick Rangers; Clyde v Hearts; Dumbarton v Motherwell; Dunfermline v Airdrie; Hamilton v Stirling Albion; Raith Rovers v Ayr United, St Johnstone v Clydebank.

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa v Forfar; Brechin City v Queen of the South; East Fife v Montrose; Meadowbank v Falkirk; Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath; Stenhousemuir v Albion Rovers; Stranraer v East Stirling.

The night Niven 'capped' a great Cup Final display

CUP FEVER is gripping the fans of both Rangers and Aberdeen as they approach Saturday's semi-final tie, and the same disease was evident among their predecessors in 1953 when the clubs clashed in the final of the competition.

At that time, Rangers were involved in a neck and neck race with Hibs for the league title, and there were hopes among the northern teams that the league pressure on the Light Blues would upset their approach to the final.

A crowd of 129,761 packed into Hampden for the match, and in the eighth minute it was the Ibrox fans who were making all the noise when John Prentice put Rangers in front.

But the Light Blues were to be dealt a savage blow when goalkeeper George Niven was badly injured and things looked grim as he lay on the turf with a bad ear wound.

When Niven was led from the field there were fears among the Rangers supporters that the team would have to play the remainder of the game with only ten men but the Ibrox 'keeper returned to his position between the posts, shortly afterwards, much to the delight of the Light Blues' fans.

Aberdeen, anticipating a break in Niven's concentration, piled the pressure on to the Rangers' goal, but the Ibrox 'keeper played out of his skin and the Light Blues appeared to be heading for a 1-0 victory.

However, with seven minutes remaining, the Dons' ace striker, Benny Yorston, snatched an equaliser and the match ended with the sides deadlocked with one goal apiece.

So it was back to Hampden four days later, and again a massive crowd of 113,700 packed into the ground where they once more saw a classic example of George Niven's devotion to the Club.

George took the field wearing a leather helmet to protect his injured ear and he proceeded to once again prove himself to be a more than capable goalkeeper.

The Rangers team went about their business in the efficient manner which they had been displaying throughout that season, and a Billy Simpson goal was enough to take the coveted trophy to Ibrox.

George Niven's courage over the two games was the high point of the final but it is perhaps unfortunate that such a factor should be allowed to overshadow two very competent displays by the Light Blues.

Rangers went on to win the double by winning the league title on goal average, so it turned out to be a most memorable season for the Club.

The Cup Final programme was an eight page publication and it was primarily devoted to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Aberdeen F.C. being founded.

Pen pictures of both sets of players made up the content but at 6d (2½p) the programme can't really be classed as good value for money. There was, incidentally, no programme printed for the replay.

Readers may be interested to know the Rangers line-ups for that 1953 Scottish Cup Final, which was:

FIRST GAME: Niven, Young, Little, McColl, Stanners, Pryde, Waddell, Grierson, Paton, Prentice, Hubbard.

REPLAY: Niven, Young, Little, McColl, Woodburn, Pryde, Waddell, Grierson, Simpson, Paton, Hubbard.

A similar outcome in this week's semi-final would go down very well in the Ibrox vicinity.

The story behind that programme

WEAR THE COLOURS

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



Add these souvenirs to your collection

WIN A superb collection of Rangers stickers and patches.

This is the great prize the 'News' is offering Young Rangers club members this week.

We have souvenirs of every shape and size that you can stick or sew on to almost everything, so here is what you have to do.

Just take a look at our photo (right) showing action between the Light Blues and Kilmarnock, and name the Rangers player in the air

Simple, isn't it!

When you think you know the identity of our high flying Ranger jot it down on a postcard (only postcards are acceptable) and send it to the following address.



"Mystery Player", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont St, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

The closing date is Monday April 28, and the first correct entry to be chosen from our competition drum after that date will win this great collection of Rangers souvenirs.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, KIDS

THE following Young Rangers Club members have celebrated birthdays recently or will be doing so in the coming week.

MARCH 30

LACHLAN RAE, 256 Lime Crescent, Abronhill, Cumbernauld, who was 7 on March 30.

TODAY

KAREN OLIPHANT 83 Lime Street, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, who is 12.

WILLIAM CORMACK, Moray View, Helmsdale, Sutherland, who is 16.

JOHN PALMER, 34 Clunie Place, Shawhead, Coatbridge, who is 13.

THURSDAY

WALLACE McLAUGHLIN, Endrick Cottage, Kirn, Dunoon, who is 15.

MANDY WILSON, 76 Fraser Place, Kemnay, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, who is 7.

AMANDA McKENZIE, 5 Annick Road, Dreghorn, Ayrshire, who is 4.

JAMES CROSBIE, 252 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee, who is 13.

THOMAS MALONE, 93 Cockenzie Street, Glasgow, who is 12.

FRANKIE MARTIN, 28 Ardan Leven, Fife, who is 13.

DEREK CAMERON, 2 Raeburn Place, Calderwood, East Kilbride, who is 15.

JOHN STEWART, 3 Flemming Court, Muirhead, Troon, who is 13.

GARY MINTON, 18 Henderson Terrace, Gourock, who is 15.

MARTIN BUCHANAN, 34 Kellas Street, Glasgow, who is 6.

WAYNE NAAN, 70 Glenesk Road, Elgin, who is 10.

FRIDAY

JOHN MOODIE, 25 Jervis Terrace, Westwood, East Kilbride, who is 16.

CRAIG WALKER, 50 Lakeshore Road, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, who is 9.

IAIN SMITH, 21 Standane, Stewarton, Ayrshire, who is 14.

MARISE MacLEOD, 26 Fullerton Drive, Troon, who is 17.

LESLEY McLAUGHLAN, 16a Field Road, Faifley, Clydebank, who is 10.

BOBBY FERGUSON, 33 Vineburgh Avenue, Irvine, who is 10.

STEVEN SHANKS, 39 Main Street, Leuchars, Fife, who is 12.

JOHN DUNSMORE, 11 Hallside Cottages, Cambuslang, who is 12.

SATURDAY

HUGH ARMSTRONG, 30 Kirkton Avenue, West Kilbride, who is 10.

NEIL SCOBIE, 10 Academy Street, Leith, Edinburgh, who is 3.

MALCOLM McALPINE, Bayview, Tarbert, Argyll, who is 13.

JOHN MARTIN, 30 Isles Street, Withorn, who is 16.

JULIE ILIFFE, 17 Tennyson Drive, Egremont, Cumbria, who is 11.

EDWARD ROBERTSON, 6 Edderton Place, Glasgow, who is 12.

ANDREW MacDONALD, 42 Popular Street, Grangemouth, who is 14.

DAVID MYLANDS, 43 Summerford, Camelon, Falkirk, who is 14.

SUNDAY

ALAN MacDONALD, 14 Myretlehill Lane, Glasgow, who is 14.

GLEN LAMONT, c/o 115 Pro Coy RMP, BFPO 106, who is 10.

GEORGE CALDWELL, 50 Lock Road, Bridge of Weir, who is 10.

DAVID McCONNACHIE, 1 Logan Crescent, Hartlepool, who is 12.

MONDAY

WILLIAM TOAL, 22 Halgreen Avenue, Glasgow, who is 12.

GEORGE DALZIEL, 86 Laxford Place, Coatbridge, Glasgow, who is 16.

GORDON WILSON, Longwell Farm, Lamington, Biggar, Lanarkshire, who is 12.

IAN DUNCAN, 8 Carvale Avenue, Salsburgh, Shotts, who is 13.

GREGG COCHRANE, 15 Cameron Crescent, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, who is 11.

TUESDAY

GARRY EASTON, 82 Spittal Field Crescent, Fife, who is 17.

DAVID COWAN, 72 Pendean Road, Barlanark, Glasgow, who is 13.

ALAN NELSON, 20 Auldhill Avenue, Bridgend, Linlithgow, who is 16.

DAN CARMICHAEL, 3 MacKenzie Avenue, Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, who is 11.

EWEN CAMPBELL, 44 Duncan Avenue, Glasgow, who is 16.

NIALL McGILL, 17 Catmoor Square, Scone, Perth, who is 7.

DEREK JOHNSTON, 15 Baldovan Crescent, Glasgow, who is 4.

DAVID McCRAE, 16 Neilsland Oval, Glasgow, who is 11.

CAROLINE ANDERSON, 2 Arnisdale Way, Fernhill, Glasgow, who is 17.

ALEX GRANDISON, 15 Camp Road, Mayfield, Dalkeith, Midlothian, who is 5.

If you have a birthday ...

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 and tell us.

Simply put your name address and date of birth on a piece of paper and send it to "Birthday Greetings", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

Try and send them in at least two weeks in advance and please, in your neatest had-writing.

WIN THE IBROX AUTOGRAPHS!

ONE OF THE BEST Rangers souvenirs any fan could have is the squads autographs.

And this week the 'News' is going to give readers the chance to win an autograph book full of the players signatures.

It's the prize of a lifetime, and all you have to do is look at our photo showing action between the Light Blues and Motherwell.

Tell us the scorer of this first goal in Rangers meeting at Ibrox with the Fir Park side in 1978, and also the final score.

When you think you know the answer jot it down on a postcard (only postcards are acceptable) and sent it to the following address: "Autograph Contest", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

The closing date is Monday April 28 and the first correct entry to be drawn from our drum will win this superb prize.

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How many Cup goals did Rangers net last season?

HOW MANY goals did Rangers score in the Scottish Cup tournament last season, and who scored them? Kenny Francis, Dempster Street, Greenock.

Overall they scored 15. Derek Johnstone was the highest scorer with 4 goals. Davie Cooper and Alex MacDonald scored two each. Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson, Sandy Jardine, Bobby Russell, Gordon Smith, and Billy Urquhart scored one each, and one was an own goal.

HOW many times have Rangers won the League Cup? Ray Burton, Dalrymple Street, Girvan.

The Light Blues have won the cup ten times in seasons 1946-47, 48-49, 60-61, 61-62, 63-64, 64-65, 70-71, 75-76, 77-78, 78-79.

IN WHICH season was the Emergency War Cup tournament held, and who did Rangers play in it? Harry Turnbull, Springburn Road, Glasgow.

The tournament was held in 1939-40, and in the first round first leg Rangers beat Alloa 4-1 away, and drew 2-2 at Ibrox. In the second round first leg Rangers beat Falkirk 3-2 at Ibrox and drew 0-0 away. They beat St. Mirren at Ibrox in the third round, and in the semi-final they beat Motherwell 4-1 at Hampden. In the final, Rangers beat Dundee United 1-0.

WHO made the most league appearances for Rangers in season 1970-71? Anne Baird, Gorgie Road, Edinburgh.

In that term, Colin Jackson played 34 times, never missing a match, and made himself the man with the most appearances.

WHO did Rangers play in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup of season 1970-71? Peter Falconer, Lang Stracht, Aberdeen.

The Light Blues were knocked out in the first round by Bayern Munich. In the first leg Bayern won 1-0

You asked for it!



● BOBBY RUSSELL

and in the second leg at Ibrox, Rangers drew 1-1 to go out on a 1-2 aggregate.

WHEN Rangers played at Love Street in the league in season 1927-28 what was the score and who were the Rangers scorers? Garry Walker, Lothian Crescent, Glenburn, Paisley.

It was a three each draw and Rangers' goals were scored by Archibald, Cunningham and Marshall.

COULD you please tell me the teams Rangers met in the 1963-64 league cup competition? Paul Johnstone, Boyd Street, Glasgow.

Celtic, Queen of the South, Kilmarnock. In the quarter-final they played East Fife. In the semi-final they met Berwick Rangers and in the final they beat Morton 5-0.

WHAT was Rangers' Scottish cup winning side of 1962-63, when they beat Celtic 3-0? David Bell, Hyndland Road, Glasgow.

The winning side of that season was Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, MacKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

Who are the 'Loons'

QUICK QUIZ

1—Which club play at Fellows Park?
2—Who was St. Mirren's highest scorer last season?
3.—Who won the Scottish League Cup in season 1955-56?
4—Which Scottish club are nicknamed "The Loons"?
5—Which league game at Ibrox last season had the biggest crowd?
6—Who won the Scottish Cup in 1961?
7—Which English club play at Boothferry Park?
8—Bryan Robson plays with which English club?
9—How often have Rangers won the Glasgow Cup?
10—Who won the European Cup in 1970?

These YRC kids will have the freedom of Ibrox

YESTERDAY was the big day that six Young Rangers club members had been waiting for . . . the great opportunity to tour Ibrox Stadium.

The six lucky Young Rangers are David Graham, 2 Strathyre Gardens, Moodiesburn, Chryston; Billy Castles, 42 Rampart Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow; Colin Wheeler, 1 Polwarth Avenue, Brightons, Falkirk; Murray Nicol, 208 Allanton Road, Allanton, Shotts; Ralph Beattie, 11 Viewfield, Airdrie; and T. Hamilton, 128 Park Road, Glasgow.

So don't miss the "News" next week for great picture coverage and story of the fans big day at Ibrox.

Brian shows off his DJ colours

BRIAN WILSON'S favourite Ibrox star is Derek Johnstone, and he is going to make that known at every Rangers game from now on, thanks to the "News".

For Brian, of 231 Stevenson Street, Calton, Glasgow, won a cracking scarf with the Ibrox skipper's name on it.

All he had to do was look at a photo and identify the former Ibrox player seen in action against Dunfermline in a contest in the "News" three weeks ago.

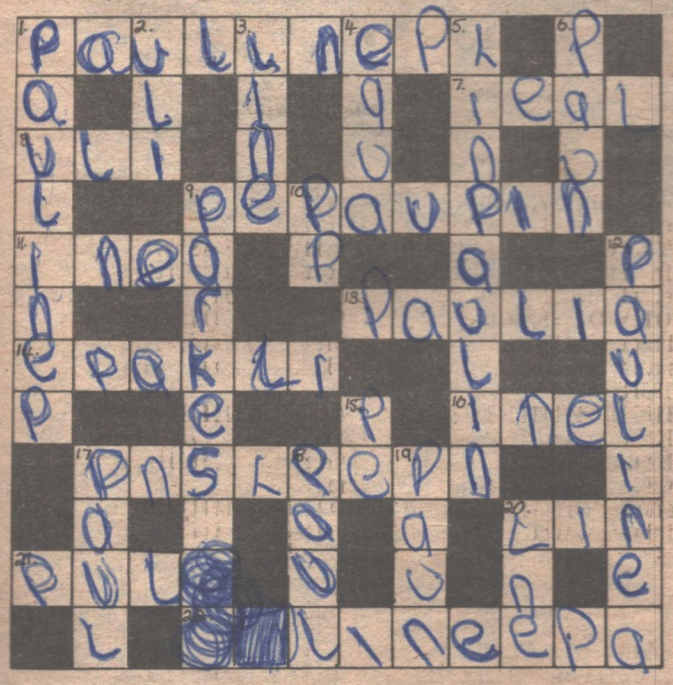
Brian's answer of Graham Fyfe won him the scarf.

PEN-PALS

WANTED: Male or female pen pal aged between 15 and 17. My hobbies include football, listening to records and writing. Please write to Gordon Smith, 32 Ravenswood Drive, Glenrothes, Fife.

WANTED: Male or female pen pal who is interested in Rangers. Please write to Stuart Robertson, 19 Baldowan Crescent, Easterhouse, Glasgow.

'NEWS' CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1—Nation who, surprisingly, qualified for the 1974 World Cup. (9)
7—Polish goalscoring star. (4)
8—A player must be able to do this for 90 minutes. (3)
9—Rangers' cup opponents this week. (8)
11—Ajax 'keeper who faced Rangers in the Super Cup in 1973. (4)
13—Scene of a dramatic Rangers performance in 1971. (6)
14—The last one can often be crucial in a match. (6)
16—How often Morton have won the Scottish Cup. (4)
17—This player will win any race for the ball. (8)
20—Christian name of a Dundee full back. (3)
21—County which houses Starks Park, Bayview and Central Park. (4)
22—County which houses Boghead and Kilbowie Park. (9)

DOWN

1—Middlesbrough's Park. (8)
2—A Dumbarton player perhaps. (3)
3—Formerly a star with 9 Across. (4)
4—Cologne player who faced Rangers in 1967. (4)
5—English club who play at the Recreation Ground. (9)
6—and 12. Down Rangers' reserve coach. (4,8)
9—Eric Morris and Davy Armour now play for this club. (3,6)
10—Clydebank's prefix in season 1964-65. (1,1)
12—See 6 Down.
15—How fans often refer to Rangers. (2)
17—A player mustn't do this (4)
18—Zurich defender who faced Rangers in 1976. (4)
19—Torino player who played against Rangers in 1972. (4)
20—Initially London Weekend Television, the men who produce the Big Match. (1,1,1)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 2. West Ham, 6. Ban, 8. The net, 9. Malmo, 10, Dynamo, 11. Lee, 14. Set, 17. Israel, 19. Aston, 20. Glavin, 21. Fan, 22, Rangers.
DOWN: 1. Palace, 3. Sandy, 4. Hitman, 5. Moscow, 7. Stoke, 12. Rimmer, 13. Brogan, 15. Evans, 16. Provan, 18. Evade.

A 'goodie' surprise for 'Gers fan Gavin

GAVIN KNOX scooped himself a host of Rangers goodies last week whhen His postcard was first to be pulled from our competition drum after the closing date of our "Goodie Bag" contest held in the 'News' three weeks ago.

All Gary, of 49 Afton Court, Stirling, had to do was look at a picture showing action between the Light Blues and Aberdeen.

We wanted to know the final score and the competition and Gary's correct answers of Scottish Cup Final of 1978 and 2-1 to Rangers won him this superb prize.

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM



— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

All you have to do to join the Young Rangers Club is to send off just 60p (by Postal Order only) to — The Young Rangers Club, "Rangers News", 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

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.

Pauline Parker ..... Name

1 Hazel Road ..... Address

Date of Birth 30/9/56 ..... Age .....

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

TENNENT'S T LAGER

New boy Redford on his first Old Firm

WE'RE A BETTER TEAM, AND WE'LL PROVE IT!

MOORLAND SCOTCH WHISKY
The Pride of Perth
MOORLAND SCOTCH WHISKY

LAST week's match against Celtic certainly wasn't the happiest of occasions for Rangers, and one man who'll confirm that is midfield star Ian Redford, who had his Old Firm baptism at Parkhead.

Like all true blues, Ian was very disappointed at the Club's 1-0 defeat, and losing the game was made even more agonising when recalling events of that 90 minutes.

"I reckon that we always looked the team more likely to score, so you can imaging how bad I felt when I saw them score that late winner.

"But anyone who saw the game must have seen that we are a better side than Celtic, and I believe that there will be a different result if we meet them in the Scottish Cup Final."

Ian can't hide his disappointment at missing out on Rangers' cup march, the former Dundee player being up-tied with the Dens Park side, but his confidence in the Light Blues' ability to lift the trophy is beyond question.

"With players like Davie Cooper, Bobby Russell and John MacDonald, Rangers have the most talented team in the country and I just can't picture any side stopping us from winning the cup."

Confident words indeed, but Ian is only echoing the thoughts of the Ibrox players as they approach this week's semi-final and, ultimately, the final at Hampden.



● IAN REDFORD . . . confident of a Rangers' Scottish Cup triumph.

UP FOR THE CUP NEXT TIME GREGOR IS IN STAND

PROFESSIONAL footballers are notoriously bad specatators, and Ibrox defender Gregor Stevens is no exception to that rule.

Gregor, recently sidelined due to a two match suspension, hates the frustration of watching from the stand and, the fact that one of the games which he missed happened to be against arch rivals Celtic didn't make things any easier for the ex-Motherwell player.

"That game was definitely a nail-biter, and I felt useless sitting up in the stand watching the boys lose," he says.

"And it didn't help to have a Celtic supporter bawling in my ear throughout the game!"

Gregor sat in the stand with a sprint coach Stuart Hogg and team bus driver Sam Isaac and, being the only recognisable Rangers' face in the trio, took a great deal of abuse from the Parkhead fans.

"I wouldn't have minded if we'd got a result, but their late goal was a real sickener," declares Gregor.

The man who was purchased from Leicester City has settled in well at Ibrox and along, with Tom Forsyth and Colin Jackson, poses a formidable barrier for opposition forwards.

Gregor goes in where it hurts and there can be little doubt that he prefers that course of action to watching from the stand.

"I think I must be the worst spectator in the world," says the Ibrox defender, and I don't intend to spent too much time in the stand in the future."

Here's hoping that Gregor's next visit to a stand involves climbing the stairs at Hampden to collect a Scottish Cup winner's medal!



● GREGOR STEVENS in the thick of things . . . the way he likes it.

Don't miss this chance

THERE'S still time to clinch to your Copland Road Stand Seasòn ticket for next term.

The tickets, priced £46 can be purchased from the Ibrox ticket office which is open from 9.30 to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Fans can pay a £10 deposit for the tickets and then add the rest in instalments of £10 or more until the full amount is paid, aithcugh the final payment must be made by July 31.

Those fans who call in at Ibrox personally can select the seat of their choice from a special chart, but if you can't manage along the Stadium you can still apply by post.

However, those applying by post cannot select their own seat.

All the tickets are in the rear of the stand and will grant the holders entry to all League, League Cup, Scottish Cup, Glasgow Cup and reserve matches.

Awards just keep pouring in for John

TWO Rangers players who have been very much in the news recently have now added to the awards they have tallied up this term.

Young John MacDonald, who was recently voted 'Young Player of the Year' by his fellow professionals, has just been named as the 'Player of the Year' by both the Clydebank Loyal and the East Kilbride RSC's.

And he is in line to collect another two trophies, for he is the choice of both the Plean and the Sandbank RSC's as their 'Young Player of the Year'.

Colin Jackson, recently awarded a Testimonial by Rangers after 17 years service with the Club, has been selected as the top man by the Caithness RSC and the Ibrox defender hopes to make the journey north sometime in June to accept his award.

"Bomber" has also won the vote of the John Hay Memorial RSC and this presentation will take place on May 19.

Other players who have figured in the 'Player of the Year' awards recently are: Bobby Russell (Larne and Glenrothes RSC's), Ally Dawson (Bridgeton Cross Loyal), Tom Forsyth (Sandbank) and Sandy Jardine (Plean).

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Walsall; 2. Frank McGarvey with 13; 3. Aberdeen; 4. Forfar; 5. V Aberdeen on May 7 with a crowd of 32,000; 6. Dunfermline; 7. Hull; 8 Sunderland; 9. 40 times; 10. Feyenoord.

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