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THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

. . . It's all about playing for the jersey

FOOTBALL in modern times has become a game where teams rely not on eleven players, but a pool of 16 or 17 men. Rangers are no exception in that respect.

And the Light Blues proved that on Saturday when Gregor Stevens, who only a few weeks ago was made available for transfer, was called upon to wear the number five jersey in the important Premier League match against Morton at Cappielow.

The role of central defender is a vital one in any team and it is to Gregor's credit that he stepped into that position and played as if he had been there all his life.

And manager John Greig was the first to praise the former Motherwell and Leicester City player, not just for his performance at the weekend but for his attitude as a whole.

"Gregor's approach has been tremendous", says the Ibrox boss, "and although he hasn't been in the team for a while he hasn't caused me even the slightest of problems.

"Let me make it clear that we didn't put Gregor on the transfer list, we simply made him available for transfer, but while he or any other player is still at Ibrox he is part of my plans and I will use him as such".

Greig freely appreciates that men with Gregor's attitude are important in any club and that is the kind of spirit which the Rangers manager will continue to encourage in the weeks and months that lie ahead as the Light Blues continue their chase in the championship and start what will, hopefully, be a successful Scottish Cup campaign.

The message is clear; every man at Ibrox, from the Club captain to the youngest "S" form signing, is there to be utilised to the benefit of Rangers. Saturday's victory over Morton was an example of that.



● GREGOR STEVENS



● Jim Bett fires in a vicious shot during the first half of Saturday's match against Morton at Cappielow as John Marr looks on. For more pictures of the Light Blues' 2-0 win turn to the centre pages.

AIRDRIE CUP TIE NOT ALL-TICKET

THE Airdrie-Rangers Scottish Cup third round tie at Broomfield on Saturday, January 24, will NOT be all-ticket, entry to the ground will be by a cash payment at the turnstile, with usual prices applying.

The Ibrox Ticket Office have a very limited number of stand tickets available at £3 and anyone interested should apply in writing only to Ibrox, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, AND the correct remittance.



● G… …rt of the season … they were scoring freely would almost certainly ensure that the month of January ends on a happy note for the Light Blues.

● BILLY DAVIES

● DOUGIE ROBERTSON

GET SET FOR THE BOMBER'S BIGGEST YEAR!



EVERYONE is hoping that 1981 will be a great year for Rangers with the Light Blues firing on all cylinders in their bid to register a league and cup double but, regardless of such success, it will certainly be a great year for Colin Jackson.

Bomber's testimonial committee are in the throes of arranging a multitude of functions which should swell the coffers of the long-serving Ranger's testimonial fund and the fans will also have their chance to pay tribute to the big centre-half.

Lottery tickets are currently being distributed to various pubs and clubs throughout the country and among those tickets will be no fewer than eight which entitle the holder to a prize of £1,000, so there will be no shortage of people being thankful to Colin in the coming weeks.

There will also be many smaller prizes varying from £100 to 25p and it is hoped that the tickets will be selling like hot cakes among Rangers supporters all over Scotland.

Also in the pipeline is Colin's long-awaited testimonial match and an announcement will be made regarding possible opponents in the near future, but you can rest assured that it will be top quality opposition, probably from England, who face the Light Blues that evening.

And a special Dinner/Dance will be held in the Albany Hotel on March 30 with several big names on the bill and such is the demand to attend that function that it's a sell-out already.

No doubt, supporters clubs will also be holding functions to boost Bomber's "thank you" fund and any club who wish to hold a dance for Colin only have to contact the Secretary of the Testimonial Fund, George Bates.

He will be only too glad to lend assistance in making the evening a night to remember.

Clubs wishing to act as agents for Colin's lottery should contact the same man who is available during business hours at 041-552-4338

So everything is looking good on Bomber's testimonial front and Colin looks certain of receiving a substantial reward for his service to Rangers over the past seventeen years.



● COLIN JACKSON . . . his "Dinner" is a sell-out already.

Gift that had Rangers star speechless . . .

CHRISTMAS is the one time of year the Ibrox Postie really hates, because that's when he has to deliver literally thousands of cards and letters all addressed to Rangers players from their many fans up and down the country.

The prize for the strangest Christmas letter received this year must surely go to young Rangers star, John Macdonald.

As John was sifting through his batch of mail, he found a heavy envelope. When he opened it, much to his surprise, he discovered . . . a beautiful watch!

There was also an attached note from one of John's admirers, a 14-year-old girl called Rosina, who wanted John to accept it as a Christmas present.

John very much apprecjated the gift and asked the "News" to pass on his sincere thanks to Rosina.

A vote of thanks

THE "News" offices received a warm letter of thanks last week from a very special Rangers fan, Mr John Hannah of Bathgate.

The letter was directed toward two of the Ibrox stars, John MacDonald and Derek Johnstone who, if you may remember, recently cut an LP containing a host of brand new Rangers songs.

The record may not have made the Top Twenty, but it certainly made a number of people very happy. Y'see, the Ibrox lads decided all proceeds from the record should go to the Multiple Sclerosis Charity.

Mr Hannah, himself a Multiple Sclerosis sufferer, would just like to thank John and Derek for their generosity.

Glasgow Cup-tie

RANGERS were in action on Monday night when they played Partick Thistle at Firhill in their Glasgow Cup semi-final tie. This game was played after your "News" went to press, but full details will be carried next week.

Reserves wait

RANGERS Reserves, who are scheduled to be without a league match from now until February 7, will know tomorrow who their opponents will be in the Reserve League Cup competition.

The draw for the first round will be made at a meeting of the League Management Committee tomorrow (Thursday) in Glasgow.

Colin's pride and joy . . .

RANGERS striker, COLIN McADAM, has netted more than a few goals this season which have pleased both him and the Ibrox fans, but last week the Light Blues star celebrated a happy personal event.

His wife, Myra, gave birth to a son in the Queen Mother's Hospital, Yorkhill, and the McAdam's have decided to call their new 8lbs 5½oz arrival Ross Crawford. They already have a son, Kenneth, who is three.

The rest of Colin's Rangers team-mates benefited, too, because the Ibrox star handed out cigars to celebrate the event.

What a way to celebrate

RANGERS midfield player, BOBBY RUSSELL, made his 100th league appearance for the Club in the recent 1-1 draw with Kilmarnock at Rugby Park.

The Light Blues might not have won that day, but Bobby's spectacular goal — a 20-yard shot — was as good a way as any to celebrate the occasion.

Sandy the spy

RANGERS star, SANDY JARDINE, was among the Easter Road crowd last week to watch what turned out to be an intriguing Scottish Cup, second round replay between Spartans and Stenhousemuir.

According to Sandy, Spartans played well enough, but Stenhousemuir's superior fitness shone through in the end to shatter any dreams the amateur club may have had for Cup glory. The Ochilview men won the tie 2-1.

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NO, I WON'T BUY FOR THE SAKE OF BUYING

— says Boss Greig

IT'S ONLY two and a half years since John Greig took over as manager of Rangers and, in that time, quite a few familiar faces have left Ibrox while some new names have come to the fore, all of them being part of the Light Blues' manager's bid to build a team that can play the sort of winning football which he and the fans want to see.

Recent weeks have seen manager Greig come under quite a bit of pressure because of the Club's series of indifferent results but the Ibrox boss has refused to accept that his side deserve even a proportion of the criticism which has been levelled at them.

"Of course it's disappointing to drop points like we've done recently," says the manager, "but there's no way that we've been as bad as some people have tried to make out.

"Every team goes through a patch where things don't go according to plan and that's all part and parcel of the game but, this Club being what it is, such lean spells are big news.

"What nobody has said is that we've got the youngest midfield trio in the country, have had more than our fair share of injury problems and have brought some new players into the team.





● Urging on his players. That's John Greig springing to his feet in the dugout as Rangers bid to register another two points in their quest for the League Championship. There's no lack of optimism from the Ibrox manager as he pictures the Club regaining the form which made them the talk of the country at the start of the season.

"All these factors have affected the team's performances but I have every confidence in my players ability to shrug off their problems and put us back on the right lines."

What John and every man who wears a red, white and blue scarf wants to see is a return to the sort of football which saw Rangers sweep all comers aside at the start of the season and prompted many to acclaim the Light Blues as the most exciting team this country has seen for a long time.



● JIM BETT

"The good start pleased everybody," says John, "but I'm not surprised that we've gone off the boil a bit since then.

"After all, our strong point was our midfield line of Jim Bett, Ian Redford and Bobby Russell yet Jim and Ian are relatively new players in our team while Bobby certainly can't be described as a veteran.

"And when he went out of the team due to cartilage trouble it upset our midfield even although Tommy McLean did a magnificent job for us.

"But Bobby appears to be getting back to his best and we should benefit from that in the coming weeks."

The introduction of Colin McAdam to the Rangers' attack also changed the face of the team and it was the signing of the big striker and Jim Bett which was acclaimed as the master stroke which gave the team a winning start to the season.

And the Ibrox manager won't hesitate to step into the transfer market again should the right players become available.

"There are perhaps three positions which I would like to see strengthened," says Greig, "and if players of the quality this Club demands become available I would certainly be prepared to splash out some money to bring them to Ibrox.

"BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN BUYING FOR THE SAKE OF BUYING."

That's a point which is worth stressing and with so many talented youngsters just waiting in the wings at Ibrox it would be foolish to squander cash in the already inflated transfer market.

But Greig refuses to rush his youngsters into first team football.



● GORDON DALZIEL

"Young players like Dougie Robertson, Gordon Dalziel and Billy Davies have shown that they have what it takes to make the grade in this game but I believe I could do them more harm than good by rushing them," he explains.

"There's nothing would harm a youngster's confidence more than throwing him in at the deep end and watching him struggle to make any impression on a game.

"The time has got to be right and, with us still challenging for the league, I'd be putting the youngsters under tremendous pressure, asking them to play in an important game.

"But I'll be watching the lads very closely and when I think they're ready for the breakthrough they'll get their chance."

The overall situation at Ibrox prompts Greig to say that he believes that the team is moving in the right direction and that they are on the verge of being the side he wants them to be.

"I reckon that we're perhaps 75 per cent along the road to success," says the former Ibrox skipper, "and seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, I believe we'll get there in the not too distant future.

"The potential is here and it's just a matter of realising that promise and putting it all together on the field.

"We proved at the start of the season that we're as good as any team in the country and that form will return before long."

Greig spoke with a conviction that was most assuring. The Ibrox manager will spare no effort to restore Rangers to their former glories and he will ensure that his players approach their tasks in the same manner.

Your complete pools guide . .

POOL ONE: 56 possibles, 17 goals, 48 winners each receive £669.14.
Winning Combinations: 03,21 with three from 06, 08, 22, 25, 26, 30, 40, 42.
POOL TWO: 5 possibles, 6 goals, 5 winners each receive £200.
Winning Combinations: 04 with four from 07, 16, 18, 19, 24.
POOL THREE: 28 possibles, 13 goals, 17 winners each receive £58.82.
Winning Combinations: 12, 13, 27 with two from 02, 04, 06, 25, 26, 39, 42, 43.
POOL FOUR: 6 possible, 25 goals, 4 winners each receive £250.
Winning Combinations: Any five from 06, 12, 21, 25, 26, 42.
POOL FIVE: 1 possible , 0 goals, 1 winner receives, £1,000.
Winner: T. Graham, 40 Rowen Court, Paisley.
POOL SIX: 3 possibles, 12 goals, 3 winners each receive £666.66.
Winning Combinations: 01, 03, 08, 33, with one from 09, 10, 29.
● AGENT'S GOLDEN BONUS: Not won, now stands at £400.

FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results — Games 01—2-0; 02—0-2; 03—4-0; 04—2-2; 05—0-0; 06—3-2; 07—1-1; 08—3-0; 09—1-0; 10—1-0; 11—0-0; 12—2-3; 13—0-3; 14—0-1; 15—0-1; 16—1-1; 17—0-1; 18—1-1; 19—1-1; 20—0-0; 21—4-1; 22—3-1; 23—0-1; 24—1-1: 25—3-2; 26—3-2; 27—1-3; 28—0-0; 29—1-0; 30—3-1; 31—2-1; 32—2-1; 33—2-0; 34—2-1; 35—0-1; 36—2-1; 37—0-0; 38—0-1; 39—0-2; 40—3-1; 41—2-1; 42—3-2; 43—0-2.
FOLLOWING is official list of teams for Saturday, January 17:
01 Bristol C., 02 Cambridge U., 03 Blackpool, 04 Brentford, 05 Aldershot, 06 Bournemouth, 07 Aberdeen, 08 Airdrie, 09 Dundee Utd., 10 Grimsby.
11 Luton, 12 Burnley, 13 Carlisle, 14 Bradford C., 15 Bury, 16 Rangers, 17 St. Mirren, 18 Ayr, 19 Notts Co., 20 Oldham.
21 Chesterfield, 22 Hull, 23 Darlington, 24 Mansfield, 25 Clydebank, 26 E. Stirling, 27 Hamilton, 28 Orient, 29 Preston, 30 Oxford U.
31 Plymouth, 32 Peterboro', 33 Rochdale, 34 Hibs, 35 Raith R., 36 QPR, 37 Shrewsbury, 38 Sheffield Utd., 39 Walsall, 40 Wigan A.
41 Stirling A., 42 Arbroath, 43 West Brom.

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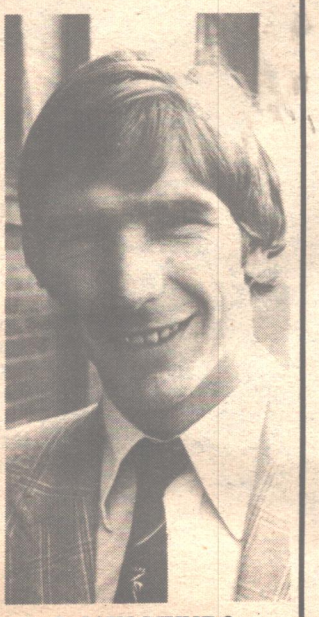
YOU ASKED FOR IT

Who scored Rangers' first league goal in season 1976-77?

PLEASE give details of Rangers 1961-62 Scottish Cup win over St. Mirren, including Rangers road to the final. John Hannah, Liddesdale Road, Glasgow.

FIRST ROUND: 2-1 v Falkirk; SECOND ROUND: 6-0 v Arbroath; THIRD ROUND: 2-2 then 5-1 v Aberdeen; FOURTH ROUND: 4-2 v Kilmarnock; SEMI-FINAL: 3-1 v Motherwell; FINAL: 2-0 v St. Mirren.

The final took place at Hampden on April 21, 1962, and the attendance was 127,940, the takings at the gate being £17,980. Rangers goals were scored by Ralphie Brand (40 min.) and Davie Wilson (57 min.).



● IAIN MUNRO

Who did Rangers share their first park with? Gary Wheeler, Hillpark Drive, Glasgow.

Rangers first ever ground was at Flesher's Haugh on Glasgow Green which they shared with Great Eastern FC.

I would like to know how many goals Alex Miller has scored for the Rangers first team from penalty kicks since the the Premier League started? Harry Nelson, Clarkston Road, Glasgow.

In season 1975-76, Alex netted eight penalty kicks, including one against Toronto Metros on Rangers tour of Canada. In 1976-77, Alex scored seven from the spot. The season after, he hit six, including one against Partick Thistle in a penalty decider in the Glasgow Cup. Season 1978-79 saw Alex score only one, and the following year he scored another two. This season so far, Alex has banged in two penalty kicks, which takes his total to 26.

I would like to know both the Rangers and East Fife team which met in the Scottish Cup Final of 1949-50. Would I be right in saying this was East Fife's only ever appearance in the final? Douglas Shaw, Kingspark Avenue, Rutherglen, Glasgow.

The teams were. — RANGERS: Brown, Young, Shaw, McColl, Woodburn, Cox, Rutherford, Findlay, Thornton, Duncanson, Rae.

EAST FIFE: Easson, Laird, Stewart, Philip, Findlay, Aitken, Black, Fleming, Morris, Brown, Duncan. The score finished 3-0 to Rangers with Willie Thornton netting a double, and Willie Findlay scoring the other.

In answer to the second part of your query, East Fife appeared in the 1927 final when they were beaten 3-1 by Celtic, and then, in 1938, they won the trophy by beating Kilmarnock 4-2 after a 1-1 draw.



● ALEX MILLER

How many full international caps does Sandy Jardine have for Scotland? Iain Mills, Mains Drive, Erskine.

Sandy has gained 38 caps for his country.

During Rangers pre-season Canadian tour, what was the team which played against Nancy, and who were the goalscorers? Graham Clark, Paisley Road West, Glasgow.

The team was: McCloy, Dawson, Tom Forsyth, Stevens, Johnstone, Jackson, McLean, Russell, Redford, John MacDonald and Cooper. Alex Forsyth was sub., and came on for T. Forsyth. The scorers were Tommy McLean with a penalty, and John MacDonald, who scored two.

Could you please tell me who scored the very first league goal of season 1976-77. I believe it was Sandy Jardine, but my friend thinks Iain Munro was the scorer. Who is correct? Larry Doig, Springfield Road, Glasgow.

We're afraid neither of you are, Mr Doig. it was, in fact, Derek Johnstone, who scored in nine minutes against Celtic on September 4, 1976. Derek Parlane scored Rangers second in 44 minutes, but in the second half Paul Wilson scored twice for Celtic to end the game in a 2-2 draw.

SEE A CRACKER v DONS . . . FREE!



Just tell us how many times the teams met last season

SO FAR this season Rangers have played the present league leaders, Aberdeen, on four occasions . . . and every one of them was a cracker!

And you can be sure that when the two clubs meet again in the Premier League on January 31, it will be another exciting encounter.

This is your opportunity to be guaranteed two seats in the Main Stand for that very game . . . courtesy of the 'News.'

For that is the prize we are offering for some lucky reader to win in this week's competition — two free tickets for the Rangers-Aberdeen game in a fortnight's time.

The only thing we want you to do is answer a simple question.

Look at this 'News' picture above of a past encounter between the two clubs in last season's Scottish Cup semi-final.

Here you can see Derek Johnstone avoiding a sliding tackle by Willie Miller to slam the ball home from 18 yards. Stuart Kennedy is the Dons man looking on.

As you all no doubt know, big Derek's effort proved to be the winner in an exciting and memorable Cup "semi." What we want you to tell us, though, is on how many occasions the two teams met last season including that Scottish Cup tie.

When you think you know the answer just jot the number down on a postcard and send it off to: "Dons Tickets," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for all entries is Friday, January 23, and the first all-correct card pullled from our competition drum on this date, will be sent two tickets for the match.

Please try and write as neatly as possible, and remember to include your full name and address with all entries.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

PROGRAMMES

WANTED: 'Playing for Rangers, Numbers 4 and 5. Will pay asking price. Please contact R. MacLean, 161 MacKay Road, Inverness.

WANTED: Rangers News issue 434. Will pay seller's price. Please contact Davie Fleming, 55 Greenwood Crescent, Coatbridge.

● **WANTED:** "Rangers News" of seasons 1977-78, 1978-79 and issues 404, 407, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418 from season 1979-80. Will pay asking prices. — contact **Stephen Murray, 41 Langbar Crescent, Easterhouse, Glasgow, or phone 041-771-8719.**

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● **WANTED:** Hibs v Rangers programme (Easter Road), August, 1976, League Cup, first leg — contact **Ian Veitch, 55 Kingsway, Peebles.**

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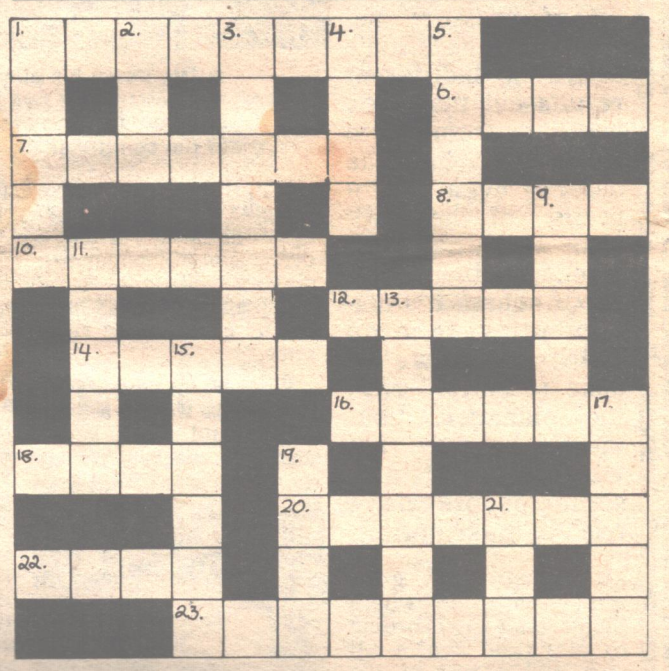

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Former Brazilian star who was nicknamed the 'Little Bird' (9)
6. No imitations of these men from Madrid (4)
7. Saintly ground where Birmingham City play (7)
8. How fans may react when one of their players prepares to take a penalty (4)
10. Czechoslovakian club who won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in season 1968-69 (6)
12. Christian name of the Argentinian star who scored two goals at Ibrox last season (5)
14. The sort of tackle which may prompt a warning from the referee (5)
16. Big ones attract large crowds (6)
18. Father and son who have refereed many big games (4)
20. One of Scotland's opponents in the last European Championship campaign (7)
22. The last South American nation to play Scotland at Hampden (4)
23. Home of Colchester United (5, 4).

DOWN

1. What all the fans want to see (5)
2. Colour associated with the men from Pittodrie (3)
3. Island home of Glentoran, Linfield and Dundalk (7)
4. Midfield star at Liverpool (4)
5. Christian name of Leeds and Scotland forward Graham (6)
9. The man who should uncover a club's young players (5)
11. The sort of team who win games against the run of play (5)
13. The role some players are employed in by their old clubs (7)
15. The sort of player many managers fancy (6)
17. There's one behind each goal at Ibrox (5)
19. Not the man to have in your side (4)
21. City where around 200,000 watched a match in 1950 (3).

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, Hungary; 7, Rioch; 8, Mirren; 9, Cowan; 10, Penarol; 11, Hay; 14, Eye; 17, Bremner; 18, Mason; 20, Verona; 21, Sweat; 22, England.
DOWN: 2, United; 3, Germany; 4, Renton; 5, Norway; 6, Chance; 7, R.F.C.; 12, Admiral; 13, Hamish; 14, Easter; 15, Provan; 16, Vernon; 19, Net.

FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE

'KAISER' FRANZ LOOKS SET FOR 'NATIONAL RECALL ...

FEW, IF ANY, would dispute that Franz Beckenbauer has been the outstanding West German footballer to grace the game in recent years, but the 'Kaiser's' decision to join the 'fame drain' to America and sign for New York Cosmos some two and a half years ago disappointed many of his admirers. They saw Beckenbauer's departure from his homeland as the end of his playing career at top level.

But the man who twice won the 'European Footballer of the Year' award went on to help the Cosmos regain the N.A.S.L. Soccer Bowl before returning to the land of the Mark and Gunter Netzer's S.V. Hamburg, restoring all faith in him and, indeed, Beckenbauer now finds himself tipped to return to the national side in the 'libero' role he commanded for so long.

There is, however, no shortage of competition for that place in Jupp Derwall's team with the names of Niedermayer (Bayern Munich), Stielike (Real Madrid), Schuster (Barcelona) and Kaltz (Hamburg) all being prominent before Beckenbauer's 'prodigal son' reappearance but, with Schuster failing to distinguish himself in Germany's 4-1 win over France in November, the lobby for the 'Kaiser's' return is gaining more voice.

On the other hand, coach Derwall, while appreciating the value of a player of Beckenbauer's undoubted skill and experience, is adopting a 'softly, softly' approach to the prospect of the great man's recall.

"Franz had a very hard season in the United States," says Derwall, "and I feel it would be unfair to push him back into international football so soon.

"After all, he hasn't played for West Germany for four years so I'll wait to see how he settles at Hamburg before I decide on the possibility of him playing for the national side again."

But Derwall could be nothing but impressed by the way Beckenbauer has performed since making his debut for Hamburg and the signing of the former Bayern Munich star has proved to be a shrewd piece of business by the B.P. sponsored club.

Kevin Keegan's return to England left a void in the 'superstar' role at the Volkspark Stadium and it's safe to say that nobody except Beckenbauer could have stepped into the England skipper's shoes with the same effect, attendances rocketing wherever Hamburg play.



● BECKENBAUER . . . as he looked in the 1966 World Cup Final.



● BECKENBAUER . . . in his early Bayern Munich days.



● BECKENBAUER . . . in the 1974 World Cup tournament.



● BECKENBAUER . . . in his late Bayern Munich days against FC Zurich in the European Cup.

— But Bonhof is recalled

WHILE FRANZ BECKENBAUER'S return to the West German national side is still a point open to debate, another of that country's great football heroes has returned to his homeland and gone on to regain his place at international level.

Rainer Bonhof, the man who made Borussia Munchen-Gladbach tick before he joined Valencia, signed for Cologne just before the start of this season and his form for the Mungersdorfer Stadium outfit has been a revelation as Rinus Michels' team powered into the quarter-finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Bonhof got his reward by being included in the German squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria in Sofia and, although he did not play in his country's 3-1 win, the man with the venomous shot is very much part of Jupp Derwall's plans.

The recent Cope de Oro in Uruguay saw Bonhof pull the coveted white shirt over his head again and it may come as a surprise to learn that the former midfield star was employed in a defensive role on the right hand side of the field.

Some may think it a pity that such a creative player be used in that position but that is a clear indication of the abundance of talent Jupp Derwall has at his disposal for the midfield jobs.

And with the possible return of Beckenbauer at the centre of the defence, the West German rearguard could earn the title of football's most creative defence.

Poles appoint new coach

POLAND have appointed a new international coach. He is Antonia Piechniczek, who replaces Ryszard Kulesza who quit three weeks ago after disciplining four of the country's leading players. Zbigniew Boniek and Stanislaw Terlecki were banned for a year and Wladyslaw Zmuda and Jozef Mlynarcyzk for eight months after an airport row before last month's World Cup game v Malta.

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Linfield manager Roy Coyle has banned his players from wearing long sleeves . . . no matter what the weather may be like. "It's simple," he explains. "If a player's arms are cold, he'll run about more to keep warm. The harder he works, the warmer he will be." The only man to whom the rule doesn't apply is the goalkeeper and that's for obvious reasons.

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TWO English clubs are hoping to spend £500,000 on ground improvements. West Ham want to install 5,000 in their West enclosure while Fourth Division Bradford City are trying to get planning permission for a multi-purpose sports hall which would be built adjacent to their ground. There would also be improved parking as well as a stand on the Midland Road side of the ground and cover for the Kop terracing.

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KARL-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich is the new "European Footballer of the Year".

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Claudio Marangoni, the Argentinian midfield player who signed for Sunderland from San Lorenzo for a club record fee of £320,000, has been given a free transfer by the Roker Park side. Sunderland still owe part of the fee to the South American club, but there is a clause in the transfer contract which enables them to send the player back.

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In the Cope De Oro, West Germany lost both their matches and this was their first defeats under Jupp Derwall. They had previously gone 23 games without losing.

Bulgarian Euro threat

THE FORTUNES of the Bulgarian national team have slumped somewhat in recent years but, despite a 3-1 home defeat by West Germany in a World Cup qualifier, there are signs that things could be beginning to pick up again, particularly on the club front.

Quietly, Bulgaria's represntatives in both the European Cup and the Cup-Winners' Cup have reached the quarter-final stages and, depending on who they draw in the ballot on January 30, further progress is certainly not beyond them.

League champions and current table toppers CSKA Sofia have disposed of holders, Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest, as well as Szombierski Byton, of Poland, on their way to the last eight and, should they reach the semi-finals, it will be a repeat of their best run in the European Cup in season 1966-67 when they reached the penultimate stages before falling to Inter Milan.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, Slavia Sofia beat Poland's Legia Warsaw (one of their ties against the Poles was refereed by Scot Ian Foote) and Sparta Prague, of Czechoslovakia, like their city rivals, if Slavia reach the last four they will have equalled their best showing in the competition.

That, like CSKA, was in season 1966-67 and guess who ended the Bulgarians' hopes of cup glory . . . Rangers, the Light Blues winning 1-0 both at home and in Sofia.

This season has seen Slavia languishing at the bottom end of the domestic league table, but their European progress can have done their confidence no harm whatsoever and the second half of the term could see them make up some of the ground they've lost.

A CONFIDENCE BOOSTER!

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic	2	Dundee Utd	1
Hearts	0	Aberdeen	2
Kilmarnock	2	St. Mirren	0
Morton	0	Rangers	2
Partick Th.	1	Airdrie	0

DIVISION ONE

Berwick R.	1	hamilton	0
Dumbarton	0	Falkirk	1
Motherwell	3	Ayr United	2
Raith Rov.	2	Hibernian	0
Stirling A.	0	St. Johnstone	1

DIVISION TWO

Albion R.	3	Clyde	3
Alloa Ath.	2	Meadowbank	1
Montrose	1	Arbroath	2
Queen's P	1	Forfar Ath.	3

SCOTTISH CUP
(SECOND ROUND)

Buckie Th.	3	Stranraer	2

(SECOND ROUND REPLAY

Q.O.S.	1	East Fife	2

RESERVE LEAGUE (EAST)

Arbroath	1	Hearts	2

RESERVE LEAGUE (WEST)

Airdrie	2	Morton	0
Ayr United	1	Dumbarton	0
Clydebank	4	Kilmarnock	1
Hamilton	1	St. Mirren	1
Rangers	2	Clyde	2

SCORERS

The full table is:

Colin McAdam	18
John MacDonald	12
Sandy Jardine	4
Ian Redford	4
Jim Bett	3
Davie Cooper	3
Alex Miller	3
Bobby Russell	2
Gordon Dalziel	1
Ally Dawson	1
Willie Johnston	1
Own Goals	2

● Not including any goals that may have been scored in Monday's Glasgow Cup semi-final match v Partick Thistle.

FACT-FILE

Premier League
MORTON 0, RANGERS 2
Scorers: MacDonald (42), Redford (55).
MORTON: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeil, Marr, Busby, Tolmie, Houston. Subs: Ritchie (for McNeil) and Cochrane (for Houston).
RANGERS: McCloy, Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Stevens, Bett, Cooper, Russell, McAdam, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: McLean, Mackay (not used).
Referee: D. Ramsay (Edinburgh).
Attendance: 11,000.
Booked: Orr, Busby (Morton).

EUROPEAN RESULTS

BELGIUM: Anderlecht 1, Bruges 0; Winterslag 0, Lierse 0; Antwerp 2, Waterschei 0; Waregem 1, Lokeren 0; Ghent 4, Beringen 0; Standard 1, Liege 1; Beveren 1, Beerschot 0; Berchem 1, Kortryk 1; SK Bruges 4, RWD Molenbeek 2.

GREECE: Atromitos 0, Olympiakos 1; AEK 3, OFL Crete 0; Aris 2, Panahaiki 1; Apollon 1, Panathanaikos 0; Panserikos 1, Paok 1; Ethnikos 1, Larissa 1; Kastoria 6, Kavala 0; Doxa Drama 1; Corinthos 0; Ioannina 3, Panionis 2.

PORTUGAL: Porto 1, Sporting 0; Benfica 3, Boavista 0; Amora 0, Setubal 1; Braga 0, Varzim 0; Academico de Coimbra 0, Belenses 1; Academico de Viscu 2, Guimaraes 1; Portimonense 1, Espinho 1; Maritimo do Funchal 2, Penafiel 1.

SPANISH: Atletico de Madrid 2, Las Palmas 2; Osasuna 0, Real Sociedad 3; Betis 1, Valencia 1; Espanol 1, Barcelona 0; Gijon 3, Hercules 1; Murcia 1, Salamanca 1; Sevilla 0, Zaragoza 0; Athletic de Bilbao 1, Real Madrid 1; Almeria 1, Valladolid 1.



● The start of Rangers first goal as Colin McAdams heads the ball down to the unmarked John MacDonald.



● Hidden behind a ruck of players, John coolly slots the ball home from eight yards.



● Ian Redford grabs Rangers second goal with this 18 yard shot.

IT MAY be only a short journey down the M8 motorway from Ibrox to Cappielow, but it was a happy Rangers party which made the return journey on Saturday evening following the Light Blues' victory over Morton.

The 2-0 win was the first time this year the Club had picked up two points in one match and it also ended a spell when they had gone six games without a win.

More importantly, however, it was a scoreline which gave the players a lot of confidence after weeks in which they have been subjected to no small amount of criticism.

John McDonald was the man — is he still only 19? — who got the opener in the 42nd minute when he hit a low shot into the corner of the net from eight yards and Ian Redford scored the important second goal in the the 55th minute when he slammed in a fierce drive from 18 yards after Baines could only punch out a Cooper corner.

The goals really couldn't have come at a better time for the Light Blues because midway through the first half they had been fortunate to survive as Morton pressed hard for the opening goal. Sandy Jardine kicked off the line twice and Peter McCloy made a fine save from a Busby header before Rooney had a goal disallowed for offside.

Apart from the win, there must have been several pleasing factors for manager John Greig, not the least of which was the performance of Gregor Stevens. He made his first tackle on the left touchline in the opening minutes and from then on he didn't put a foot wrong, even though this was his first appearance in the first team since playing as a substitute on October 4 when, ironically enough, Morton were the opponents.

Alongside him, there were similar fine performances from Ally Dawson and the immaculate Sandy Jardine while Jim Bett, Bobby Russell and Ian Redford again showed a fine combination of commitment and enterprise at various stages of the match.

It was a victory achieved without the services of Derek Johnstone and Colin Jackson —both of whom were suspended — but the points were gained with a team performance and similar team displays in the weeks ahead will ensure happier times for the Ibrox fans.



● Ian Redford is mobbed by delighted team-mates Davie Cooper and Gregor Stevens after his goal.



● Colin McAdam beats Joe McLaughlin.



● John MacDonald wins this race for the ball with Davie Hayes.



● The rest of the Ibrox players congratulate Ian.



● John MacDonald races past defender Rooney.



● Roy Baines clutches this Cooper cross as Redford and McAdam wait for a slip-up.

THE LEAGUE POSITIONS

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	22	14	7	1	45	15	35
Celtic	23	16	2	5	48	27	34
Rangers	21	9	10	2	38	16	28
Dundee Utd	22	8	8	6	36	28	24
St. Mirren	22	8	6	8	33	29	22
Partick Th	23	8	6	9	19	26	22
Morton	23	6	7	10	25	38	19
Airdrie	22	5	8	9	22	31	18
Hearts	22	3	5	14	18	37	11
Kilmarnock	22	2	5	15	52	9	

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibernian	26	16	5	5	43	20	37
Raith Rovers	23	15	4	4	38	17	34
Ayr United	26	12	7	7	38	26	31
St. Johnston	26	11	9	6	32	25	31
Dundee	24	12	5	7	39	25	29
Hamilton	25	11	5	9	44	32	27
Motherwell	24	10	6	8	41	40	26
Dumbarton	26	8	7	11	35	36	23
Falkirk	25	9	4	12	28	38	22
Clydebank	24	7	7	10	34	41	21
East Stirling	24	5	10	9	31	37	20
Dunfermline	23	7	4	12	27	31	18
Stirling Alb	25	5	7	13	17	36	17
Berwick	25	3	4	18	19	62	10

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Alloa	23	12	8	3	43	25	32
Queens Park	23	9	10	4	39	27	28
Queen of Sth	22	8	9	5	37	37	25
Cowdenb'th	20	9	6	5	32	25	24
Forfar	22	9	6	7	37	33	24
Brechin	23	8	8	7	31	32	24
Montrose	21	10	3	8	39	28	23
Arbroath	23	7	8	8	42	41	22
Albion Rover	23	7	8	8	35	41	22
Clyde	22	8	5	9	35	39	21
Stenh'semuir	21	7	6	8	38	30	20
East Fife	22	5	9	8	23	29	19
Stranraer	22	6	2	14	19	43	14
Meadowbank	23	4	4	15	23	43	12

Reserve League (West Section)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	19	15	4	0	44	13	34
Rangers	20	11	5	4	57	25	27
Killie	20	10	4	6	44	29	24
Ayr Utd.	16	7	6	3	30	19	20
St. Mirren	16	6	6	4	26	25	18
P. Thistle	18	7	3	8	26	28	17
Hamilton	18	5	6	7	15	23	16
M'well	14	6	3	5	23	23	15
Clydebank	18	6	3	9	23	34	15
Airdrie	16	4	3	9	26	27	11
Morton	18	5	1	12	22	37	11
Clyde	15	4	1	10	18	43	9
Queens Park	13	1	6	6	19	30	8
Dumbarton	13	3	1	9	13	22	7

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SPOTLIGHT

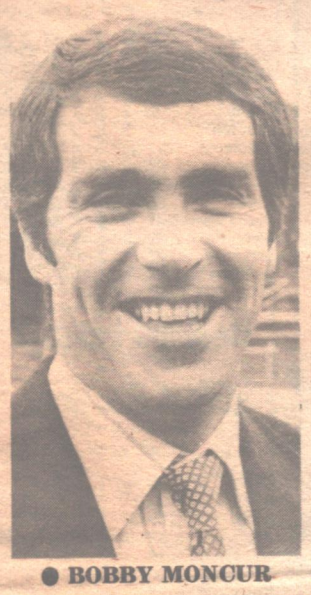
'News' preview of Saturday's match at Ibrox

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SPOTLIGHT

THE "DROP" LOOMS!

— But not if Alex MacDonald can help it . . .

THE 'YO-YO' TEAM of Scottish football. That is the title once proud Hearts are in grave danger of earning as they languish second from the bottom of the Premier League table and with the drop appearing to be a very real possibility, the prospect of such a fate makes the Edinburgh side's visit to Ibrox on Saturday a most crucial one.



● BOBBY MONCUR

Before the end of season 1976-77, the Tynecastle outfit had never suffered the embarrassment of relegation but, since then, they have been promoted, subsequently relegated, promoted again and now face a further demotion if they cannot find the solution to the problems which have caused them to struggle throughout this season.

Manager Bobby Moncur is very aware of the difficulties he faces but he also finds himself with no alternative to turn to.

"I knew I would face problems in this, my first season," says Bobby, "and, despite what many people say, we're playing no beter or worse than I expected.

"Of course, the results have been disappointing but so many of our defeats have been by the odd goal and I can't help thinking that 'Lady Luck' hasn't been too kind to us.

"Our game against Airdrie was particularly vital and we looked to be home and dry when we were two goals up with just 20 minutes left, then a couple of daft goals turned the game on it's head and we were the losers."

The loss of two points in that match and Airdrie's subsequent draw with Rangers now puts the Tynecastle side seven points adrift of Bobby Watson's side and it would be a very brave man who would place a bet on Hearts holding on to their Premier League status beyond the end of this term.

But there is certainly no lack of talent at the Edinburgh club with youngsters David Bowman, Gary Mackay, Paul O'Brien and Ian Westwater joining forces with experienced campaigners like former Ibrox favourite Alex MacDonald, Willie McVie and Alfie Conn in the famous maroon shirts.

The latter pair will, however, be missing from the Hearts line up on Saturday due to suspension, but wee 'Doddie' will no doubt be out there making life hard for his old colleagues.



● Action from the Rangers v Hearts match at Ibrox in October when the Light Blues won 3-1. Here Peter McCloy advances quickly from his line to stop Derek O'Connor as Sandy Jardine stands guard.



● DAVE BOWMAN

"Alex MacDonald has done a great job for this club," says manager Moncur, "and I had absolutely no hesitation in making him our skipper when Jim Jefferies was injured.

"No cause is lost with a player like 'Doddie' in the side. He'd chase and hustle all afternoon if it meant getting possession of the ball and he just doesn't know the meaning of defeat.

"He's also a great help to the younger lads in our team and I point to Alex as the example of what comes of hard work in this game, because there's not a harder worker in football than Alex MacDonald."

Praise indeed for the former Ranger, but to those who saw 'Doddie' in his days at Ibrox it comes as no surprise and it's safe to assume that the wee man will get a good reception from the 'Follow, follow' boys on Saturday.

But that will be nothing to the reception he'll get from his boss if he can inspire Hearts to get a result this weekend against his old club!

● **Hearts have no ever-presents in their side this season. Alex MacDonald, however, since joining the Tynecastle club from Rangers last August, has only missed one game for the 'Jam Tarts'.**

● Hearts top goalscorer so far this season is Chris Robertson. The ex-Rangers man has scored nine goals for the club.

● ***So far this season Hearts have scored 18 League goals, accounted for by seven of their players, one of whom, Cammy Fraser, has been transferred to Dundee. Rangers, on the other hand, have netted 36 goals through 10 players.***

● **The present Hearts playing staff includes five players signed from English teams over the last two seasons. Stephen Hamilton and Pat McShane both came from Leicester City in 1979, while at the beginning of 1980 Archibald White was transferred from Oxford United to Tynecastle and more recently, Hearts signed Peter Shields from Ipswich and then bought Alex Hammill from 'Spurs.**

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

SATURDAY
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
Aberdeen v Kilmarnock; Airdrie v Morton; Dundee United v Partick; RANGERS v HEARTS; St. Mirren v Celtic.
DIVISION ONE.
Ayr United v St. Johnstone; Clydebank v Dumbarton; East Stirling v Dundee; Hamilton Accies v Dunfermline Athletic; Hibernian v Falkirk; Raith Rovers v Berwick Rangers; Stirling Albion v Motherwell.
DIVISION TWO
Arbroath v Stenhousemuir; Brechin City v Meadowbank Thistle; Clyde v Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park; East Fife v Montrose; Forfar Athletic v Alloa; Queen of the South v Albion Rovers.

It's a fact

● Hearts hold the old-style Division One record for most league goals scored in a season when, in 1957-58, they managed to net 132.

● *Hearts are the only team in Scotland to have been relegated twice from the Premier League, and then managed to gain promotion the following season. They were relegated in season 1976-77, came second in the First Division the following season, went down again in 1978-79 and were Division One champions last year.*



● Chris Robertson bangs in one of his nine goals for Hearts this season. This was the first of a hat-trick for the ex-Rangers' player in the Bell's League Cup tie against Montrose at Links Park in August. Hearts won 3-1.

CLUB NOTES

● **Calling all Rangers Supporters Clubs' secretaries! You know how difficult it is to sometimes get in touch with the members of your club to inform them of bus times. So why not make it easy for yourself, by advertising notes in the pages of News.**

All you have to do is write in and tell us what time your bus leaves, and any other information you wish published. The address is: "Club Notes", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

STRATHKELVIN IAN REDFORD: Bus for Hearts game leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenieburn, at 2 p.m. Regular meeting at Community Centre at 12.30 p.m. Non-members welcome, still some seats available.

BALLINGRY LOYAL: Bus v Hearts will leave Auld Shank, Ballingry, at 11.30 a.m., picking up at usual places and times. Non-members welcome.

PROVANMILL: Bus v Hearts will leave Provanmill Inn at 2 p.m. Bus for tour of Ibrox on Sunday, January 18, will leave Provanmill Inn at 2 p.m.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Airdrie bus leaves McLean Street at 1.30 p.m. Seats for non-members £1. New members welcome. Names and deposits now due for Wembley.

OLD KILPATRICK: Bus v Hearts will leave Old Kilpatrick at 2 p.m. Non-members welcome.

STONEHAVEN: Names now required for Airdrie and Aberdeen games.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Hearts leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy, at noon; picking up at the Crown, Burntisland, and Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth; dance tickets now on sale from committee; dance in Anthony's Hotel, Kirkcaldy, on March 14.



(Continuing our great series)

WHY MAX WAS 'KING' OF THE IBROX SHOW GAMES

Murray's late goal kept 'Gers unbeaten record

OVER THE YEARS Rangers centre forwards have certainly given the fans plenty to shout about, wreaking havoc with opposing defences as they rattle in the goals which have brought the Ibrox fans to their feet.

Jimmy Fleming, Sam English, Jimmy Smith, Willie Thornton and Jimmy Millar are no more than a handful of names from the never ending list of great Rangers strikers who have grabbed the headlines and each man's merits were often the chief talking points in the bars around Glasgow as the fans discussed the Light BLues' fortunes.

Never were these discussions more heated than when two players were competing for that coveted number nine jersey and that was the case in season 1955-56 when the introduction of Don Kichenbrand to Rangers' ranks led to the "Rhino," as he was known to the Ibrox faithful, and Max Murray fighting for that place and both players had their fans who reckoned their man was the better choice.

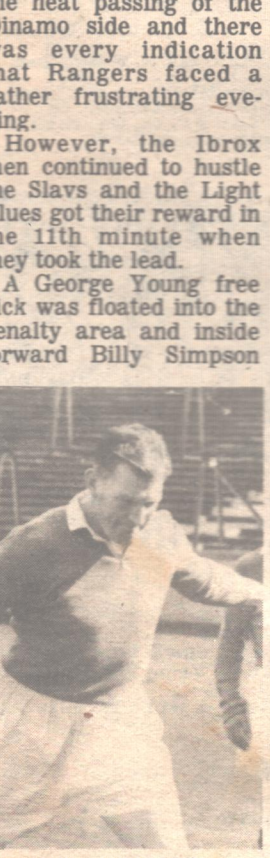
Midway through that season Kichenbrand was definitely not without his backers, the big South African banging in goals at a most prolific rate, so when injury prevented him from playing in the friendly against Dinamo Zagreb at Ibrox on March 28, 1956, Kich's fans were rather disappointed.

But replacement Max Murray had no lack of admirers and Maxie was to play the starring role in the 90 minutes which were about to unfold beneath the Ibrox lights before a 45,000 crowd.

The Yugoslavian visitors were something of a mystery team, but their early play impressed the crowd, who applauded the neat passing of the Dinamo side and there was every indication that Rangers faced a rather frustrating evening.

However, the Ibrox men continued to hustle the Slavs and the Light Blues got their reward in the 11th minute when they took the lead.

A George Young free kick was floated into the penalty area and inside forward Billy Simpson leapt to beat goalkeeper Krali to the ball and head it home, much to the delight of the men on the terracing.



GEORGE YOUNG ... made Rangers' first goal.



● **Max Murray, the man whose last minute equaliser against Dinamo Zagreb preserved Rangers' record of never having been beaten at home by a Continental side, seen here in action against Hearts at Tynecastle. Incidentally, the Hearts goalkeeper diving at Maxie's feet is Gordon Marshall, father of the current Ibrox starlet of the same name.**
(Pic. by kind permission of "Daily Record/Sunday Mail").

Rangers now looked like tearing Dinamo apart, but the visitors showed more than a little determination as they fought to stem the tide and, as is often the case in such situations, they proved to be at their most dangerous just when they were about to be written off.

A criticism often aimed at Continental clubs in those days was that they could not shoot with any force, but the Yugoslavians set about righting that wrong in no uncertain fashion.

After 20 minutes, wing half Resek picked up the ball some 30 yards from George Niven's goal and let fly with an unsaveable shot which almost uprooted the net.

Everyone at Ibrox was still stunned when, 60 seconds later, Dinamo forward Conc collected a pass in a similar situation and proceeded to repeat the bad medicine to put the visitors ahead.

Such lethal finishing was to be the trademark of the Zagreb team, who were quite prepared to let Rangers do all the pressing then hit the Light Blues on the break and George Niven had to look sharp on several occasions as the Slavs looked dangerous.

There was no further scoring in the first half and Rangers reappeared for the second period with John Prentice and Derek Grierson replacing Willie Rae and Billy Simpson.

The substitutes' introduction was to be a telling one when, with just over an hour played, a Prentice lob was knocked on by Murray to Grierson and wee Derek promptly lobbed the ball over Krali to level the scores.

Now Rangers searched for the winner, but Dinamo were in no mood for giving anything away and, indeed, their inside left Kolonic was the most impressive player afield, dictating the play from what would now be known as a central midfield role.

His passes had the Ibrox defence in trouble on several occasions and it was no surprise when after 74 minutes he sent a superb ball through to the tongue twisting Liposinovic who calmly slipped it past the advancing Niven.

No Continental team had ever won at Ibrox, but now Rangers faced the very real possibility of defeat as the Yugoslavians neatly played the ball from man to man and clearly looked capable of holding out until the final whistle.

But the Ibrox men refused to accept defeat and kept the visitors under pressure and, with less than two minutes remaining, they mounted yet another attack.

A Scott centre caused some trouble in the Dinamo defence, but the fans groaned when Sammy Baird failed to get his head to the cross and the chance appeared to be lost as the ball bounced towards the goal line, some ten yards wide of the posts.

Racing in from the left, Max Murray raced towards the ball, but it looked like a forlorn hope as Maxie swung in a bid to stop it going out of play but, amazingly, he did so and, what's more, his shot looped over Krali and into the net.



● BILLY SIMPSON ... scored Rangers' first goal.

'Determination ... the quality that saved Light Blues'

There was a fraction of a second's silence before an almighty roar acclaimed Maxie's super goal which turned out to be the equaliser and, as the Light Blues' men danced a jig behind the goal, everyone shook their head in disbelief at what they had just seen.

Rangers' unbeaten record against Continental clubs at Ibrox had been saved in the most dramatic of circumstances and it's a safe bet that none cheered louder than those who preferred Max Murray to Don Kichenbrand in the centre forward role.

Maxie was, of course, to go on to earn the reputation of something of a show game specialist, also scoring against Nice (Rangers' first ever goal in European competition), A.C. Milan, Napoli and Grasshoppers and he and Kichenbrand were to battle for favour at centre forward for some time to come.

The Yugoslavian side earned quite a bit of space in the Press for their showing which surprised quite a few who were only too ready to dismiss them and Dinamo established themselves as one of Europe's big names and later wrote themselves into the record books as the only side from Yugoslavia to win a European trophy when they beat Leeds United in the Fairs Cup Final in season 1966-67.

Dinamo certainly did much to enhance their reputation with their performance against Rangers in that drawn encounter of 1956 and Rangers, too, were praised for their determination to fight until the final whistle, a quality which was instrumental in them saving the game.

The Rangers team which earned that praise was: Niven; Shearer, Caldow; McColl, Young, Rae; Scott, Simpson, Murray, Baird, Hubbard. Subs: Prentice (for Rae), Grierson (for Simpson).



The page for Young Rangers members

THIS IS A REAL WINTER WINNER



WHEN CAN you play a game of football while the rain is pouring down outside, your local pitch is flooded and your ball is burst? When you have a set of Subbuteo, of course!

In this week's Young Rangers Club competition, we are offering a complete set of this marvellous game for one lucky club member to win.

In addition to the teams and the usual necessary accessories, the pitch is one of Subbuteo's latest inventions. It is an Astropitch, which you just roll out anywhere.

The teams? There could only be two the 'News' would give you to make the game even more exciting than it is: replicas of both Rangers and Celtic.

In order to win the prize, all you have to do is look at this photograph on the left. It shows Sandy Jardine scoring a goal in a friendly two seasons ago which ended in a 4-1 victory in favour of the Light Blues.

What we want you to tell us is who the Rangers opponents were that day.

Once you think you have the answer, just jot it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Subbuteo Contest", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for the contest is Friday, January 23.

Please try and write as clearly as possible, and remember to include your full name, address and Young Rangers Club number.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

Who scored 'Gers goal v Young Boys?

QUICK QUIZ



● **IAN REDFORD . . . See Question Three.**

1. How many times have West Germany appeared in the World Cup Finals?
2. In last years Home International Championships, who scored England's goals in their 2-0 win over Scotland at Hampden?
3. How many goals has Ian Redford scored for Rangers since joining the Club last February?
4. Which English First Division side play at Ayresome Park?
5. Unscramble these letters to give the name of a ground in the Scottish Second Division: KISNL RAPK?
6. Who scored Rangers only goal in their 1-0 victory over Young Boys of Berne, in the 1977-78 European Cup Winners Cup, preliminary round, first leg?
7. Who won last season's English League Cup, and name the player who netted the only goal of the game?
8. With which country do you associate the team 'Haarlem'?
9. Falkirk have won the Scottish Cup on four occasions. True or False?
10. Three Rangers first team players have missed penalties this season. Sandy Jardine is one of them, who are the others?

Programmes

WANTED: Old Rangers programmes, home or away. Also required, any Rangers paraphenalia, Rally Programmes menu cards, etc. Pre-1955 Scottish Cup Final programmes. Any European finals, or Irish club programmes. 'Scottish Football' books, numbers 1-5, 7, 8, 17. Will pay top prices for all items or can offer generous exchange rates. Contact Robert McElroy, 21 Cornaig Road, Glasgow, G53 5AW. Telephone 041-883-9332.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CLUB KIDS . .

THE following Young Rangers Club members will all be celebrating a birthday in the coming week.

TODAY (Jan. 14)

DOUGLAS PATERSON, 3 Park Crescent, Dumbarton, who is 12.
ELAINE McCLUCKIE, 4 Wardie Road, Glasgow, who is nine.
WILLIAM MORRISON, 16 Breanish, Isle Of Lewis, who is 14.
ROBIN WATSON, 23 Lewis Street, Stornoway, who is 10.
DAVID MILLAR, 12 Monk Mains, East Lothian, who is 12.
ROGER McDONALD, 18 Oxford Road, Ansdell, Lancashire, who is 15.
BRETT ARCHIBALD, 30/22 Glen Alby Place, Glasgow, who is 10.
DONALD GRIER, 2 Islay Crescent, Saltcoats, who is 12.
DEREK AMBROSE, 19 Bowling Green Road, who is 15.
CALUM CAIRNS, Barnsallie Cottage, Wigtownshire, who is 15.
ANGUS ARTHUR, 19 Linhead Drive, Glasgow, who is 13.
PETER URQUART, 56 Broomyard House, London, who is 13.
IAIN McDERMID, 13 Lochaber Road, Fort William, who is 14.
MARK YOUNG, 34 Scaraway Terrace, Glasgow, who is nine.
SCOTT McRAE, 92 Kilmahew, Ardrossan, who is seven.
MARK YOUNG, 34 Scarraway Terrace, Glasgow, who is nine.

THURSDAY

LINDSAY TOOLE, 43 Hardie Street, Alexandria, who is 11.
MARCUS MOWATT, 22 Moray Crescent, Fife, who is 13.
BILLY KELMIN, 18 Teandallon, Ewaiton, who is 15.
STEPHEN TAIT, 49 Castle Chimmings Road, Glasgow, who is 10.
RUSSELL CANHAM, Davaar Drive, Coatbridge, who is 16.
STEPHEN BAIRD, 19 Tinto Avenue, Bellfield, Kilmarnock, who is 16.
DOUGLAS NELSON, 27 Fulwood Place, Glasgow, who is 10.
TONY WALKER, 20 Sandbed Court, Yorkshire, who is 14.
STEPHEN SHANNON, 16 Brocklesby Close, Gainsborough, who is one.
ALASTAIR McDONALD, 28 Lintclate, Benbecula, who is 16.

FRIDAY

IAN MASTERTON, Flat 229/7-32 Queen Elizabeth Square, who is 13.
SAMUEL OGG, 56 Bressay Road, Glasgow, who is 13.
GARY THOMPSON, 22 Southcroft Alva, who is 16.
HARRY POOLE, 40 Rosemount Street, Flat 5/1 Roystonhill, Glasgow, who is 13.
JASON HUNTLY, 13 Ashfield Court, Dunbar, who is 10.

If you've a birthday . . .

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Remember that before every home game at Ibrox these days. Rangers Football Club pick out two lucky Young Rangers Club members from the birthday list to receive a personal birthday gift from the Club as well as a record from the HMV Record Shop. So if you like to have a chance of winning one of these gifts sent in your birthday greetings . . . now!

EWAN CAMPBELL, Tullich Farm, Dunbartonshire, who is 10.
ALISTAIR ARKLESS, 9 Lomond Avenue, Port Glasgow, who is nine.
STUART McARTHUR, 15 Kingshill Road, Shotts, who is eight.
LYNNE STEVENSON, 3 Larch Grove, Motherwell, who is nine.
SAMUEL BUCHANAN, 6 Bellyoeman Road, Dunfermline, who is 15.
COLIN MILLER, 12 St. John's Court, Inverkeith, Fife, who is 14.
DEREK McWILLIAMS, 2 Drumshoreland Place, West Lothian, who is 15.
BILLY DUFF, 594 Paisley Road West, who is 13.
GARY McKAY, 20 Parkmoor, Erskine, who is 12.

SATURDAY

KEVIN McROBIE, 53 Westfield Avenue, Fife, who is 11.
CALUM MacCLEOD, Scalpay, Harris, who is nine.
ANDREW HURST, George Mann Terrace, Glasgow, who is 13.
JAMES NICHOLL, 29 Weirgate Way, Roxburghshire, who is 14.
ROBERT RUTHRIE, c/o 2nd Battalion Scots Guard, who is 13.
ANDREW BOYD, Eallabus, Bridge End, Islay, Argyll, who is 13.
ALLAN GRAHAM, 148 Rye Road, Glasgow, who is 13.
COLIN MAXWELL, Glenshee, Dumfries, who is 14.
RICHARD CAMPBELL, 16 Brindel Way, Oldham, who is 14.

SUNDAY

LESLEY MITCHELL, 54 Corlaich Avenue, Glasgow, who is 13.
CAMERON CASSIDY, 1 Power Close, Zimbabwe, who is 10.
KEVIN BLYTH, 16 Ryebank Ladywell, East Lothian, who is 13.
GRAHAM McKENZIE, 230 Knightswood Road, Glasgow, who is 12.
GARY NOBLE, 13 Aboyne Drive, Paisley, who is eight.
GORDON TAYLOR, 46 Northfield Avenue, Lanarkshire, who is 15.
FIONA REID, Eltham, Argyll, who is 13.
ANDREW MORRIS, 3 Duchess Drive, Helensburgh, who is 13.
THOMAS ROSS, 56 Eyebank Ladywell, Livingston, West Lothian, who is 12.

MONDAY

CRAIG FINLAYSON, 138 Dorchester Avenue, Glasgow, who is nine.
COLIN HUNTER, 11 Belreve Road, Edinburgh, who is 10.
DEREK McCULLOUCH, 17 Chain Road, Creetown, who is eight.
ALAN KERR, 27 Buccleuch Road, who is 12.
RODDY MORRISON, 10 Scalpay, Isle Of Harris, who is 10.
JAMES McHARG, 18 Strucan Road, Glasgow, who is 10.
ALAN WILSON, 66 Loganlea Road West, Calder, who is 15.
PETER BIRREL, 16 Cook Drive, Inverness, who is 12.
RYAN DEWAR, 48 Beauly Court, Falkirk, who is three.
CHRISTINE MALCOLM, Lochee, Argyll, who is 17.
ROBERT ENGLAND, 83 Brehner Crescent, who is 11.
KEVIN WALLACE, 25 The Square, Aberdeen, who is 12
ROBERT HISLOP, 39 Downcraig Road, who is 14.
ROBERT MURCHIE, 116 Sherdale Avenue, Chappelhall, who is 15.
ANGUS BUDGE, 10 Torigill Uig, Isle Of Skye, who is 14.
ISOBEL MAIR, 8 Samson Street, Banffshire, who is 16.

TUESDAY

ALISTAIR WILSON, 63 Carbeth Road, Milngavie, who is 11.
STUART McALPINE, Butterdean, Granthouse, who is 12.
KAREN McWILLIAM, 19 Kirkhall Road, Gartcosh, who is 17.
JAMES SPRATT, 16 Linburn Road, Penilee, Glasgow, who is 11.
GRAEME McAVON, 100 Hayfield Terrace, Stirlingshire, who is eight.
SCOTT HENRY, 28 Overton Crescent, Denny, who is 13.
CALUM McKAY, 60 Coll Back, Lewis, who is 11.
COLIN CAMPBELL, 27 O'Connel Street, Australia, who is 13.
WILLIAM WATSON, 70 Rolland Avenue, East Wemyss, who is 11.

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM



— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

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Meet our seven super winners

SOME PEOPLE may not have had much of a White Christmas weather-wise this year, but when all of your postcards started pouring throught the letter box in reply to our 'Christmas Cracker' competition, you would have thought the 'News' offices had been hit by a blizzard!

We could hardly move for them!

And, what's more, nearly every single entry was correct, which really does say a lot for your knowledge of Rangers.

The answers to the questions were as follows: 1, Kilmarnock. 2, False. 3, Max Murray. 4, Arnold Muhren. 5, 21. 6, Alex MacDonald. 7, John Greig.

So now to the moment you've all been waiting for: the seven lucky winners, and the prizes they have won.

The first card out of the competition drum was that of Thomas Barr, who wins a great pair of Gola football boots.

The next winner was Jim Hutchinson, 24 Etive Place, Irvine, and Jim will be taking a short trip to his nearest 'Sellyns' branch in order to claim his pair of stylish Wrangler jeans.

William Burnett, 198 Quarry Street, Hamilton, was yet another lucky entrant and William will soon be the proud owner of a Bukta hold-all.

Our fouth prize-winner was Alan Kemp, 9 McFarlane Place, Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, who not only wins a complete Rangers team rig-out, but also a Rangers tracksuit, both marketed by Umbro.

Next up on the winners rostrum is young Colin Wheeler, 30 Polwarth Avenue, Brightons, Falkirk, whose knowhow of the Light Blues has won him a fabulous Subbuteo World Cup Edition plus a revolutionary new Subbuteo Astropitch.

Another winner is not-so-young Tommy Daniels, 411 Paisley Road West, Glasgow, who will soon have the distinction of being "tuned-in" to the sounds of his new Hitachi portable radio.

And last, but certainly not least, is John Gillon, 8 Balgownie West, Culross, Fife who will be the recipient of a super pair of Dunlop training shoes and a hold-all.

Would Thomas, Jim, Alan and John please contact the 'News' offices as soon as possible with a note of your sizes.

The 'News' would also like to thank all the sponsors involved for their help in this competition. For details of some other great 'News' contests, see opposite page and page four.

Those draws make Greig so angry . . .

A QUICK glance at the Premier Division table would indicate that Rangers appear to be out of the running for the Championship. A closer study, however, would show that is not the case.

The Light Blues are currently seven points behind the leaders Aberdeen with a game in hand, and six points behind second-placed Celtic with two matches in hand.

And with Rangers still having to face both teams twice there is still plenty of Top Ten football to be played yet.

But Ibrox boss John Greig admits to being extremely disappointed that his team aren't in closer contact with the leaders.

"We've lost only two league matches which is a good record at this stage of the season, but we have not helped ourselves by dropping so many points at venues around the country when we should really have won — and won convincingly.

"I'm not the kind of person who bothers too much about statistics, but we have drawn more matches in the Premier League this season than anybody else. Quite frankly, these draws are killing us."

Of the ten draws so far, four had been achieved in the Club's last seven matches and that is a situation which Boss Greig is anxious to rectify quickly.

"We've got a break from League business after the match against Hearts at Ibrox on Saturday because of the Scottish Cup tie against Airdrie," continues John.

"But we come right back into the league programme with a tough match against Aberdeen the following week and that will mean we must continue to be our toes in every game."

The next three fixtures are undoubtedly important ones for the Club.

A return to the form at the start of the season when they were scoring freely would almost certainly ensure that the month of January ends on a happy note for the Light Blues.

Davie Provan looks at the up-and-coming Rangers

BABES WHO'LL BE CLUB "BACKBONE"...

IT'S NOW A year since Davie Provan returned to Ibrox as Chief Scout and in that time the former international full back has seen the great majority of Rangers' young signings in action. He's also come to the conclusion that the future of the Club is in safe hands.

"I've been very pleased with what I've seen since rejoining Rangers," says Davie, "and I believe our youth policy will serve us well in the years ahead.

"Just this week we've had three of our 'S' form signings included in the Scottish Schools' pools for international matches this season, so that proves we're signing boys of the right quality."

The lads in question are Hugh Burns and Gordon Sutherland in the Under-15 squad and Steven Evans in the Under-18 pool and it's good to see these boys get recognition at international level.

"It's youngsters like Hugh, Gordon and Steven who'll be the backbone of this Club in the years ahead," says the big man, "and with the likes of Eric Ferguson, Robert Fleck, Billy Davies, Dougie Robertson and Robert Clark also comeing into that category, who can blame me for being optimistic?"

Who indeed, and as the Light Blues' youth team make plans for their trip to the annual Croix Festival tourney in France in May, the Club will be keeping close tabs on their scouts' recommendations as they piece the squad together.

"We've got scouts covering the entire country," says Davie, "and we follow up every one of their tips, so there is certainly no lack of candidates for a place in the Croix squad.



● Davie Proven, Rangers' Chief Scout, seen here with youngster Gordon Dalziel in a training workout at the Albion.

"The boys come along to Ibrox for training and the various friendlies we arrange, so we keep tabs on them that way and, in time, we decide whether they have what it takes to make the grade in the game.

"If they have the right qualities, we usually invite them to join the ground staff and give them the occasional game in the reserves and, all going well, we sign them as fully fledged professionals."

After signing as 'pros' the youngsters will find themselves pushed on by Davie and second team coach Stan Anderson, the object of the prompting being to help the lads press for a place in the first team.

The road to the top level may sound simple the way we've phrased it — but nothing could be further from the truth.

"The youngsters have got to work hard," says Provan, "and, if they make it, you can rest assured they've earned it."

Davie, and indeed anyone in football, will tell you that hard work is the secret of success in the game and, having seen the Provan and Anderson double act putting the young players through the mill, we can assure our readers that it's a quality which is hammered home to the youngsters from the very start of their career.

And hard work will be the order of the day when a team of Rangers youths travel to Livingstone tonight to play the local Baptist United.

That will give the Ibrox backroom staff another chance to see their starlets in action and help them make up their minds about a few players who are challenging for places in the pool to travel to Croix in May.



● BILLY DAVIES



● DOUGIE ROBERTSON



● ROBERT CLARK

Colts let it slip...

DESPITE PLAYING all the best football and totally dominating the game, Rangers Reserves just couldn't grasp both points in their league match against Clyde at Ibrox on Saturday.

The Colts had to leave the field with a 2-2 draw which, although very entertaining, was disappointing from an Ibrox point of view.

Yet coach Stan Anderson, while annoyed at losing two goals through errors, was enthusiastic about the kind of football his team played.

Rangers actually had to come from behind after losing a first half goal. Graham Watson lost possession and the visitors made full use of their opportunity by taking the lead and it wasn't until the later stages of the match that the Ibrox men brought themselves back onto level terms.

Mind you, it was a goal well worth waiting for. Alex Forsyth, again using his experience well, gathered the ball in his own half and ran into the opposition half, leaving several Clyde players in his trail. After moving just inside the Clyde penalty box he worked a neat one-two with Dougie Robertson and that left Alex with only the goalkeeper. He made no mistake with his shot.

No sooner had Clyde re-centred the ball than they they found themselves picking the ball out of the net again. This time substitute Iain Stirton did the damage after another clever build-up and from that point Rangers always looked like winning.

They seemed able to penetrate the Clyde defence at will, but their finishing was not up to the same standard as their build-up and Clyde took advantage of that in the 81st minute when they broke away and netted an equaliser, a goal which meant they took a point they never really deserved.

RANGERS: Young, Scott, Alex Forsyth, Davies, McIntosh, Tom Forsyth, Robertson, Watson, Dalziel, Clark, Willie Johnston. Subs:- Stirton (for Dalziel) and McPherson (not used).

● Striker Gordon Dalziel was substituted after 20 minutes because of a groin strain. He may be out for a couple of weeks.

JACK OF ALL TRADES AGAINST JAGS, THAT'S REDFORD

But he'll settle for attacking role anytime

THE best of the three worlds! You could say that's what Ian Redford's enjoyed this season with Rangers.

The Light Blues have played Partick Thistle on three occasions in the league and Ian has starred in three different roles in each one.

The Ibrox ace surprised many people, to say the least, when he wore the No. 3 jersey against the "Jags" in August, then played in midfield at Firhill in October and in the recent Ne'erday game against the Matyhill club, Ian found himself playing in an attacking role.

So it would seem the only position Ian hasn't had a crack at in opposition to Thistle this season, has been in Peter McCloy's role!

"It's true I was wearing the left back jersey against Thistle, but I wasn't playing defender. When we were under any pressure, though, I just assumed the role, as I usually try to do.

"If I had the choice between my usual midfield position and the attacking one I had against Thistle on New Year's Day, then I'd have to go for attack.

"I enjoyed playing alongside Colin McAdam. That front running role was the kind of thing I was doing with Dundee, so you see, it was just like stepping back into that old routine again!"

Ian looked sharp around the "Jags" goalmouth that day, and on a few occasions, he was very unlucky not to score. A header slipping just past the post, and then a great shot which rebounded off the woodwork certainly brought roars of approval from the Ibrox spectators.

"I can remember that shot well," said Ian. "Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Alan Rough was well out of his goal.

"I turned round sharply and hit the ball first time from about 20 yards. But I couldn't have put enough spin on the ball because it hit the post and was hooked clear by a defender."

Ian has played in every Rangers game bar one this season, and judging by his present form, and hoping the injury bug stays clear, it could be quite a time before this changes.



● IAN REDFORD . . . in action against Thistle.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1, Three times. 2, Trevor Brooking and Steve Coppell. 3, Six. 4, Middlesbrough. 5, Links Park, home of Montrose. 6, John Greig. 7, Wolves and Andy Gray. 8, Holland. 9, False. Twice in 1913 and 1957. 10, Colin McAdam (v Chesterfield) and Alex Miller (v Airdrie).

Seven goals in three seasons — Steve's happy!



● STEVE RICHARDSON . . . "I'll play anywhere for the Club."

THERE ARE not many people on the present Ibrox playing staff who can say they scored their second goal for the Club against such renowned foreign opposition as Benfica after netting against another European side the previous day!

Yet that is exactly what young Ibrox colt, Stevie Richardson, did.

He joined Rangers in May, 1978, and was taken on the Rangers youths annual visit to Croix. It was there he scored his first goal for the Club against League of Paris, and the next day, banged in Rangers' effort which gave the Colts a 1-1 draw with Benfica, the famous Portuguese side.

Since then, Stevie has netted only another five goals for the Ibrox reserves, bringing his total to seven.

"You can't say I score regularly by any means, but as a defender, that's not really my job. I'm more at home trying to stop goals," says Steve.

"However, I've managed two goals in my last six matches and if that continues, then I'll be happy, although I still look on these as a bonus."

Stevie has occupied the right back position in the Second String for most of this season and, although he has been enjoying considerable success in this role, he still prefers his original position — central defender.

"As long as I'm still getting a game I'll play anywhere for the Club. But, obviously, everyone has a position they prefer and mine just happens to be centre-half."

TENNENT'S T LAGER

UP to date. . .

MONDAY
The Scottish Professional Footballers Association, the players' official trade union, have written to the S.F.A. to protest abut the present disciplinary points ruling. In the letter Harry Lawrie, the Association's secretary, makes clear the union's feelings that this limit is too low.

TUESDAY
Davie Sneddon becomes the first Scottish manager of 1981 to be sacked. Sneddon has been part-time boss of Kilmarnock for the past three years. He says he has no hard feelngs towards the club and reserve team coach Rab Stewart will be caretaker boss before a replacement is decided upon.

Morton move into the transfer market with the double signing of Kilmarnock's Bobby Houston and Partick Thistle's John Marr. The fees are believed to be £22,000 and £8,000 respectively.

Dundee United manager Jim McLean makes an invitation to his club's fans to come along to the ground for discussions with him. The United boss was most annoyed at the weekend when, following his side's 7-0 win over Kilmarnock, certain sections of the crowd 'barracked' the players for a large part of the match. He sees the discussions as a possible move to restore harmony between the supporters and the club.

Players' Union secretary Harry Lawrie again makes the news by warning Scottish clubs of the danger of committing soccer 'suicide' if they take staff cutbacks too far. "Drastic cutbacks will only lead to further decline" he warns.

WEDNESDAY
RESULT: Scottish Cup: Second Round replay; Spartans 1, Stenhousemuir 2.

The Scottish League announce that an interim pools payment will be made and the 38 league clubs will share almost £300,000. Premier League clubs will receive £300 per point while First and Second Division sides will collect £250 a point. Raith Rovers and Berwick Rangers announce that their Scottish Cup ties against Aberdeen and Celtic will both be all-ticket.

THURSDAY
Partick Thistle lodge £2,000 with the S.F.A. pending an appeal against the decision of that body's liason committee over the case Peter Cormack's move from Hibs to become manager of the Firhill club. Berwick Rangers reveal they have signed seven new players, all of them currently playing with junior clubs in the Edinburgh area. They will all be called up when their teams have completed their Junior Cup commitments.

Dundee United boss Jim McLean is selected Mackinlay's 'Personality of the Month'. Mark McGhee of Aberdeen is the runner-up.

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