RANGERS NEWS

The Official Newspaper of Rangers F.C.
Wednesday, February 4, 1981 Issue 484. 15p

Airdrie say "thanks" to Rangers support

THERE WAS a big 'thank-you' for Rangers fans last week . . . from the secretary of a club who had just seen his team knocked out of the Scottish Cup by Rangers!

Airdrie secretary George Peat is also the secretary of the local Monklands Rotary Club and Inner Wheel group and they organised a collection at last weekend's Scottish Cup Third Round match when the Light Blues were the visitors.

"The club are really grateful to Rangers fans," said Mr Peat. "Their generosity was absolutely overwhelming. We had a lot of female collectors and they were very impressed by the behaviour of the supporters.

"Afterwards they all spoke in glowing terms about the fans. They donated £657 and that is the highest total we have ever raised at any collection at a game. It is really superb."

Mr Peat also pointed out that at the recent league game on January 3 between the two clubs a collection, which was later donated to the Strathclyde Scanner Campaign, raised £241.57, so at the cup tie, Ibrox supporters more than doubled their previous donations.

The money raised at the Scottish Cup tie will go towards the handicapped.

OBEY THIS LAW!

Rangers give full backing to "No Drink" plan

RANGERS league title aspirations go on trial again on Saturday when the Light Blues meet Dundee United at Tannadice but Scottish fans in general will also be on trial because the weekend's encounters will be the first where the new Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act is in force.

And Rangers appeal to their fans to obey the law and assist the police in the execution of their duty at all times.

The new law makes it an offence to take alcohol into the ground and also forbids the carrying of drink on supporters buses, both offences being punishable by fines of up to £200 and a period of up to 60 days in prison.

One can't over-emphasise the importance of it . . . and Rangers will do all in their power to assist in the application of the legislation.

The abundance of seated accommodation at Ibrox will make it easier for the police to spot those breaking the law but, with the Ibrox men facing three successive away matches, the initial teething troubles involved in enforcing the new legislation, will have been ironed out before it comes into play in a home match.

Nevertheless, the police have instructions to move in quickly and apprehend those who disregard the new measures, but it is hoped that Rangers fans will not give any cause for such action wherever the Club play.

The law applies to all containers which could contain alcohol or be used as missiles so even the possession of a soft drink could lead to a fan finding himself before a magistrate to account for his actions.

Rangers will be right behind the police in their enforcement of the new law because the Club fully appreciate that 75 per cent of offences at football matches are related to drink and realise that drastic measures had to be taken to restore sanity on the terracings.

The behaviour of Rangers fans in recent times has been beyond reproach and the Light Blues hope to see that continue in the months ahead.

And if you obey the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act you will be doing your part to maintain the good name of the Club.

The New Act

The new act . . . at a glance.

It is an offence to do any of the following . . .

- 1. To attempt to enter or be in a ground in possession of a bottle, can or any other container which could cause injury.
- 2. To attempt to enter or be in a ground while in possession of alcohol.
- 3. To attempt to enter or be in a ground while drunk.
- 4. To carry alcohol or be drunk on board a coach travelling to and from a game.
- 5. For the hirer of a coach to allow alcohol to be carried on board the vehicle travelling to and from a game.



● Gregor Stevens gets in behind the Aberdeen defence to reach this Willie Johnston free-kick in the first half. Unfortunately, the ball went just over the bar and in the picture below the Ibrox player holds his head in anguish as goalkeeper Leighton makes a point with his defence. More pictures and match slant on centre pages.



TAM PUTS HIS "BOYS" UP FOR SALE. . .

Two Rangers' players were last week put on the transfer list . . . by manager Tommy McLean!

MANAGER Tommy McLean, we hear you ask.



● Tommy McLean.

It's true, but let us explain. Down Ibrox way all the players are involved in what you could call an "Inter-Blues five-a-side league".

There are four teams, and "Wee Tam" is the manager of one of them. At the moment his side is not doing so well, so the Rangers' winger thought it was about time he brought some new life into the team, and he made two of his players, DAVIE COOPER and IAIN STIRTON, available for transfer.

As yet, there has been no offers, but Tommy is hopeful of a deal soon! See next week's "News" for further developments!

★★★

Rangers' manager JOHN GREIG has resigned from the Scottish Football Managers and Coaches Association for "private reasons"

★★★

Ibrox Assistant Manager WILLIE THORNTON was among the interested spectators at last Wednesday's Scottish Cup Third Round replay between Clydebank and East Fife at New Kilbowie Park.

He certainly saw a nailbiting match, for it finished 5-4 in the Bankies favour after extra time.

★★★

Rangers Reserves will meet Hamilton Accies in a reserve league match at Ibrox this weekend, but they will be without a league fixture for the next two Saturdays. So the Club have arranged two friendly matches against Aberdeen (February 14) and Hearts (February 21) to keep their players in trim. Both games are at Ibrox.

★★★

Four Ibrox youngsters will attend a two day SFA coaching course this week at Stirling University. They are DAVIE McPHERSON, BILLY DAVIES, GORDON MARSHALL and KENNY BLACK.

GORDON SUTHERLAND, One of the club's "S" Form signings, attended a similar course with the Scottish Schools FA last Friday at the same place.



● Davie Cooper . . . up for transfer.

● Kenny Black.



UNITED TICKETS

THIS SATURDAY'S Premier League game with Dundee United at Tannadice is all-ticket. Unfortunately, there are no Stand tickets left, but there are still some terracing tickets available, price £1.50.

These can be obtained from the Ibrox ticket office, which is open from 9.30 a.m. till 3.30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

UNITED 'SPECIAL'

BRITISH RAIL have arranged a "Football Special" for those Rangers fans who intend travelling to Dundee for Saturday's Premier League match between the Light Blues and Dundee United.

The train times are as follows: Departure from Glasgow Queen Street station at 12.09 p.m. arriving in Dundee at 1.57 p.m.

Returning from Dundee the train leaves at 5.25 p.m. and arrives back in Glasgow Queen Street at 7.08 p.m.

The referee for Saturday's match between Rangers and Dundee United at Tannadice is BRIAN McGINLAY of Balfron, while the man in charge for the "Old Firm" game at Parkhead on February 21 will be KEN HOPE of Glasgow.

A man with a red face last week was youngster IAIN STIRTON. Reason? He tore his shorts during the second half of last Monday's Second Eleven Cup tie against Airdrie and, to his embarrassment, had to do a quick change on the touchline — much to the amusement of the spectators.

★★★

GORDON MARSHALL was missing from Monday's cup-tie with Airdrie because of a hand injury the youngster picked up during training the previous week.

"It wasn't anything serious," said coach STAN ANDERSON, "but we didn't play him purely as a precautionary measure."

Another injury victim last week was COLIN McADAM. The striker was suffering from a hamstring injury and had to miss Saturday's league game against Aberdeen.

★★★

Scotland manager JOCK STEIN will announce his pool for the World Cup qualifying match against Israel next week. ALLY DAWSON is a likely candidate for the squad. The match will be played on February 25.



● Gordon Marshall.

PETER'S A RALLY STAR!

A BIG MAN FOR A BIG EVENT!

Peter McCloy, the 6ft 4in Rangers' goalkeeper has been chosen as this year's guest speaker at the Rangers Supporters' Association Rally.

The rally will take place in the Kelvin Hall on March 1, and the compere for the entire evening is Andy Cameron.

Big Peter has already made a small investment towards the night . . . by buying a notebook and pen to try and work out his speech. Just so long as he sticks to his speech and doesn't serenade everybody with a rendition of his favourite song. "You need hands . . ."!

Joking apart, however, it's nice to see big Peter being rewarded for his loyalty to the club, and we're sure the audience will applaud his speech with as much vigour as they cheer his fine saves on a Saturday afternoon.



● Peter McCloy.

RANGERS NEWS

The official Newspaper of Rangers F.C.

Season 1980-81

Rangers Football Club Ltd
Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow

The Board
CHAIRMAN
Rae H. Simpson F.R.C.S.
VICE CHAIRMAN
Lawrence Marlborough
DIRECTORS
William Waddell
Jack Gillespie
John Paton
HONORARY DIRECTOR
George C. P. Brown M.A.

Management
MANAGER
John Greig MBE
ASSISTANT MANAGER
William Thornton
SECRETARY
R. Campbell Ogilvie
COACHES
First Team
Joe Mason
Second Team
Stan Anderson
PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Tom Craig
HEAD SCOUT
David Provan
CLUB DOCTOR
Dr Donald Cruickshank
HEAD GROUNDSMAN
David Marshall

Advertising
041-331 1933

Editorial
041-331 1933

Subscriptions
28p per single copy
U.K. ONE YEAR £14
HALF-YEAR £7
QUARTERLY £3.50
Canada, America, Turkey, Hong Kong, India £19
Australia, South Africa, New Zealand £23
Israel £18.50
B.F.P.O. £15.50
PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE AIR MAIL ABROAD
All enquiries to:
SUBSCRIPTIONS,
RANGERS NEWS,
19 NORTH CLAREMONT ST.,
GLASGOW G3 7NR.

Holiday in Italy!
at:-LIGNANO
SABBIADORO
SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENTS
17 Days from ONLY £135
SPECIAL RATES FOR GROUPS AND CHILDREN
Don't delay! Ring or send for Brochure Today
CLUB ITALIA LTD.
6 Gunthorpe Place, Corby
Northants.
Tel. Corby 4812/60216

'I WANT TO STAY WITH RANGERS...' — says Gregor



● GREGOR STEVENS . . . wants to stay with Rangers.

NOBODY WILL DISPUTE that one of the more encouraging things to emerge in the course of the past few weeks has been the form of defender Gregor Stevens who, after a long absence from first team action, has returned to the top squad with flying colours.

Gregor was made available for transfer towards the end of last year but the former Motherwell and Leicester City player's first love has always been Rangers and, as such, he has always hoped to establish himself with the Light Blues.



● COLIN JACKSON . . . laid on Gregor's goal.

"My ambition had always been to play for Rangers," says Gregor, "So I'm certainly not in any hurry to leave the Club.

"The situation which led to me being made available for transfer was that I was not playing first team football and, as a professional, I felt that I owed it to myself and my family to push for a place at the top level.

"At that time, Rangers couldn't offer me such a place so I was prepared to listen to what other clubs had to offer.

"BUT NOW THAT I'M BACK IN THE FIRST TEAM, LEAVING IS THE LAST THING ON MY MIND AND ALL I WANT TO DO IS HOLD ON TO MY PLACE."

Gregor has shown every indication of holding on to that place with five star performances against Morton and Airdrie and it was in the Scottish Cup tie against the Broomfield club that he made the biggest impression.

"Getting the goal so early in the game definitely didn't do us any harm," says the Ibrox defender, "and, after that, we were in complete control of things.

"As for the goal itself, when I saw 'Bomber' going to the near post I knew what to expect and when he knocked the ball in my direction it was just a matter of making contact.

"And, having got my head to the ball, I knew it was going all the way."

After the match manager John Greig paid tribute to the player by praising his attitude towards the game even when he was out of the team and Gregor confirms the Boss's opinion with his most sincere declaration:

"I WANT TO STAY WITH RANGERS AND I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF A REGULAR FIRST TEAM PLACE WITH THE CLUB."

'Bud's' Airdrie role — from 13 years ago!

ONE OF THE MAIN architects of Rangers' 5-0 win over Airdrie in last week's Scottish Cup tie was Willie Johnston who showed all the form which made him the pin-up boy of the Ibrox faithful in his first term with the Club and won him 21 international caps for Scotland.

Manager John Greig played "Bud" in an infield front running role and that rekindled the wee winger's memories of his days as an inside forward with the Light Blues when he teamed up with Alex Ferguson in the Ibrox forward line.

"I found myself more involved in the game on Saturday," says Willie, "whereas, on the wings, long periods can elapse without you getting brought into things.

"The Boss simply used my speed through the middle as opposed to on the touchline and that seemed to cause Airdrie quite a few problems.

"It was very similar to the role I played in alongside 'Fergie' some twelve years ago and I must say that I enjoyed the experience."

It's no coincidence that "Bud" played possibly his finest game since his return to the Stadium and the wee man is quick to draw comparisons between playing in that role twelve years ago and ten days ago.



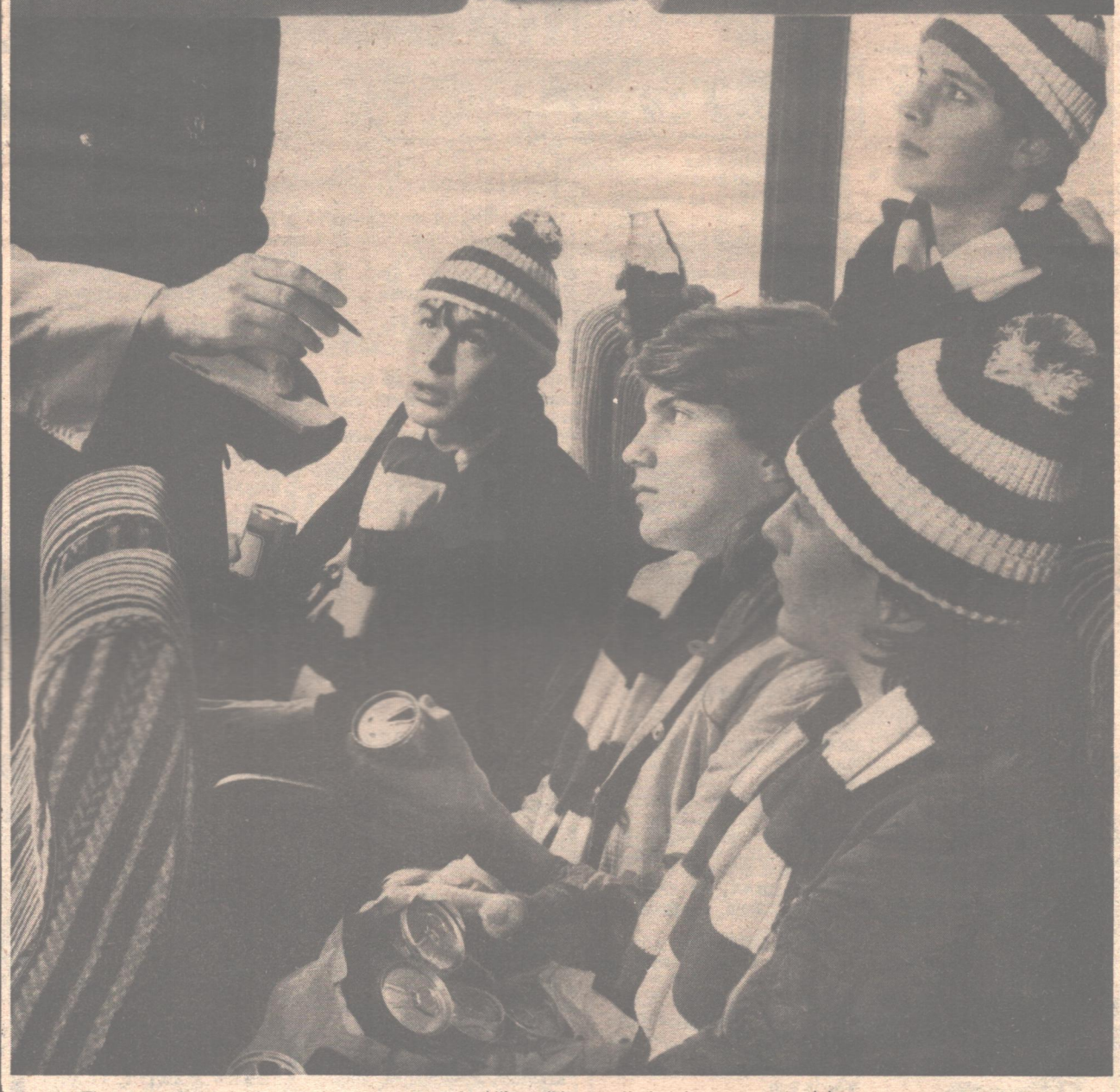
● WILLIE JOHNSTON . . . great game at Airdrie.

"Back in the sixties, I was mostly living off the breaks 'Fergie' made whereas last week I found that every player in the team was a possible source of supply.

"Every time we crossed the halfway line, we looked like scoring and I'd like to think that Broomfield marked the start of a good run for us."

Nobody will argue with those sentiments and Willie showed that he could be one of the inspirations behind such a winning streak.

THEIR TEAM MADE THE HEADLINES.
THEY DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO THE MATCH.



They were sitting in the coach on the way to the match, putting away drink like there was no tomorrow.

The driver turned a blind eye. Five minutes later, he wished he hadn't.

The coach was stopped by a patrol car, and the lads ordered off.

Now they face a stiff fine, a prison sentence, or both.

The driver could lose his job.

The new laws relating to drink and sport are tough. They have to be.

Because we want to put an end to violence and offensive behaviour at football and rugby matches.

And it's well known that violence and drink go hand in hand.

From February 1st, it is an offence:

To carry alcohol or be drunk on board a coach travelling to or from the event. (The coach driver, hirer and owner must do everything in their power to ensure that this does not happen.)

To attempt to enter or be in the ground while drunk.

To attempt to enter or be in the ground while in possession of alcohol.

And to attempt to enter or be in the ground while in possession of any bottle, can or other container which could cause injury.

These offences apply to all football matches held at Senior and Highland League grounds and all international rugby matches held at Murrayfield.

The maximum penalty is 60 days in prison, a £200 fine, or both.

Which means that if you take drink to the match, you're likely to miss a lot more than just the game.

TAKING DRINK TO THE MATCH IS A MUG'S GAME.

Issued by the Scottish Office



The page for Young Rangers members

A PACKAGE WITH A DIFFERENCE!



IF YOU PLAY football, you'll know just how annoying it can be when you come off at half-time to discover you've lost a stud from your boots.

Or when you're packing your bag to go to the game, the handle falls off, and the only carrying item available is a plastic bag!

Well, in that case, you'll be happy to learn your troubles could be over.

In this week's Young Rangers Club competition, we are offering as a prize, something, or rather some things, which will come in really useful to you, if you should win.

The prize consists of three sets of football studs (plastic, aluminium and rubber) plus a stud-spanner. Never again will you be without a spare set of studs! There's also a strong pair of shin-guards and two pair of boot-laces to ensure you always have a spare set.

And, of course, a smart Adidas hold-all for you to carry all of these items in.

All it takes for you to have a chance of winning the prize is to answer a question based on the picture shown on the left.

In it, you can see a very famous foreign player holding up a Rangers pennant. All we want you to do is look beneath his disguise and tell us who the man is.

When you think you have the answer, write it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Accessories," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for the contest is February 13, and the first correct entry pulled from our competition drum on that day will win this great prize.

Please remember to include your FULL name, address, AND Young Rangers Club number with all your entries and try and write as neatly as possible.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

WANTED: Female penpal aged 10-12 years. Must be a Rangers fan. Please contact Colin Brown, 28 Epplestone Road, Whitburn, West Lothian.

WANTED: Female penpal aged between 15-17. Must be 'Gers fan. Please send photo if possible. I am 15 years old, like playing football and going to discos. Please contact David Allardine, 61 Stewart Drive, Hardgate, Clydebank.

Ibrox souvenirs are Ayrshire bound

If you remember back in issue 481 of the 'News', we ran a competition based on a picture of a Rangers victory over Queen's Park in the 1974 Scottish Cup.

The prize we were offering for one lucky reader to win was a great rug and a super Rangers wall plaque engraved with the 'Gers motto.

The winner of this competition was Mr William Tait, 36 Pagan Walk, Muirkirk, Ayrshire.

His answers of Tommy McLean and Derek Parlane, were enough to win him the prize.

Who were first ECWC finalists?

QUICK QUIZ

1. There is only one club in the whole of the English League which is not a limited company. Who is it?
2. Where was the final of the very first European Cup-Winner's Cup competition held, and who were the finalists?
3. Who was Rangers top goalscorer in last season's Scottish Cup competition?
4. With which country do you associate the club Sarajevo?
5. When did Bobby Moore play his last game for the English international team?
6. Unscramble the following letters to make the name of a player in the Premier League: CIEKAJ PLACOND?
7. Apart from Peter McCloy, who is the tallest player in the Rangers first team squad?
8. Lincoln City play at Feethams Ground. True or False?
9. Who scored Scotland's only goal in last year's Home International Championships?
10. Against which side did Ian Redford score his first goal this season?

Answers on back page.



● **BOBBY MOORE . . . see question 5.**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, KIDS. .

● The following Young Rangers Club members celebrate birthdays in the coming week.

TODAY FEBRUARY 4th

BILLY CHRISTIE, 23 Morar Street, Methil, who is 17.
STEPHEN WHITEHILL, 25 Canmore Place, Ayrshire, who is eight.
DONALD MACLEAN, Mishigarry, Sollas, North Uist, who is 14.
MARK CHAPMAN, 2 Cruachan Drive, Glasgow, who is 11.
DEREK WATSON, 79 Braidwood Place, who is nine.
ANDREW KIRKPATRICK, Lennox Plunton, Borgue, Kirkcudbright, who is 14.
PETER WALKER, 21 Abbotshall Avenue, Glasgow, who is 13.
BRYAN SCOTT, c/o Priest, 12 King Street, Clydebank, who is four.

THURSDAY

IAIN STRUTHERS, 32 Kilbarchan Road, Johnstone, who is 12.
COLIN CHRISTIE, 8 Rankine Drive, Ayrshire, who is 16.
FIONA AITKEN, 34 Guthne Park, Brechin, who is 14.
MALCOLM McKECHNIE, 96 Southdeen Avenue, Glasgow, who is seven.
KEITH BRAY, 15 Willowbank, Dunkeld Perthshire, who is nine.
DAVID BURKE, 35 Allander Street, Glasgow, who is 14.
EWEN MacCOLL, Teandalloch, By Beauly, Inverness, who is 12.
SCOTT WOODBURN, 231 Wellshot Road, Glasgow, who is two.
MARTIN BELL, 71 Sandaig Road, Glasgow, who is 11.
GREIG MILNE, 9 Adanswalk, Ayrshire, who is 15.
ANDREW DOUGALL, 62 The Avenue, Eyemouth, Berwick, who is 11
FRASER McDOUGALL, 4 Letterhickhills Crescent, Cambuslang, who is six.
JOHN STODDART. 66 Shafton Road, Glasgow, who is 15

FRIDAY

MANDY MACKINTOSH, 10 Churchill Court, Aberfeldy, Perth, who is nine.
BILLY GRAHAM, 14 Bowerwalls Street, Glasgow, who is 13.
TONY SPARK, 14 Jollybeard Lane, Cumbria, who is 12.
IAIN WISEMAN, 26 Edmiston Drive, Linwood, who is 12.
DUNCAN MacKINNON, 5 Urgha, Isle Of Harris, who is nine.
DUNCAN REYNOLDS, 12 Auchnadoich Road, Rothesay, Bute, who is 15.
GEORGE LEYS, 88 Garthdee Drive, Aberdeen, who is 17.
ROY TAYLOR, 2/3 Christian Grove, Edingburgh, who is six.
CRAIG GIBSON, 52 Alderfield, Penworthan, Preston, who is one.

SATURDAY

BILLY THOMSON, 2 Millburn Road, Renfrew, who is four.
ALAN SCOBIE, 7 Glenapp Place, Kilwinning, who is three.
ALAN NICOL, 44 Bruntfield Gardens, Edinburgh, who is 16.
CHRISTOPHER PIGGOTT, 32 Cybi Close, Holyhead, North Wales, who is nine.
SCOTT HOUSTON, 23 Brothock Way, Arbroath, who is 13.
STEPHEN KELLY, 1 Chapleton Place, West Calder, who is 11.
GEORGE McCALL, 140 Milnafua, Alness, Ross-shire, who is six.
IAIN BURNETT, 6 Hawthorn Grove, Carluke, who is ten.
BILLY DUNCAN, 10 Deiklmin Crescent, Ballingry, Fife, who is 11.
NORMA FLEMMING, 99 Parkview, Fauldhouse, who is 17.
GARY LAMMIE, 94 Braedale Crescent, Wishaw, who is 11.
SCOTT LEITHAM, 4 Tylers Acre, Avenue, Edinburgh, who is 13.
ROBERT NEWBURY, 87 Craigmuir Road, Glasgow, who is nine.
CHARLES BOYD, 39 Holehouse Road, Saltcoats, who is 14.
RUSSELL GARDNER, 111 Whitelaw Street, Bathgate, who is 10.

SUNDAY

ANDY BALLANTINE, 26 Muirshiel Crescent, Glasgow, who is 15.
STEVEN THOMSON, 90 Sandvelen, Lerwick, who is eight.
MARY FRASER, Drumossie Cottage, Inverness, who is 17.
ROBIN AITKEN, 4 Waverley Road, Caithness, who is 16.
GREGOR McCULLOCH, 247 Stewarton Street, Wishaw, who is eight.
ALEXANDER DUNCANSON, 19 Earl Street, Glasgow, who is eight.
COLIN LAWSON, 56 Westfield Park, Stonehaven, who is 11.
GRAHAM DUNCAN, 32 Cuillins Avenue, Port Glasgow, who is 15.
NEIL ROBERTSON, 57 Cronen Street, Inverness, who is 13.
GRAHAM WILSON, 6 Brora Drive, Glasgow, who is 16.

MONDAY

KITTY WOOD, 125 Main Street, Berwick upon Tweed, who is 15.
IAIN LLOYD, 74 Glasgow Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
JAMES LORIMER, 41 Longden Street, Whitecrook, Clydebank, who is nine.
JACKIE SIMPSON, 32 Allardice Crescent, Banffshire, who is 17.
CAMPBELL HERNELL, Drovepark Farm, Wigtownshire, who is 12.
NORMAN MACDONALD, 13 Tobson, Isle of Lewis, who is 12.
ROBERT URE, 5 Harvey Street, Alloa, Clack, who is 15.
JILL WINTON, 7 Hevrsham Avenue, Shaw, Oldham, who is 12.
ANDREW MARTIN, 40 Auchendores Avenue, Port Glasgow, who is ten.

TUESDAY

BOBBY McKAY, 5 Herriot Road, Lenzie, who is 14.
TERESA McINTOSH, 27 Knowle Lane, Kimberley, Notts, who is 12.
JOHN ERSKINE, 11 Burnhouse Drive, Dechmont, West Lothian, who is 15.
JOHNATHON McNEILL, 58 Mount Pleasant, Armadale, who is 13.
BRIAN McDONALD, 13 Upper Dounrey, Thurso, who is 13.
THOMAS WELDON, 165 Gallowgate, Glasgow, who is 13.

● If your are a member of the Young Rangers Club and have a birthday coming up in next few week which you would like to see mentioned in the "Birthday Greetings" column then all you have to do is write to us about it.

Just jot down on a postcard in your neatest handwriting, your full name and address, along with your date of birth and send it off to "Birthday Greetings," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR, to arrive at least two weeks in advance of your birthday.

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 send in your birthday greetings . . . now!

STEPHEN GRAINGER, 24 Mingle Place, Bo'ness, who is 12.
DAVID GRIERSON, 43 Cleghorn Avenue, Lanark, who is 12.
MARTIN MILNE, 35 Sheddocksley Drive, Aberdeen, who is 13.
CRAIG MILLAR, 2 Anniversary Avenue, East Kilbride, who is 11.
DAVID HOPKIRK, 10 Bellesdale Avenue, Largs, who is 11.

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.

Name .....

Address .....

.....

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

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.



(CONTINUING OUR GREAT SERIES)

THE DAY BILL STRUTH CRIED WITH JOY

THERE CAN BE no more definite confirmation of a team's domination of Scottish football than the winning of the domestic 'treble' of League Cup, Scottish Cup and League Championship and that is a feat which Rangers have achieved on no fewer than four occasions.

The Ibrox line-ups of seasons 1948-49, 1963-64, 1975-76 and 1977-78 proved to be streets ahead of their rivals in the quest for honours but, of all the triumphs, it's unlikely that any gave the Club greater satisfaction than that first 'triple crown' success.

Season 1948-49 had been a difficult one for the Light Blues, with reigning champions Hibs, then the fine Dundee side leading the race for the title.

And on the last day of the season the championship flag appeared to be Dens Park bound with the Tayside club leading Rangers by a point, both clubs having just one game left to play.

Dundee had to play Falkirk at Brockville and were expected to win there to clinch the flag, particularly as the 'Bairns' had been beaten in each of their last four encounters.

Meanwhile, Rangers faced Albion Rovers at Cliftonhill but it appeared that the championship was beyond the Club's grasp and that the Light Blues would have to settle for the Cup 'double' they had achieved a few weeks earlier.



● The Rangers squad in season 1948-49 which won the 'Treble' for the first time. BACK ROW (left to right): Manager W. Struth, W. Waddell, I. McColl, G. Young, R. Brown, W. Woodburn, W. Findlay, W. Rae, J. Duncanson, Trainer J. Smith. FRONT ROW (left to right): E. Rutherford, T. Gillick, W. Thornton, J. Shaw, W. Williamson, S. Cox, J. Caskie.

The League Cup was the first trophy to grace the Ibrox sideboard when goals from Torry Gillick and Willie Paton gave Rangers a 2-0 win over Raith Rovers in the Hampden final in March.

Then the Ibrox men followed that up with a 4-1 trouncing of Clyde in the Scottish Cup Final, the goals coming from George Young (2), Billy Williamson and Jimmy Duncanson.

And so to Cliftonhill to face a relegation doomed Albion Rovers on April 30 with the Ibrox faithful hoping, but not really believing, that Dundee would slip up at Brockville.



● WILLIE WADDELL . . . made the first goal.

Right from the outset Rangers looked like wiping the home side out of existence, with the ball in almost permanent residence in the Rovers' penalty area but, amazingly it was the 20th minute before their defence cracked, the tried and tested Waddell-Thornton double act breaking the deadlock.

The 'Deedle' took the defence for a walk down the right hand side of the field before sending over his usual precision cross and there was the waiting Thornton head to put Rangers in front.

That goal appeared to have opened the floodgates because, just six minutes later, Eddie Rutherford set off down the left and his cross was also an object lesson in accuracy, Jimmy Duncanson heading it home.

The Rangers fans in the 15,000 crowd roared their heroes on hoping that, if they didn't win the title, they would end the campaign in style but the home side had no intention of becoming the whipping boys and, as half time approached, they came more into the game.

But Rovers just didn't appear to have the power to break down the famous Ibrox 'Iron Curtain' defence and, when the interval whistle sounded, there was no addition to the scoreline.

'Rangers left the field fearing the worst about their title chances'

Meanwhile, at Brockville, Falkirk and Dundee had trooped off after the first 45 minutes drawing 0-0 and, while there were hopes among the Rangers camp that Falkirk would perhaps snatch a second half winner, the odds were still on Dundee's side.

Back at Coatbridge, the second half was only five minutes old when Albion Rovers' Wallace pulled one back and, suddenly, from being in complete control of the game, Rangers were in trouble and goalkeeper Bobby Brown had to look sharp on a few occasions as the home side searched for the equaliser.

But, just on the hour mark, Rangers two goal advantage was restored with a goal which had the crowd in raptures.

A long through ball from Ian McColl saw Willie Thornton and a Rovers defender break into a sprint for possession but the Ranger proved to be the quicker of the two, racing clear of his opponent with only the goalkeeper standing between him and goal number three.

'Keeper McGregor raced from his line, narrowing the options open to the Light Blues' striker but Thornton made to go one way, then jinked the other, rounded the goalkeeper and calmly slotted the ball home.

That goal ended the Coatbridge side's hopes of saving the game and Rangers set about rubbing in their superiority, Willie Thornton completing his hat-trick with ten minutes left.

The final whistle sounded with Rangers convincing 4-1 winners and the players headed for the dressing room with all their thoughts on events at Brockville, fearing the worst about their title chances.

A quick phone call was made to Falkirk and the news was broken: 'Falkirk 4 Dundee 1'. RANGERS WERE CHAMPIONS!

In the dressing room the players hugged each other with delight and there was an air of triumph around the pavilion before attention was drawn to the man in the corner.

Manager Bill Struth who had guided the Club to honour after honour was sitting on a bench with tears streaming down his cheeks. IT WAS ONLY THEN THAT THE PLAYERS REALISED THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

Rangers had become the first ever side to win the League Cup, Scottish Cup and League Championship in the same season, making yet another entry into the game's record books.

The Light Blues were indeed 'Kings of Scotland' and it was a happy party who made the short journey from Coatbridge back to Ibrox in the team bus that day.

The eleven who clinched that historic 'treble' at Cliftonhill were as follows: Brown, Young, Shaw, McColl, Woodburn, Cox, Waddell, Duncanson, Thornton, Williamson, Rutherford.



● WILLIE THORNTON . . . scored a hat-trick in Rangers all-important last game of the season.

NICE ONE, DERE



● Gregor Stevens challenges Leighton in this second half attack.



● Ian Redford beats Hamilton to this ball in the first half to send a pass out to winger Willie Johnston.

RANGERS BLEW the premier League race wide open with their fine win over Aberdeen on Saturday and, make no mistake about it, the Light Blues thoroughly deserved their victory.

Anything short of victory would have effectively ended the Ibrox men's title challenge and that was apparent from the determination they showed, constantly putting the Dons' defence under pressure and, as a result, always looking like the team more likely to score.

And what lucky escapes that Aberdeen goal had before the winner finally arrived!

Gregor Stevens and Bobby Russell had the fans on their feet in the first half, Gregor heading just over the top after he'd sneaked unnoticed into the danger zone and Bobby almost demolishing the Copland Road crossbar with a shot which had 'keeper Leighton clutching at thin air.

It was Leighton who came to Aberdeen's rescue just after the interval when, somehow, he managed to save a John MacDonald shot from no more than six yards out and it became obvious that it certainly wasn't going to be young John's day when the 'keeper made excellent saves from another two of the Ranger's efforts.

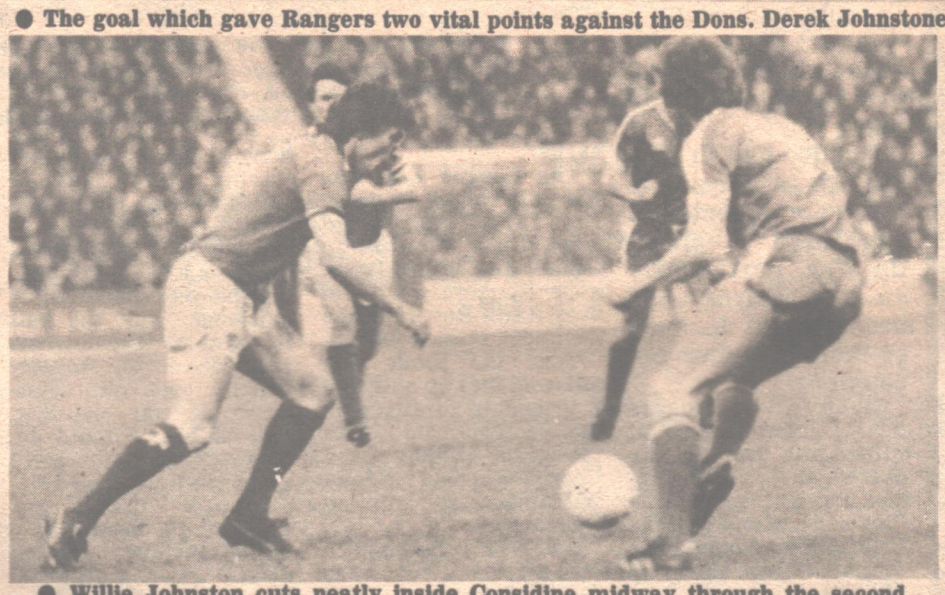
A goal just had to come, however, and, when it did, it was certainly worth waiting for.

Willie Johnston slipped a fine pass through to Derek Johnstone on the edge of the penalty area after superbly controlling a Peter McCloy kick-out and the Ibrox skipper eluded his marker before allowing Leighton to commit himself and neatly slotting the ball past him into the corner of the net from an awkward angle.

Only when they were a goal down did Aberdeen show any likelihood of causing Peter McCloy problems but, having worked so hard to get in front, Rangers were in no mood for squandering their lead and they held out comfortably to take both points.



● The goal which gave Rangers two vital points against the Dons. Derek Johnstone slams in a



● Willie Johnston cuts neatly inside Considine midway through the second half as Watson and Jardine move in



● Jo

SCORERS

The full table reads: COLIN McADAM 18; John MacDonald 12; Ian Redford 5; Jim Bett 4; Sandy Jardine 4; Derek Johnstone 4; Davie Cooper 3; Alex Miller 3; Bobby Russell 2; Gordon Dalziel 1; Ally Dawson 1; Willie Johnston 1; Gregor Stevens 1; Own Goals 2.



● Doug Rougvie looks on as Derek Johnstone gets in a h reach a Willie Johnston cross early in

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	24	17	2	5	51	27	36
Aberdeen	23	14	7	2	45	16	35
Rangers	22	10	10	2	39	16	30
Dundee Untd	23	9	8	6	41	28	26
St Mirren	23	8	7	8	33	29	23
Partick Th.	24	8	7	9	19	26	23
Morton	24	7	7	10	26	38	21
Airdrie	23	5	8	10	22	36	18
Hearts	23	3	5	15	18	40	11
Kilmarnock	23	2	5	16	15	53	9

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	28	17	6	5	44	20	40
Raith Rovers	24	15	5	4	38	17	35
Ayr United	28	13	8	7	45	31	34
St Johnstn	28	12	10	6	37	29	34
Dundee	25	12	5	8	41	29	29
Hamilton	26	11	5	10	45	34	27
Motherwell	25	10	7	8	41	40	27
Dumbarton	27	9	7	11	36	36	25
Falkirk	27	9	5	13	28	39	23
Clydebank	25	7	8	10	34	41	22
East Stirl	25	5	10	10	31	38	20
Stirling Alb	26	6	7	13	18	36	19
Dumfermline	24	7	4	13	27	32	18
Berwick	26	3	5	18	19	62	11

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	25	13	9	3	47	25	35
Queens Park	25	10	10	5	42	29	30
Qn of Sth	24	9	10	5	39	38	28
Montrose	23	12	3	8	46	28	27
Forfar	24	10	6	8	41	39	26
Cowdnbeath	21	9	7	5	33	26	25
Brechin	24	8	9	7	32	33	25
Clyde	23	9	5	9	36	39	23
Arbroath	24	7	8	9	42	42	22
Albion Rvr	25	7	8	10	38	48	22
Stenhsemuir	22	7	6	9	38	31	20
East Fife	23	5	10	8	23	29	20
Stranraer	24	6	3	15	20	47	15
Meadowbnk	25	5	4	16	24	47	14

K! . . . And here's his ever so vital goal



eft-foot shot past Leighton after good work by Willie Johnston.



beats his men yet again and is then sent tumbling for his troubles. The referee, however, waved play on.



after beating a defender to half.

FACT-FILE

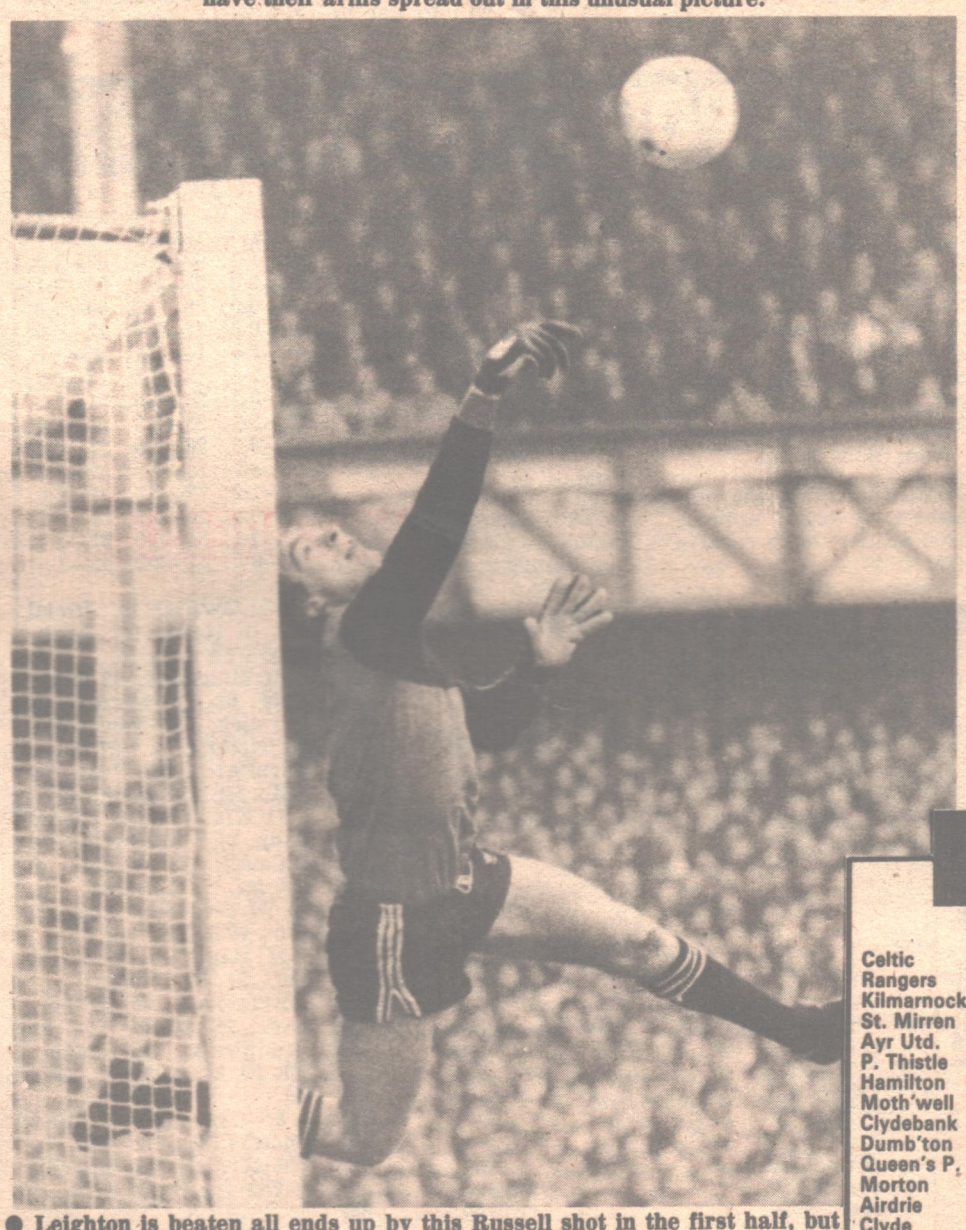
RANGERS 1, ABERDEEN 0
Scorer: D. Johnstone (64mins).
RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Jackson, Bett, W. Johnston, Russell, D. Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: D. Cooper (for MacDonald), Miller (not used).
ABERDEEN: Leighton, Hamilton, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, N. Cooper, Jarvie, McCall, McGhee, Angus, Scanlon. Subs: Considine (for Cooper), Harrow (for Watson).
Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee).
Booked: Jarvie (Aberdeen).



● John MacDonald gets in a shot despite the attention of Rougvie, but his shot was brilliantly saved by Leighton.



● A balancing act? Willie Johnston, Doug Rougvie and Jim Leighton all have their arms spread out in this unusual picture.



● Leighton is beaten all ends up by this Russell shot in the first half, but the ball rebounded from the bar.

Reserve Review

FIVE GOAL COLTS — AGAIN!

WITH NO league game on Saturday, Rangers' Second Team Coach Stan Anderson moved quickly to fix up a friendly with St. Mirren at Love Street and the Ibrox colts convincingly beat the Paisley side 5-2.

And the significant point to come out of the game was that the Light Blues' goals were scored by five different players.

Rangers went in front five minutes before half time, Billy Mackay taking the ball on the wing before cutting inside and crashing home a superb 25 yard shot.

"That goal set us up nicely," said coach Stan Anderson, "and we went on to play some great stuff in the second half, building up cleverly from the back and getting into some very good positions up front.

"Billy Davies and Iain Stirton both scored excellent goals early in the second half before St. Mirren pulled one back, then Kenny Lyall made it 4-1 with as good a goal as you are ever likely to see. He netted from a Billy Mackay cross after we'd worked the ball up from our own half and switched the play from left to right.

"Near the end, Dougie Robertson was brought down in the box and Alex Forsyth scored from the penalty then, right on the whistle, St. Mirren got their second goal."

Stan was very pleased to see the goals being shared around but he stressed that although top scorer Dougie Robertson didn't score, he had a good game and was involved in the build up towards several of the goals.

The team which registered the win at Paisley was: Young, McIntyre, A. Forsyth, Davies, McIntosh, T. Forsyth, Mackay, Watson, Stirton, Lyall, Robertson. Subs: Marshall, McPherson, Clark, Richardson (not used).

RESERVE LEAGUE

(West Section)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	22	18	4	0	48	14	40
Rangers	20	13	3	4	67	23	29
Kilmarnock	20	11	4	5	44	23	26
St. Mirren	18	10	4	4	31	22	24
Ayr Utd.	19	8	6	5	37	27	22
P. Thistle	19	8	3	8	28	30	19
Hamilton	19	6	6	7	23	30	18
Moth'well	20	7	3	10	36	41	17
Clydebank	20	6	4	10	24	37	16
Dumb'ton	18	5	5	8	23	32	15
Queen's P.	22	3	8	11	28	44	14
Morton	20	6	1	13	23	38	13
Airdrie	20	4	5	11	16	33	13
Clyde	17	4	0	13	18	48	8

BANG ON SCHEDULE FOR BABES TO BREAK THROUGH

NOW that we're well into the second half of the current season, Rangers will be firing on all cylinders in their bid to get among the honours, but this part of the term is also very important at reserve level . . . it is a time when Second Team Coach Stan Anderson is looking for his young players to show the benefit of the full-time training they've undergone.



● STAN ANDERSON

"We've got to be very careful when working with young players," says Stan, "because, once their initial enthusiasm wears off, they find it very hard to keep up with the pace of full-time work.

"They tend to fade a bit and it's up to us to encourage them, giving them the odd lift now and then.

"And eventually they start to come back into things, showing the benefit of the coaching they've received and making the most of their improved fitness.

"Generally this process takes six to eight months so now is the time we're looking for first season players like Billy Davies, Davie McPherson and Graham Watson to show improvement."

The improvement Stan is looking for is the ability to react quicker under pressure, find a team-mate with a pass which would normally have gone astray, and the basic will to get to the ball first.



● GRAHAM WATSON

The Ibrox coach is delighted that one or two of the Club's youngsters are starting to show signs of having acquired those skills.

"Dougie Robertson and Iain Stirton are looking really good these days," says Stan, "and that's all because of the training they've received.



● DAVIE McPHERSON

"Their young bodies have adjusted to the demands we've made on them, but some players won't adjust as quickly and their game will suffer.

"It's only when they come to a club as big as Rangers that youngsters realise we demand much more than their school or juvenile teams did.

"But they are good players, otherwise they wouldn't be here, and eventually their skills shine through."

Skills which hopefully will see the youngsters take another step along the road to first team football and Stan is adamant that the Ibrox Colts are moving in the right direction towards that goal.

"The manager has shown that the reward for good performances in the Reserves is a place in the first team," he says, and the inclusion of Dougie Robertson and Billy Davies in the team for the recent Glasgow Cup tie against Partick Thistle proves that point.

"And the rest of the youngsters, seeing Dougie and Billy's progress, are bound to be encouraged by that."

With the Ibrox Reserves due to show the benefit of all the coaching they've received since the start of the season it may well be that Messrs Robertson and Davies won't be the only ones pressing for places in the top eleven before the term ends.

THIS WEEK'S POOLS GUIDE . . .

POOL ONE: 15 possibles, 17 goals, 8 winners each receive £4,001.46.

Winning Combinations: 11, with four from 21, 22, 29, 30, 38, 43.

POOL TWO: 10 possibles, 8 goals, 6 winners each receive £166.66.

Winning Combinations: 30, 36, 39, 41 with one from 07, 09, 10, 12, 19, 20, 25, 26, 33, 40.

POOL THREE: 4 possibles, 18 goals, 4 winners each receive £250.

Winning Combinations: 16, 34, with three from 03, 23, 30, 35.

POOL FOUR: (2nd best) 12 possibles, 26 goals, 7 winners each receive £142.85.

Winning Combinations: 16, 30, with two from 11, 23, 34 and one from 03, 22, 36, 41.

POOL FIVE: 252 possibles, 0 goals, approx. 200 winners each receive £5.

Winning Combinations: Any five from 07, 09, 10, 12, 19, 20, 25, 26, 33, 40.

POOL SIX: (2nd best) 8 possibles, 16 goals, 7 winners each receive £285.71.

Winning Combinations: 11 with three from 21, 29, 38, 43 and one from 04, 13.

● The Agent's Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £600.

FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results: — Game 01—1-2; 02—1-2; 03—1-3; 04—2-0; 05—2-1; 06—0-1; 07—0-0; 08—1-0; 09—0-0; 10—0-0; 11—5-0; 12—0-0; 13—2-0; 14—0-1; 15—1-0; 16—2-4; 17—0-1; 18—0-2; 19—0-0; 20—0-0; 21—3-0; 22—3-1; 23—2-3; 24—1-0; 25—0-0; 26—0-0; 27—2-1; 28—0-2; 29—3-0; 30—3-3; 31—1-2; 32—0-2; 33—0-0; 34—0-5; 35—0-3; 36—2-2; 37—2-1; 38—3-0; 39—1-1; 40—0-0; 41—2-2; 42—1-0; 43—3-0.

FOLLOWING is official list of teams for Saturday, February 7:

01 Mansfield, 02 Rochdale, 03 St. Mirren, 04 Berwick, 05 Newcastle, 06 Notts. Co., 07 Huddersfield, 08 Hull, 09 Millwall, 10 Scunthorpe.

11 Wigan A., 12 Clydebank, 13 Dunfermline, 14 Oldham, 15 Orient, 16 Oxford U., 17 Plymouth, 18 Wimbledon, 19 Aldershot, 20 E. Stirling.

21 Hamilton, 22 Preston, 23 Shrewsbury, 24 Porstmouth, 25 Rotherham, 26 Sheff. U., 27 Bradford C., 28 Doncaster, 29 Aberdeen, 30 Celtic.

31 Bristol C., 32 Chelsea, 33 Burnley, 34 Chester, 35 Hartlepool, 36 Dundee U., 37 Kilmarnock, 38 Derby, 39 Luton, 40 Fulham.

41 Gillingham, 42 Hibs, 43 Lincoln.

WANTED!

RANGERS POOLS AGENTS

For further details send name and address to Rangers Pools Ltd. 11 Harrison Drive, Glasgow G51 2UJ.

(Block letters please)

Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

.....Age if under 21.....

Happy hat-trick for Ibrox Colts

RANGERS Reserves chalked up the Club's third victory over Airdrie in as many days last Monday night when they knocked the Broomfield side out of this season's Second Eleven Cup competition.

With both the first team and the Colts securing five-goal victories over Airdrie on the Saturday, the young Light Blues travelled to the Lanark ground confident they could make it three in a row — and that's just what they did.

They scored three first-half goals and lost only one in reply and a goalless second half saw the Ibrox babes run out 3-1 winners.

All the goals the Light Blues scored were well constructed and well taken and credit must go to the youngsters for their endeavour to play skilfully, even though some of the tackles they had to suffer were bruising, to say the least.

The Colts started well, opening the scoring after just five minutes when Robertson headed the ball in off the post from six yards after good play down the right between Watson and McLean.

Slackness in defence brought Airdrie an equaliser in the 19th minute when Airdrie's Miller also netted with a header from a similar distance.

However, another Miller, this time Ranger Alex, restored the Ibrox men's goal advantage with a superb goal in the 30th minute. The defender — wearing the number ten jersey and playing in a midfield role on the night — worked a one-two with Mackay and then cracked in a magnificent angular shot from 10 yards.

Three minutes later Tommy McLean — wearing the unfamiliar number four shirt — hit a superbly flighted free kick on to the head of Iain Stirton, who powered a fine header into the corner of the net from the edge of the six-yard box.

The second half produced no goals and at the end of the 90 minutes Rangers were content to leave the field with a place in the third round of a competition they haven't won for two years.

THE 'UNTOUCHABLES' —THAT'S DOUGIE AND IAIN!

AT THE START of the season, young Ibrox striker Gordon Dalziel found himself nicknamed "The Untouchable" by many of the regular fans at Rangers Reserve matches, thanks to the massive lead he had built up in the Second String scorer's table. After just two months Gordon was on 12 goal while his nearest rival had only five.

Now, however, there are three main contenders for that top spot!

Gordon's other challengers are Douglas Robertson and Iain Stirton, who both added to their goal tally last Monday night with fine efforts in the Second Elevan Cup tie against Airdrie.

Douglas' goal was enought to topple Gordon Dalziel from the number one position, and the ousted leader now shares the 16 goal mark with Iain Stirton.

Young Gordon's goal performances this season have been excellent, but perhaps the form of those other two "goal-getters" Robertson and Stirton, has been even more remarkable.

This is only Iain's second season as a professional player, while 1980-81 has been Douglas's initiation at top level.

Stirton has already quadrupled his total of four goals for last season and, quick as he is to point out he's now beginning to find the form he started the term with, it is his opinion that the displays of the entire team have made his task much easier.

"When the team plays better, it creates more chances for me and the other forwards. That's the reason for my recent goals. I just happened to be in the right places at the right time," said Iain.

"In my last six matches, I've managed to score the same number of goals, and if that continues to the end of the season, I'll be more than happy."

Dougie Robertson's introduction to professional football couldn't have started on a better note.

With 17 goals to his credit he is the Colts top scorer.

"There's no sudden magic formula for scoring!" says Dougie. "At the beginning of the season, I'd only netted two or three. Then I found out I was still trying to do the hard things rather than going for the simple pass or header, which had been what the coaching staff had been telling me all along.

"Now that I've made life easier for myself by doing the simple things, it's all starting to happen and I couldn't be more pleased. But there's always room for improvement."

Continued improvement in the scoring stakes from either of the two youngsters — and Gordon Dalziel when he returns from injury — will certainly ensure that the reserve 'Goals For' column will continue to make good reading in the near future.



● Use your heads, lads! Nobody had to tell that to Douglas Robertson (right) and Iain Stirton during last Monday's Second Eleven Cup tie with Airdrie. Both of the two "Colts" goals came from using those "nappers" and, with 33 goals between them, they are certainly giving rival defenders a real headache!

NICOL: There's no deal



● JOHN GREIG

RANGERS manager John Greig last week tried to boost his playing pool by enquiring about Ayr United defender Steve Nichol.

However, no bid was made and interest in the player has now been shelved.

Boss Greig telephoned Ayr manager Willie McLean last Monday to see if there was a possibility that Ayr might be prepared to put a valuation on Nichol, who has been capped at Under-21 level for Scotland.

No firm offer was made, explained manager Greig. "It was a general discussion and, I thought, a private one.

"It was left to me to go back with an offer and I don't intend to go back now."

Manager Greig thought that when he put the telephone down on the conversation it was the end of the matter, but the next day national newspapers all carried the story and he wasn't pleased.

"I don't like working that way. It is not the way Rangers do business."

No kidding . . . they're not "April" fools!

IBROX coach Davie Provan has decided it is time he donned his playing boots again — and manager John Greig is still pondering over whether he should do likewise.

They won't, however, be wearing Rangers' jerseys again. The Ibrox duo have been invited to take part in a special charity match at Grangemouth in April in aid of the UNICEF fund.

A whole host of famous names have been invited, including Sir Stanley Matthews, the former England international who gained distinction with Blackpool and Stoke City.

Sir Stan — still playing at well over 60 — has definitely agreed to take part. No doubt John Greig or Davie Provan would love the opportunity to say they once played against Stanley Matthews!

Two other well-known ex-Rangers' players have also been invited. Willie Henderson and Alex Ferguson have been asked to take part and Alex Rennie, manager of St Johnstone, has also been invited to make an appearance.

Hearts' boss Bobby Moncur, former Celts' Bobby Lennox, John Clark, Tommy Gemmell and Ally Hunter, ex-Hibs' player Joe Baker and Alloa manager Alex Totten have also been sent invites.

It won't be all football personalities. Comedian Billy Connolly and rugby star Andy Irvine may also be in attendance to help out at what will obviously be a fine day in aid of charity.



● DAVIE PROVAN

Weekend Results in Europe

WEST GERMANY: Cup, fourth round: Osnabrueckk 1, Stuttgart 3; Borussia Monchengladbach 6, Atlas Delmenhorst 1; Hamburg 4, Bochum 1; Oldenburg 4, Eintract Frankfurt 4; Fortuna Dusseldorf 2, Werder Bremen 0. League: Cologne 1, Arminia Bielefeld 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 1, Como 1; Brescia 0, Ascoli 1; Cagliari 2, Pistoa 0; Fiorentina 0, Juventus 1; Internazionale 2, Catanzaro 2; Naples 1, Udine 0; Roma 1, Avelino 1; Torino 2, Perugia 0.

Euro Draws

EUROPEAN CUP
Bayern Munich v Banik Ostrava
Spartak Moscow v Real Madrid
Liverpool v CSKA Sofia
Inter Milan v Red Star Belgrade

CUP-WINNERS' CUP
West Ham v Dynamo Tblisi
Fortuna Dusseldorf v Benfica
Feyenoord v Slavia Sofia
Carl Zeiss Jena v Newport

UEFA CUP
Grasshoppers Zurich v FC Sochaux
FC Cologne v Standard Liege
St Ettiene v Ipswich
AZ 67 Alkmaar v KSC Lokern

●●● Ties on March 4 and March 18.

PROGRAMMES

WANTED: The following programmes: John Greig Testimonial, Dundee United (April 26, 1980), Celtic (December 29, 1979), Morton (April 11, 1980). Also Rangers v Arsenal, v Spurs (1980), and any pennants or items connected with these games. Will pay asking price. Please contact Colin Brown, 28 Epplestone Road, Whitburn, West Lothian.

WANTED: Rangers News issues 454, 457, 458 and 462. Please contact: Billy Wilson, 6 Auchencraig Road, Faifley, Clydebank.

WANTED: Rangers v Arsenal and Spurs pennants. I will pay asking price. Please contact Ronnie Taylor, 65 Mansfield Estate, Tain, Ross-shire.

FOR SALE: Every Rangers programme (home or away) between August 1974 and May 1980. Send your lists and cash offers to Thomas Campbell, 30 Stepford Road, Glasgow.

WANTED: Playing for Rangers Numbers 1 and 10. Please contact Gordon Bell, 44 Skerryvore Road, Glasgow, or phone 041-774-6765.

FOR SALE: Collections of football programmes (mainly Rangers), magazines and souvenirs. Write stating interests and enclosing a first class stamp to: John Jefferson, 1 Sheshader Point, Isle of Lewis.

'News' around the World

IF you would like a copy of the "Rangers News" mailed direct to you weekly (home or abroad) complete this coupon (enclosing remittance) and send it to Subscriptions Department, "Rangers News", 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

.....

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

	BRITISH ISLES	EUROPE
Single Copy	0.28	0.35
12 Months	14.00	17.50
6 Months	7.00	9.00
3 Months	3.50	5.00

America, Canada, India, Hong Kong £19.00
Australia, South Africa, New Zealand.....£23.00
Israel £18.50
British Forces Posted Overseas £15.50

KEEP UP TO DATE

SUNDAY

Aberdeen beat Aberdeen University 7-1 in the first round of the Aberdeenshire Cup. This means the Dons international defender Willie Miller, only has two more games to go in his four match suspension.

After hearing they drew Rangers in the next round of the Scottish Cup, St. Johnstone announced they are now going quickly ahead in a bid to re-open the north wing of the stand which been under re-development. The Muirton Stand can hold well over 3,000.

Stenhousemuir sign Meadowbank Thistle midfield man, Tom Downie, for an unspecified fee. He had been placed on the transfer list at this own request.

TUESDAY

Jim Clune, the former manager of St. Mirren, is appointed boss of Kilmarnock. Clunie hasn't been offered a contract with the Rugby park side.

Alan Blair, former Raith Rovers and East Fife goalkeeper, signs for Dundee on a month's contract. Dundee's present number one 'keeper Laurie Williams has been on loan to the Dens Park club from Dumbarton and his term ended on Saturday.

St Mirren announce they are negotiating with an English First Division side to play at Love Street on February 14, the date set aside for the fourth round of the Scottish Cup.

WEDNESDAY

RESULTS — Scottish Cup (Third Round Replays): Clyde 2, Partick 4; Clydebank 5, East Fife 4 (after extra time); Cowdenbeath 4, Arbroath 0; Dunfermline 1, Hibs 2 (after extra time); Motherwell 2, Stenhousemuir 1; Hearts 1, Morton 2.

THURSDAY

Arbroath sign ex-Celtic player Jim Casey for a fee in the region of £10,000.

Ex-Hibs man Alex Cropley, now with Aston Villa, is reported to be moving to Oxford United, currently in Division Three of the English League.

FRIDAY

The Scottish League have managed to re-arrange two First Division matches for Saturday, February 14, the date for the Scottish Cup Fourth Round. Hamilton will play Dunfermline, while Raith Rovers will face Berwick Rangers.

FRIDAY

Partick Thistle release former Rangers and Morton player Ally Scott.

SATURDAY

The SFA announce that the World Cup match against Israel at Hampden in April has been brought forward 24 hours. The game will now be played on April 28.

SHOW THE COLOURS . . RANGERS STYLE!

Just tell us how often Ian's played v Aberdeen

IF YOUR SCARF is in tatters and your badges are beginning to show signs of rust, then this week's competition is a must for you.

You can win two great Rangers scarves and a host of badges and sewons. We've also thrown in a few Light Blue pennants and other assorted items.

Take a look at the picture on the right. It shows Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan powering in a shot against the 'Gers in a recent encounter between the two clubs at Pittodrie as Ian Redford tries to block the effort.

The question we want you to answer is this: How many times has the Ibrox midfield star played against Aberdeen since joining Rangers (including last Saturday's game at Ibrox).

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

The closing date for this competition is February 6, when the first correct entry pulled from our competition will win this super prize.

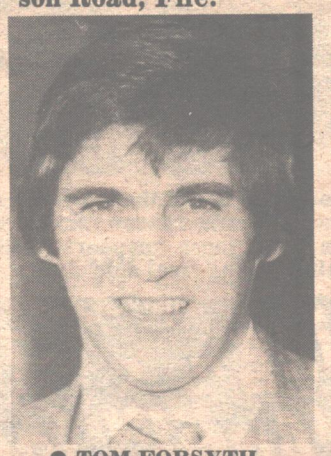
Please remember to include your FULL name and address with all your entries, and write as neatly as possible.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.



When did Tom score his first goal?

I READ about the Rangers Reserves great scoring record this season in last week's 'News'. Could you tell me how many times they have scored more than three goals in a game this season? Terry Hutchinson, Mitcheson Road, Fife.



● TOM FORSYTH

The Ibrox 'Colts' have been in six matches when they have scored more than three goals. These games were as follows: 4-0 v Kilmarnock at Ibrox, 6-0 v Morton at Ibrox, 6-0 v Clyde at Shawfield, 10-0 v Airdrie at Broomfield, 6-1 v Motherwell at Ibrox and the most recent, another win against Airdrie at Ibrox, this time a 5-0 victory.

I believe Rangers visited Israel once in 1971, for a tour. Have you any information about this?

YOU ASKED FOR IT

David Cumming, Overbrae Drive, Glasgow.

In November, 1971, Rangers did go to Israel, but only to play one match, against Hapoel in Tel Aviv, the game ending in a 0-0 draw.

Against which team did Tom Forsyth make his debut for Rangers? Barry Jarvis, Carntyne Road, Glasgow.

It was actually against his former club, Motherwell, at Fir Park on October 14, 1972, just three days after he had signed for Rangers. Rangers won 2-0, with goals from Quinton Young and Derek Parlane.

When was Tommy McLean's first goal for Rangers? Hugh McGhee, Tollcross Road, Glasgow.

Tommy scored his debut goal for the Club on a tour of Sweden against Orgyte, the date being July 21, 1972. Rangers won 2-1 and Tommy's goal came in the 48th minute. John Greig scored Rangers first after just 25 seconds.

Please list the Rangers team which beat Hearts 3-1 in the replay of the Scottish League Cup final in season 1961-62? Gordon Menzies, Killern Street, Glasgow.

The team was: Ritchie, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Baillie, Baxter, Scott, McMillan, Millar, Brand and Wilson. The Rangers goalscorers were Millar, Brand and McMillan. Davidson netted for Hearts.

Could you please tell me how many games George Brown played for Rangers and also how many caps he won for Scotland?

George played 387 games for Rangers, up until season 1938-39, and during the first two years of the Second World War, he played another 20 games for the Club. George won 19 caps and also appeared against the Irish and English Leagues, on five occasions.

● If you have a question about Rangers you would like answered, then write to: "You Asked For It", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

A 'SMASHING' NIGHT FOR 'BOMBER'



● Colin Jackson prepares to smash open a bottle of pennies donated by the customers of the Masonic Arms, Cumbernauld on 'Bomber's' recent visit to the new town bar. The cash amounted to £100.81 which will be donated to the Strathclyde Scanner Campaign, a very deserving cause.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



● PAUL STURROCK . . . star man in the last two Bell's League Cup finals.

HOW UNITED GOT THEIR CONFIDENCE BACK



● JIM McLEAN . . . saw his team return to form in mid-October.



IF, in the early stages of the season, someone had told you that Dundee United would successfully defend the Bell's League Cup they won last term, then you would most likely have been very surprised.

United had made a disastrous start to the 1980-81 campaign and it was mid-October before the Tannadice side registered their first league win but, by then, they were languishing in the bottom half of the table and looking more like a team interested in fighting off relegation than battling for the top places.

Then anamazing transformation took place. Victories over Morton, Hearts, St. Mirren and Partick Thistle in the league and a resounding 3-0 triumph over Celtic in the Bell's League Cup semi-final saw confidence return to Jim McLean's men and they went on to retain the trophy by beating local rivals Dundee in the first ever all-Tayside final.

It is their cup winning form that United will be hoping to reproduce when Rangers visit Tannadice on Saturday.

The "Tangerines" star in that 3-0 win over Dundee at Dens Park was Paul Sturrock who netted two goals and did much to demoralise the opposition and the Tannadice youngster is certainly looking forward to Saturday's clash.

"Games against Rangers, with the big crowd and the noisy atmosphere, are always good to play in," says Paul, "and we're looking forward to Saturday's match."

Many people will also be looking forward to the opportunity of seeing Sturrock in action. The 24-year-old United player has emerged as one of the most exciting players in the country in the last two seasons.

Already this term he has netted 17 goals and on his current form is clearly bound to score quite a few more. He wasn't on the mark, however, in the last match between Rangers and Dundee United at Tannadice when the Light Blues won 4-2.

"I should have been, though," Paul points out. "When we were 4-0 down, I took a penalty, but missed it. Mind you, we came back into the game after that and brought the score to 4-2.

"We caused Rangers a lot of problems in that spell and I think Rangers will know only too well we are perfectly capable of doing so again."

Men like Willie Pettigrew, Dave Dodds and Derek Addison can score goals in any company while the midfield talents of Eamonn Bannon and Graham Payne are equal to any in the Premier League.

In defence, United have the most permanent twin stoppers in the country, Paul Hegarty and David Narey, having established themselves as first class performers both at club and international level.

So there's no disputing the fact that Rangers face a stern test on Saturday. But that's nothing new to John Greig's men and the Ibrox boss will be looking for a repeat of that 4-2 win in September.



● Colin McAdam makes a tremendous leap to reach the ball in the last meeting between Rangers and United at Tannadice. But, in fact, Hegarty has made contact first, only to send the ball into the net for an own goal – Rangers' fourth in their 4-2 win.

This Week's Football

SATURDAY, February 7

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Morton, Celtic v Partick Thistle, DUNDEE UNITED v RANGERS, Kilmarnock v Hearts, St. Mirren v Airdrie.

FIRST DIVISION

Berwick Rangers v Motherwell, Clydebank v St. Johnstone, Dunfermline v Falkirk, East Stirling v Stirling Albion, Hamilton Accies v Ayr, Hibernian v Dundee, Raith Rovers v Dumbarton.

SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v Stranraer, Alloa v Brechin City, Cowdenbeath v Clyde, East Fife v Arbroath, Forfar Athletic v Stenhousemuir, Queen of the South v Montrose, Queens Park v Meadowbank Thistle.

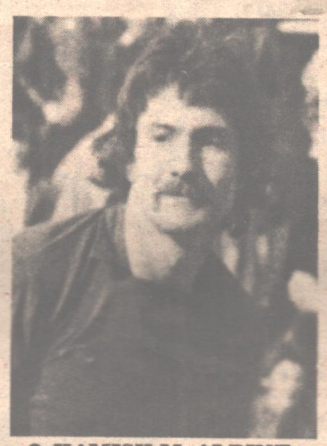
RESERVE LEAGUE (West Section)

Rangers v Hamilton Accies.

When Tom McAdam was the Tannadice top scorer

● **The 'Terrors' oldest player is goalkeeper, Hamish McAlpine, who is also their longest serving man, joining the Tannadice club in 1966 from Dundee North End. Hamish was 33 last Wednesday.**

● **The Tannadice club were formed in 1909 as Dundee Hibernian and their first game against Edinburgh Hibernian in August that year ended in a 1-1 draw.**



● HAMISH McALPINE

● *In the first year of Premier League football in season 1975-76, United's top league goalscorer was none other than Colin McAdam's brother, Tom, who moved to Celtic from Tannadice in 1977.*

● **Dundee United's highest ever win in Premier League football was achieved only a matter of weeks ago, when they thrashed Kilmarnock 7-0. Their previous best was a 5-0 win against Ayr United in season 1975-76.**

● The Tannadice side's highest ever position in the Premier League was third, attained in consecutive seasons 1977-78, 78-79. Last year they finished in fourth place.

● ***In last year's Premier League, Dundee United were the team to back on the football pools. 13 of their games ended in a draw.***



● Here is the Dundee United squad which retained the Bell's League Cup in December for the second consecutive season.
BACK ROW (left to right): Graham Philip, Ward, McAlpine, Narey, Smith, Gardiner.
CENTRE ROW: J. McLean (Manager), A. Dickson (Physiotherapist), Stark, Dodds, Milne, Kirkwood, Bannon, Kopel, G. Lowe (Asst. Trainer), I. Campbell (Reserve Trainer).
FRONT ROW: Campbell, Payne, Cochrane, Hegarty, Pettigrew, Holt, Sturrock.

CLUB NOTES

CATHCART BRANCH: Bus v Dundee United leaves Merrylea Road 11.00 a.m. picking up at Mount Florida and 'Bows' of High Street. Non-members welcome. Members can pick up their tickets on the bus.

PENILEE: Bus v Dundee United leaves Penilee Clinic at 11.00 a.m. and Hillington Road 11.05 a.m. Non-members welcome.

PARTICK LOYAL: Bus v Dundee United leaves Merkland Street at 12.00. Seats for non-members. Phone Mr K. McLean on 041-647-5198 for details.

BALLINGRY LOYAL: Bus v Dundee United leaves Auld Shank, Ballingry, at 1.00 p.m., picking up at Cowdenbeath 1.15 p.m., Dunfermline 1.25 p.m. and Kelty Cross 1.30 p.m. Non-members welcome.

HELEN STREET: Bus for Tannadice leaves Ibrox Garage at 10.00 a.m. Seats still available. Names for Perth and Rally now required.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Dundee United leaves McLean Street at 11.00 a.m. returning straight after game. Seats for non-members, price £3. Members tickets on bus. Phone 041-429-5578.

FIFE LOYAL, Bus v Dundee United leaves Kincardine Square at noon. Picking up at Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth, The Crown, Burnt Island and White Heather, Kirkcaldy (1 p.m.).

NITHSDALE: Bus for Tannadice leaves Torresdale Street, 10 a.m. Tickets on bus. Non members welcome. Meeting on Thursday at 8 p.m. Devon Street Orange Halls.

PLEAN: Bus for Dundee United leaves Plean 12.40 p.m., Bannockburn 12.45 p.m., St. Ninians 12.50 p.m. Non members welcome.

IAN REDFORD (Strathkelvin): Bus v Dundee United leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn, at 11.30 a.m., with a short stop enroute for lunch. Non-members are welcome, subject to availability of seats.

CARNWATH: Names for Rally to be in by Saturday, February 7.

BRIDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Bus v Dundee United leaves 12.30 p.m. Bus v St. Johnstone leaves 12.30 p.m. Seats and tickets available. Bus for Northern Ireland game, seats and tickets. For details of these games, phone 041-556-2839.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELLTOWN: Bus to Dundee leaves Academy Street at 9.30 a.m. Non-members welcome. Bus to Perth, names to Big Rag in the Rob Roy.

COLIN McADAM: Bus v Dundee United leaves Ibrox Subway at 11.30 a.m. Non-members welcome.

WHY THE PRESSURE IS OFF BIG COLIN...

TENNENT'S T LAGER

And he couldn't be more pleased!

TIME and time again it has been said that, when Colin McAdam isn't scoring for Rangers, nobody is. It's a belief which has put the big striker under great pressure throughout this season.

But last week at Airdrie, with Colin sitting in the stand due to suspension, the Light Blues really went to town, rattling home five goals without reply to surely kill that myth.

AND NOBODY IS MORE PLEASED ABOUT THAT THAN COLIN McADAM!

"It gets a bit annoying to be constantly telephoned by reporters, saying that I'm the only guy who is getting the goals," says Colin, "but I think that the boys hit that on the head last week.

"They were great against Airdrie and the fact that they played so well helped lighten the frustration of having to sit the game out."

The ease with which the Light Blues achieved their 5-0 win did much to indicate that Rangers are getting back into the groove again, showing the form which made them the pacesetters in the early weeks of the season.

"We went through a spell where we simply didn't get one break to go our way," says Colin, "and it was very discouraging to dominate games so much yet have to settle for no more than a draw.

"But now that the results have started going our way again, I'm sure that we're on the verge of getting right back to our best.

"And we'll make all those who wrote us off just a few weeks ago eat their words."

Fighting talk from the big Ranger and although he hasn't played for the past few weeks, Colin is itching to get back into action.

"With the goals being shared around a bit more, it should take some of the pressure off me and, hopefully, that'll pay off in front of the goal."



● Celebration time for Ibrox 'goal kings' Colin McAdam and John MacDonald, But recently Colin has been out of the team through injury and suspension and he has been glad to see the other players get among the goals while John appears to have struck a barren patch.



● One of Rangers best goals of the season so far. John MacDonald races to meet a McAdam header, scoring Rangers third goal in their 4-2 win over Dundee United in September.



● Rangers' first goal of 1981. Colin McAdam rises to head home the Light Blues' goal in their 1-1 draw against the big striker's former team-mates Partick Thistle.

And John aims to relax as well

IT LOOKED as though season 1980-81 was going to produce a partnership as sweet as "Mister" and "Kipling" judging by the combined abilities of Colin McAdam and John MacDonald.

They scored "exceedingly good" goals!

This talent came to a fore back in September, when, on a sunny day at Rugby Park, Rangers demolished Kilmarnock 8-1, with big Colin grabbing one, and John netting his first hat-trick for the Light Blues.

Since then, however, John MacDonald has hit rather a lean goal-scoring spell. It took a further eight games before he added to his tally, against Celtic, and the same number of matches again until, a few weeks ago, he grabbed Rangers' winner against Morton at Cappielow.

Those bare patches on the young midfielder's scorecard haven't pleased John, one bit.

"It can get really frustrating when people expect you to score goals," says John.

"But you have to try and forget how long it was since you last scored. If you think about it too much, it can get on top of you and affect your game. You just have to take each game as it comes and hope a goal-scoring opportunity arises."

Although John is disappointed he hasn't been finding the back of the net so often in recent months, he is equally happy to see Ally Dawson, Jim Bett and Gregor Stevens get their names on the scoresheet.

"It says a lot for the team in general that it's not only the forwards who get the goals," says John.

"Looking at my recent goals, to keep up that eight week regular interval, I don't have to score until the Airdrie game at the end of February. I can tell you, I'm not prepared to wait that length of time!"

Celts and Saints are all-ticket

RANGERS play Celtic on February 21 and, as usual, the game will be all-ticket.

There are only a VERY LIMITED AMOUNT of Stand tickets left for the meeting, priced at £2.50 and £3.50. Terracing tickets are also in big demand. They are priced at £1.75 each.

Celtic tickets are also available through the following agencies: Bisland Travel, 114 Bath Street, Glasgow; Crookston Travel, 5 Crookston Road, Glasgow; Cross Travel, 1159 Tollcross Road, Glasgow; George Stead (Newsagent), Grant Lea Grove, Mount Vernon, Glasgow; Buchanan's Newsagent, 11 Paisley Road West, Glasgow; Leisure Promotions, Dixon Street, St. Enoch Square, Glasgow.

The Scottish Cup tie with St. Johnstone is also an all-ticket affair.

Stand tickets can ONLY be acquired by POSTAL APPLICATION to the stadium ticket office, and these are priced at £2.50. Tickets for the terracing cost £1.50.

All postal applications should contain the correct remittance and a stamped, addressed envelope.

Would fans also please note that they should include SEPARATE letters AND stamped addressed envelopes if applying for tickets for both matches.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1, Nottingham Forest. 2, At Ibrox and Florence. Fiorentia beat Rangers 4-1 on aggregate. 3, John MacDonald with four goals. 4, Yugoslavia. 5, Against Italy on June 14, 1973. England were beaten 2-0. 6, Jackie Copland. 7, Colin McAdam, who measures 6ft. 2ins. Peter is 6ft. 4ins. 8, False, Lincoln play at Sincil Bank. Darlington play at Feethams. 9, Willie Miller in the game against Wales. 10, Tottenham Hotspur in the pre-season friendly at Ibrox.

Produced and designed by Peebles Publications (Scotland) Ltd., 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR, published by Rangers Football Club Ltd., and printed by Cumbrian Newspapers Ltd., Newspaper House, Dalston Road, Carlisle. Registered at the Post Office as a newspaper.