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SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

Rangers or Saints v Hibs

RANGERS manager John Greig heaved a big sigh of relief on Saturday after the match against St. Johnstone because he knew his team were very fortunate to still be involved in the Scottish Cup. However, if they manage to beat the Perth side this evening at the second attempt, Rangers will have the bonus of a home match in the quarter-finals.

The draw made on Saturday evening (with ex Ibrox player Willie Woodburn helping to pull the names out of the hat) has paired Rangers or St. Johnstone at home to Hibs.

The rest of the Cup draw was: Morton v Kilmarnock or Clydebank; Dundee United v Motherwell, Celtic v East Stirling. All ties are to be played on March 7.

ONE BIG FLOP!

Reserve League set-up unfair to everyone

— MANAGER GREIG

AT THE end of last season, the Scottish League decided to reorganise the second team set-up, dividing the Reserve League into East and West sections, but the regionalisation of the competition has been a flop.

That's the opinion of Rangers manager John Greig whose second string, having played all but three of their Reserve League fixtures, have been kept active by a series of friendlies much to the annoyance of the Ibrox boss.

"Friendlies are no substitute for a competitive match," says Greig, "and the present situation is doing nothing to help the development of the younger players who need competition to put an edge on their game."

"Actually, I was against the breaking up of the league right from the outset but I was prepared to go along with it to see how things worked out. However, it hasn't been a success AND I'D LIKE TO SEE US GO BACK TO THE OLD SYSTEM."

"If we went back to the system where, when first team were playing Aberdeen at Pittodrie, the reserve sides would meet at Ibrox, it would save a lot of headaches."

One of the principal reasons for the change was finance, sides from the West of Scotland having to make long trips to places like Dundee and Aberdeen and vice versa with no hope of being reimbursed through the turnstiles but Greig is quick to knock that sort of reasoning for six.

"Isn't it better to pay a man for playing a competitive match than a friendly?" he asks. "After all, the game is all about competing and I believe that the money saved by the regionalisation of the league is no more than nominal."

Another factor which the Light Blues' boss was quick to home in on is value for the spectators.

"We're selling season tickets to people who want to see a match played in earnest, not a meaningless friendly, and I reckon we're short-changing them on that count," he declares.

And Greig draws a picture of a hypothetical situation which

could leave Scottish clubs in serious trouble if they reach the latter stages of the European competitions.

"Supposing we're playing in the European Cup quarter-finals," he explains, "and the reserves have no competitive fixture the previous Saturday."

"With five subs being allowed on the bench in European ties, at least three of our team are going to be suffering from the lack of that competitive bite they'll need if they're called upon to play in the big game."

"That's not going to do our chances any good, is it?"

A very valid case that the Ibrox boss has raised and he is not the only manager who has expressed disappointment at the new set-up and one labelled it 'the biggest backward step Scottish football has ever taken'.

So surely there is cause for the game's legislators to think again on the Reserve League and restore fairness to clubs, players and fans.

£32,000 . . . well done, Walter!



● A handshake worth £32,000 Rangers Pools winner Mr Walter Braid, of Alexandra Parade. For the full story, turn to Page 5.



● Happy families! The Braids and the Wiggins being presented with their Rangers Pools cheques from Ibrox manager John Greig in the plush surroundings of the Members' Room at the Stadium.

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Parkhead tickets

● There are still some terracing tickets for this Saturday's match against Celtic at Parkhead. They are available from the stadium ticket office, priced £1.75.

The ticket office is open from 9.30-3.30. Monday to Friday.

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THE BEST BEHIND THE SCENES STORIES EVERY WEEK!

IBROX YOUTHS AIM FOR EUROPE GLORY ...



THIS YEAR sees the first ever European Under-16 Championship take place and Scotland have been drawn in the same qualifying group as Iceland and Eire.

Last week the S.F.A. announced the squad for those games and the squad included two Ibrox signings, goalkeeper Andy Bruce and striker Eric Ferguson, both players having showed up well in the recent residential training course at Stirling University.



● Scotland's Director of Coaching, Andy Roxburgh (left), who will manage the national Under-16 team meets Rangers' strikers Andy Bruce and Eric Ferguson, both players having been included in the pool for the European Championship games against Eire and Iceland.

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The course, made possible mainly due to sponsors British Caledonian Airways, attracted the cream of Scotland's talented youngsters and the following are the 16 lads who make up the squad.

Goalkeepers: BRUCE (Rangers), Sinclair (Nottingham Forest).

Defenders: Coyle (Celtic), G. Doyle (Partick Th.), McReight (Harts), Murphy (St. Mirren), Rennie (Leicester City).

Midfield: McKechnie (Nottingham Forest), McStay (Celtic), P. Nicholas (Celtic), Rae (Hibs).

Forwards: Dick (Schools), FERGUSON (Rangers), Galloway (Schools), J. Robertson (Harts), Sludden (Celtic).

The dates for the fixtures against the Irish and the Icelanders are as follows: April 8, Eire v Scotland; June 22, Iceland v Scotland; August 6, Scotland v Iceland; September 16, Scotland v Eire.

The men in charge of the Under-16 squad are Andy Roxburgh (manager), Archie Knox (coach) and Roland Arnott (physiotherapist) and the trio are very hopeful that the young team will go on to further enhance the name of Scottish football at youth level.

Rangers Reserves had intended to play a friendly on Saturday against Hearts' second string at Ibrox but that match has now been cancelled to enable the Light Blues to meet Hamilton Accies in a Reserve League match. The game was originally postponed due to the torrential rain which played havoc with fixture lists ten days ago.



● TONIGHT'S Scottish Cup Fourth Round replay against St. Johnstone will kick-off at 7.30 p.m.

Quite a bit of friendly ribbing was heard in and around Ibrox on Friday and the subject of all the banter was midfielder Bobby Russell, who suffered a landslide defeat at the hands of Gordon Dalziel when the pair met over the snooker table the previous day. To say Bobby was less than chuffed with his performance is a massive understatement — he lost five frames to nil — but Mr Dalziel has ensured that the midfielder man won't be allowed to forget his drubbing for quite a while.

Last week Rangers announced that striker Colin McAdam had been fined two weeks wages and warned as to his future conduct following an incident with referee Brian McGinley after the Dundee United v Rangers game at Tannadice.

The club also disciplined defender Gregor Stevens who was ordered off in the same match.

Top of the bill at the Rally next month will be singer Christian. He last appeared at the Rally in 1976 and with a repertoire which included a selection of Leo Sayer and Drifters' numbers, he was a knock-out. As usual, all tickets for the big night on March 1 have been sold.

Willie Johnston won the Rangers 'Man of the Match' award in Saturday's Cup tie against St. Johnstone. He will receive a half gallon of whisky for his efforts. Drew Rutherford won the prize for the Perth men.

Rangers were scheduled to take part in a five-a-side tournament at the Kelvin Hall last night (Tuesday). They met Kilmarnock in a Preliminary Round. Full details next week.

● Here they are, the lads who will carry the flag of this country at Under-16 level: Back row (left to right): Roland Arnott (Physiotherapist), Archie Knox (Coach), Paul Nicholas (Celtic), James McKechnie (Nottingham Forest), Calum McReight (Harts), Andrew Bruce (Rangers), Ronald Coyle (Celtic), Eric Ferguson (Rangers), David Gal-

loway (Schools' FA), Ronald Sinclair (Nottingham Forest), Andy Roxburgh (Manager).

Front row: Gerald Doyle (Partick Thistle), Richard Murphy (St Mirren), John Robertson (Harts), Alastair Dick (Schools' FA), Paul McStay (Celtic), David Rennie (Leicester City), Ian Rae (Hibs), John Sludden (Celtic).

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NOW MR REDFORD'S

RIGHT AT HOME!



● Right at home . . . that's Ian Redford at his Blanefield flat but the Ibrox midfielder man has also settled into the way of things at Ibrox, playing a significant role in the club's quest for honours this season.

SATURDAY SEES IAN REDFORD complete his first year as a Rangers' player and few would dispute the fact that the former Dundee star is the most improved player at Ibrox, his superb performances on the left side of midfield being a significant factor in the club's challenge for honours this season.

After a somewhat unspectacular start to his career with the Light Blues, Ian has settled into the team and his value to the "engine room" was evident at Tannadice last week when, used up front in the absence of Colin McAdam and Derek Johnstone, his forward thrusts from the midfield area were sadly missed.

That was a point which manager John Greig was quick to make at the after-match press conference and it prompted the "News" to turn the spotlight on Ian, looking back over his year at the stadium.

"It's been a good year," says Ian, "and things are now going the way I want them to after a rather sticky start with the club."

"I think I was too anxious to please when I first moved here and, being played in a different role from that which I had occupied at Dundee, I took a bit of time to settle."

"But now that I've become accustomed to the demands of playing for a club of Rangers' stature, things are falling into place and I'm really enjoying my football in a big way."

The enjoyment which Ian is deriving from the game today is a far cry from the situation of just over a year ago when he was so keen to leave Dundee but found the Dens Park club standing in his way at every opportunity.

"I just had to get away from Dundee," recalls Ian, "and, when they rejected two bids from Rangers, I made it clear to them that, if they did not let me go, I would make full use of the 'freedom of contract' legislation which was due to come into effect at the end of the season."

"Not long after that I received a call saying that Dundee had reached agreement with Rangers and, honestly, I just couldn't sign quick enough."

The £210,000 deal between the clubs made Ian Rangers' most expensive signing but that was a tag which the lad from Errol did not want to carry and he resented the way the figure always seemed to precede his name in the press reports.

'Everyone's in too much of a hurry to write us off'

"I just didn't see the point in all the fuss about money; after all, we're living in an age where transfer fees are going over the million mark so why does £210,000 make the headlines?"

"Then the Press focused on my home life and I was labelled 'rich man's son'. Why on earth couldn't they just stick to the football side of things?"

"Football is my business — that's all I'm interested in — and if it just so happens that my dad's got a few bob, so what . . ."

Ian's determination to be recognised in his own right is mirrored in the effort he puts into his work and his recent unseating of Willie Johnston as "Ibrox Sprint King" shows that such application

applies not only to match days but training also.

"The work here is hard," says Ian, "but hard work never harmed anyone and I believe that I'm a better player for it."

"The coaching staff cover every aspect of the game, no matter how insignificant it may seem at the time, and they help us iron out the little things which get us into trouble."

"Consistency was my big problem," he freely admits, "and for a long time, I just seemed to drift in and out of games, but now I find that I'm able to concentrate totally on the 90 minutes ahead of us, thus making a greater contribution to the team's effort."

"I also find that I'm reading situations quicker

than I was, giving myself, or the player I'm passing to, that extra fraction of a second to make good use of the ball."

"That's so important in these days of packed defences who are only too quick to step in and break up any attack."

That quick appraisal of Ian's own game brought us on to the team's performances as a whole and the Ibrox midfielder star fully believes that a league and cup double is not beyond them yet.

"We've got a bit of ground to make up," concedes the 20-year-old; "but the Premier League has a history of sides coming from the back to win the title and, with two games against Celtic and one against Aberdeen still to be played, I think that everyone is in too much of a hurry to dismiss us."

"Speak to me again about this in a few weeks time and then I'll have a more accurate opinion on where the league flag will be flying next year . . . but don't write off Ibrox."

Add the Scottish Cup to the title and you'll have summed up Ian's hopes for the current season but, looking further afield, we asked him to declare his hopes for the future and Redford was most forthcoming.

"When I first came to Ibrox, I was made aware of all the famous players who had preceded me," he says, "and I would love to think that, in perhaps 20 years time, I will be looked upon as having deserved to follow in their footsteps."

"I would also like to win some full caps for Scotland, having already won youth and under-21 caps, but that most definitely takes second place to winning all the honours with Rangers."

"But I suppose one would naturally follow the other."

Having moved from Errol to Blanefield at the start of the season, Ian is now settled in the West of Scotland and very much at home with Rangers, a fact which augurs well for the future which the player looks forward to with so much relish.

'Things are going my way . . . at first I was too anxious to please'



● Ian in action setting up another Rangers' attack.



● Everything's purr-fect! Ian Redford, with two wee friends, looks forward to celebrating a year with Rangers on Saturday.



● Ian and girlfriend settle down to a game of chess but it's been on the lush Ibrox turf, as opposed to a chessboard, that the former Dundee star has been making his presence felt.



● Rangers winger Tommy McLean with some of the schoolboys at the Albion. They are (left to right): BACK ROW: Jim Ford, Scott Gemmell, Alan Pirie. FRONT ROW: Keith Douglas, Peter Curran, Jim Christie, Robert Fleck, Sandy Fraser.

TEACHER TAM

It's lessons from the wee master for Ibrox boys . . .

THE Rangers schoolboy squad was heading across to the Albion for their weekly evening training session with the Ibrox coaching staff. Amongst the party was the five feet four inches tall figure of Tommy McLean.

The wee winger, however, had not reported back to the Stadium for some extra training.

This was the night when Tommy McLean gave up the playing role and became instructor. There are 24 boys who regularly report to Ibrox for the Tuesday session and with Head Scout Dave Provan and Second Team Coach Stan Anderson also present, it means the youngsters can be split up into groups of eight for instructions and varied training programmes.

"Most of the lads are aged 14 and we concentrate on trying to install them into thinking about good habits all the time. If they are coaxed into good habits at an early age they will retain them for most of their playing careers," explains wee Tam.

"We don't try to teach them tactics or give them fitness training. At their age, they just aren't interested in tactics and they should be fit anyway.

"However, learning the various skills of the game is something different and they are only too keen to listen all the time. They are taking things in from all quarters and that can only be to their benefit and ultimately, Rangers when they get to play in the youth team, the reserves or, if they make it, the first team."

While the young lads will benefit from wee Tam's advice, the Rangers winger is also benefitting from the presence of the youths around him.

His aim is to move into coaching or management when his playing career is over and

working with the 'S' Form signings is giving him the opportunity of getting some coaching experience while still actually competing at the top level in Scottish football.

"I'm 33 at the moment and I'm realistic enough to know I can't go on playing for ever. When you get over 30, people are always prepared to write you off. I think that is wrong, but it still happens.

"But I have been giving some thought to my future and I feel I'd like to be active in coaching or management. I have been playing since I was 15. Football is the only thing I have known and I want to be involved in the game in some capacity after I have quit.

"That's why when John Greig asked me if I would like to lend a hand with the young players, I was willing to help out."

With his two brothers both in managerial chairs (Jim is in charge of Dundee United and Willie is boss of Ayr United) Tam has had ample opportunity to hear all the prospective pitfalls which lie ahead of him should he take command of a club.

"When I was 15, my brothers helped me out with coaching, tips and bits of advice about tactics. I still talk to them about their various problems and I would go into any job with my eyes open.

"But my contract with Rangers runs to the end of the season and until then my priority is to help Rangers win more honours. I consider myself a player first and foremost, but nobody can stand still. You have to think ahead and that is what I am doing."

The game has changed in many ways over the years, particularly in the time since Tam's career has blossomed from youth to senior with both Kilmarnock and Rangers, but Tam is in no doubt about the most important aspect of management and coaching.

"Communication. That's what it is all about. It is getting your ideas and plans over to players in language they understand. And working with the young players is just great. They listen carefully and make the whole night thoroughly enjoyable.

"I think one of the most satisfying things in the game must be seeing youngsters show the fruits of the coaching you've given. I now know why so many managers enjoy working with their young boys."



● The 'keepie-up' men . . . Jim Ford, Peter Curran and Jim Christie.



● Wee Tam the instructor, working with Robert Fleck in the skills of passing.



● Tam keeps his eye on Jim Ford as the youngster goes through some exercises in close control.



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'63 CUP FINAL REPLAY WAS CENTER FOR RANGERS

TWO football results on a Saturday in April 1963 caused possibly the greatest ticket scramble the game in this country has ever known.

The results — Rangers 5, Dundee United 2, and Celtic 5, Raith Rovers 2 — were Scottish Cup semi-finals, so setting the scene for an "Old Firm" final, the first for 35 years.

Wherever tickets went on sale, demand by far outweighed the supply and the national press were full of stories of the cup fever which enveloped the country.

The final was scheduled for May 4 and, on that day, 129,643 fans packed into Hampden for the big game but, unfortunately, it did not live up to its expectations and finished in a 1-1 draw.

Ralph Brand had given Rangers the lead in the 41st minute when he neatly flicked home a Willie Henderson cross, but Celtic came back just three minutes later and Murdoch forced the ball home after a Hughes shot had been blocked on the line.

The second half saw Rangers mount incessant pressure on the Celtic goal, but they found themselves confronted by goalkeeper Frank Haffey, giving one of his greatest ever performances in the game which became known as "Haffey's Final".

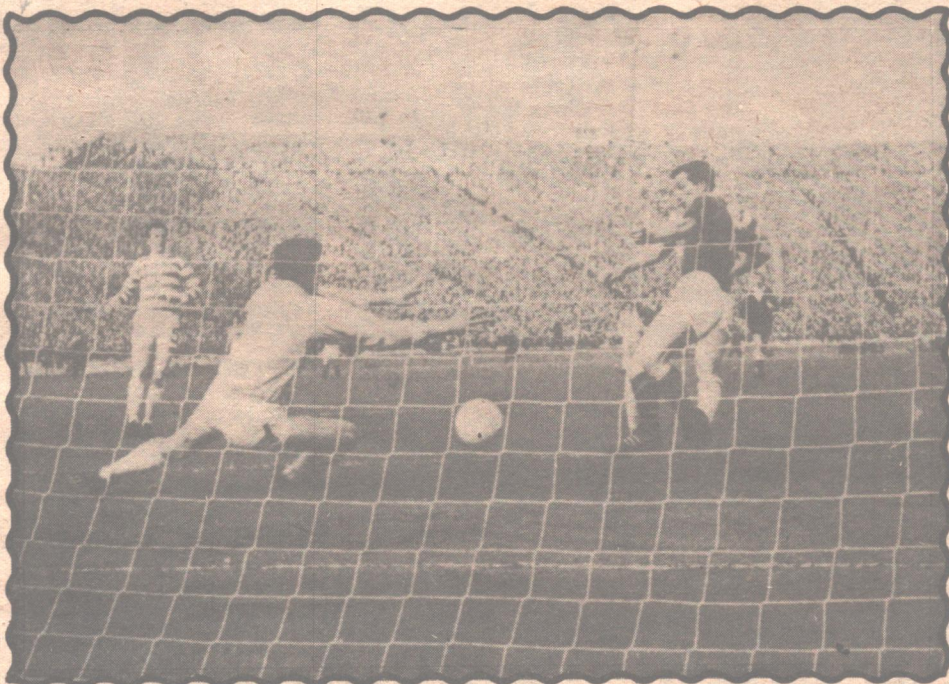
Disappointed though they were with the first game, the fans believed that the replay was sure to compensate, and another massive crowd, 120,273, rolled up at Hampden to see the destiny of the cup decided.

And there were scenes of panic at the "Rangers End" when the gates were closed fifteen minutes before the kick-off with thousands still joining the queues, but the police soon had the matter under control and a serious situation was avoided.

Meanwhile, inside the ground, the atmosphere was electric with both sets of singing and chanting at the tops of their voices and the roar which greeted the players when they trooped onto the pitch could have been heard all over the city.

Then the replay was underway with Rangers shooting against the wind towards their own supporters and the Light Blues soon made it clear

CENTER FOR RANGERS



● Pictures from the 1963 Scottish Cup Final. Above: Six minutes of the replay gone and in steps Ralph Brand to put Rangers ahead after good work by Willie Henderson on the right. Right: The man who defied Rangers in the drawn first game was Celtic goalkeeper Frank Haffey, and here we see him leaping to tip a Davie Wilson effort over the crossbar.



● DAVIE PROVAN

'The night 120,000 roars could be heard all over the City'



● WILLIE HENDERSON



● BOBBY MURDOCH



● JOHN HUGHES

that they didn't intend to let Celtic off the hook for a second time.

With just six minutes played, Jimmy Millar picked up the ball and played a superb pass inside full-back Kennedy into the path of wee Willie Henderson, who controlled it in a flash and whipped it across goal to the waiting Ralph Brand.

The area around the six-yard box was always known as Ralphie's domain and he neatly slipped the ball under Haffey to open the scoring.

That goal set Rangers up for what was to be one of their most impressive wins of that season, the Light Blues tearing

Celtic apart with a brand of football with which the Parkhead men just could not cope.

Jim Baxter was dominating the midfield in the self-assured manner for which he became famous and Ian McMillan, restored to the side only because George McLean was injured, had a splendid game, giving Willie Henderson the supply which he had lacked in the first game.

And at the back, Bobby Shearer and Co. were seldom troubled by a lack-lustre Celtic attack for which the Parkhead management came in for stick, but it was pleasing to see a youngster called Davie Provan

look so much at home in the Ibrox defence, having been pulled into the team only four weeks previously due to the broken leg which Eric Caldow sustained in Scotland's 2-1 win at Wembley.

It was all Rangers and it was only a matter of time before Scot Symon's men increased their lead, but the second goal took until the 44th minute to be scored.

And again Ralph Brand was involved. He received a pass from Jimmy Millar, looked up and had a pot-shot at goal from outside the box. Haffey blocked it but he couldn't hold the ball and David Wilson nipped in to crash the

ball home from six yards out.

If anyone doubted that the game was over as a serious contest after the first goal, the second dismissed their hopes of a Celtic fight-back and, as the half-time whistle sounded, the songs of the Rangers fans confirmed that point.

To be fair to Celtic, they did have more of the play after the interval, but one is tempted to assume that this was only because Rangers, knowing that the cup was Ibrox-bond, relaxed their grip on proceedings and were content to shove the ball from man to man, frustrating Celtic's efforts.

And the Light Blues gave the impression of being able to saunter upfield and score at will, so complete was their control of the game.

With 73 minutes played, that man Brand struck

again. Picking up the ball well outside the penalty area, he tried a happy-go-lucky shot and a groan went up from the Rangers fans as the effort didn't appear to be powerful enough to trouble Haffey.

But the Celtic 'keeper misjudged his dive for the ball and it skidded under his body for Rangers' third goal.

That was the sign for thousands of Celtic fans to head for the exits while the "Rangers End" was a massive sea of blue as the fans sang happily, acclaiming their side's easy win.

Rangers played out the remainder of the game with an aloofness which prompted one leading sportswriter to liken them to American astronaut Gordon Cooper who, at the time of the match, was circling the earth in his space capsule.

So the Light Blues were Scottish Cup winners in addition to being League Champions and the celebrations of victory went on into the night as thousands of fans gathered at St. Enoch Square, the Club's regular after-match haunt, to greet the players.

They were treated to a sprinkling of champagne which skipper Bobby Shearer splashed from the trophy and the punters yelled for more. But Bobby had a team of thirsty players with whom to share the bubbly and the fans had to supply their own from then onwards.

But nobody was in any mood for complaining.

The team: Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, McKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

A birthday and a pools win . . .

NO WONDER WALTER WAS LAUGHING!

IF YOU HAPPEN to be in any way superstitious, then it wouldn't have escaped your attention that last Friday's date was February 13, the reason usually attributed to any unlucky events which may befall people during those 24 hours.

But, as far as Walter Baird from Rosemount Street, Alexandra Parade, Glasgow, is concerned, he's never had a luckier day since he was married!

His agent thought it was a joke!

A USUAL Sunday afternoon in the Wiggins' Bearsden household is spent lazing around, then tuning in to Radio Clyde at 2 p.m. so that Henry Wiggins, a pools agent, can check whether he has any winners.

Last Sunday, however, his wife, Margaret, and two children, Elizabeth (8) and Richard (4) persuaded Henry to watch television's Cartoon Cavalcade with them . . . and he missed the score-check altogether.

So when the telephone rang and a voice on the other end offered Henry his sincere congratulations on being the winning agent in that week's Rangers Pools, Mr Wiggins was on the verge of slamming down the receiver on what he thought was somebody playing a joke.

It took a few minutes of desperate persuasion by Hugh Adam, managing director of the Rangers Pools, before Henry finally managed to grasp the situation . . . he had sold Pool One's winning ticket to Walter Braid and as a result was entitled to a few bob himself. Or, to be more precise, £3,182.45!

"I dropped the phone when Mr Adam told me. It was just incredible. Then he read out a few of my other clients' names just to convince me it was my book he was checking," said Henry.

"The funny thing is, I'd never even met Walter until the pools luncheon last Friday, even though he's been a client of mine since I became an agent, just over three years ago."

"This is the first winner I've had, and what a winner. BRINGING IN A £3,000 HAUL JUST FOR SELLING THE TICKET IS LIKE A POOLS WIN IN ITSELF!" grinned Henry.

MRS WHYTE CELEBRATES, TOO!

LAST SUNDAY was a particularly memorable day for one Rangers Pools client.

No, she hadn't just heard that she'd won Pool One outright, but as far as Mrs Whyte, 19 Huggan Craig, Newmillens, Ayrshire, is concerned, it was more important.

For she celebrated her 100th birthday. Amongst the many cards and presents that she received there was a telegram from the Queen, congratulating her.

Needless to say, that card now takes pride of place on her mantelpiece; the Rangers Pools also sent a birthday greeting to mark her century.

Mrs Whyte has been a Rangers Pools client for the last 13 years, but, unfortunately, she has not won anything to date . . . although she's still hoping!

The reason? This was the day when Walter finally got to see and hold what had turned his and his wife Mary's world topsy-turvy . . . a cheque for £31,824.50!

Walter had scooped the top prize in Pool One of the Rangers Pools the previous weekend and that very sum was the highest amount paid out to a single winner in a normal week since the Ibrox pools started in 1964.

"I still can't get over it. It was also my birthday on St. Valentine's Day, February 14. What more could you ask for?" said a delighted Mr Braid.

Mary Braid is still in a daze about her husband's win, too, but for the Braid's ten year old twin sons, Walter and Gordon, things are pretty much as they were previously.

Mary and Walter also have an older married daughter, Gina.

"The win couldn't have come at a better time for us," continued Walter. "This is when everyone finds out just how much they really did spend at Christmas and New Year. All the bills start to come in, but we are now well prepared for any eventuality."

"We've no ideas yet just what we're going to do with the money. We did have a holiday planned in August at Blackpool but now I'm not so sure whether we'll go there or not. The boys fancy Spain, but we'll wait until all the excitement has died down before we make any definite plans."

Walter is employed as a welder in a major construction firm in Glasgow, and at present is working on a girder project much the same as that which was recently completed in the new Ibrox North Stand.

He was at his work last Sunday when his site foreman approached him and told him his wife was on the telephone asking for him.

"Of course, I immediately thought something was wrong with the kids. But when Mary told me to get home as quickly as possible because I'd won the pools, I didn't know what to think. The Pools Office had phoned her to tell her the news, but Mary didn't believe it until some reporters arrived."

Walter has been a Rangers fan all his life, although he hasn't been to see the team for some time, and he was most impressed with the Stadium, especially the construction work on the new North Stand.

"It's unbelievable the changes that have been made since the last time I was here. It's marvellous."

"I've never had any sort of win on the Pools before. I once was lucky on a national Pools coupon . . . when I won a cheque for the grand sum of 25 pence!"

"I'm a keen fisherman, but winning this large amount of money is the biggest 'catch' of my life."



● A very happy Pool One winner, Walter Braid, alongside Rangers manager John Greig, in the Main Stand at Ibrox. With Mr Braid are his ten-year-old twin sons, Walter and Gordon. Or is that Gordon and Walter?

And these winners aren't complaining either . . .

● HERE are some of the larger winners in the Windfall lottery during the month of January.

£1,000:

Mr A. Rankin, 33 Monkland Avenue, Kirkintilloch; Mrs Sheila Deans, 10 Crailing Court, Hawick; Norman Campbell, 190 Kestrel Road, Knightswood, Glasgow; R. Snadden, 48 Sprolwell Terrace, Sauchie; Eileen Carr, 14D Slatefield, Lennoxtown; Mrs B. Cardow, 19 Nellvaig Drive, Rutherglen; Brian Hogg, 20 Grieve Avenue, Jedburgh; Forsyth Robb, 9 Carns Place, Perth.

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● If you are interested in becoming a pools or lottery agent, then you should contact the pools office at 11 Harrison Drive.



● No, it's not a top hat and that isn't rabbits Rangers Pools agent Henry Wiggins (left) and winner Walter Braid are pulling out together. The trophy is the Tennent Caledonian Cup Rangers won in 1978, and those slips of paper are the cheques Walter and Henry were presented with from the Rangers Pools for their recent win.

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RANGERS POOLS AGENTS

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

Name

Address

Age if under 21.....

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A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE



● Colin McAdam heads Rangers into the lead after great work by Willie Johnston and Ally Dawson.



● John MacDonald races in to congratulate his striking partner.



● Action in the Rangers goalmouth as Peter McCloy leaps across his goal to palm a Docherty header over the bar.

AROUND 4.40 on Saturday afternoon, Rangers bid to reach their sixth successive Scottish Cup Final appeared to be over.

The Light Blues were trailing 3-2, had just had a goal disallowed and St. Johnstone were sitting back hoping to survive the remaining thirty seconds of the match.

But no game is lost until the final whistle blows and in that final half minute, Davie Cooper sent over a cross and Ian Redford beat goalkeeper Tulloch to the ball, nodding it into the net to inject new life into the Ibrox men's Cup aspirations.

Up to that point it looked as if David had well and truly floored Goliath and on the massive convoy of cars, buses and trains which poured out of Perth after the match inquests were far from kind to the Light Blues.

One must give credit where it is due and St. Johnstone's performance was one right out of the text books of cup football. They chased and terrified, didn't allow opponents to settle and when possession was lost, got every man between the ball and goal.

The Saints appeared to be down and out when goals from Colin McAdam and Ian Redford gave Rangers a 2-0 lead after 35 minutes but the home side came back with a goal a few minutes before the interval and that set the scene for an exciting and nailbiting second half.

Then, two goals in a five minute spell near the end overturned the Light Blues' lead, but questions really must be asked of the Rangers defence in giving away those goals.

However, all was not lost and that dramatic finish kept the Club in the competition and you can rest assured that St. Johnstone will command a lot of respect when they visit Ibrox for tonight's replay.

Having lost and scored three goals at the weekend, Rangers don't want any more encounters of this kind this evening. **THE LAST ONE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR COMFORT.**

FACT-FILE

ST. JOHNSTONE 3, RANGERS 3.

Scorers: St. Johnstone - Docherty (41 mins.), Brogan (76 mins., 81). Rangers - McAdam (17 mins.), Redford (35 mins., 89½).

ST. JOHNSTONE: Tulloch, Mackay, McNeill, Fleming, Rutherford, Caldwell, Pelosi, McCoist, Docherty, Morton, Brogan. Subs: Kilgour, Weir (not used).

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, T. Forsyth, Jackson, Bett, W. Johnston, Russell, McAdam, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: Cooper (for MacDonald), Miller (for Russell).

Referee: E. H. Pringle (Edinburgh). Booked: Brogan (St. Johnstone), W. Johnston (Rangers). Attendance: 17,500.



● Ian Redford (hidden by Co



● A happy Redf



● Willie Johnsto

THE THIRD KIND . . .

Saturday's Results

SCOTTISH CUP — FOURTH ROUND

Celtic.....3	Stirling A.....0
Cowd'nb'th.....1	E. Stirling.....3
Dundee U.....1	Partick Th.....0
Hibernian.....1	Falkirk.....0
Kilmarnock.....0	Clydebank.....0

Morton.....1	Aberdeen.....0
Moth'rw'ell.....2	Dumbarton.....1
St. J'nst'ne.....3	Rangers.....3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — DIVISION ONE

Hamilton.....1	Dunf'mline.....4
Raith R.....1	Berwick R.....1

DIVISION TWO

Albion R.....3	East Fife.....2
Arbroath.....0	Queen's P.....0
Brechin.....0	Forfar A.....0
Meadow'k.....0	Q.O.S.....0
Sten'muir.....3	Clyde.....3
Stranraer.....2	Alloa Ath.....2

RESERVE LEAGUE (WEST SECTION)

Ayr U.....3	Airdrie.....1
Clyde.....2	Dumbarton.....1

RESERVE FRIENDLY

Rangers.....0	Aberdeen.....4
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Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	24	17	7	5	51	27	36
Aberdeen	24	14	7	3	45	17	35
Rangers	23	10	10	3	40	18	30
Dundee U	24	10	8	6	43	29	28
St Mirren	23	8	7	8	33	29	23
Partick Th	24	8	7	9	19	26	23
Morton	25	8	7	10	27	38	23
Airdrie	23	5	8	10	22	36	18
Hearts	23	3	5	15	18	40	11
Kil'nock	23	2	5	16	15	53	9

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibs	29	17	7	5	44	20	41
Raith Rv	26	16	6	4	40	18	38
Ayr Utd	26	13	8	7	45	31	34
St Johnstn	26	12	10	6	37	29	34
Dundee	26	12	6	8	41	29	30
Moth'well	26	10	8	8	43	42	28
Hamilton	27	11	5	11	46	38	27
Dumb'ton	28	9	7	12	36	37	25
Falkirk	27	9	5	13	28	39	23
Clydebnk	25	7	8	10	34	41	22
Dunfmln	25	8	4	13	31	33	20
E Sling	25	5	10	10	31	38	20
Stirling A	26	6	7	13	18	36	19
Berwick	28	3	7	18	22	65	13

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Alloa	27	13	10	4	49	29	36
Queens Pk	27	10	12	5	44	31	32
QOS	26	10	11	5	43	39	31
Brechin	26	9	10	7	34	33	28
Montrose	24	12	3	9	47	32	27
Forfar	26	10	7	9	42	43	27
Cowdnth	21	9	7	5	33	26	25
Arbroath	26	8	9	9	44	42	25
Sten'muir	25	8	8	9	47	37	24
Clyde	24	9	6	9	39	42	24
Albion Rv	26	8	8	10	41	50	24
East Fife	26	6	10	10	28	35	22
Stranraer	25	6	4	15	22	49	16
Meadbnk	27	5	5	17	25	50	15

Reserve League

(WEST SECTION)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	23	19	4	0	53	14	42
Rangers	23	14	5	4	67	26	33
Kil'nock	20	11	4	5	44	23	26
St Mirren	19	11	4	4	36	22	26
Ayr Utd	20	9	6	5	40	28	24
Partick Th	21	10	3	8	31	31	23
Hamilton	19	6	6	7	23	30	18
Moth'well	20	7	3	10	36	41	17
Clydebank	21	6	4	11	25	39	16
Dumb'ton	20	5	5	10	24	35	15
Queens Pk	22	3	8	11	28	44	14
Morton	20	6	1	13	23	38	13
Airdrie	22	4	5	13	17	41	13
Clyde	19	5	0	14	20	54	10

Euro Results

HOLLAND: Excelsior Rotterdam 1; AZ Alkmaar 3; NAC Breda 4; NEC Nimegue 0; PSV Eindhoven 0; PEC Zwolle 1; Wageningen 0; Ajax 2; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 3; Twente 0; Sparta Rotterdam 3; Willem Tilburg 1; FC Utrecht 2; Feyenoord 0; Roda JC Kerkrade 2; MVV Maastricht 5; FC Den Haag 0; FEC Groningue 1.

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

WEST GERMANY: Fortuna Dusseldorf 2; Borussia Dortmund 2; Arminia Bielefeld 3; Bayer Uerdingen 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1; Borussia Moenchengladbach 5; VfB Stuttgart 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Schalke 04 2; Bayern Munich 2; Hamburg 3; Cologne 0; Karlsruher SC 2; MSV Duisburg 0; Munich 1860 1; Kaiserslautern 1; VfL Bochum 4; Nuremberg 0.

Scorers

The full table reads: Colin McAdam 19; John MacDonald 13; Ian Redford 7; 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.



● Redford is mobbed by delighted team-mates after notching Rangers last minute equaliser



● Ian Redford neatly rounds Ally McCooist in another second half attack.



● McAdam takes a tumble following a tackle from Jim Morton.



(Jardine) nets Rangers second goal from 14 yards.



Redford expresses his feelings as he salutes the fans.



MacDonald challenges MacKay in the second half.



THE BEST SERIES ARE IN THE "NEWS" . . . THE BEST SERIES ARE IN THE "NEWS" . . . THE BEST SERIES ARE IN

'63 CUP FINAL REPLAY WAS CENTER FOR RANGERS

TWO football results on a Saturday in April 1963 caused possibly the greatest ticket scramble the game in this country has ever known.

The results — Rangers 5, Dundee United 2, and Celtic 5, Raith Rovers 2 — were Scottish Cup semi-finals, so setting the scene for an "Old Firm" final, the first for 35 years.

Wherever tickets went on sale, demand by far outweighed the supply and the national press were full of stories of the cup fever which enveloped the country.

The final was scheduled for May 4 and, on that day, 129,643 fans packed into Hampden for the big game but, unfortunately, it did not live up to its expectations and finished in a 1-1 draw.

Ralph Brand had given Rangers the lead in the 41st minute when he neatly flicked home a Willie Henderson cross, but Celtic came back just three minutes later and Murdoch forced the ball home after a Hughes shot had been blocked on the line.

The second half saw Rangers mount incessant pressure on the Celtic goal, but they found themselves confronted by goalkeeper Frank Haffey, giving one of his greatest ever performances in the game which became known as "Haffey's Final".

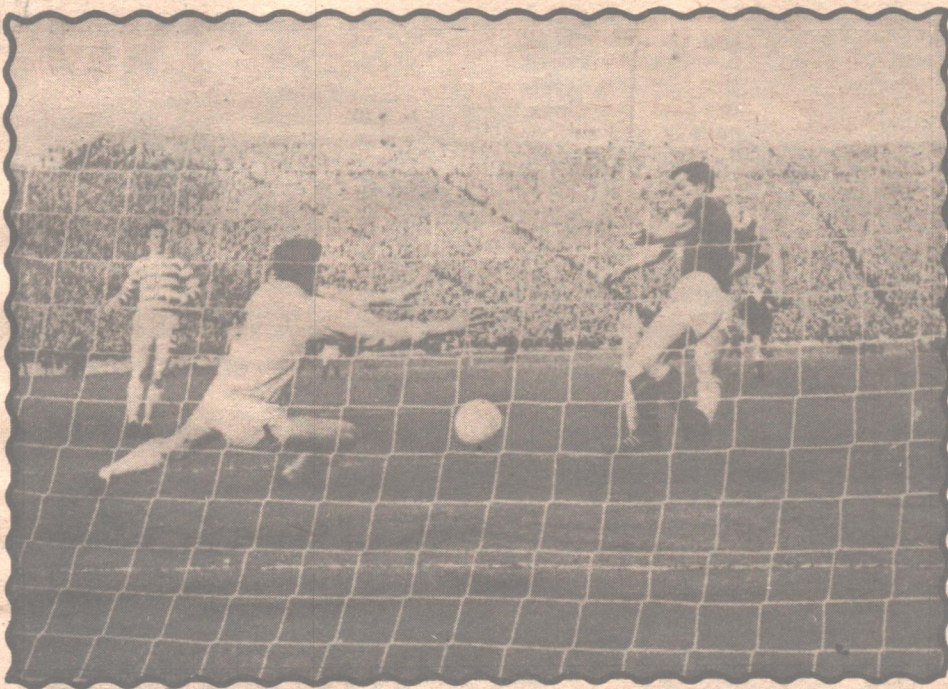
Disappointed though they were with the first game, the fans believed that the replay was sure to compensate, and another massive crowd, 120,273, rolled up at Hampden to see the destiny of the cup decided.

And there were scenes of panic at the "Rangers End" when the gates were closed fifteen minutes before the kick-off with thousands still joining the queues, but the police soon had the matter under control and a serious situation was avoided.

Meanwhile, inside the ground, the atmosphere was electric with both sets of singing and chanting at the tops of their voices and the roar which greeted the players when the trooped onto the pitch could have been heard all over the city.

Then the replay was underway with Rangers shooting against the wind towards their own supporters and the Light Blues soon made it clear

CENTER FOR RANGERS



● Pictures from the 1963 Scottish Cup Final. Above: Six minutes of the replay gone and in steps Ralph Brand to put Rangers ahead after good work by Willie Henderson on the right. Right: The man who defied Rangers in the drawn first game was Celtic goalkeeper Frank Haffey, and here we see him leaping to tip a Davie Wilson effort over the crossbar.



● DAVIE PROVAN

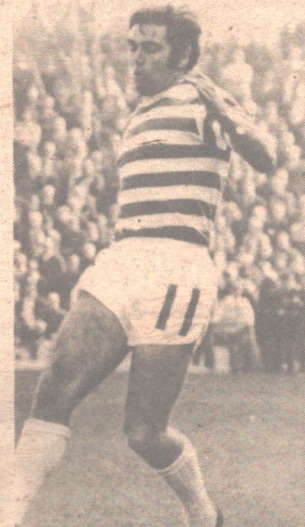
'The night 120,000 roars could be heard all over the City'



● WILLIE HENDERSON



● BOBBY MURDOCH



● JOHN HUGHES

that they didn't intend to let Celtic off the hook for a second time.

With just six minutes played, Jimmy Millar picked up the ball and played a superb pass inside full-back Kennedy into the path of wee Willie Henderson, who controlled it in a flash and whipped it across goal to the waiting Ralph Brand.

The area around the six-yard box was always known as Ralphie's domain and he neatly slipped the ball under Haffey to open the scoring.

That goal set Rangers up for what was to be one of their most impressive wins of that season, the Light Blues tearing

Celtic apart with a brand of football with which the Parkhead men just could not cope.

Jim Baxter was dominating the midfield in the self-assured manner for which he became famous and Ian McMillan, restored to the side only because George McLean was injured, had a splendid game, giving Willie Henderson the supply which he had lacked in the first game.

And at the back, Bobby Shearer and Co. were seldom troubled by a lack-lustre Celtic attack for which the Parkhead management came in for stick, but it was pleasing to see a youngster called Davie Provan

look so much at home in the Ibrox defence, having been pulled into the team only four weeks previously due to the broken leg which Eric Caldow sustained in Scotland's 2-1 win at Wembley.

It was all Rangers and it was only a matter of time before Scot Symon's men increased their lead, but the second goal took until the 44th minute to be scored.

And again Ralph Brand was involved. He received a pass from Jimmy Millar, looked up and had a pot-shot at goal from outside the box. Haffey blocked it but he couldn't hold the ball and David Wilson nipped in to crash the

ball home from six yards out.

If anyone doubted that the game was over as a serious contest after the first goal, the second dismissed their hopes of a Celtic fight-back and, as the half-time whistle sounded, the songs of the Rangers fans confirmed that point.

To be fair to Celtic, they did have more of the play after the interval, but one is tempted to assume that this was only because Rangers, knowing that the cup was Ibrox-bond, relaxed their grip on proceedings and were content to shove the ball from man to man, frustrating Celtic's efforts.

And the Light Blues gave the impression of being able to saunter upfield and score at will, so complete was their control of the game.

With 73 minutes played, that man Brand struck

again. Picking up the ball well outside the penalty area, he tried a happy-go-lucky shot and a groan went up from the Rangers fans as the effort didn't appear to be powerful enough to trouble Haffey.

But the Celtic 'keeper misjudged his dive for the ball and it skidded under his body for Rangers' third goal.

That was the sign for thousands of Celtic fans to head for the exits while the "Rangers End" was a massive sea of blue as the fans sang happily, acclaiming their side's easy win.

Rangers played out the remainder of the game with an aloofness which prompted one leading sportswriter to liken them to American astronaut Gordon Cooper who, at the time of the match, was circling the earth in his space capsule.

So the Light Blues were Scottish Cup winners in addition to being League Champions and the celebrations of victory went on into the night as thousands of fans gathered at St. Enoch Square, the Club's regular after-match haunt, to greet the players.

They were treated to a sprinkling of champagne which skipper Bobby Shearer splashed from the trophy and the punters yelled for more. But Bobby had a team of thirsty players with whom to share the bubbly and the fans had to supply their own from then onwards.

But nobody was in any mood for complaining.

The team: Ritchie, Shearer, Provan, Greig, McKinnon, Baxter, Henderson, McMillan, Millar, Brand, Wilson.



The page for Young Rangers members

A REAL SWEATER

... JUST FOR YOU!

Who were 'Cope De Oro' champs?

1. Which English Fourth Division club are nicknamed the "Stags"?
2. Who is the player-manager of the Scottish Second Division team Stranraer?
3. In Scotland's World Cup group in 1978, Peru & Holland were two of the teams. Name the third-side?

QUICK QUIZ



● SANDY JARDINE ... See question 6.

4. Bobby Moore played for which team before he retired?
5. From which team did Rangers sign Davie Cooper?
6. What is Rangers full-back Sandy Jardine's christian name?
7. Which country recently won the Cope De Oro?
8. Which Scottish team recently put in a bid to sign Johann Cruyff?
9. Which team play at Boghead Park?
10. Scotland's World Cup opponents Israel recently played an international against a European team. Who were the opposition and what was the score?



IN THIS WEEK'S Young Rangers Club competition, we are giving all Club members the chance to win something which will really give them a touch of class.

Usually, you would associate the name Slazenger with golfing accessories, but their jerseys have been making headlines recently on the fashion front, and this is your chance to save on the expense of having to buy one ... courtesy of the "News".

PEN-PALS

WANTED: Male or female pen-pal aged between 14-16. I am 15 years old and an Ipswich Town supporter. My interests include tennis and writing letters. Please write to Elaine Barnes, 1 Noyes Avenue, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk, England.

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

WANTED: Male or female pen-pal between 16-18 years of age. My hobbies are watching and playing football, going to discotheques and listening to pop-records. Please write to Gordon Smith 32 Ravenscraig Drive, Glenrothes, Fife.

They are made of lambswool, and of course, the jersey we are offering as a prize just happens to be, surprise surprise, Light Blue!

And here is what you have to do in order to win this great pullover.

Look at the picture here on the left. It shows the present Rangers boss, John Greig, in his playing days with the Club. We want you to name the Celtic player challenging him for the ball.

Once you think you know the player's name, just drop a postcard to the following address: "Jumper Contest", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

Please remember to include your FULL name, address, AND Young Rangers Club membership number with your entries.

Also please try to write as neatly as possible, and remember to state the size of jersey you would require.

The closing date for entries is February 27. The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

Happy Birthday To Our Club Members ...

● If you are a member of the Young Rangers Club and have a birthday coming up in next few weeks 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 would like to have a chance of winning one of these gifts send in your birthday greetings ... now!

● The following Young Rangers Club members will be celebrating a birthday this week.
TODAY 18th FEBRUARY
STEWART ROSS, 12 Howieshill Avenue, Cambuslang, who is nine.
IAN NORRIE, 107 Ocanburn, Penicuik, who is 16.
DONALD MCKINNON, 22 Learmont Place, Milngavie, Glasgow, who is 13.
DAVID LANNIGAN, 3 West Thornlie Street, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, who is 15.
ALEX MCKELLAR, 45 Montrose Avenue, Carmyle, Glasgow, who is 15.
LAURA STEVEN, 89 Burnham Walk, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, who is 12.
NIGEL STRACHAN, 26 Commerce Street, Aberdeen, who is 14.
GRACE DICKSON, 36 Ashburn Loan, Larkhall, who is 15.
NORMAN CAMPBELL, 133 Newmarket, Laxdale, Isle of Lewis, who is ten.
JOHN MACDONALD, 3G Charles Avenue, Renfrew, who is 11.

THURSDAY
MARINA MACDONALD, 15 Skigersta, Ness, Isle of Lewis, who is 15.
PETER GUILD, 4 Robertson Road, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, who is 11.
ALAN HORSBURGH, 13 Hardy Gardens, Bathgate, who is 10.
STUART WILLIAMS, Fairholm, Finstown, Orkney, who is 14.
KAREN DAVIDSON, 22 Wellington Crescent, Kirkton, Dumfries, who is 13.
L. D. E. McLAUGHLAN, 18 Rannoch Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, who is 14.
GRAHAM McLATCHIE, 44 Firview, Calderbank, who is 14.
MORAG FORSYTH, Baton Cottage, Baton Road, Dykehead, Shotts, who is 13.
STUART STEPHEN, 23 Cromarty Road, Airdrie, who is 13.
JAMES VIRTUE, 70 Gallaaskhill Terrace, Fenwick, who is 13.
BILLY GRIERSON, 16 Westburn Terrace, Kirkmuirhill, By Lanark, who is 14.
IAN JOHNSON, 14 St. Lawrence Avenue, Milford Haven, who is ten.
BRIAN CAMPBELL, 35 Lomand View, Steinhousmuir, who is 14.

GEORGE ALLEN, 92 Bulloch Crescent, Denny, who is ten.
MARK DONALD, 193 Pappert, Bonhill, who is 15.
ELIZABETH BEGG, 5 Nith Avenue, Foxbar, Paisley, who is 16.

SATURDAY
KENNETH ROSS, 417 Tantallon Court, Pitteuchar, Glenrothes, who is two.
JOSEPH ALLAN, 12 Baldovan Crescent, Glasgow, who is 13.
DEREK EWING, 131 Murdostown View, Newmans, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, who is eight.
ALISON KEITH, 1 Castlehill Avenue, Castletown, Caithness, who is nine.
COLIN MOORE, 140 Greenwell Street, Newtonards, County Down, who is 12.
CATHERINE ALLAN, 12 Baldovan Crescent, Glasgow, who is 13.
LILYANNE YOUNG, 49 Stewart Street, Glasgow, who is three.
IAN CAMPBELL, 79 Kingsland Drive, Glasgow, who is five.
ROBERT MILLER, 14 Reid Street, Salsburgh, Shotts, Lanarkshire, who is 14.
ANDREW MCGREGOR, 15 Craiglaw, Dechmont, West Lothian, who is 13.
DANIEL DAVIDSON, 4 Rampart Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow, who is 14.
BEYAN SCOTT, c/o Priest, 12 King Street, Banff, who is four.

CRAIG ANDREW, 6 Gordon Street, Paisley, who is eight.
JIM CURRIE, 605 Springfield Road, Glasgow, who is 14.
BARRIE SINCLAIR, 32 Glangarry Road, Perth, who is four.
JAMES KENNAWAY, 7 Pinfold Close, Riccall, Yorks, who is six.
ROBERT MCOMISH, c/o McAlpine, 8 Leasulr Place, Glasgow, who is six.
GRAHAM THOMSON, 8 Newark Drive, Glenburn, Paisley, who is 17.
STUART MCBRIDE, 4 Monnbrigge Place, Haddington, who is seven.
DUNCAN STUART, 41 Pear Tree Lane, Loose Maidstone, Kent, who is 13.
ALAN WALKER, 43 Feorlin Way, Garelochhead, Dumbartonshire, who is 14.
BILLY CAMERON, Glenia Farm, Foyers, Inverness, who is 16.
IAN MACDONALD, 7 Blackhill Road, Blackridge, West Lothian, who is 12.

MONDAY
BOBBY HUDSON, 50 Brandon Parade, Belfast, who is 13.
BILLY MALCOLM, 89 Seright Square, Crookedholm, By Kilmarnock, who is 14.
GREG SHEARER, 101 Elm Drive, Johnstone Castle, Renfrewshire, who is four.
MATHEW COPELAND, 38 Minnoch Crescent, Maybole, who is 13.
LESLIE ROSS, 23 Ladysmith Street, Ullapool, who is ten.
GORDON WILSON, 30 Dean Park, Peebleshire, who is 17.
IAN COLLINS, 2 Watroft Terrace, Glasgow, who is 17.
JOHN FRANCE, 99 Easterhouse Road, Glasgow, who is 12.
ALASTAIR CARNWATH, c/o Laughlin, 5 Whitworth Street, Ruchill, Glasgow, who is 17.
DAVID FLEMING, 35 Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge, who is 14.

TUESDAY
SCOTT MacLEOD, 4 Moray Place, Fort William, Invernesshire, who is eight.
ALAN WATERSTON, 40 Whitfield Rise, Dundee, who is 14.
DAVID WILSON, 22 Appin Road, Glasgow, who is eight.
CLAIRE ALLISON, 27 Boydston Road, Ardrossan, who is three.
DERBYCK FISHER, 19 Alexandra Drive, Boghall, Bathgate, who is ten.
DAVID MILLER, 38 Davidson Street, Bannockburn, Stirling, who is 15.
VICTOR RODGER, Lochside Cottage, Skene, Aberdeenshire, who is 12.
ALAN FOTHERINGHAM, 14 Rona Terrace, Whitlawburn, Cambuslang, who is nine.
CALLUM PAXTON, 18 West Cairn Crescent, Penicuik, Midlothian, who is seven.
JOHN CLARK, 12 Argyll Cottages, Ballachulish, who is seven.
JIM KIRK, 41 Annbank Street, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, who is 16.
RACHELLE LUPTON, "Heathfield", Tarbet, Argyll, who is 12.
BRIAN TULLOCH, 19 Swallow Park, Barclay Hills, Burnley, who is 17.

These winners take it all ...

WE ARE pleased to announce the names of the winners of recent competitions featured in the "News".

In issue 484, we carried a "Scarves" contest, and the winner of that particular prize of scarves and sew-on badges was George Martin, 200 Paisley Road, Renfrew. He correctly stated Ian Redford played five times against Aberdeen.

In that same issue, Terry Wildey, Chlenry Farm Cottage, Stranraer identified the Ajax player as Johann Cruyff, winning himself a great accessories kit.

Issue 482 featured a competition in which you could win a super Rangers rug and wall-plaque. The two players who scored hat-tricks were Ally Scott and Derek Parlane, and with that answer, Neil Grewar, 2 Greenlaw Crescent, Glenrothes came out a winner.

The lucky recipient of a great digital watch will be James Cumberland, 20 Lillybrun Place, Drumchapel, Glasgow, who correctly answered Motherwell as the last team Rangers played in the league in 1977-78.

Finally, the winner of our Subbuteo contest in issue 481 was Campbell Crawford 36 Bay Street, Fairlie, Ayrshire, whose answer of Ayr United wins him an Astropitch.

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM

— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC



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Name

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PEN PALS

WANTED: Male or Female pen-pal, aged between 13-15 years, with interests in pop music, swimming, tennis and discotheques. Must support Rangers. Please contact Carol Coulter, 95 Quarry Road, Fauldhouse, West Lothian.

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THE PRESSURE GAME

And even 'Old Firm' young 'uns know it ...

● **DANNY McGRAIN** ... he has missed only two matches this season.

● **DEREK JOHNSTONE** ... having netted 81 goals he is the all-time top scorer in the Premier League.

JUST OVER TWO WEEKS ago Rangers helped put Celtic back on top of the Premier League when they defeated Aberdeen 1-0 at Ibrox. This weekend, the Light Blues will aim to reverse the process by putting the Dons back on top after beating Celtic!

It's a topsy turvy situation, but one which illustrates only too clearly that the Premier League is producing results which can change the positions of several teams from week to week.

So, once again, this weekend's "Old Firm" confrontation at Parkhead takes on extra importance. Celtic go into it knowing that victory will keep them at the top of the table while Rangers seek a win which will put them even closer to second placed Aberdeen and increase their chances of lifting the championship trophy.

This weekend's game will be the 23rd clash between the two teams in the Top Ten and there have been quite a few changes for both sides since their first Premier Division meeting in August 1975. Rangers won that match 2-1 with goals from Derek Johnstone and Quinton Young while Kenny Dalglish netted for Celtic, but since then there has been quite a change of personnel within the two clubs.

Danny McGrain, Celtic's captain, is one of only three survivors in the Parkhead ranks - the others are Roddy McDonald and Peter Latchford, while Rangers can still boast six men with the Club - Derek Johnstone, Sandy Jardine, Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson, Tommy McLean and Peter McCloy. John Greig, at left-back that August day, is now, of course, the Ibrox boss.

Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, never played in a Premier League match because he retired just a few months before the reconstruction of Scottish football took place, but he knows only too well the kind of pressures associated with "Old Firm" meetings.

And it is a pressure which some of the younger players of both sides are still getting used to.

"We've introduced Mark Reid, John Weir and Pat Bonner to first team football and, of course, Charlie Nicholas is only into his first season too at this level", says Billy.

"Celtic and Rangers have pressure on their shoulders in every match simply because they are always expected to win. But when the two teams play against each other then there is that extra burden to bear".

John MacDonald, Ian Redford and Jim Bett are still youngsters despite the fact they seem to have been around for a long time and the presence of Ally Dawson and Bobby Russell, who are not exactly "new boys", show that both teams will be fielding young men who have still to gather the experience which one always seems to associate with this kind of match.

The respective captains of the two sides, however, can boast that experience and both can also be said to have shown the hallmark of consistency that one expects from the two skippers of Scotland's greatest Clubs.

Rangers Derek Johnstone is the all-time Premier League top scorer since reconstruction six years ago. (He's netted 81 goals) while Danny McGrain has missed only two matches in major competitions this season.

Yet, despite the fact they can boast numerous successes in the

game, both are desperate to lead their sides to victory in yet another "Old Firm" match, the third of the season.

Derek Johnstone has been the most successful so far, skipping the Light Blues to a 3-0 victory at Ibrox in November and coming on as a sub to help Rangers come back from a 1-0 deficit to win 2-1 at Parkhead in August last year - Rangers first ever Top Ten win at Parkhead.

Since January, both sides have come back into a bit of form. Rangers recorded wins over Morton, Airdrie and Aberdeen before going down at Tannadice v Dundee United, while Celtic lost heavily at Pittodrie against the Dons and then recovered to notch victories over Kilmarnock, Morton, Dundee United, Hearts and Berwick.

"We were really shocked with the ease by which Aberdeen beat us in that game", continues McNeill.

"But we didn't lose faith in our ability.

"We put the result out of our minds and concentrated on the fixtures ahead.

"That's what we will do this weekend for the Rangers match because no other result matters."

It's 200 up for Rangers and Celtic

● **Celtic's 4-1 defeat at Pittodrie in December was their 200th match in the Premier League. Rangers 200th game was a week later, against Airdrie at Broomfield when the match finished in a 1-1 draw.**

● **Since the Premier League began in season 1975-76, Rangers have scored 355 goals. Celtic have scored 386. Of Rangers total, 28 of those goals have been scored against Celtic.**

Light Blues' unbeaten record

● **From season 1921-22 till season 1934-35, Rangers remained unbeaten in the League at Ibrox against Celtic. During that time, Celtic only defeated Rangers twice in League games at Parkhead (1927-28 and 1930-31).**

● **Rangers have had three league matches postponed this season (v St. Mirren, Dundee United and Hearts) while Celtic have had two cancelled (v Partick Thistle and St. Mirren).**

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

PREMIER DIVISION
Airdrie v Aberdeen, CELTIC v RANGERS, Dundee United v Morton, Partick Thistle v Kilmarnock, St. Mirren v Hearts.

DIVISION ONE
Ayr United v Clydebank, Dumbarton v Berwick Rangers, East Stirling v Falkirk, Hibs v Hamilton Accies, Motherwell v Dundee, St. Johnstone v Dunfermline Athletic, Stirling Albion v Raith Rovers.

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

● **Rangers top goalscorer spot against Celtic in the Premier League is shared by two players, Derek Johnstone and Derek Parlane (now with Leeds) who have each scored six goals against the Parkhead side.**

● **Frank McGarvey and Charlie Nicholas are Celtic's leading scorers this season. Before last weekend's Cup tie against Stirling Albion, the duo had notched 40 goals between them.**

CLUB NOTES

HELEN STREET: Bus v Celtic leaves Ibrox Garage at 1.55 and the club at 2.00 p.m.

PERTH LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves Moncrieff Arms at 12 noon. Tickets will be issued on bus.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: No bus to Parkhead. Members should collect tickets from Red Lion Bar on Saturday, February 21 at 12 noon. Bus run to Green-garies Social Club on February 28. Collect tickets from J. MacKay. Phone 041-440 2325 for details.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELL-TON: Bus to Parkhead leaves Academy Street at 10.30 a.m. Non-members welcome. Tickets on the bus.

PLEAN R.S.C.: Bus v Celtic leaves Plean at 1 p.m. Bannockburn at 1.05 p.m., St. Ninians at 1.10 p.m. Non-members welcome.

BALLINGRY LOYAL R.S.C.: Bus v Celtic will leave Auld Shank, Ballingry at 11.30 a.m.,

picking up at usual places at usual times. Non-members welcome. Contact D. Wilson on Ballingry 860678.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy, 12 noon picking up at Crown, Burntisland, and Ex-Serviceman's Club, Rosyth.

CATHCART: Bus v Celtic leaves Merrylee Road at 2.00 p.m. Picks up at Mount Florida. Tickets will be issued on bus.

IAN REDFORD (Strathkelvin): Bus v Celtic leaves 1.35 p.m. prompt. Non-members welcome, subject to availability of seats.

PROVANMILL: Bus v Celtic leaves Provanmill Inn at 2 p.m. Tickets must be uplifted by 1.30 p.m.

OLD KILPATRICK: Bus v Celtic leaves "Telstar," Old Kilpatrick, at 1.30. Non-members welcome.

COLIN McADAM LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves Ibrox Subway 1.15 p.m. Non-members welcome.

WHY not use the 'News' to get in touch with all of your Supporters Club members, to inform them of bus times, club dances or presentations?

The service is entirely **FREE OF CHARGE**, but all club secretaries should note that details of bus times **MUST** be in by the Friday preceding publication.

Send your letters to: "Club Notes," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

Programme collectors among our readers will be interested to know that Hamilton Accies will be producing a programme for their Reserve League game against Rangers at Douglas Park on February 28.

This is obviously a unique venture from the Lanarkshire club and doubtlessly many Rangers fans, unable to purchase the programme because they

will be at Ibrox to see the club's Premier League match against Airdrie, will be anxious to add the reserve programme to their collection and it can be obtained from the Douglas Park club by post.

The programme costs 30p (inclusive of postage and package) and orders should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary, Hamilton Academical F.C. Ltd., Douglas Park, Hamilton ML3 0DF.



● **Rangers first ever goal in the Premier League. A dejected Peter Latchford is beaten by a great shot from Derek Johnstone in the "Old Firm" match at Ibrox on August 30, 1975. Rangers won 2-1.**

DON'T CHANGE THE POINTS SYSTEM!

THE PAST WEEK or so has seen the sports pages dominated with talk of changing the points system in football and almost everyone has said their twopence worth, suggesting various schemes from which the game would supposedly benefit.

KEEP UP TO DATE

MONDAY

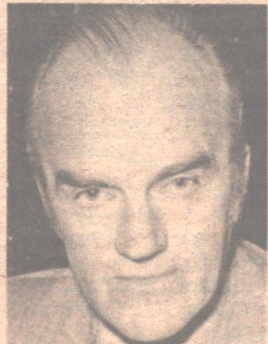
There will be a proposal at the next meeting of the Scottish Managers and Coaches Association for referees to be no longer solely responsible for postponing matches. This follows the postponement of the Hamilton v Ayr United match two days earlier. It was called off only 28 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.

Hearts manager Bobby Moncur signs 26-year-old Scot Garry Liddell from Grimsby.

TUESDAY

Dunfermline sign former Aberdeen striker Davie Robb.

S.F.A. Secretary Ernie Walker gives his backing to a new points plan which will be introduced into English league football next season. It involves the procedure of awarding



● ERNIE WALKER

three points for a win instead of two, and one point for a draw. Mr Walker however, would also like to see points being awarded for goals scored.

Evan Williams, the former Celtic goalkeeper is appointed assistant to new manager Harry Hood at Albion Rovers. The two men used to be former team-mates at Parkhead.

Celtic and Partick Thistle's league game, scheduled to be played on April 4, has now been switched to the following day, a Sunday.

RESULTS: Scottish League Division Two: Stenhousemuir 2, Queen's Park 2. Ayrshire Cup Final, First Leg: Ayr United 0, Kilmarnock 1. Stirlingshire Cup, Semi-final: Stirling 1, Clydebank 1. Scottish Reserve League: Clyde 0, Celtic 5; Partick Thistle 1, Dumbarton 0. Friendlies: Cowdenbeath 0, Dundee United 1; St. Mirren 2, Hamilton 3.

WEDNESDAY

Results: Scottish League Second Division: Meadowbank 1, East Fife 3; Reserve League: Dundee United 0, Hearts 3.

Rangers' manager John Greig's comments have been conspicuous by their absence but that has been for one perfectly good reason.

GREIG IS IN FAVOUR OF THE STATUS QUO.

"I'm only in favour of change if the game would benefit and I honestly don't believe that giving three points for a win or awarding extra points for goals would make football better," declares the Ibrox boss.

"How often have you seen teams play defensive stuff then steal a late winner? I GRUDGE GIVING SUCH TEAMS TWO POINTS, LET ALONE THREE.

"And what if a team gets an early goal? With three points at stake they're going to sit back on that and use every dirty trick in the book to hold on to it."

Greig makes a good case for leaving things alone and he goes on to point out that the present system has served the game well for quite some time.

"The 'two points for a win and one for a draw' system has been in operation since our league was formed almost a century ago," indicates the Rangers' manager.

"If that method was wrong, surely we would have changed long ago instead of waiting till now?"

"No, it's just a case of a lot of people advocating change for the sake of it and I believe it's up to the teams, not the legislators, to make football a better game.

"I always try to have Rangers give value for money and the game is dependant on people in similar positions to myself to make it a more attractive spectacle."

So, when you read all the so called great schemes to revolutionise the game, remember Greig's words and, when you think about it, **THEY MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.**

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mansfield Town; 2. Neil Hood; 3. Iran; 4. Fulham; 5. Clydebank; 6. William; 7. Uruguay; 8. Dumbarton; 9. Dumbarton; 10. Austria, the score was one nil for Israel.



● JOHN GREIG . . . present system has served the game well.

RANGERS TURN DOWN AMERICAN INVITE

RANGERS are respected throughout the world and every year numerous requests arrive at the stadium inviting the club to participate in glamour tournaments in every continent.

The most recent of these invites arrived last week from John Dickson, the chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

Mr Dickson is the man in charge of organising the annual Highland Games at Santa Rosa, in California, a town 50 miles outside the city with the famous Golden Gate Bridge.

This annual American meeting encompasses a wide circle of sporting events, one of the most increasingly popular activities being the five-a-side football competition.

Mr Dickson would have particularly liked Rangers to have been represented at the tournament because of the great success the club have had on previous trips to Canada.

Unfortunately, the meeting is to take place on September 6 and 7 of this year, which means Rangers will already be well into the domestic season and couldn't really afford any disruption to programme. So regrettably Rangers had to turn down the invitation.

Gordon on way back



● GORDON DALZIEL

RANGERS' STARLET Gordon Dalziel has been looking rather pleased with himself these days because, after an eight week absence from training due to a groin strain, the lad from Bonkle Youth Club is now back doing light work and hopes to get back into full swing fairly shortly.

"I'll have the injury X-rayed within the next week or so, and, hopefully, I'll get the all clear to get back into full training," says Gordon.

"After the frustrations of sitting it out for so long, I just can't get back quick enough."

The enforced lay off was a cruel blow to Gordon who started the season with a bang, scoring regularly and looking set for a run in the first team, and the youngster will be hoping to carry on from where he left off once he regains his full match fitness.

TENNENT'S



LAGER

Pools check

POOL ONE: 5 possibles, 20 goals, 4 winners each receive £7,969.50.

G. Smith, 19 Crofthead Caravan Park, Ayr; Mrs K. Johnston, 24 Hillside Road, Greenock; Mrs M. Adams, 30 Downlestone Place, Patne, Ayrshire; Mrs V. Dolan, 37 Higher Ardwick, Manchester 12.

POOL TWO: 5 possibles, 10 goals, 2 winners each receive £500.

M. McVittie, 18 Woodside Crescent, Barrhead; Mrs H. McEwan, 240 Roystonhill, Flat 23/1, Glasgow 21.

POOL THREE: 6 possibles, 14 goals, 3 winners each receive £333.33.

Winning Combinations: Stella Robin, 159 Ashgrove, Methilhill, Methil, Fife; a Glasgow man, N.P.; W. Bacon, 11 Winston Way, Coleraine.

POOL FOUR: 36 possibles, 27 goals, 29 winners each receive £34.48.

Winning Combinations: 06, 12, 35 with two from 03, 04, 16, 29, 31, 32, 33, 36, 39.

POOL FIVE: 56 possibles, 0 goals, 44 winners each receive £22.72.

Winning Combinations: Any five from 02, 10, 11, 17, 20, 27, 28, 43.

POOL SIX: 1 possible, 16 goals, 1 winner receives £2,000.

Winning Combinations: J. McWraith, 67 Lomond Crescent, Whitburn, West Lothian.

● Agent's Golden Bonus: Not won, now stands at £1,000.

More prize money for Lottery?

UNDER NEW regulations which will become effective from July 1, the top prize money in the Rangers Windfall Lottery could increase next season.

At the moment the top prize allowed is £1,000, but a statement from the Home Office last week stated that the maximum prize will be raised to £2,000 and that's likely to mean a bonus for those many folk who buy Windfall Lottery tickets.

"It's likely we'll take advantage of the new limits," said pools manager Hugh Adam at the weekend, "but, of course it must be pointed out that many of the clients who buy our lottery tickets don't buy them for the big prize. It's the thought of a smaller instant pay-out which attracts them."

During the month of January, there were eight people from various parts of Scotland who won the top pay-out of £1,000, but there were another 83 who collected smaller sums from £250 down to £50. And, of course, many more collected smaller amounts.

With the top pay-out in the Rangers pools now averaging around £32,000 these days and the lottery's top prize also likely to rise, you can see why clients are doing their best to cash in on the chance of scooping the top pay-out in both lottery and pools.