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WELL DONE, THE LEAGUE!

This was the right decision for Football

LAST Thursday the Scottish League Management Committee met to discuss the possibility of re-arranging the domestic season and changing the points system, but the game's bosses decided AGAINST any great reshuffle.

Apart from returning the League Cup to the old sectional set-up, the Management Committee voted for the 'status quo' and Rangers boss John Greig was very pleased at the outcome of the meeting for one simple reason . . .

RANGERS BELIEVE THE LEAGUE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.

"I'm glad that we're starting the season at the time we've always done," says Greig, "because a longer break would have made it harder for the players to get back to full fitness after the close season."

"And with us kicking off with the League Cup as opposed to the championship, it gives us an extra few weeks to iron out any problems which may arise before we go into our title campaign."

"Yet, I applaud the League's decision and now I hope everyone will forget about changing

things and just get on with the game."

The legislators' decision to leave the points system well alone was another factor which pleased Greig.

As the Ibrox boss explained in last week's 'News,' he didn't visualise a change in the method of awarding points being to the benefit of the game and he went on to say:

"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.

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

That's a very valid point which many appear to have overlooked in their hurry to knock the game and it appears to be the fashion to criticise football just for the sake of it.

But, to the League's bosses who threw out the bid to change the domestic set-up, Rangers say a sincere and hearty 'Well done'.



● Colin McAdam beats brother Tom to a Bobby Russell cross but Celtic 'keeper Bonner made a fine save from the Ranger's header.



● Rangers one moment of joy. Derek Johnstone rises beautifully to head a Davie Cooper free kick into the Celtic net as Colin McAdam and Ian Redford look on.

This Seasons WINNER



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BACK IN THE OLD ROUTINE!

RECENT years have seen the Scottish League Cup's format change from the sectional set-up to a two-leg affair and that had led to several sources declaring a lack of satisfaction with the competition, so much so that, as of next season, the tourney goes back to its original form.

This was decided at a Scottish League Management Committee meeting last week when the game's legislators sat down to discuss a plea from the Pools Promoters' Association calling for a later start to the League campaign.

The League bosses duly agreed to put the start of the title challenge back to August 22 but, rather than delay the start of the season till then, they decided that the old League Cup format would be the ideal way to fill the three weeks in question.

So it's back to the old form next season and that has pleased a great number of people in the game, because the sectional set-up gave the League Cup a separate identity from the other knockout tourneys.

And here's hoping that Rangers put the change to their advantage, win the section they'll be drawn in and go on to lift

Inside Ibrox

the trophy which has made Tannadice its home for the past two years.

THE KELVIN HALL arena was the venue for an exciting footballing event last Tuesday night, when Rangers took part in an invitation Five-a-side tournament, the proceeds of which were donated to the Kidney Research Fund.

A capacity crowd was treated to almost four hours of non-stop action by the 20 participating teams and the final was a particularly thrilling match.

John Roddie, the organiser of this football marathon, sent out invitations to every Scottish League club and it is a worthy indication of the interest generated by this kind of event, and the charity to which it was affiliated, that Mr Roddie had to limit the number of contestants to 20.

For the Rangers five, however, their participation in the tournament lasted only seven minutes.

They were beaten 3-1 in the Preliminary Round, by Kilmarnock. Celtic, St. Mirren and Aberdeen, were also beaten in the early rounds, so proving that anything is possible in five-a-sides.

As of to illustrate that point the final was between Stranraer and Kilmarnock, the eventual winners being the Second Division men from Stair Park who beat Killie 2-1.

In total, the event raised £2,200 for Kidney Research, and Mr Roddie would like to thank the teams involved and also the spectators, whose donations were gratefully received.

The Rangers Five-a-side team was: Marshall, A. Forsyth, Davies, Robertson and Mackay. Sub. Watson.

● SINCE the fourth round replay against St. Johnstone, the "News" offices have received several enquiries from programme collectors asking whether a programme was produced.

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Meet our "Golden" girls



YOU'D think this was an advert for toothpaste judging by the way this lovely quartet of ladies are smiling.

They are (from left to right), Margaret Hyslop, Irene Hamilton, Lizzie Love and May Gallacher, four of the behind-the-scenes staff at Ibrox, who help with the running of the luxurious Member's Lounge.

The reason why they're so happy is on account of those glittering pieces of gold they're proudly displaying, beautiful brooches engraved with the Taylor-Woodrow emblem.

The company, involved with the construction of the new Ibrox North Stand, presented the brooches to the girls for the marvellous service and buffet lunch that Taylor Woodrow received from them at a recent lunch held in the Members' Lounge.

A FEW weeks ago you may remember, we informed you of young Gordon Dalziel's prowess on the snooker table when he beat BOBBY RUSSELL a resounding 5-0.

Well, Bobby hasn't yet been able to avenge that result but the Rangers midfielder would like it known that Gordon suffered a similar injury to his pride when he was beaten a "Granny" at table tennis 11-0 by another Ibrox man, who shall remain nameless.

AMONGST the interested spectators at last week's Fourth Round replay against St. Johnstone was Hibs manager BERTIE AULD.

He was, no doubt, hoping to pick up some tactical points for the forthcoming quarter-final, between Rangers and Hibs, which is scheduled to be played on March 7.

RANGERS POOLS GUIDE

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HOW SUSPENSIONS HAVE HELPED AND HINDERED GREGOR

MANAGER JOHN GREIG made it obvious he was most unhappy with the changes he had to make to the Rangers team for Saturday's 'Old Firm' clash at Parkhead and it was clear to all that the point which bothered the Ibrox boss was the enforced omission of defender Gregor Stevens through suspension.

Having been outstanding in the centre of the Light Blues' defence since being brought back into the team against Morton on January 10, Gregor unfortunately fell foul of referee Brian McGinlay at Tannadice a few weeks ago and he is now suspended for a four game period, Saturday's match being the first of the quartet.

Losing Stevens for so long is a blow to the Club and it is an even greater blow to the player whose career made an amazing about turn after he was made available for transfer earlier in the season.

"It's always frustrating to sit in the stand when the boys are out there playing," says Gregor, "but it'll be even worse this time because recently I've been having my best spell since joining Rangers."

"I was playing at the back, which I think is my best position and had an extended run in one position, after being moved about from one role to another."

"But now I'm out for four games and let's face it, anything can happen in that length of time."

The point Gregor is making is even more applicable to him because he fully appreciates that it was when several colleagues were ruled out for various reasons that he made his return to the first team.

"When I was chosen for the game against Morton it was only because Derek Johnstone and Colin Jackson were suspended and Tom Forsyth was injured," continues the former Motherwell and Leicester City man, "and, because I played reasonably well, the Boss was reluctant to change a winning team."

"I know the same thing could happen now so, believe me, I can't see these next four games pass quick enough."

Sitting in the stand at Parkhead on Saturday was painful for Gregor but it's nothing new because last March he found himself in exactly the same position when the big two clashed.

"Saturday was the fourth Old Firm clash at Parkhead since I joined Rangers," says Gregor grimacing, "yet I've only played in one of those games so obviously I'm hoping that Saturday's was the last I'll miss."

In Midweek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

SCOTTISH CUP, FOURTH ROUND REPLAY. RANGERS 3, St. JOHNSTONE 1

Scorers: RANGERS: McAdams (19 mins), Caldwell (O.G. 58 mins) Stevens (64 mins).

ST JOHNSTONE: McCoist (66 mins).

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Jackson, Bett, W. Johnston, Miller, McAdam, Redford, D. Johnstone. Subs: Cooper, Russell (not used).

ST JOHNSTONE: Tulloch, MacKay, McNeill, Fleming, Rutherford, Caldwell, Pelosi, McCoist, Docherty, Morton, Brogan. Subs: Kilgour (for Rutherford) and Weir (for Docherty).

REFEREE: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)

Attendance: 24,000



● GOAL! Gregor Stevens leaps to head home Rangers third goal in last week's Cup replay against St. Johnstone but, unfortunately, that will be Gregor's last game for a while because Saturday saw him begin a four game suspension. Picture by courtesy of the "Glasgow Herald" and "Evening Times"

Young John aims for a quick comeback

WHEN RANGERS MANAGER, John Greig, announced his side to play St. Johnstone in last Wednesday night's Scottish Cup Fourth Round Replay, one name was quite noticeable by its absence — John MacDonald.

His exclusion prompted many queries from the Press-men attending John Greig's after-match discussion as to the lad's fitness, but the Boss quickly dispelled any such notions.

"Young John MacDonald is perfectly fit, but I felt it was about time the boy took a well-earned rest from the rigours of first team football," said John Greig.

"He has been practically an ever-present in the side for over a year now, and although I'm more than pleased by his play, too much exposure may result in fatigue in one so young."

John, however, is anxious to get back into action as quickly as possible.

"I can see the Boss' point of view, but nobody likes to sit out games," said the youngster.

"I've been going through a lean goalscoring spell recently and I've been coming in for a lot of attention from defenders. Maybe a rest will do me good, but I don't want to be out too long."

Although John was missing from the Rangers side which beat the Perth men 3-1 in that replay, the Ibrox star viewed the night's proceedings from the Ibrox Main Stand, and it is a well known fact that he travels to every Rangers game he can, no matter whether it is the first or second team who are playing.

"I always try and catch



● JOHN MacDONALD ... going through a lean spell.

the Reserves in action because you never know what you'll pick up. Maybe a feature of one of the boys' play you could incorporate into your own style.

"The same goes for Wednesday night. I wouldn't have missed that match either."

I saw a couple of things about the team's play I never noticed while on the park myself in previous games. I hope I'll be able to work on these things in training with the rest of the lads."

NO MISTAKES FROM 'GERS SECOND TIME ROUND

RANGERS made good use of their second bite at the cherry when they confidently beat St. Johnstone 3-1 in their replayed Scottish Cup Fourth Round tie last Wednesday after having come within a hair's breadth of defeat in the first game.

There was never really danger of the visitors repeating their Saturday shock because Rangers, while not setting the heather on fire, bared their teeth and swept Saints aside with a determined performance which set them up for a Fifth Round clash with Hibs at Ibrox on March 7.

Colin McAdam, after opening the scoring in the first game, added another two to his season's tally and there were signs that the big striker is back at his devastating best after a spell on the sidelines through injury and suspension.

He hammered the first nail into the Perth side's coffin when he took full advantage of a bad Rutherford passback to hammer the ball high into the net then, 12 minutes after the interval, he headed an Ally Dawson free-kick home with some assistance from defender Caldwell's shoulder.

At that point Rangers looked capable of registering a cricket score, even more so when Gregor Stevens leapt to head

MATCH SLANT

a Willie Johnston corner past Tulloch for goal number three in the 64th minute.

But, just as they did in the weekend encounter, St. Johnstone kept plugging away and their efforts were rewarded when McCoist followed up to score after Peter McCloy failed to hold a McNeil shot two minutes later.

But there was never any danger of Rangers losing the upper hand and the visitors' goal had one or two close shaves before the game ended, so finishing St. Johnstone's Cup hopes which had looked so promising just four days previously.

AND WEDNESDAY'S MATCH PROVED ONE THING: THE CROWDS WILL STILL TURN OUT, REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER, TO SEE A MATCH WHICH PROVIDES THE ENTERTAINMENT THE FANS SEEK.

A crowd of 24,000 turned



● ALLY McCOIST ... scored St. Johnstone's only goal.

up on a freezing cold night and it's safe to assume that, the great majority being Rangers fans, they left Ibrox much happier than they were when they left Muirton last weekend.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

— and nobody's more surprised than Ally



● Ally Dawson shows the form which won him a recall to the international squad, racing into the attack as a worried looking Paul Hegarty (Dundee United) tries to intervene.

IT WAS no surprise to see the name of Ally Dawson in the Scotland pool for this afternoon's World Cup tie against Israel in Tel Aviv, but one man who was rather taken aback by his selection was none other than the young Ranger himself.

"I'm really surprised to be back in the international reckoning so soon after coming back into the Rangers team," declares the Ibrox full back, and it just confirms that I'm now fully recovered from the head injury which I sustained on the close season trip to Canada.

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"I honestly couldn't see myself being included in Jock Stein's plans less than four months after regaining my first team place at Ibrox so, obviously, I'm very pleased to be back in the pool."

Ally's international recognition is no more than the player deserves, his great work on the left hand side of the Rangers defence being acknowledged as the most refreshing feature of the Light Blues' play this season.

Equally at home stemming opponents attacks or overlapping to lend his weight to any Rangers offensive, Ally is undoubtedly on his way towards being one of the great Rangers of all time and it is good to see his talents being appreciated at World Cup level.

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His recall to Jock Stein's squad completes Ally's recovery from his head injury and the ironic twist to his visit to the Middle East for the match against the Israelis is that last year he missed out on a trip to that region BECAUSE of his international commitments.

That was when he was in the Under 21 side while Rangers played in



● For Rangers and Scotland . . . the Ibrox full back flies the flag as he looks forward to today's World Cup clash in Tel Aviv.

Dubai and Kuwait so now it's Ally's Ibrox team-mates' turn to stay at home while he flies out to the sun.

And he'll have an extra reason for celebration this afternoon because the Ibrox star is 23 today so here's hoping that two points will be among his birthday gifts.

"I see no reason why we shouldn't win," says Ally. "After all, if we hope to do anything worth talking about in the World Cup, we've got to beat nations like Israel."

"Basically, they're an unknown quantity and teams like that have a bad habit of causing problems but, with the talent at Jock Stein's disposal, I'm sure we'll get a result."

Victory this afternoon would set Scotland up for that much anticipated

trip to Spain in 1982 and that would leave the door open for Ally to win his first cap for Scotland IN Scotland.

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His previous international appearances were in Poland and Hungary so a Hampden honour is very much on Ally's list of 'wants', although he's losing no sleep over that matter.

"I really don't care where the games are played but, obviously, my first international at Hampden would be something special," says Ally.

But, first things first, and the game in Israel this afternoon is top of the Ranger's priorities and we're sure all Ibrox fans will join us in hoping that it's a successful trip both for Ally and Scotland.



● Relaxing at home . . . that's Ally as he shows off his Rangers and Scotland shirts.

JOHN'LL FIX IT!



● My hero . . . that's David McDiarmid's sentiments as he and his father Iain, meet the Light Blues' striker John MacDonald outside Ibrox and John was only too happy to sign the youngster's book despite just having undergone a gruelling training session.

Ibrox Boss gives Young David the day of a lifetime

EVERY schoolboy has a dream and Greenock school teacher Miss Mairi MacDonald of the Highlanders Academy realised that when she asked her class to write an essay on their prospects of taking part in the BBC's "Jim'll Fix It" programme and she was particularly impressed by the effort which nine-year-old David McDiarmid produced.

Young David, of 20 Tasker Street, Greenock, pictured himself spending a day with Rangers and his teacher was so impressed by his work that she sent it on to Ibrox manager John Greig, who promptly arranged for the youngster's dreams to come true.

So David was invited to Ibrox last Tuesday and had the time of his life, watching his heroes train and meeting his idol John MacDonald.

Throughout his visit to the Stadium the young Greenockian was totally stuck for words and one got the impression that he just couldn't believe what was happening to him.

Going through the trophy room he was desperate to be photographed with the European Cup-Winners' Cup which the Light Blues won in 1972 so the "for-keeps" replica was duly drawn out of the showcase and David held it aloft, just as if he was in the team on that memorable evening in Barcelona.

Then he was introduced to boss John Greig and the manager took him through the dressing room to meet the men who wear the colours the lad idolises.

Seeing his heroes in various states of undress was quite amusing for the youngster but, after meeting various players at the Albion and on the track surrounding Ibrox and having a long conversation with John MacDonald, David's day was made.

Having gathered all the team's autographs, a couple of football annuals duly signed, the club badge, a keyring, two hats and the history of Rangers, David could be forgiven for leaving Ibrox singing "Jingle Bells", it was so much like Christmas for the lad.

And with Joe Mason's parting shot "Come back anytime", it was certainly a day to remember for young Master McDiarmid.



● David is pictured here with Ibrox defender Gregor Stevens on the track surrounding the Stadium after Rangers had finished training for the Cup replay against St. Johnstone.



● Meet the Boss . . . David McDiarmid meets Rangers manager John Greig before being introduced to the players.



● Champions of Europe . . . that was the feelings young David McDiarmid expressed when he held the replica of the European Cup-Winners' Cup when he visited the Trophy Room last week.

Saturday's Results

PREMIER LEAGUE

Airdrie.....0	Aberdeen.....0
Celtic.....3	Rangers.....1
Dundee U.....1	Morton.....0
Partick Th.....1	Kilmarnock.....1
St. Mirren.....2	Harts.....1

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa.....1	Montrose.....0
Arbroath.....1	Stranraer.....0
Brechin.....2	Albion Rv.....1
Cowdneath.....1	Sten'muir.....2
East Fire.....1	Queens P.....1

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr Utd.....4	Clydebank.....1
Dumb'ton.....1	Berwick.....1
E. Stirling.....1	Falkirk.....1
Hibernian.....4	Hamilton.....0
Motherwell.....4	Dundee.....1
St Johnstn.....4	Dunf'line.....1
Stirling A.....0	Raith Rv.....1

Premier Division

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic.....25	18	2	5	54	28	38
Ab'deen.....25	14	8	3	45	17	36
Rangers.....24	10	10	4	41	21	30
Dundee U.....25	11	8	6	44	29	30
St Mirren.....24	9	7	8	35	30	25
Partick T.....28	8	8	9	20	27	24
Morton.....26	8	7	11	27	39	23
Airdrie.....24	5	9	10	22	36	19
Harts.....24	3	5	16	19	42	11
Kilm'nock.....24	2	6	16	16	54	10

First Division

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibs.....30	18	7	5	48	20	43
Raith Rv.....27	17	6	4	41	18	40
Ayr Utd.....29	14	8	7	49	32	36
St Jostn.....29	13	10	6	41	30	36
Dundee.....27	12	6	9	42	33	30
Moth'well.....27	11	8	8	47	43	30
Hamilton.....28	11	5	12	46	42	27
Dumb'ton.....29	9	8	12	37	38	26
Falkirk.....28	9	6	13	29	40	24
Clyd'bnk.....26	7	8	11	35	45	22
E. Stirling.....26	5	11	10	32	39	21
Dun'line.....26	8	4	14	32	37	20
...Stirling AZ7	6	7	14	18	37	19
Berwick.....29	3	8	18	23	66	14

Second Division

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Alloa.....28	14	10	4	50	29	38
Queens P.....28	10	13	5	45	32	33
Q.O.S.....26	10	11	3	5	42	31
Brechin.....27	10	10	7	36	34	30
Montrose.....25	12	3	10	47	33	27
Arbroath.....27	9	9	9	45	42	27
Forfar.....26	10	7	9	42	43	27
Sten'muir.....26	9	8	9	49	38	26
Cow'neath.....22	9	7	6	34	28	25
Clyde.....24	9	6	9	39	42	24
Albion Rv.....27	8	8	11	42	52	24
East Fire.....27	6	11	10	29	36	23
Stranraer.....26	6	4	16	22	50	16
Me'bank.....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.....24	15	5	4	71	29	35
Kilm'nock.....22	13	4	5	49	23	30
St Mirren.....21	12	4	5	40	26	28
Ayr Utd.....20	9	6	5	40	28	24
Partick T.....22	10	4	8	31	31	24
Hamilton.....21	7	6	8	29	36	20
Mother'li.....20	7	3	10	36	41	17
Clyde'bk.....22	6	4	12	26	41	16
Dumb'ton.....21	5	5	11	24	37	15
Morton.....21	6	2	13	23	38	14
Queens P.....23	3	8	12	28	47	14
Airdrie.....22	4	5	13	17	41	13
Clyde.....19	5	0	14	20	54	10

Scorers



● COLIN McADAM

COLIN McAdam's midweek double against St. Johnstone further stretches the big man's lead at the top of the Ibrox scorers' table and, with Gregor Stevens and Derek Johnstone also scoring in the course of last week, the 'goal league' table reads as follows.

Colin McAdam, 21; John MacDonald, 13; Ian Redford, 7; Derek Johnstone, 5; Jim Bett, 4; Sandy Jardine, 4; Davie Cooper, 3; Alex Miller, 3; Bobby Russell, 2; Gregor Stevens, 2; Gordon Dalziel, 1; Ally Dawson, 1; Willie Johnston, 1; Own goals, 2.

LIGHT BLUES MUS



● Nice one Derek. That's the message from the Ibrox players as they rush to congratulate their skipper after he had opened the scoring.



● Agony is written all over Ian Redford's face after the Ibrox man had been tackled by McGrain.



● Willie Johnston and Mark Reid battle for possession and it just wasn't to be Rangers' day, Bud losing out in this duel.

FOR the second successive Saturday, Rangers have faded after taking an early lead, allowing their opponents to gain the upper hand, and that failing will, no doubt, command the greater part of manager John Greig's attention this week.

Saturday's 'Old Firm' encounter was a great disappointment from Rangers' point of view, yet everything appeared to be going the Light Blues' way at one stage of the game.

Derek Johnstone's glorious 12th minute header from a fine Davie Cooper free-kick gave the Ibrox men an ideal start and, although Celtic were almost constantly on the offensive, the home side did not look capable of turning their pressure into goals.

Indeed, just before the interval Rangers could have snatched a second goal when Colin McAdam fired in a header and, had that one gone in, it would have put a totally different complexion on the game.

However, with just one goal between the sides at the half-way stage, a Celtic equaliser was always on the cards and when that goal arrived, Rangers were right up against it.

Two goals from Nicholas and one from Aitken completed a miserable second half for John Greig's men and sent the Ibrox side home pointless.

There was no hiding the disappointment on the faces of the Rangers players when they left Parkhead, but crying over spilled milk never did anyone any good.

The Light Blues must work twice as hard to plug the gaps which have allowed teams to come back into games after Rangers have gone in front and, when that problem has been ironed out, results like Saturday's should be few and far between.

Factfile

Premier League
CELTIC 3, RANGERS 1
 Scorers: Celtic - Nicholas (57, 73 mins), Aitken (87 mins).
 Rangers - D. Johnstone (12 mins).

CELTIC: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Sullivan, McAdam, Aitken, Provan, Conroy, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas. Subs: Doyle, McCluskey (not used).

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

Referee: K. J. Hope (Glasgow).

Booked: Conroy, Provan (Celtic), Redford, Miller, Dawson (Rangers).

Attendance: 52,800.

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T PLUG THOSE GAPS . . .



In McAdam as a Willie Johnston cross comes into the danger zone, Bonner timed his jump to perfection and cleared the danger.



● A near thing early in the game. Following a lot of confusion in the Celtic box, Bomber gets a shot in but unfortunately his effort was off target.



● A Willie Johnston shot puts the Celtic goal under pressure but goalkeeper Bonner got down to save the home side in this second half attack.



Love here as the McAdams duel for a high ball in this first half Rangers attack.



● An aerial duel between Colin Jackson and Celtic's Aitken as Rangers fight to get back into the game late in the second half.



McPHAIL STRIKES . . . AND RANGERS ARE CHAMPS YET AGAIN!

OF THE TWENTY Scottish League Championships contested between 1920 and the start of the Second World War, Rangers emerged as title winners on all but five occasions. So that period is littered with high points and it would be impossible to look back and pick out one league game as being any more memorable than the others.

But if the Light Blues were given a closer run than that which preceded their 1930-31 triumph we've yet to hear about it.

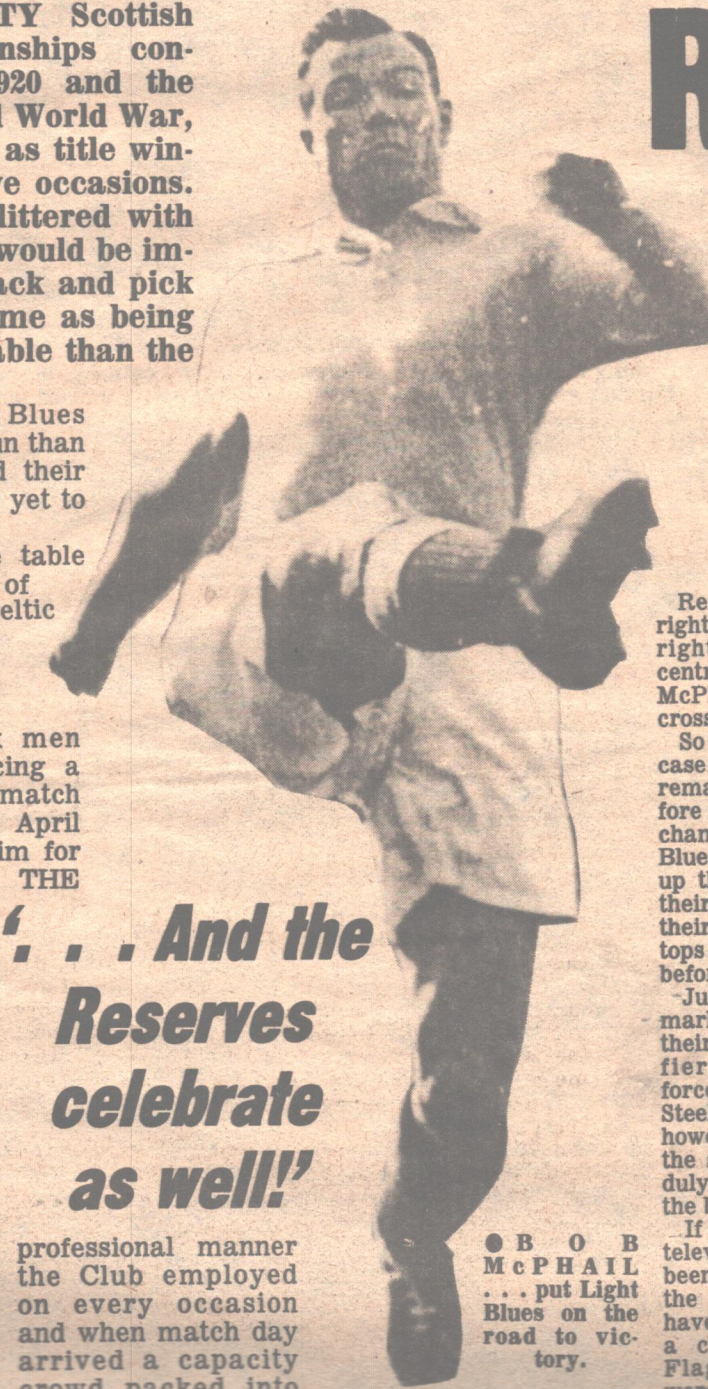
Motherwell led the table for the greater part of the season — then Celtic came with a late burst. But Rangers kept their noses in front and the Ibrox men found themselves facing a trip to Bayview for a match against East Fife on April 25 with one goal to aim for . . . VICTORY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Methil side, at the foot of the table, were already doomed to relegation, so few expected the Light Blues to have any problems in clinching the flag, but East Fife were traditionally hard to beat on their own ground and nobody at Ibrox counted their chickens before they hatched.

The game against the Fifers was approached in the same



● DAVIE MEIKLEJOHN . . . skippered Club to fifth consecutive championship win.



● B O B McPHAIL . . . put Light Blues on the road to victory.

... And the Reserves celebrate as well!

professional manner the Club employed on every occasion and when match day arrived a capacity crowd packed into Bayview, despite the cold wind and driving rain.

From the first whistle East Fife swept into attack but Ibrox skipper Davie Meiklejohn confidently broke up the assault and set up a counter attack from which the Light Blues forced a corner.

That flag kick was followed by another which went the same way and it proved to be "third time lucky" for Rangers when Jimmy Marshall sent over the third corner.

Amazingly, the East Fife defence allowed the ball to drop to Bob McPhail who wasted no time in firing a fierce shot goalwards. Goalkeeper Steele made a brave attempt to save, but the power from

Referee Hudson was right on the spot and he rightly pointed to the centre circle, indicating McPhail's shot to have crossed the goal-line.

So now it was only a case of playing out the remaining 78 minutes before being acclaimed as champions, but the Light Blues intended to wrap up the flag in style and their superb play had their fans singing at the tops of their voices long before the end.

Just on the half-hour mark, Rangers notched their third goal when a fierce Marshall shot forced a fine save from Steele. The goalkeeper, however, couldn't hold the shot and the Ranger duly followed up to stab the ball home.

If British Airways and televised advertising had been on the go in 1931 the Ibrox faithful would have been breaking into a chorus of "Fly The Flag", but East Fife were not for taking it all lying down and, as the first half drew to a close, they came more into the game.

Shots from inside left Herbert and left winger Liddell forced fine saves from goalkeeper Tom Hamilton and in one four-minute spell near the interval the home side forced four corners. All proved to be fruitless



● BILL STRUTH . . . steered Club to 15 championship titles in 20 seasons.

and Rangers cruelly caught the Fifers on the break just seconds before the half-time whistle.

A long ball out of defence sent Andy Archibald clear and the Ranger calmly drew 'keeper Steele off his line before slipping home the fourth goal.

With Rangers coasting to an easy win, the second half was something of an anti-climax and East Fife had much more of the play but they could make no impression on the Ibrox defence and Rangers ran out comfortable winners to clinch the league title.

It was Rangers' fifth successive champion win, confirming their position as "top dogs" in Scotland and giving their fans plenty to shout about.

April 25 turned out to be quite a day for Rangers because the jubilant first team returned to Ibrox, only to find another celebration in full swing . . . the reserves having beaten Airdrie's colts to clinch the Second Eleven Cup



● ALAN MORTON . . . created havoc on the wings.

for the fourth successive occasion!

But it was the top squad which hogged the headlines, and rightly so. It was a team simply packed with talent. The eleven which clinched the title at Bayview was: Hamilton, Marshall, McAulay, Brown, Meiklejohn, Craig, Archibald, Marshall, Smith, McPhail, Morton.

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Cracker clinches it for Colts

IT WAS thrills and spills all the way at Ibrox on Saturday afternoon when Rangers Reserves and Hamilton Accies fought out a seven-goal epic, the Ibrox youngsters registering a 4-3 victory.

And the quality of play from both sides had Second Team Coach Stan Anderson raving about the game when he spoke to the 'News'.

"It was a great game," he said, "and, while I'm delighted we won, I must pay tribute to Hamilton for adopting a positive attitude towards the game and making it such a thriller."

Rangers went ahead in the 15th minute with what Stan described as 'a picture book goal'.

Left back Kenny Black picked up the ball on the left hand side of the Rangers half, then switched the play to Graham Watson, who sent Billy Mackay away on the right and the wee winger sent over a superb cross to the far post.

Iain Stirton rose like a bird and nodded the ball back to the on-rushing 'Winker' Watson who confidently stuck it away.

However, Hamilton came back and took full advantage of a mixup in the Ibrox defence to level the scores but, after 24 minutes, Billy Mackay raced through to restore Rangers lead.

The young Light Blues looked like taking that lead to the dressing room at half-time, but just before the interval the visitors equalised with a fine headed goal from a corner kick.

The ding-dong tussle continued after the break, Iain Stirton making it 3-2 after 70 minutes but, true to form, the Accies came back five minutes later to restore equality to proceedings.

Then, with ten minutes left, Rangers got the winner with a goal which was

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● BILLY MACKAY

brilliant both in its manufacture and execution.

Kenny Black sent a beautiful pass through to substitute Kenny Lyall and the sub, seeing the 'keeper come off his line, chipped the ball superbly into the net... with his right foot, dispelling the rumours that he only uses that leg for stirring his tea.

A good win for Rangers and, with both sides clashing again at Douglas Park on Saturday, if they can serve up half as much entertainment as they did last week, it should be quite a game.

The Ibrox line up which won that seven goal thriller was as follows:

Young, McIntyre, McLean, McIntosh, T. Forsyth, Mackay, Watson, Stirton, Clark, Robertson. Subs: Lyall (for Robertson), McPherson (not used).

AFTER THAT breathtaking Scottish Cup tie with St. Johnstone last week, we could all do with a bit of a rest. There's only so much the heart can take, you know!

But that's not to be, however. In just over a week's time, Rangers are scheduled to meet Hibs at Ibrox in the Quarter Finals of the Cup.

And this game too, looks to have all the ingredients which made the last round such tremendous entertainment.

The last time the two sides met in the Scottish Cup was in the 1979 final, when Rangers won 3-2 after two drawn games.

Ibrox will almost certainly hold a full house on March 7, and you can be assured of two seats for this encounter.

We are offering two tickets for the game in this week's FREE competition.

Look at the picture above. It shows former Rangers centre-forward, Colin Stein celebrating with a team-mate, who had just scored another goal for the Club in a European tie.

What we want you to do is tell us the name of that team-mate and also the name of Rangers opponents that night. Also in which month did Colin Stein join Rangers from Hibs?

When you have the answers, just jot them down on a postcard and send it off: "Hibs Tickets", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The first correct entry pulled out from our competition drum on March 2 shall win the two Stand tickets for the cup tie.

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

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

You Asked For It

Night Rangers hit Germans for eight

APART FROM Rangers, how many teams was Scot Symon the manager of? Hugh McGhee, Craigton Road, Glasgow.

Mr Symon managed two others clubs before coming to Ibrox. They were East Fife (May 1947-May 1953) and then Preston North End (May 1953-June 1954).

I would like to know if Willie Johnston was playing for Vancouver Whitecaps when Rangers drew 2-2 with the Canadian club in May 1976. Who scored Rangers goals? Alex Franklin, Hamilton Road, Dumfries.

No. Willie was still playing for West Bromwich Albion when Rangers played them in the 1977 Tennent Caledonian Cup. He moved to Canada in season 1978-79.

The goalscorers against the Whitecaps on May 19, 1976, were Johnny Hamilton and Derek Johnstone.

I would like to know the teams and scorers from the Celtic v Rangers league match on January 2, 1948?

The result was 4-0 to Rangers and the goals were scored by McColl, Rutherford, Thornton and Duncanson. The teams were:

RANGERS: Brown; Cox, Shaw; McColl, Young, Rae; Rutherford, Gillick, Thornton, Duncanson, Caskie.

CELTIC: Miller; Mallan, Milne; McPhail, Corbet, McCauley; Bogan, MacDonald, Walsh, Evans, Paton.

If it is possible, could you print a list of every league game Rangers played during season 1951-52? David Anderson, Great Western Road, Glasgow.

The scorers were as follows with the home score first: Aberdeen, 3-2, 1-1; Airdrie, 1-0, 1-0; Celtic, 1-1, 4-1; Dundee, 1-2, 0-1; East Fife, 1-1, 1-2; Hearts, 2-0, 2-2; Hibernian, 2-2, 1-1; Motherwell, 3-0, 1-2; Partick, 4-1, 3-1; Queen of the South, 3-2, 2-2;



● WILLIE JOHNSTON

Raith Rovers, 1-0, 1-3; St. Mirren, 5-1, 5-0; Stirling Albion, 3-0, 5-1; Third Lanark, 1-1, 1-1.

I would like some information about ex-Ranger Johnny Hamilton. How many games did he play for the Rangers first team and how many appearances as substitute did he make? Frank Harris, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

John played 82 first team games for Rangers and was substitute on another 15 occasions. He scored 15 goals for the Club. He won League Championship and Scottish Cup medals in season 1975-76 and a League Cup medal in season 1977-78.

What has been Rangers highest ever score in a European competition? John Jarvis, London Road, Glasgow.

Rangers registered an 8-0 victory over Borussia Munchengladbach of Germany in the 1960-61 European Cup, after beating them 3-0 in the first leg in Germany. The match was played on November 30, 1960, and the scorers were Brand (3), Millar (2), Baxter, Davis and Pfeiffer (own goal).

I believe Sandy Jardine has only missed one match so far this season. Which one was it? David Nikel, Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow.

It was the league match at Pittodrie on December 12 last year when Rangers were beaten 2-0.

Against which side did Ally Dawson score his first goal for Rangers last season? Charlie Lamont, Bugle Drive, Wishaw.

It was against Kilmarnock in the final of the Tennent Caledonian Cup on August 5, 1979, when the final score was 2-2, Gordon Smith scoring the Light Blues other goal. Rangers lost the tie on penalty kicks.



● SANDY JARDINE



The page for Young Rangers members

A PRIZE THAT'LL 'SUIT' EVERY FAN

Scott's in the picture . . .

IN ISSUE 485 of the "News" we ran two great competitions and here are the names of the lucky winners.

Quick Quiz

Who's nicknamed the Villains?

- 1—Which English First Division side are nicknamed "The Villains."
- 2—Who was the former manager of Scottish Premier team Kilmarnock?
- 3—Which Scottish First Division side play at East End Park?
- 4—What was the most goals that Scotland ever scored against Wales?
- 5—How many games have Scotland won against England?
- 6—In what year did George Best win the "European Footballer of the Year?"
- 7—Who were the first British team to reach three European finals?
- 8—Who scored Rangers 700th goal in the League Cup?
- 9—A former Rangers goalkeeper saved a penalty against Rangers this season. Who was he?
- 10—What is Rangers record attendance and who were the opposition when it was set?

The first was for two tickets for the Premier League game with Airdrie and the correct answer was Quinton Young, the other man who scored a hat-trick against St. Johnstone.

The winner was Hugh Scott, 40 Barbieston Road, Auchinleck, Ayrshire.

The other competition was to win three autographed pictures of your choice. The correct answer was, of course, Ian Redford and the winner was Scott Robinson Kerr, Hillview Cottage, Stirling Street, Blackford, Auchterarder, Perthshire. Scott's choice of photographs were Jim Bett, Colin McAdam and John MacDonald.



In this week's Young Rangers Club competition, we are offering a three piece suit as a prize but it is one with a difference!

It's a Rangers track-suit, zipper top, trousers, and also a cracking Rangers scarf.

This is the ideal thing to wear if you are training outside or jogging. You can even wear the jacket, embroidered with the Rangers crest, on it's own as a great fashion top!



This is what you have to do in order to win the outfit.

Look at the photograph on the left. It shows Rangers young midfielder star, Bobby Russell in action against Kilmarnock from a game in December.

Bobby signed for the Club in 1977, but what we want you to tell us is: Against which team he made his debut and the final score in the match.

Write down the opponents name and the scoreline on a postcard and send it to: "Track-suit" Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.



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

The closing date for this contest is Friday, March 8, and the first correct entry pulled from our competition drum on that date will win the tracksuit and scarf.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS . . .

The following Young Rangers Club members have celebrated a birthday recently or will be doing so in the coming week.

FEBRUARY 18th:
JASON MacDONALD, 56 Houghton Road, Boleover, Derbyshire, who is 12.
RAMSAY JESS, 16 Nivison Avenue, Glenburk, Sanquar, who is 12.

FEBRUARY 22nd:
VICKY SPEIRS, 40 John Wilson Drive, Kilsyth, who is six.
ANDREW HOULDSWORTH, 2 Columba Path, Blantyre, Lanarkshire, who is 12.

FEBRUARY 24th:
RONNIE WISHART, 174 Glenacre Road, North Carbrain, Cumbernauld, who is 13.

FEBRUARY 25th (TODAY):
JON FLEMING, 3 Comyn Drive, Wallacestone, Falkirk, who is 13.
JAMES TURNER, 17 Sandown Close, Chase Terrace, Staffs, who is seven.
GARY QUINN, 66 Douglas Drive, Mossend, Bellshill, Glasgow, who is two.

FIONA McLAUGHLAN, 32 Dundas Place, Kirkcaldy, West Lothian, who is 17.
DOUGLAS KNOX, 47 Hillview Avenue, Broxburn, West Lothian, who is 17.

ANGELA DUNCAN, 48 Tranent Crescent, Dundee, who is 14.
MURRAY DAVIDSON, 28 Dalvenie Road, Banchory, Kincardineshire, who is 14.
ALEXANDER BLAIR, 999 Prospecthill Road, Rutherglen, who is nine.

ALEX MARSHALL, 28 Brediland Road, Linwood, who is eight.
ROBERT ADAMS, 17 Roxburgh Way, Greenock, who is 14.

THURSDAY:
IAN GIBSON, 10 Glenview, Dalmally, Argyll, who is 16.
SCOTT CAMERON, 17 Torr-Na-Faire, Lochaline, Morvern, who is 15.

DEREK McCALLION, 12 Oarden-craig Road, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is seven.
STUART McLEOD, 100 High Street, Burnt Island, Fife, who is 16.

RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, 19 Sunnbrae, Bucksburn, Aberdeen, who is nine.

FRANK BEATON, Dairy, Taynult, Argyll, who is 13.
AUDREY SHORTT, 5 Ryemount Road, Barmulloch, Glasgow, who is 15.

STUART SPENCE, 34 Palmerston Park, Hoxen, Tiverton, Devon, who is 15.

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!

ALAN CHAPMAN, 2 Cruchan Drive, Barrhead, Glasgow, who is ten.
JAMES KIRKWOOD, 10 Kings Road, Whithorn, Wigtonshire, who is 12.

FRIDAY:
WILLIAM SWANSON, The Cottage, Inverfarigal, near Inverness, who is 15.
GORDON McDOWELL, 16 Kirkview Avenue, Salsburgh, who is 14.

JIM MACDONALD, 12 Kerfield Place, Glasgow, who is 12.
EDWARD WELSH, 9 Hall Crescent, Burrelton, Blairgowrie, who is 13.

NOEL IRWIN, 33 Carnema Avenue, Belfast, who is 17.
GAVIN ANDERSON, 9 Havelock Street, Glasgow, who is 14.
GERRY HERMAN, 10E Northburn Place, Airdrie, who is eleven.

WILLIAM TOLLAN, 88 Ladysmith Street, Wishaw, who is seven.
STEWART McNAUGHTON, 134 Earl Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow, who is 13.
GORDON McDOWELL, 16 Kirkview Avenue, Salsburgh, Shotts, who is 14.

SATURDAY:
MANDY CHRISTIE, 7 Brideswell Gardens, Gouldry, Fife, who is 14.
THOMAS FRENCH, Balgray, Crawfordjohn, Biggar, Lanarkshire, who is 15.

ANN MAITLAND, 2/7 Thistle-neuk, Old Kilpatrick, who is 15.
TERENCE PACKER, 63 Aboyne Street, Govan, Glasgow, who is 13.
FINLAY LOUDON, 21 Linfern Avenue, East Kilmarnock, who is 13.

DOUGLAS HOGG, Camus-Na-Ha, Corpach, Fort William, who is 13.
COLIN ANDERSON, 47 Kilmuir Gardens, Glasgow, who is 11.
BILLY ANDERSON, Scotstoun, Echt, Aberdeen, who is 15.

ALAN HUTCHESTON, Bridgend Cottages, Inverkip, Renfrewshire, who is 15.
KENNETH MACCAULAY, 1 Kirkibost, Bernbrae, Isle of Lewis, who is 15.

FIONA McLEAN, 21 Kersavagh, Lochmaddy Isle of North Uist, who is two.

SUNDAY:
PHILIP STEVENSON, 100 Ashgrove Caravan Site, Elgin, Moray, who is 13 (born on 29th February).
CRAIG McKENZIE, 21 Banskroft, Kilmarnock, who is eight.
ANGELA ANDREW, 18 Duntilland Avenue, Salsburgh, Shotts, who is 14.
DENISE SHAW, 7 Third Avenue, Auchinloch, Lenzie, Glasgow, who is 13.
CRAIG ANDERSON, 7 Forthview, Bannockburn, who is ten.

BILLY COCHRANE, 36 Torphin Walk, Greenfield, Glasgow, who is 15.
ERIC GREEN, 5 Heatherbell Cottages, John O Groats, By Wick, Calthness, who is 13.
DEREK ADAMS, 85 Juniper Avenue, East Kilbride, who is 13.

MONDAY:
DAVID MILLER, 61 Acredyke Road, Balmock East, who is 17.
BILLY STRANGE, 47 Ryebank, Ladywell, Livingston, who is 14.
DEREK JAMIESON, 34 Galdenoch Street, Ruchazie, Glasgow, who is six.

BILLY RENNIE, 29 Culbine Drive, who is 14.
MALCOLM PARRY, 259 Tweedsmuir Road, Glasgow, who is 12.
CAMERON McKENZIE, 73 Riddochhill Crescent, Blackburn, West Lothian, who is ten.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, 6C Queens Avenue, Cambuslang, Glasgow, who is three.
ALISTAIR MORRELL, 30 Herron Road, Greenock, who is 15.
JOYCE BROWN, Kirkland, Leswalt, Stranraer, who is 12.

TUESDAY:
RANDOLPH NICHOLSON, 13 Roslini Street, Aberdeen, who is 15.
SCOTT McLUSKIE, 182 Camps Rigg, Carondean, Livingston, West Lothian, who is ten.

JOHN McLEAN, 234 Drumry Road East, Drumchapel, Glasgow, who is 14.
WILLIAM BUCHAN, 172 Cedar Road, Abrohill, Cumbernauld, who is 15.

MURIEL LEITH, 51 Leith Walk, Menzieshill, Dundee, who is 14.
CATHY McAFEE, 9 Tarragon Park, Towpark South, Co. Antrim, who is three.

MURDO MACDONALD, 15 Skingerstra, Ness, Isle of Lewis, who is 16.

JOHN STEWART, 50 Connisborough Road, Provanhall, Glasgow, who is six.
IAN WRIGHT, 32A Saint Cuthberts Street, Kirkcaldy, who is 16.
TOM McNEILLIE, 24 Littlemill Place, Rankinston, who is 14.

DAVID WATSON, 62 Orebank Road, Cardenden, Fife, who is 14.
MANDY ELLAM, 3A Hope Street, Raploch, Stirling, who is 16.
EWEN McMARTIN, 8 Cairn Walk, Cults, Aberdeen, who is 15.

● If you 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.



● George Best . . . See Question 6

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM

— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

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Name

Address

Date of Birth Age.....

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

'THE 'NEW' IBROX HOLDS NO FEARS FOR US'

● TOMMY WALKER . . . scored Airdrie's first Premier League goal against Rangers.

— says Airdrie boss Watson

SATURDAY SEES RANGERS and Airdrie meet in the last of the four league clashes between the clubs this season and with each of the previous three encounters ending in draws, the Broomfield side have fully earned the respect which the Light Blues will accord them when they troop on to Ibrox.

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Of course, Rangers romped to a 5-0 win when the pair met on Scottish Cup business but the Diamonds believe that such a scoreline will not be registered this weekend.

"We allowed Rangers to get an early goal and settle into their stride too easily that day," recalls manager Bobby Watson, "then we found ourselves reduced to ten men because of Willie McCulloch's sending off."

★★★★

"After that we were never really in with a chance, although I must praise my lads for the way they continued to fight, but this week I'll be looking to see us cause Rangers the sort of problems which they couldn't overcome in the league games."

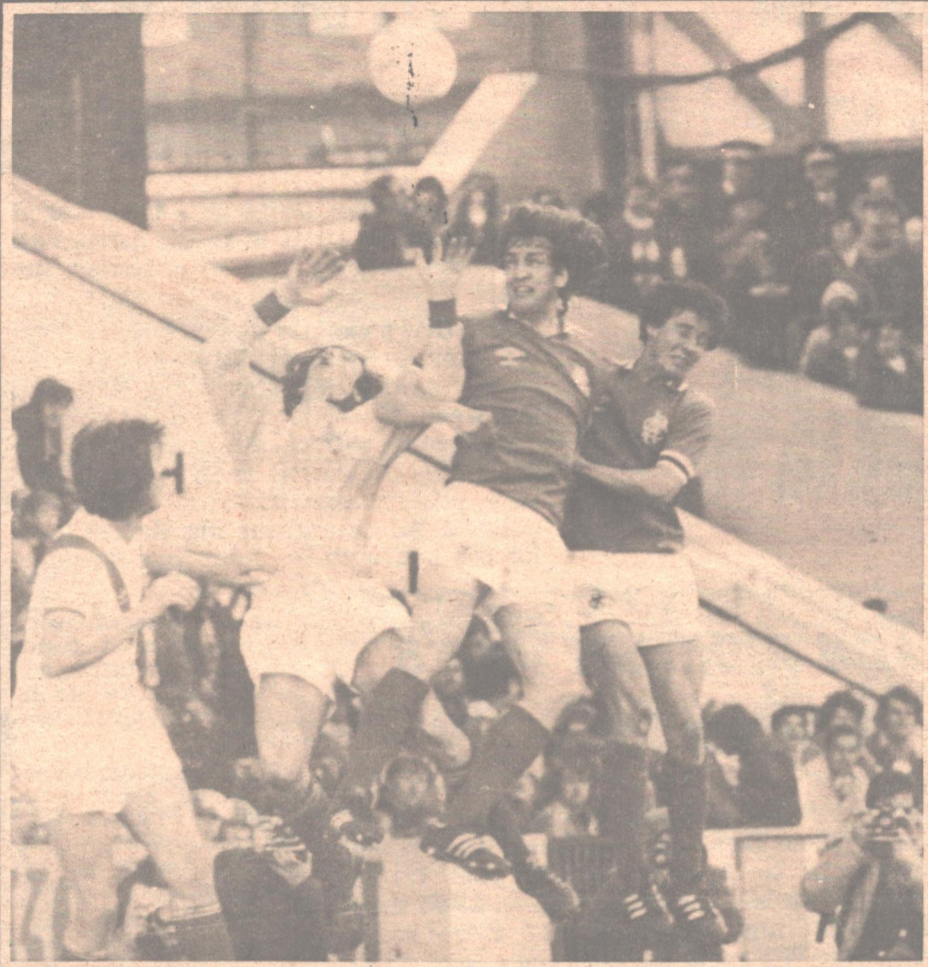
The Ibrox faithful will recall how their favourites were twice held to a 1-1 draw at Broomfield while, at the Stadium, Airdrie's goalkeeper John Martin performed heroics to earn his team a goal-less share of the points.

Don't run away with the idea that Airdrie have been a one man band because defenders like Jim March, Harry Cairney and Jim Rodger have all been prominent in the Broomfield side's rearguard in their previous tussles with Rangers.

★★★★

And with the likes of former schools internationalist Tommy Walker in midfield, feeding the cannonball shooting of skipper Sandy Clark, it would be unwise to dismiss them as an attacking force. Walker, in fact, scored Airdrie's first ever Premier League goal when he netted in the 1-1 draw against Rangers on August.

So the Broomfield side



● Colin McAdam and John MacDonald challenge for a high ball in the last encounter between Rangers and Airdrie at Ibrox in October. Unfortunately, Airdrie goalkeeper John Martin pushed it out for a corner and the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

SUPPORTERS' NOTES

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

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus run to Greengairs on Saturday, February 28, will leave Lorne Street at 7.00 p.m. There are still a few seats left at £1.50. For details, phone John MacKay on 041-440-2325, or Stuart Daniels on 041-429-5578.

DUNDEE LOYAL: Bus v Morton leaves Lindsay Street at 10.20 a.m. For seats phone Dundee 730389.

OLD KILPATRICK: Bus v Airdrie leaves Old Kilpatrick at 2.00 p.m., pick up points on Dumbarton Road at Duntocher Road, Yokermill Road, Kelso Street, Kingsway, and Victoria Drive. Non-members welcome.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELL-TON: Bus v Airdrie leaves Academy Street at 10.30 a.m. Non-members welcome. Names now required for the Hibs match at Ibrox. Enquiries to Big Rab in the Rob Roy.

LONDON BRANCH: Names v Hibernian (Cup) 7th March and v Hearts (League) 14th March. Early bookings advised. Football quiz match v Brentford 23rd March. Darts team fixtures — contact M. Logan. Football team fixtures — contact G. Clarkston. World Cup '82 Travel Club — contact P. Houston. Travel enquiries to R. Jenkins (01-935-5794 Business hours). Membership enquires to G. Brown, 11 Waghorn Road, Upton Park, LONDON E13.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Airdrie leaves White Heather Club at 12 noon; picking up at Crown, Burntisland and Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth; non-members welcome.

IAN REDFORD (Strathkelvin): Regular meeting will take place in the Community Centre at 12.30 p.m. Bus v Airdrie will leave Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn, at 1.45 p.m. Non-members welcome.

WANTED: Anyone in Liverpool wishing to form a supporters club please phone me on 0517 260 6002 or write to Raymond Robertson, 78 Gloucester Road, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

Airdrie know all about penalties . . .

● Airdrie were the first club in Scotland to have had a match decided on penalty kicks. This happened in a Texaco Cup tie against Nottingham Forest back in 1970. They beat the English side 5-2 from spot kicks, but were subsequently beaten themselves in the next round by Hearts.

This Week's Football

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SCOTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v St. Mirren, Hearts v Partick Thistle, Kilmarnock v Dundee United, Morton v Celtic, RANGERS v AIRDRIE.

DIVISION ONE

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

DIVISION TWO

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

● Airdrie's record victory was in December 1894, two years after they had been elected to Division Two. Their unlucky opponents were Dundee Wanderers and the score was 15-1.

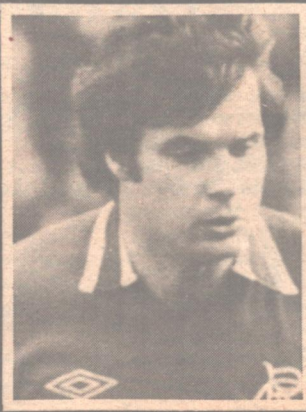
● Of every Scottish team Rangers have played in the league this season, their lowest goal tallies have been against Airdrie and Aberdeen, netting only twice in three matches against each team.

The scorers against Airdrie were John MacDonald and Ally Dawson.

● In last season's First Division, Airdrie won promotion after coming second to Hearts. However, Airdrie were the team which had the highest number of wins (home and away) last season, being victorious in 21 out of 39 matches played. Airdrie also had a very good away record. They, along with Hearts and Raith Rovers, lost only five away games.

Day Rangers hit three . . . and lost!

● Before last season, the last Rangers player to score a league goal against Airdrie was Derek Johnstone back in December 1974. Unfortunately, Rangers were beaten 4-3 with Sandy Jardine netting Rangers' first two goals, one from the penalty spot. Airdrie's scorers were Jonquin, Lapsley, Wilson and Walker, the latter being the only player still at Broomfield.



● DEREK JOHNSTONE

● Another record credited to the Broomfield side is also connected with penalty kicks. It is reckoned Airdrie were the first club to have conceded a penalty kick when they played Royal Albert on June 6, 1891.

● Airdrie were formed in the year 1878 when their original name was Excelsior FC. Three years later they changed that to Airdrieonians and in 1982 moved to the present site of Broomfield Park.

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I'LL TAKE THAT ONE, THANKS!

**'A deflection
... but it was
my header'**

IT'S a question which has been asked time and time again in sports quizzes all over the country ... who scored the goal?

And that's exactly how everyone reacted after Rangers went 2-0 up in the Cup replay against St. Johnstone at Ibrox last week.

Everyone will recall how Ally Dawson's free kick went deep into the visitor's penalty area towards the lurking Colin McAdam and the big striker went for the ball with St. Johnstone defender Caldwell.

What happened next depends on what angle you saw the action from, but the ball ended up in the net for Rangers' second goal.

But Colin McAdam has no doubts about who should be credited with the goal and he should know ... after all he was there.

"I'm claiming that one," declares the striker, "because I got the header in and, although the ball took a deflection off a defender, it was my header which caused all the trouble."

"I tried to head the ball down when I made contact with Ally Dawson's free kick but it struck Caldwell's shoulder and looped over the 'keeper who was preparing to get down to the ball."

"I suppose you could say it was lucky but, let's be honest, you need a bit of luck in this game."

The three goals which Colin netted in the cup tie against the Saints marked his return to the first team after a spell out of things and, here's hoping, that Colin's trio against the Perth men are the start of another Super-Mac goal-rush.

With 21 goals to his credit, Colin's goal-grabbing antics have been possibly the high point of this season for Rangers' fans and the relish with which the big man claimed the 'doubtful goal' last Wednesday indicates that he has enjoyed scoring them.



● COLIN McADAM



● JIM McINTYRE

glad those days are over.

"Now all I want to do is establish myself with the reserves and all being well, go on to challenge for a first team place."

"But I suppose that won't happen overnight so I'll just have to go on working hard at my game and just hope that the break will come."

Not having got among the honours in the junior game, Jim's eyes are now firmly set on the Second Eleven Cup and with the draw for the Third Round due to be made shortly, the Light Blues are hopeful of landing the silverware which last made Ibrox its home at Ibrox in 1979.

The Ayrshire starlet has been played in the full-back role in his eight second team appearances this season but, having played in midfield for his junior side, Jim is obviously versatile and that should be an asset to his bid for stardom with Rangers.

The moment Jim's waited for . . .

EIGHTEEN-year-old Jim McIntyre has plenty to shout about these days because, after being farmed out to Ayrshire junior club Irvine Meadow, Jim has been called up as a full time professional and should appear more regularly in the reserve team between now and the season's end.

The youngster from Auchinleck had hoped to help the Irvine club win the Scottish Junior Cup this year, but the Meadow's cup aspirations took a dive when they were beaten by Lugar Boswell.

However, Rangers delayed Jim's call up to enable him to play in a vital cup tie for his junior side last week.

Irvine Meadow met Craigmark at Rugby Park in the final of the Jackie Scarlett Cup, an Ayrshire League competition but, sadly, Jim's farewell to junior football was not a happy occasion, his side going down by a 2-1 margin.

But rather than looking back, the young Ranger is looking forward to the football ahead of him.

"It was always my ambition to be called up to play regularly for Rangers," says Jim, "and I'm delighted that, at last, it's happened."

"It was hard training with the boys all week then, when match day came along, I was playing with Irvine Meadow while they were playing at senior level so I'm

QUIZ ANSWERS

1—Aston Villa. 2—Dave Sneddon. 3—Dunfermline. 4—Scotland won 9-0 at Hampden in 1878. 5—They've played 98. Scotland have won 38, England have won 38 and they have drawn 22. 6—1968. 7—Rangers. 8—Davie Cooper. 9—Stewart Kennedy for Forfar in the League Cup in September. 10—118,567 against Celtic.

Hectic for London fans

MANY FANS travelling to Muirton Park ten days ago for the Scottish Cup tie between Rangers and St. Johnstone may have believed they'd had a bit of a trek, but spare a thought for the poor London Branch of the Rangers Supporters' Association.

Their travelling distance clocked in at just under 1000 miles!

And, what's more, they had to leave directly after the game in order to get

to London for a league game against the local Celtic Supporters Club the following day!

It all turned out right in the end . . . just.

The London Branch were 2-1 down to the Celtic Supporters Club with just three minutes remaining but managed to eventually win the match 3-2.

You could say they went one better than their heroes the previous day!

TENNENT'S



LAGER

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to date

SUNDAY

Walker McColl is released from a Greenock Hospital after being detained overnight for concussion. McColl had to have four stitches inserted behind his ear. Frank McGarvey of Celtic also spent Saturday night in hospital suffering from the same complaint.

Willie Harkness the President of the SFA demands an inquiry into alleged "bargain" transfer deals involving Scottish players after a disclosure by Jim Clunie that he was offered the services of Partick Thistle's Brian Whittaker, at a reduced rate from a German agent. Clunie was still boss of St. Mirren at the time.

RESULT — Friendly: St. Mirren 2, Arsenal 3.

MONDAY

RESULTS — Reserve Leagues: Queens Park 0, Kilmarnock 3; Arbroath 3, East Stirling 1; Cowdenbeath 0, Raith Rovers 2; St. Mirren 2, Hamilton Accies 3.

TUESDAY

As a reward for retaining the League Cup, winning through to the Quarter-Finals of the Scottish Cup and pulling themselves into fourth position in the Premier League, Jim McLean took his Dundee United players on a trip to watch the FA Cup replay between Everton and Southampton in Liverpool.

RESULTS — Scottish Cup, fourth round replay: Clydebank 1, Kilmarnock 1 (after extra time). Friendly: Albion Rovers 0, Celtic 2.

WEDNESDAY

Hibs Chairman, Tom Hart, is to complain to the Scottish Minister for Responsibility of Sport, Alex Fletcher, about the rising costs of policing Stadiums. These increases range from 11 per cent to 27 per cent, and Mr Hart believes these charges may soon bankrupt the game.

THURSDAY

Hearts manager, Bobby Moncur, puts seven of his playing staff up for sale. They are Jim Denny, Alfie Conn, Derek O'Connor, Bobby Robinson, Archie White, Crawford Blyd and Bob Masterton.

Airdrie sign Dundee United goalkeeper, John Gardiner, on loan until the end of the season.

FRIDAY

Airdrie sign another player, this time from the English Third Division side Sheffield United. The player is John Flood, a striker, who was born in Glasgow.

Hamilton Accies sign former Rangers' player and Berwick Rangers manager Davie Smith.