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Colin McAdam was the lucky recipient of the First Antrim R.S.C.'s 'Player of the Year' award when the Ulster fans called in at the Stadium on Saturday. Our picture shows Joe MacLean, Davie McAfee, Steven Chestnutt, Colin McAdam, Adrian Clarke and Brian Henderson.

WHY WE'RE AGAINST A WINTER SHUTDOWN

"It's no help to 'Europe' clubs" — Boss Greig

RANGERS manager John Greig was among the 37,000 spectators at last week's European Cup quarter-final match between Liverpool and C.S.K.A. Sofia and the Ibrox boss left the Anfield ground absolutely convinced that it would be wrong for Scottish football to have a winter shutdown.

His opinion was re-inforced by the display of Liverpool's Bulgarian opponents, who had to go into the match without the thorough preparation they would have liked for such an important occasion.

"Sofia had only managed to get two games under their bells before playing Liverpool," says manager Greig, "and frankly, it showed.

"C.S.K.A. were a good side, but they tired in the late stages and that's when Liverpool scored two of their five goals.

"Now, contrast that with the display of Red Star Belgrade. They also suffered a winter shutdown, but went out of their way to fix up six friendly games as part of their preparations for Europe. They got their reward by gaining a 1-1 draw away from home against Inter Milan in the same competition.



● JOHN GREIG

"I believe that all the clubs in Scotland who have their sights set on Europe — and that should include every team in the Premier League — would be hindered in the same way C.S.K.A. Sofia were if there was a shutdown here.

For years now there have been calls for a closedown in Scotland, but the weather can change for the worse at any time — as it did last weekend! — and postponements after a winter shutdown would cause more problems than they would solve.

Problems for winter matches, however, will soon be a thing of the past for Rangers because at the end of this month the Club will make the first move in installing their undersoil heating.

New boilers will be installed under the Main Stand and this will provide the hot water for the pipes which will be laid below the Ibrox playing surface in the close season.

The new system is the same as that currently used by Liverpool at Anfield and work on preparing the pitch for the new piping will begin immediately after Rangers' last home match of the season.

Using a special machine, incisions will be made across the pitch at six-inch intervals and the new pipes will be laid at a depth of nine inches. When the job is completed ten days later, there will be more than 23 miles of piping under the pitch and that means the playing surface will be protected from frost and snow in the future.

Hearts tickets

There are still a limited amount of stand tickets available for this Saturday's match against Hearts, priced £2. Fans can obtain these from the Ticket Office, which is open from 9.30-3.30, Monday to Friday. Admittance to all other parts of Tynecastle is by cash at the turnstiles.

Football special

BRITISH Rail have organised a football special for this Saturday's match against Hearts at Tynecastle. The train will leave Queen Street Station at 12.10 p.m., arriving in Haymarket at 13.03 and Edinburgh Waverley at 13.08.

The train for the return journey leaves Edinburgh at 17.07, Haymarket at 17.12 and arrives back at Queen Street Station at 18.08.

The cost of a return ticket to Edinburgh will be £3.30.



Former Secretary of State for Scotalnd Bruce Millan hands over a cheque for £96,000 to Rangers Chairman Rae Simpson on behalf of the Football Grounds Improvement Trust.



IT'S A HECTIC START FOR COLTS IN CROIX

MARK DOWN JUNE 6 in your diary as a very busy one for Rangers because, on that date, the Light Blues' will play both their sectional ties in the Croix Festival Youth Tournament, the news being revealed to the Club when the competition fixture list arrived at the Stadium last week.



The young Rangers will meet League of Lorraine at 9.50 a.m. then face Leeds United at 3.50 p.m., so the Ibrox babes will know their fate in the first day of the competition.

Should they win their group, and Rangers are quietly confident that they will, the youngsters will play in the semi-finals the following day and, hopefully, the final on June 8.

Chief Scout Davie Provan is looking forward to the tourney and his only reservation about the fixtures concerns section rivals Leeds United.

"With us playing League of Lorraine in the morning, it gives Leeds United the chance to see us in action before we meet," says Davie, "whereas, their game against us is their first fixture so we won't see them until we're actually on the park with them.

"But I've every confidence in our ability to do well out there regardless of who we meet and when we meet them."

There is a lot of prestige at stake in this year's Croix tourney because the competing side are all previous winners of the competition so it would be nice to see Davie's confidence proved to be justified by the Ibrox babes bringing the trophy home.

The talents of Rangers' DAVIE COOPER have never been in doubt but on Sunday the Ibrox winger will be showing off his skills, not on a football pitch but on a squash court as he takes part in a charity match at Hamilton Ice Rink.

Davie, Partick Thistle and Scotland 'keeper ALAN ROUGH, Celtic's DANNY McGRAIN and Radio Clyde DJ's RICHARD PARK and DOUGIE DONNELLY will be matching themselves against five members of the Scottish women's international squash team and the proceeds of 'the big match' will be donated to the Strathclyde Scanner Campaign.

"I play quite a bit of squash in my spare time," says Davie, "so I'm quietly confident of doing all right on Sunday. I just hope my team-mates feel the same."

During their short stay at Largs last week, Rangers were treated to 102 goals of the highest quality but before you picture big PETER McCLOY straining his back persistently picking balls out of a net, it was all on film, the Light Blues watching the video recordings of the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

Fans wishing information on tickets or the effect the weather has had on the condition of the pitch can now obtain it day or night. For Rangers have installed a 24 hours answering service at Ibrox.

Supporters should telephone 041-427-1117.

Any supporters or associations wishing to organise a dance or sell lottery tickets in aid of COLIN JACKSON's testimonial should call GEORGE BATES, the funds chief organiser on 041-552-4338, during office hours.

George will be more than willing to give advice on arranging any function.

Rangers were scheduled to take part in a five-a-side in the Kelvin Hall last night (Tuesday) along with three other Premier League sides — Celtic, Partick Thistle and St Mirren.

Full details next week.

Missing from Saturday's match against Hibs was DEREK JOHNSTONE. The Ibrox skipper had still not recovered from the knee injury he received in the game against Celtic at Parkhead a few weeks ago.

Rangers reserves will begin their League Cup campaign this Saturday with a home match against Partick Thistle.

And the Colts will be in action again next midweek because they will meet Kilmarnock in the Second Eleven Cup at Rugby Park. Kick-off against the Ayrshire side is 7.30 p.m.

The full Second Eleven Cup quarter-final draw was made last week and the other ties are: Hearts v Morton (scheduled to be played last night), Cowdenbeath v Dundee United and Queen's Park v Dumbarton.

In the semi-finals Kilmarnock or Rangers will play Hearts or Morton with the other survivors meeting in the second semi-final.

Rangers have already knocked out Stirling Albion and Airdrie in this season's tournament.



● The happy smiles on the faces of those in this group tell the story of the great time everyone had at the Partick Loyal's Annual Dinner/Dance at the Kelvin Suite recently.



● Partick Loyal R.S.C.'s Chairman Hugh Harper, presents 'Oscar' winner DAVIE COOPER with an onyx set as Coop's team-mates GREGOR STEVENS, BOBBY RUSSELL, JOHN MACDONALD, IAIN STIRTON, GRAHAM WATSON and ALEX MILLER look on.

THE PARTICK LOYAL R.S.C. recenty held their Annual Dinner/Dance and, as usual, there was a substantial deputation from the Ibrox playing staff at the function which was held at the Kelvin Suite of the Kelvin Hall.

DAVIE COOPER won the Partick fans' 'Oscar' and he received an onyx set consisting of a try, cigarette box, lighter and ash-tray while JOHN McDONALD won the Young Player of the Year statuette.

As our pictures show, it was a most enjoyable evening for everyone present and the Partick Loyal extend their thanks to all the players who appeared, making the function one to remember.

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WE'LL BE WISER THE NEXT TIME AROUND

— says Coach Stan Anderson

IF SATURDAY'S Reserve League match between Rangers and Motherwell at Fir Park had beaten the weather it would have marked the end of the Ibrox Colts' league campaign and that prompted us to ask Second Team Coach Stan Anderson to look back over the term, weighing the 'plus' and 'minus' aspects of the season.

And, while disappointed at finishing in second place behind Celtic, Stan believes that the youngsters at his disposal have done enough to indicate that the foundations have been laid for a successful future for the Club.

"The team and it's a very young one, certainly hasn't disgraced anyone," said Stan, "and if one or two breaks had gone our way in the games against Celtic we may well have topped the table.

"Our inexperience showed in those games and we missed chances at a vital stage in both matches, letting Celtic off the hook and they punished us for that.

"But next term the lads will be a year wiser in their approach and we'll be looking to them to make that count."

The youth of the Rangers second team made them, quite possibly, the youngest team in the league but, being a great believer in the 'if you're good enough, you're old enough' adage, Stan refuses to use that as an excuse for not winning the title.

He would much rather look on the positive side and he points to the inclusion of Gordon Dalziel, Billy Mackay and Dougie Robertson in the first team on certain occasions as the proof that things are moving along the right road.

"Winning is important, but basically the purpose of the reserve side is to produce players for the first team and the players who have had a game or two in the first team this season haven't let anyone down, says Stan.

"The likes of Gordon Dalziel and Dougie Robertson have shown that they are capable of pushing for a place in the top team and it's just a pity that both players sustained injuries at bad times.

"But those boys have what it takes to come back stronger than ever and I'm sure both of them will be playing a big part in the first team's plans fairly soon."

While praising the young players on the staff, Stan is full of admiration for the experienced players who have stepped down to reserve team level but who have continued to give their all for the Club and have been only too happy to help the youngsters.

"Players like Alex Forsyth and Tommy McLean have been great this season," declares the Second Team Coach," and I'm sure all the young lads will tell you how big an influence Alex and Tommy have been.

"Young players, through enthusiasm, can often get themselves into difficult situations and it's in such cases that the 'old hands' are worth their weight in gold."

One factor which has stood out head and shoulders above every other this season has been the goalscoring form of the young Rangers and when all's said and done, goals are the name of the game.

Gordon Dalziel, Dougie Robertson and Iain Stirton have all embarked upon scoring sprees at some point in the season, much to the delight of Stan, but at the other end, silly goals have been conceded and the Coach intends to sort out the problems in that respect.

"Too often we've been losing goals through nobody's fault but our own, giving the ball away in dangerous situations or being caught out through pushing forward too far.

"We'll be working on that point in the weeks and months ahead and hopefully the problems won't occur the way they have done this season.

"Another factor which may have detracted from the way our defence has played, is the way we've alternated between George Young and Gordon Marshall in goal, so the defenders haven't struck up a regular partnership with one goalkeeper in particular.

"But it's been good experience for Gordon and I'm sure he'll be a better goalkeeper because of it."

The abundance of first season professionals like Marshall in the Ibrox second team this term have given the youngsters a great opportunity to learn and that should stand both the players and the Club in good stead for the years ahead.

"We've now got the basis of a fine up and coming team," believes Stan, "so now we've got to build on that and I'll be looking to several players to improve through the experience they've gained this season.

"They are the ones who'll form the backbone of the future Rangers teams and if they fulfil the promise they've shown this season, their future in the game will be assured."



● BILLY MACKAY

'These boys have what it takes'



● ALEX FORSYTH

LIGHT BLUES HAVE A "BALL"

THE 33rd Rangers Supporters Association Rally recently took place at the Kelvin Hall and, as usual, a grand time was had by everyone.

The show kicked off with the Currie Brothers, whose traditional music was very entertaining. Then Christian took the stage and he was absolutely superb.

Christian's performance was so good that the audience even forgave him for being a director of Motherwell!

Then we had the very desirable Lesley Arden, followed by the country and western band Legend and the applause which followed both acts told the story of a most successful evening.

Of course, no Rangers' Rally would be complete without "Follow, Follow" and compare Andy Cameron duly obliged, enticing the Ibrox playing staff on to the stage to give him a hand. Predictably, the hall erupted.

And as the players sang on stage it was noticable that Peter McCloy, guest speaker for the evening, kept well away from his team-mates, having replied to the comments they had made in the Rally programme.

Stick was flying about in all directions and every player who criticised the big goalkeeper in the programme was given ample opportunity to sample a taste of their own medicine.

And the audience loved it.

POOL GUIDE

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Each receives £666.66.
Winning combinations: 04, 05, 20 with any one from 10, 30 and any one from 14 and 15.

FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results. Game — 01—6-1; 02—3-1; 03—3-1; 04—3-0; 05—3-0; 06—1-1; 07—2-1; 08—1-1; 09—4-1; 10—2-0; 11—2-1; 12—1-1; 13—1-1; 14—1-0; 15—1-0; 16—0-2; 17—0-2; 18—0-0; 19—0-0; 20—3-0; 21—1-2; 22—2-1; 23—1-1; 24—0-0; 25—0-0; 26—2-2; 27—3-1; 28—0-1; 29—0-1; 30—2-0; 31—3-1; 32—4-2; 33—4-2; 34—1-1; 35—1-1; 36—0-1; 37—0-1; 38—2-1; 39—2-1; 40—0-1; 41—2-1; 42—2-1; 43—1-1.

FOLLOWING is official list of teams for Saturday, March 14 — 01 Ipswich, 02 Newcastle, 03 Oldham, 04 Rotherham, 3 Sheff. Utd., 06 Morton, 07 Partick Thistle, 08 Berwick, 09 Nottingham Forest, 10 Orient.

11 Swindon, 12 Walsall, 13 Dundee, 14 Dumfermline A., 15 Falkirk, 16 Stoke, 17 Blackburn, 18 Barnsley, 19 Blackpool, 20 Hibs.

21 Motherwell, 22 Stirling Alb., 23 Wolves, 24 Bolton, 25 Brentford, 26 Albion R., 27 Alloa, 28 Arbroath, 29 Bristol Rovers., 30 Huddersfield.

31 Hull, 32 Brechin, 33 East Fife, 34 Queen's Park, 35 Derby, 36 Grimsby, 37 Portsmouth, 38 Stranraer, 39 Celtic, 40 Luton.

41 Reading, 42 Hearts, 43 Kilmarnock.



The page for Young Rangers members

BE A YANKEE DOODLE DANDY!

—WIN THE NEW YORK COSMOS OUTFIT



IN THIS WEEK'S Young Rangers Club competition, we are giving one lucky club member the chance to win a slice of America . . . in the shape of a great, New York Cosmos strip!

That's right! Just think of some of the players who have appeared in those colours. Franz Beckenbauer and Pele, to name two from a glittering array of talent.

If you fancy yourself in their class, then this is the competition to enter. Who knows, some of their skills may rub off on you when you are wearing the strip!

Whatever way you look at it, it is a great prize for any young fan. Here is what you have to do in order to have a chance of winning.

From the photograph on the left, you can see Derek Johnstone scoring Rangers fifth goal in their 5-3 victory over Hearts back in December 1978, in the Premier League.

Kenny Watson scored Rangers third goal that night, but what we want you to tell us is who scored the Light Blues' other three goals.

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

The closing date for this competition is March 20, and the first all correct entry pulled from our competition drum on that date will win this great prize.

Please remember to include your FULL name, address, Young Rangers Club number AND the size of strip you would require if you won the competition.

Also, try and write as carefully as possible.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

Hugh's prize will 'suit' him to a 'T'

Lucky John Munro, of Benromach Distillery, Moray, he entered our recent competition when we offered two Main Stand tickets for Saturday's Scottish Cup tie with Hibs, and his correct answer enabled him to be drawn first from the competition drum, so giving him an excellent view of the cup action.

The answers were: 1. Alex O'Hara, 2. Bohemians, 3. October.

The 'News' also featured another competition in that issue, the winner gaining himself a cracking Rangers tracksuit. The correct answer was Nairn County and the final score 3-2 to the Light Blues!

The winner of the tracksuit is Hugh Scott, 40 Barbieston Road, Auchinleck, Ayrshire. Would Hugh please contact the 'News' offices as soon as possible giving details of the size of tracksuit he requires.

PEN PALS

WANTED: Male or female pen-pal who lives in Glasgow and supports Rangers. Please write to Alan John, 14 May Close, Holbury, North Soton, Hants.

WANTED: Male or femal pen-pal aged between 16-18. My hobbies are watching and playing football, going to discos and listening to pop records. Contact Gordon Smith, 32 Ravenswood Drive, Glenrothes, Fife.

Programmes

WANTED: Falkirk v Rangers programme (71-72 Scottish Cup), St. Johnstone v Rangers (76-77 League Cup), St. Johnstone v Rangers (77-78 League Cup), and also Aberdeen v Rangers (77-78 League Cup). Contact: Daniel Davidson, 4 Rampart Avenue, Glasgow, G13.

FOR SALE: Personal collection of Rangers programmes, including 1961 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final v Fiorentina, 1969 v Spurs in Toronto, 1948 Scottish Cup Final replay, 1974 Juan Gamper Tournament in Barcelona. Write to: John Jefferson, 1 Sheshader Point, Isle of Lewis, PA 86.

QUICK QUIZ

Who played at Roman Park?

1. What was the first country Scotland met at full International level outwith the other three home British sides?
2. Which First Division Scottish club formerly played at Roman Park and Dalziel Park?
3. Young John MacDonald was Rangers top goalscorer in last season's Scottish Cup competition, who was the Club's top marksman in the Bell's League Cup?
4. Who was the English League Division One's top goalscorer in season 1978-79?
5. Unscramble the following letters to give the name of a famous Yugoslavian team: E D R R A S T G E L B A R D E.
6. Against which side did young Ibrox starlet, Gordon Dalziel make his only appearance for the Rangers first team side this season?
7. In that famous European Cup Final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt held in Glasgow in 1960, who scored Real Madrid's goals in their 7-3 win?
8. By what other name is the Henri Delaunay Cup known as?
9. Which English Second Division club play at Vetch Field?
10. With which Italian club do you associate Paoli Rossi?



● JOHN MacDonald . . . see question three.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CLUB MEMBERS . . .

● The following Young Rangers Club members will be celebrating a birthday in the coming week.

TODAY (11th MARCH)

IAN MENZIES, 112 Main Street, Gauldhouse, West Lothian, who is eight.
WAYNE REID, 13a Alesund Place, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, who is ten.
CLIVE BURGESS, Uphouse Hillwell, Quendale, Shetland, who is 14.
CLAIRE DUNCAN, 193 Bowes Road, New Southgate, London, who is five.
JOHN TRAN, 5 Acre Drive, Flat 42 Maryhill, Glasgow, who is 11.
NEIL MOFFAT, 28 Rosebank Crescent, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, who is 15.
STUART McPHERSON, 31 Mackenzie Place, Maryburgh, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire, who is eleven.
DAVID MURRAY, 6 Glebefield Terrace, Peterhead, Aberdeen, who is 17.
STEWART FERGUSSON, Flat 145 Cedar Street, Glasgow, who is 16.
BILLY MUSHET, 16 Hill Street, Burnbank, Hamilton, who is three.
COLIN BALD, 2 Glebe Crescent, Athelstandford, North Berwick, who is 11.
DAVID BABONDU, 78 Wyatts Lane, (Cowes) Northwood, Isle of Wight, who is 12.

THURSDAY

ALISTAIR McGILL, 126 Lethanhill Road, Riddrie, Glasgow, who is 12.
GRAHAM ALLAN, 6 Jacobs Drive, Gourock, Renfrewshire, who is 15.
ANDREW CROMBIE, 134 Thorndean Avenue, Belshill, Lanarkshire, who is 16.
JOHN BARCLAY, 16 Queenslie Street, Glasgow, who is 16.
KEVIN PAYNE, 18 Westerlea, Leslie, Fife, who is 13.
JOSEPH BROWN, 4 Lyn Lea Avenue, Haddington, who is 12.
DONALD MACKAY, 29 Torlundy Road, Caol, who is nine.
COLIN NIMMO, 11 Wheatley Crescent, Kilsyth, who is ten.
DOUGLAS FISHER, 10 Alexandria Drive, Boghall, Bathgate, who is 13.
ELIZABETH SMITH, 81 Leven Walk, Craigshill, Livingston, who is 17.

FRIDAY

SPENCER SINGER, 99 Castleview, Dundonald, who is 13.
DOUGLAS SLIMON, 20 Harmony Place, Govan, Glasgow, who is 14.
BRIAN McNEILLIE, 17 Craig View, Coylton, Ayrshire, who is 14.
KEVIN McCULLY, 57 Wilson Street, Motherwell, who is 12.
MARK ASTBURY, 1 Ashburn Green, Belfast, who is nine.
GILLIAN CRAIG, 32 Waddell Court, Glasgow, who is seven.
WILLIAM MARINER, 45 Belmont Road, Whitlawburn, Cumbuslang, Glasgow who is 15.
TERRY VENNARD, 11 Fernwood Park, Glenburn, Muckamore, Co. Antrim, who is 16.
DONNA KERNAGHAN, 31 Longhill Terrace, Rothesay, Bute, who is 11.
MICHAEL McWILLIAMS, 10 East Road, Hopeman, Moray, who is 16.

SATURDAY

ANDREW McLEAN, 61 Glenhead Avenue, Dunmurry, Belfast, who is six.
CHRISTOPHER MELDRUM, 1 Easterhouse Path, Glasgow, who is eight.
BRIAN GEMMELL, 18 Winton Avenue, Eaglesham, who is ten.
ALAN WADDELL, 91 Bantaskine Street, Falkirk, who is 13.
MARTIN FISHER, 9 Neil Avenue, Irvine, who is eight.
LEE MILLIGAN, 74 Inglefield Street, Glasgow, who is ten.
ALAN McMURRAY, 55 Greenburg Road, Scotsbrian, Cumbernauld, who is 17.
GORDON STUART, 280 Kingsbridge Dirve, Bankhead, Ruthergien, who is 15.
PETER ELDER, 2 St. Catherines Road, Giffnock, Glasgow, who is 13.
RICHARD WONNACOTT, 160 West King Street, Helensburgh, who is 17.
CRAIG McNEIL, 27 Elgin Street, Dundee, who is 14.
STEWART CAMPBELL, 5 Glebe Avenue, Bothwell, who is nine.
DAVID MENZIES, 11 Hazel Avenue, Ardrossan, Ayrshire, who is seven.
ALISDAIR MURCHISON, Ambuinside, Harris, who is 12.
SONJA WILSON, 9 Clifton Place, Garthamlock, Glasgow, who is five.

SUNDAY

BRIAN GRAY, 17 Springhill Park, Downpatrick, N. Ireland, who is 17.
BILLY STUBBS, 7 Buchanan Drive, Newton Mearns, who is 14.
ISOBEL JENKINS, 2 Grangeview, Stenhousemuir, Larbert, who is four.
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PATRICK RALLY, 2 Malvern Court, Glasgow, who is 14.
KALVIN REID, 77 Keith Street, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, who is seven.
DON GASTON, 48 Deerfield Drive, Manchester, who is 15.
ROBERT HENSHAW, 13 Legbrannock Crescent, Newarthill, Motherwell, who is eleven.
FREDDIE MAINS, 167 Queensland Drive, Cardonald, Glasgow, who is eleven.
ANDREW CARMICHAEL, 98 Cloglands Forth, Lanark, who is eight.
SIMON FORSYTH, 4 Glensax Avenue, Peebles, Tweedale, who is eight.
GAIL McKINLAY, 71 Braemar Drive, Falkirk, who is 14.
KENNETH BELL, 71 Sandaig Road, Glasgow, who is 14.
PETER ANDERSON, 96a Hawthornhill Road, Castlehill, Dumbarton, who is eight.

TUESDAY

THOMAS NOLAN, 101 Landressy Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, who is ten.
ELSPETH McISAAC, 5 Lyne Croft, Bishopbriggs, who is 13.
GEORGE MARTIN, 35 Down Craig Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is eight.
STEVEN McGRATTAN, 7 Salton Crescent, Whitefield, Dundee, who is 13.
THOMAS NIVEN, 6 Oaklea Saline, Fife, who is 16.
MARC McLEAN, 16 Hill Crescent, Lanarkshire, who is nine.
ISOBEL McFIFE, 41/2 Crown Avenue, Clydebank, who is 14.
BRIAN BROWN, 34 Henderson Drive, Muirkirk who is seven.
ANDEREW STYLES, 17 Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, who is 16.
ELIZABETH MacGREGOR, 2 Willow Drive, March, Cambridgeshire, who is three.

● If you are a member of the Young Rangers Club and have a birthday coming up in the 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 the age you will be on your birthday and send it off to "Birthday Greetings", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR, to arrive at least two weeks in advance of your birthday.

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

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM



— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

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FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE

THERE COMES a time when every successful team has to face up to the fact that they must go through a transitional period, a stretch of time when they have to replace experienced campaigners with younger and fresher men who are waiting on the sidelines for the opportunity to show their talents.

Rangers are going through such a phase and the last decade proves they have not been the only ones to suffer this type of change.

The fabulous Ajax team of the early 70's, the big name Bayern side, both of which won three successive European Cups, have both had to phase out their winning combinations to ensure they could continue to be amongst the great clubs in Europe. And at international level both Holland and West Germany have found out that changes must be made.

Now another European trophy winner and a team with a big reputation in Europe are finding they have to go through the same process.

Eintracht Frankfurt, well remembered for their part in the 1960 European Cup Final at Hampden when they went down 7-3 to Real Madrid, have lost another of their International players and they are going to have to face up to the fact that another three of their current first team men will almost certainly leave the team within the next year or two.

Bernard Holzenbein moved to North American side Fort Lauderdale Strikers recently and this followed the retirement at the end of last year of another World Cup star, Jurgen Grabowski.

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Holzenbein's departure to the American scene will earn him a reputed £125,000 per year and he has been given a two year contract with the club.

The player himself knew he still had something to offer the game and in the view of the new Eintracht coach, Udo Klug, Holzenbein's exit from the West German scene has not only solved a problem for him, but presented him with one too!

"It's always difficult to tell a player, particularly one who has been with the club such a long time, that changes have to be made," explains Klug.

"By leaving of his own free will, Bernard has saved me that problem.

"But I know only too well that he will be a very difficult man to replace.

"The change from generation to generation has come at an unfavourable moment for us. Bernd Nickel, Werner Lovant and Willi Neuberger are all coming to the end of their contracts, too and so many changes at the same time is a lot for any team."

UDO Klug, who took up the job as coach from Dietrich Weise, knew when he took over he would have the problem of restructuring the side.

The West Germans won the UEFA Cup last season, beating holders Borrussia Munchengladbach in the final and Holzenbein scored one of the goals in that triumph. Eintracht, however, lost their grip on the trophy when they were knocked out in the Third Round of this season's competition by Sochaux on the away goals rules. Ironically, Frankfurt had won the final last year by the same ruling.

Frankfurt still have their big names. Bruno Pezzey and Ku Bum Cha, their central defender and striker, will probably become the star attractions in the Eintracht line-up.

IT'S A FACT

***ALTHOUGH** they have to make changes, Eintracht could still win a major trophy this season. They are in the semi-finals of the West German Cup and, having been given a home draw, they have an excellent opportunity of winning the competition.*

They beat Stuttgart 2-1, but the good Cup record of Fortuna Dusseldorf, who have won the tournament for the last two years, has gone.

Fortuna went down 2-1 to Second Division Hertha Berlin and there was an even bigger shock for Hamburg. They were knocked out by Eintracht Braunschweig after extra time in a seven-goal thriller. Braunschweig, who were relegated at the end of last season, won 4-3.

Kaiserslautern knocked out Borussia Munchengladbach in the other quarter-final and they will now meet Braunschweig at home in the other semi-final.

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● Kees Rijvers, ex-boss of PSV Eindhoven, is the new manager of the Dutch international side.

● Liverpool will meet West Ham United in the English League Cup final at Wembley this Saturday. Four days later the Anfield club will play the second leg of their European Cup quarter-final match against CSKA Sofia. They lead 5-1 from the first leg.

● *Malcolm Allison has left his position as adviser to non-league club Yeovil. He was there five weeks and in that time the club never won a match.*

● **Bruce Rioch, former Scottish international, has agreed to join American side Settle Sounders for three years.**

● Swiss international manager Leon Walker has resigned.

● ***Quote from Jupp Derwall after the recent Cope De Oro tournament . . . "We will have to revise some of our tactics."***

All the Euro results . . .

● Here are last week's European results.

European Cup, Quarter-final, First leg: Liverpool 5, CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 1; Bayern Munich (West Germany) 2, Barik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 0; Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 0, Real Madrid (Spain) 0; Inter Milan (Italy) 1, Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1.

Europen Cup Winners Cup: West Ham United 1, Dinamo Tbilisi (USSR) 4; Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 2, Newport County 2; Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 2, Benfica (Portugal) 2; Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria 3, Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 2.

UEFA Cup: St Etienne (France) 1, Ipswich Town 4; Zurich Grasshoppers (Switzerland) 0, Sochaux (France) 0; Standard Liege (Belgium) 0, Cologne (West Germany) 0; AZ 67 ALkmaar (Netherlands) 2, Lokeren (Belgium) 0.

. . . and at the weekend

DUTCH: Sparta Rotterdam 2, FC Utrecht 3; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 4, Willem II Tilberg 2; Roda Kerkrade 2, Feyenoord 2; Wageningen 0, Twente Enschede 1; NAC Breda 4, MVV Maastricht 0; PSV Eindhoven 3, Ajax 1; Excelsior Rotterdam 2, NEC Nijmegen 0; Groningen 4 PEC Zwolle 2; The Hague 0, AZ'67 Alkmaar 4.

ITALIAN: Avellino 2, Perugal; Cagliari 1, Torino 1; Catanzaro 0, Brescia 0: Inter 1, Fiorentina 2: Juventus 3, Ascoli 0; Pistoiese 0, Bologna 2; Roma 1, Napoli 1; Udinese 2, Como 0.

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



● **The famous duo of Jurgen Grabowski and Bernard Holzenbein, seen here with the last trophy Eintracht Frankfurt won — the UEFA cup.**



● **Bruno Pezzey, also seen with the UEFA Cup after last season's triumph, could be top of the popularity stakes now Holzenbein has left.**

An old Rangers friend' snatches Frankfurt striker

A MAN who was involved with Rangers on three occasions was instrumental in signing Bernard Holzenbein for Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Eckhard Krautzen, the former coach of Munich 1860, contacted Holzenbein by telephone after the player had helped Frankfurt to a 5-0 win over Schalke 04.

Holzenbein took great interest and indicated he was willing to go to America and, after asking his club for special leave, was on a plane over the Atlantic three hours later.

Krautzen was the interpreter for former Rangers manager Jock Wallace when Jock attended a coaching school at Bayreuth, in West Germany, just after Rangers had won the Cup-Winners' Cup nine years go.

In 1976 Krautzen visited Ibrox to study Rangers training methods and the same year was in charge of the Vancouver Whitecaps team which drew 2-2 with Rangers on the club's North American tour.

Holzenbein, who was 35 on Monday, actually turned down a £125,000 offer from Saudi Arabia a few years back so he could continue to play at the top in the Bundesliga, but he has now succumbed to the temptation of the dollar and will earn a similar sum with the Strikers, where he will team up with former international colleague Gerd Muller.

WANTED: Any metal badges of Rangers. Will exchange or pay asking price. Also Playing for Rangers annuals numbers 1 to 11, will exchange for Liverpool or Everton books. Please contact J. K. Walsh, 6a, 57 Oswald Street, Liverpool.

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IT'S DEAD



Colin McAdam, hidden by Hibs' Paterson and McArthur cutely heads a Willie Johnston cross into the net for Ranger's second goal.



Goal number three — and wasn't it a beauty! John MacDonald dives to head a Colin McAdam cross home as three Hibs' men look on helpless.



Colin McAdam again . . . and once more the big striker sends in a header only to see McArthur come to Hib's rescue.



Nice one John! Colin McAdam congratulates John MacDonald after the youngester had h home the Light Blue's third goal.



MacDonald gets in his shot despite defender McLaren's attempt to block. Jim Bett l on.

WEEKEND RESULTS

SCOTTISH CUP FIFTH ROUND

Dundee Utd....6	Motherwell 1
Rangers.....3	Hibernian 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen 4	Hearts 1
Airdrie.....2	Partick Th. 0
St Mirren 1	Kilmarnock....1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Ayr Utd 2	Dunfermline ..1
Hamilton.....0	Raith Rov. 2
St Johnstone...2	Falkirk 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION II

Arbroath.....0	Brechin C 0
Clyde 3	Forfar A 1
Q.O.S. 2	East Fife 1
Stranraer 1	Queens P 1

Premier Division

	P	Home W	D	L	Away W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pt
Celtic	26	9	1	3	10	1	2	57	28	40
Aberdeen	27	8	3	2	7	5	2	50	20	38
Rangers	25	7	3	1	4	7	3	43	21	32
D'dee U.	26	6	4	3	6	4	3	45	29	32
St Mirren	27	5	6	3	6	2	5	40	33	30
Partick T	27	5	5	4	3	4	6	21	30	25
Morton	27	5	2	7	3	5	5	27	42	23
Airdrie	27	4	5	4	2	4	8	25	40	21
Hearts	26	1	4	9	2	2	8	21	47	12
Kilm'ck	26	1	4	8	1	3	9	17	56	11

First Division

	P	Home W	D	L	Away W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pt
Hibernian	31	11	3	1	8	4	4	53	20	45
Raith R	29	11	4	1	7	3	3	43	18	43
Ayr Utd	32	10	5	1	5	4	7	52	35	39
St Jnstne	31	8	3	5	6	7	2	45	34	38
Motherwll	28	11	4	1	1	4	7	50	45	32
Dundee	27	8	3	2	4	3	7	42	33	30
Hamilton	31	8	4	4	4	2	9	48	45	30
Falkirk	31	6	3	5	5	3	9	33	43	28
Dumb'ton	29	6	4	5	3	4	7	37	38	26
E Stirling	27	3	6	3	2	6	7	32	39	22
Cl'bank	27	5	4	4	2	4	6	36	47	22
Dunf'line	29	4	1	9	4	3	8	33	45	20
Stirling A	28	4	4	5	2	3	10	18	38	19
Berwick	30	4	5	7	0	3	11	24	66	16

Second Division

	P	Home W	D	L	Away W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pt
Alloa Ath	30	10	3	3	4	7	3	52	34	38
Queens P	31	7	6	2	4	9	3	49	35	37
QOS	29	6	7	3	6	5	2	45	41	36
Brechin C	29	6	6	2	4	6	5	36	36	32
Arbroath	30	2	7	6	3	3	4	49	45	30
Stenhsmr	28	4	5	5	6	3	5	51	42	28
Clyde	28	7	4	3	3	4	7	44	48	28
M'trose	26	5	2	4	7	1	7	48	35	27
Cowdnbth	23	6	3	2	4	4	4	35	28	27
Forfar A	27	5	3	5	5	4	5	43	46	27
Albion R	29	6	3	6	3	5	6	47	56	26
East Fife	29	4	7	3	2	5	8	32	40	24
M'wbank	29	4	2	10	3	3	7	31	52	19
Stranraer	28	3	3	8	3	2	9	24	53	17

LY COLIN!

IT'S almost a year since Berti Auld resigned from the Colin McAdam Fan Club and the wee guy with the cigar has more than a few reasons for disliking Colin after Saturday because the big Ibrox striker played a very significant role in Hibs' downfall.

Colin found himself very tightly marked by centre half Craig Paterson and, to the young defender's credit, he handled the big Ranger very well but McAdam proved his value to the Ibrox side by scoring one, and laying on another of Rangers' three goals.

Match slant

The Light Blues started as if they were likely to wipe Hibs off the face of the earth, but superlative goalkeeping from Jim McArthur kept the Edinburgh side on level terms until midway through the first half.

Then Bobby Russell picked up the ball on the edge of the penalty area and shuffled along the edge of the box before unleashing a shot which was never more than an inch off the ground as it flew into the corner of the net.

Shortly afterwards Colin McAdam beat 'keeper McArthur to a Willie Johnston cross to beautifully back-head the ball into the net. The Ibrox top scorer showed that he is never more dangerous than when defenders believe that they've got him in their pocket.

To Hibs' credit they came back and scored a fine goal through Jackie McNamara but, six minutes after the interval McAdam struck again to end the Easter Road Men's cup aspirations.

The ball appeared to be running out of play when the big striker chased it to the line and cut it back to the swallow-diving John MacDonald, whose header ended the game as a serious contest.

The match died in the late stages but, on such heavy going, that was inevitable and questions must be asked of certain so-called supporters who jeered the players' efforts in those dying minutes.

John Greig's side had shown they have the finest midfield trio in the country — Jim Bett, Ian Redford and Bobby Russell giving magnificent performances — and in such difficult playing conditions that says much for the talent of the Ibrox men.

Of course, Rangers could have scored more goals, and wouldn't we all have been more pleased if they had done, but the No.1 priority on Saturday afternoon was to qualify for the Scottish Cup semi-finals, Rangers did that, very comfortably.



A groundsman's nightmare . . . the turf flies as John MacDonald and Hibs' Jim Brown clash in this second half incident.



A John MacDonald glancing header forces McArthur to make yet another superb save as Rangers surge forward early in the game.



Colin McAdam and Craig Paterson fought out an interesting duel on Saturday and in this shot the big Ranger gets in a header which was saved.

Factfile

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
Scottish Cup,
Fifth Round

RANGERS 3,
HIBERNIAN 1

Scorers. — Rangers: Russell (25 minutes), McAdam (31), MacDonald (51).

Hibs: McNamara (33 mins.).

RANGERS: McCloy, Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, Bett, W. Johnston, Russell, McAdam, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: Cooper (for W. Johnston), Mackay (not used).

HIBERNIAN: McArthur, J. Brown, Sneddon, McLaren, Paterson, McNamara, Hamil, Jamieson, Rae, Duncan, Connolly. Subs: J. K. Brown (for Hamill), Rodier (for Jamieson).

Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee).

Booked: Bett (Rangers), McLaren, J. K. Brown (Hibs).

Attendance: 27,000.



Hibs 'keeper McArthur had to be in fine form in the early stages and here we see Ian Redford firing in a shot which was tipped round the post.

YOU ASKED FOR IT

What was Tommy's Ibrox record?

I WOULD LIKE to know who was the last Rangers player to score a goal for Scotland? Archie McPhee, Roseneath Crescent, Carlisle.

He was, in fact, Derek Johnstone, who scored Scotland's goal in the 1-1 draw against Wales on May 17, 1978 in the Home Internationals. Four days previous to that, Derek also netted against Northern Ireland, the score again being 1-1.

I am a keen follower of Rangers Reserves and would like some information concerning a game they played two seasons ago. It was against Celtic, and the Reserves won the match 7-0, I believe. I would like the date, scorers and teams, if at all possible? George Fleming, Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow.

The game was a Reserve League Cup tie, and Rangers had already won the first leg 3-1, played at Ibrox. The second leg was on October 25, 1978, at Parkhead. The scorers that day were Urquhart (2), Dawson (1), John MacDonald (1), Armour (1) and C. Robertson (2).

The team was Kennedy, Boyd, Dawson, Miller (who missed a penalty), Denny, Morris, MacKay, Armour, Urquhart, Watson, J. MacDonald. The subs: Robertson (for Urquhart).

Could you please tell me when Rangers and Celtic met for the first time in the Scottish Cup? John Harvey, Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow.

It was in the 1890-91 competition, first round. Celtic won the tie 1-0, at Parkhead. The teams were: RANGERS: Reid, Gow, Muir, Marshall, McCreadie, Mitchell, Wylie, Kerr, H. McCreadie, McPherson, Hislop.

CELTIC: Bell, Reynolds, McKeown, Gallacher, McCallum, Maley, Madden, Dunbar, Grives, Dowds, Crossan.

When did Davie Cooper play his first game for Rangers after signing from Clydebank? Also, when did he score his first goal for the club? Graham Jackson, Mosspark Boulevard, Glasgow.

Davie's first game was against Ross County on July 30, 1977, on Rangers pre-Season Highland Tour. Rangers won that game 4-0. Davie's debut goal was against Southampton, the following week on August 6, in the Tennent Caledonian Cup. Rangers won that tie, also, 3-1, with Derek Parlane and Alex MacDonald scoring the other two goals.

Have you any details on Tommy Muirhead, the Rangers player during the 1920's? David Harrington, Lampton Street, Dundee.

Tommy signed for the Club in May, 1917, from Hibernian, for a fee of £20. In his first season with the Club, he played in just seven matches, yet managed to net six goals. 1918-19 saw Tommy doing his National Service, but on his return, he became a permanent figure in the Rangers line-up, and went on to play 352 games for Rangers.

NAME THAT TUNE . . . DEREK, JOHN STYLE!



YOU MAY REMEMBER recently, two Rangers players decided to commit their vocal abilities to vinyl and cut an L.P.

Due to the great demand for copies of this record, sung by, of course, John MacDonald and Derek Johnstone, the initial pressing was soon sold out.

But now the "News' has managed to lay hands on another two, specially autographed by the Ibrox male equivalent to Fran and Anna (only kidding, lads!) and that's the prize we are giving away to two lucky 'News' readers in this week's competition.

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In order to win a copy of the record, just have a good look at the photograph on the left.

It shows young John MacDonald in a typical run against Aberdeen, taking the ball round Andy Harrow, from the recent recent encounter between the two clubs in January.

Since John MacDonald made his debut for Rangers against Inverness Caledonian back in July, 1978, he has been an important part of the Light Blues' forward line.

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What we would like you to tell us is, how many times young John has thrilled the crowds against Aberdeen. Just tell us how many times in Cup, League or friendly games the Ibrox starlet has played against the men from Pittodrie and you could win a copy of "The Real Rangers record".

Jot down your answer on a postcard and send it off to: "Record Contest", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

All entries should reach the 'News' offices by March 20, the closing date. The first two correct entries pulled from our competition drum will each win an L.P.

Please include your FULL name AND ADDRESS with all of your entries, and make sure you write as neatly as possible.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

Injury blow to on form Dougie

RANGERS youngster Dougie Robertson has more than proved his goalscoring capabilities this season. He has netted 20 goals in this, his first year as a professional, but he now faces the prospect of being a spectator for at least a month after having part of a cartilage removed in an operation last week.

And the injury couldn't have come at a worse time — for on Friday manager John Greig revealed that the Ibrox Colt had been on the verge of another first team appearance.

● Tremendous

"He has been in tremendous form this season," said the Ibrox boss, "and he earned an opportunity in the first team. I had been studying the fixture list for a possible match to give him his chance when he was injured.

"Dougie is a good player with potential and the injury just means he will have to wait a little longer."

● Hat-tricks

The young striker, who had hit top form just before his injury and had scored two hat-tricks in four appearances with the Reserves, was released from hospital on Thursday and he will be reporting to the Stadium this week for an inspection on the injured knee.

However it will be next week at the earliest before he can even think about getting back into training.



● DOUGIE ROBERTSON

"I picked up the injury in the match against Hamilton Accies a few weeks ago when we won 4-3. I was turning and I just felt something go 'click' in my knee and I knew it wasn't right from then on," says Dougie.

"I've had one or two bumps and bruises before, but this is the first time I've suffered anything serious. I know I can't rush it but once I get the 'go' to restart training I'll be working hard. You can be sure of that."

Scorers

WITH both Colin McAdam and John MacDonald getting on to the score sheet on Saturday, there is little change in the Light Blues' scorers' table although Bobby Russell is no doubt delighted to have increased his goals total.

The full table reads. —

Colin McAdam	22
John MacDonald	15
Ian Redford	8
Derek Johnstone	5
Jim Bett	4
Sandy Jardine	4
Davie Cooper	3
Alex Miller	3
Bobby Russell	3
Gregor Stevens	2
Gordon Dalziel	1
Ally Dawson	1
Willie Johnston	1
Own goals	2

Reserve League

(West Section)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.
Celtic	26	21	5	0	61	24	47
Rangers	25	16	5	4	73	29	37
St Mirren	26	14	7	5	48	31	35
Kilmarnock	26	13	6	7	53	31	32
Partick Thst.	24	12	4	8	37	33	28
Ayr Utd	24	10	7	7	45	35	27
Hamilton	26	8	7	11	32	45	23
Motherwell	22	8	4	10	39	42	20
Clydebank	25	8	4	13	31	46	20
Dumbarton	26	6	6	14	32	46	18
Airdrie	24	6	6	12	33	43	18
Queen's Park	24	3	8	13	28	48	14
Morton	23	4	5	14	25	45	13
Clyde	24	4	1	19	26	60	9

PROGRAMMES

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★ 'News' spotlight on Assistant Manager WILLIE THORNTON

I'D DO IT ALL AGAIN!

Rangers surprise party for the man who 'signed' 45 years ago

THROUGHOUT the history of Rangers, the Club has been blessed with an endless stream of outstanding players who have brought the fans to their feet with superb play and the names of Morton, McPhail, Waddell, Thornton, Shaw, Woodburn, Young, Baxter and Greig will live for as long as football is played.

And that name of Willie Thornton is certainly worthy of a place on the list. It was fitting that on Tuesday of last week the Ibrox members' lounge was the scene of a presentation to the Club's Assistant Manager, making the 45th anniversary of the day Mr Thornton first put pen to paper for Rangers.

It was on March 3, 1936, that Bill Struth received a telephone call from Mr Thornton's brother, informing him that Hearts wanted to sign Willie, so the Ibrox boss's reaction was to order the player to take a taxi to Ibrox and it was at the Stadium that Willie Thornton became a Rangers player.

"That was a great day for me," recalls the man who was to make a name for himself in the years ahead.

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"I was always a Rangers supporter and, in fact, I remember being at Tynecastle some years earlier when Rangers played Hearts in a Scottish Cup tie and set the record crowd at that ground.

"Youngsters like me were kneeling all around the track that day and, if my memory serves me right, Rangers won 1-0.

"Anyway, I couldn't sign for the Club quick enough and that was to be the start of a long and happy friendship between myself and Rangers."

Looking back over his long connection with the Light Blues gave Mr Thornton great pleasure and he was quick to pay tribute to the man who helped him a lot in his early days at Ibrox.

"Bob McPhail was only too ready to pass on the knowledge he had gathered in his years in the game," remembers Willie, "and his help did much to make me a better player early in my career.

"In those days, our training consisted of lapping round the track, a few sprints and, thereafter, looking after ourselves so, when it came to tactics, it was left to the players to work things out among themselves.

"Bob McPhail was always there with a wee bit of advice and, believe me, he was very seldom wrong."

IN A PLAYING CAREER INTERRUPTED BY THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WILLE THORNTON WAS RENOWNED AS A GREAT HEADER OF THE BALL, BUT DON'T RUN AWAY WITH THE IDEA THAT HE WAS ANY SLOUCH ON THE GROUND.

The master of the 'dummy' and the cute pass, Thornton was the thorn in many fleshes and his almost telepathic understanding with Willie Waddell was the talk of the pubs and clubs and the subject of the songs of the Rangers' fans.



● Here's to the next 45 years . . . that could be the sentiments of Director Willie Waddell, Team Manager John Greig and Assistant Manager Willie Thornton as they toast the 45th anniversary of Mr Thornton's signing for the Club.



● WILLIE THORNTON . . . "There are greater demands on today's player."

"The partnership between myself and 'Deedle' was just one of those things," says the former centre forward.

"We just seemed to know where each other would be at certain points in the game and that proved to be a great asset to the team.

"I believe such an understanding gives a team that little extra something which makes them great, and I reckon that the Miller-Brand partnership of the early 'sixties comes into that category."

A combination similar to that which Mr Thornton describes would be an ever-so-valuable contribution to the current team. It would be nice to see Colin McAdam and John MacDonald link up regularly in that manner but, as the Assistant Manager goes on to explain, things are so different today.

"Defences are so much better organised now," he says, "whereas in my playing days, with the old 2-3-5 formations, if I could get the better of the centre half I was almost sure to get the space to get a shot in.

"But nowadays, with double centre halfs and sweepers, there are fewer scoring chances and, accordingly, fewer goals.

"So many people are only too ready to criticise present-day players and come away with the old line, 'things ain't what they used to be', but there are greater demands on today's players. They're much fitter and certainly more thoroughly trained.

"The best team I played in was the side of the immediate post War period when we had the 'Iron Curtain' defence which was almost water tight.

"However, I wouldn't claim that we were an attractive team to watch but, as I've said, the game has changed so much."



● It's happy smiles all round as (left to right) Davie Provan, Campbell Ogilvie, Willie Waddell, Willie Thornton, John Greig and Joe Mason, with the 'Behind the scenes' girls behind them, pose for this picture at the little get-together to honour Mr Thornton's service to the Club and his impending birthday.

Willie Thornton's playing career came to an end at the end of season 1953-54 and he went on to have happy spells as manager of Dundee and Partick Thistle before he was asked to return to Ibrox as Assistant Manager, a position he holds to this day.

Last week's little ceremony in the members' lounge was something of a double celebration because Mr Thornton celebrated his 61st birthday the following day, and he was presented with a lovely pair of gold cufflinks and a birthday cake to mark the event.

A card signed by all the Ibrox staff, a few bottles of 'bubbly' and the warmest wishes of all at the Stadium rounded off a perfect day.

The Light Blues' Assistant Manager summed it all up perfectly at the end. . .

"IF I COULD DO IT ALL AGAIN, I WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING."



● Thornton in action . . . seen here sliding in to score one of the many goals he scored for the Club during his illustrious playing career.

Spotlight on Saturday's Premier League match

WHY TIME IS AGAINST HEARTS, RANGERS . . .

IT'S IRONIC that, although they sit at opposite ends of the Premier League table, Rangers and Hearts could find their respective aims blighted by a common enemy – a fast depleting number of games in which to pick up much needed points.

Approaching the last quarter of the league campaign, failure to get a result when the two clash at Tynecastle on Saturday could seal the fate of the loser, either ending Rangers' slim hopes of winning the league title or dooming Hearts to First Division football next season.

Without a win to their credit since December 6, the Tynecastle side have most certainly struck upon hard times and manager Bobby Moncur's reaction to those disappointing results was to put no less than six players on the transfer list, including ex-Ibrox players Alfie Conn and Jim Denny.

It is perhaps indicative of the slump in Hearts' fortunes that no offers have been received for those players and if you add to that the depature of Malcolm Robertson to the North American scene, along with the omission of former Rangers' favourite Alex MacDonald through injury, then it's easy to see that Hearts don't have their problems to seek.

"It's been a very difficult season,' says manager Bobby Moncur, "and, for some time now, I've been aware that our first team pool is not what I'd like it to be. But, in the current economic climate, what can I do about it?

"The sort of players I need just aren't available or, if they are, their clubs quote astronomical transfer fees and I've just got to say 'forget it'.

But, regardless of any behind the scene hassles, Moncur's number one problem has been on the field and the cut-throat competition of the Premier League has exposed the weakness in his team.

"We didn't make a very impressive start to the season and that forced our backs to the wall right away," continued Moncur, who skippered Newcastle United to their Fairs' Cup win of 1969.

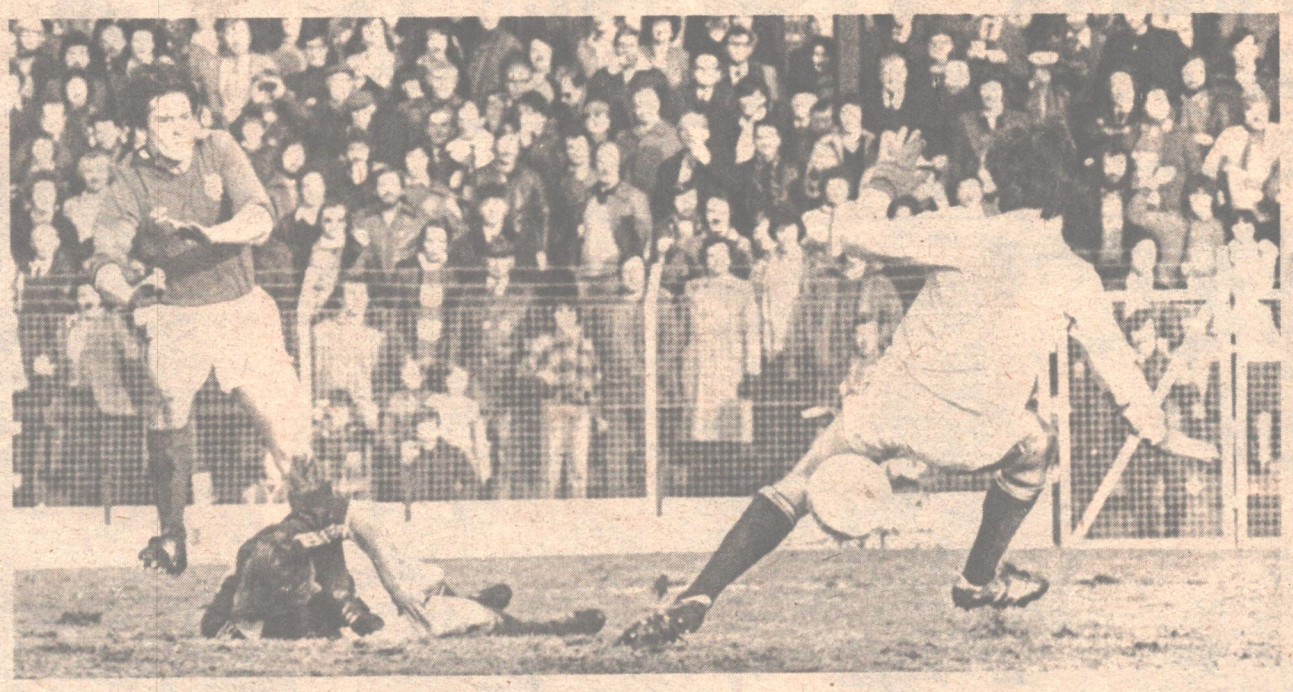
"From those disappointing beginnings, we've had the threat of relegation hanging over heads every week and that, obviously, hasn't helped any.

"Now we find ourselves running out of games fast and it's clear that, if we're going to hold on to our place in the Top Ten, we're going to have to start climbing the table soon.

"I wouldn't like to see us start our comeback any later than Saturday so I'll be looking for that little something extra from the boys against Rangers.

"I believe we were unlucky not to win the November meeting between ourselves and Rangers so I've every faith in the lads' ability to do the job on Saturday."

But, as Moncur says, Hearts are running out of time as are Rangers in their quest for the championship flag, so it would appear that Saturday's encounter, with neither side prepared to accept anything less than two points, has all the ingredients of a rip roaring ninety minutes.



● Rangers defender Ally Dawson fires in a fierce shot from eight yards which bounces off the legs of Hearts goalkeeper Thomson Allan to the unmarked Derek Parlane (out of picture) to score Rangers last league goal at Tynecastle. This was in February, 1979, and the Ibrox men lost 3-2.



● Malcolm Robertson . . . off to North America.



● It's a smiling Chris Robertson and Alfie Conn in this picture taken at the start of the season, but the last few months haven't been kind to the ex-Rangers players. Hearts have put Alfie on the transfer list and Chris has been sidelined through injury.

Supporters' Notes

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.

PLEAN: Bus v Hearts will leave Plean at 1.00 p.m., Bannockburn 1,05 p.m. and St. Ninians at 1.10 p.m. Non-members welcome. Tickets now on sale for dance.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELLTOWN: Bus to Edinburgh leaves Academy Street at 10.30 a.m. Non-members welcome. Usual pick-up spots, Lockerbie and Beattock.

BALLINGRY LOYAL: Bus v Hearts will leave Auld Shanks, Ballingry at 1.00 p.m. picking up at usual places. Non-members welcome.

PARTICK ROYAL: Bus for Tynecastle leaves Markland Street 12.30, seats non members; 'phone Mr K. McLean at 647-5198.

NITSHILL: Bus to Tynecastle, leaves Torrisdale Street 10 a.m. All non members welcome.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Hearts will leave McLean Street at noon. Non-members £2.50. Returns straight after match. All enquiries to 041-429-5578.

CATHCART: Bus v Hearts leaves Merrylea Road at 12.30 p.m. Please note pick-up points at Mount Florida, Marlborough, Dumbreck Road, Mosspark Boulevard. Limited number of seats for non-members.

HELEN STREET: Hearts bus leaves Ibrox Garage at noon and the club 12.05. Seats available for non-members. Meeting on Monday at 7.00 p.m.

PENILEE: Bus v Hearts leaves the Clinic at 1.00 p.m. picking up at Hillington Road, 1.05 p.m. Non-members are welcome.

INVERGORDON LOYAL: Meeting will be held in the Joss Street Hall, Invergordon, on Saturday, March 14 at 11.00 a.m. Anyone interested in joining this newly formed club are requested to attend. Membership fees payable at meeting for seasons 1980-81 and 1981-82. Adults £4; school-children £2.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Bus v Morton tonight leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn, at 6.30 p.m. Regular meeting takes place in Community Centre at 12 noon on Saturday. Bus v Hearts will then leave at 1.00 p.m. Non-members welcome, subject to availability of seats.

Tynecastle men opened Light Blues' league account

● **Rangers first ever Scottish league match was against Hearts, at Ibrox on August 16, 1890. Rangers won that game 5-2.**

● Heart of Midlothian were formed professionally in 1874 and, along with nine other teams, were the original founders of the Scottish league which started in season 1890-91. The other nine teams were Celtic, Third Lanark, St. Mirren, Dumbarton, Abercorn, Cambuslang, Vale of Leven, Cowlairs and Rangers. That first season didn't turn out very good for the Edinburgh men as far as playing against Rangers went, for the Light Blues' recorded 5-2 and 1-0 victories over them.

● **Hearts have managed to win the League Championship title on four occasions, 1894-95, 1896-97, 1957-58 and 1959-60. Their most convincing title win was in 1957-58 when they gained 62 points, six short of the maximum of 68. Their nearest rivals that year were Rangers, who finished with 49 points. Hearts also won last season's Scottish First Division to gain them promotion into the Premier League.**

● *The Tynecastle Club hold the record for the most goals scored in the Scottish First Division, when in season 1957-58, they netted 138. That year they beat Rangers twice, 3-2 then 2-1.*

● **Their oldest player is Alex McDonald, the former Rangers midfield star, who will be 33 years old next Wednesday. At the other end of the age scale, David Bowman is the youngest Tynecastle man – he only turned 17 yesterday but, already, has notched up 15 appearances for the Hearts first team this season. David signed for Hearts from Salveson Boys Club.**

● Hearts have established crowd records at six senior club grounds in Scotland. The record attendance at Tynecastle was recorded when Rangers paid a visit on February 13, 1932, in the Scottish Cup, third round. That day 53,496 paid to see the Light Blues win 1-0.



(CONTINUING OUR GREAT SERIES)

FIVE-GOAL WIN THAT SET LIGHT BLUES UP FOR THE FLAG ...

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS of the Second World War, Rangers were undoubtedly the kings of Scottish football, winning the Southern League Championship on every occasion it was contested, despite the challenges of several pretenders to the throne.

One such challenger was Hearts and the Edinburgh side's visit to Ibrox on November 15, 1941, was a particularly crucial clash, both Rangers and the Castle outfit being locked together at the top of the league table with 22 points apiece, so the objectives of both teams were clear . . . victory to top the table.

It was to be a match in which two players stole the show, the respective inside rights, Torry Gillick of Rangers and Tommy Walker of Hearts, and their skills did much to give the big crowd a memorable afternoon's football.

With no more than four minutes played, the fans' cards were



● TOMMY WALKER . . . opened the scoring in the early minutes.



● JIMMY SMITH . . . put Rangers ahead.

well and truly marked with each side getting onto the scoresheet and the scorers of the goals were Messrs Walker and Gillick.

The Hearts' man put his side in front when he capitalised on good work by inside left McCrae and beat goalkeeper Jenkins with a fierce shot from just around the penalty spot, bring grimaces to the faces of the Ibrox faithful.

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But, if the visitors thought they were on their way to a comfortable victory, they were soon to realise the folly of such thinking.

Torry Gillick picked up the ball some 25 yards from goal, took two paces forward and unleashed a rocket of a shot which almost demolished the goal post before flying into the net.

That set the scene for the day's entertainment, both sides playing wonderful attacking football and, if anything, Hearts looked the likely winners in the early stages as they swept Rangers aside with Walker playing a significant role in the "Jam Tarts" forward thrusts.

There were several near things in the Rangers goalmouth with the Light Blues' having good cause to be thinkful to 'keeper Jenkins on more than one occasion.

The Ibrox goalkeeper covered himself with glory in the 20th minute when McCrae barged through the Rangers' defence and fired in a powerful shot which appeared to be destined for the roof of the net until Jenkins leapt to touch the ball onto the crossbar.

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The danger was still there as the ball rebounded from the bar into the path of the onrushing Adams but Jenkins bravely threw himself at the Hearts' man's feet and smothered the effort, to the cheers of the fans.

Hearts were to pay dearly for their failure to capitalise on the chances they created.

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In a five minute period near the end of the first half Rangers struck with a vengeance, scoring three goals in quick succession to sink Hearts table-topping aspirations.

The first of the trio was scored by Jimmy Smith who outjumped centre half Dykes to nod a Charlie Johnstone cross into the postage stamp corner of the net and three minutes later Torry Gillick again showed the power of his shooting, cracking the ball home from outside the penalty area.

And, with Hearts still reeling, Gillick sent winger McIntosh clear on the right and the winger sent a superb cross to the far post where Johnstone raced in to nod in goal number four.

To Hearts credit, they continued to fight but, with their tails up, the Ibrox men had no intentions of conceding their advantage and the visitors were right up against it.

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Tommy Walker did get his name onto the scoresheet again when he crashed a Gillies cross past Jenkins from ten yards out and there were signs of a possible Hearts' fight back as the Edinburgh men tried to repeat Walker's effort.

But with full backs Gray and Shaw and centre half Thomson on top form, Hearts were banging their heads against a brick wall, particularly with 'keeper Jenkins emulating his defenders.

It must have been very frustrating for the Hearts players because, make no mistake about it, they were playing well and were matching Rangers in every department of the game except where it mattered . . . in front of goal.



● TORRY GILLICK . . . scored a tremendous early goal. He is seen here in action against Clyde.

'Only Torry Gillick could have overshadowed Tommy Walker the way he did'

Rangers proved that point with four minutes left when the McIntosh—Johnstone combination which had produced the Light Blues' fourth goal, reversed roles to net the fifth, McIntosh heading a Johnstone cross past the diving Anderson.

So Rangers ran out convincing winners but there was no lack of sympathy for Hearts, having met the Ibrox side on a day when a player of the calibre of Torry Gillick was at his best.

Torry was the man who had made Rangers tick that day, spraying passes to both wingers and serving up shooting of an accuracy and power second to none.

Only he could have overshadowed Tommy Walker in the way he did and, remembering the high class of football for which Walker was renowned, it is a great tribute to Gillick's ability that he was able to do so.

Having opened up a two point gap over Hearts by virtue of their 5-2 win, Rangers held on to their place at the top of the table fairly comfortably to register yet another title win.

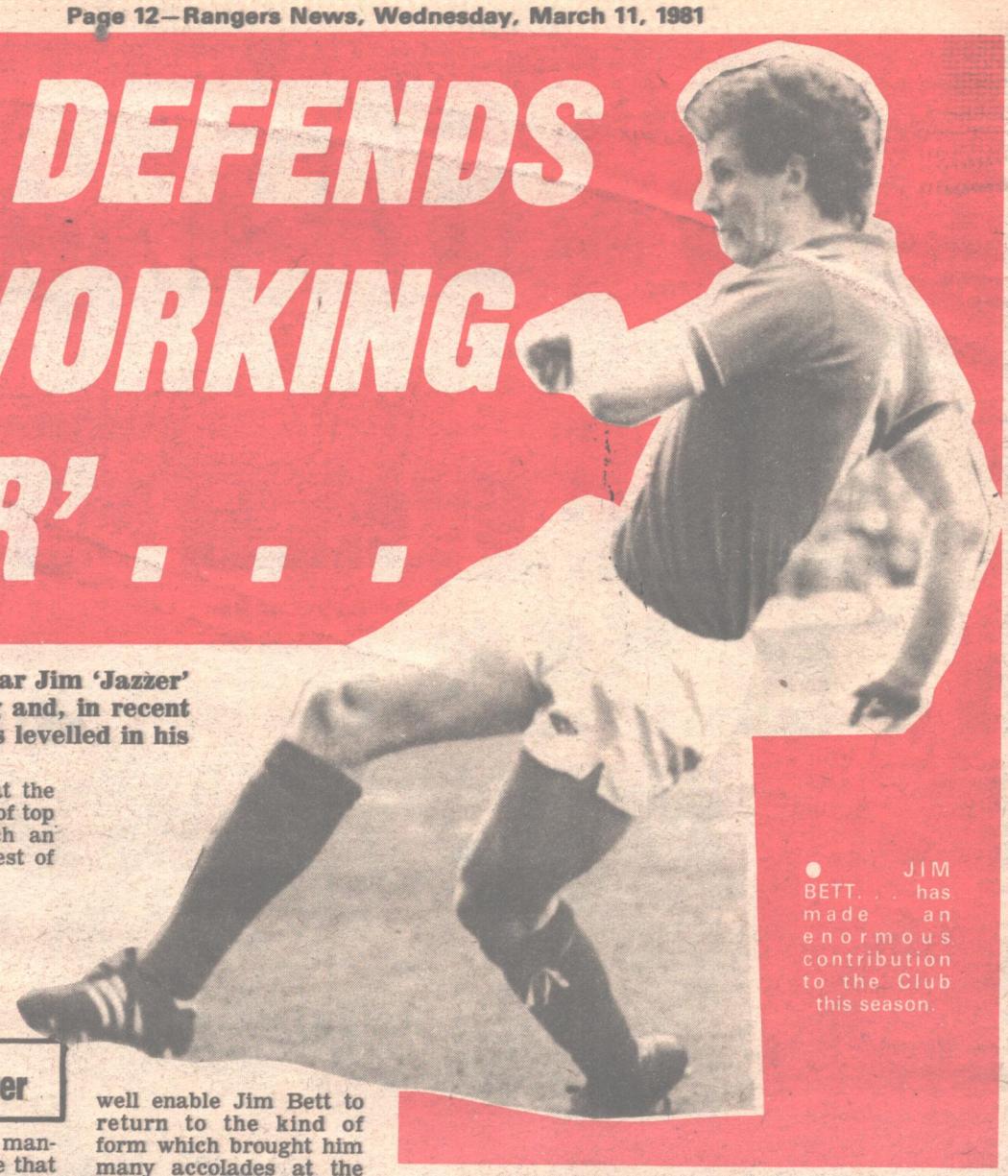
And their win over Hearts in that seven goal thriller did much to set them up for that triumph.

The team that day was: Jenkins, Gray, Shaw, Bolt, Thomson, Little, McIntosh, Gillick, Smith, Marshall, Johnstone.



● CHARLIE JOHNSTONE . . . he scored goal number four and made two others.

GREIG DEFENDS HARD-WORKING 'JAZZER' . . .



● JIM BETT . . . has made an enormous contribution to the Club this season.

AFTER Ian Redford, Rangers midfield star Jim 'Jazzer' Bett is the Club's most expensive signing and, in recent weeks, there have been various criticisms levelled in his direction from both fans and the media.

Nobody, it seems, is prepared to concede that the transition from Belgian football to the pressures of top level football with a side like Rangers is such an enormous one that it can affect even the greatest of players.

But last week Ibrox boss John Greig pointed out that his player had made an enormous contribution to the Club this season — and will be even more of an asset in the future.

By 'News Reporter

"There have been few players who have come to Ibrox in the last couple of years who haven't suffered a form lapse at some time or another," says Greig.

"We have had to make changes in numerous departments this season and there are a number of players on the staff who can reassure Jim Bett that such spells are inevitable.

"Jim is still very much learning the game at the moment, even though he has gained a considerable amount of experience in his short professional career.

"All his big-time football has been played on the Continent and, as a result, he has been well schooled into their way of thinking.

"At the start of the season Rangers were going well and so was Jim. But now the team isn't showing it's true form and because he is still settling in the side, Jim is finding it isn't easy to make his mark in a game."

Bett is a grafter and, as a result, is a very under-rated player. He is one of the hardest workers on the training field and Willie Johnston and Ian Redford, two of the fastest men at the Club, would both agree he would give them a hard time over 20 yards and would probably beat them over a longer distance.

The midfield combination of Redford, Russell and Bett is the youngest in the country and manager Greig is aware that at times some more experience in that department would undoubtedly help these three players.

"When Bobby Russell was out through injury," continues Greig, "Tommy McLean came in and did a great job. He helped Redford and Bett and it might well be I will have to bring in another senior player on occasions to help the midfield players."

Such a move might well enable Jim Bett to return to the kind of form which brought him many accolades at the beginning of the season and earned him international recognition, at Under-21 level.

It says much for Bett that, with the exception of the Anglo-Scottish Cup ties against Partick Thistle, he has only missed games through suspension or injury and there would be many players throughout the country who would be more than proud of that achievement.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1, Norway, May 26, 1929. Scotland won 7-3 and the match was played in Bergen. 2, Motherwell. 3, Billy MacKay, who scored two goals. 4, Frank Worthington of Bolton with 24 goals. 5, Red Star Belgrade. 6, St. Mirren. 7, Ferenc Puskas scored four and Alfredo Di Stefano netted a hat-trick. 8, The European Championships. 9, Swansea City. 10, Perugia.

Next Week's Games . . .

SATURDAY MARCH 14
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
Celtic v St Mirren, Hearts v Rangers, Kilmarnock v Aberdeen, Morton v Airdrie, Partick Thistle v Dundee United.

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

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

RANGERS TO INVITE ENGLISH 'BIG GUNS'

ALTHOUGH his mind is still very much on the matches which his team have yet to play this season, Rangers manager John Greig has already started to plan ahead for the future.

The Ibrox boss will be taking his players abroad before the start of the season as part of his plans to prepare the players for a full assault on the domestic and, hopefully, European trophy front.

"This season is by no means over," points out Greig, "but as a manager, you always have to keep an eye on the future and I think taking the players out of Scotland would be very beneficial to the Club.

"I am a great believer in getting players away together for a short time and that is an aspect we have missed out on this season. That's why I took all my players down to Largs last week. It can only help the team spirit.

"I am still keen to fix up a close season tour. Last year we went to Canada and, even though we had a lot of young players in the pool, I felt it was very successful.



● Flashback to the pre-season friendly against Arsenal as John MacDonald tries to break free of the 'Gunners' defence. And there could be more big names from south of the border playing at Ibrox if manager John Greig's plans come to fruition.

"However, if that falls through I am still going to take the players away at the start of the season, anyway."

The season will, of course, start later next term and, in addition to a couple of work-outs abroad, Greig will be inviting two big-time teams from England to play at Ibrox.

"The attendance figures for our matches against Arsenal and 'Spurs in August showed the fans want to see big named stars like Ardiles, Hoddle, Archibald, Vilas, Sunderland, Jennings and Stapleton.

"That's why we will again try to bring another couple of attractive clubs before the season proper gets under way."

The possibility of some new faces in the Rangers team for the proposed games against English opposition is something which would certainly draw in the crowds and manager Greig is confident he will have some new signings by that time.

"There's still no fresh developments on the moves I announced last week, but who can take it there will be fresh faces in the first team by August."

TENNENT'S T LAGER

KEEP UP TO DATE

SUNDAY
Liverpool are unlikely to sign St. Mirren's forward Peter Weir. The striker has just signed a new four-year contract with the Love Street side, so Liverpool will have to wait at least that time before Weir is available. Weir himself says he is perfectly content at Love Street and has no plans for a move. He has only recently moved into a new house.

MONDAY
Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson says that he has no plans to sign any players before the transfer deadline. Despite having around



● ALEX FERGUSON

£1 million to spend Mr Ferguson will stand by his present players.

St. Johnstone manager Alex Rennie has suggested that football clubs should take on youngsters from the 'Manpower Services' with a view to training them as footballers.

TUESDAY
Alan Rough became the first person to win the McKinlay's Football Personality of the Month three times. He wins a giant bottle of whisky, £100 and an engraved decanter.

Runner-up was another goalkeeper — Hibs' Jim McArthur, who has not conceded one goal in the month of February.

The Premier League match between Dundee United and Celtic has been cancelled, following a request from the Tayside police. The new date is April 22, only four days after the Rangers v Celtic match at Ibrox.

WEDNESDAY
Rangers left Ibrox today for Largs to prepare for the Scottish Cup Fifth Round tie against Hibernian.

RESULTS
Premier League: St. Mirren 2, Airdrie 1.

Division One: Dumfermline 0, Falkirk 1; Hamilton 0, Ayr 0.

Division Two: Alloa 1, Queen of the South 3; Clyde 1, Queens Park 1; Arbroath 0, Cowdenbeath 1.

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