RANGERS NEWS

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Let Colin get on with the game

THE name of Colin McAdam has been in the news a lot of late, but, unfortunately, it has been for all the wrong reasons.

The big striker appeared before the SFA Referees Committee to answer charges which came out of his after-match brush with ref Brian McGinlay at Tannadice in February and the 'beaks' duly imposed a £100 fine on the Ranger.

But that was not enough for certain sections of the Press, who accused the SFA of letting McAdam off lightly, a view which Rangers manager John Greig certainly does not subscribe to.

"Colin McAdam stepped out of line and was rightly punished," says Greig.

"We fined him two weeks' wages and the SFA added their fine. THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY.

"Now all I want is for everyone to leave the player to get on with what he does best . . . playing football."

And Greig, while not condoning McAdam's actions, goes on to do something to explain the player's behaviour.

"In this first season with a big club like Rangers, Colin McAdam has been under a lot of pressure and he has reacted marvellously, scoring regularly and making a valuable contribution to the team.

"But pressure affects players in different ways and Colin found it hard to keep quiet in certain situations.

"But now he knows what is expected of him at this Club and I'm sure he has learned from the events of the past few weeks."

DON'T KNOCK OUR FANS!

by "News" Reporter

"Don't knock our fans."

That's the message from Rangers manager John Greig's office following press highlighting of the poor attendances at Ibrox over the past few weeks.

"Anybody who expects me to criticise our supporters for not turning out for the games against Dundee United, Kilmarnock and Morton is going to be disappointed," says the Ibrox boss.

● Support

"The fans have every justification in showing their disappointment at our results, but if the critics want to see and hear what the Rangers support is all about they should go to Parkhead on Saturday.

"Our fans will be there in huge numbers and I know only too well that they will be behind the players all the way."

Greig goes on to point out that Rangers supporters have proved their loyalty to the Club time and time again and he has nothing but praise for the men on the terracing.

"They've backed us through thick and thin over the years," he says, "and for 90 per cent of the season they've been tremendous, following us here, there and everywhere.

"But now that the league title is beyond us, they are reluctant to turn out for meaningless fixtures.

"I believe, however, that we would have had a very serious problem accommodating all our fans if we'd been involved in the run-in for the title and I have no doubt that all Rangers supporters will stand up toi be counted as we push towards winning the Cup."

● Tolerate

The fall-off in attendances is, of course, disappointing but Greig does not see the recent crowd slump as the forerunner of any concerted 'stay away' campaign.

"Our fans will tolerate us losing," says Greig, "but the thing they will not accept is the lackadaisical manner in which we've been beaten lately,

"Our performances against Celtic at Parkhead and Hearts at Tynecastle were nothing short of disgraceful and the supporters just won't take that.

● Important

"Nor will I," he goes on, "and I've hammered it home to each player on the staff that every game is important, no matter how meaningless it may appear on the surface."

And you can rest assured that nothing short of complete and total dedication will be shown by the Rangers players when they meet Morton on Saturday and with all the usual Ibrox battle hymns reverberating around Parkhead, the fans, as well as the players, will let it be known that the Light Blues are still a force to be reckoned with.



● JOHN GREIG

They're real Match Winners



● Guess who are the winners . . . Rangers fans John Hamilton, Keith Hamilton and John Hamilton Senior show their delight after receiving a 50p piece when they produced their Season Tickets and Winners Matches at the sponsor's portakabin.

RANGERS fans were only too glad to cash in on the chance to save 50p against the cost of admission to Saturday's match against Dundee United by producing a box of Winners matches at the sponsor's Portakabins, but the punters weren't the only ones to be smiling at Ibrox at the weekend.

The match manufacturers' Scottish Area Manager, Bill Boyd, was delighted at the success of the discount scheme and he told the 'News':

"The whole idea of our sponsorship was to make the fans aware of our product and I think we succeeded beyond all expectations.

"More than 5,000 supporters took advantage of our scheme and we expect to be even more successful when we sponsor the Rangers v Celtic game in two weeks' time."

Winners' delight at the success of their sponsorship would appear to indicate that their product is about to make a substantial impact on the market and such success may well mean that we will see a lot more of them on the Scottish football scene.

CELTIC TICKETS

THERE are still some tickets left for the forthcoming Rangers-Celtic game at Ibrox on April 18.

They are priced as follows: ENCLOSURE⅜, £1.50; MAIN STAND, £4 and £3.50.

These can be obtained from the Ibrox Ticket Office. If you are applying by post, then you must enclose a stamped addressed envelope AND the correct remittance.

Tickets for this game can also be obtained from the following agencies: Crookston Travel, 5 Crookston Road, Glasgow; George Stead, (Newsagent), Grant Lea Grove, Mount Vernon, Glasgow; Buchanan's Newsagent, 11 Paisley Road West, Glasgow.

This Seasons WINNER



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IT'S LIGHT BLUES TO THE RESCUE!

AS everyone will no doubt already know, 1981 has been designated the 'International Year of the Disabled ' and last week Rangers did their bit to help one of the more unfortunate members of our society.

The Club were approached by MITCH YOUNG, who organises charity cabarets shows, to see if Rangers could possibly get a few souvenirs autographed for a young Motherwell boy, an ardent Rangers fan, whose physical disability prohibits him from visits to Ibrox to see his favourite club.



● ALLY DAWSON . . . 'Player of the Year'.

Mitch has organised a special show night for the Motherwell Remploy in the Bellshill Miners Club on April 27, all proceeds of which go to the Disabled Charity fund, and thought it would be nice if he could arrange for the youngster to be given a good night out and then receive the presents Rangers forwarded to Mitch for him.

The Cabaret features an all-star cast, top of the bill being the Likely Lads and tickets are priced at £1 and can be obtained from Remploy, Motherwell. So if you fancy a good night's entertainment and know your entrance money will be going to a good cause buy a ticket.

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News of another Rangers Supporters Club dance reached the 'News' offices last week.

It's the Plean R.S.C. who will be holding their 'Player of the Year' dance on Friday, May 22nd, in Plean.

It's going to be a real gala night with a fantastic prize draw taking place, including such goodies as an autographed ball from Rangers, a Billy Bremner Scottish inter-



● ALEX MACDONALD

national jersey and other jerseys donated by St. Mirren, Stirling Albion and Hearts, the latter from ALEX MacDONALD, who will also be in attendance.

The Plean's 'Player of the Year' is ALLY DAWSON and other Rangers men attending will be DAVE PROVAN, JIM STEWART, COLIN McADAM.

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Many Rangers fans will be interested to learn that Chesterfield who, of course, knocked the Light Blues out of the Anglo-Scottish Cup earlier in the season, went on to win that trophy by beating Notts County in the final.

After winning the first leg 1-0 at Saltergate, the Spireites completed the job by holding County to a 1-1 draw last week and Rangers extend their congratulations to the Chesterfield side.

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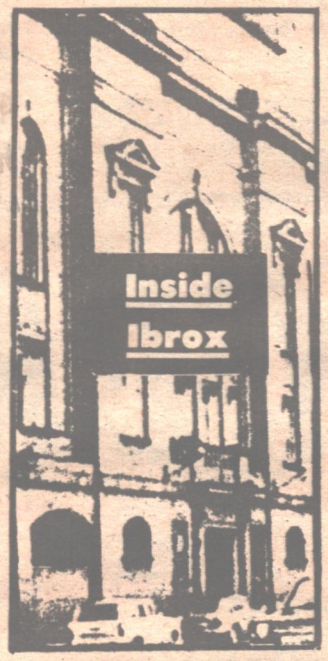
Fans who attended Rangers recent game against St. Mirren at



Love Street would perhaps have been puzzled if they'd compared programmes at the end of the match because the Paisley club used two different covers on their match magazine.

The internal content was, however, the same in every programme.

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Supporters Association Social Convenor JIMMY CLEMENTS would like member clubs to note that the closing dates for entries to Bowls and Football competitions is Tuesday, April 28. Interested parties may also like to know that for the first time the Association will be organising a Pairs competition for bowlers, the closing date for entries being the same as for the other tourneys.

Back with a goal and Gordon says thanks to Derek

YOU DON'T have to tell young Ibrox striker, Gordon Dalziel, one of the most important assets a professional footballer must have. He'll reply straight away . . . "Patience!"

Gordon has certainly displayed a fine grasp of this virtue in the past three months, because that is how long it's taken him to shrug off a recurring leg injury and fight his way back to full fitness.

He made his comeback only last week against Queen's Park, and even then, his inclusion in the team came as a bit of a surprise for Gordon.

"Derek Johnstone was a big help to me in that match and if it wasn't for the service he gave me, I really don't know how I would have managed. He did a lot of the running and also set up the goal I scored."

There was one embarrassing moment for the youngster, however, when, at half-time, Gordon sped towards the



● GORDON DALZIEL . . . back with a goal.

players' tunnel holding his mouth. Many of the concerned Ibrox men ran after him only to find him hanging over the wash-hand basin . . . being physically sick!

"I took a lot of ribbing for it, but that's what happens when you've been out long as I was."

"I'll wait ten years if I have to"

WITH IBROX new boy Jim Stewart now in command of the first team goalkeeper position, and Peter McCloy fighting hard to regain his former place by showing up well in the Reserves, it leaves youngster Gordon Marshall in rather an unenviable position.

For most of this season, Gordon has alternated with George Young every second week in between the sticks, but now that Peter is wearing the yellow jersey for the Reserves, Gordon's goalkeeping duties have been reduced to his daily training sessions at the Albion.

"I'd prefer to be in the team, obviously," says the youngster, "but I'm just 16 and have time on my side.

"I know I'll get another chance and I'll keep on working as hard as I can.

"I'll be patient. IF I'VE GOT TO WAIT TEN YEARS FOR A PLACE IN THE RANGERS' TEAM, THEN THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO."



● GORDON MARSHALL . . . must be patient.

Antrim's thanks

BRIAN HENDERSON of 3 Fernwood Park, Glenburn Estate, Muckamore, Antrim, writes:

"As secretary of the First Antrim R.S.C. I would like to use the pages of the "News" to thank all who helped make our recent visit to see the Rangers v. Hibs Scottish Cup-tie worth remembering.

"Before the match we made our 'Player of the Year' presentation to Colin McAdam and every member of our party was very impressed by Colin and his very pleasant manner.

"In the evening we attended the Irvine and District R.S.C.'s Dinner/Dance and I would like to pass on to the committee and members of the Irvine club our thanks for their hospitality.

"And thanks also to Ally Dawson, John MacDonald and Gregor Stevens for pleasantly agreeing to pose for photographs and sign autographs for our members and, overall, everyone we met helped make our weekend a memorable one."

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

FOLLOWING is official list of teams for Saturday, April 11 —
01 Boston U, 02 Frickly A, 03 Kettering, 04 Morecambe, 05 Stirling A, 06 Albion R, 07 Brentford, 08 Fulham, 09 Huddersfield, 10 Leamington.
11 Scarborough, 12 Telford, 13 Gainsborough, 14 Arbroath, 15 Brechin, 16 Hull, 17 Portsmouth, 18 Reading, 19 Bournemouth, 20 Hartlepool.
21 Goole, 22 Clyde, 23 Cowdenbeath, 24 Rotherham, 25 Swindon, 26 Hereford, 27 Northampton, 28 Kings Lynn, 29 East Fife, 30 St Mirren.
31 Walsall, 32 Orient, 33 Peterboro, 34 Southend, 35 Lancaster, 36 Dunfermline, 37 Falkirk, 38 Wrexham, 39 Blackpool, 40 York.
41 Barrow, 42 Matlock, 43 St Johnstone.

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FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE

Eight days off — to see the carnival

THE case of the disappearing man . . . That was certainly the case around the New York Cosmos headquarters a few weeks ago when they discovered, to their horror, one of their star players was missing!

Carlos Alberto, the Brazilian who netted that fine fourth goal for his country in the 1970 World Cup Final against Italy, just couldn't be found.

Then, eight days later, he turned up at the Stadium as if nothing unusual had happened. Alberto had just taken a quick jaunt down to Rio to catch the world-famous Carnival and had decided to stay for a while!

This little escapade has put a large question mark over his future career with the Cosmos, as the relationship between Hennes Weisweiller, the Cosmos manager, and Alberto had already been strained. Needles to say, Weisweiller was not impressed by this latest escapade.

Germans all set for the Finals

BERND SCHUSTER was the star of the German side in their 2-0 victory over Albania in last week's World Cup Group One qualifying match. He scored both the Germans' goals, so putting his country into second position in the table.

Schuster, who now plays for Barcelona and emerged as a star during last year's European Championships, scored his goals in the seventh and 70th minutes and it's a fight between Austria, West Germany and Bulgaria to see who qualifies for Spain. Albania and Finland don't appear to have much hope left.

The table reads:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	3	3	0	0	8	0	6
W. Germ.	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Albania	5	1	0	4	3	10	2
Finland	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

NOW THE FRENCH WORRY ABOUT T.V. FANS . . .

TELEVISION has come a long way technologically since it's humble beginnings in the late 1920s. There has also been a complete turnabout in public opinion regarding it's relationship within society.

From once being a leisure and educational saviour, it is now looked upon in many quarters as an evil, being blamed as the root cause for much of the violence, educational apathy and other trends in today's world.

One such trend, thought by many to be linked directly with the 'box', is the world-wide problem faced by football clubs . . . drastically falling attendances.

The argument put forward by these people is that the more exposure football — 'live' or otherwise — is given by the television networks, the less people feel the need to travel to games. It is felt the enthusiasts can just sit back in their armchairs and receive up-to-the-minute detailed accounts of how their favourite team fared.

One football association which was so shocked by their latest declining attendance figures was the French and they immediately set a Poll in motion so fans could give their reactions towards television and the game.

The results were, to say the least, surprising.

Of those interviewed, 13 per cent of the weekly travelling French punters felt they were getting enough television coverage, meaning 87 per cent were of the opinion more could be shown! Of the occasional football spectators, another 66 per cent thought not enough matches were covered!

A total of 77 per cent of the regular fans thought TV coverage stimulated them into travelling to a football game, and 55 per cent of the occasional fans thought that way too.

On Saturdays in France, the football fan gets an hour-long programme featuring previews, reports and 10 minutes of action from foreign games. Then, on Sunday, a sports section of just 15 minutes is shown.

Other nations certainly give more coverage.

It is interesting to note Britain and, in particular, England, has the most comprehensive and lengthy television coverage of football in Europe.

In Sweden all fans get are short clips from two or three games on Sunday evenings and international matches can only be transmitted 'live' if they are taking place on FOREIGN soil.

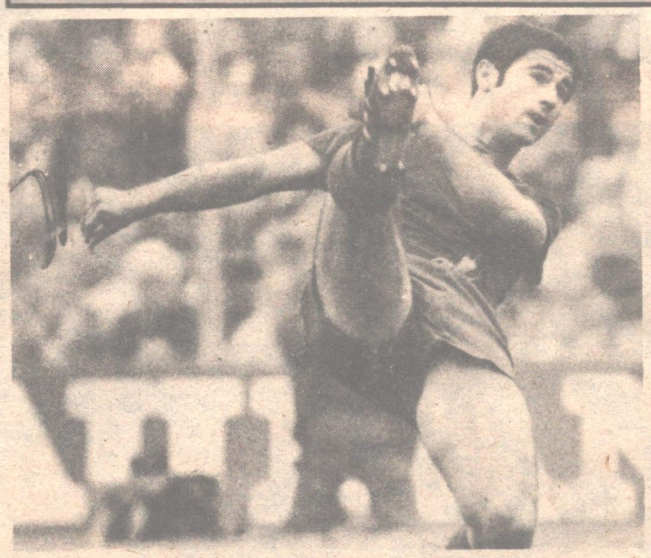
Belgium are perhaps the most privileged country next to Britain where football is concerned.

As the country is so small, they can pick up TV signals from the Netherlands, West Germany, Luxembourg and France, so how much coverage a household receives depends on where they live.

The Belgian network transmits an hour-long programme on Saturday nights, with reports from all league games and edited highlights from two.

Of Belgian sports viewing during the winter months, football comprises three-quarters of the total viewing hours.

So it seems that Scotland isn't the only country to have strong feelings about television coverage. But then, there are few NEW problems in football . . .



● GERD MULLER . . . back in top form.

GERD IN TOP FORM

HE'S BEEN in the game a long time, but there's no sign of Gerd Muller easing up in the scoring stakes. He's been playing well with American club Fort Lauderdale Strikers, yet he still managed to raise a few eyebrows a fortnight ago when he hit SEVEN goals in one game!

The Strikers were playing a team of American professionals in Miami and, needless to say, Herr Muller was top of the pops with his manager and fans afterwards.

CELEBRATIONS FOR BENFICA . . . AND ALVES . . . AND BENTO!

LIVE television coverage didn't affect the attendance at the recent big match between Benfica (champions elect) and Porto, the current champions. More than 50,000 fans turned out for the game and the man who netted the only goal was a well-known name in Scotland — Joao Alves, with a spectacular shot.

He also had something else to celebrate on the day of the game — his wife gave birth to their second child!

Another man who must have enjoyed the game was goalkeeper Manual Bento, the player who defied Scotland in the international against Portugal at Hampden in October last year.

Bento's clean sheet meant he had kept out opposing forwards once again. He's lost only eight goals in 23 matches!



● MANUEL BENTO . . . good record.

SHOCK FOR DYNAMO KIEV

IN THE recent quarter-finals of the Russian Cup, firm favourites Dynamo Kiev were given a sound 3-0 thrashing by Spartak Moscow.

Spartak now go into the hat with Khakov Metallest, Rostov, and Rangers old foes, Moscow Dynamo.

HAPPEL IS ON THE MOVE

STANDARD LIEGE, the famous Belgian side, will soon be mourning the loss of their trainer, Ernst Happel, who, at the end of the season, will be leaving for pastures new.

Happel has signed a two-year contract with the German Club, HSV Hamburg, and will replace their former trainer, Zebec, who was sacked recently.

Zebec is hoping to get an offer from another West German club as he is keen to stay in the Bundesliga, but there have been teams from other countries interested in acquiring his services.

He certainly isn't short of a bob or two. Following his dismissal by Hamburg, he sued them for £125,000 compensation. The West German outfit offered him £40,000. They recently reached settlement and, although neither were prepared to reveal details, it's probably something in the region of £70,000.

All the league positions on the Continent

West Germany

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hambourg	25	17	5	3	58	27	39
Bayern	25	14	8	3	58	35	36
K'Lautern	24	12	7	5	46	28	31
Stuttgart	24	12	7	5	48	33	31
Francfort	25	11	8	6	45	37	30
Cologne	25	10	7	8	43	37	27
Bochum	24	6	13	5	39	32	25
Dortmund	25	9	7	9	52	46	25
Karlsruhe	25	7	11	7	37	42	25
M'Gladbach	24	9	6	9	42	46	24
Dusseldorf	25	7	7	11	45	50	21
Leverkusen	25	6	9	10	37	42	21
Duisbourg	25	6	9	10	29	37	21
Nuremberg	25	8	4	13	37	46	20
Munich 1860	25	7	5	13	38	50	19
Schalke 04	25	6	6	13	34	64	18
Uerdingen	25	6	5	14	36	53	17
Bielefeld	25	5	6	14	33	52	16

Italy

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Juventus	22	11	9	2	35	13	31
AS Roma	22	11	8	3	32	16	30
Naples	22	10	9	3	23	14	29
Inter	22	10	6	6	31	18	26
Torino	22	8	7	7	25	22	23
Cagliari	22	8	12	5	18	20	22
Bologne	22	8	10	4	22	17	21
Florentina	22	5	11	6	18	19	21
Catanzaro	22	3	14	5	15	17	20
Udinese	22	3	13	6	18	29	19
Avellino	22	9	5	8	29	26	18
Ascoli	22	6	6	10	13	28	18
Come	22	6	5	11	20	28	17
Brescia	22	2	12	8	14	21	16
Pistolese	22	6	4	12	17	30	16
Perugia	22	2	11	9	11	21	10

Spain

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Atl. Madrid	29	16	8	5	44	31	40
Barcelone	29	16	4	9	58	33	36
Real Sociedad	29	15	7	7	41	26	36
Valence	29	14	7	8	50	35	35
Real Madrid	29	15	5	9	53	35	35
Gijon	29	13	9	8	46	31	33
Seville	29	12	8	9	27	30	32
Betis	29	12	8	9	46	35	32
Espanol	29	13	6	10	31	34	32
Atl. Bilbao	29	11	7	11	52	45	29
Osasuna	29	10	7	12	31	40	27
Las Palmas	29	11	4	14	39	49	26
Valladolid	29	7	12	14	32	39	26
Hercules	29	8	9	12	30	38	25
Sargosse	29	7	10	12	25	36	24
Salamanque	29	6	7	16	1	52	19
Murcie	29	6	6	17	30	43	18
Almeria	29	5	7	17	24	55	17

Portugal

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Benfica	24	19	4	1	57	9	42
FC Porto	24	18	3	3	40	15	39
Sporting	24	11	7	6	38	22	29
Boavista	24	11	5	8	30	24	27
Braga	24	9	6	9	28	35	24
Guimaraes	24	9	6	9	34	25	24
Setubal	24	8	8	8	26	23	24
Penafiel	23	10	3	11	25	31	23
Portimonense	24	9	4	11	28	31	22
Belenenses	24	7	8	9	20	30	22
Varzim	24	8	4	12	25	27	20
Espinho	24	6	7	11	22	34	19
Amora	24	7	5	12	30	44	19
Viseu	24	5	9	10	14	30	19
Maritimo	24	5	7	12	22	33	17
Colmbra	24	4	6	14	13	39	14

Belgium

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Anderlecht	26	20	4	2	52	16	44
Beveren	26	15	5	6	42	22	35
Lokeren	25	13	5	7	52	30	31
Standard	26	13	5	8	50	38	31
Anvers	26	10	9	7	37	39	29
FC Bruges	26	12	4	10	56	40	28
RWDM	26	11	5	10	37	38	27
Winterslag	26	11	5	10	34	36	27
La Gantoise	26	10	7	9	39	34	27
Lierse	26	9	9	8	44	38	27
Waregen	26	8	8	10	33	35	24
FC Liege	26	8	6	12	37	34	22
Courtrai	26	8	6	12	30	40	22
Cercle Bruges	26	8	5	13	40	55	21
Beringen	26	6	7	13	31	51	19
Waterschei	26	7	4	15	42	59	18
Beerschot	25	6	5	14	26	37	17
Bercham	26	4	9	13	22	62	17

Poland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sparta	20	12	4	4	31	15	28
Dukla	20	11	5	4	34	15	27
Ostrava	29	12	3	5	33	15	27
Bohemians	20	10	4	6	35	17	24
Cheb	20	8	6	6	29	23	22
Brno	20	8	5	7	35	25	21
Locomotiva	20	6	9	5	27	21	21
Slavia	20	8	5	7	27	32	21
Trnava	20	9	3	8	20	25	21
Slovan	20	8	3	9	26	25	19
Bystrice	20	7	3	10	23	32	17
Inter	20	7	3	10	21	43	17
Presov	20	6	4	10	25	34	16
Nitra	20	6	3	11	19	38	15
Hradec	20	5	4	11	18	32	14
Kosice	20	3	4	13	18	29	10

Hungary

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Vasas	24	14	7	3	50	24	35
Ferencvaros	24	13	8	3	53	26	34
Honved	24	13	6	5	45	25	32
Videoton	24	14	4	5	42	27	32
Tatabanya	24	10	9	5	35	23	29
Bekescsaba	24	11	6	7	33	28	28
Nyiregyhaza	24	9	9	6	22	18	27
Debrecen	24	9	6	9	24	23	24
Ujpest	24	7	10	7	42	42	24
Pecs	24	7	9	8	30	29	23
Volan	24	8	6	10	30	38	22
Csepel	24	6	9	9	27	26	21
Raba	24	6	8	10	27	28	20
Zalsegerszeg	24	8	4	12	39	46	20
Diosgyor	24	4	9	11	15	31	17
Dunaujvaros	24	4	8	12	29	56	16
MTK	24	3	9	12	20	39	15
Kaposvar	24	4	5	15	23	57	13

Switzerland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Zurich	17	12	1	4	37	22	25
Grasshoppers	16	8	7	1	30	13	23
Bale	17	8	5	4	33	26	21
Young Boys	16	7	6	3	28	21	20
Neuchatel	16	7	5	4	29	18	19
Lausanne	17	7	3	7	24	21	17
Saint-Gall	16	5	6	5	23	21	16
Lucerne	16	6	4	6	24	25	16
Sion		17	5	7	18	24	15
Servette	16	3	8	5	21	23	14
Chiasso	17	3	7	7	18	28	13
Bellinzona	17	4	4	9	14	29	12
Chenois	17	2	8	7	16	32	12
Nordstern	17	2	5	10	18	30	9

Luxumbourg

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Red Boys	14	10	3	1	42	14	23
Niedercorn	14	10	1	3	44	19	21
Aris	14	8	3	3	24	15	19
Jeunesse	14	8	2	4	26	20	18
Eischen	13	6	2	5	21	18	14
Union	14	6	2	6	30	26	14
Alliance	13	5	3	5	19	20	13
Spora	14	4	1	9	16	27	9
Beggen	13	3	3	7	11	22	9
Ettelbruck	14	4	1	9	17	33	9
Grevenmacher	13	4	1	8	12	28	9
Stade	14	3	0	11	13	35	6

Greece

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympiakos	23	16	3	4	35	12	35
Aris	24	14	6	4	42	18	34
AEK	24	13	7	4	39	27	33
PAOK	24	11	8	5	41	24	30
Ethnikos	24	8	12	4	28	19	28
Doxa	24	9	8	7	30	29	26
Serres	24	8	9	7	30	27	25
Panathinaikos	24	7	10	7	25	18	24
Larissa	24	7	9	8	24	27	23
Apollon	24	9	5	10	22	30	23
Ofi Crete	24	8	7	9	23	28	23
Kastoria	24	9	4	11	39	38	22
Panionios	24	6	9	9	30	40	21
Yannina	24	8	5	11	26	38	21
Kavalla	24	6	8	10	17	32	20
Atromitos	24	2	11	11	14	33	15
Patras	24	5	4	15	13	24	14
Corinthe	23	4	6	13	15	32	14

Czechoslavakia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Widzew	17	10	7	0	27	9	27
Legia	17	9	5	3	34	13	23
Szombierki	17	9	4	4	32	21	22
Baltyk	17	9	4	4	15	14	22
Wisla	17	8	4	5	27	14	20
Zawisza	17	9	1	7	19	22	19
Arka	17	6	6	5	25	23	18
Motor	17	6	5	6	21	27	17
Stal	17	5	6	6	23	24	16
Slask	17	6	4	7	17	21	16
LKS	17	6	3	8	16	22	15
Ruch	17	6	3	8	22	29	15
Zaglebie	17	3	6	8	9	16	12
Gornik	17	3	6	8	8	19	12
Lech	17	3	5	9	13	22	11
Odra	17	1	5	11	13	25	7

Rumania

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Univ. Craiova	21	14	2	5	35	15	30
Dinamo Buc.	21	13	2	6	37	18	28
FC Arges Pitesti	21	11	2	8	34	23	24
Univ. Cluj Napoca	21	11	2	8	30	24	24
FCM Brasov	21	10	4	7	27	24	24
Politehn Timisoara	21	10	2	9	22	24	22
Chimia RM Valcea	21	10	2	9	32	39	22
Corviul Hunedoara	21	9	3	9	37	30	21
Sleaua Bucarest	21	8	5	8	32	27	21
SC Bacau	21	8	5	8	30	30	21
Prog. Vulc. Buc.	21	8	4	9	28	35	20
Politehn. Jassy	21	8	3	10	31	29	19
Jiul Petrosani	21	9	1	11	30	30	19
ASA TG Mures	21	8	3	10	32	41	19
Sportul Stud. Buc.	21	8	2	11	22	29	18
FC Olt	21	6	5	10	22	32	17
FC Baia Mare	21	7	2	12	24	35	16
FCM Galati	21	5	3	13	26	46	13

★ 'NEWS' SPOTLIGHT ON THE SATURDAY ACTION . . .

LOOKING GOOD!

Rangers in top gear against United

RANGERS followed their fine midweek win over Morton by beating Dundee United on Saturday and there are signs that the Light Blues are starting to put it together again just in time for their assault on the Scottish Cup.

John Greig's men showed all the grit and determination which has been associated with the Club over the years by coming back after losing a disastrous goal in the 17th minute and the Ibrox side showed their critics they are still a team to be reckoned with.

The loss of that goal spurred Rangers on to greater efforts and, after one or two near things, the Light Blues got the equaliser when, after clever work by Derek Johnstone, Bobby Russell took the ball and jinked past a United defender before cooly stabbing it past McAlpine.

From that point onwards it was only a matter of time before Rangers got the winner — the only surprise about that goal was that it took until the 62nd minute to come.

Tannadice defender David Narey was short with a pass back and John MacDonald pounced on the loose ball only to be bundled to the ground by McAlpine, and from the resultant spot kick Ian Redford blasted home the decisive goal.

It was good to see Redford's fine performance rewarded with that goal and it is doubtful if there is a more effective player in Scotland at this moment.

With Tommy McLean and Bobby Russell both outstanding in midfield, Redford, being used in a more attacking role than usual, showed all the strength and skill which prompted manager John Greig to splash out a record fee for Ian's signature.

The former Dundee player looks like coming good just at the right time.

And with wins over fellow semi-finalists Morton and Dundee United in the space of four days things are looking good again.



● The equaliser! Bobby Russell (number 8), after eluding a United tackle, slips the ball past Hamish McAlpine for the first goal in Rangers' 2-1 win on Saturday.



● The contrasting reactions to Russell's goal are mirrored in joy of Bobby's leap into the air and the despair on Iain Phillip's face.



● John MacDonald is first to congratulate the scorer after his superbly taken goal.

★ 'NEWS' SPOTLIGHT ON THE SATURDAY ACTION . . .

FACT-FILE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

PREMIER LEAGUE
RANGERS 2, DUNDEE UTD. 1

Scorers: Rangers — Russell (25mins), Redford (penalty, 62mins). Dundee Utd. — Milne (17mins).
RANGERS: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, Jardine, T. Forsyth, Bett, McLean, Russell, D. Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: W. Johnstone (for MacDonald), Cooper (not used).
DUNDEE UTD.: McAlpine, Holt, Stark, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Gibson. Subs: Kopel (for Gibson), Payne (not used).
Referee: E. H. Pringle (Edinburgh).
Attendance: 14,000.

Premier Division

PREMIER LEAGUE

	Home				Away				Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	31	12	2	3	11	1	2	77	31	49
Aberdeen	31	9	3	2	8	6	3	57	24	43
Rangers	31	10	3	2	4	7	5	54	30	38
Dundee U	31	6	4	4	9	4	4	57	34	38
St. Mir	31	6	6	3	3	2	6	46	42	36
Airdrie	32	5	5	6	4	4	8	31	44	27
Partick T.	31	6	5	5	3	4	8	26	40	27
Morton	32	6	2	9	3	5	7	32	53	25
Hearts	32	3	4	10	2	2	11	24	63	16
Kilmarnk	32	3	4	9	1	3	12	20	63	15

First Division

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — DIV. 1

	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibs	35	11	4	2	10	4	4	59	23	50
Raith	35	11	7	1	8	3	5	48	25	48
St. John	36	10	3	5	8	7	3	59	38	46
Dundee	35	13	4	2	6	3	7	59	38	45
Ayr U.	36	10	5	2	6	6	7	57	39	43
Mothwl	33	13	4	1	3	5	7	57	47	41
Hamilton	36	8	5	5	5	2	11	55	54	33
Falkirk	36	7	4	6	5	4	10	35	46	32
Dumbtn	34	7	4	6	3	5	9	42	47	29
E. Stir	33	4	7	5	2	7	8	37	47	26
Clydebk	32	5	5	5	2	6	9	39	53	25
Dunfline	34	5	1	10	4	4	10	36	52	23
Stir A.	35	4	6	7	2	5	11	18	42	23
Berwick	34	5	6	7	0	4	12	28	73	20

Second Division

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — DIV. 2

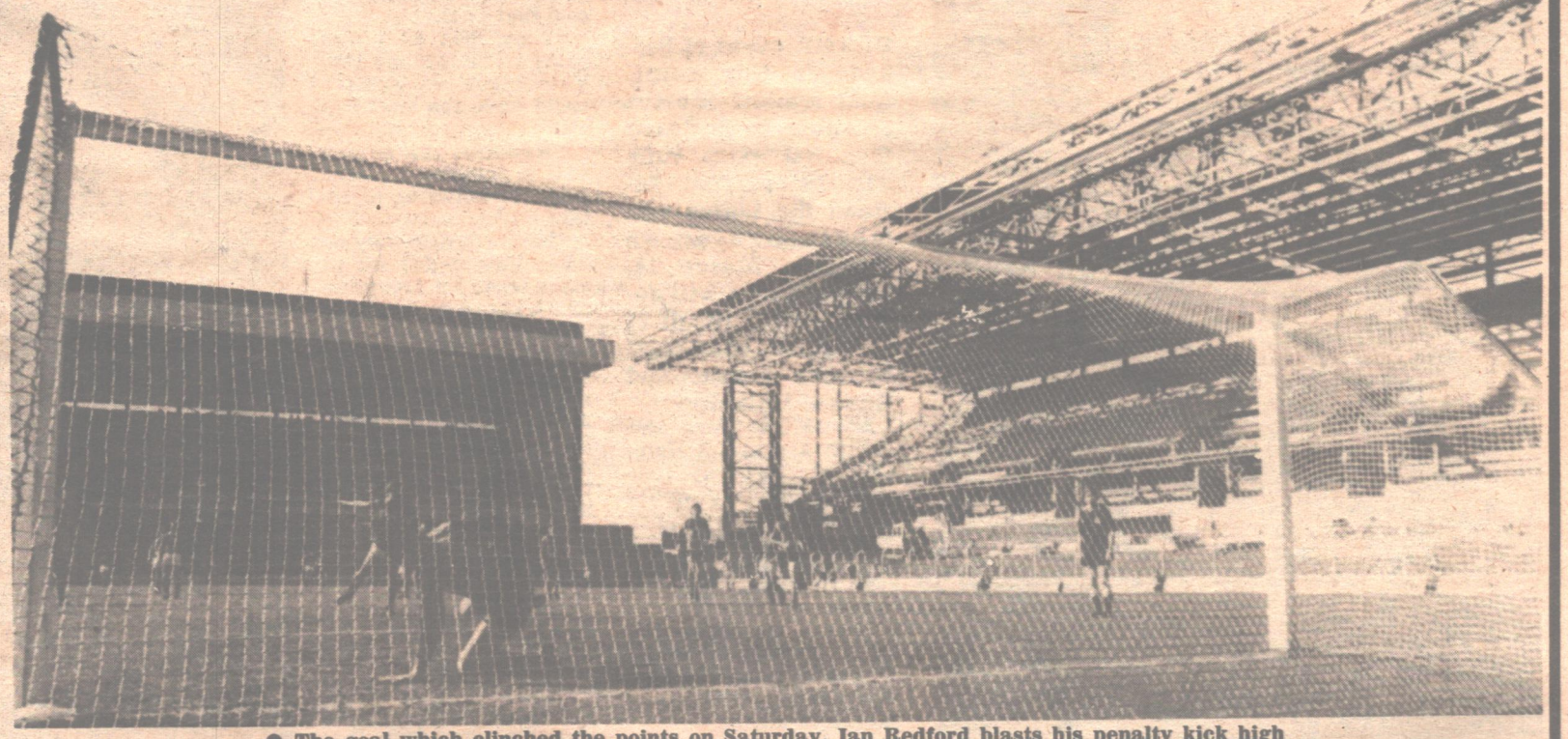
	Home				Away			Goals		
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Qun's P.	36	9	8	2	5	9	3	57	40	45
Alloa A.	35	10	4	5	5	7	4	57	41	41
QOS	34	6	7	4	8	5	4	55	48	40
Brechin	34	8	6	3	5	6	6	46	41	38
Cowdbth	31	9	3	3	6	4	6	50	35	37
Forfar A.	34	7	3	6	7	6	5	51	50	37
Arbroath	34	2	8	7	10	3	4	54	49	35
Clyde	35	9	4	4	4	5	9	58	57	35
East Fife	35	6	7	4	4	6	8	41	45	33
Sten'muir	35	4	6	8	7	4	6	59	55	32
Albion R.	35	8	3	7	4	5	8	55	64	32
Montrose	33	6	3	6	7	2	9	52	49	31
Meadbk	35	5	2	11	5	4	8	40	61	26
Stranraer	34	3	4	10	3	2	12	28	68	18



● Jim Bett has everything under control as he prepares to set up yet another Rangers attack in the second half.



● Derek Johnstone is the meat in this sandwich as United's Narey and Hegarty beat the Ranger in this aerial duel.



● The goal which clinched the points on Saturday. Ian Redford blasts his penalty kick high into the net with McAlpine diving in the wrong direction.



● Bobby Russell challenges McAlpine for a cross in the first half but in any case the referee had already blown for offside against the Ranger.



● Bobby Russell and Frank Kopel race for the ball. Bobby won this duel but his shot flashed wide of the posts.

A SPECIAL LOOK AHEAD TO SATURD

THE CUP SCORELINE IAN'S TO AVOID THIS WEE



● IAN REDFORD . . . his team lost seven goals in the Cup.

ONE feature of Rangers' recent 4-0 win over Morton was the superb play of Ian Redford, scoring one goal and playing a very prominent part in two others. So if the ex-Dundee player repeats that performance in Saturday's semi-final at Parkhead nobody at Ibrox will be complaining.

But Ian certainly doesn't want to relive the experience of his last Scottish Cup tie at Parkhead . . . because on that occasion three years ago Celtic beat Dundee 7-1!

"I don't have many happy memories of that game," says Ian. "I was on the bench and it was terrible just sitting watching the lads getting put through the mill.

"With ten minutes to go and the score something like 6-1, our manager Tommy Gemmell asked me if I wanted to go on and, naturally, I said that I did.

"Then, just as I was going on he told me that if I scored six goals I could have the next day off!

"Needless to say, I was in training at Dens Park the following morning . . ."

There will definitely be more than a day off at stake when Ian troops on to Parkhead on Saturday and the man who salvaged the Club's Cup hopes with a last gasp equaliser against St. Johnstone in the Fourth Round is confident of helping Rangers reach their sixth successive Scottish Cup Final.

But Redford dismisses the Light Blues' four goal success against Morton last week, saying that the Parkhead encounter will be a totally different game.

"The Cup game stands out in it's own right as the 'big one' says Ian, "and I'm sure Morton will give us more problems than they did in the match at Ibrox.

"The pre-match build-up, the big crowd and the importance of what is at stake will lift both teams, whereas the atmosphere in last week's game was unreal."

Remembering that Rangers and Morton have clashed four times this season, both sets of players should be fully aware of the problems their opponents are capable of posing and Ian appreciated that such a situation can make things difficult.

"Playing against the same players so often works in a defender's favour because all he has to do is mark a man tightly," declares Ian. "It's up to players in my position to be that little bit sharper so that any chances which come our way, even for a fraction of a second, are snapped up."

Having scored twice against the Cappielow outfit this season, Ian would be delighted to complete his hat-trick on Saturday and set the Light Blues up for the big day at Hampden on May 9.

If it's a draw . . .

IN THE event of Saturday's Cup semi-final against Morton finishing in a draw, then NO extra time will be played. Instead the teams will meet again on Tuesday, March 14, but the venue will depend on the result of the other semi-final between Celtic and Dundee United.

Should that game also end in a draw at Hampden on Saturday then Rangers replay would take place at Hampden on April 14 while the Celtic-United game would take place the following evening at Ibrox.

If only one game finishes level, the replay will be at Hampden next Wednesday with an 8 p.m. kick-off.



● BENNY ROONEY . . . the Morton boss make ing a tense mor

"We've got to concentrate o

FOR BOTH Rangers and Morton, Saturday's semi-final meeting at Parkhead can safely by labelled THE most important match of the season to date-and you can rest assured each set of players will treat it as such.

Cappielow boss Benny Rooney will certainly be looking to see his players show more relish for the task in hand than they did when they met Rangers at Ibrox last Wednesday.

"We simply didn't compete," he says with more than the trace of a little annoyance in his voice.

"Against a team like Rangers, it's essential that they don't get everything their own way, but at Ibrox we won the second prize in too many fifty-fifty situations.

"If that were to happen on Saturday, we just wouldn't have a chance."

But the Morton manager has every faith in the ability of his own players to lift their game and match Rangers in every aspect of play.

"We've beaten Rangers once this season and came within 30 seconds of doing it on another occasion, so I know we are capable of getting a result on Saturday," he says confidently.

TWIST OF FATE THAT COST BRIAN A MEDAL

THE referee for Saturday's semi-final at Parkhead is Brian McGinlay of Balfron, one of Scotland's leading match officials who has been on the F.I.F.A. list for the past five years.

McGinlay, who is 35 and is a sales executive with an office equipment firm, has extensive experience of refereeing at all levels of the game and was in charge of the Scottish Cup Finals of 1978 and 1979.

As you will no doubt recall, Rangers won the Cup in each of those years, but a sharp twist of fate saw Brian miss out on the decisive match of the '79 tourney. Rangers and Hibs needed three games to settle the issue and, as the Balfron ref had arranged to officiate overseas, Ian Foote (who will be in charge of this year's final) had to take over in the third game.

But there will be no take over on Saturday. McGinlay has the reputation of a "no-nonsense" official and both sets of players will be left in no doubt that he is in charge.



● BRIAN McGINLAY . . . handled two Cup Finals already.

ALL YOUR BIG GA

LONDON: Trip to Morton semi-final is fully booked. Few places still remaining for Wales v Scotland on May 16. Non-members welcome. Travel enquiries to R. Jenkins on 01-35-5794 (business hours). Membership enquiries to G. Brown, 11 Waghorn Road, Upton Park, London E13.

NESS ROYAL: Bus v Morton (Semi-final) will pick up at Invergordon-Inverness. Non-members welcome. Phone Dingwall 4354 for details.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELTOWN: Bus v Morton in Semi-Final leaves Academy Street, at 10.30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Names now required for Celtic match at Ibrox. Names to Big Rab or Jeff Fleming in the Rob Roy every Friday at 7.30 p.m.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN); Regular meeting to be held in Community Centre at 12 noon. Bus v Morton leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn at 1.30 p.m. Non-members welcome.

HELEN STREET: Parkhead bus leaves Ibrox Bus Garage at 1.55 p.m., Club at 2 p.m. Please uplift and pay for Celtic tickets.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Morton bus leaves McLean Street at 2.15 p.m. Seats for non-members 60p. Also, bus v Aberdeen on April 22 will leave McLean Street at 2 p.m. Bus returns immediately after game. Seats for non-members £5. Tel. Stuart Daniels on 041-429-5578,

DUNDEE LOYAL: Bus for semi-final leaves Lindsay Street at 10 a.m. Tickets on bus. For seats for this game and also Celtic match, Tel. 730389 or 40894 for details. Bus will leave Lindsay Street at 10 a.m.

Y'S CUP SEMI-FINAL AT PARKHEAD

AIMING
KEND . . .



oint to Assistant Manager Mike Jackson dur-
at Cappielow.

OUR game" – says Boss Rooney

"But we mustn't pay too much attention to how ngers play.

"We've got to concentrate on our own game, getting ngs right on the day and if we do that, we should e Rangers plenty to think about."

enny qualifies his belief on concentrating on his own team ngths by generalising on how Rangers approach the game.

The fact that they are the Rangers makes them a formidable position," he declares, "and if we show we are worried about v they play that will only give the initiative, a situation which y'd relish.

That was what went wrong at Ibrox last week and we paid rly for it, BUT THE BOYS WILL LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKE D ADOPT A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THE SEMI-FINAL."

ot only did Morton suffer a 4-0 drubbing in that Ibrox fixture they sustained one or two injuries which gave their manager ty to ponder over.

Neil Orr pulled a muscle," says Rooney, "and, being one of our players, it would be a blow if he didn't make it for Parkhead. ll just have to see how he progresses in the next few days.

John Marr and John McNeil also took knocks but they're not serious and should be ALRIGHT for the big game at Park-d."

big game it certainly is and Benny Rooney will drum that into men as Saturday draws closer. So when the clock chimes e o'clock, the Morton players will be ready to give their all to the Cappielow side in the Scottish Cup Final for only the third in their history.

ME CLUB NOTES

D KILPATRICK: Bus v Morton leaves the 'Telstar' at 1.30 n., picking up at Duntocher Road, Yokermill Road, Kelson eet, Kingsway and Victoria Drive. Non-members welcome.

LLINGRY LOYAL: Bus v Morton will leave Auld Shank, Ballgry, at 11.30 a.m. Picking up at usual places and times. Non-mbers welcome.

ACKBURN LOYAL: Bus v Morton at Parkhead will leave ckburn Railway Station at 8 a.m. Picking up at Preston Tick- Trout at 8.30 a.m. Non-members welcome. For further details ase contact Ian Gilmour on 0254-28140.

ENROTHES AND DISTRICT: Bus leaves for Semi-Final from .S.W.O. at 12.30 p.m. and for the Celtic game at noon.

LIN McADAM: Bus v Morton leaves Ibrox Subway 1.30. Non-mbers welcome.

E LOYAL: Bus v Morton leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy, at n, picking up at the Crown, Burnt Island and Ex-Serviceman's b, Rosyth. Names for game v Celtic on the bus.

THSDALE: Bus to Aberdeen leaves Torresdale Street 2 p.m. non-members interested phone Brian Craig at 041 881 5674.

CKHAVEN AND METHIL: Bus for Parkhead v Morton, on urday, leaves Kennoway at noon, picking up at usual places.

IDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Bus v Morton leaves at 1.30. Uplift ets for Celtic match. Seats for Aberdeen £5. Phone Mr W. Culley at 041 554 3789.

And 'lazy' Andy doesn't want any complaints either!



● ANDY RITCHIE . . . not got a good record against Rangers.

ANDY RITCHIE and "work rate" go together like Ayatollah Khomeini and a softly softly approach to law and order but, as regularly as the Iranian leader has sent transgressors in front of the firing squads, Ritchie's magic has had Morton fans turning cart-wheels in delight.

The man's skill is breathtaking at times and who could ever forget the superb goal he scored against Aberdeen in the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup, a goal which proved to be the only one of the game and which sent the Pittodrie outfit back to the Granite City with their tails between their legs.

Taking the ball on the penalty area, Ritchie beautifully flicked it over the head of a bemused defender before shuffling past another two Dons and calmly slotting the ball home.

A goal fit to win the Cup itself but Rangers will be out to stop Morton's Cup aspirations in their tracks when they meet the Cappielow outfit in the semi-final at Parkhead on Saturday and you can be sure that Ritchie will come under close surveillance from the Ibrox defence.

Ritchie's tongue in cheek assessment of his own ability is totally in keeping with his flambouyant character but any man who dismisses the former "Player of the Year" as no more than a joke figure is likely to discover the contrary . . . at considerable cost!

"I've been called lazy, a passenger, a bad professional and numerous other derogatory names," admits the Morton star.

"PEOPLE SAY I'M NOT A GOOD RUNNER BUT IF THEY WANT A RUNNER THEY SHOULD TO SEE SEBASTIAN COE . . . if they want a footballer, I'm their man.

"And it's been said that I don't work hard enough in training but, I ask you, why should I run about like a harrier in training when I don't do that on a Saturday afternoon?"

A very valid point from the big ex-Celtic player and one must concede that, while hard working players are an asset to any team, the game is sadly lacking personality men like Andy Ritchie.

"Of course, I love to entertain the fans," says big Andy, "and by doing so I can also help the team effort because, with the crowd on our side, it can inspire the other lads.

"Overall, I don't think I do a bad job for the Club. After all, it's been my goals which have won more than a few games and I don't think anybody at Cappielow will be complaining if I rattle in a couple of my specials on Saturday."

Cup Tickets

PLEASE remember this Saturday's Scottish Cup Semi-Final tie with Morton at Parkhead is not all-ticket.

There are still a limited number of Stand tickets left and these can be obtained from the Ibrox Ticket, which is open from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Is this the quickest substitution ever?

LAST WEEK'S league match between Rangers and Morton at Ibrox might not have been particularly important in relation to the league champion race, but it might well have gained itself a place in the Guinness Book of Records!

For the game was only three minutes old when Morton had to substitute Neil Orr with John Marr — and surely that must be one of the quickest substitutions ever!

The Morton defender pulled a muscle in the pre-match warm-up on the field and, although he thought he might have been able to run it off, manager Benny Rooney let the game run only a few minutes before sending on his substitute.

It wasn't a good start for the Cappielow men and as if that wasn't enough they had to substitute just 17 minutes later!

John Marr twisted his ankle and had to be taken off, with Bobby Houston coming off the bench to replace him.

If you thought that was an end to the subs story then you'd be wrong! In the 35th minute we had another switch, this time for Rangers. Colin Jackson took a knock on his hip and Sandy Jardine played out the rest of the game in the centre of defence.

With three substitutions in the opening 35 minutes, Davies Cooper must have fancied his chances of getting on before half-time, but it wasn't to be. Maybe the referee's pencil wore down and he couldn't take any more notes about substitutions!

This Week's Football

TONIGHT (Wednesday)
EUROPEAN CUP
Semi-final, first leg.
Liverpool v Bayern Munich, Real Madrid v Inter Milan.
EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS CUP
Dynamo Tblisi v Feyenoord, Carl Zeiss Jena v Benfica.
UEFA CUP
Ipswich Town v Cologne, Sochaux v AZ 67 Alkmaar.
SATURDAY (April 11)
SCOTTISH CUP
Semi-final.
RANGERS V MORTON (at Parkhead), Celtic v Dundee United (at Hampden).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Premier Division.
Aberdeen v Hearts, St. Mirren v Partick Thistle.
FIRST DIVISION
Clydebank v Berwick, Dunfermline v Dundee, Falkirk v Dumbarton, Hibs v East Stirling, Motherwell v Ayr United, St. Johnston v Raith Rover, Stirling Albion v Hamilton.
SECOND DIVISION
Albion Rovers v Forfar, Arbroath v Stenhousemuir, Brechin v Meadowbank, Cowdenbeath v Stranraer, Clyde v Alloa, East Fife v Montrose, Queen of the South v Queen's Park.

A CUP SOUVENIR

FOR a super souvenir of Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final be sure to get your copy of the 16 page match programme, priced 30p. Included in the match magazine will be colour action shots of Ibrox stars Colin McAdam and Ian Redford as well as articles on former Rangers players Billy Williamson and Billy Ritchie.

★ Picture Focus On Colin Jackson's Testimonial Dinner

A REAL SPECIAL NIGHT FOR THE 'BOMBER'...



● COLIN JACKSON . . . as Rangers fans see him regularly.

THE bank balance of the Colin Jackson Testimonial Fund has certainly shot up following the recent Cabaret/Dinner function at Glasgow's Albany Hotel.

No fewer than 600 admirers of the big Ranger turned up to honour him and among the guests were all the familiar faces of the Ibrox players and backroom staff, the Club's Directors and former Rangers stars Bobby Shearer, George Young and Alex MacDonald.

Also present were Scotland boss Jock Stein, Celtic captain Danny McGrain, former referee 'Tiny' Wharton and representatives of both the S.F.A. and the Scottish League.

And nobody in the crowd could complain about the quality of the acts on the entertainment bill.

Comedian Andy Cameron was M.C. for the evening and in his own 'True Blue' style introduced singer Ann Williamson, comedian Ben Gunn and top of the bill Christian

An auction was held for several much sought after football souvenirs. A ball and strip signed by the entire Spurs first team pool, a Vancouver Whitecaps strip with Willie Johnston's name emblazoned on the back of it and a superbly decorated Rangers mirror each fetched in excess of £100 for 'Bomber's' fund.

And with 200 prizes to be won on the Tombola, many guests left the Albany with more than a memory of a very happy evening.



● Colin Jackson, a former 'Mackinlays Personality of the Month' award winner, 'samples' a bottle of the product which was donated to the testimonial fund to be raffled at last Sunday's function. Lending a helping hand is Alan Ferguson.



● 'Bomber's' team-mates were out in force at the Albany and among those in this photo are Ibrox stars Derek Johnstone and Ian Redford and their partners.



● Ex-Rangers star Alex MacDonald with Beth McLean and Linda Forsyth, wives of Light Blues' stalwarts Wee Tam and Big Tam.



● THE smiling faces of 'Bomber' and Scotland manager Jock Stein mirror the happy mood of the guests at the Testimonial Dinner at the Albany Hotel.

PRESENTATION THAT EVEN SURPRISED BIG COLIN . . .

IT WAS no surprise to see so many people turn out for Colin Jackson's Testimonial Dinner, but there was one little 'surpise packet' which took 'Bomber' and his guests totally unawares.

Archie McPherson, anchorman of BBC's 'Sportscene', presented Colin with a video tape recording of the highlights of his career, which should certainly make good viewing for the big Ranger!

Among the highlights captured on the tape are the league title win of season 1974-75, the 'treble' successes of 1975-76 and 1977-78 and 'Bomber's' never to be forgotten winner in the 1978-79 League Cup Final against Aberdeen.

So if Colin Jackson is ever the subject of Eamonn Andrew's 'This Is Your Life' he shouldn't need the Irishman to remind him of his achievements as a Rangers player . . .



THE YOUNG RANGERS CLUB PAGE

A DAY THESE KIDS WON'T FORGET

NOW that we are officially into Spring, the foremost thought in the minds of most children is the forthcoming holiday due to them at Easter. Seven days out of school sounds pure bliss!

For six kids in particular, the Easter Holidays just can't come quick enough for them this year.

For they are going on a special day's outing with each other, to see one of Glasgow's most famous landmarks . . . Ibrox Stadium!

These six lucky youngsters are the winners of the recent YRC competition in the 'News' when the prize was a day at Ibrox to meet the players, see the sights, and round off your visit with a slap-up meal.

The six members who are going to have a day to remember are Derek Rogerson, 4 Sunnybrae, Borgue, Kirkcudbright; Julie Bones, 3 Dunster Gardens, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow; John Hill, 21 Ware Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow; Neil Brown, 34f Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, Argyll; Thomas Daniels, 411 Paisley Road West, Glasgow; and Jason Burnett, 12 Hayfield, Bainsford, Falkirk, Stirlingshire.

These six lucky youngsters will be given VIP treatment on the big day and you'll be able to see all the best pictures of their day trip in a future issue of the 'News'.

The answers to our crossword were as follows:

ACROSS: 5, Henderson; 7, Alloa; 8, Omonia; 9, Neto; 11, Dom; 13, Sad; 15, Fine; 18, Triple; 19, Tampa; 20, Iain Munro.
DOWN: 1, England; 2, Penalty; 3, On Top; 5, Torino; 5, Hearts; 6, Show; 10, Bug time; 11, Desmond; 14, Ayr Utd; 16, Spain; 17, Semi-Final.

A ball you'd all love to own!

WHAT'S black and white, round, and has lots of signatures on it?

Why, this week's prize in your very own Young Rangers Club competition, of course! And, as you've probably guessed by now, it could only be a great leather football, personally autographed by every Rangers' player.

It's the kind of prize that poses a dilemma to the lucky winner: whether to play with the ball and score plenty of goals or keep it in your bedroom and be the envy of all your friends.

Whatever you do with the prize should you win, there is no taking away from the fact this is a package any young fan would be proud to own, and all you have to do to win is to answer a simple question, based on (right) a picture of a past Rangers' game.

It shows Alex Miller in action fighting off the challenge of Partick Thistle's Donald Park during an encounter between the two clubs last season.

What we want to know about Alex, however, is concerned with this season. Firstly, against which side did Alex make his first appearance at Ibrox this season and, secondly, who were the opponents when he scored his opening goal this term?

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

Remember to include your FULL name, address and Young Rangers Club number with your entries and try and write in your neatest hand-writing.

The closing date for this contest is Friday, April 17 and the first all-correct entry pulled from our competition drum will be the lucky winner of this super ball.

THE EDITOR'S DECISION IS FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.



Who was the top scorer last year?

QUICK QUIZ

1. Who was the top scorer for Rangers last season?
2. Of the 12 Premier League matches between Morton and Rangers how many have the Cappielow side won?
3. Who was the last Rangers player to score an own goal this season?
4. Which English Third Division side are nicknamed the "Seals".
5. What are the colours of Huddersfield Town?
6. Which English team play at "The Dell"?
7. Who is Hearts most capped player?
8. With which Scottish First Division side do you associate Alex Rennie?
9. Which ex-Rangers player is now in charge of Brechin City?
10. After Sandy Jardine and Colin Jackson, who is the longest serving player at Ibrox?



● ALEX RENNIE . . . see question eight.

PEN-PALS

WANTED: Female pen pal aged 24-25. Must be Rangers fan. My interests include football, cinema and records. Please write to Kenneth Robertson, Two Bell Terrace, Tyre, Aberdeenshire.

WANTED: Female pen pals, aged 22-30. Write to Robert Powall, c/o 6a St. Oswalds Gardens, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 2D6.

WANTED: Female pen pal who supports Rangers. I am 23 years old and support Standard Liege. Please write to Decroos Serge, Dills Shipping Div., 97 Kroninglaan, 1200 Brussels, Belgium.

Happy Birthday from Rangers

THE following Young Rangers Club members will be celebrating a birthday in the near future.

TODAY (8th April)

JOHN MILLER, 9 Grampian Road, Coney Park, Stirling, who is 14.
DEREK RODDEN, 36 Cathay Street, Glasgow, who is three.
JOHN McCOURT, 31 Cubbin Drive, Glasgow, who is 11.
CAMPBELL WRIGHT, 4/5 McInnes Street, Haldane, Balloch, who is ten.
FRANK McLEOD, Haslemere South Street, Rattray, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, who is 14.
JAMES HAMILTON, 27 Park Road, Carnwath, who is ten.
STEVEN RODERICKSON, 32 Fulbar Avenue, Renfrew, who is 16.
ELSPETH MACDONALD, Springbank, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, Argyll, who is 15.
GORDON DUFF, 91 Elm Drive, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, who is 11.
ALLAN GRAY, 50A Braeface Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld, who is 14.
SCOTT CURRIE, 17 Blythswood Drive, Paisley, who is five.
RICHARD ALCORN, 17 The Wynd, Dalgetty Bay, Fife, who is ten.
STEWART GRAY, 6 School Brae, Letham, Ladybank, Fife, who is 13.
DAVID HERRIOT, 14 Stamperland Crescent, Clarkston, Glasgow, who is 14.

THURSDAY

STEPHEN GILCHRIST, 15 Garry Crescent, Invergarry, Inverness-shire, who is 15.
JOHN PALMER, 34 Clunie Place, Shawhead, Coatbridge, who is 14.
WILLIAM CORMACK, Moray View, Helmsdale, Sutherland, who is 17.
KAREN OLIPHANT, 83 Lime Street, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, who is 13.
CRAIG WALKER, 50 Lake Shore Road, Unit 100, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, who is nine.

FRIDAY

GAVIN DOTT, 13 Taymouth Drive, Kenmore, By Aberfeldy, Perthshire, who is 11.
MARTIN BEMBRIDGE, 29 Salmond Street, Kinlossy, Morayshire, who is 13.
MARTIN BUCHANAN, 34 Kellas Street, Govan, Glasgow, who is seven.
GARY MINTON, 18 Henderson Street, Gourock, who is 16.
THOMAS MALONNE, 93 Cockenzie Street, Glasgow, who is 13.
FRANKIE MARTIN, 28 Ardan Leven, Fife, who is 14.
WALLACE McLAUGHLIN, 15 Hillview, Brodick, Isle of Arran, who is 16.
AMANDA McKENZIE, 5 Annick Road, Dreghorn, Ayrshire, who is five.
MANDY WILSON, 76 Fraser Place, Kemnay, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, who is eight.
STEPHEN WELSH, 56 Turnberry Gardens, Skelmerdale, who is 14.
GEORGE MARTIN, 33 Fern Avenue, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, who is 11.
ANDREA HALLIDAY, 47 Scott Avenue, Johnstone, who is 17.
ALISON WHITLOW, 10 Kennett Close, Clayhall, Gosport, Hants, who is six.
CAROLINE JEFFREY, 21 Primrose Terrace, Hillyland, Perth, who is 14.
TOM PIRRIE, 22 Townhead Avenue, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, who is 12.
JAMES CROSBIE, 252 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee, who is 14.

● **THE two lucky young Rangers Club members who had their names read out over the loudspeakers at Ibrox at Saturday's match with Morton were STUART ROBERTSON (15), 10/2 Hermiston Court, Sighthill, Edinburgh, and JAMES SLAVEN (14), 58 Woodlands Avenue, Law, Carluke. They will be receiving birthday gifts from Rangers.**

JOHN STEWART, 3 Fleming Court, Muirhead, Troon, who is 12.
DEREK CAMERON, 2 Raeburn Place, Calderwood, East Kilbride, who is 16.

SATURDAY

LESLEY McLAUGHLIN, 14A Field Road, Fairley, Clydebank, who is 11.
BOBBY FERGUSON, 33 Vineburgh Avenue, Irvine, who is 11.
STEVEN SHANKS, 39 Main Street, Leuchars, Fife, who is 13.
JOHN DUNSMORE, 11 Hallside Cottages, Cambuslang, who is 13.
JOHN MOODIE, 25 Jervis Terrace, Westwood, East Kilbride, who is 17.
CRAIG WALKER, 50 Lakeshore Road, St. Catherines, Ontario, who is ten.
IAIN SMITH, 21 Standalane, Stewarton, who is 15.
CRAIG WILLIAMS, 71 Moorhouse Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow, who is 11.

SUNDAY

4DAVID HYLANDS, 43 Summerford Camelon, Falkirk, who is 15.
JULIE ILIFFE, 17 Tennyson Drive, Egremont, Cumbria, who is 12.
MALCOLM McALPINE, Bayview, Tarbert, Argyll, who is 14.
NEIL SCOBIE, 10 Academy Street, Leith, Edinburgh, who is four.
HUGH ARMSTRONG, 30 Kirkton Avenue, West Kilbride, who is 11.
ANDREW MacDONALD, 42 Popular Street, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, who is 15.
EDWARD ROBERTSON, 6 Edderton Place, Glasgow, who is 13.
DAVID McCONNACHIE, 1 Logan Grove, Hartlepool, Cleveland, who is 13.
JOHN MacDONALD, 2 Brambury Road, Brora, Sutherland, who is 12.
JOHN MARTIN, 30 Isles Street, Withorn, who is 17.

MONDAY

KENNETH CAMPBELL, 4 Thornwood Gardens, Glasgow, who is 14.
ROBERT SMITH, 14 Winn Avenue, Basin View, Australia, who is 14.
LYLE GRAY, 6 Highholm Street, Port Glasgow, who is 14.
ERIC FINLAY, 24 Ardgart Place, Rathcoole, Newton Abbey, Co. Antrim, who is 14.
GLEN LAMONT, c/o 115 PRO COY, RMP, BFPO, 106, who is 11.
GEORGE CALDWELL, 50 Loch Road, Bridge of Weir, who is 11.
CALUM McNAB, 2 Lochside, Lairg, Sutherland, who is nine.
TOM BRODIE, 143 Caledonian Avenue, Belshill, who is ten.
DANIEL FRENCH, 24 Balfour Place, Milton Glenrothes, Fife, who is five.

TUESDAY

ALLAN TAYLOR, 56 Ballantay Road, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is 11.
IAIN McNEIL, Dr. Barnadoscruchan, 527 Lanark Road West, who is 14.
ALAN McGREGHAN, 1 Crosspoint Drive, Glasgow, who is 13.
WILLIAM TOAL, 22 Halgreen Avenue, Glasgow, who is 13.
GREGG COCHRANE, 15 Cameron Crescent, Bonnyrigg, Midlthiah, who is 12.
IAN DUNCAN, 8 Carvale Avenue, Salsburgh, Shotts, who is 14.
GEORGE DALZIEL, 86 Laxford Place, Coatbridge, who is 17.
GORDON WILSON, Longwell Farm, Lamington, Biggar, Lanarkshire, who is 13.
JIMMY BRAWLS, 37 Bowling Green Road, Portwilliam, Wigtownshire, who is 12.
ALAN CLARK, 17 Baltic Place, Glasgow, who is nine.
KENNETH McREADIE, 58 Drummore Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
NEIL BARRY, 24 Russell Street, Mossend, who is 11.
GEORGE McCURDY, 47 Bridge of Weir Road, Linwood, who is 13.
COLIN PATERSON, 47 East Glen Avenue, Deans, Livingston, who is 12.

● **THE two Young Rangers Club members whose names were announced over the Ibrox loudspeakers before last Wednesday's game against Morton were Stephen Watson, 57 Cardowan Road, Stepps, Glasgow and Billy Taylor, 19 George Street, Fraserburgh.**

The boys have been sent a special birthday present from Rangers.

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

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



I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM

— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

All you have to do to join the Young Rangers Club is to send off just 60p (by Postal Order only) to: — The Young Rangers Club, "Rangers News", 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

In return for this we will post to you three items:

1—A membership card with your name and membership number.
2—A smart blue and white members' badge.
3—A Young Rangers Club ballpoint pen.

You must be 17 years old or under.

Name .....

Address .....

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

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

KEEP UP TO DATE

MONDAY

RESULTS. — Scottish Reserve League Cup: Kilmarnock 1, St. Mirren 2.

TUESDAY

Three proposals are delivered to the S.F.A. offices concerning the reconstruction of the present League set-up in Scotland. The clubs who put forward their proposals were Hibs, Morton and Falkirk.

The draw is made for the semi-finals of the Scottish Junior Cup. It pairs Pollok with Forth Wanderers and Arthurlie against Bo'ness United. Ind Coope, sponsors of the trophy, will supply each club with £40 for every goal they score in the semi-finals.

Charles Fraser, the secretary of the North of Scotland F.A. retires at the age of 84 after 59 years of service to Highland football.

RESULTS

Scottish League Division Two: Stenhousemuir 1, Meadowbank 1. Scottish Pro-Under 18 League: Clydebank 1, Morton 1.

WEDNESDAY

Celtic's £1,000 fine administered by the S.F.A. in connection with one of their supporters attacking Gordon Strachan is to stand despite strong objections by the Parkhead club.

RESULTS

Premier League: Aberdeen 3, Partick Thistle 1; Celtic 6, Hearts 0; Rangers 4, Morton 0.

Scottish League Division One: Dundee 2, Raith Rovers 1; Dunfermline 2, Clydebank 1; East Stirling 1, Stirling 0.

Scottish League Division Two: Clyde 1, Q.O.S. 4; Cowdenbeath 1, Forfar 2; Queen's Park 1, Montrose 0.

THURSDAY

Dundee complete work on the refurbishment of Dens Park which now can seat 15,000 spectators.

After John Corson was offered, and refused, the position of chairman of St. Mirren, the chair is given to Yuille Craig, a former secretary of the club. William Watters was co-opted onto the Board.

FRIDAY

The S.F.A. Coaching Committee have drawn up plans to be put forward at a future meeting of the Executive Committee concerning licensing of football managers. Under their proposal, which if passed, will come into being at the beginning of the season 1986-87, only those with an official A-rating from the S.F.A. can be appointed as managers and coaches of member clubs.

Dundee United's Boss, Jim McLean, is reprimanded by the S.F.A. on account of certain remarks he made after the Dundee United-Rangers game on February 7.

DAY WILSON HIT TWO . . . AND THEY DIDN'T COUNT!

When Rangers played Elgin City in the Scottish Cup in season 1976-77, who got the goals and did Tommy McLean score with a penalty? Has Tommy scored from the spot ever since? Harry Gibb, Harrow Road, Grimsby.

Rangers won that game 3-1 and the scorers for the Light Blues were Colin Jackson, Alex MacDonald and Tommy McLean, the latter from the penalty spot. The only spot kicks McLean has scored since has been the two goals against Nancy and Ascoli during Rangers tour of Canada last year.

You Asked For It





● The resulting spot kick from wee Tam McLean, which gave Rangers their second goal in a 3-0 win in the Fourth Round.

COULD you please supply me with the dates and scorers in Rangers European Cup with A.C. Milan in season 1957-58? Hugh McMurray, Langa Street, Glasgow.

After beating Nice in the first round 4-3 on aggregate. Rangers faced Milan at the Stadium on November 27, 1957, and the final score was 4-1 to Milan, with Rangers goal coming from Max Murray and the Italians efforts netted by Bean, Bauffi and two from Grillo. The second leg was played in Milan on December 11 and A.C. won 2-0 through goals by Baruffi and Galli.

I can remember a Scottish International game sometime in 1962 when the game was abandoned with about 15 minutes to go and a Rangers man scored two goals. Have you any more details? Henry Urquahart, Hyslop Street, Lenzie.

Scotland played Austria on May 8, 1963 and this game abandoned after 79 minutes by Referee J. Finney after the Austrians play became extremely physical.

Four Rangers players, Baxter, Henderson, Millar and Wilson, were in the Scotland side. Davie Wilson scored two of Scotland's four goals in the game, with Denis Law netting the remaining duo. The final score was 4-1.

Who holds the Ibrox record for the most goals scored in one season? Saul Paterson, Main Street, Milngavie.

During season 1964-65, Jim Forest netted 57 goals, a post-war record which stands to this day. Jimmy Smith holds the individual Rangers record for the most goals scored in a career with 443. The all-time scoring record in one season was by J. Reid in 1910-11. He notched 63 goals.

Could you please tell me how many first team games Ally Dawson missed last season? George Hamilton, Arden Craig Drive, Glasgow.

Ally appeared 54 times (including subs.) 2nd his first non-appearance was against Morton on October 13, 1979, because of suspension. All in all, he missed 10 matches.

Have you any details of Rangers first games in the Glasgow Cup? John Langley, Tambowie Street, Glasgow.

Rangers first competed for the Glasgow Cup in season 1887-88. The results were: First Round — 2-2 then 2-0 v Third Lanark; Second Round — 3-2 v Pollackshields Athletic; Third Round —5-1 v Westbourne; Semi-Final — 0-0, 0-0, 2-2, then 2-1 but Rangers won 3-1 at a later date after Cowlairs protested. In the final Rangers were beaten 3-1 by Cambuslang.



● The penalty incident at Ibrox when Rangers played Elgin City in the Scottish Cup in 1977, Sandy Jardine being the Rangers man taking the tumble following a tackle by Buchanan.

McADAM FINED

RANGERS striker Colin McAdam last week appeared before the S.F.A. Referee Committee to answer charges which followed an after match incident between the Ibrox player and referee Brian McGinlay at Tannadice on February 7.

The big Ranger was fined £100 by the Association and this, on top of a fine of two weeks' wages imposed by the Club, clearly means that Colin's transgression was a costly one for the player.

After the hearing at Park Gardens, Ibrox boss John Greig said: "The matter is now closed and perhaps that means that Colin can concentrate on the thing that he does best — pla ing football."

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A RANGERS BEDSPREAD . . .

IN THIS WEEK'S competition, the 'News' is offering as a prize a fantastic Rangers bedspread, just the thing for any Rangers fan!

The bedspread is ideal for any size of bed, and is decorated with a large Rangers crest.

And what you have to do to win this super prize is to take a look at the picture on the right. It shows Derek Johnstone exchanging pennants with Juventus's top man, before that memorable night in October 1978 when Rangers knocked the Italian giants out of the European Cup.

What we want you to tell us is who was the captain of Juventus that night?

Do you know his name? IF you do, write it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Bedspread," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date is April 17 and the first correct answer pulled from the drum on this date shall win the bedspread.

Please include your FULL name and address.





(CONTINUING OUR GREAT SERIES)

NO CZECH MATES FOR SAMMY!

WE IN Scotland have always relished the physical side of football, roaring with delight when a powerhouse player charges into a bone jarring tackle, and anyone who complains is likely to get the age old reply, "It's a man's game'.

But, on the Continent, they tend to be less impressed by our boisterous approach and, on countless occasions, European ties have developed into punch-ups with the temperamental foreigners showing their displeasure at the blood and thunder stuff.

One such occasion was Rangers' European Cup, Second Round tie against Red Star Bratislava in November 1959 and the man who was top of the Czech bounty hunters' wanted list was Ibrox inside forward Sammy Baird.

Sammy, of course, was never one for taking prisoners and Red Star took exception to his full-blooded tackling in the stormy first leg at Ibrox. THAT WAS A MATCH WHICH DID ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO ENHANCE RELATIONS BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

All hell broke loose just before the interval when Baird challenged goalkeeper Hlavaty for the ball and, from the resultant melee, Alex Scott slammed home the Light Blues' second goal.

From that moment onwards Sammy Baird was a marked man, subjected to vicious assaults from several Czech players, and it was no surprise when fullback Matlak was sent off for a crude attack on the Ranger.

The Ibrox men eventually won that match 4-3, Jimmy Millar netting the winner in the last minute, but the prophets of doom were quick to predict an end to the Light Blues' European ambitions when the side flew out to Bratislava for the second leg seven days later.

THERE WERE ALSO CONSIDERABLE FEARS FOR THE PLAYERS' SAFETY. After all, wouldn't Red Star be a more hot headed proposition in front of their own fans?

And one man who knew he could expect no favours was big Sammy Baird.

The return match certainly caught the imagination of the Czech fans and such was the density of the crowd, an estimated 60,000, that a crush barrier collapsed just before the kick off, causing spectators to spill on to the field.



● Sammy Baird shows the power for which he was renowned as he bursts between Willie Telfer and Harry Davis in the now discontinued pre-season trial match involving all of the Ibrox playing staff.

In such hostile surroundings, Rangers faced a backs-to-the-wall struggle and the pattern was set in the very first minute when a swift Red Star attack ended with inside forward Scherer firing in a shot which was just too high.

It soon became apparent that Rangers were content to let the home side do all the running and the Czechs found themselves facing a Light Blue wall which was as solid as any rearguard in the game.

A Bubernik header shaved the post, George Niven made a fine save from a Kalani drive then Scherer miskicked in a good position but, having withstood that opening burst, the Light Blues' confidence soared . . . and it showed.

The Ibrox counter-attacks were causing the Czechs problems and the home team's reaction was to needle the Rangers players with the off-the-ball assaults which, sadly, have now become a regular feature of the game at European level.

Twice Sammy Baird was felled in incidents which escaped the referee's attention but, to the big Ranger's credit, he refused to retaliate and simply got on with the game.

And Sammy was playing very well in the middle of the field, switching defence into attack with some fine passes and continually breaking up any Czech offensives with his powerful tackles.

The last ten minutes of the first half saw Red Star step up the pace a little and Cymra missed a fine scoring chance, shooting over the bar from the edge of the box.

Finishing the first half on such a high note obviously lifted the Czechs and, just one minute after the restart, a fierce Dolinsky shot brought an acrobatic save from George Niven and shortly afterwards the Ibrox 'keeper had to look smart to stop a Cymra effort.

In the 65th minute, Alex Scott clashed with Scherer and the Czech collapsed in a heap. Amazingly, the Red Star players surrounded Sammy Baird, indicating to the ref that Baird was responsible. But the official, rightly, ignored their hysterics.

SCHERER WAS STRETCHERED OFF THE FIELD BUT, ON REALISING THAT THE REFEREE WAS TAKING NO ACTION, HE MADE A REMARKABLE RECOVERY AND REJOINED THE PLAY AFTER NO MORE THAN 60 SECONDS ON THE SIDELINES!

'Baird was felled twice and both incidents went un-noticed by ref'

The Czechoslovakians' frustration was there for all to see and Rangers cashed in four minutes later to put the tie beyond the home team's reach.

Davie Wilson strolled up to fullback Hlosek, enticing the Red Star player into the tackle and, when he duly obliged, Davie sped past him then sent over a superb cross to the far post where Alex Scott was waiting to head home.

A goal magnificent in both manufacture and execution.

Now Red Star had "beaten side" written all over them and they stepped up their underhand tactics accordingly.

A blatant body check by Tichy on Jimmy Millar forced the Ranger to push the defender aside. Tichy promptly dropped to the ground as if the victim of a sniper's bullet and this time the referee fell for the Czech's drama exhibition, sending Millar to the pavillion.

Again, the Red Star players tried to implicate Sammy Baird but by now Sammy was only too wise to their tricks and kept well clear of the scene.

Rangers were now going through the motions of playing out time, although there was a slight scare when Tichy equalised with just three minutes left.

But the Ibrox men held out to qualify for the next round and the Light Blues' performance in Bratislava was acclaimed as a major tactical triumph for British football over the continentals. At fear of repetition, it was also a victory for Rangers' level-headed approach to the game despite the provocative strategy of the Czechs.

The Rangers team which earned the 1-1 draw in Bratislava was: Niven, Shearer, Little, Davis, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Millar, Baird, Wilson.



● Sammy admires himself in action on a poster on the wall of his Stirlingshire pub.

IT'S 700 UP . . . BUT SANDY LOOKS AHEAD

WHEN Sandy Jardine replaced Tommy McLean in the second half of last week's match against St. Mirren at Love Street, it marked the long serving Ibrox defender's 700th appearance for the Light Blues, an achievement which has been beyond many famous Rangers players over the years.



● SANDY JARDINE

Only Dougie Gray and current manager John Greig have passed the magic 700 mark and Sandy fully appreciates the magnitude of his impressive tally.

"It's certainly something I'm proud of," says Sandy, "and the fact that only two others have played so many games makes it worthy of that pride.

"Even 500 games is something of a milestone, but to pass that by another 200 matches really is something special."

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To wear the famous blue shirt so often obviously gives plenty of scope for memories but Sandy struggles to pinpoint any one instance as being more memorable than the others — for one simple reason.

"There have been so many happy memories," he says, "but I suppose the first success is always sweeter than the rest so, if pushed, I'd plump for the winning of the League Cup in season 1970-71 as a game to remember.

"Of course, the winning of the 'Cup Winners' Cup in Barcelona and the two 'treble' successes will never be forgotten and I consider myself very fortunate to have played with Rangers in such happy times."

★★★

But these days Sandy is not looking back, preferring to channel all his energies into re-establishing himself as an automatic choice for the first team.

"The ball's in my court," he says. "It's up to me to prove that I'm good enough to regain my place and I'll be working doubly hard to do so.

"These are difficult times for the Club and it's up to the experienced players like myself to help get us over this sticky patch."

Players like Sandy Jardine don't come along every day of the week and it is dedication like that which he is showing now which makes him the great Ranger he undoubtedly is.

Reserve Review

Colts keep in shape

WITHOUT a competitive match on Saturday, Rangers Reserves made the short trip to Paisley to meet St. Mirren in a friendly and although the game ended in a goalless draw, Second Team Coach Stan Anderson was delighted his men got a work-out on what could have been an idle weekend.

With our team still very much involved in the Second Eleven Cup it was important to get another game under our belts," said Stan.

"And it gave us the chance to play Gregor Stevens, breaking up his suspension and giving him the much needed match practice he'll need when he is called back into the first team."

It was a game which Rangers never looked like losing and, indeed, they were most unfortunate not to go in front when a great shot from Gordon Dalziel rebounded from the crossbar with the goalkeeper beaten.

But it was one of those days when goals were certainly not on the menu and, as if to prove that point, when Billy Mackay raced through with only the 'keeper to beat five minutes from time, his net-bound effort was blocked.

The team at Love Street was: McCloy, A. Forsyth, Black, McIntyre, McIntosh, Clark, Mackay, Stevens, Dalziel, Lyall, Stirton. Subs: Richardson (for Black), Watson (for Lyall), McPherson (for Dalziel).



● PREPARING FOR A CORNER . . . Morton's Joe McLaughlin and Ibrox star Derek Johnstone take up their positions as John MacDonald prepares to take the kick in last week's match against Morton. This was the build-up to the Light Blues' fourth goal.



● UP THEY GO . . . and big Derek is the winner, beautifully back-heading the ball into the Morton net.



● NICE ONE DEREK . . . Ian Redford is the first to congratulate Johnston as Morton's Hayes (No. 2) and McNeil mirror the Cappielow side's disappointment.

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Midweek Report

SAME AGAIN, PLEASE!

A CONVINCING 4-0 win over Cup rivals Morton at Ibrox last midweek put a smile on Rangers' manager John Greig's face and, while he was obviously delighted to see his team win in the style they did, he knows only too well it would be foolish to expect Morton to be such 'easy meat' at Parkhead this coming weekend.

The Cappielow outfit were no match for Rangers and it was apparent that the Ibrox men were playing for places in the semi-final team. Ian Redford and John MacDonald caused the Greenock defence countless problems while Derek Johnstone marked his return to the first eleven by scoring two fine goals.

The first, on the 15 minute mark, was a gem. Ian Redford outstripped the Morton rearguard on the right before sending over an inch-perfect cross which Johnstone headed powerfully past the diving Baines.

Redford netted goal number two after 31 minutes after an amazing mix-up in the Morton defence and it was the strong running of the former Dundee man which pulverised Benny Rooney's men.

Another fine run and cross gave John MacDonald the chance to make it 3-0 and young John had a hand in the fourth goal, sending a corner to the near post where Derek Johnstone rose to back-head the ball into the net.

As the game entered the closing minutes, Rangers threatened to overrun Morton, Tom Forsyth and Bobby Russell having good scoring chances and Derek Johnstone forcing 'keeper Baines to make a fine acrobatic save from a 20-yard drive.

FACT-FILE

RANGERS 4, MORTON 0

Scorers: Johnstone (16 mins. and 84 mins.), Redford (31 mins.), MacDonald (72 mins.).

RANGERS: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, T. Forsyth, Jackson, Bett, McLean, Russell, D. Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: Jardine (for Jackson) Cooper (not used).

MORTON: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeil, Busby, Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie. Subs: Marr (for Orr), Houston (for Marr).

BOOKED: Jardine, McLean (Rangers), Tolmie (Morton).

REFEREE: A. Ferguson (Giffnock).

ATTENDANCE: 7,000.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1, Derek Johnstone with 22 goals. 2, One. 3, Ian Redford against Hearts. 4, Chester. 5, Blue and White. 6, Southampton. 7, Bobby Walker 29 Caps for Scotland. 8, Alec Rennie is the manager of St. Johnstone. 9, Doug Houston. 10, Alex Miller, who signed in 1967.

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