RANGERS NEWS

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● Bobby Russell, scorer of Rangers' first goal on Saturday, cuts neatly inside Davie Hayes in a first half attack in Saturday's cup-tie against Morton. More pictures and match slant on the centre pages.

IT'S ALL THERE . . . RIGHT NEXT TO IBROX!

THOUSANDS of Rangers fans have traditionally gone to Ibrox via Copland Road subway, but this weekend they will get a surprise when they tread this familiar route to the ground.

Because a new shop will catch their eye at 150 Copland Road . . . the Rangers Shop!

Yes, after weeks of preparation and decoration, this super new Club Shop will be officially opened on Friday and so, from now on, supporters will no longer have to hunt around town when they want a particular Light Blue souvenir or novelty.

Rangers pennants and Rangers pyjamas, Rangers scarves and Rangers sweatshirts, will all be available in this bright modern shop which will be open three days each week throughout the summer and FIVE days per week from the start of next season.

By then, the stock will have been built up to the level of those shops run by the top English clubs and that will mean a choice of more than a HUNDRED different items, all carrying the official Rangers crest.

It means fans will be assured of getting the best quality goods instead of the inferior souvenirs often sold by street vendors. But you won't necessarily have to travel to Copland Road to buy this wide range of Light Blue goods.

By the autumn, a Mail Order catalogue, listing every item in the shop, will be available to fans all over the country . . . and all over the world.

Regular "Rangers News" readers won't need a catalogue, of course, because we will be constantly telling you of the new and unusual souvenirs being added to the stock. We know an order has been placed for Rangers panties for ladies and plans are being made to stock Rangers wallpaper for young fans' bedrooms.

If you plan to visit the Copland Road shop please remember it will be open only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays this summer and then five days per week from August. Business hours will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Remember too, that every item won't be available in those first few weeks. It will take time to build up the complete range and it will be August, for instance, before you can get baby bibs inscribed: "I am the best dribbler in Ibrox."



● Ian Redford is surrounded by Morton players but he still managed to get his pass to Tommy McLean in this first half attack.

CELTIC TICKETS

THERE are still a limited amount of tickets available for Saturday's Premier League match at Ibrox between Rangers and Celtic.

The prices are as follows: COPLAND ROAD STAND £3.00 and £2.50; ENCLOSURE, £1.50; MAIN STAND £4.00 and £3.50.

Tickets are available from the Ibrox Ticket Office which is open weekdays from 9.30 a.m. till 3.30 p.m.

ST MIRREN TONIGHT

RANGERS will be in action again this evening when they meet St. Mirren at Ibrox in a re-arranged league fixture. The game was originally scheduled to have been played on December 27 last year.

As usual the kick-off will be 7.30 p.m.

Striker Colin McAdam, who was injured in the final minutes of the Cup-tie against Morton, will probably miss the match because of a pulled hamstring.

IT'S ANOTHER RECORD

DESPITE being under a great deal of pressure, Rangers created a new club record by reaching the Scottish Cup Final for the sixth consecutive year when they beat Morton 2-1 at Parkhead on Saturday.

And for everyone at Ibrox that victory on the ground of their old rivals was a satisfying one.

"We have been under pressure since the third round at Airdrie, yet we have still got to the final. We are possibly not playing as well as we did at the start of the season, but we are still a difficult team to beat. To reach the final six years on the trot shows things are not as bad as they are painted at times," said manager John Greig after the tie.

It was a bruising 90 minutes which saw no fewer than eight players booked and two sent off and both teams will have cash deducted from the £4,000 bonuses they received for reaching the semi-finals. Morton, with five booked and two ordered off, will lose £3,600 while Rangers will be penalised £1,200 for their three bookings.

"There was a lot at stake for both teams," continued Greig, "and it showed on the park. Morton were the better team in the first half, but football is taking chances and we took more of ours than they did theirs."

Rangers can now look forward to the final at Hampden on May 9, but they won't know their opponents until after tonight's replay between Celtic and Dundee United.

Due to the Easter holidays next week, your 'News' will be published a day later than usual

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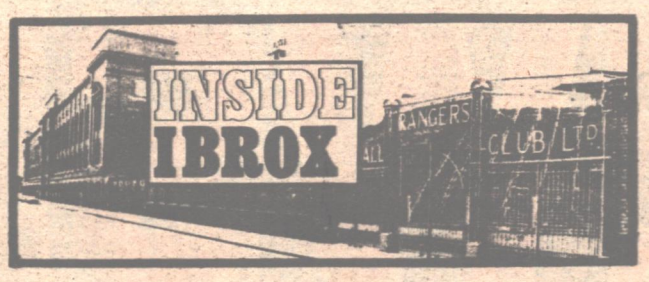
BILLY'S 'CROCKED'... AT THE ALBION!



RANGERS training matches at the Albion are by no means light hearted affairs — and that was proved last week.

For in one of the "kick-abouts" youngster BILLY DAVIES picked up an injury — and it has cost him a trip to the French holiday resort of Cannes.



● BILLY DAVIES

Not that the trip would have been a holiday anyway, but it would have been a nice bonus for the Ibrox youngster all the same.

But let's start at the beginning.

After a vigorous training session, the players were put through their paces in a full scale practice match and it was during this that Billy was injured. Rangers coach **JOE MASON** caught Billy's ankle — accidentally of course — just after the ball had been played by Davies and it meant he had to leave the field and head for the treatment room.

Trouble

The ankle was still giving him trouble in the later part of the week and meant he had to be ruled out of Saturday's Second Eleven Cup tie against Hearts at Tynecastle.

In addition, he was supposed to meet up with the Scottish Professional Youth Under 17 side which headed out on Monday for the annual tournament in Cannes, France. But he had to withdraw from that, too.

Progress

"Nobody likes to miss out on these trips," says Billy, "but there's not much I can do about it. Injuries are part and parcel of the game and a player has to accept them.

"I reckon, mind you, it's probably the first time a Rangers coach has stopped the progress of a player after spending hours coaching him!"

In his previous game for the Colts, Billy had hit two goals in an 8-1 win. A return to the game — and that kind of form — can't come quick enough for him.

★★★

While **BILLY DAVIES** receives attention to the treatment table, his Ibrox team-mates **KENNY BLACK** and **GORDON MARSHALL** will be in Cannes matching themselves against the Under-17 starlets from places like Italy, West Germany and Holland.

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● COLIN McADAM receives the Winnipeg Number One RSC's "Player of the Year" award from the Manitoba club's secretary George McGhee in the Ibrox doorway last weekend.

Big Colin's Winnipeg's Number One

SOMEWHERE in the Bible it says: "Go forth and teach all nations," and nobody could ever accuse Scots of not putting that into practice, every corner of the globe having its tartan community who cling closely to the traditions of their homeland.

One such community is in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and last week the secretary of the Winnipeg No. 1 RSC, George McGhee, called into Ibrox to make the club's "Player of the Year" presentation to striker Colin McAdam.

George gifted Colin with a beautiful set of silver goblets and matching tray and he went on to tell us something of the background to the formation and subsequent running of the Winnipeg supporters Club.

"We got the idea to start the club in 1975," said George, "and it didn't take us long to interest the expatriate Scots in our activities.

"Generally, we organise functions every two weeks and we're very secure financially. **BUT ALL THE SOCIAL EVENTS CAN'T COMPENSATE FOR MISSING THE RANGERS' GAMES EVERY WEEK."**

In addition to secretary George, who originates from Dennistoun, the committee of the Winnipeg club is as follows.

President: Alex Black (originally from Dunoon); Vice-president: Red York (a native of Winnipeg); Treasurer: Sammy Browne (from Belfast).

Of course, George and the members of the Winnipeg club keep in touch with events at Ibrox through the "News" and letters from home and nobody was more delighted than George when the Light Blues visited Canada last summer.

And if ever the Light Blues' return to that part of the world they can be sure of plenty of vocal support from their Winnipeg fans.



● PETER McCLOY

And Gordon will also be off on his travels in May, being included in the Scotland Under-18 squad for a friendly against Belgium and the European Championships in West Germany. In that tourney the young Scots will meet Austria, England and Spain then, hopefully, qualify for the finals against the other group winners.

It's good to see Ibrox youngsters being recognised at international level and it is perhaps indicative of the young talent at the Club that they are being called upon to represent their country so often.

BABES FIX UP 'TRIAL' MATCH

Rangers goalkeeper **PETER McCLOY** used to hold the title of "The Tallest Goalkeeper in Senior Football in Scotland". Now that's no longer the case.

St. Johnstone have signed **ROBERT McGREGOR** from junior side Vale of Leven and the 20-year-old is 6ft. 6in. tall. That's two inches taller than Peter.

★★★

Rangers winger **WILLIE JOHNSTON** last week attended the opening of a new pub owned by former Rangers stars **WILLIE HENDERSON** and **ALFIE CONN.** The ceremony at the Barnyard in Coatbridge was also attended by Celtic players **DAVIE PROVAN, JOHNNY DOYLE** and **MIKE CONROY** and former Parkhead idol **JIMMY JOHNSTONE.**

★★★

Programme collectors may be interested to know that the 2nd Edinburgh Programme Festival will take place in the Playhouse Theatre, at Leith Walk, on Sunday, April 26th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Around 500 collectors are expected to attend the Festival which will have displays of countless rare programmes and various other collector's pieces.

Admission will be 30p.

In preparation for their visit to Croix, in June, Rangers under 18 squad will be in action against a Central Region Juvenile Select at Grangemouth Stadium, on Monday, April 24, and Chief Scout **DAVIE PROVAN** is looking forward to seeing his starlets in action again as the departure date for France looms nearer.



● DAVIE PROVAN

BEST WISHES TO THE RANGERS SHOP

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'NEWS' FOCUS ON RANGERS YOUTH TRIP TO FRANCE

DOUGIE GOES FOR A CROIX 'RECORD' . . .

WHILE most other 14-year-old's were busy doing their homework Dougie Robertson, the Ibrox Colts centre-forward, was in the thick of the action in a professional football match on the continent, competing in the Croix Youth Football Festival.

Douglas's very first trip to Croix in France was with the Ibrox Youth team, and if the youngster is selected for this year's squad, then it will be an Ibrox record, for no-one from Rangers has ever made this trip FOUR TIMES!

If Dougie is picked, then it will also herald a full return to fitness for the lad, as it was only a matter of some five weeks ago he underwent an operation to remove a piece of his cartilage!

"I was really disappointed when I had to go into hospital for my knee operation as things were really beginning to happen then. I'd been scoring a good few goals in the Reserves and I'd also made my debut for the first team. Then that injury came along, but my knee is 100% better now, and I expect to make my comeback shortly, depending on what the backroom staff think", said Dougie.

As this year could be Dougie's fourth Croix trip, he is a "seasoned professional" at that level, and you'd think he would be used to all the rigmarole by now.

But that's definitely not the case.

"There is a whole world of difference from playing in Reserve football to suddenly experiencing top-class foreign opposition. You can never get used to that. Even now, thinking about going back to Croix is a great feeling,; he explains.

"On my first trip, being only 14 years old, it was more of a big adventure that a professional game of football. Now, though being a bit longer in the game, the adventure is even greater, because your sense of winning is greater. When we won the Tournament in 1979, against teams such as Moscow Dynamo, Benfica and A.C. Milan, the whole team's confidence was boosted tremendously, and I think we all came back better players because of it.

"The one thing about the Tournament which I don't particularly like is the time-limit on the games, as it's only twenty minutes each half. This is obviously because of the amount of games played during the day, but even so, it still takes a bit of getting used to.

"If your team takes a while to settle down, then by the time you do, the game's over. Mostly it's the team who scores first which wins. The foreigners tend to go for the early goal then try and play defensive and the time limit favours their style."



● These are most of the players who will be going to Croix. BACK ROW. Dougie Robertson, Ian Stirton, Andy Kennedy, Eric Ferguson, Davie McPherson, Gordon Marshall, Andy Bruce, Kenny Lyall, Jim Ford, David Scott, Adam Kelloch. FRONT ROW. Tommy McLean, Stan Anderson (coaches), Graham Burnett, Gary Climson, Mark Brown, Kenny Black, Billy Davies, Hugh Burns, Steven Evans, Davie Provan, (chief scout).



● DOUGLAS ROBERTSON

Warm-up indoors ... then outdoors!

TRAINING is something which a lot of players regard as 'a necessary evil', but if ever that was proved to be true it was on one occasion in Croix in 1978 when the Ibrox lads were warming up just half an hour before they were due to play.

Competing teams are accomodated in a dormitory, with each side separated by a curtain, so when Rangers knocked a ball around on that occasion their 'next door neighbours' were less than impressed when the ball flew through the curtain.

Beerschot of Belgium were the 'offended' team but after a 'diplomatic delegation' crossed 'The Curtain' all was well.

Needless to say, Rangers forthcoming kick-about took place out of doors!

HARD WORK YOUNG ERIC'S ENJOYING . . .

EASTER is the time of year every schoolkid looks forward to, because that's the first holiday they have after the Christmas break. A whole week in which to do whatever they please, and it's certainly a welcome rest from the 'toil' of the classroom.

For one lad, however, his Easter hols will be taken up both day and night with hard work . . . and that's exactly the reason he's been looking forward to them so much!

Eric Ferguson is a 16-year old lad with a very bright future ahead of him, because he is one of the promising prominent S-Form signings Rangers have captured in the last few years.

The youngster lives in Kincardine, and all the schools in that area have a fortnight's holiday, compared to just a week in most other districts.

This means that for the past week, and the next seven days too, Eric will be on Cloud Nine as he's training every day with the Rangers squad.

"I've been looking forward to this fortnight for ages. I knew it meant a lot of hard graft, but that's what professional football is all about. Experience-wise, it's been a great help," said Eric.

"Normally, myself and the other S-Form signings come over to Ibrox on Tuesday nights for training, but working out during the day means you've got a lot more time to practise certain moves.

"With the trip to Croix coming up, everybody is working extra hard and that adds a real competitive edge to the daily routine," continues the Dunfermline High youngster.



● ERIC FERGUSON

If Eric is picked for the Croix squad, then he will certainly be the owner of a well stamped passport. He has also been picked for the Scottish Under-16 team which will travel to Iceland sometime in June to compete in the International Youth Championships, but he's not looking too far ahead.

"I've got plenty of time to think about all that later on. I'm training with Rangers during the day, and studying hard for my O'levels when I get back home at night. My first priority are my exams, though, but after they're over then, I can concentrate on the thing I like doing most . . . playing football, especially for Rangers."

Classic goal wins a 'rehearsal'

A TEAM of Rangers youngsters, hopeful of being included in the squad for Croix, met a Lanarkshire Y.M. Select at the Albion last Sunday and the young Light Blues emerged 1-0 winners.

Against a side out to make a name for themselves, Rangers stuck to the task in hand and, to their credit, kept the opposition under pressure with their relentless onslaughts which, inevitably, brought success.

And it was a goal which brought the greatest of pleasure to the Ibrox backroom staff.

The ball went from goalkeeper Gordon Marshall to Davie McPherson, who pushed forward and sent a pass to Eric Ferguson. 'Fergie' beautifully flicked the ball back to the onrushing Iain Stirton who slammed in the winner.

A great build up with an even greater reward and it showed that the boys in the blue jerseys have that essential killer instinct.

The team at the Albion on Sunday was as follows: Marshall; Burnett, Kelloch, McPherson, Lyall; Burns, Ford, Black; Kennedy, Climson, Ferguson. Subs. – Stirton (For Climson), Scott (for Kelloch), Evans (for Ford), Brown (for Burnett).

'STILL PLACES TO BE WON'

LAST SUNDAY'S match between the Rangers' Youths and a Lankarkshire Y.M. Select did much to give Chief Scout Davie Provan an indication of the players he'll have at his disposal in Croix in June.

"You've got to see players in action before you can assess them" says Davie, "and last week's match was invaluable in that respect.

"Scouts make recommendations about players but I can't judge a lad until he plays for us and I certainly learned a lot about our boys last week.

"As things stand, we're still looking for boys in a few positions but I'm sure things will work out O.K. for us between now and our departure for France."

Meantime, Davie and his staff will be working overtime to knock their team into shape for the prestigious Croix tourney.

YOUTHS HOPE IT WON'T RAIN!

AS ALL the Ibrox youngsters look forward to the Youth Tournament in Croix, one of the Ibrox 'Oldhands' looks back on his experience in the French town with more than a little sentiment.

Nineteen year-old Steve Richardson played in three tourneys in Croix so he knows what it's all about and he has one lasting memory — THE PITCH!

"That pitch is played on for only three days in the year," he says, "and those three days are the hammering it takes in the Festival Tournament.

"From nine o'clock in the morning until after four in the afternoon the pitch is in use but it holds up well.

"The only problem is if the weather is bad around that time."

Steve is referring to the time when it rained non-stop for a week prior to the competition taking place in 1977 and turned the playing pitch into a bog.

"With 24 games being played on a park in the space of three days it's sure to suffer, so when you get a wet period the pitch becomes a swamp.

"That's how it was when we played there four years ago and it was terrible for the players."

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)
Scottish Cup,
Semi-final replay:
Celtic v Dundee United
(at Hampden, 8 p.m.)

PREMIER DIVISION
Rangers v St. Mirren; Kilmarnock v Morton.

FIRST DIVISION
Dunfermline v Motherwell, Hibs v Clydebank.

SECOND DIVISION
Cowdenbeath v Alloa.

SATURDAY, April 18.
PREMIER DIVISION
RANGERS v CELTIC, Aberdeen v Airdrie, Hearts v St. Mirren, Kilmarnock v Partick Thistle, Morton v Dundee United.

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

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

WHAT'S YOUNG ALLY'S EUROPEAN RECORD?

I was a great admirer of Bob McPhail during his playing days with Rangers. Could you please tell me the exact date he signed for the Club and any other details of medals he won while at Ibrox? Harry Jarvis, Crookston Road, Glasgow.

You Asked For It

Bob signed for Rangers on April 18, 1927, from Airdrie and stayed 14 seasons, during which time he scored 281 goals in 466 games played. Bob won six Scottish Cup winners medals at Ibrox, in addition to the one he collected with Airdrie. He also "hoarded" seven Glasgow Cup, eight Charity Cup and nine League Championship medals until taking up the position of Reserve team coach after season 1939-40. Bob was capped 13 times for Scotland.

When Scotland played Czechoslovakia in 1937, how many Rangers players were in the Scottish team? David Fraser, Kintyre Street, Kelso.

There were two Rangers in that team, on December 8, 1937. They were George Brown and Davie Kinnear, the letter going to become Rangers trainer, Davie also scored one of Scotland's goals in that 5-0 win over the Cechs.

I would like to know details of every European tie Ally Dawson has played in the Rangers first team since he joined the Club? Janis Lowrie, Hamilton Road, Irvine.

Ally played against Cologne in the European Cup on March 6 and 21, 1979. In last season's Cup Winners Cup, he appeared against Lilliestroem on August 21 and September 5, Fortuna on September 19 and October 3 and then played as a substitute against Valencia on October 24.

Other foreign opposition Ally has appeared against are Minnesoata Kicks and Toronto Metros in May 1976, during Rangers tour of Canada. On July 26, 1976, he was in the Rangers side which were beaten 3-1 by Werder Bremen. Ally also turned out v Nancy and Ascoli during Rangers 1979-80 tour of Canada in the Red Leaf Tournament.

Could you please list the goalscorers of both legs when Rangers met Inter Milan in the Quarter-Final of the 1964-65 European Cup? Sandy Ritchie, Old Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

The first leg in the San Siro Stadium saw Inter win by 3-1. The score up until half-time had been 0-0, but by the fifth minute of the second, goals from Suarez and two from Peiro put the Spaniards into the lead. Jim Forrest snatched one for the Club in the 65th minute.

Rangers won the second leg at Ibrox 1-0 through a goal from Jim Forrest.

Could you please list the Rangers team which played against St. Etienne on November 5, 1975, in the European Cup and also, if possible print a list of every other European tie that same night involving British teams? Gary Hughes, Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow.

The Rangers team was: Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Stein, Parlane, Johnstone and Young. Rangers were beaten 2-1, with the French goals coming from Rocheteau and Revelli. Alex MacDonald scored for Rangers. Other European ties played that night were: European Cup: Real Madrid 5, Derby County 1. European Cup Winners Cup: Celtic 3, Boavista 1; Stal Rzeszow 1, Wrexham 1; West Ham 3, Ararat Erevan 1. U.E.F.A.A Cup: Liverpool 6, Real Sociedad 0; Bruges 4, Ipswich 0; A.C. Milan 3, Athlone Town 0; Oporto 1, Dundee Utd. 1.

When did Ian Redford play his first game for Rangers against Dundee after he was transferred from the Dens Park side? Ian Kenny, Drumchapel Road, Glasgow.

Ian's debut for Rangers was against Morton on February 23, but his first game against Dundee was on April 5, when Rangers won the match 4-1.



● Rangers one moment of joy in the European Cup match against St. Etienne in November 1975. Alex MacDonald hits the Light Blues only goal in the late stages of the match as Sandy Jardine looks on. Rangers lost 2-1 on the night and 4-1 on aggregate.

CALLING HUGH McMURRAY AND HARRY TRENENT . . . A few amendments to your questions. In the You Asked for It column in issue 493, we stated Rangers played Nice in the first Round of the 1957-58 European Cup. This was not the case. Rangers, in fact, played St. Etienne, winning on a 4-3 aggregate. The Light Blues met Nice in the previous year's competition when, after both legs resulted in a 3-3 aggregate draw, the play-off in Paris saw Nice win 3-1.

In issue 492, we listed the Hibs and Rangers teams, which appeared in the 1956-57 Scottish Cup Final. This should have read, the Scottish Victory Cup final, which was played in 1946.

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

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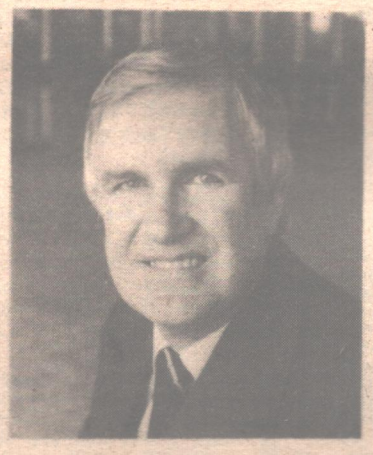
NEWS OF THE WORLD





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This is your chance to brighten up the walls of your house with twenty fabulous all-colour pennants of Scottish clubs and also a selection of flags from foreign countries.

A prize suitable for all football fans, no matter what age they are.

In order to have a chance of winning this super bundle all you have to do is study the 'News' photographs above and answer a simple question.

The picture shows Ian McDougall's equaliser for Rangers during an encounter between Rangers and Celtic in September, 1974. Kenny Dalglish had put Celtic into the lead and after McDougall's shot went in, Colin Jackson managed to head in Rangers winner in the second half.

But what we want to know is the name of the Celtic goalkeeper.

Just write his name down on a postcard and send it off to: "Penants", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for this contest is Friday, April 24 and the first correct entry drawn from our competition drum on this date shall win the twenty pennants.

Please remember to enclose your FULL name and address with your entry and also try and write in your best possible hand-writing.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

THE SCOT WHO PLAYS FOR NEW ZEALAND!

IN TWO WEEK'S time Scotland face Israel at Hampden in their bid to qualify for next year's World Cup Finals in Spain but, regardless of how our men get on, there is a Scot on the other side of the world who hopes to play in the land of the peseta next summer.

Sam Malcolmson, formerly of Airdrie, Queen of the South and Albion Rovers, is currently one of the "king-pins" of the New Zealand national side and, in two weeks time, the "Kiwis" embark on their attempt to reach Spain.

Faced by Australia, Fiji, Indonesia and Taipei, the New Zealanders have high hopes of making their way to the finals and Dumfries-born Sam is very much part of their plans.

But how Malcolmson came to be among their squad is a story in itself.

"After being in the Navy, I joined Airdrie and, although I played in the first team, I moved to Queen of the South after three seasons," says Sam.

"It was then that I started thinking abut emigrating to New Zealand but my papers were held up and I joined Albion Rovers for a short spell.

"Eventually things were sorted out and I was cleared to leave Coatbridge, moving to New Zealand."

Playing in that far-off country was a very definite contrast to playing in Scotland and Sam recalls the differences.

"At home we had everything, outside of actually playing, done for us, but in New Zealand we had to bring our own tie-ups, towel, jockstrap and various other things that Scottish players take for granted.

"And playing in front of no more than a handful of spectators was a complete contrast to my last game in Scotland, in front of a big crowd.

But Sam adapted to the "Kiwi" scene and took out New Zealand citizenship soon after moving to that country — and he didn't take long to establish himself with the national team.

"Since moving to this country, I've played for W.D.U., Stop Out, Eastern Suburb and Manuwera, so I've been around and I was called into the international side.

"Added to my playing experience, I was at the English coaching course at Lilleshall while I was in the Navy and the man in charge was Ron Greenwood. That means I've certainly learned from one of the best coaches in the world."

Now, however, all Sam's coaching experience goes by the board as the New Zealand team make their bid to prove it all on the pitch.

"We're capable of reaching the finals," says the expatriate Scot, "and the prospect of meeting Scotland in Spain is one that gives me plenty of incentive to help the team reach that stage."



Bettega to retire

ROBERTO BETTEGA (pictured above) the Juventus and Italian goalscorer and one of the most popular players in his native country in recent years, has said he'll finish his career in the World Cup Finals in Spain next year.

Boost for Israel

ISRAEL, Scotland's next opponent in the World Cup, played a friendly match last week against Rumania and won 2-1 before a 5,000 crowd. A confidence booster for them, no doubt!

ALL CHANGE?

***DENMARK** is one of several countries thinking of changing its set-up next season. They want to reduce the First Division from 16 teams to 14.*

Same again

THE DRAW for the 1984 European Championship will be made in January next year, but the decision on the venue is expected to be announced in November or December this year. The eight-nation final formula — so disliked in Italy last year — will again be used.

Euro trophy for women?

THE THREE major European competitions have aroused considerable interest in the last ten years and there is now talk that another could be on the cards — for women!

A NEW UEFA committee, chaired by Belgian Louis Wouters, has come out in favour of the idea and a formal proposal says at least 12 of the 34 UEFA member associations should take part in the tournament.

Players would have to be at least 16 and games would be on a home and away basis. However, it would be a national competition and a decision on the tournament should come later this month.

A vital time for Czechs

TURKEY will meet Czechoslovakia in a Group Three World Cup Qualifying match this evening (Wednesday). The Turks are bottom of the group, having lost all three of their previous matches so far, but if Czechoslovakia can take the two points in Istanbul tonight then they will join Russia on the four point mark, putting them equal second in the section.

Wales, with eight points from four matches, appear to be well on the road to qualifying for Spain next year and it just leaves Russia and the Czechs to fight out the remaining place.

THE WEEKEND IN EUROPE . . .

AUSTRIA: Voeest Linz 0, Admira Wacker 0; Grazer Ak 1, Austria Wien 1; Rapid 3, Sturm Graz 1; SC Eisenstadt 1, Austria Salzburg 0; Wiener Sportclub 0, Linzer Ask 1.

BELGIUM: SC Anderlecht 8, Beerschot 2; Waregem 0, Courtral 0; Beveren 0, Winterslag 2; Waterschei 0, FC Liege 2. Anderlecht win title.

HOLLAND: Sparta Rotterdam 4, JC Kerkrade 1; Wageningen 2, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1; NAC Breda 0, Utrecht 3; PSV Eindhoven 4, Willem II Tilburg 0; Excelsior Rotterdam 1, Feyenoord 3; Groningen 0, Twente Enschede 1; The Hague 2, MVV Maastricht 3; AZ 67 Almaar 0, Ajax 1; PEC Zwolle 0, NEC Nigmegen 1.

EAST GERMANY: Lokomotive Leipzig 0, Sachsenring Zwickau 0; Wismut Aue 2, Stahl Riesa 3; Karl-Marx Stadt 2, Chemie Bohlen 1; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 3, BFC Dynamo Berlin 3; Vorwaerts Frankfurt Oder 1, HFC Chemie Halle 0; Dynamo Dresden 4, Hansa Rostock 0; Magdeburg 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 1.

GREECE: Olympiacos 3, Doxa Drama 2; Apollon 0, OFI Crete 0; Ioannina 4, Atromitos 0; Kavala 2, Ethnikos 1; Corinthos 2, AEK 1; Panathinaikos 4, Panseraikos 0; Panahaiki 1, Larissa 0; Panionios 4, Kastoria 0; Paok 1, Aris 1; Olympiacos 0, Corinthos 0.

ITALY: Ascoli 1, Catanzaro 2; Avellino 0, Udinese 0; Bologna 2, Cagliari 1; Inter 0, Brescia 0; Perugia 0, Como 0; Pistolese 1, Juventus 3; Roma 1, Fiorentina 1; Torino 0, Napoli 1.

POLAND: Ruch Chorzow 2, LKS Lodz 0; Zagiebie Sosnowiec 3, Arka Gydnia 1; Lech Poznan 1, Odra Opole 0; Legia Warsaw 2, Szombierki Bytom 1; Waltyk Gydnia 0, Slask Wroclaw 1; Widzew Lodz 2, Gornik Zabrze 1; Motor Lublin 2, Stal Mielec 3; Wisa Krakow 2, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0.

SPAIN: Real Madrid 2, Zaragoza 0; Valladolid 3, Salamanca 0; Almeria 2, Barcelona 5; Atrhetic Bilbao 5, Hercules 3; Sevilla 2, Betis 1; Murcia 0, Real Sociedad 2; Espanol 2, Las Palmas 1; Gijon 5, Osasuna 1; Valencia 1, Atletico de Madrid 1.

SWITZERLAND: Basle 1, Grasshoppers Zurich 5; Chenois 0, Lucerne 0; Chiaso 2, Sion 4; Lausanne 2, Nordstern Basle 0; St. Gallen 1, Neuchatel Xamax 2; Young Boys 2, Bellinzona 0. Zurich 3, Servette Geneva 2.

WEST GERMANY: Fortuna Dusseldorf 2, 1860 Munich 1; Schalke 04 2, Hamburg 1; Arminia Bielefeld 1, VFB Stuttgart 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Cologne 0; Borussia Monenchengladbach 1, FC Kaiserslautern 0; Bayer Uerdingen 3, FC Nuremberg 2; Bayern Munich 5, MSV Duisburg 1; Bayer Leverkusen 3, Karlsruhe 0; Borussia Dortmund 1, VFL Bochum 3.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Ballymena 2, Coleraine 0; Bangor 0, Crusaders 2; Cliftonville 2, Larne 4; Distillery 1, Ards 2; Glentoran 3, Glenavon 1; Portadown 0, Linfield 4.

FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE

'CRUNCH' TIME FOR LINFIELD

AFTER APPEARING to have shot their bolt in the Irish League Championship race, present title holders Linfield are right back in with a shout after registering a landslide 7-0 win over Bangor ten days ago — the same day leaders Glentoran dropped a point against Ards.

That day's work took the Windsor Park side within two points of their cross city rivals and, assuming that both won last weekend, sets the scene for a real crunch match when Belfast's "Big Two" clash on Saturday.

Having hit Bangor for seven last week, the players' confidence must be sky high and the value of that goal spree may well be the factor which takes the championship trophy to Windsor Park because their goal difference now stands superior to that of their rivals.

Victory for Linfield on Saturday will take them to the top by virtue of that supriority and, with only one remaining game to be played, it would be a very brave man who bet against Roy Coyle's side booking their place in next season's European Cup.

Europe Midweek

EUROPEAN CUP
(Semi-final, 1st leg)
Liverpool 0, Bayern Munich 0
Real Madrid 2, Inter Milan 0

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP
Dynamo Tblisi 3, Feyenoord 0
Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Benfica 0

UEFA CUP
Ipswich Town 1, Cologne 0
Sochaux 1, AZ 67 Alkamaar 1

Referees? It's the same all over!

IT'S NOT JUST in Scotland and England that there are complaints about referees.

There was much criticism of official Aron Schmidhuber for his decision to send off England striker Tony Woodcock in last weekend's Bundesliga match between Cologne and Karlsruhe.

Woodcock, a £600,000 buy from Nottingham Forest, was given his marching orders after appearing to kick defender Rolf Dohmen when they both went down in the 63rd minute. Woodcock had been fouled repeatedly and Cologne coach Rinus Michels complained about the decision — rather bitterly — later.

"If you keep getting kicked from behind, then the reaction is somehow understandable. The referee was the main figure in this match because he did not punish the fouls on Woodcock with a yellow card," he pointed out.

Culprit Woodcock was also unimpressed by the early bath. "The referee kept blowing for a foul, but he should have shown Dohmen the yellow card then it would not have gone as far as it did. This wouldn't have happened in England."

Cologne were leading 1-0 at the time, but the home side came back and took advantage of Woodcock's absence in the 75th minute by netting an equaliser and taking a point.



HE THRILLED big crowds in the 1970 and 1974 World Cup Finals with his superbly hit free-kicks. But Roberto Rivelino (pictured above) is exciting the fans no more — at least for a short while.

He is currently in Saudi Arabia, but is watching the action from the touchlines thanks to a ban from the authorities. Reason? He started a punch-up and was promptly suspended for three months!

SCOTTISH CUP

PICTURE SPECIAL



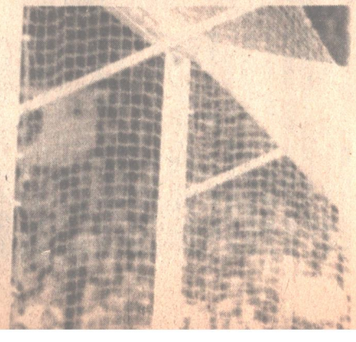
● A valiant attempt by Morton defender Joe McLaughlin can't stop this Colin Jackson header giving Rangers the lead in the 39th minute as Derek Johnstone and Roy Baines look on.



● A happy Derek Johnstone turns away to acclaim the goal while Roy Baines and Davie Hayes discuss who was at fault.

SIX IN A ROW FOR RANGERS...





THERE was no quarter asked and certainly none given, in Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final clash with Morton at Parkhead but, to Rangers' credit, the Light Blues emerged from the bruising battle having clinched their place in the final for the sixth successive





● Baines is beaten yet again, this time from a Russell shot which took a deflection.



● Russell again, this time neatly slipping the ball under Ian Cochrane.



● John McNeil claims offside but Russell's shot was held by Baines.

then again, semi-finals seldom are and it soon became clear that the team to win would be the one which made the least number of errors.

And the manner in which the goals were scored mirrored that point.

Colin Jackson did well to get his head to a Willie Johnston corner kick in the 39th minute but his effort did not appear to have the power one usually associates with 'Bombers' headers. However, Morton's keeper Baines found himself in no-man's land and he was helpless when the ball looped over his head high into the corner of the net.

What proved to be the winner came from Bobby Russell in the 68th minute when the midfield player cut past Thomson on the corner of the penalty box and unleashed a shot which Baines appeared to have covered. But the ball struck McLaughlin and the 'keeper was stranded on his line, mourning his defender's intervention, as the ball hit the netting behind him.

Morton came back into the game through a needlessly conceded penalty by Rangers' midfield man Jim Bett but, by then, the Ibrox side had booked their place at Hampden.

The referee, overworked previously by handing out SEVEN yellow cards, was forced to order off Morton's Holmes just before that penalty incident and the Cappielow captain, Bobby Thomson was also shown the red car in the final minutes.

But the fact that the Greenock team were reduced to nine men must not be allowed to cloud the merit of Rangers' win.

The Light Blues were two goals in front before the first dismissal and, in fact, it was only when they were reduced in numbers that Morton showed any likelihood of upsetting the rhythm Rangers were beginning to show.

In the closing minutes substitute Colin McAdam would have given a more convincing look to the scoreline had he not been the victim of a "professional" fouled by Thomson, the offence which led to the Morton skipper's game coming to a premature end.

When all the red cards, yellow cards and bad fouls are forgotten though, a Rangers victory will be remembered, so taking the club back to Hampden yet again.



● Ian Redford and Colin Jackson raise their hands in salute while Derek Johnstone rushes across to congratulate scorer Bobby Russell.



● The tackle which forced referee McGinley to send off Bobby Thomson. He trips Colin McAdam from behind as the Rangers' forward moved in on goal. Joe McLaughlin is the other player.



● A brilliant save by Jim Stewart as he dives full length across his goal to save a left-foot drive from Busby.

FACT-FILE

RANGERS 2
MORTON 1.

Scorers: Rangers, Jackson (39 minutes), Russell (68 minutes). Morton, Ritchie (pen., 73 minutes).

RANGERS: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, T. Forsyth, Jackson, Bett, McLean, Russell, D. Johnstone, Redford, W. Johnston. **Subs.:** McAdam (for Bett), Jardine (not used).

MORTON: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeil, Busby, Thomson, Tolmie, Cochrane. **Subs.:** Ritchie (for Orr), McNab (not used).

Referee: B. R. McGinlay (Balfron).

Booked: Hayes, Orr, McNeil, Busby, Thomson (Morton); Miller, Jackson, Russell (Rangers)

Ordered off: Holmes, Thomson (Morton).

Attendance: 27,050.

'News' spotlight on Saturday's game v Celtic . . .





● GEORGE ANDERSON



● JOHN McMASTER



● DAVIE ARMOUR

SIGNING FOR CELTIC WAS MY BIG BREAK...



● DAVIE PROVAN

STRONG RUNNING Celtic, unbeaten on league business since December, come to Ibrox on Saturday for the final 'Old Firm' encounter of this season's Premier League campaign and with two points almost assuring that the league flag will fly over Parkhead next term, the visitors will spare no effort in their bid to clinch the championship against Rangers.

And one man who could make life very difficult for the Light Blues is Celtic winger Davie Provan, who is currently hitting the form which won him international honours just under a year ago.

"I feel I'm coming back to something like my best form," says the Celt, "and it's good to see the rest of the boys getting it all together just at the right time.

"We've timed our final run to perfection this season and after our late slump last year, we're delighted we're getting the reward we believe we deserve."

Provan's pace and excellent close control have played a major role in Celtic's current run of favourable results yet, in his early teens, it looked most unlikely that he would ever play for Celtic against Rangers.

"My brother Roddy was a red hot Rangers supporter and he was forever talking about Rangers," says Gourock born Provan, "but all I wanted to do was play football and at that young age, I didn't care who for.

"Kilmarnock offered me terms and everything just escalated from there."

Juvenile football in the Greenock area was going through a boom period when Davie was in his early teens and among the players who graduated through to the senior ranks at that time were John McMaster (Aberdeen), Davie Armour (ex-Rangers, now Ayr United), Robert Street (ex-Aberdeen, now Kilmarnock), George Anderson (ex-Morton, now Airdrie) and Neil McNab (ex-Spurs and Bolton, now Brighton).

"There were certainly a lot of good players in our area round that time," says Provan, "but I suppose every district has a spell like that and players like me are just fortunate that we got the break at the right time.

"But if you ask me to pinpoint my big break I've got to say that it was signing for Celtic.

"Since moving to Parkhead I've played in two (well almost two) League Championship winning sides, won a Scottish Cup medal, played in Europe and represented my country at the top level.

"That's not bad, is it"?

It certainly is not, but Davie is out for more of the glories he has sampled since joining Celtic and clinching the league title at Ibrox on Saturday would bring more than a smile to his face.

SATURDAY, as every football fan in Glasgow if not Scotland realises, sees the final Premier League meeting between Rangers and Celtic this season.

And one lucky young lady shall be going to this game, free courtesy of the 'News'.

Tracy Cumming, of 5 Overbrae place, Glasgow, entered our recent competition offering two tickets for this Saturday's match and her corect answer of Alex MacDonald was enough to win her the two seats. Enjoy the game, Tracy.

Celtic go for a 'Top Ten' scoring record



● PAT BONNER

● **Celtic's highest victory this season was over St. Mirren in the Premier League, when they hammered the 'Saints' 7-0. Frank McGarvey scored a hat-trick in that match, the only one to be scored by any first team player in 1980-81.**

● Before Saturday's Cup semi-final against Dundee United, Pat Bonner had kept a clean sheet in seven matches this year.

● ***Jimmy McGrory holds the Celtic record for the most league goals scored in a season when, during 1935-36, he netted 50. Frank McGarvey is the Celts top league goalgetter this season with 21 to his name.***

Goalgetters

● **Celtic have scored 77 Premier League goals. With four games remaining in their league programme, this means they have a good chance of breaking their own existing record for most Premier League goals scored, which was set up in season 1976-77, when they netted 79.**

Save 50p at the big game . . .

SATURDAY'S 'Old Firm' encounter will be sponsored by 'Winners' matches and, just like last week's match against Dundee United, the sponsors are giving the fans the chance to save some money against the cost of seeing the game.

All you have to do is produce your ticket and a box of Winners matches at the Portakabin behind the Copland Road Stand and you will receive a 50p piece.

The discount scheme was a huge success at the game against the Tannadice side and with the crowd this week being obviously greater than for that fixture, more fans are sure to cash in on Winners' sponsorship.

● Celtic's only ever present in their league matches last season was Peter Latchford. Until last Saturday, Peter had only appeared on three occasions for his club in 1980-81. This season's ever-presents at Parkhead in the league have been Tom McAdam and Pat Bonner.

● In last year's Scottish Cup semi-final tie between Celtic and Hibernian, the Celts won by 5-0 and this was the highest defeat in a semi-final for ten years.



● TOM McADAM

CLUB NOTES

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen on April 22 leaves McLean Street at 2.00 p.m. Return immediately after game. Seats £5. Phone S. Daniels on 041-429-5578 for details.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Bus v Celtic leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn 1.30 p.m. Non-members welcome, subject to availability of seats.

DUNDEE LOYAL. Bus v Celtic leaves Lindsay Street at 10.00 a.m. Tickets on bus. Bus v Aberdeen, April 22nd leaves Lindsay Street. For seats on bus phone 730389 or 40894.

BALLINGRY LOYAL: Bus v Celtic will leave Auld Shank, Ballingry, at 11.30 a.m., picking up at usual places and usual times. Non-members welcome.

PERTH LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves Monicrieff Arms Hotel at 12 noon. Tickets on bus. The Player of the Year dance will be held on Thursday, April 23, in the Windsor, and tickets can be obtained from G. McNab, G. McQueen or G. Allen, or on the Celtic Bus.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELLTOWN: Bus v Celtic leaves Academy Street at 10.30 a.m. Non-members are welcome. Names for Thistle match to Big Rab in the Rob Roy, every Friday.

OLD KILPATRICK R.S.C.: Bus v Celtic leaves "Telstar," Old Kilpatrick, at 1.30 p.m. Non-members welcome.

BRIDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves 2 p.m. Bus for Aberdeen leaves 1.30, seats £5. Phone Mackenzie Bar 041-556 2389 or J. Clark at 041-774 7288.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Celtic leaves the White Heather, Kirkcaldy, at noon. Picking up at Crown, Burnt Island and Ex Servicemen's Club, Rosyth.

NITHSDALE: Bus v Aberdeen on April 22, leaves Torrisdale Street at 2 p.m. Non-members interested should phone Brian Craig on 041 881-5674.

ALEXANDRIA: Bus v Celtic leaves the Old Vale Bar at 1 p.m. Non-members welcome.

BUCKHAVEN AND METHIL: Bus v Celtic leaves Kennoway at 12 noon, picking up at usual places.

PLEAN: Bus v Celtic leaves Plean at 1.15 p.m., Bannockburn at 1.20 p.m. and St Ninian's at 1.25 p.m. Non-members welcome. New date for dance is May 22.

Premier League Results

HERE is a complete list of every Rangers-Celtic result in the Premier Division. Rangers score first.

SEASON	HOME	AWAY
1975-76	2-1, 1-0	1-1, 0-0
1976-77	0-1, 2-2	2-2, 0-1
1977-78	3-2, 3-1	1-1, 0-2
1978-79	1-1, 1-0	1-3, 2-4
1979-80	2-2, 1-1	0-1, 0-1
1980-81	3-0,	2-1, 3-1

. . . and on Jim Stewart's 'Old Firm' debut

NOW IBROX KEEPER FACES THE NO. 1 TEST

IT HAS often been said that the testing ground of any player's temperament is his "Old Firm" baptism and Rangers' latest signing, goalkeeper Jim Stewart, faces the white hot heat of such an encounter for the first time when he takes his place between the posts on Saturday afternoon.

But nobody is looking forward to the game with more relish than the ex-Kilmarnock and Middlesbrough player.

"Saturday can't come quick enough as far as I'm concerned," says Jim.

"All the excitement and tension of an 'Old Firm' clash is part and parcel of playing for Rangers and Saturday holds no fear for me.

"People talk about the noise and the crowd, but I've played in front of big noisy crowds before so I'm quietly confident of doing myself justice at the weekend."

Jim is, however, aware that Celtic are currently in the midst of a winning streak and has nothing but the healthiest of respect for the Parkhead side.

"There's not much wrong with a team that wins as regularly as they are doing at the moment," he says.

"They've got everyone running for each other, they're going into tackles with 100 per cent conviction that they will win the ball and, perhaps most important of all, they are hitting form just at the right time.

"BUT I STILL THINK WE'LL BEAT THEM."

The Ibrox goalkeeper goes on to outline the reasons behind his belief that Rangers will defeat their great rivals.

"In the short time I've been with the club, I've sensed that the lads are annoyed at the way so many people have written them off," declares the keeper.

"And the best way to hit back at the knockers will be to beat Celtic on Saturday."



● The shape of things to come? Jim Stewart shows off the replica of the European Cup-Winners' Cup and, with Saturday's win pointing Rangers in the direction of playing in that competition next season, Jim will have the chance to become more acquainted with that tourney



● In the driving seat. That's Jim at the wheel of his Opel as he prepares to go house hunting down Ayrshire way.

DEADLY DAVIE

WHEN Jim Stewart was with Kilmarnock, one of his team-mates just happened to be a tricky young winger called Davie Provan . . . the same Davie Provan who will be on the opposing side in this Saturday's last League "Old Firm" clash of the season!

And it's Provan whom Jim Stewart rates as the biggest threat to Rangers this weekend.

"When I was at Rugby Park with Davie, the thing I really admired about him was his ability to get to the bye-line. He could draw players round him like flies yet still manage to dribble his way through them to get in his cross," said Jim.

"And when those crosses come in, they're accurate. That's the one thing we really have to watch out for more than anything else.

"We've got to try to stop him from getting to that bye-line."

RIGHT AT HOME

IN the short time that he has been with Rangers, Jim Stewart has established himself as a firm favourite with the fans and it comes as no surprise to learn that the Ayrshire born goalkeeper feels right at home with Rangers.

"I'm delighted with the way things have gone since I joined the Club," says Jim, "and I couldn't be happier than I am at the moment.

"I was becoming itchy for a move when I was stuck in the reserves at Middlesbrough and I felt my career was going nowhere fast.

"Then along came Rangers and gave me the break I'd wanted so badly."

Moving from the North East of England has somewhat upset the 'keeper's home life, but that is not too much of a burden for Jim.

"I'm currently staying with my in-laws in Crosshouse," says Jim, "but I'm hopeful of getting fixed up with a house in Ayrshire fairly soon ."

RESERVE ROUND-UP

Three goal slump costs Colts Cup Final place

WHILE their first team counterparts were winning their semi-final tie at Parkhead, Rangers Reserves' cup ambitions were going up in smoke on the opposite side of the country.

The Ibrox colts slumped to a 3-0 defeat against Hearts at Tynecastle in the penultimate stage of the Second Eleven Cup and it was the loss of two goals in the space of ten minutes just before the interval which proved to be too much of a handicap for Stan Anderson's boy.

Questions, however, must be asked of the Ibrox forwards who had so much of the first half hour of the game yet could not make any impression on the Hearts defence — and that proved to be the Light Blues' downfall.

"If we'd got a goal during that period it would have been a completely different game," said coach Stan afterwards, "we suffered for that failure in the last ten minutes before half-time.

"The goals we lost were caused by a combination of slackness in defence as well as inexperience and then we gave Hearts another gift ten minutes into the second half."

Thereafter, the game ceased to exist as a serious contest, although Rangers did have several opportunities to reduce the leeway, all of which were wasted.

Saturday's defeat ends any trophy winning aspirations of the Ibrox colts had, but Stan Anderson and Chief Scout Davie Provan will continue to work hard with the young players at their disposal and it is only fair to point out that the Rangers second string is amont the youngest at reserve level.

The Perth Loyal's "Player of the Year" is Ally Dawson.

The team was: McCloy, A. Forsyth, Black, McIntyre, McIntosh, McPherson, Mackay, MacDonald, Dalziel, Clark, Cooper. Subs: Stirton (for McIntosh) and Lyall (for McIntyre).

RANGERS POOLS WINNERS

POOL ONE: 70 possibles, 16 goals, 48 winners each receive £665.79.

Winning combinations: 38, with four from 02, 06, 07, 11, 20, 24, 25, 30.

POOL TWO: Five possibles, 6 goals, three winners each receive £333.33.

Winning combinations: 19, with four from 27, 29, 32, 35, 36.

POOL THREE: 15 possibles, 16 goals, 13 winners each receive £76.92.

Winning combinations: 42 with four from 08, 18, 23, 28, 31, 37.

POOL FOUR: Six possibles, 25 goals, three winners each receive £333.33.

Winning combinations: Any five from 02, 06, 07, 08, 23, 30.

POOL FIVE: Six possibles, no goals, three winners each receive £333.33.

Winning combinations: Any five from 15, 16, 17, 22, 33, 34.

POOL SIX: (Second best). 20 possibles, 15 goals, 15 winners each receive £133.33.

Winning combinations: 38 with any three from 11, 20, 24, 25 with one from 03, 13, 39, 40 and 43.

● The Agent's Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £2,600.

FOLLOWING is official list of teams for Saturday, April 18: 01, Rochdale; 02, Wigan A; 03, East Stirling; 04; Hamilton; 05, Swansea; 06, Wrexham; 07, Portsmouth; 08, Walsall; 09, Aldershot; 10, Bournemouth.

11, Aberdeen; 12, Hearts; 13, Bristol City; 14, Derby; 15, Blackpool; 16, Brentford; 17, Bradford City; 18, Bury; 19, Kilmarnock; 20, Morton.

21, Grimsby; 22, Luton; 23, Carlisle; 24, Chesterfield; 25, Darlington; 26, Mansfield; 27, Rangers; 28, Ayr; 29, Notts County; 30, Orient.

31, Fulham; 32, Gillingham; 33, Hull; 34, Peterborough; 35, Port Vale; 36, Berwick Rangers; 37, Dumbarton; 38, QPR; 39, Sheffield Wednesday; 40, Newport.

41, Oxford U; 42, Plymouth; 43, Dundee.

KEEP UP TO DATE

SATURDAY

Jim Black took over as the new manager of Second Division Stenhousemuir. He replaces Harry Glasgow who resigned due to pressure of work. Glasgow took over the managerial position at Stenhousemuir in 1973.

Black has played at centre half for the club for the last two seasons.

Cowdenbeath suspend their centre-half, George Stewart for breach of contract. Stewart, an ex-Hibs and Dundee player, recently lost his place in the Cowdenbeath first team.

SUNDAY

RESULTS: Premier Division: Partick Thistle 0 Celtic 1.

MONDAY

The S.F.A. council meet to discuss Celtic's proposal that clubs should no longer be held responsible for the behaviour of spectators in their ground, provided they have taken all possible steps to prevent trouble.

Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson slams suggestions that his young defender Alex McLeish will be transferred to Spurs. "He's staying at Pittodrie," Ferguson declares.

TUESDAY

The S.F.A. council state that the £1000 fine imposed on Celtic for spectator trouble will stand.

RESULTS: Scottish League Division One: E. Stirling 0, Berwick 0.



● Harry Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY

RESULTS: Division One: Dumbarton 0, Motherwell 0; Division Two: Forfar 2, Arbroath 1; Montrose 6, Stranraer 1; Queen of the South 2, Cowdenbeath 2.

The Scottish Cup final on May 9th will not be seen 'live' on T.V. this year, nor will there be edited highlights. Negotiations between the S.F.A. and the T.V. companies broke down after the S.F.A. rejected both 'final offers' from STV and BBC. This will be the first time in 23 years that the final will not be screened in any form.

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TEN GOAL THRILLER THAT HELPED TO CLINCH THE TITLE



● BILLY SIMPSON in action against Queen's Park. The Ulsterman scored the goal which put Rangers 5-4 ahead and on the road to victory over the Hampden side.

'4-1 down and Queen's had also missed a penalty. Rangers were up against it'

THE LEAGUE Championship campaign of season 1956-57 was one which saw Rangers trail behind leaders Hearts for the greater part of the term and in fact, in mid-January the Light Blues were no fewer than nine points adrift of the Edinburgh side.

So one could easily have been forgiven for regarding the Club's title chances as dead and buried, but in true Ibrox style, the players refused to accept the flag as being Tynecastle bound and with Hearts dropping one or two silly points and Rangers winning their games in hand, the Blues managed to creep nearer the Maroons as the season drew to a close.

A fine 1-0 win over their rivals at Tynecastle put the ball firmly at Rangers' feet and when the Ibrox men travelled to Hampden to meet Queen's Park on April 22, 'Spring Monday' afternoon, they knew that victory would take them to the top of the table.

And Rangers were to be called upon to use all their reserves of skill and fighting spirit in that game against the Amateurs.

Put yourself in the position of the 33,786 spectators on the Hampden slopes that day when, with six minutes to go to half-time, Queen's Park led 4-1 and had also missed a penalty.

Would you have fancied Rangers to win? NOT LIKELY!



● GEORGE YOUNG . . . helped tighten things up in the Ibrox defence after they'd lost four goals in the first half.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE 'NEWS' FOR FEATURES

The Ibrox side had made a terrible start with their defence being split open, almost at will, by the tenacious home forwards and, with just four minutes played Eric Caldow pulled down Omand in the box and the referee promptly pointed to the penalty spot.

Rangers, though, breathed a sigh of relief when Cromer blasted the kick wide of the post.

Encouraged by their bright start, however, Queen's continued to press forward and it was inevitable that they would take the lead. The opening goal duly arrived in the 13th minute when Devine beat George Young and sent the ball into the path of the onrushing George Herd, who duly scored from close range.

The holes in the Ibrox defence were there for all to see and five minutes later Devine got his head to a Heron corner and despite a bold Bobby Shearer attempt to stop the ball on the line, the home side went 2-0 ahead.

At this point there was a token attempt by Rangers to stem the tide and Max Murray headed home a Hubbard cross so cutting the leeway.

The 'Spider's' however, were not impressed and were soon back to keeping the Light Blues on the wrack. George Niven was by far the busiest player afield as he thwarted attack after attack from the homesters but, in the 38th minute, he was helpless to stop a fine Herd-Devine move ending with the latter banging the ball into the net.

And sixty seconds later the Ibrox goalkeeper was again picking the ball out of the net, Devine completing his hat trick after taking a superb pass from Heron.

A lesser team would have given up any hopes of salvaging something from a game which was going away from them so drastically. BUT NOT RANGERS!

Four minutes from the interval Max Murray pushed the ball through to Johnny Hubbard, who only just managed to keep the ball in play before steadying himself and slamming the ball into the net from a very acute angle.

Then, just before the whistle, the wee South African winger took a pass from Sammy Baird and sprinted through to make it 4-3.

In the pavillion for the break, it was hammered home to Rangers that they had to be much tighter at the back and keep Messrs, Herd and Devine under closer scrutiny. And it is significant that after the restart neither player was as effective as in the first period so the stage was set for Rangers to seek the equaliser.

The home side's goal had several close encounters with disaster before the Light Blues finally drew level in the 59th minute when another fine Sammy Baird pass gave Max Murray the chance to shoot home.

Stamina was now the key factor as the amateurs visibly wilted while Rangers grew stronger with each ensuing minute but goalkeeper Crampsey made fine saves from shots by McColl and Baird before finally sucumbing to the pressure.

Johnny Hubbard and Billy Simpson linked up well with 12 minutes remaining and the Ulsterman slammed the Light Blues into the lead. .



● ERIC CALDOW . . . conceded a penalty after only four minutes.

But, rather surprisingly, Queen's Park came back and just seconds after falling behind, the Hampden men were very unfortunate to see a Heron cross fly across the face of the goal when all that was needed was a touch to divert the ball into the net.

Then, three minutes from tim , the final nail was slammed into the 'Spiders' coffin when Alex Scott eluded three tackles to net a beautiful solo goal and make victory secure.

The final whistle was greeted, not only by the roars of the jubilant Rangers supporters, but with rapturous, almost sympathetic, applause for the beaten home team who had made a valuable contribution to what was, indeed, a 'Game to Remember'.

It is worthy of note that the Ibrox clash between Rangers and Queen's was also a rip-roaring goal gala with both sides sharing the honours in a 3-3 draw.

However, it was that dramatic win at Hampden which set the Club up for the title and Rangers duly clinched the flag, proving themselves the best team in the country with a run-in which saw them unbeaten in any of their last 16 matches — 14 wins and two draws.

They did, however, come close to coming a 'cropper' on that sunny day at Hampden.

The Rangers team in that ten goal thriller was: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, McColl, Young, Davis, Scott, Simpson, Murray, Baird, Hubbard.

THE YOUNG RANGERS CLUB PAGE



SHOW OFF THE COLOURS!

NOW THAT summer is only just around the corner, it won't be long uhtil everyone is shrugging off their 'parkas' and raincoats to let the sunshine tan their bodies.

One thing which won't be discarded on a Saturday afternoon, however, will be your Rangers scarf.



In this week's Young Rangers Club competition, that is exactly what we're giving away as a prize, only the lucky winner will be doubly happy when he opens the parcel containing his prize because he'll find not one, but two Rangers scarves! And they'll be emblazoned with a fine assortment of gleaming metal badges.

Take a close look at the picture on the left. It shows John Greig in his playing days with the Club exchanging pennants before the start of one of the Light Blues' numerous European ties.

What we want you to tell us is who the opposition were. For a clue, the game was played during season 1973-74.

Write down the team's name and send your postcard off to: "Scarves" Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for this contest is Friday, April 24, when the first correct entry pulled from our competition drum will win the two scarves, complete with badges.

Please remember to enclose your FULL name, adress, AND Young Rangers Club membership number with your entry. Also try and write in your neatest possible hand-writing.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

Who was the Scotland Boss in '67?

QUICK QUIZ



● **WILLIE JOHNSTON . . . see question three.**

1. St. Johnstone have only played in one European competition. Which one?
2. Which Scottish Second Division side were previously known as Ferranti Thistle?
3. When did Willie Johnston win his first cap for Scotland?
4. Who were the first European side to beat Rangers at Ibrox, in a European competition?
5. In which city is the Ulleval Stadium?
6. When was the first time a referee's whistle was used?
7. Who was the Scotland manager in 1967?
8. Which team did Gordon Dalziel play for before signing for Rangers?
9. How many Scottish Cup medals did John Greig win during his playing career?
10. When did Jim Baxter first sign for Rangers?

● ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE.

Happy Birthday from Rangers

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

TODAY 15th APRIL

DAN CARMICHAEL, 3 Mackenzie Avenue, Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, who is 12.
DAVID COWAN, 72 Pendean Road, Balarnark, Glasgow, who is 13.
ALAN NELSON, 20 Auldhill Avenue, Bridgend, Llalithgow, who is 17.
KEVIN PRASHER, 35 Craig Avenue, Dalry, Ayrshire, who is 12.
ALEX GRANDISON, 15 Camp Road, Mayfield, Dalkeith Mid-Lothian, who is six.
WAYNE NAAN, 70 Glenesk Road, Lhanbryde, Elgin, who is 11.
DAVID McRAE, 16 Neilsland Oval, Glasgow, who is 12.
NIALL McGILL, 17 Catmoor Square, Perth, who is eight.
DEREK JOHNSTONE, 15 Balnovan Crescent, Glasgow, who is five.
CALUM MacLEOD, Schoolhouse, Vatten, Dunuecan, Isle of Skye, who is 12.
KEITH FRASER, 58 Kirkside, Alness, Ross-shire, who is 10.
EWAN CAMPBELL, 44 Duncan Avenue, Glasgow, who is 17.

THURSDAY

STEPHEN DUNCAN, 136 Altyre Street, Tollcross, Glasgow, who is one.
ALAN KELLY, 22 Berwick Drive, Glasgow, who is 13.
DEREK McLEAN, 21 Kersavagh, Loch Maddy, North Uist, who is one.
ALAN TAIT, 30 Milgaholm Avenue, Irvine, Ayrshire, who is 12.
JIM SEMPLE, 481 Caledonian Road, Wishaw, who is 12.
TOM SMITH, 33 George Street, Chapelhall, North Airdrie, who is seven.
JUSTIN LILEY, 17 Sempill Avenue, Bargarran, Erskine, who is 11.
MARTIN NEIL, 60 Magdeline Drive, Berwick Upon Tweed, who is 11.
KIM MOORE, 3 Langfaulds Crescent, Faifley, Clydebank, who is 11.
JOHN RAMSAY, Whitefield, Glenluce, Wigtownshire, who is 14.
DEREK STEELE, 10A Park Road, Edinburgh, who is 13.
JIM RAFFERTY, 53 Lindsay Way, Livingston, who is 11.
ALLAN STEWART, Roll-ane, Hill of Findon, Portlethen, Aberdeen, who is 12.
DAVID TROTTER, 75 Stuart Road, Bishopton, Renfrewshire, who is 16.
KENNY WEIR, 13 Birdsfield Drive, Blantyre, who is 14.

FRIDAY

ADAM ROBERSTON, 4 Stirling Place, Fort William, who is eight.
SCOTT GUTHRIE, 87 Woodhouse Road, Guisborough, Cleveland, England, who is eight.
DIANE McCOLL, 76 Harefield Drive, who is 16.
BARRY SHAW, 56 West Torban, Kirkcaldy, who is five.
LYNNE ROSS, 18 Duncombe Street, Maryhill, Glasgow, who is 16.
MOIRA McISAAC, 5 Lynecroft, Bishopbriggs, who is 15.
ROBIN CASSIDDY, 98 Glenkirk Drive, Glasgow, who is 10.
JOHN WILSON, 15 Exchange Avenue, Doagh, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim, who is 17.

SATURDAY

BRIAN McQUAT, Kirkchrist, Kirkudbright, who is 13.
RICHARD CARLETON, The Galloway Hotel, Wigtown, who is 14.
ALAN AUSTIN, 6 Wright Street, Renfrew, who is 12.
CRAIG STEVEN, 89 Burnhalm Walk, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, who is eight.
DEREK SHEARER, 23 King Edward Street, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, who is four.
IAIN McARTHUR, 5 Dunchutha Drive, Bothwell, Glasgow, who is 17.
JOHN DILLON, Skinnerton, Inverfearn, Ross-shire, who is 14.
SCOTT FORSYTH, 4 Glenssx Avenue, Peebles, who is 11.
GARRY LYNCH, 3 Inverclyde Gardens, Springhall, Rutherglen, who is four.
ANDREW McTAVISH, 43 Kenmore Road, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, who is ten.
ELAINE HANNEN, 17 Balgray Crescent, Barrhead, Glasgow, who is 16.
DAVID McCABE, 3 Culloch Road, Slammannan, Falkirk, who is 17.
IAN DOCHERTY, 4 Poplar Street, Greenock, who is 16.

SUNDAY

CRAIG CANNON, 7 Hall Crescent, Burreithall, Perthshire, who is two.
GAVIN KNOX, 49 Afton Court, Stirling, who is nine.
JAMES WOOD, 77 Rewcawr Avenue, Bells, Dalmellington, who is 12.
STEWART McINROY, Rankeillour, Mains Farm Cottage, by Cupar, Fife, who is 14.
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, 106 Glenislar Street, Glasgow, who is nine.
PAULA BUCHAN, 98 Balmoor Terrace, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, who is 13.
ANNE MACGUIRE, c/o Cullenn, 70 Holmbyre Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
RAYMOND BURNETT, 4 Haddington Crescent, Glenrothes, Fife, who is 12.
KENNETH STEELE, 10a Park Road, Edinburgh, who is 14.

MONDAY

GRAEME BOYD, 12 Darnley Street, Pollockshields, Glasgow, who is 13.
JOHN DOHERTY, 31 Elizabeth Street, Ibrox, Glasgow, who is three.
JAMIE McCRACKEN, Meikle Bennaine, Ballantyre, who is 12.
DARREN FEENEY, 10 Fordell Road, Glenrothes, Fife, who is seven.
LAURA McINTOSH, 15 Louise Street, Dufftown, By Keith, Bannffshire, who is nine.
RICHARD GARNHAM, 39 Carlisle Park, Ballynahinfh, Co. Down, who is 17.
JAMES STEWART, 30 Bogany Terrace, Glasgow, who is 12.
PAULINE BAIRD, 62 Reelick Avenue, Glasgow, who is 12.
STUART McMILLAN, 24 Lochmark Avenue, Drongan, Ayr, who is 17.
MARK SCOTT, 21 Broomfield Street, Notherburn, who is two.
SCOTT TRAIN, 65 Annandale Gardens, Glenrothes, Fife, who is ten.
ANDREW McMAHON, 46 Kellas Street, Govan, Glasgow, who is 15.

TUESDAY

COLIN MILNE, 16 Cherry Garth, Beverley, North Humberside, who is 14.
ANDREW McNIE, 48 Greenmeadow, Rumnex, Cardiff, who is 17.
PHILLIP BROWN, 49 Ballymacash Park, Lisburn, who is 15.
KEVIN REID, 19 Arden Grove, Kilsyth, who is 11.
STEVEN JONES, 28 Tasmania Street, Belfast, who is three.
JOHN MacASKILL, 26 Drumfada Terrace, Corpach, by Fort William, who is 15.
DAVID COCHRANE, 84/1 Windsor Crescent, Clydebank, who is 15.
RONALD DOUGLAS, 349 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, who is 11.
WILLIAM BUCHANAN, 30 Cardross Road, Greenock, who is 15.
JASON NESS, 15 Waterside Street, Largs, Ayrshire, who is 12.
IAIN McINTOSH, 23 Tormore Carradale, by Campbeltown, who is 12.
JAMES SWAN, 22 Dalziel Place, Edinburgh, who is 11.
PHIL TINDALL, 9 Lawson Road, Bridlington, North Humberside, who is 16.
DEBBY ALLAN, 31 Wyvis Place, Inverness, who is 13.
ANDREW RUSSELL, 56 Denholm Drive, Wishaw, who is 13.
IAIN McCOLL, 7 Jura Wynd, Glenboig, who is 11.
RYAN ROSS, 115 Reidvale Street, Glasgow, who is four.
JOHN KNOWLES, 25 Huntingdon Road, Sighthill, Glasgow, who is 15.
ALEXANDER McLEMON, 67 Househillmuir Road, Glasgow, who is nine.
VAIN McINTOSH, 23 Tormore. Caradale, Argyll, who is two.

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.

Pen-pals

WANTED: Male or female pen-pals. Must be Rangers supporters. Please send photograph. Write to Tony Beattie, 7b Ruthven Road, Broadgreen, Liverpool.

WANTED: Female pen pal aged 24-25. Must be Rangers fan. My interests include football, cinema and records. Please write to Kenneth Robertson, 2 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 Decros Serge, Dills Shipping Div., 97 Kroninglaan, 1200 Brussels, Belgium.

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM



— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

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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.

ALLY'S ONE OF ELEVEN CAPTAINS!

THE title "Captain of Rangers" is, without doubt, a most prestigious one and it has escaped nobody's notice that Ally Dawson has taken over as skipper in recent weeks. How many people, though, have made the mistake of looking for sinister motives with regard to Ally's appointment?

Manager John Greig took time out last week to explain the situation and he made it clear that there is a very simple reason for the change of skipper.

"Derek Johnstone is STILL the captain of this Club," he said, "and Sandy Jardine is vice-captain.

"But both players have had problems in producing their true form and, as a result, have been playing reserve team football.

Consistent

"It was during his spell in the reserves that Derek approached me and explained that, in fighting for a recall to the first team, he reckoned he had enough on his plate.

"So he stood down as skipper and, with Sandy also in the reserves, I appointed Ally Dawson as captain."

Greig went on to explain the thinking behind his appointment of the young fullback.

"Since he came back into the team after his injury, Ally has probably been our most consistent player and I believe it was only natural that he took over as skipper."

Orders

The Ibrox boss is, however, not of the opinion that the captain is the man who does all the shouting and dishing out of orders.

"We should have ELEVEN captains on the park," said Greig.

"Every man should be shouting, giving out advice to his team-mates and I think I can safely say that the present team are doing that for each other."

Meanwhile, Ally Dawson is the man who leads the team out and tosses the coin and let's hope one of his duties will be to climb the stair to lift the Scottish Cup in May.



● ALLY DAWSON



● DEREK JOHNSTONE

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'Bomber's' important opener . . .

Colin Jackson netter his first goal of the season when he headed Rangers into the lead in Saturday's Cup-tie against Morton while Bobby Russell's effort took him on to the six goal mark in the Ibrox scorers' table.

The full table reads:

Colin McAdam, 23.
John MacDonald, 16.
Ian Redford, 12.
Derek Johnstone, 7.
Bobby Russell, 6.
Sandy Jardine, 5.
Jim Bett, 4.
Davie Cooper, 3.
Alex Miller, 3.
Ally Dawson, 2.
Gregor Stevens, 2.
Gordon Dalziel, 1.
Colin Jackson, 1.
Willie Johnston, 1.
Own Goals, 2.

"AYE READY" REDFORD FOR THE LIGHT BLUES!

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He's a hit anywhere

ONE OF THE more striking features of Rangers' play in recent weeks has been the fine form of Ian Redford. The former Dundee player has been getting his name on the scoresheet regularly and that's a fact which pleases manager John Greig, who has been responsible for pushing "Reddy" into a more forward position.

"When I bought Ian, I intended to use him in a striking role," says Greig, "but we had problems on the left side of midfield, so I decided to use him in that position.

"And to the lad's credit, he showed up so well there that I couldn't really change the set-up.

"Alongside Jim Bett and Bobby Russell, he showed all the talent which I knew he possessed but recently a lot of team changes have been forced upon us and I decided to push Ian forward."

In the striking role, the position he himself prefers, Ian has linked up well with Derek Johnstone and Colin McAdam in alternative matches, creating havoc in opposing defences with his powerful running, strong shooting and speed off the mark.

"I'm delighted to see Ian get all the credit he deserves," says boss Greig, "because when he first came here we weren't exactly setting the heather on fire, so it was a difficult time to join us.

"But Ian worked hard at his game and he soon settled with the club, showing all the talent which had prompted me to buy him.

"And I have every confidence that he will go on to prove himself a great servant to Rangers."

Ian's dual talents in midfield and up front are a big assett to the Light Blues' quest for success and John Greig sums it all up perfectly when he says:

"VERSATILITY IS A GREAT ASSET IN THIS GAME AND IAN REDFORD HAS GOT ALL THE QUALITIES NEEDED TO MAKE IT IN A BIG WAY."



● Ian Redford's form hasn't gone un-noticed by the Rangers fans. Before last week's game against Dundee United at Ibrox he received a 'Player of the Year' award from the Strathkelvin RSC. His award was handed over by the President Jim Jarvie, with Treasurer Dorothy Boyd, and members David Ingles and Peter Jarvie (extreme right) also present.

THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM ANFIELD

WHILE HIS players were in Largs preparing for Saturday's Cup-tie against Morton, manager John Greig travelled south to Liverpool to see the Anfield side in action against Bayern Munich in the European Cup . . . but it was no pleasure outing for the Ibrox boss.

"It was a very useful trip," said Greig on his return, "and I saw one or two things which could be to our benefit.

"On the Wednesday morning I had a look at Everton in training and it's always good to see how things are done elsewhere.

"Then in the evening, I went to Anfield and saw Bayern Munich give a perfect exhibition of thoughtful, disciplined and skilful football.

"There are not many teams who can close Liverpool down the way Bayern did and, on Friday morning before we went out to training, I spoke to the players about the way Bayern played.



● JOHN GREIG

Rangers young defender ALLY DAWSON will receive a presentation before the start of this evening's league match against St. Mirren. He has been selected the "Player of the Year" by the Old Kilpatrick RSC and they will hand over the award before he takes the field against the Saints.

"I'd like to see us show the discipline which the Germans displayed, refusing to be flustered into making stupid mistakes which have cost us dearly this season."

There was another reason for manager Greig travelling south.

"I was well known down there as a player and now I want to be equally well known as a manager, so I reckon one of the ways to become known in that sphere is to meet people.

"And if I can learn something in the progress, so much the better."

Quiz Answers

1. The Fairs Cup. 2, Meadowbank Thistle. 3, "Bud" won his first cap for Scotland against Poland in 1965. 4, A.C. Milan. 5, Oslo. 6, In 1870. 7, Bobby Brown. 8, Bonkle Youth Club. 9, Six. 10, 1960.

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