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SIGNING BOOST FOR BOSS GREIG

AT THIS TIME of the season, managers up and down the country have to worry about the prospect of key players whose contracts are up for renewal, moving to a new club.

But that is a problem which Rangers manager John Greig does not have because the Ibrox boss has signed up all the key players in his first team squad for next season.

"Obviously, I'm delighted to have everything fixed up with the minimum of fuss," said Greig, "because it means I know exactly where I stand with my players for new term.

"There's nothing worse than not knowing if you'll have a player's services for the new season.

"But I've got the players signed up so I can plan ahead accordingly and that can only be to the benefit of the Club."

Now that Greig has his current squad at his disposal for next term, all he has to do is complete the much awaited signings he has promised the fans.

"There will certainly be one new player here next season, maybe two," promises the Boss.

"I know how disappointed the fans have been with some of our results but a new signing or two should increase competition for places and, as such, improve our performances."

Regardless of any additions to his staff, however, the fact that John Greig has persuaded all his key players that their future is with Rangers augers well for the Club.

Cup tickets on sale this week

THE Scottish Cup Final on May 9 between Rangers and Dundee United at Hampden will be all-ticket, and will be available from Friday.

They are priced as follows: SOUTH CENTRE STAND, £6; SOUTH WING STANDS, £5; NORTH STAND, £4; WEST TERRACING AND ENCLOSURE, £2.50; EAST TERRACING, £2.

The tickets can be purchased from the S.F.A. Offices, 6 Park Gardens, Glasgow or from Ibrox. The stadium ticket office is open 9.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Postal applications will also be accepted providing the correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

They will also be available from the following agencies:

GLASGOW: Scottish Football League, 188 West Regent Street; Fine Brothers, 439 Victoria Road; George Stead's (Newsagents) Sub Post-Office, 17 Grantlea Terrace, Mount Vernon; Ideal Leisure Promotions, 5 Dixon Street, St. Enoch; Royal Stores, 1016 Pollokshaws Road; R. M. Bell (Newsagent), 1507 Dumbarton Road; Buchanan's Newsagent, 11 and 13 Paisley Road West; A. T. May's, 336 Duke Street; A. T. Mays, 37 Dunkenny Square, Drumchapel.

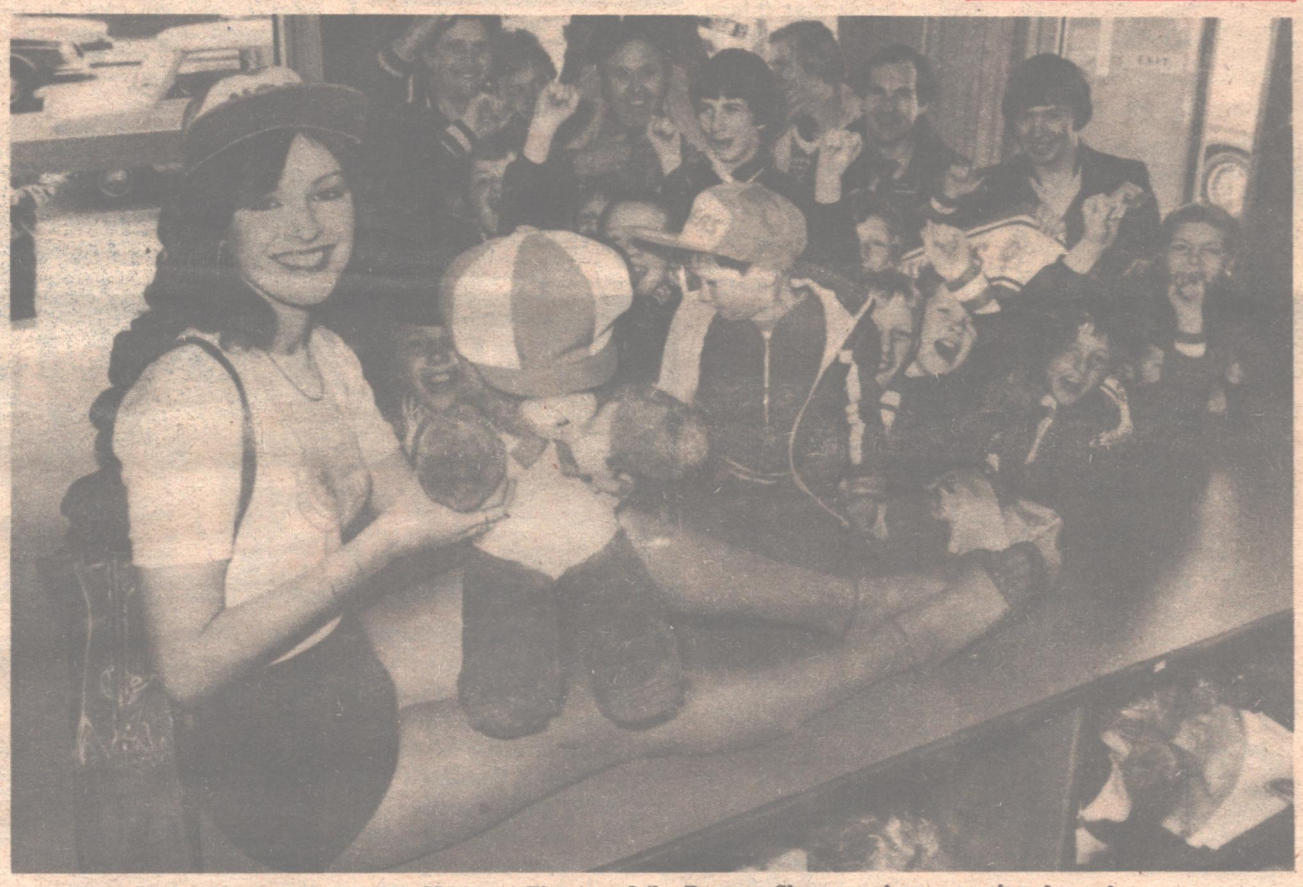
Cup Special

● Next week's 'News' will be a special Cup Final issue. As well as an exclusive picture of Rangers Cup Final pool, there will also be the best behind the scenes coverage of the Light Blues build-up plus off-beat stories from previous cup finals. Make sure you get next week's 'News'.

LUCKY NEIL!

● Nice one, Neil. Pools winner, Neil Sutherland gets a hug and a kiss from his niece Charlotte after hearing of his pools jackpot of £31,851.25. And Charlotte had good reason to be delighted at her uncle's win because she received £3,185.12 as the agent who sold the winning ticket.

For another picture and full details of Neil's windfall, turn to page 3.



● Miss Rangers News, 1980, Margaret Bisset, and the Rangers Shop are given a rousing cheer of approval from the 112th division of the Newton Abbey Cub Scouts inside the plush interior premises.



● Margaret with the Scouts and some of the items they purchased outside the new Rangers Shop in Copland Road.

New shop is a hit — so's Margaret!

IT'S A well-known fact this is the time of year when all young men's thoughts are supposed to turn to love, and beautiful Margaret Bisset, the reigning "Miss Rangers News", must have stolen away quite a few hearts when she was down in Copland Road last week to officially open the new Rangers Souvenir Shop.

The Ibrox shop has been doing a roaring trade since it opened it's doors to Light Blues' fans, being visited by parties from Canada and West Germany as well as supporters nearer home.

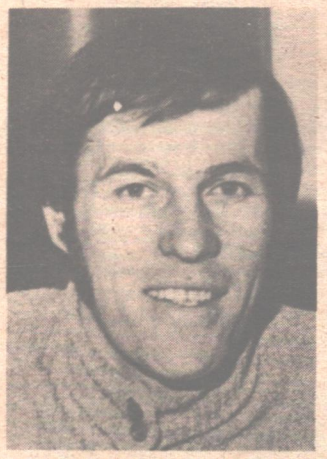
The shop is open three days a week at present, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., but at the beginning of the new season, it will open five days a week to cater for the ever increasing amount of coach parties and visitors to Ibrox Stadium.

It's obvious the shop, situated at 150 Copland Road, is going to be mighty popular with supporters everywhere and with Margaret Bisset in attendance, who could blame those youngsters for wanting to make sure they were in the picture last week?

NOW IT'S 'ICE STATION IBROX' . . .

LAST FRIDAY'S FLURRY of snow brought frowns to most people's face, the bitterly cold weather being more remeniscent of December than April. So you can picture the reaction of the Rangers players when they returned from training to be greeted with . . . a cold bath!

The reason for the Light Blues' cold reception was the installation of new boilers at Ibrox, work which has been made necessary by the introduction of undersoil heating at the Stadium.



● GEORGE McLEAN

For some time now the sound of hammers, drills and saws have echoed around Ibrox but, thankfully, that work has done very little to affect the day to day working of the players and staff.

Last week's hitch was, however, unavoidable. But the players will be glad to know that things will be back to normal in the very near future.

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Those fans who travelled to Pittodrie for last week's Aberdeen v Rangers game will no doubt have been somewhat bleary eyed by the time they returned home, but it is still likely they managed to get to bed before DEREK JOHNSTONE.

Getting back to Ibrox long after midnight, Derek returned home to watch a video tape recording of Wednesday's football which had been screened earlier that evening and the Ranger, in fact, watched the tape twice!

So it was after 4 a.m. before Derek got to bed. That, however, didn't stop him rising early — the big man was at Ibrox for treatment before nine o'clock.

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Goalkeeper JIM STEWART'S house hunting quest has come to a successful conclusion, the big 'keeper having bought a house in Irvine. Before moving into his new home, though Jim wants to complete the sale of his Middlesbrough home but, hopefully, that transaction will be completed fairly soon.

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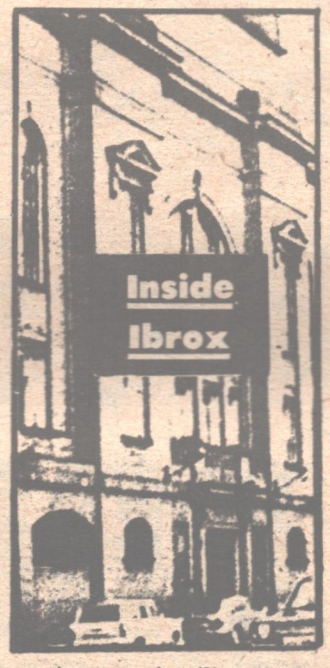
Nobody could fail to be impressed by the skill of the players taking part in the recent World snooker championship, which was extensively covered on television recently and the Rangers players were no exception.

Several players followed the competition very closely, none more so than DAVIE COOPER and GORDON DALZIEL. Such was their interest that they entered into a "wager" on the semi-final clash between Steve Davis and Cliff Thorburn.

Gordon fancied the Londoner while "Coop" saw Thorburn as the likely winner, so when the ice cool Davis emerged 16-10 winner Dalziel could have been forgiven for saying "I told you so".



A once familiar face was seen at the Stadium last week. That of former Rangers striker GEORGE McLEAN who dropped in to have a yarn with old teammates WILLIE JOHNSTON, SANDY JARDINE and COLIN JACKSON.



● The members of the Glenrothes and District's committee at their recent "Player of the Year" Dinner Dance, along with their special guests of the evening. From left to right (standing): Rab Forrester, John MacDonald, Ally Dawson, Tom Craig, Bill Healey and Sam Smith (seated) Frank Hughes and Gilmour French.

JOHN'S THEIR NUMBER ONE

THERE IS no truth in the rumour that Rangers young striker. John MacDonald will soon be needing an extension to his house to cater for the number of "Player of the Year" trophies he has been receiving as of late.

But he could be one trophy nearer that stage after being presented with the Glenrothes and District award the other week.

The Dinner Dance was held in the Forum Hotel in Glenrothes, and besides John MacDonald, Ally Dawson physiotherapist Tom Craig, were also present.

In addition to his trophy, John, was also presented with a radio-cassette recorder. Ally Dawson, who was Glenrothes' first every "Player of the Year" received a pen and pencil set, and Tom Craig came away with a beautiful wall clock.

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'CUP FINAL PLACES ARE AT STAKE'

RANGERS and Hearts clash at Ibrox on Saturday in what many will dismiss as a "meaningless fixture." To manager John Greig and his players, however, the encounter with the Edinburgh side is their final work-out before next week's Scottish Cup Final and, as such, is vitally important.

"The players know they have to prove to me they are worth a place in the team at Hampden," says Greig, "and the best way they can do that is by producing the goods in our closing league games.

"And with the Hearts game being their last chance to do so, I expect to see the lads turn on the style."



● WILLIE GIBSON

● The Hearts club record for the most goals scored in a season was during 1930-31, when Barney Battles netted 44 goals.

Of course, Hearts, not having their problems to seek, are not expected to cause the Light Blues the sort of problems which Dundee United undoubtedly will, but Greig remembers the last meeting with the Tynecastle men with a grimace as he recalls Rangers' 2-1 defeat.

"Our performance was not what people expected to see that day," he says, "and even if we weren't preparing for the Cup Final, I'd hope that the players' pride was hurt enough in that game to spark a backlash on Saturday.

"It was the points lost to the likes of Hearts which cost us the league and I certainly won't tolerate any lackadaisical approach to this weekend's game.

"We owe it to the fans to finish our league campaign with a good performance and I won't settle for anything less."

Hearts, doomed to relegation for the third time in five seasons, aren't a shadow of their former selves but manager Bobby Moncur has introduced several promising youngsters whom he believes can bring a return to the glory days at Tynecastle.



● DAVID BOWMAN

● In season, 1936-37, Hearts registered their highest ever victory when they defeated King's Park 15-0 in the second round of the Scottish Cup. Cup glory for Rangers that season was extinguished in the very first round when a John Renwick goal for Queen of the South eliminated the Light Blues. Rangers, however, took the League Championship at a canter, with only two teams managing to take two points away from the Ibrox men. One was Clyde, the other was Hearts, with a 1-0 victory.

● Hearts have two of the youngest signed professional players on their books in the Premier League with Gary MacKay and David Bowman who are both 17. The only other club with younger players are Rangers, with Billy Davies and Gordon Marshall who are 16 and 17 respectively.

Young men like David Bowman, Gary Mackay and Paul O'Brien certainly don't lack the necessary skill to make it in the game and their talents, allied to the experience of players like Willie Gibson and former Ranger Alex MacDonald, should be enough to help Hearts bounce straight back into the Premier League.

But the "Maroons" must ensure that, when they are promoted, they are good enough to stay in the top ten.

There will, however, be no thoughts of pity for the Edinburgh side when they line up against Rangers on Saturday.

"We've got to solve our own problems," says boss Greig, "and I'll be looking to see my players go to town against Hearts. The boys known that Cup Final places are at stake."

IT'S A REAL QUICK DIVIDEND FOR NEIL

When Neil Sutherland started to buy some Rangers pools tickets at the end of last year, he didn't think there would be quite as quick a return on his money.

But last week Neil, who describes himself as "Rangers daft", scooped Pool One and collected winnings of nearly £32,000!

"It just hasn't sunk in yet," said Mr Sutherland. "I've only been buying the tickets since November, although I have bought about a £1's worth every week since."

The happy client's actual winnings are £31,851.25 and, as yet, he is still thinking about what the cash might be spent on. However, he admits his sole interest in life — apart from Rangers — is his two dogs, Penny and Chops. Life will undoubtedly be "meatier" for them in the next couple of months.

"The win really cheered me up after last weekend's defeat by Celtic. I don't even buy the Sunday papers or watch the T.V. when we lose to them, but it was a bit easier to take last week," added Neil.

The money will certainly come in handy for Neil, who stays in Summerston, Glasgow. At the moment he is unemployed and, with jobs hard to come by for everybody these days, it is a comforting thought for him to know he won't have to worry about any bills for a little while anyway.

THERE was some more big money news in this week's pool one. William McTavish, 58 McCracken Drive, Viewpark, Uddington, was the sole winner and he scooped £31,717.50.

His agent Mr A. McLellan of 33 Bellsview Crescent, Bellshill will receive £3,171 for selling the winning ticket.

Charlotte's money is already spent!

WHILE Neil Sutherland quietly celebrated his near £32,000 windfall, his niece Charlotte planned what she would do with the £3,185 she will receive for selling him the winning ticket.

"I bought a Ford Escort last year and I'm going to use some of the money to pay off what I still owe," said Charlotte, who lives at Anniesland, Glasgow.

"And I've also booked up a week's holiday in Ibetha next week. So the money has certainly come in handy."

Charlotte, who is 23, also has a special date ringed in her diary for December when she will marry fiance Phillip Healey and obviously the cash will go a long way towards helping them set up together in their new home.

With another wedding in the family also due shortly — her brother is being married on May 16 — it is clear the Sutherland households have a lot on their minds at the moment.

But the Rangers pools has given them a bit more to celebrate than a couple of weddings . . .



● A clean sweep. That's Neil and Charlotte as they celebrate their win.

DOUGIE'S STILL NOT HAPPY!

MOST footballers would be happy to play the full 90 minutes in their come-back game after a long absence. Not Douglas Robertson.

The young Ibrox striker had his comeback match against Motherwell in the Reserves 3-0 victory over the Fir Park men, and he celebrated his return by scoring Rangers third goal. That took his tally for the season to 21 . . . and left him bitterly disappointed!

"It could have been a lot more," says Dougie. "I missed seven games because of that cartilage injury and operation, and I'm sure I could have potted one or two during those matches," said Dougie.

"But I was more than pleased with that comeback game. All I really wanted to do was edge my way back into the team, and I ended up scoring one of the goals.

"It was good to get my name back on the scorers chart as the last goal I'd scored before Motherwell was over 10 weeks ago, but the important thing was the come-back itself, and I came through it okay."

On Sunday, Dougie was called up by the Scottish Professional under-17 team to go to Largs for a training session and on Monday night was included in the Rangers Youth squad which played a Central Region select in Grangemouth Stadium.

Those two inclusions in different squads have confirmed he is now back — and he's hoping to steer clear of injury.

THIS WEEK'S POOLS CHECK

POOL ONE: 1 possible, 18 goals, 1 winner receives £31,717.50.

POOL TWO: 21 possibles, 5 goals, 17 winners each receive £58.82.

Winning Combinations: Any 5 from 02, 03, 07, 10, 29, 31 40.

POOL THREE: 26 possibles, 10 goals, 90 winners each receive £11.11.

Winning Combinations: Any 5 from 01, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 32, 33, 42.

POOL FOUR: 136 possibles, 20 goals, 100 winners each receive £10.

Winning Combinations: 20, 34, 35 with 2 from 01, 06, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, 33, 36, 37, 42, 43.

POOL FIVE: 495 possibles, 4 goals, 330 winners each receive £3.03.

Winning Combinations: 09 with 4 from 04, 05, 08, 11, 14, 15, 16, 26, 30, 38, 39, 41.

POOL SIX: 3 possibles, 15 goals, 3 winners each receive £666.66.

CLUB NOTES

LONDON: Bookings now for special weekend and day train trips to Scottish Cup Final on May 9 and also bus trip to Wales v Scotland on May 16. Match tickets available. Non-members welcome. Travel enquiries to R. Jenkins, 01-935 5794 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday). Membership inquiries to G. Brown, 11 Waghron Road, Upton Park, London E13.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Bus v Hearts will leave Kilsyth Road, Queenziburn at 1.45 p.m. Non-members welcome.

BUCKHAVEN AND METHIL: Bus for Ibrox v Hearts leaves Kennoway at noon, picking up at usual places. Members please note: Seats for Cup Final must be booked by May 2.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELL: Bus to Ibrox v Hearts leaves Academy Street at 10.30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Names will be taken on Hearts bus for Cup Final. Enquiries to Big Rab.

BRIDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Uplift Cup Final tickets.

ABERDEEN LOYAL: Cup Final. Bus leaves Castle Street at 8 a.m. Seats available for non-members. Contact L. Watson at Aberdeen 572414 after 5.30 p.m. No tickets supplied for non-members.

A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR KENNY, GORDON

CANNES is perhaps best known for its exclusive casinos, millionaires' yachts and the annual Film Festival.

But two visitors to this haven in the South of France last week weren't interested in any of its more luxurious attributes, but rather in a lesser-known footballing event.

Ibrox colts Kenny Black and Gordon Marshall are the men in question. They travelled to France last week with the Scottish Professional Youth Under-17 team which took part in the Cannes Tournament.

"Playing on foreign soil against teams with a totally different approach to the game from ourselves, can only improve a player's game," said Kenny.

Although Cannes is right on the shores of the Mediterranean, the weather last Saturday resembled more the rainy climate of Scotland than that of a town in the South of France.

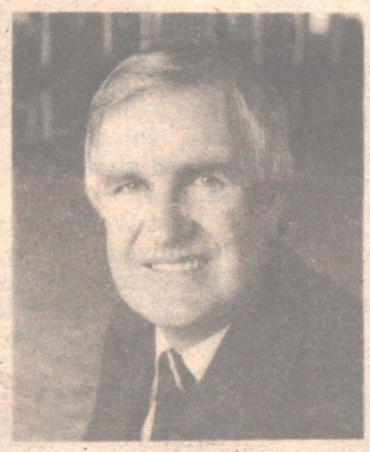
"The whole week we trained had been great, with the sun shining. Then, without warning, it started to rain. The only good thing about it was that we were given the day off to do what we liked, but there wasn't much to do in all that rain, except get wet!

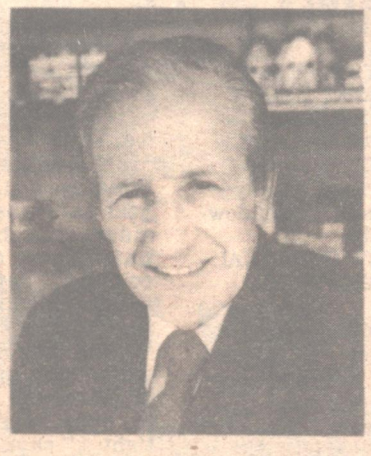
"We just had to stay in our hotel and look forward to actual matches. I was quite pleased with the way I played, but I picked up a groin injury in the first match and only appeared in the team again in the last game against Poland."

The Scottish boys managed to beat Poland 1-0 in that game. Kenny crossed the ball over to his namesake Eric of Aberdeen, who slammed the ball from from short range and with that win Scotland clinched fifth place in the competition.

EVERY WEEK A MUST FOR ALL RANGERS FANS

NEWS OF THE WORLD





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NEWS OF THE WORLD

GREGOR'S JUST HAPPY BEING BACK ...

THERE'S nothing more frustrating for a professional footballer than being confined to the stand while his team-mates are in action and, if you doubt the truth of that, just ask Gregor Stevens.

Gregor hasn't had his problems to seek this season, serving three lengthy suspensions, and there were those who believed we'd seen the last of the former Motherwell and Leicester man for this term.

But, last Wednesday, the Ibrox defender returned to the line-up against Aberdeen at Pittodrie and the lack of scoring chances created by the home side can be partly attributed to Gregor's resolute work in the rearguard.

Havoc

"It was good to get back into the team again," says Gregor, "and, obviously, I was happy to play my part in helping us get a result.

"Not having played a competitive match for so long, it was important I got into the action right at the start and I was fortunate because I managed a couple of tackles in the early stages."

Having got into a rhythm quickly, Gregor was in complete control throughout the match and it must have pleased manager John Greig to see his defender return in such a fine manner.

The partnership of Ian Scanlon and Mark McGhee never once threatened the Rangers goal and, when one considers the havoc that pair have caused in countless defences this season, that is no mean feat.

"The important thing when playing against McGhee and Scanlon is to keep marking them tightly," says Gregor.

Quiet

"If they get as little as half a yard of space they're capable of sticking the ball away, but we didn't give them the room they needed and they were fairly quiet."

As the Cup final draws nearer day by day, Gregor is obviously hoping to end what has been a crazy season for him by playing in a Cup winning team but, as the Ranger explains, he is just taking one game at a time these days.

"If I keep doing my job well, convincing the Boss that I can do a job for him in the final, everything will look after itself from there onwards."



● GREGOR STEVENS ... seen here challenging Aberdeen's Jim Leighton.

MIDWEEK FACT-FILE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.
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ABERDEEN 0
RANGERS 0.
ABERDEEN: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Ball, McLeish, Miller, Simpson, Scanlon, McGhee, Angus, Hewitt. Subs.- Harrow (for Scanlon), Watson (for Simpson).
RANGERS: Stewart, Jardine, Miller, Stevens, T. Forsyth, Bett, McLean, Russell, D. Johnstone, Redford, McAdam. Subs.- MacDonald, Cooper (not used).
Referee: D. Ramsay (Edinburgh).
Booked: Stevens, D. Johnstone (Rangers), McLeish (Aberdeen).
Attendance: 13,000.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

TONIGHT (April 29)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
Dundee United v Airdrie
DIVISION TWO
East Stirling v Clyde, Cowdenbeath v Meadowbank Thistle.
GLASGOW CUP FINAL
Partick Thistle v Celtic.

SATURDAY (May 2)
PREMIER DIVISION
Aberdeen v Kilmarnock, Airdrie v Morton, Dundee United v Partick Thistle, RANGERS v HEARTS, St. Mirren v Celtic.
DIVISION ONE
Clydebank v Dumbarton, East Stirling v Dundee, Stirling Albion v Motherwell.
DIVISION TWO
Arbroath v Stenhousemuir, Brechin City v Meadowbank Thistle, Clyde v Stranraer, Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park, East Fife v Montrose, Queen of the South v Albion Rovers, Forfar v Alloa Athletic.

Rangers injured defender ALLY DAWSON withdrew from the Scottish international pool for last night's World Cup qualifying international against Israel at Hampden.

PITTODRIE SLANT

LIGHT BLUES SHOULD HAVE WON THIS ONE

THE so called "Pittodrie jinx" which has mocked Rangers since the inception of the Premier League struck again last Wednesday when, despite looking the more dangerous of the two sides, the Light Blues had to settle for a goalless draw against Aberdeen.

With Gregor Stevens returning to the defence after a long lay off through suspension, the Ibrox rearguard was seldom troubled by the home side and Rangers' only scare was a fierce low 20 yard shot from Bell which Jim Stewart saved magnificently, despite being unsighted when the shot was struck.

The most impressive player afield was undoubtedly Jim Bett whose foraging runs from midfield had the Aberdeen defence in constant trouble and, with a little luck, the Ranger could quite possibly have scored four goals.

Twice in the space of a minute he had every Aberdeen 'heart' missing a beat when he burst through to fire in fierce shots, but Leighton blocked the first effort while the second shaved the post.

And Bett was ever so unfortunate to see a fine shot from outside the penalty area rebound from the crossbar. Then a probing run on the right ended with the former Lokeren star forcing an acrobatic save from the Dons' 'keeper.

But, somehow, the Aberdeen goal survived to earn a point. There was however much good to come out of the game and Rangers looked a little bit more like the team we all want them to be.



● JIM STEWART

'WE'VE STILL TO SEE BETT AT HIS BEST'

THE most striking feature of last week's Aberdeen v Rangers clash was the five star performance of Jim Bett who, after a lengthy lean spell, showed all the skill and determination which made him one of Scotland's most talked about players in the early stages of the season.

Last Wednesday Jim was in superb form as he moved quickly from midfield to support the Ibrox front runners and the manner in which "Jazzer" got into such dangerous attacking positions was reminiscent of the Bett we all want to see.

Manager John Greig has never hidden his admiration of the man who has played most of his football on the Continent and he was the first to praise him after the Pittodrie game.

"Jim has come in for a lot of criticism lately," said the Ibrox boss, "but I have always believed he has got the ability to become one of this Club's more notable players and his showing against Aberdeen supported that assessment.



● JOHN GREIG

"What people fail to see is that Jim has been coached to play the game in the European manner, knocking square passes to defenders, making runs from deep positions. But in Scotland we still use the "stopper" centre half and Jim has had problems adjusting to our style of play.

"At Pittodrie, the lads played very well and Jim responded to that, backing up the forwards and supporting the defenders when necessary and I'm hoping to see him continue like that as we approach the Cup final.

"Make no mistake about it, Jim Bett can play. **I think we've yet to see the best of him.**"

And, if Bett's performance at Pittodrie is anything to go by, that is an exciting prospect.



● JIM BETT ... problem adjusting to Rangers style of play.

YOUR 'NEWS'

● **Due to the Bank Holiday, next week's 'News' will be published a day later than usual.**

TV EVIDENCE HELPS OUT ALGERIA

SHOULD television film be used in evidence when players are up before disciplinary committees? That's the question which people have been asking in Scotland for years and the SFA answer has always been no.

But the football world's governing body, FIFA, have just used video film evidence to judge a case concerning a World Cup Qualifying tie between Sudan and Algeria.

The Algerian Association had complained that their centre forward in the game, Bensaoula Tadj, had been wrongly sent off and that, as a result, his three match suspension should be lifted.

FIFA again studied the referee's report of the incident which the player was said to be involved in. They also cabled for additional information from the match official before watching a number of re-runs of the ordering off.

Eventually, FIFA agreed the player had not been involved and promptly announced the three match suspension had been lifted.

However, the Disciplinary Committee members weren't in a charitable mood with other cases.

The Greek F.A. were fined £700 because the referee was hit by a stone during the World Cup tie with Italy on December 6 last year. And Luxembourg were penelised £250 after a referee had been struck with beer cans.

France was also warned about an incident concerning a match official. During the match against Republic of Ireland in Paris in October last year, pellets fired from an air-rifle had been shot at the ref. The local police stated the incident was "a careless act committed by a child, which went past unnoticed."

Malta, who had their World Cup tie against Poland abandoned after 77 minutes, were fined £2,500 because spectators invaded the pitch and threw missiles at the linesmen. However, FIFA decided not to close the stadium, but warned that any future occurrences could have serious repercussions.

Scots head for Germany

THIS YEAR sees the inauguration of the European Championships for A-Youth teams, the competition taking place from May 25 to June 3 in West Germany.

Sixteen teams have qualified for the final round of what promises to be a most exciting ten days of football. The qualifiers are: West Germany (as the host nation they qualify automatically), Denmark, Scotland, Wales, England, France, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Poland.

FOOTBALL WORLDWIDE

They're not quite the 'fairer sex' after all!

MANY MEN are apt to hide away a patronising smile whenever the subject of women's football crops up in a conversation. To them, it seems as ludicrous as Sean Connery in a dress!

But things were not sugar and spice and all things nice in a recent women's football game in Sydney, Australia. Far from it!

After the male referee had awarded a penalty kick against the Emmerton women's team, four of the side lost their heads and started to beat him up!

The Australian football committee delivered a life ban to three of the offenders, and the other received a 16-game suspension.

So it would seem that even if you're a member of the fairer sex, the game of football is just as rough!



● Happiness is qualifying for your third European Cup Final in five years and Ray Clemence and Phil Neal show just how they feel after knocking out Bayern Munich last week.

No wonder they're smiling!

READ MADRID are, without doubt, Europe's most illustrious club, their name being synonomous with success over the years. But in recent times the Spanish masters have been helpless as sides like Ajax, Bayern Munich and Liverpool have established themselves as European champions.

Real, however, will get the chance to regain their crown when they clash with Liverpool in the European Cup Final in Paris on May 27.

The current Madrid side, while lacking the magic of the team of the Puskas and Di Stefano era, will certainly give Liverpool plenty to think about with men like Laurie Cunningham, Uli Stielike and Santillana more than capable of winning the game single handed.

And Real's presence in the final gives the game a touch of magic which, with all due respect to sides like Bruges and Malmo, has been missing in recent years.

The Paris clash is sure to be a sell out with Liverpool and Real both likely to take more than 20,000 fans to France. The Parc de Prince Stadium holds only 50,000 so there will certainly be a bit of a scramble for tickets.

Midweek in Europe

EUROPEAN CUP
Semi-finals, second legs.
Bayern Munich 1, Liverpool 1
(Agg 1-1, Liverpool win on away goals).
Inter Milan 1, Real Madrid 0
(Agg 1-2).

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS CUP
Benfica 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 0
(Agg. 1-2).
Feyenoord 2, Dynamo Tiblisi 0
(Agg. 2-3).

U.E.F.A. CUP
AZ'67 Alkmaar 3, Sochaux 2
(Agg. 3-2).
Cologne 0, Ipswich 1
(Agg. 0-2).



● LAURIE CUNNINGHAM

World youths in knock-out contest

THE DRAW for the final stages of the World Youth Championship, scheduled to be played in Australia in October, recently took place in the Aussie capital, Canberra. The groupings are as follows:

GROUP ONE: U.S.A., Uruguay, Poland, Quatar.

GROUP TWO: Rumania, Brazil, Italy, Korea.

GROUP THREE: West Germany, Mexico, Spain, Egypt.

GROUP FOUR: Australia, England, Argentina, Cameroon.

The nations who finish first and second in the respective groups will go into the quarter-finals and from that point onwards the competition will be played on a straight knockout basis, just as it used to be in the World Cup.

IRAN PULL OUT OF WORLD CUP

FEW WILL forget the agony of Scotland's disastrous performances in Cordoba in the last World Cup and many point to the Dark Blues failure to beat Iran as the main reason for the Scots early departure from the tourney.

Well, all of us who have dreaded the prospect of a second meeting should this country qualify for Spain can new rest easy because there is no prospect of an 'action replay' next year.

Originally drawn alongside Kuwait, Thailand, Malaysia and Korea, Iran have withdrawn before the preliminary competition got under way. But there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the Ayatollah Khomeini's firing squads are responsible!

EURO RESULTS

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

ITALY: Ascoli 0, Roma 0; Brescia 1, Cagliari 0; Catanzaro 1, Avellino 1; Coma 1, Pistoiese 0; Fiorentina 2, Bologna 1; Napoli 0, Perugia 1; Torino 0, Inter Milan 1; Udinese 0, Juventus 2.

SPAIN: Gijon 2, Real Sociedad 2; Vallodid 1, Real Madrid 3; Almeria 3, Zaragrossa 1; Athletic Bilbao 6, Salamenca 1; Sevilla 1, Barcelona 1; Murcia 2, Hercules Alicante 2; Espanol 1, Betis 2; Valencia 3, Las Palmas 1; Athletico Madrid 0, Pamplona 0.

EAST GERMANY: Dynamo Dresden 2; Chemie Boehlin 1; Hawsa Rostock 4, Dynamo Berlin 4; Karl Marx Stadt 5, Stahl Riesa 4; Rot Weiss Erfurt 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Wismut Aie 4, Chemie Halle 1; Magdeburg 3, Sachsenring Zwickau 2; Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 1, Lok Leivzig 2.

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NOW FOR A VITAL FINALE . .



● Colin McAdam sends a shot goalward in the second half, but Rough touched the effort over the bar.



● Bobby Russell scores Rangers goal just before half-time as Whittaker races in.



● McAdam again, this time getting in a header despite the attention of Alex O'Hara.



● A dejected Rough sinks to his knees as Russell acclaims his goal.



● Welsh clears in the second half as Redford prepares to challenge.



● Rough wins this time, punching clear from Derek Johnstone.

MARKSMEN

Bobby Russell continued his current scoring run by netting Rangers' goal against Partick Thistle on Saturday and that takes him on to the eight goal mark. The full scoring table reads as follows:

Colin McAdam	23
John MacDonald	16
Ian Redford	12
Bobby Russell	8
Derek Russell	7
Sandy Jardine	5
Jim Bett	4
Davie Cooper	3
Alex Millar	3
Ally Dawson	2
Gregor Stevens	2
Gordon Dalziel	1
Colin Jackson	1
Willie Johnston	1
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● The controversial 'no goal' incident, Derek Johnstone slams the ball home from eight yards as Campbell and Anderson move in. Is Ian Redford interfering with play? The ref originally said 'no,' the linesman said 'yes' and then the referee changed his mind. Judge for yourself.



● Redford follows up as the ball goes into the net and, as you can see, the linesman is pictured behind the Rangers player as Anderson turns round to question the goal.



● Rough cleanly collects this Russell cross as Johnstone and Stevens challenge in the second half.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	35	26	4	5	83	34	56
Aberdeen	35	19	11	5	61	34	49
Rangers	35	15	12	8	56	32	42
St. Mirren	37	17	8	10	53	46	42
Dundee U.	34	15	9	10	59	39	39
Partick T.	35	10	10	15	30	45	30
Morton	35	10	8	17	34	55	28
Airdrie		34	9	16	32	49	27
Hearts	35	6	6	23	27	67	18
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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hibs	39	24	9	6	67	24	57
St. John	39	20	11	8	64	45	51
Dundee	38	21	8	9	63	40	50
Raith R.	39	20	10	9	49	32	50
Motherwell	38	18	11	9	62	51	47
Ayr United	39	17	11	11	59	43	45
Hamilton	39	15	7	17	61	57	37
Dumbarton	38	13	10	15	49	50	36
Falkirk	39	13	8	18	39	52	34
Clydebank	37	10	11	16	46	57	31
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Berwick	39	5	12	22	31	82	22

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Queens Park	38	15	18	5	60	42	48
Queens	38	15	14	9	63	53	44
Cowdenbeath	37	17	9	11	61	46	43
Alloa	38	15	12	11	60	50	42
Brechin	38	14	14	10	50	45	42
Forfar	38	16	9	13	59	56	41
Montrose	38	16	7	15	66	55	39
Clyde	38	14	11	13	65	60	39
Stenhsemuir	38	13	11	14	63	56	37
Arbroath	38	12	13	14	56	54	36
Albion R.	38	13	9	16	59	69	35
East Fife	38	10	14	14	44	53	34
Meadowbank	37	11	7	19	41	61	29
Stranraer	38	7	7	24	33	80	21

HIGHLAND LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Keith	30	17	8	5	52	26	42
Fraserburgh	30	17	7	6	55	31	41
Elgin	30	17	6	7	63	32	40
Inver Cl.	30	14	9	7	55	42	37
Peterhead	30	14	8	8	50	35	36
Buckie	30	15	6	9	63	43	36
Rothes	30	14	7	9	55	40	35
Inverness Th.	30	15	4	11	62	42	34
Inverness Ca.	30	11	8	11	48	44	30
Brora	30	12	6	12	49	47	30
Ross County	30	13	3	14	51	59	29
Huntly	30	10	8	12	63	65	28
Deveronvale	30	6	10	14	40	68	22
Nairn	30	6	8	16	49	74	20
Lossiemouth	30	2	6	22	30	70	10
Forres	30	3	4	23	31	98	10



THE YOUNG RANGERS CLUB PAGE

IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO KEEP IN THE FASHION!

NOW THAT the Easter holidays are over, most people's minds will be turning to the summer, booking up a holiday abroad or in Scotland.

No doubt you'll also be looking through your wardrobe to see if your clothes are still in fashion.

Well, this week, the "News" is offering you the chance to win an item of clothing which will never go out of fashion — sweatshirt.

The top is only available through the new Ibrox souvenir shop and comes in your favourite team colour . . . light blue. It also sports a superb Rangers crest.

So, whether, you're going to the beach at Benidorm or the Clyde coast, you'll certainly turn a few heads in this striking sweat shirt.

As usual, you only have to answer one simple question. Look at the picture on the left.

It shows wee Tommy McLean in action against Clydebank, sliding home a fine penalty to give Rangers their second goal in a 5-0 victory in the League Cup qualifying tie.

But what we want you to tell us is when the midfield dynamo netted his last goal from the penalty spot.

Make sure that all your entries are in by May 8th as the first correct entry pulled from our competition drum that Friday will win this super sweatshirt.

Please complete your postcard entries in your neatest hand-writing, and remember to include your FULL name and address, and Young Rangers Club members number, and the size of shirt required should you win.

Send your card to: "Sweatshirt" Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The editor's decision is final in all matters.



PROGRAMMES

WANTED: Old Rangers programmes, handbooks, rally programmes, sports programmes, match tickets, menu cards, books, souvenirs, etc. Also pre-1955 Scottish Cup Finals Irish v European; European Finals, Super Cup etc. Also Scottish Football books Nos. 1-5 and Playing for Rangers No. 2. Will buy or exchange for all items. Please contact Robert McElroy, 21 Gornaig Road, Glasgow. Tel. 041 883 9332.

WANTED: Painting named "The World of Glasgow Rangers." Contact Mr A. Bone, 62 King Street, Pollock, Glasgow.

WANTED: Any Rangers records or Rangers tapes. Please contact James Welsh, 6a St. Oswald Gardens, Old Swan, Liverpool, L13 2D6.

WANTED: "The Story of Rangers" by J. Allan. Also Rangers News Nos. 1, 10, 127, 151, 166 and 179 to complete collection. Rangers Programmes also bought (Home and Away Pre-60). Laurence Flanigan, 13 Graham Gardens, Belfast BT6 9FB.

WHO SCORED GERS 'FIRST' IN EUROPE?

QUICK QUIZ

1. Who were the first European Nation to host the World Cup Finals?
2. Which English Fourth Division side are nicknamed the "Imps"?
3. Trevor Cherry is the captain of which English First Division side.
4. West Ham United signed Stuart Pearson from which club?
5. Which English side have won the First Division most times?
6. Against whom did Rangers play when they took part in the Toronto Cup competition in 1969?
8. Who scored Rangers first ever goal in the European Cup Competition?
9. Which Scottish First Division team play at Annfield Park?
10. Who is the manager of Scottish First Division side Dunfermline?



● DEREK JOHNSTONE . . see question six.

SWEET DREAMS ALAN!

IT'LL SOON BE 'sweet-dreams' — Rangers style — for young Alan Gilmour of 134 Wedderlea Drive, Glasgow, G52, when he receives a certain parcel through the post.

For Alan was the lucky winner of our recent bed-spread competition, featured in Issue 439, and his answer of the Juventus' captain being Furino was good enough to win him this fabulous prize.

The only bad thing about Alan's win, is that now he'll have a perfectly good excuse for staying in bed in the mornings!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

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

TODAY (29th APRIL)

COLIN BELLSHAW, 4 Foley Road, Rothesay, who is five.
IAIN McLAREN, Grange Road, Forres, Morayshire, who is 13.
PAUL STRAIN, 39 Glandore Terrace, Portadown, who is eight.
GRAEME ALEXANDER, 19 Muiriston Crescent, Edinburgh, who is 13.
ANDREW BODDEN, 36 Cathay Street, Glasgow, who is five.
JEAN LLEWELLYN, 3 Nepaul Road, Tidworth, Hants., who is 16.
IAIN ROSS, 21 MacGregor Avenue, Granton on Spey, who is 15.
ANDREW GILLIES, 33 Holmburn Road, Netherthird, Cumnock, who is 15.
IAN FINLAY, 24 Ardgart Place, Rathcooke, Newton Abbey, Co. Antrim, who is 12.
KENNETH McMAHON, 30 Balfron Road, Oldhall, Paisley, who is nine.
JANETTE COOK, 7 Bridgeton Brae, Almondbank, by Perth, who is five.
ALISDAIR RENNIE, 5 Chapel Street, Rutherglen, who is 13.
JIMMY THOMPSON, 154 Kinloch Street, Carnoustie, who is 14.
DOUGLAS BARR, 13 Blackmoor Place, New Stevenston, by Motherwell, who is 12.
DEREK STEWART, 60 Earl Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow, who is 11.

THURSDAY

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, 10 Barony Square, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, who is 14.
CRAIG DUNN, 11 Dryburgh Avenue, Ruthergien, who is ten.
ALAN FALCONER, 10 Wiles Close, Waterbeach, Cambridge, who is 16.
ALISTER ROBERTSON, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Larbert, Stirlingshire, who is 15.
KIRSTY GRAHAM, 5 Ivanhoe Way, Foxbar, Paisley, who is 14.
BRUCE TAYLOR, 905 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, who is 15.
COLIN McTAVISH, 43 Kenmore Road, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, who is 12.
PETER SIMPSON, 69 Boreham Field, Warminster, Wiltshire, who is 12.
DONNA SHIELDS, 31 Marchwood Crescent, Bathgate, who is 11.
BILLY DUFFY, 19 Pole Road, Mossblown, by Ayr, who is 17.

FRIDAY

COLIN FRASER, 7 Eddelwood Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is six.
JAMES DAVIES, Sunnydean, Blackpark, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, who is 16.
SANDRA SMITH, 34 Regent Moray Street, Kelvinhaugh, Glasgow, who is 15.
SCOTT MITCHELL, 54 Coriaigh Avenue, Glasgow, who is eight.
ALAN WRIGHT, 38 Fergusiie Park Avenue, Glasgow, who is two.
CRAIG MITCHELL, 54 Coriaich Avenue, Glasgow, who is eight.
MARION DAVIS, 51 Barton Terrace, Fauldhouse, West Lothian, who is ten.
DUNCAN MacDONALD, 22 Willowbank, Wick, Caithness, who is ten.

● The two Young Rangers Club members whose names were announced over the loudspeaker system at Ibrox before the Rangers-Celtic match were Alan Austin, 6 Wright Street, Renfrew and Ian Docherty, 4 Poplar Street, Greenock.

The two lads names were selected from the 'Birthday Column' in the 'News' and will be sent a personal birthday gift from Rangers.

SHONA BUCHANAN, 21 West Street, St. Combs, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, who is 15.
GARRY WHITEHEAD, 74 Shafton Road, Knightswood, Glasgow, who is 14.
DONNA GILLON, 38 Waverley Drive, Glenrothes, Fife, who is 17.
BRIAN PATON, 26 Craigmore Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, who is nine.
DAVID SAGE, 50 Duchess of Kent Drive, Dargetswood Estate, Kent, who is 12.
RALPH BEATTIE, 11 Viewfield, Airdrie, who is 17.

SATURDAY

GARY MacLEOD, 99 Tweedsmuir Road, Cardonald, who is 11.
STEVEN WOOD, 26 Ard Street, Glasgow, who is ten.
DOUGLAS WATSON, 40 South Anderson Drive, Aberdeen, who is 17.
DAVID HAY, 10 Sutherland Street, High Blantyre, who is 15.
WAYNE SHORTEN, 13 Hawksley, West Denton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, who is 17.
MARK TELFORD, 17 Blair Avenue, Jedburgh, who is 17.
ROSS STEWART, 4 North Vennel, Lanark, who is 11.

SUNDAY

DEREK SPIERS, 40 John Wilson Drive, Kilsyth, who is five.
DAVID HERBERTSON, 29 Edmonton Terrace, Westwood, East Kilbride, who is 11.
RAYMOND NEIL, House 14/2 Norfolk Court, Glasgow, who is 16.
DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, 61 Cleveden Drive, Kelvindale, Glasgow, who is 15.
GRAHAM WINES, "Conifers," Church Road, Hartley, Dartford, Kent, who is 14.
LORRAINE DETRIE, 26 Almond Street, Braehead, Stirling, who is 15.
KIRSTY PAXTON, 18 West Cairn Crescent, Penicuik, Midlothian, who is five.
JIM CLIFFORD, 41 Jervistop Road, Craigend, who is ten.
JOHN THOMSON, 107 Wardie Road, Glasgow, who is 14.
PETER MACDONALD, 23 Balfour Terrace, East Kilbride, who is 13.

MONDAY

ALAN BEATTIE, 2 Holmwood Crescent, Langholm, Dumfries, who is 11.

RAYMOND CLARKE, 14 Kennedar Drive, Linthouse, Glasgow, who is six.
STUART GILLIES, 10 Chestnut Crescent, Greenhills, East Kilbride, who is ten.
IAN CLARK, 351 Cameron Crescent, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, who is 13.
ANDREW GOODWIN, 19 West Main Street, Darvel, Ayrshire, who is 13.
KAREN LUPTON, Heathfield, Tarbert, Argyll, who is ten.
IRENE McCALLUM, 3 Laighdykes Road, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, who is 16.
ANDREW LYON, 44 Westwood Quadrant, Linvale, Clydebank, who is 12.
CALLUM MACLEOD, 19 Marybank, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, who is three.
JAMES SYMINGTON, 206 Greengaires Road, Greengaires, by Airdrie, who is 16.

TUESDAY

MICHELLE BOSLEM, 13 Merrick Drive, Bellsbank, Dalmellington, Ayrshire, who is five.
ANDREW ADDISON, 21 Milton Road, Wins of Milton, Bannockburn, Stirlingshire, who is ten.
RICHARD WALSH, Castleton Villa, Innellan, by Dunoon, Argyll, who is ten.
STEWART YOUNG, 23 Plaen Street, Glasgow, who is 16.
JOHN JAIMIESON, 32 Auld Kirk Road, Halfway, Cambuslang, who is 16.
DOUGLAS CHESTNUT, 14 Succoth Street, Glasgow, who is 17.
SCOTT MILLAR, 37 Loch Road, Bridge of Weir, who is ten.
ROBERT O'BRIEN, 141 Firhill, Alness, Ross-shire, who is nine.
RICHARD HUMPHREYS, 8 Belleview Road, Rothesay, who is 13.
CAMPBELL ROBERTSON, 3 Kersegreen Road, Clackmannan, Clackmannanshire, who is 16.
GREGOR McKECHNIE, 31 Howden Crescent, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, who is 15.

If you've a birthday . . .

IF you are a member of the Young Rangers Club and would like to see your name mentioned in this column, then all you have to do is write and tell us about your birthday.

Simply write your name, address, date of birth and the age you will be on your next birthday down on a postcard and send it off to us at the following address: "Birthday Greetings", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR. Try and send them in to us at least three weeks in advance, and please, in your neatest hand-writing.

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.

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Address .....

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

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

★ AN OUTING TO IBROX MAKES IT . . .

A REAL SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR KIDS . . .

NOW THAT the Easter Holidays are well and truly over, it's back to serious classroom work for thousands of schoolchildren across the country.

For six young kids, however, this has been an Easter break which will stick in their memories for years to come . . . thanks to Rangers and the 'News.'

Derek Rogerson, Julie Bones, Thomas Daniels, Neil Brown, John Hill and Jason Burnett are the six in question, who were the winners of our recent Young Rangers Club competition, the prize of which was to spend a whole day over at Ibrox. And what a day out they all had!

Their VIP treatment began early last Tuesday morning when they arrived at the Stadium and were given a specially conducted tour of Ibrox which encompassed everything from the Trophy Room to the Press Box and a very privileged look into the 'home' dressing room.

Then it was a short jaunt over to the Albion to watch the Ibrox men being put through their paces, which left the six YRC members in awe at how the players could survive such a vigorous work-out.

Meeting the players themselves was the next important item on the kids' agenda and, after all the autograph books had been signed, it was off to the Director's Tea-room for a slap-up meal.

Each of the lucky winners of our competition had their own favourite moment of the day's outing, and Julie Bones had no hesitation in telling us what particular special memory she would be taking away from Ibrox.

"Tom Forsyth! At last I've managed to meet him, and get his autograph. The rest of the outing was fantastic, too!" she said.

Derek Rogerson was most impressed with the training session, but for Thomas Daniels and young Jason Burnett, the Press Box was by far the best.

John Hill's special moment was meeting his hero, Davie Cooper. But the youngster, who quit playing football on a Saturday so that he could go to every Rangers match, said the training games at the Albion also made a big impression on him.

All in all, the six kids left Ibrox with many happy moments to recall time and time again, which should keep their visit the talking point of their respective classrooms for quite some time.



● This Rangers jersey would do as an ideal night-shirt for young Jason Burnett, and it's the smallest one at Ibrox! But young Jason doesn't care . . . he thinks it suits him just fine.



● Derek, John, Thomas, Jason, Julie and Neil pose for the "News" camera with three men we think you'll already know the names of.

NEIL'S FLAT START

IT DIDN'T take young Thomas Daniels long to reach Ibrox in time for his days outing — he lives just two minutes down the road! But, for Neil Brown, it meant a six o'clock start to the day, as he lives in Campbeltown.

"I drove down with my Dad, brother and sister, but it wasn't a very pleasant journey for me as I was car-sick," he explains.

"We were bang on time until we reached Annisland where we had a puncture — I thought that I was going to miss the outing.

"Luckily, though, we managed to change the tyre quickly, and got to Ibrox in time.



● The long and the short of it. Jason Burnett stands up to Peter McCloy . . . up to his waist anyway.



● Take this down! Derek Rogerson and John Hill, hot on the line from the Ibrox Press-box.

MEIKLEJOHN'S LAST GAME FOR RANGERS ...

KEEP UP TO DATE

MONDAY:

The Scottish Professional Youth team clinched fifth place in the Cannes Youth Tournament by beating Poland 1-0. Aberdeen's Eric Black netted the goal. Holland won the tournament by beating Italy 4-3 on penalty kicks after a 0-0 draw.

TUESDAY:

In the Scottish Junior Cup semi-final replay at Love Street, Paisley, Norrie Hall scores the only goal after 38 minutes to help Pollok beat Forth Wanderers before a 10,000 crowd.

WEDNESDAY:

The Glasgow Cup Final between Partick Thistle and Celtic at Firhill has been switched from May 4 to May 6. The original date clashed with the Scottish Football Writers' Dinner in Glasgow.

RESULTS: PREMIER DIVISION; Aberdeen 0, Rangers 0; Dundee United 2, Celtic 3 (Celtic win the championship). FIRST DIVISION: Clydebank 3, Raith Rovers 0; Dunfermline 1, Berwick Rangers 1. SECOND DIVISION: Montrose 3, Cowdenbeath 1.

THURSDAY:

Kenny Dalglish will see an ankle specialist following an injury collected in Liverpool's aggregate victory over Bayern Munich in the European Cup semi-final match the previous evening. He is out of Scotland's World Cup match against Israel.

Albion Rovers manager Harry Hood quits after just 43 days in the job. His shock resignation came after a policy decision dispute with club chairman Tom Fagan.

Former Scottish international Jim Holton is given a free transfer by Coventry City. Several Scottish clubs are said to be interested.

SATURDAY

The SFA announce that this year's Scottish Cup Final will be televised 'live' after all. After reaching a deal with sponsors, they will allow BBC and STV to film the game for a combined fee, said to be £35,000.

Wolves striker Andy Gray is pulled out of the international squad by his club manager John Barnwell, who claims he is not 100 per cent fit.

Seven leading clubs will meet Strathclyde councillours to discuss the proposal by police chief Pat Hamill that all clubs should have fences round their playing areas. The clubs are Rangers, Celtic, Partick Thistle, Morton, St Mirren, Clydebank and Queen's Park, with the meeting taking place on May 30.

The Glasgow Cup Final date is again changed. It will now be played this evening (Wednesday) at Firhill.

COULD you please tell me when Rangers played their first competitive league game under the Ibrox floodlights? Alex Fleming, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

It was in season 1955-56 on March 7. Although Rangers had played a few friendly games under floodlights, this was their first league match, and their opponents that night were Queen of the South, who were thrashed 8-0.

Who were Rangers first ever opponents in the Premier League and what were the teams which played that day? David McAllister, Mitchell Street, Carlisle.

Rangers played Celtic and won 2-1 through goals by Quinton Young and Derek Johnstone, Celtic's effort coming from Kenny Dalglish. Alex MacDonald was ordered off. The teams that day were — RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, McKean, Stein, Johnstone and Young. O'Hara came on for Jardine. CELTIC: Latchford, McGrain, Lynch, McClusky, McDonald, Edvaldsson, McNamara, Wilson, Dalglish, Callaghan, and Lennox. Ritchie came on for Lennox and Connolly came on for McNamara. The date was August 30.

I can remember Grasshoppers of Zurich coming to Ibrox sometime in the late fifties. Have you any details of scores and scorers? Frank Pembroke, Summerhill Road, Glasgow.

It was in November, 1958. Rangers won the tie 3-0. For most of the game, Ibrox was covered by a thick fog which obscured most of the play, but this lifted near the end. Rangers first goal came from Max Murray in the 56th minute. In the 78th minute Eric Caldow slammed home a penalty after Ian McMillan was brought down in the box and Ralph Brand netted with three minutes of regulation time remaining. Hussy of Grasshoppers was ordered off for dissent.

When did Gordon Marshall make his debut for the Rangers Reserves team, and could you also tell me his date of birth? Carol Young, London Road, Glasgow.

Gordon's first match in a Rangers jersey was on December 15, 1979 in the Reserve League. The opponents that day were Dundee United, who won 3-1. Gordon's date of birth is 19.4.64.



● GORDON MARSHALL

When was Dave Meiklejohn's last league game for Rangers, and could you please tell me in which season Davie scored his personal best for the Club? Alex Davidson, Meadowside Road, Irvine.

Davie's last game was against Hearts on April 22, 1936. In season 1923-24, Davie scored eight league goals, his highest total for any season at Ibrox.

At the turn of the century, did Notts County ever come to Ibrox to play Rangers and if so, what was the score? Harry York, Hillington Drive, Glasgow.

Notts County were the English Cup holders at the time. They came to Ibrox on April 30, 1894. Rangers won 3-1.

What were the Rangers and Celtic sides which met in the Charity Cup Final in 1933-34? Gordon Williamson, Truce Road, Glasgow.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Marshall, Smith, McPhaill and Nicholson.

CELTIC: Kenaway, Hogg, McGonagle, Morrison, Geatons, Hughes, Crum, MacDonald, F. O'Donnell, Divers and H. O'Donnell. Bobby Main scored the only goal of the game for Rangers.

● 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.

You Asked For It



● Two views of the same goal. ABOVE: Quinton Young hammers in Rangers second goal in their 2-1 win over Celtic at Ibrox in August 1975. This was the first ever match Rangers played in the Premier League. BELOW: The on-rushing MacDonald and Edvaldsson can't do anything to stop the ball going into the net.



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What we want to know is against which team big Tam scored his last league goal for Motherwell. It was just a matter of weeks before he moved to Ibrox.

When you think you have the answer put it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Rangers Bank", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for this competition is May 8, and all entries should have reached the "News" Offices by then.

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GAMES TO REMEMBER

(CONTINUING OUR GREAT SERIES)

THE NIGHT THE IBROX ROARS STUNNED WOLVES...

THERE is nothing better for bringing out the natural fervour of Scots than a clash with neighbours from south of Hadrian's Wall and, over the years, that national pride has been the inspiration behind many famous Scottish wins on the football field.

That applies not only to the annual international match between the countries but to club encounters, as well, and one such occasion was the European Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final clash between Rangers and Wolves in 1961.

The Molineux side had established a formidable reputation in England, winning the league title in seasons 1957-58 and 1958-59 and lifting the F.A. Cup in 1960 and with the Light Blues being undisputed 'top dogs' in Scotland, it was not surprising that the tie was tagged as 'the British Championship Decider'.

A massive 80,000 fans crowded on to the Ibrox terraces for the first leg on March 29 and they were to see a stirring 90 minutes which had all the ingredients of a red blooded cup tie.

Rangers had team problems and manager Scot Symon experimented with his forward line, using defender Doug Baillie at centre forward in place of the injured Jimmy Millar, a ploy which some believed would cost the Light Blues dearly.

The visitors, with the powerful Ron Flowers in midfield, were fancied to overrun Rangers, but they did not bargain for the pride, fighting spirit and no little skill of the Ibrox players.

Right from the first whistle, Rangers swept into attack and forced a couple of corners in quick succession, but goalkeeper Finlayson proved equal to the efforts of the Light Blues' forwards.

A neat Doug Baillie flick set up a great chance for Davie Wilson in the tenth minute and the blond Ranger fired in a superb left foot shot. Finlayson, however, threw himself across his goal and made a magnificent save, much to the dismay of the crowd.

Three minutes later, Rangers were dealt a cruel blow when powerhouse Harry Davis overstretched while on a probing run, and pulled a muscle and that looked like reducing him to no more than a passenger for the rest of the match.



● BILLY RITCHIE . . . two fine saves.

Davie Wilson dropped back to right half, Alex Scott moved to inside right, with Davis moving out to the wing, and that enforced reshuffle gave creedance to the belief that Rangers were in line for a hammering.

The Light Blues had a lucky escape in the 23rd minute when inside forward Murray raced through the Ibrox defence and crashed a superb shot past Ritchie but, as the Englishman raised his arms to acclaim the goal, the ball crashed off the woodwork and was scrambled clear.

Wolves continued to dominate the game and Ritchie had to look lively as first Deeley, then Durandt, forced fine saves from the 'keeper and it looked as if a goal just had to come.

It did . . . AT THE OTHER END!

After 33 minutes, Davie Wilson hooked the ball to Alex Scott on the right and, as the Wolves defence regrouped, the winger jinked inside his marker and then sprinted clear of another attempted tackle before crashing the ball past the diving Finlayson.

What a goal . . . AND THE FANS KNEW IT!

The steady buzz of the unsettled crowd who had watched their heroes endure the pressure turned to a jubilant, singing gathering as they celebrated the goal — and the Wolves players were later to remark that they'd never before heard anything like it.

The visitors came back, though, and three minutes before half time a goal-mouth scramble gave every Ranger a scare, but Bobby Shearer appeared on the goal line to clear the danger.

The half-time whistle was greeted with relief from the Rangers fans who had seen Wolves step up the pace after Alex Scott's opener and, once more, a Wolves goal appeared to be inevitable.

However, Rangers started the second half brightly and the skies erupted seven minutes after the restart when Ralph Brand netted. But the referee disallowed the effort for offside, a decision which was indeed the right one, albeit a disappointing one.

The Englishmen again took control of proceedings and Billy Ritchie was the busiest man afield as the visitors probed for the equaliser.

A cute header from Durandt produced a great save from the 'keeper, then followed a brave save at Dealey's feet and an acrobatic leap to clutch a Slater header and the Wolves players could have been forgiven for feeling disheartened at seeing their every effort thwarted.

The injured Harry Davis, obviously not content to look on from the wing, dropped back to lend his weight to the defence and, to his credit, the big Ranger did much to help stem the tide.

Then, six minutes from time, Wolves collapsed.

Rangers broke quickly and Alex Scott outstripped the visiting defence before centring to Ralph Brand who whipped the ball home for a wonderful opportunist goal.

The Noise Abatement Society would have had something to say about the racket which enveloped Ibrox that evening as the fans roared their 'Follow, Follow' chorus acclaiming a great win for their idols.

Yet, after the match, many cast doubts towards Rangers ability to withstand what would undoubtedly be a Wolves onslaught in the second leg and English internationalist Ron Flowers stated Rangers would suffer because they would not have their massive support roaring them on at Molineux.

And in our issue dated May 13 we'll cover the second leg in another "Game to Remember."

The team which registered that 2-0 first leg win was: Ritchie, Shearer, Caldow, Davis, Paterson, Baxter, Scott, Wilson, Baillie, Brand, Hume.

'Wolves didn't bargain for the pride and skill of Rangers'



● RALPH BRAND . . . scored Rangers second goal.



● BOBY SHEARER . . . cleared on the goal-line.

A SEAT 'SWITCH' FOR JOHN GREIG

Stand view gives him a better picture

IN RECENT weeks one man has been conspicuous by his absence from the Rangers dug-out . . . none other than manager John Greig.

The Ibrox boss has switched to viewing the games from a seat in the stand and, as he explains, that has it's advantages.

"I feel I'm getting a broader picture of the pattern of play," says Greig.

"When I was in the dug-out, I was too close to the action and I found myself kicking every ball with the players.

"And I was too engrossed in how we were playing to pay much attention to our opponents but, from the stand, it's easier to notice the other team's strong points and I can easily relay instructions to the pitch to counter them."

His move to the stand is not necessarily permanent but, till now, Greig has been happier in that position and, as such, intends to continue in the stand on a game to game basis.

"Circumstances can change and I'll just take each game as it comes," he says. "But, to date, there have been no problems.

"In any case, the training staff in the dug-out know what I want from the players so they can shout instructions from the bench."



● A scene we've not seen for a while . . . John Greig shouting instructions from the dug-out. Greig now prefers to watch the action from the stand and is quite happy to continue doing so for the time being.

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THE JOB EVERY MANAGER HATES ...

LAST WEEK John Greig had to do the worst part of his job as a manager of Rangers . . . announce his free transfer list.

Released from Ibrox were goalkeeper George Young, defenders Raymond McIntosh and Steve Richardson and striker Iain Stirton.

"This is the job every manager hates," explained boss Greig.

"But it's part and parcel of the game and I thought long and hard before releasing the players.

"George Young came to us as cover for Peter McCloy, but now that we've bought Jim Stewart and got two promising young goalkeepers in Andy Bruce and Gordon Marshall I felt it was unfair to hold on to George.

"I'm sure he can still do a job for another club and I wish him all the best wherever he goes."

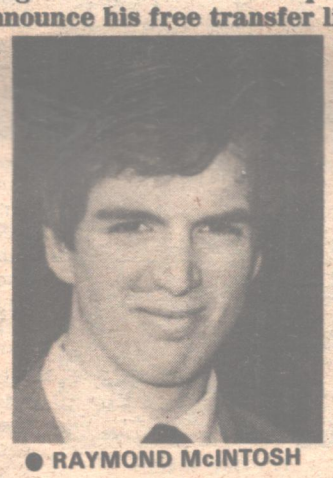
Greig's good wishes go with all the freed men and he made the point that allowing the players to leave could, in fact, benefit their careers.

"Players have to be involved every week," he says, "but lads like Steve Richardson and Iain Stirton were not guaranteed a regular game with our second team. I felt that it was in their best interests to move elsewhere.

"The situation with Raymond McIntosh was somewhat different.

"He joined us from the Edinburgh Police and the boy felt his career lay outside football so, again, it would have been unfair to stand in his way."

His release from Rangers cleared the way for Raymond to get back into uniform, his application to join the Metropolital Police in London already having been accepted.



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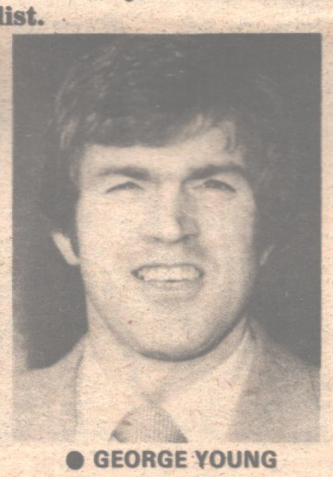

● GEORGE YOUNG

The Club are also prepared to let Alex Forsyth and Billy Mackay leave Ibrox, although both will stay on the books meantime.

Alex Forsyth has another year of his contract to run, but Rangers certainly won't be difficult to deal with if another club comes along and shows interest in the former Partick Thistle and Manchester United player.

"Alex has done a great job for us," says manager Greig, "even though he has played most of his football with the reserves.

"He has never been slow to help the younger players and, if you ask them about the players who have influenced them, most will tell you it's Alex.

"As far as Billy Mackay is concerned, he is open to transfer and, again, we won't be too hard to deal with if an interested club comes along."

Rangers thank all the players for their services and wish them all well in their new careers elsewhere.

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Nice one, Gordon!

FOR the second successive Saturday, Rangers second team coach Stan Anderson emerged from his side's dressing room raving about a superb goal scored by an Ibrox player following the Reserves victory over Airdrie in the Colts final League Cup tie this term.

Gordon Dalziel was the man who earned his praise and there was little doubt the youngster fully deserved the credit which came his way. His goal in the 15th minute proved to be the only one of the match, but what a beauty!

He gathered the ball inside the centre circle and then took off on a run which saw him beat three defenders and then crack home a fierce shot from 15 yards which gave the goalkeeper no chance and went in off the underside of the bar.

'Beat that,' could have been his reaction but, if it was, nobody responded and the remainder of the match finished with both goalkeepers being rarely troubled in a fixture which really did have all the trappings of an end of season affair.

However, with the reserves travelling to France next month to participate in the Croix Youth Tournament, it gave them another valuable work-out.

"Alex Forsyth and Billy Mackay were the only players in the team today who have any experience really worth talking about," said Stan Anderson afterwards. "And the game was a useful exercise, giving the youngsters a chance to try one or two things."

RANGERS: Marshall, Richardson, A. Forsyth, Davies, McPherson, Clark, Mackay, Robertson, Stirton, Black, Dalziel. Subs: Watson (for Stirton) and Lyall (for Davies).

COLIN'S HOPING FOR A GOAL REAL SOON

AT the beginning of the season, Colin McAdam was one of the country's most prolific goal-scorers and, judging by the way he was putting them away week after week, it looked as though the Light Blues scoring record was about to be convincingly smashed.

The Ibrox striker, however, has found goals hard to come by in recent weeks, having netted only two goals in 12 appearances before Saturday.

"It's not as if the chances haven't been there, because they have. At the start of the season, I'd have put them away no trouble, but now I seem to be failing to take even the simplest of them," says Colin.

"I knew I would probably experience a dry spell at some time during the season, but that doesn't make it any easier."

Colin's last goal for Rangers was against Dundee United in the Premier League in March when the Light Blues lost 4-1.

"All I can do is just keep on trying. That's the only way the goals will come back."

Quiz Answers

1. Italy in 1934. 2. Lincoln City. 3. Leeds United. 4. Manchester United. 5. Liverpool have won it 11 times. 6. Cowdenbeath in September 1970. 7. Spurs and Fiorentina. 8. Max Murray against Nice in 1956. 9. Stirling Albion. 10. Pat Stanton.

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