RANGERS NEWS

The Official Newspaper of Rangers F.C.
Wednesday, May 6, 1981. Issue 497. 15p

'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE 'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE

THE PROGRAMME YOU CAN'T MISS

★ ★ IF you're a Rangers fan watch out for Saturday's Scottish Cup Final programme which will be on sale outside Hampden. There is a special FULL COLOUR picture of the Ibrox Scottish Cup squad which is probably one of the best colour shots of the season.

In addition to that special picture, former Scotland winger Davie Wilson looks back on his Scottish Cup memories in a Light Blue jersey.

Saturday's colour, 32-page Cup Final programme is a souvenir no fan will want to miss.

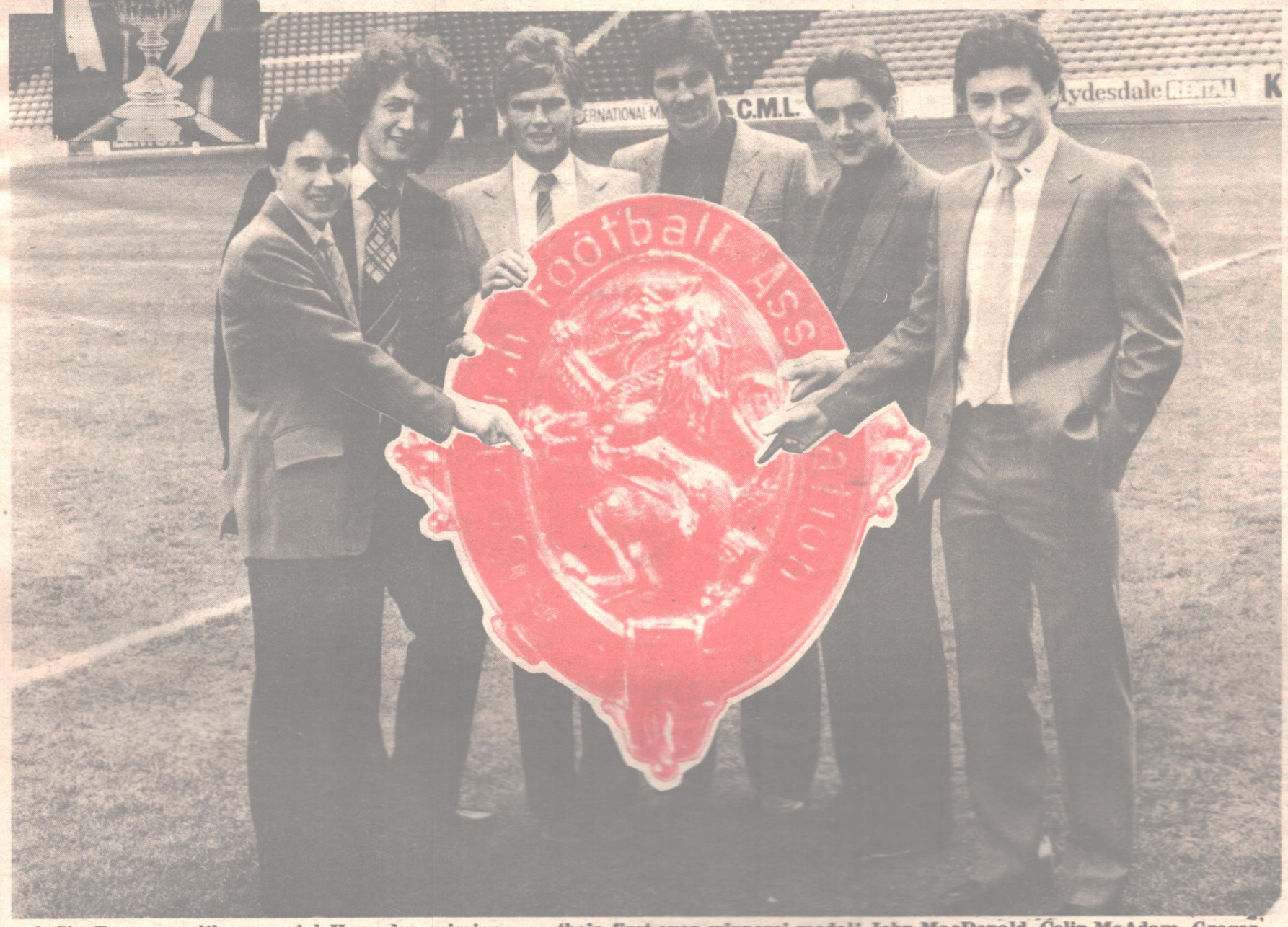
● THE PROGRAMME IS ALSO ON SALE IN THE NEW RANGERS SHOP IN COPLAND ROAD

'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE 'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE 'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE 'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE 'NEWS' EXCLUSIVE

STRIKE A MEDAL!

SIX RANGERS SET THEIR SIGHTS ON CUP FINAL GLORY





● Six Rangers with a special Hampden mission . . . their first-ever winners' medal! John MacDonald, Colin McAdam, Gregor Stevens, Jim Stewart, Ian Redford, and Jim Bett pose for this exclusive "News" picture as the Cup Final countdown begins.

★ RANGERS TEAM SOUVENIR — CENTRE PAGES

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

NOW'S MY CHANCE TO PROVE I'M A WINNER . . .

A FEW months ago we carried a story on striker Colin McAdam and in the course of the article, Colin explained that the prime reason for his joining Rangers was that he had a yearning to be a winner.

And the big man just cannot wait to get out on to the Hampdon turf on Saturday to become one.

"As far as major honours go, my brother Tom has been the one doing all the winning so I'll be out to grab a bit of the limelight on Saturday," says Colin.

"Naturally, I think we'll do it but every one of us knows that it won't be easy.

"United can play a bit — they proved that when they retained the League Cup — but we're a better side than we're given credit for an anybody who writes us off could look pretty silly on Saturday night."

Colin's confidence is typical of that which currently envelopes the Ibrox dressing room and the former Partick Thistle player went on to point out that it was against the Tannadice side that he scored his last goal for Rangers.

"Unfortunately, we lost 4-1 that night," admits the Ranger, "but there will be no repeat on Saturday.

"We want to win the Cup badly and I'm sure that we will."



● COLIN McADAM . . . "I just can't wait for the Final.

Captain Dawson's dream ...

CAPTAIN of a cup winning team after only ten games as skipper — that's the prospect which Ally Dawson faces on Saturday. And it's one which has the Ibrox defender rubbing his hands in anticipation.

"I've taken over at just the right time," jokes Ally.

"Seriously, we know we've got a game on our hands and only when the final whistle blows and we've won will I think about the prospect of collecting the cup.

"But, I must admit, it's a job I'd certainly enjoy doing."

With so few games as captain under his belt Ally fully appreciates he will probably set something of a record if the 'Gers do clinch the trophy.

"There can't be many guys who went up to lift the cup after only ten games as captain," appreciated the international defender.

"In fact there are so many great players who've played throughout their careers and never had such an honour, so I realise I've been lucky.

BUS PARKING

THOSE fans travelling to Hampden on Saturday by supporters buses are asked to note that the police want all Rangers buses to be parked in Prospecthill Road and Polmadie Road. The police will direct all coaches to this area.

Fans are also reminded that anyone carrying drink or under the influence of alcohol will not be admitted to the ground.

RANGERS NEWS

The official Newspaper of Rangers F.C.

Season 1980-81

Rangers Football Club Ltd
Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow

The Board
CHAIRMAN
Rae H. Simpson F.R.C.S.
VICE CHAIRMAN
Lawrence Marlborough
DIRECTORS
William Waddell
Jack Gillespie
John Paton
HONORARY DIRECTOR
George C. P. Brown M.A.

Management
MANAGER
John Greig MBE
ASSISTANT MANAGER
William Thornton
SECRETARY
R. Campbell Ogilvie
COACHES
Alex Totten
Jim Wilson
Second Team
Stan Anderson
PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Tom Craig
HEAD SCOUT
David Provan
CLUB DOCTOR
Dr Donald Cruickshank
HEAD GROUNDSMAN
David Marshall

Advertising
041-331 1933

Editorial
041-331 1933

Subscriptions
28p per single copy
U.K. ONE YEAR £14
HALF-YEAR £7
QUARTERLY £3.50
Canada, America, Turkey, Hong, Kong, India £19
Australia, South Africa, New Zealand £23
Israel £18.50
B.F.P.O. £15.50
PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE AIR MAIL ABROAD
All enquiries to:
SUBSCRIPTIONS,
RANGERS NEWS,
19 NORTH CLAREMONT ST.,
GLASGOW G3 7NR.

KEEP UP TO DATE

MONDAY

Alan Rough is voted 'Player of the Year' by Scotland's Football Writers' Association. Alan will receive his award at a dinner in a Glasgow hotel on May 4. Paul Sturrock was runner-up and another goalkeeper, Hamish McAlpine, came third.

Clyde announce the free transfer of the following players. Davie McWilliams, Alan Boyd, John Dempster, Scott Murray, Jim Nelson, Peter Daly, Jim McNair, Billy Wells and Gordon McGregor.

TUESDAY

RESULTS: Scotland 3, Israel 1.

Willie Ormond, former Scotland boss is to be honoured by the Managers Association a their annual meeting on May 10th.

WEDNESDAY

RESULTS:

Premier Division: Dundee United 4, Airdrie 1.

First Division: East Stirling 2, Clydebank 2.

Second Division: Cowdenbeath 1, Meadowbank 0.

GLASGOW CUP FINAL: Partick Thistle 1, Celtic 0.

RENFREWSHIRE CUP FINAL: 1st Leg: St. Mirren 2, Morton 0.

FIFE CUP FINAL: Second Leg, Dunfermline 6, Raith Rovers 0.

Kilmarnock announce their free transfers. They are George Mitchell, Gordon Chalmers, Bobby Reid.

RETIRED

Jim Fyfe resigns as manager of Dunfermline Athletic Club. He will however remain in a director of the club. Fyfes took over the job a year ago from manager Jim Leishman.

Tottenham Hotspur announce their free transfer list. P. HOUSTON, Bobby Thomson, Jim Muir, Ian Jackson, Alex McDonald, Steve McLean, Arthur Jamieson, Dave McCabe. HIBS: Jim Brown, J. K. Brown, Paul McGhinchey, Dave Higgins, Steve Narey. CELTIC: Danny Donaldson, Colin Douglas, Dave Robertson.

RESULTS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aberdeen	0	Kilmarnock	2
Airdrie	3	Morton	2
Dundee Utd	3	Partick Th	2
Rangers	4	Hearts	0
St Mirren	3	Celtic	1

FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank	0	Dumbarton	0
E. Stirling	0	Dundee	1
Stirling Alb	0	Motherwell	3

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath	2	Stenhsmuir	0
Brechin	2	Meadowbank	1
Clyde	3	Stranraer	3
Cowdnbth	1	Queens Pk	2
East Fife	0	Montrose	0
Forfar	4	Alloa	1
Qn. of Sth	3	Albion R	0



— says Bud

IT'S fifteen years since Willie Johnston won his only Scottish Cup winners' medal to date, but 'Bud' has never forgotten the sweet feeling of climbing the Hampden stairs after that ever-so-dramatic win in 1966.

"What made it so much more enjoyable was that we were written off as 'no hopers' against Celtic," recalls the speedy Ranger.

"They had won the League and the League Cup and just about everybody tipped them for the 'treble.'

"Everybody except us, that is."

'Bud' goes on to remember how Rangers had been trounced in the Ne'erday fixture at Parkhead but, as he says, it was a defeat which the Light Blues learned a lot from.

"No team can be beaten 5-1, like we were that day, and not learn something. And when we realised we would be playing Celtic in the final, we had a long talk about the game and convinced ourselves that we could beat them.

"The final itself ended in a 0-0 draw but, in that game we proved we were still a force to be reckoned with and, with a little luck, we would have won at the first attempt."

Victory, though, was only delayed and in the replay a blistering Kai Johansen drive from the corner of the penalty area was enough to take the Cup to Ibrox.

And Willie Johnston played a part in the setting up of the winning goal.

"The ball was pushed through the middle to me and I veered left, stretching their defence, before I cut it back across the goal.

"Bit George McLean was our centre forward and he just couldn't stretch enough to get his toe to the ball, but coming in behind him was Willie Henderson and the wee man fired in a shot which looked like a scorer all the way.

"A Celtic player appeared on the goal-line to clear it and it looked as if we'd lost our chance.

"Then, in came Kai Johansen, and, to this day, I don't know how that shot never burst the net.

"It was a great goal and we held out quite easily to win the Cup."

Willie's happy memories of 1966 will, however, be the furthest thing from his mind when the Light Blues meet Dundee United on Saturday.

"United are a good team," says Bud, "but I think we're better and the fact we've won nothing yet, while they've got the League Cup, should make us the hungrier team.

"That could give our play the edge which will make us the winners."

'You just can't beat that winning feeling'



● The goal that won the Scottish Cup final replay with Celtic at Hampden Park, on April 27, 1966. Kai Johansen (not in picture), scores with a superb 20 yard shot to give Rangers a 1-0 win.

PROGRAMME COLLECTION

Complete collection of Rangers programmes (home and away) from January 1970 to April 1981. Includes all domestic Cup finals, various friendlies and European away. Preferred to be sold as one complete package. Offers in writing to J. W. Begg, 50 Urquhart Crescent, Renfrew.

FREE BONUS of various Scotland programmes, including England (h and a), Wales (h and a) to successful applicant.

ALSO

Complete collection of Rangers News (Nos. 1-495) preferred to be sold as one complete package. Offers in writing to J. W. Begg, 50 Urquhart Crescent, Renfrew. FREE BONUS of Rangers handbooks (Nos. 1, 10 and 11) to successful applicant.

WHAT A CHANGE FOR JIM STEWART

JOHN GREIG's swoop to sign goalkeeper Jim Stewart from Middlesbrough in mid-March plucked the Ayrshire born 'keeper from the obscurity of reserve team football to a regular first team place and how Jim finds himself just ninety minutes away from a Scottish Cup winners' medal.

And when he takes his place between the posts on Saturday afternoon Jim will be thinking about how different it could all have been if Rangers hadn't stepped in with a bid for his signature.

"If I hadn't signed for Rangers I would probably have spent the afternoon at home in Middlesbrough, watching the F.A. Cup final on T.V. and envying all the players involved," he says.

"But now, instead of wishing I was playing for a medal, I'll be right in the thick of things at Hampden."

And Jim couldn't be happier.

"This really is turning out like a fairy-tale," continues the 'keeper.

"Just seven weeks ago I was playing in front of a handful of fans in reserve football in Middlesbrough and now I'll be playing in front of thousands in the Cup final.

"But that's football . . . it's a funny game."

Such a dramatic contrast in fortunes would reduce some people to nervous wrecks but, as Jim explains, nerves are nothing new for him anyway!

"I'm nervous before every game," he admits, "and I don't think I'll be any worse before the Cup final.

"I'll go through the ritual of being physically sick before we take the field but once I'm out there on the field I'll be O.K."

Of course, big occasions are nothing new for Jim. He was in the Scotland squad for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, he won two full caps and toured South America in 1977, and moved to the pressure cooker atmosphere of the English First Division before joining Rangers.

"I'm looking forward to the final," adds Jim, "and I'm confident I'll be collecting a winners medal at twenty minutes to five on Saturday."



● JIM STEWART

HAMPDEN FINALE FOR REF FOOTE

THE MAN in the middle for Saturday's clash against Dundee United will be a familiar figure to Rangers fans. He is 49-year-old Ian Foote and the Cup final will mark Ian's last game as a Scottish referee.

Under SFA rules, a referee must retire if he cannot complete a full season before he reaches 50, and Ian will be that age in November.

So he sets down his whistle at the very top in Scotland, although he



will be travelling to America during the close season to referee some games there.

This will, in fact, only be the second ever match Ian has handled between Rangers and Dundee United, the last one being in April 1978 when the Light Blues won 2-0 in the Cup semi-final.

A similar result on Saturday would please Ibrox fans.

HAMPDEN 'SPECIALS'

BRITISH Rail are running a number of special trains for fans travelling to Saturday's Cup final. There will be a frequent service from Glasgow Central to Mount Florida from 13.30 onwards and the second class return fare will be 80p. Trains will return immediately after the match.

There will also be a 'special' from Motherwell at 13.40 leaving Uddingston at 13.49 and Newton at 13.52. This will arrive at Kings Park at 14.02.

After the game the train will leave Kings Park at 17.17, arriving at Newton 17.29, arriving at Uddingston at 17.31 and returning to Motherwell at 17.38.

The fare from Motherwell to King's Park will be £1.52, Uddingston to King's Park will be £1.04 and Newton to King's Park 76p.

IF IT'S A DRAW

IN THE event of Saturday's Cup final finishing in a draw after 90 minutes, then 30 minutes extra time will be played.

If the teams are still level after that, then the clubs will return to Hampden for a replay on Tuesday, May 14. Kick-off will be 8 p.m.

STILL SOME CUP TICKETS LEFT . . .

Saturday's Scottish Cup Final is all-ticket, but there are still some 'briefs' available at the following prices: SOUTH WING STANDS, £5; NORTH STAND, £4; WEST TERRACING AND ENCLOSURE, £2.50; EAST TERRACING, £2.

All South Centre stand tickets are sold.

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.

They are also available from the following agencies:

GLASGOW: Scottish Football League, 188 West Regent Street; Fine Brothers, 439 Victoria Road; George Steads'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.

WILLIE'S INJURY COST HIM HIS 'FIRST' CAP

ON PAGE EIGHT of this Cup Final issue of your 'News' we have recalled the 1940 Emergency War Cup Final between Rangers and Dundee United. But one Ibrox personality who needs no prompting to remember that game is Assistant Manager Willie Thornton.

"Just before that match, I'd been selected to play for Scotland against England," he says, "but during the game against United I took a knock which turned out to be a broken collar bone.

"I played on, though, and although Dundee United had most of the play, we won through a Jimmy Smith goal.

"Then, after the game, I was whipped off to the Western Infirmary to have my injury treated and the doctor there told me he would do all he could to get me fit for the international.

"The match aginst England meant a lot to me because it would have been my first cap but the injury proved to be too serious and I had to withdraw."

But there is a twist to this story which really makes it worth a mention.

The doctor who treated Mr Thornton's broken collar bone was none other than one Rae H. Simpson who, of course, is now the Chairman of Rangers!

It's one Cup Final tale



WILLIE THORNTON

that every Rangers player hopes won't be repeated this weekend.

SCORERS

Colin McAdam 23, John MacDonald 16, Ian Redford 13, Bobby Russell 9, Derek Johnstone 7, Jim Bett 5, Sandy Jardine 5, Davie Cooper 3, Alex Miller 3, Ally Dawson 2, Willie Johnston 2, Gregor Stevens 2, Gordon Dalziel 1, Colin Jackson 1, Own Goals 2.

REDFORD'S READY FOR CUP REVENGE

THE glory of winning the Cup will be the motive which spurs Rangers on when they meet Dundee United on Saturday but Ian Redford has an extra reason for wanting victory against the Tannadice outfit . . . revenge.

The last time Ian faced up to United in a cup-tie was when he wore Dundee's colours last season when the Dens Park men met United in the Third Round of the Cup, Ian's side tumbled to a 5-1 defeat.

"That was a disastrous night for us," recalls the Ranger.

"There was only one goal in it at half-time but they really went to town in the second half and tore us apart.

"Mind you, we ended up with only nine players because Bobby Glennie and Stuart McLaren were ordered off but, by that time, we were well and truly beaten."

But Ian does not see the Tannadice side repeating their landslide win of some 15 months ago.

"We know what the final means to the Club and the fans," he says, "and we'll react accordingly.

"There's so much at stake for us and we daren't even think about not winning.

"Many people have written us off because Dundee United gave us a bit of a hammering recently but they forget we gave them a going over in September.

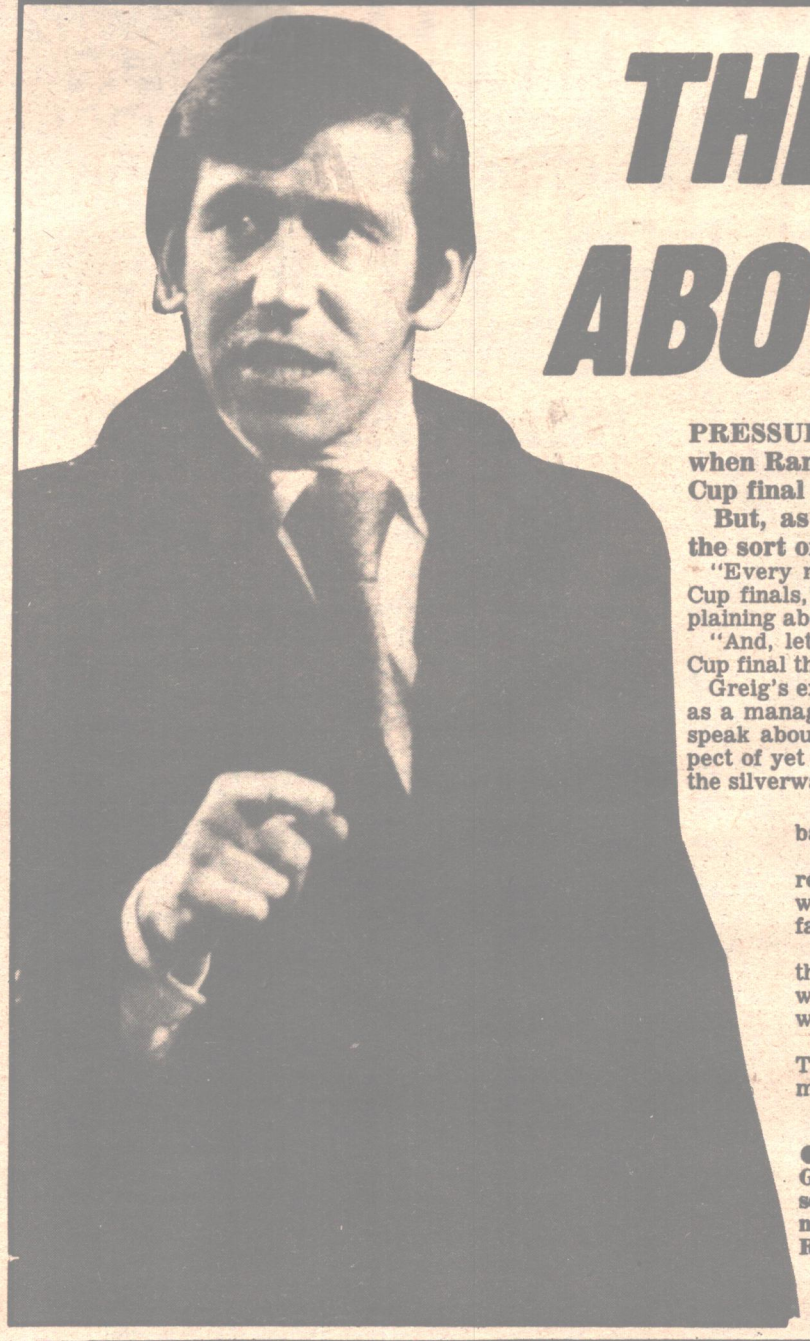
"That day we played possibly our best game of the season and we proved they can't live with us if we turn it on.

"So it will all depend on us showing our true form at Hampden but we're all confident we can do the job on the day and the game can't come quick enough for us."



● IAN REDFORD

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL PREVIEW



THIS GAME'S ALL ABOUT PRESSURE...

PRESSURE will be the name of the game when Rangers and Dundee United clash in the Cup final at Hampden on Saturday.

But, as Rangers boss John Greig says, it's the sort of pressure a manager likes to have.

"Every manager wants his team to be involved in Cup finals," says Greig, "so there's no point in complaining about the pressure of the occasion.

"And, let's be honest, it's pressure which makes a Cup final the big day it is."

Greig's experience of nine finals as a player and two as a manager certainly make him a qualified man to speak about such occasions and he relishes the prospect of yet another battle, ableit from the dug-out, for the silverware.

"Saturday's final couldn't be more evenly balanced," he says.

"Both United and ourselves have each registered a convincing win and a narrow win this season so there can be no red hot favourite this weekend.

"It will all depend on who reacts best to the pressure on the day and obviously I would like to think that it will be Rangers who produce the goods."

Greig though, is full of respect for the Tannadice outfit and he appreciates that his men have a stern 90 minutes in prospect.

● JOHN GREIG . . . second place is no use to Rangers

"Some of the football Dundee United have played this season has been nothing short of brilliant," concedes the Ibrox boss.

"They have managed to blend the individual talents of men like Paul Sturrock and Eamonn Bannon with the tightly knitted defensive play of Paul Hegarty and David Narey and, as a team, they play well together.

"But, don't forget, we're a fine side as well and, rather than pay a lot of attention to United's play, we'll be concentrating on our own skills and, if we produce our best form, we'll be able to take care of ourselves."

★★★

Greig's faith in his own team's ability is typical of the Ibrox boss, who has never hidden his admiration for his players.

"Too many people have been in such a hurry to write us off," says the Boss, "BUT BAD TEAMS DON'T REACH SIX CONSECUTIVE CUP FINALS.

"We're in the final on merit.

"They way we came back to grab that last minute goal against St. Johnstone showed the character of our players.

"Remember, we had a goal disallowed in the dying seconds. Many teams would have thrown in the towel after that, but we kept pushing and got the goal we deserved.

"And it has been the grit and determination we showed to save that game which has kept our season alive."

Their march to the Cup final has certainly done that for Rangers. Greig, however, goes on to point out that getting to Hampden is only half the battle.

"We've got to win on Saturday.

"SECOND PRIZES MEAN NOTHING TO ME OR THE CLUB".



● PAUL STURROCK

A goal feast on the cards

SATURDAY'S Cup final sees the meeting of the Scottish Cup's top scorers this season, Rangers having scored 16 goals on the way to Hampden while United have hit the net on 12 occasions. So a goal feast would appear to be on the cards.

Add to those impressive statistics the fact that in the four previous games between the clubs this term no fewer than 17 goals have been scored — an average of more than four goals per game.

So a GOALden final appears to be on the menu on Saturday and it is interesting to note the respective Cup scorers on the way to the final.

RANGERS: Colin McAdam 4, Ian Redford 3, Derek Johnstone 2, Bobby Russell 2, Gregor Stevens 2, Jim Bett 1, Colin Jackson 1, John MacDonald 1.

DUNDEE UNITED: Davie Dodds 4, Paul Hegarty 2, Billy Kirkwood 2, Derek Addison 1, Eamonn Bannon 1, David Narey 1, Paul Sturrock 1.

Final No. 96

● **Rangers have appeared in 36 Scottish Cup finals, having won 23. Saturday's match will only be Dundee United's second appearance in a Scottish Cup final, having lost to Celtic in 1974.**

● The attendance at last year's Scottish Cup final was 70,303, between Celtic and Rangers.

● ***Saturday's match will be the 96th Scottish Cup final***

● The Scottish Cup was bought in 1873 for £56 12s 11d.

● **Rangers first ever opponents in a Scottish Cup final were Vale of Leven in 1877. They were beaten 3-2 after 0-0 and 1-1 draws.**

● The first team to win the Scottish Cup were Queen's Park who beat Clydesdale 2-0 in 1874.

● ***Rangers did not compete in the first Scottish Cup competition in 1873 because their entry was received too late.***

YOUR CLUB NOTES

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Dundee United leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy, picking up at The Crown — Burnt Island) and EX-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Members collect Cup final tickets at the Red Lion Bar at 1 p.m. Bus leaves McLean Street at 2 p.m. Seats for non-members. Members please clear dues for season.

BLACKBURN LOYAL (LANCASHIRE): Bus to Cup Final against Dundee United on Saturday will leave Blackburn Railway Station at 8 a.m., picking up at Preston, Fullwood roundabout at 8.30 a.m. Non-members welcome. For further details please contact Ian Gilmour on 0254 28140.

HELEN STREET: Bus to Hampden leaves Ibrox garage at 1.45 and the Club at 1.50 p.m.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELTOWN: Bus to Cup final leaves Academy Street at 10.30. Non-members welcome.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Regular meeting on May 9th at noon in Community Centre. Bus v Dundee United leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn at 1.30. Non-members welcome. Re-enrolments now due.

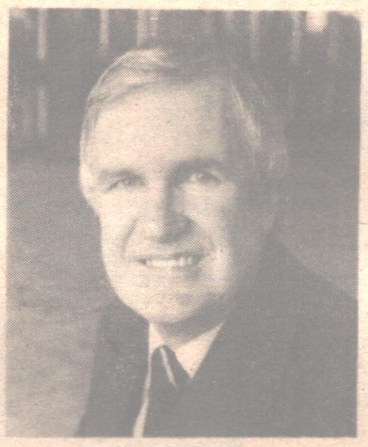
GEORGE NOTMAN BRANCH (BURNBANK): Calling all Rangers fans in the Burnbank area. George Notman Burnbank branch A.G.M. in Co-operative Hall, Wilson Street, Burnbank, Hamilton at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 8th May, 1981. All interested in following Rangers are welcome.

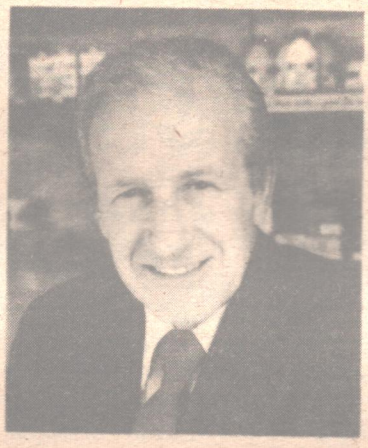
DUNDEE LOYAL: Cup final bus leaves Lindsay Street 10 a.m. Tickets on bus. Wales v Scotland on May 15th, 7 p.m. at Lindsay Street.

OLD KILPATRICK: Bus for Cup final will leave the "Telstar", Old Kilpatrick at 1.30, picking up at usual places. Non-members welcome.

EVERY WEEK A MUST FOR ALL RANGERS FANS

NEWS OF THE WORLD





Super soccer writer MARTIN FRIZELL brings you all the news and views, plus top columnist WILLIE WOODBURN one of Rangers all-time greats.

DON'T MISS THE BIG SPORTS PAPER WITH THE BIG SPORTS STORIES!

NEWS OF THE WORLD

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL PREVIEW

I WANT TO KEEP THIS TEAM TOGETHER

—says Jim



● The Dundee United squad who have to win a Cup 'double' on Saturday. They are: BACK ROW (left to right): Derek Stark, Frank Kopel, Davie Dodds, Hamish McAlpine, David Narey, Iain Phillip, Walter Smith, Willie Pettigrew. FRONT ROW: George Fleming (now St. Johnstone), Ralph Milne, John Holt, Paul Hegarty, Billy Kirkwood, Graeme Payne, Eammon Bannon, Paul Sturrock.



● JIM McLEAN . . . United have arrived

AFTER going 69 years of their existence without winning a major honour, Dundee United this weekend aim for their third trophy inside 17 months when they take on Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden.

They've already lifted the Bell's League Cup twice in the last 12 months, and for Tannadice boss Jim McLean, his club's qualification for Saturday's 'Scottish' final is the step which has convinced him his side is now bordering on greatness.

"Beating Celtic in the semi-final has shown Dundee United have arrived in Scottish football. We can only get better," he claimed two days after that Hampden triumph.

The fact that the 'Terrors' boss was again prepared to make such a sweeping statement is proof of his confidence in his players and the Tannadice set-up.

"Quite frankly, I learned something after that first Cup tie against Celtic when it finished 0-0. He continues: "I think we sometimes cheat ourselves by talking too much about our own performances and that runs down the game. There is a lot of good things in the Scottish game and I believe that when we complain after the match about things, then we are taking away part of the shine."

United's better performances have all been reserved for Cup competitions this season. They retained the Bell's League Cup for the second successive year in style by beating Dundee 3-0 at Dens Park, after having knocked out Celtic in the semi-final by a 4-1 aggregate.

And in the Scottish Cup they showed their attacking menace with a superb 6-1 triumph over Motherwell, a game which saw young Davie Dodds net a hat-trick inside seven minutes.

That 6-1 victory also brought United a lot of publicity in the sports pages, following manager McLean's deduction of a third of his side's £60 entertainment bonus because he felt there had been slackness in his side's play.

It was another illustration of the perfection McLean seeks from his players in every aspect of the game and Rangers are well aware they will be facing one of the most consistent, stylish and threatening teams in the country when they line-up at Hampden on Saturday.

"We're going into the final knowing we are the only team in Scotland who can win two trophies this season, adds Jim.

"I hope this team can be kept together because the future couldn't be better."

With the knowledge that Hampden could be the stepping stone to greater things —McLean hopes it will be the Premier Division championship — United will go all out to demonstrate they are continuing to mature into a side which will go on challenging the 'Old Firm' for major honours EVERY season.

A victory would be the final proof that the Tannadice men have made it as a force to be reckoned with.

'DON'T LET UNITED DICTATE THE GAME'

— warns ex-Ibrox and United man Houston

UNITED FOR THE CUP!

That's the way former Rangers and Dundee United man Doug Houston sees Saturday's big game working out but, as Doug explains, he has a slightly biased point of view.

"Staying in Dundee, I've obviously seen more of United than Rangers, and I can't help but be impressed by Jim McLean's team.

"He has got all his men playing to their strengths and, as such, they are a difficult team to play against."

And Doug should know because it was the Tannadice men who knocked his Brechin City team out of the Cup.

"All we could hope for was to catch them on a bad day, however, it didn't work out like that.

"We tried to close them down and stop them from playing but that's not easy against such talented players.

"They are the sort of team who will destroy their opponents if they are allowed to play, so Rangers mustn't let them dictate the pattern of the game."

Doug goes on to say, however, that it would not surprise him if Rangers were able to put a spanner in the Tannadice works!

"The occasion and crowd will tend to be on Rangers side," he says.

"And, having played in the past five finals, Rangers have obviously been over the course before."

Doug, though, will not be at Hampden to see if his United prediction comes true.

"Our team's dance begins at 6.30 that night so I wouldn't be able to get back from Hampden on time," he says.

"But I'll be glued to the T.V. set in the afternoon and I'm looking forward to a good game with the talent, which both teams undeniably have, showing through."



● DOUG HOUSTON

THE ROAD TO HAMPDEN

RANGERS

Third Round: Airdrie 0, Rangers 5, Broomfield.
Fourth Round: St. Johnstone 3, Rangers 3, Muirton Park.
Replay: Rangers 3, St. Johnstone 1, Ibrox.
Fifth Round: Rangers 3, Hibs 1, Ibrox.
Semi-final: Rangers 2, Morton 1, Parkhead.

DUNDEE UNITED

Third Round: Brechin City 1, Dundee United 2, Glebe Park.
Fourth Round: Dundee United 1, Partick Thistle 0, Tannadice.
Fifth Round: Dundee United 6, Motherwell 1, Tannadice.
Semi-final: Celtic 0, Dundee United 0, Hampden.
Replay: Celtic 2, Dundee United 3, Hampden.

Midweek Fact-File

TUESDAY, APRIL 29th
World Cup
Qualifying Match.
SCOTLAND 3, ISRAEL 1.

Scorers: Scotland: Robertson (21, 30 pens.), Provan (54). Israel: Sinai (56).

SCOTLAND: Rough, McGrain, F. Gray, Souness, McLeish, Hansen, Provan, Archibald, Jordan, Hartford, Robertson.

ISRAEL: Mizrahi, Machness, J. Cohen, Ekhois, A. Cohen, Bar, Shum, Zitovni, Sina, Damti, Tabak.

Referee: G. Haroldsson (Iceland).

Attendance: 61,489.

'News' around the World

IF you would like a copy of the "Rangers News" mailed direct to you weekly (home or abroad) complete this coupon (enclosing remittance) and send it to Subscriptions Department, "Rangers News", 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

.....

SUBSCRIPTION RATES	BRITISH ISLES	EUROPE
Single Copy	0.28	0.35
12 Months	14.00	17.50
6 Months	7.00	9.00
3 Months	3.50	5.00

America, Canada, India, Hong Kong £19.00
Australia, South Africa, New Zealand.....£23.00
Israel £18.50
British Forces Posted Overseas £15.50

HIT 'EM





CUP FINAL SOUVENIR

★★★The Cup Final is a real special day for any player and in this exclusive 'News' picture, you can see the men who will be aiming to bring the Scottish Cup back to Ibrox for a 24th time.

The Light Blues are appearing in their SIXTH consecutive final – a club record – and the pool is a mixture of youth and experience. Six players are looking for their first-ever winners' medal in this competition.

Colin McAdam, Jim Bett, Jim Stewart, Gregor Stevens, John MacDonald and Ian Redford, while players

It's a Cl for the



FOR SIX!



...b record
...ght Blues

like Sandy Jardine and Derek Johnstone will actually be chasing their FIFTH badge.

It all adds up to Rangers' most important fixture of the season and the men who carry all our good wishes are:

BACK ROW: Colin McAdam, Derek Johnstone, Jim Bett, Alex Miller, Jim Stewart, Colin Jackson, Tom Forsyth and Gregor Stevens. FRONT ROW: Bobby Russell, Willie Johnston, Tommy McLean, Ally Dawson, Sandy Jardine, John MacDonald, Ian Redford, Davie Cooper.

CUP FINAL SOUVENIR



(CONTINUING OUR GREAT SERIES)

JIMMY'S SUPER SOLO WINS 'WAR' TROPHY

SATURDAY sees Rangers and Dundee United clash for the first time ever in a major Cup Final but, some 41 years ago, the clubs met at Hampden in the final of the Emergency War Cup, the trophy put up for competition to replace the Scottish Cup during hostilities.

Rangers marched to the final by virtue of beating Alloa, Falkirk, St. Mirren and Motherwell and the Light Blues were confidently expected to dispose of the Tannadice team at Hampden but the Tayside men were to emerge from the final with their reputations enhanced due to a spirited performance.

Showing scant regard for the reputations of the illustrious Ibrox line-up, United took control of the game in the early stages and wingers Glen and Fraser looked very busy on the flanks.

Their nimble footwork had Rangers in trouble and, from their crosses, centre-forward Milne threatened to cause havoc in the Light Blues' goalmouth.

Twice in the course of the first five minutes he had headers on target, but he could not match that accuracy with power and goalkeeper Jerry Dawson saved both efforts easily.

The United half-back line of Baxter, Littlejohn and Robertson was also showing up well, winning possession and spreading passes which had the Ibrox defence all at sea and Milne, once more, came close when he fired a powerful shot into the Rangers' side net.

After that early flurry, United had to go on the defensive when Jimmy Smith took a pass from Willie Waddell and bustled through the defence only to be thwarted by a timely Littlejohn tackle.



● JIMMY SMITH . . . caused so many problems to the United defence.

● *Pictures by courtesy of the 'Glasgow Herald' and 'Evening Times'*

But back came the underdogs from Dundee with Milne and Adamson linking up well only for the latter to shoot wildly past when he had two team-mates in better positions.

Nobody could complain about lack of entertainment in this opening spell but one got the impression that Rangers were holding something in reserve, allowing their opponents to commit themselves to attack before punishing them on the break.

So everyone, knowing the resources of the Ibrox players, waited for the Rangers onslaught . . . and waited . . . and waited.

United continued to look the more impressive of the two outfits, stringing passes together and pinning the Light Blues in their own half of the field.

Wing half Robertson broke through, taking a pass from Adamson but, with the way to goal clear, he opted for returning the ball to Adamson and Willie Woodburn stepped in to clear the danger.

Then the Ibrox centre half was caught in possession and Milne shoved the ball through to Gardiner, but, again, United showed a reluctance to shoot and Woodburn recovered in time to slide in and tackle the forward.

As half time approached the faces of the Rangers fans grew longer as their heroes remained under pressure then, two minutes before the interval, the long awaited 'crack' appeared to show.

United were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the penalty area after Milne had been fouled. Every Rangers player dropped back into their own goalmouth as Milne prepared to take the kick.

He shot for goal but his effort cannoned off the Rangers 'wall'. It broke to Adamson and from eight yards out he confidently placed the ball out of Dawson's reach.

The United players turned cartwheels of joy as they celebrated the goal . . . suddenly their delight turned to despair as referee Webb stood on the spot where scorer Adamson had been and indicated that the Tannadice player had been offside.

A lucky break for Rangers but a tragic blow for United. There was little time to get play back in motion before the half-time whistle sounded and, as the players trooped off the field, there was certainly plenty for manager Bill Struth to tell his players in the pavilion during the break.

Seldom had there been a more one sided Cup Final, Rangers being no more than spectators as Dundee United dominated the game, but to the Light Blues credit they were still on level terms and now the fans looked to see them show their true form in the second half.

But, while there was an improvement in Rangers' play, United were still getting too much of the ball for the Ibrox faithful's liking.

Full backs Dougie Gray and Jock Shaw were the men who were breaking up the Tannadice attacks and United were now paying for their insistence of making one pass too many instead of getting a shot in at goal.

And at the opposite end of the field, Jimmy Smith was causing problems for the Tayside rearguard as he took advantage of the service of wingers Willie Waddel and Adam Little.

Willie Thornton came close with a header from, almost inevitably, a Willie Waddell cross, but goalkeeper Thomson was equal to the effort, tipping it over the crossbar.



● WILLIE WOODBURN

It was now apparent that only something out of the ordinary was going to lead to a goal but, with both sets of players appearing to lack that 'extra special' touch, a goalless draw was on the cards.

Then, 14 minutes from time, Jimmy Smith supplied that much needed quality.

Alec Venters sent an accurate through ball to the Ibrox centre forward, who raced on to it as Littlejohn moved in to tackle but the Rangers beautifully sidestepped the defender leaving himself with only the 'keeper to beat.

As the crowd roared 'hit it', Jimmy kept going and drew Thomson from his line before neatly jinking round him and slotting the ball into the empty net.

The roar which greeted that goal mirrored the opinion that the first goal would, indeed, be the only one and that's exactly how it turned out, Rangers holding on comfortably to register a 1-0 win, taking the Emergency War Cup to Ibrox.

Dundee United could quite justifiably feel aggrieved at having lost a game in which they had so much of the play but Rangers proved, once more, that it's goals that count and, when all's said and done, clever leading up play means nothing if you can't put the ball in the net.

So Rangers won the Emergency War Cup and there will be more than a few happy faces around Ibrox if the Light Blues repeat that 1940 result when the teams meet at Hampden on Saturday.

The Rangers team which won that game 41 years ago was as follows: Dawson, Gray, Shaw, Bolt, Woodburn, McKillop, Waddell, Thorton, Smith, Venters, Little.



● WILLIE WADDELL



● JERRY DAWSON

THE BEST FUN PAGES ARE IN THE 'NEWS'

YOU ASKED FOR IT

Was D.J. Scotland's pivot?

MY FRIEND says that in the 1969-70 League Cup final Derek Johnstone came on as a sub and scored in the second half. But I think he played from the the start and scored in the first-half. Please tell us who is right. Also could you confirm that Derek was only 16. Pte. McDougall, Stanley Fort, Hong Kong, B.F.P.O.1.

Derek scored the only goal in the Cup final gainst Celtic on October 24, 1970 in the 42nd minute with a header. He played for the complete 90 minutes and was still only 16, his 17th birthday being only two weeks later.

Could you please print the scoreline, etc for the following matches:— Rangers v Queen of the South, (League 48-49); Queen of the South v Rangers, (League 48-49); Rangers v Albion Rover, (League 48-49). G. Shend, Northfield, Aberdeen.

Scores are: Rangers 3, Queen of the South 0; Queen of the South 0, Rangers 2; Rangers 3, Albion Rovers 1. Teams to follow shortly.

Could you please tell me if Derek Johnstone ever played for Scotland at centre-half? Robert Johnstone, Craigins Place, Cummnock.

Derek Johnstone formed a double centre-half partnership with Jim Holton in 1973 against Wales, Northern Ireland, England, Switzerland and Brazil. But it was Holton who wore the number five shirt.

Who were the opponents when John Greig scored his last goal for Rangers? David Robertson, Dumbarton Road, Glasgow.

Excluding his Testiomonial match, John scored his final goal for Rangers against Ayr United in a Premier League encounter on April 8th, 1978, at Somerset Park. The Light Blues won 5-2.



● JIM HOLTON

TODAY'S THE DAY TO WIN A TEDDY BEAR!



OVER THE years Rangers fans have re-christened the Rangers first team the 'Teddy bears'. At both home and away matches there are usually a few loyal fans who bring along the Club's 'unofficial' mascot to support the team, most of which are dressed in the Light Blues' colours.

This week we are offering you the chance to win your own mascot. The teddy bear comes complete with a Rangers cap and its own scarf. Even if you couldn't 'bear' to take it to the match, you can keep it in the house to add some colour to your collection or Rangers souvenirs.

As usual to be in with a chance of winning this prize you only have to answer one simple question.

Loook at the picture on the left. It shows Colin McAdam shouting for the ball in a confrontation against Rangers Scottish Cup final opponents Dundee United. What we want you to tell us is the names of the two United players in the foreground.

When you think you know the answer write it on a postcard — only postcards will be accepted, along with your FULL name AND address and send it to 'Teddy Bear', Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

The closing date for this contest will be May 15th.

The editor's decision is final in all matters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

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

TODAY (MAY 6):

ANGELA CANAVAN, 6 Tollpark Crescent, Newmains, who is 14.
LEE EVANS, 33 Mackenzie Place, Maryburgh, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire, who is nine.
PETER GALBRAITH, 93 Hillside Road, Paisley, who is 14.
STEVEN BLACK, 199 Nobleston Estate, Bonhill, Alexandria, Glasgow, who is ten.
MARK MacGRUER, 30 Highfield, Lindemuir, Ross-shire, who is 11.
ANGUS MacLEOD, 9 Laxay, Isle of Lewis, who is 14.
GRAEME HAMILTON, 59 Pettycur Road, Kinghorn, Fife, who is 14.
PHILIP LEITCH, 35 Drummore Road, Glasgow, who is five.
DONALD SHAW, Highfield, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 14.
SHONA McGREGOR, 15 Craiglaw, Dechmont, West Lothian, who is 17.

THURSDAY:

WILLIAM YOUNG, 2 Howie Street, Larkhall, who is 16.
JOHN RODGERS, 17 Esk Drive, Livingston, who is 13.
DUNCAN CARMICHAEL, 67 Longside Terrace, who is 14.
KEVIN McKAY, 30 John Street, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch, whi is 15.
GREIG McGILL, 3 Weavers Walk, Lanark, who is 17.
JOHN FURY, c/o Knox, Flat, 47 St. Mungo Place, Townhead, Glasgow, who is 16.
DAVID TODD, 3 Burnbrae Street, Paisley, who is 14.
COLIN PEARSON, 11 Pine Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, who is 16.
STEVEN PERROW, 3 Mary Place, Clackmannan, who is 16.
BERNARD THOMSON, 85 Ballantay Road, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is 16.
KEVIN SINCLAIR, 15 Finlay Avenue, Dalry, Ayrshire, who is 12.

FRIDAY:

LINDA GOLD, 48 Roman Crescent, Old Kirkpatrick, who is 12.
STEWART EDGAR, 22 Kilbarchan Road, Johnstone, who is 13.
KAYE MacKINNON, 23 Strachan Street, North Hobart, Tasmania, who is 15.
GRAHAM CUNNINGHAM, 24 Alser Road, Cumbernauld, who is 13.
CRAIG McNICOL, 33 Dudley Drive, Glasgow, who is six.

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 handwriting.

GRAHAM PETRIE, 31 David Street, Inverbervie, by Montrose, Angus, who is ten.
GRAHAME FORRESTER, 67 Burngrange Cottages, West Calder, West Lothian, who is 17.
QUINTON MUIR, 19 Milton Quadrant, Kilbirnie, who is 14.
COLIN CASSIDY, 8 Steeple Crescent, Dalgety Bay, Fife, who is 12.
COLIN DUNCAN, 15 Edgar Avenue, Cumnock, Ayrshire, who is ten.
ANDREW WRIGHT, 19 Caroline Stfeet, Elgin, Morayshire, who is ten.

SATURDAY:

ANDREW MacFARLANE, 4 Gadlloch Gardens, Lenzie, who is eight.
RICHARD CARTLEDGE, 924 Tollcross Road, Glasgow, who is eight.
JOHN WATSON, 79 Braidswood Place, Linwood, who is 13.
CHRISTOPHER HILL, 39 Littlebrough Lane, Gainsborough, who is 16.
JAMES HANNEN, 17 Balgray Crescent, Barrhead, who is 14.
GARY FALCONTER, 10 Wiles Close, Waterbeach, Cambridge, who is 11.
CRAIG MAXWELL, 32 Ross Crescent, Motherwell, who is 15.
ALAN HUTTON, Abercainey Place, Blackford, who is 13.
ALLISTAIR TODD, 51 Bray Road, Millhill, East London, who is two.
GORDON SHIND, 6 Pinmore Place, Nitshill, Glasgow, who is 17.
JAMES McINNES, 39 Anderson Drive, Kilmarnock, who is 11.

SUNDAY:

GREIG BLACK, 7 Cambusdoon Road, Craigend, Glasgow, who is three.
EDITH JOHNSTON, 16 Lament Crescent, Fallin, Stirling, who is 11.
JASON BROWN, 8 Rankine Place, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, who is ten.
DEREK CAMERON, 2 Raeburn Place, Caiderwood, East Kilbridge, who is 16.
ALEXANDER SCOTT, 34 Approach Row, East Wemyss, Fife, who is 13.
TIMOTHY SCOTT, Nantrigg, Taynuilt, Argyll, who is 17.

MONDAY:

RUSSELL TUCKER, 7 Oliver Road, Falkirk, Stirlingshire, who is 11.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, 61 South Commonhead Avenue, Airdrie, who is 14.
DEREK BAILLIE, 15 Dryad Street, Carnwadric, who is nine.
JACKY MACDOUGALL, 14 White Street, Whitburn, West Lothian, who is five.
SCOTT SMITH, 7 Tay Avenue, Dean Park Estate, Renfrew, who is seven.
ROBERT LOCAL, 24 Mayfield Road, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, who is 17.
JAMES MACDONALD, 5 Tay Crescent, Glasgow, who is 11.
DEREK CLARKSON, 22 Corsock Street, Glasgow, who is seven.
PAUL REID, 15 Glebe Road, Inverkip, who is 12.
LORRAINE SPENCE, Victoria Hotel, Largs, who is six.
ROY ELDER, 54 Saint Leonard Road, Dundee, who is 12.
GEORGE LLOYD, 43 Lorne Terrace, Cambuslang, Glasgow, who is 16.
JOHN MACK, 22 Glentyn Drive, Pollock, Glasgow, who is 14.
GORDON KILPATRICK, 142 Downham Crescent, Prestwick, Manchester, who is 13.

TUESDAY:

EVELYN BRAND, 21 Wardlaw Crescent, Dunfermline, Fife, who is five.
MARK FORREST, 5 Elm Place, Greenhills, East Kilbride, who is 13.
JAMES McGOLDRICK, 25 Duntocher Road, Dalmuir, who is six.
SARAH DODDS, 31 Mossgiel Road, Ayr, who is 17.
DEREK SUTHERLAND, 1 Marrymas Cottages, Dunnet, by Thurso, who is 14.
DREW ELLIOT, 34 South Park, Armadale, West Lothian, who is 15.
WILLIAM GILLIES, 81 Dickens Avenue, Clydebank, who is 15.

QUICK QUIZ

Who knocked United out of Europe?

1. Earlier this season Dundee United were put out of the UEFA Cup by which team?
2. If John Gardiner saved a penalty from Peter Hamsill, which two teams would be playing?
3. Against which team did Jim Stewart make his Rangers debut?
4. Which English Second Division team play at Stamford Bridge?
5. Which English Third Division side are nicknamed the 'Cottagers'?
6. Which team won the European Cup in 1974, 75 and 76?
7. If the ball is kicked from the goal line by a spectator before it crosses the line what action should the referee take?
8. Who played in goal for Rangers in their 1946-47 League Cup final win over Aberdeen?
9. How many Scottish Cup medals has Bobby Shearer won?
10. When did Willie Henderson first play against England?

● Answers on Back Page

PEN-PALS

WANTED: Male or Female pen-pal for loyal Rangers supporter in Australia, aged 13. Please write to T. Blair jnr., 161a Lillian Avenue, Salisbury 4107, Queensland, Australia.

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 3D6.

Behind the scenes . . . Behind the s

RANGERS FIX UP SWEDISH DATES

RANGERS supporters in the Dumbarton area rallied round to pay their tribute to long serving Ibrox defender Colin Jackson when more than 200 of them turned out at Dumbarton Masonic Halls recently for a cabaret in aid of 'Bomber's' Testimonial Fund.

GEORGE BATES, the man who is doing all the organising for the Testimonial Fund, was full of praise for the Dumbarton club's efforts.

"It's great to see the fans showing their appreciation of Colin's service to Rangers," says George.

"They are the people who count," he says. "They know a good man when they see one and they've shown that in the way they've supported Colin's testimonial."

The cabaret in Dumbarton went down a storm with the punters, BEN GUNN adding his usual professional style to the benevolent atmosphere of the evening.

Colin and his Testimonial committee would like to take this opportunity to thank DAVID CORMACK of the Dumbarton Loyal R.S.C. who did much to make the evening a rip roaring success.

David and his mates of the Dumbarton club have been selling lottery tickets for 'Bomber's' Testimonial Fund — and drawing in a bob or two in the process — so they have been doing their fair share of fund raising for big Colin.

Well done David Cormack and the boys of the Dumbarton Loyal.

Rangers pre-season trip to Sweden in July will see the Light Blues play three matches inside the space of eight days. Although the names of opponents have not yet been released, manager JOHN GREIG is anxious to get his players in the right frame of mind as quickly as possible so they will be ready for the start of the domestic season, which will begin with the League Cup programme in August.

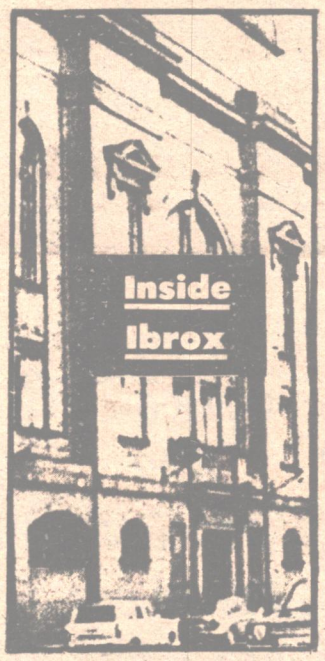
The team will leave Glasgow on July 19th and will play their first match in Sweden the following day. They will then meet another Swedish side on July 22 and will travel to Denmark to play one fixture against local opposition in Copenhagen on July 26.

The Light Blues will then return home the following day and will start to step up their preparations for the League Cup and league programme in the opening months.

● If you still haven't got your Cup Final ticket you can get one at the new Rangers Shop at 150 Copland Road. Tickets will be on sale from today until Saturday morning. If you are travelling from another part of town the shop is close to Copland Road Underground station.



● COLIN JACKSON



The thought of playing in an international match against England is enough to set the adrenalin flowing in any young Scottish player.

But one Rangers man last week had to put any such thoughts well out of his mind . . . for a few hours at least!

The lad was young Ibrox 'S' form signing GORDON SUTHERLAND who was with the Under-15 schoolboy side which met England at Old Trafford last Monday evening.

And the reason he had to dismiss speculation about the match against the English was simple . . . exams!

Gordon was sitting his 'O' level arithmetic on the morning of the match and, while he would rather have counted possible goals, he had to be content with adding the figures in front of him.

It was a tough day, but it didn't get much better.

Despite Gordon's efforts in the number 11 jersey, the Scottish youths lost 1-0 before 21,000 fans, and he just hopes his next memory of that day will be an envelope which arrives at his house sometime in July-telling him he passed that arithmetic exam!

MARGARET BISSET, Miss Rangers News 1980, has won a place in the final of "Miss Scotland" to be held in London on May 21.

She took part in the semi-finals in Aberdeen at the beginning of this week and was one of the six girls chosen to go on to the final. The contest will be filmed by Thames Television and shown on ITV.

A RANGERS youth team registered a 1-0 win over the Central Region's Under-18s when they played at Grangemouth Stadium last Monday and, although the Ibrox youngsters did not set the heather on fire, Chief Scout Davie Provan was pleased that they got a result when faced with a good side.

"Give credit to the Central Region lads," says Davie, "they played well and made us fight but, having said that, I was not impressed by some of our own play.

"We did not show the qualities I'm looking for if we are to give a good account of ourselves in Croix in June.

"Too many passes going astray and players being caught in possession were our main problems and we'll have to tighten up on both of these aspects in our play."

The goal which won the game for the young Light Blues came in the 36th minute when Kenny Linton scored following a goalmouth scramble.

"We got a result and I'm happy about that," continues Davie, "but I'm still looking for players to fill a couple of positions before we go to France.

"The teams we meet out there will be no mugs and we'll have to be right on top of the job."

The team which won at Grangemouth was as follows: Bruce, Pirie, Lyall, Davies, McPherson, McCoo, Ferguson, Ford, Robertson, Black, Linton. Subs. Hamilton (for Linton), G. Brown (for Ford), M. Brown (for McCoo).

HEARTS



● Brough to the rescue . . . the keeper saves at the feet of Redford.



● Redford again . . . this time he neatly sidesteps Colin More to shoot for goal in the second half.



● Jim Bett swoops in but his shot hit the post.



● A disappointed Bett ends up in the net after hitting the woodwork.

MAROONED!

Tynecastle men swamped by super Light Blues

Match slant

RANGERS finished their Premier League campaign in style when they romped to a fine 4-0 win over Hearts on Saturday to ensure European football at Ibrox next season. And if the scoreline flattered anyone it was the visitors from Edinburgh.

From the first whistle to the last Rangers put Hearts under pressure and the Maroons simply had no answer to the continuous Ibrox onslaught.

Once Jim Bett had opened the scoring Hearts crumbled and the icing on the cake from Rangers' point of view was the quality of the goals which led to victory.

Take Robert Russell's 34th minute effort. He took a Tommy McLean flick and hooked it over a bewildered defender's head before volleying home from outside the penalty area. Magnificent!

Ian Redford made it 3-0 one minute later then, in the second half, Willie Johnston flew down the left wing and, just when he appeared to be running the ball out of play, Bud crashed it into the roof of the net from the narrowest of angles.

Add to those goals numerous near things in the Hearts' goalmouth and you will appreciate just how superior Rangers were.

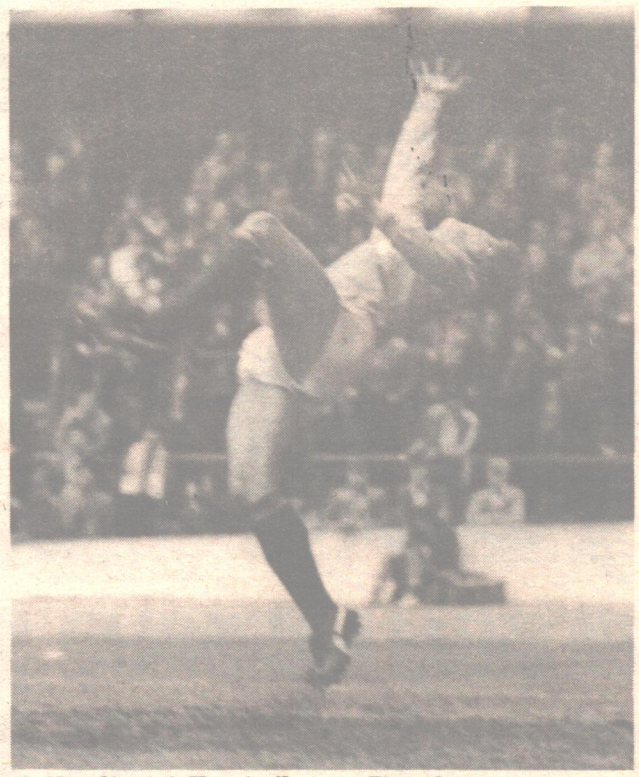
They outclassed their opponents in every department of the game, exposing the visitors' shortcomings, and one couldn't help but be impressed by the midfield artistry of Tommy McLean.

The wee man was a constant thorn in Hearts' flesh with his probing runs and inch perfect passes and it may well be that Tommy's performance on Saturday has earned him a place in the team for the Hampden date with Dundee United.

Overall, it was a good day for Rangers as was evident from the smiles on the faces of the fans as they made their way home.



● Wham! Bobby Russell slams home a magnificent second goal for the Light Blues.



● No chance! Hearts 'keeper Brough can only clutch air as Russell's shot whistles into the net.



● Rangers Jim Bett neatly clips the ball home for the opening goal against the Tynecastle men.



● Bett turns away in delight after opening the Ibrox men's account.



● Colin McAdam gets the better of this aerial duel with Hearts' Colin Liddell.



● Ian Redford gets plenty of power into this one for Rangers' third goal.

FACT-FILE

SATURDAY, MAY 2
Premier League
RANGERS 4, HEARTS 0
Scorers: Bett (20 mins.), Russell (34 mins.), Redford (35 mins.), W. Johnston (61 mins.).
RANGERS: Stewart, Jardine, Bett, Stevens, T. Fosyth, McLean, Cooper, Russell, McAdam, Redford, W. Johnston. Subs. MacDonald, D. Johnstone (not used).
HEARTS: Brough, Denny, Shields, More, F. Liddell, Hamill, McKay, C. Robertson, G. Liddell, O'Brien, Kidd. Subs. Gibson (for O'Brien), Jeffries (for McKay).
Referee: J. R. S. Renton (Cowdenbeath).
Booked: More (Hearts), T. Forsyth (Rangers).
Attendance: 8,000.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	36	26	4	6	84	37	56
Aberdeen	36	19	11	6	61	26	49
Rangers	36	16	12	8	60	32	44
St. Mirren	36	18	8	10	56	47	44
Dundee U.	36	17	9	10	66	42	43
Partick T.	36	10	10	16	32	48	30
Airdrie	36	10	9	17	36	55	29
Morton	36	10	8	18	36	58	28
Kilmarnock	36	5	9	22	23	65	19
Hearts	36	6	6	24	27	71	18

TENNENT'S T LAGER

THE WAY AHEAD

"We're not finished yet" — chairman Rae Simpson

THE never ending stream of visitors to Ibrox have never failed to be impressed by the extent of redevelpment at the Stadium over the past few years. But with the new North Stand now in the closing stages, of its construction don't for one second think that Rangers will be prepared to sit back and admire the new structures.

ONCE THE NORTH STAND IS COMPLETED, THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE STADIUM AND IT'S SURROUNDINGS WILL CONTINUE.

Chairman Rae Simpson outlined the Club's approach to improving the facilities when he spoke to the Press at the presentation of the Rangers Pools jackpot pay-out at the Stadium last Friday.

"No business can afford to stand still," says the Chairman," and we are certainly no exception.

"And our income from the Rangers Pools allows us to be ambitious with our plans."

Just what form the Club's expansion will take is, to date, uncertain but Mr Simpson, went on to outline how some English outfits have utilised their facilities.

"Clubs like Aston Villa and Birmingham have established Sports and Conference Centres at their grounds and that is certainly one avenue of development which we will be exploring," he said, and went on to declare.

"We have so much in our favour here at Ibrox.

"There is so much space at our disposal that there is absolutely no limit to what we can achieve and we intend to cast a wide net to examine every possibility."

The Ibrox Chairman made the point that in these days of so much home orientated entertainment, clubs cannot afford to be wholly dependent on revenue from the turnstiles and, as such, Rangers have every intention of leading the field when it comes to broadening the Club's horizons.

£31,000 SMACKERS

Bill, Betty celebrate with a drink of TEA

MRS BETTY McTAVISH, of 58 McCracken Drive, Uddingston always wanted to marry a rich man — and last week she discovered her husband was one!

William, aged 27, was the sole winner in Pool One of last week's Rangers Pools and, as a result, his bank balance has now been boosted by the considerable sum of £31,717.50!

And, within minutes of realising he was a winner, he immediately set off for a drink — of tea!

"I used to be an agent," he explains, "but most of my clients were at my previous place of work. When it closed down, I gave up the agency and just bought a regular ticket from somebody else.

"So I knew how to check my ticket and after reading the Sunday paper last week, I realised I was a winner, although I didn't know how much."

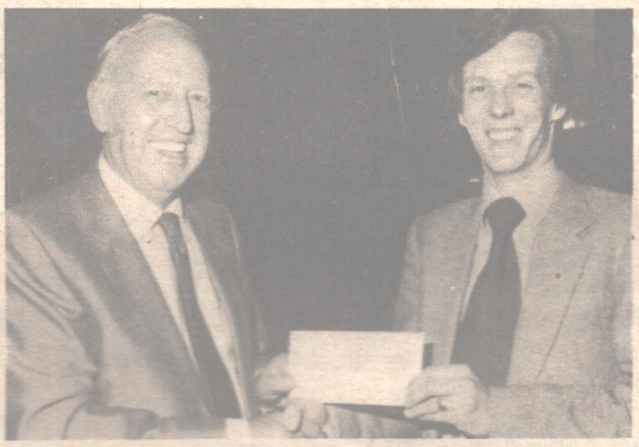
He then contacted his agent, Alex McLellan, and it was he who advised him to have a strong cup of tea and a sit down before the results were announced on Radio Clyde at 2 p.m. It was at that time he realised he was the ONLY winner and that he would collect over £30,000.

"I honestly can't believe my luck," he continues. "I've been doing the pools for years and I've never won a thing. Now, I've hit the jackpot."

There are no plans, though, to go on a wild spending spree. Mr McTavish, now a van-driver, has been made redundant before and his wife, Betty, found herself in the same position a couple of months ago. So they fully intend thinking wisely about the future, although they admit a new car would almost certainly be top of their priority list.



● *Money makes the world go around, in the words of the old song, and you certainly won't hear any of this happy quartet arguing the truth of those lyrics. A toast in Champagne was the order of the day as (left to right) Mrs Betty McTavish, winner William McTavish, agent Alex McClellan and Mrs Mima McLellan celebrate their windfall.*



● *Rangers Chairman Rae Simpson hands over the winning cheque for £31,717.50 to lucky winner William McTavish from Uddingston.*

THIS WEEK'S LUCKY FOLK

POOL ONE: 1 Possible, 21 goals, 1 winner receives £31,289.50. Mrs N. Preston, 2 Culross Place, East Kilbride.

POOL TWO: 4 Possibles, 11 goals, 2 winners, each receive £500. A Glasgow man, N.P. Edward Nicol, 43 Rosehill Court, Aberdeen.

POOL THREE: 20 Possibles, 17 goals, 15 winners, each receive £66.66. 19, 20 with any three from 21, 27, 30, 31, 32, 43.

POOL FOUR: 5 Possibles, 32 goals, 4 winners, each receive £250. Mrs Jack, 157 Newdyke Road, Kirkintilloch; L. Newton, 90 Potterhill Road, Glasgow; W. Harris, 14 Parkside Street, Edinburgh; R. Oattes, 53 Baillie Drive, Bothwell.

POOL FIVE: 8 Possibles, 1 goal, 6 winners, each receive £166.66. 10, 13, 15, 34 with one from 02, 03, 07, 09, 12, 14, 33, 40.

POOL SIX: 3 Possibles, 14 goals, 3 winners, each receive £666.66. Ann Forgie, 9 Greystone Banks, Lanark; T. Campbell, 79 Kintillo Place, Bridge of Earn; G. McLean, 30 Househill Avenue, Glasgow.

● GOLDEN BONUS: £3,200.

— and Agent Alex couldn't pour a pint!

HE'S NEVER been a winner himself, but agent Alex McLellan is well used to the sight of a Rangers pool cheque.

For Alex, of 33 Bellsview Crescent, Bellshill, has collected over £5,000 in winnings since becoming an agent about 13 years ago.

"On average, I reckon I have a winner about every two years," he says. "I had one in 1979 who collected £12,000 and, until last week, that was my biggest ever winner."

Alex, though, is now £3,171 richer, just for selling the winning ticket to William McTavish and Mr McLelland admits the news of his windfall caused him a problem last Sunday.

"I work behind the bar of my local British Legion club — and I just couldn't pour a pint properly!

"William McTavish phoned me to tell me he knew he was a winner, but it wasn't until later in the afternoon we realised what kind of money was involved. It's a nice bonus."

Alex actually holds five tickets of his own, but they have never brought him any luck. But with the good fortune his clients have had, who needs Lady Luck.

Quiz Answers

1. Lokeren, on the away goals rule. 2. Airdrie and Hearts. 3. Dundee United. 4. Chelsea. 5. Fulham. 6. Bayern Munich. 7. The ref. should restart the game by bouncing the ball where the incident took place. 8, Bobby Brown. 9, Three. 10, He made his international debut in 1963.

The RANGERS SHOP
(OFFICIAL SOUVENIRS) LIMITED

THE new Rangers Shop has proved so popular that the entire stock of several items has already been sold out. These include babies' bibs and ladies' panties, but if you have posted an order for such items there should be a delay of no more than a fortnight as new supplies are on the way.

	PRICE POSTAGE
LARGE NYLON HOLDALL	£4.95 + £1.10
LARGE VINYL HOLDALL	£4.95 + £1.10
NYLON HOSTESS BAG	£3.95 + 75p
JUNIOR NYLON HOSTESS BAG	£2.95 + 75p
"MACBEAN" NAVY THERMAL WAISTCOAT (EMBROIDERED CREST) Sizes S, M, L, XL	£13.50 + £1.25
"MACBEAN" NAVY THERMAL BOMBER JACKET, Sizes S, M, L, XL	£17.50 + £1.50
"MACBEAN" NAVY THERMAL CHILDRENS BOMBER JACKET, Sizes S, M, L	£10.50 + £1.25
RANGER JAMAS (with crest). Sizes 24, 26, 28, 30, 32	£6.50 + 50p
Size 34	£7.50 + 50p
TEDDY BEAR WITH CAP & SCARF	£5.00 + 75p
TEDDY BEAR MEDIUM	£7.50 + £1.25
TEDDY BEAR GIANT	£19.00 + £3.00
PADDINGTON BEAR	£1.75 + 36p
RANGER BABY'S BIBS (I'm the best dribbler at Ibrox)	75p + 15p
RANGER BABY'S BIBS (I'm potty about Rangers)	75p + 15p
AUTOGRAPH BOOKS	£1.00 + 15p
PROGRAMME BINDERS	£1.75 + 50p
DART FLIGHTS	50p + 11p
POTTERY FOOTBALL BANK	£1.75 + 50p
BOYS HEAD SWINGER	£1.25 + 50p
LIGHTER	£1.00 + 25p
TOWEL	£3.60 + 50p
SCARVES PRINTED	£2.00 + 16p
BAR SCARVES	£1.75 + 19p
RANGERS TRIPLE CHAMPIONSHIP SCARVES	£2.95 + 25p
BOB HATS	£1.10 + 16p
RANGERS OFFICIAL TIE	2.95 + 16p
SWEAT BANDS	75p + 16p
LADIES PANTIES (with crest)	£1.50 + 16p
NEW FRINGED PENNANTS	£1.00 + 12p
SMALL SWINGER PENNANT	70p + 12p
PILOT HATS	£1.95 + 16p
BEANY HATS	£1.45 + 16p
T SHIRTS (white with crest, Happy to be Blue) Sizes S, M, L	£2.50 + 19p
T SHIRTS (V neck with red and white trim and crest) Sizes S, M, L	£3.50 + 19p
SWEATSHIRTS (Navy or white with crest) Sizes S, M, L, XL	£7.00 + 50p
BADGES (assorted)	55p + 12p
KEYRINGS (assorted)	75p + 12p
PENDANTS (assorted)	65p + 12p
SEW PATCHES	55p + 12p
STICK ON PATCHES	50p + 12p
CARTOON STICKERS, Large	50p + 12p
CARTOON STICKERS, Small	25p + 12p
THERMAL CUSHIONS (embroidered badge)	£3.50 + 50p
THERMAL CUSHIONS (printed badge)	£2.50 + 50p
BEDSPREAD	£10.95 + £1 postage
RUGS	£7.95 + £1.50 postage

ALL VENDORS SELLING OUTSIDE THE GROUND ARE NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY RANGERS F.C.

SUPPORT THE CLUB AND BUY ALL YOUR SOUVENIRS FROM THE CLUB SHOP.

Many other items are available in the shop and a full range of Rangers strips and tracksuits will be available shortly. Watch out for the new Rangers shinguards and Rangers leather footballs. Write or call at the Rangers Souvenir Shop, 150 Copland Road, Glasgow.

★ Shop open Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Produced and designed by Peebles Publications (Scotland) Ltd, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR, published by Rangers Football Club Ltd, and printed by Cumbrian News papers Ltd, Newspaper House, Dalston Road, Carlisle. Registered at the Post Office as a newspaper.