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YOUR CUP FINAL SPECIAL



SCOTTISH Cup winners for the 24th time! That's Rangers after a superbly skilful and entertaining display against Dundee United at Hampden last week and, as always, the 'News' captures the whole flavour of the big occasion.

In this special celebration issue, we bring you all the action in pictures, with prominence given to the four magnificent goals which clinched the trophy.

There's also EXCLUSIVE pictures of the Light Blues' stars with the Cup and we tell you the behind-the-scenes stories.

- Why Davie Cooper is the best entertainer in Britain.
- Why John MacDonald was thankful for being dropped.
- Why Bobby Russell had a Cup 'upset' before the win.
- Ian Redford talks about his Cup Final agony.

So, as you can see, there is plenty of Cup Final material in this week's 'News' and with a special pull-out section in the middle it's obvious this is going to be an edition which will become a souvenir for quite some time to come.

I WANT THE LOT!

'We must aim to win EVERY trophy we play for' — BOSS GREIG

THERE was no hiding the delight of Manager John Greig and his players after last week's Hampden romp which took the Scottish Cup to Ibrox for the 24th time.

Nobody would dispute that Rangers swept Dundee United aside with some superb football, but if you think Boss Greig is sitting back, wallowing in the glory of the Cup win, forget it.

Already, the Manager is casting his thoughts ahead to next season and he explains why:

"Okay, we've won the Scottish Cup but, while other clubs lie back and enjoy the novelty of winning the Cup, a Club of our stature cannot afford to do so," he says.

"We must aim to win EVERY trophy we play for and that is certainly what I hope to do next season.

"I would not be doing my job properly if I allowed the winning of the Cup to cloud my judgment of our performances over the season."

Greig went on to elaborate on his thoughts of the term just over.

"It was certainly a difficult season," he recalls, "and there were times when everything in the garden appeared to be rosy.

"BUT WE HAD OUR BAD SPELLS AND WE SUFFERED FOR THEM BY ONLY FINISHING THIRD IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE. IT IS THOSE BAD SPELLS I'VE GOT TO CUT OUT.

"We fell away towards the end of last year and, after that, we never really got near enough to Celtic and Aberdeen to put any pressure on them.

"But, having said that, we finished on a strong note and I'm really glad for the fans that we did.

"THEY'VE BACKED US REALLY WELL, PARTICULARLY IN THE CUP, AND I FEEL GOOD THAT WE REWARDED THEM WITH OUR GOOD SHOW IN THE REPLAY.

"And now we must attempt to give them that kind of football every week."

That prospect will certainly have the Ibrox faithful licking their lips as they recall the skill and purpose which Rangers displayed at Hampden last Tuesday.

Rangers showed that, on their game, they are more than a match for any team in the land.

And that's a point which John Greig intends to prove very forcibly before long.



'I feel happy we rewarded our fans with that good show'

● Time for celebrating. Manager John Greig enjoys a cigar as he admires the Scottish Cup

So many reasons why your summer 'News' is a MUST!

AFTER last week's Scottish Cup triumph the Rangers players with the exception of Ally Dawson on international duty, break off on holiday but we at the 'News' office will still be here to bring you your favourite paper.

And, during the summer months we'll be bringing you all the best features.

● We'll be in touch with some of the football legends who have captained Rangers over the years and we will recall some of their proudest moments as skipper of Rangers.

● We'll be on the Continent looking at some of the Light Blues possible opponents in next term's European Cup-Winners' Cup.

● We'll be talking to the Ibrox stars as they remember their high points of the season just ended.

● And we'll bring you all the off-beat stories about the men you cheer week after week as they enjoy themselves in the holiday resorts.

So keep on getting the 'Rangers News' to make sure that you don't miss any of our super summer stories.

... And now Light Blue eyes turn to Europe — Page 11

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JIMMY STEWART? HE'S THE FANS' NUMBER 1

PIN UP boy of the Ibrox faithful. That's the title which goalkeeper Jim Stewart has earned since his transfer from Middlesbrough and such has been the warmth of Jim's welcome to the Stadium that few, if any, can remember a new 'keeper being better received by the fans.

Jim himself puts it all down to something he picked up during his spell in England — the practice of acknowledging the fans' chants and songs by a wave or a bit of applause.

"Down south, most goalkeepers go in for that sort of thing and the fans love it," he says.

"So, when I took the field for my Rangers debut against Dundee United and I heard the fans chanting my name I automatically reacted by waving to them.

"And from that point

onwards it appeared I could do no wrong."

That was evident from the reception he got when, during last week's lap of honour, he held the Scottish Cup aloft as the team reached the packed West Terracing where the Ibrox "choir" was congregated.

"Jimmy Stewart, Jimmy Stewart" they sang, acknowledging the big man's five star performances in both the first game and the replay.

"The fans have certainly been great to me and I just can't thank them enough for that," says Jim.

Ideal

"When the team loses 4-1 on your debut, it's hardly the ideal start to a new career, but, even after such a terrible result, the fans have stood by the team magnificently.

"So we were all delighted to give them something to cheer about last Tuesday."

It would not have escaped the notice of the sharper eyed supporters that Jim was wearing a grin more resemblant to that of Joe Jordan as the Light Blues trooped round the ground with the trophy.

And he is quick to explain the reason why.

"I had intended to take my false teeth on to the park with me so I could quickly stick them into my mouth for the after match photos.

Style

"But I left them in the dressing room and that's why I've no front teeth in the celebration pictures."

Teeth, or no teeth, Jim Stewart is undoubtedly the darling of the fans and, with performances like those in the Cup Final, it's hardly surprising.

He has shown the form which won him international honours in his Kilmarnock and early Middlesbrough days and it's safe to assume, Rangers fans apart, that one man who is more than glad to hear the Ayrshire born 'keeper is turning on the style, is Scotland boss Jock Stein.



● JIM STEWART . . . rapport with the fans.

A SOUVENIR YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

IF ANY Rangers fan is looking for a lasting reminder of the Light Blues tremendous performance against Dundee United, then the Rangers Shop is the place to go!

RUSSELL'S GOAL IS TOPS

RANGERS midfield star Bobby Russell's great goal against Hearts earlier this month has won the 'Goal of the Season' award in STV's 'ScotSport' programme. Wolves and Scotland striker, Andy Gray, selected the goal tops.

Only black mark

RANGERS Cup win last week produced just one black mark: Ally Dawson and Tom Forsyth were both cautioned and that now means they have accumulated eight disciplinary points.

As a result, they will both be absent from the Ibrox line-ups at the start of next season.

The latest addition to the shop's stock is a new Rangers 1981 Scottish Cup winners scarf, autographed by the Cup winning team. The scarf costs £2 plus 16p for postage.

Also back in stock are three highly popular lines, which were sold out within a week of the shop opening — Babies bib, complete with the wording 'I'm the best dribbler at Ibrox', ladies panties, complete with the official crest, and programme binders, each capable of holding a season's programmes.

Next season the shop will have several additions to its shelves — leather and nylon woven footballs, complete with the Club crest and also available will be colour postcards showing areas of the Stadium Rangers fans rarely see.

So, if you're souvenir hunting, hurry down to the Shop to see the best selection — at the best prices!

GREGOR COMPLETES HIS CUP 'HAT-TRICK'

LAST WEEK'S Cup Final victory saw Gregor Stevens complete a hat-trick of national medals at three different grades, adding his senior "gong" to badges won at schools and amateur levels.

But, while naturally delighted to have completed that "treble," Tuesday's replay caused the former Motherwell and Leicester man something of a headache!

A first half clash of heads left Gregor suffering from double vision but, as manager John Greig explained at the after match Press conference he was very reluctant to take the defender off.

Respect

"Gregor's performance in the first game had earned him the respect of the Dundee United defenders," said Greig, "so the last thing I wanted to do was let them off the hook by taking him off.

"Besides, it was important we didn't upset the rhythm of our defence, so I decided to keep Gregor on the field and, as it turned out, his double vision cleared in the course of the game."

The winning of his first senior medal completed what was, undoubtedly, a crazy season for Gregor.

Trouble

During the term he lost his first team place, was made available for transfer, regained his top team berth, was sent off and suspended, returned to the first 11, received another red card and lengthy suspension, then came back into the team in time to win a Scottish Cup winners' medal.

That troublesome time-table for one season is probably more dramatic than most players go through in their entire career but it has ended happily and Gregor will no doubt be looking forward to adding to his honours list in the seasons ahead.



● GREGOR STEVENS

They've got it taped!

NOW THAT the Video Age is upon us, many of the Ibrox players have not been slow in acquiring one of these revolutionary new machines.

And last week, they certainly put them to good use by recording both Scottish Cup Final ties against Dundee United, so keeping for themselves yet another memento of their magnificent Cup triumph.

Ian Redford, Derek Johnstone, Colin Jackson, Bobby Russell, Ally Dawson and Davie Cooper are just some of the Ibrox men who caught the action on tape. Jim Stewart, in fact, managed to persuade 'Coop' to record both games for him even although the Rangers goalie hasn't yet bought a video!

But, as Jim says, it's worth the money to buy one just to watch the game over and over and over!

CLUB NOTES

HELEN STREET: Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, May 25, at 7 p.m. All members should attend.

IAN REDFORD (Strathkelvin): A.G.M. to be held in Queenieburn Community Centre on Thursday, May 28 at 8 p.m. prompt. All members are requested to attend.

BISHOPBRIGGS RSC: Annual General meeting on Monday, May 25th at 7.30.

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'THE SEASON HAS ENDED TOO SOON'

— says Davie Cooper

THE NAME on everyone's lips leaving Hampden last Tuesday night was undoubtedly that of Davie Cooper after the former Clydebank star had torn Dundee United apart with his own particular brand of magic.

And nobody enjoyed it more than Davie himself. "It was a great night for us," he says, "and it was good to finish the season on such a high note.

"We didn't have a weakness in our team and, after all the criticism we've had recently, we really enjoyed turning on the style."

But, contrary to many people's beliefs, Davie does not believe that last Tuesday saw him give his finest ever performance for Rangers.

"I have played better," he firmly believes, "and I would rather the fans appreciated our Cup win as a good team performance instead of a one-man show.

"Perhaps people are more inclined to remember Tuesday because it was the Cup Final but I honestly think that I have played better in games which have been easily forgotten because there wasn't so much at stake."

Of course, the Hampden replay marked the end of the season for Rangers, but that is something which does not please 'Coop'.

"Suddenly, we've hit the form we've been aiming at for some time and we can't follow it up," says Davie. "That is a bit annoying.

"That is even truer from my point of view because, with me being stuck on the bench quite a lot recently, it was great to get back in action and get involved in a game right from the beginning.

"We put them under pressure from the kick-off and everyone of us had the feeling that this was going to be our night, particularly after I'd scored the early goal.

"Hamish McAlpine was off his line very quickly for that one and I couldn't get as much power behind it as I would have liked.

"AND DIDN'T IT TAKE AGES TO GO IN!

"I knew it was on target but I was aware of Kopel getting back very quickly and I wasn't sure if he would catch the ball before it crossed the line.

"But after we got that goal there was no stopping us.

"However, our second goal, which started from my free-kick, didn't go exactly to plan because my cross was meant for Derek Johnstone.

"He didn't manage to make contact with the ball but Bobby Russell came in brilliantly from the back to slam it in."

Thereafter, Cooper continued to torture United and it was his brilliant defence-splitting pass which set up goal number three for John MacDonald.

After the interval there was just no way back for Dundee United and there was, indeed, a 'buzz' around the ground every time Davie got the ball.

Afterwards, manager John Greig complimented the player. "He is one of the most exciting players in Britain," he said. "He had a roving commission tonight and kept United on the hop. After the first game both he and John MacDonald put claims forward for a place in the replay. They showed just how good they can be."

'Coop' has no plans for any lengthy holiday break as he intends to call into Ibrox at least once a week for some close season training. But another sport may take up some of his time.

"I'd like to go down to Wimbledon and take in a couple of days of the tennis championships and I'll be playing a bit during the break."



● Davie Cooper turns away after knocking the ball past McAlpine to set Rangers on the road to victory after only ten minutes of last Tuesday's replay.

RUSSELL'S CUP 'UPSET' — BEFORE GAME STARTED!

TENSION and Cup Final day go together like 'Crab' and 'Apple' and one Ibrox man who felt as though he'd eaten a whole barrel-load of those stomach-jarring fruits before last Saturday's Scottish Cup encounter against Dundee United was Ibrox midfielder star Bobby Russell.

In fact, he had a few 'upsets' before the game even started!

"Before the match, we were in the dressing room for about an hour, while the build-up went on outside. My nerves finally got to me and I was physically sick," explains Bobby.

"During the match itself, I just couldn't seem to get my second wind, and my game suffered. It must have been something I'd eaten beforehand because I was sick again at half-time and after the match as well.

Come Sunday, however, a much-recovered Bobby Russell looked eagerly forward to the replay, despite criticism of Rangers performance the previous day.

"We did play badly on the Saturday, but United forced us back into defence quite a lot. If a goal had been scored early on, then I'm sure it would have been a different match.

"We approached the replay in a more positive manner and I think this attitude showed in our play.

"The second game found us in a much more confident mood, and we took control early on."

Bobby got his name on the scoresheet by netting Rangers second goal — and what a second!

"In Saturday's match, Tommy McLean had been floating over a lot of high balls from the wing. So when Davie Cooper lined up to take that free kick on Tuesday, I had a feeling he'd play it across the goal quite low and hard.

"I'd managed to lose my marker, Billy Kirkwood, and sneaked in around the back of the defence. When the ball came over, Derek Johnstone missed with his head, and I booted it home. That was all there was to it."

Now that all the excitement surrounding Rangers Scottish Cup win has died down, Bobby can relax and concentrate on another patch of turf much closer to home than that expanse of grass called Hampden park.

"I'll be building a fence in the back-garden which, I hope, will stop my dog, Dusty, from getting out onto the road. I'm telling you, once that dog gets free, not even Willie Johnston could catch him!"

John says 'thanks' — for being dropped!

JUST HOURS after last week's Cup triumph, Rangers starlet John MacDonald thanked manager John Greig for the second time this season . . . for leaving him out of the team!

"I was rested for a couple of games earlier in the season and was dropped in the weeks leading up to the Cup final. I feel I benefitted on both occasions," explained John.

"The games I missed before the Cup Final were because of my own attitude. Somehow, I'd lost my confidence. I was scared to take players on or to try out new moves, in case I'd do something wrong.

"Then I had a word with the Boss, and, although I hated to sit out matches, I knew it was for my own good. The few days before the Saturday Cup Final were spent with continuous training, and suddenly I just felt my confidence flowing back."

The effects of young John's new-found belief in himself was very much in evidence when he came on as substitute in the first match and, even more so, in the Tuesday night replay when he netted two superbly taken goals.

"My first goal against United really belonged to Davie Cooper. 'Coop' is great at running towards defenders, looking as if he's going to take them on, and then delivering an inch perfect pass that splits the defence wide open," continued John.

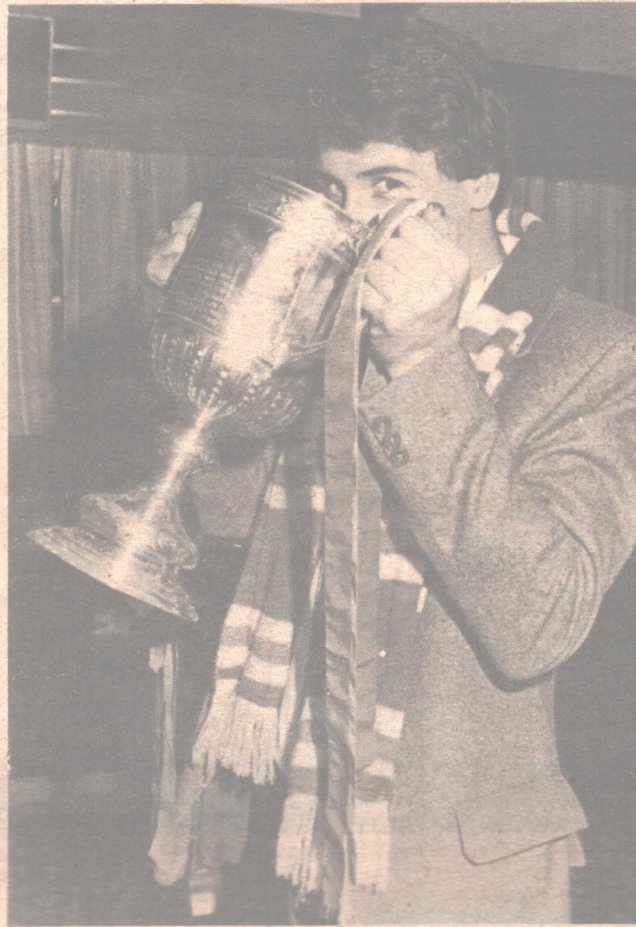
"All I did was latch on to one of Davie's brilliant passes and score with it. My second goal was more enjoyable because it's not every day you get a chance to put the ball through the legs of a goalkeeper like Hamish McAlpine."

That goal was John's 18th of the season, and so ended another excellent scoring year for the youngster, despite the pressure he and the club have been under.

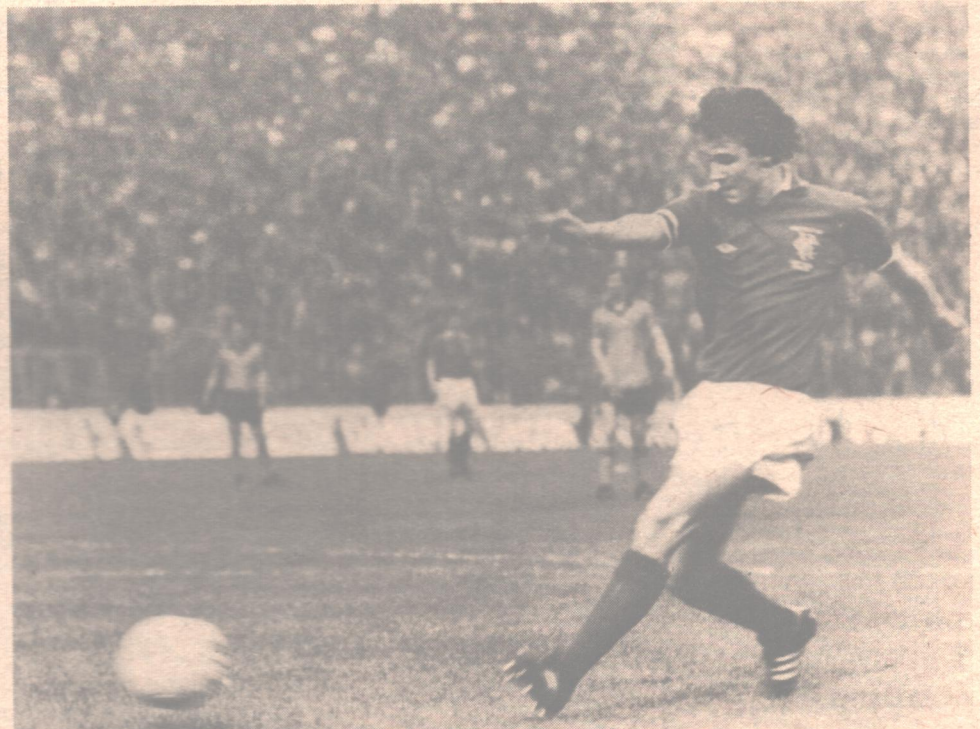
"Despite the bad spells we went through, the fans stuck by us and the Scottish Cup win was for them and them alone. I'm glad we finished off the season on a high note."

FOOTNOTE: Although John's excellent 'double' in the Cup Final thrilled Rangers fans everywhere, those two goals, in fact, lost the youngster money!

Earlier in the season, Rangers first team coach, Joe Mason, had made a bet with the youngster he wouldn't get past the 20 goal mark. Having finished two short of the 'stake total', he's lost £10! At least a cup medal makes amends.



● Champs for a champ. Two goal hero John MacDonald sips some bubbly from the Scottish Cup as he celebrates Rangers' triumph.



● John MacDonald takes a superb Davie Cooper pass and wastes no time in despatching the ball past McAlpine as Rangers romp to victory. This was the Light Blues' third goal.

'My hardest managerial decision'

AFTER last week's cup final triumph, manager John Greig described his decision to omit Willie Johnston from his line-up as "The hardest of my managerial career."

"Willie had pelvic trouble in the first game, forcing me to substitute him then," explained the Ibrox boss, "but I hoped he would be fit for the replay.

"We tested 'Bud' on Tuesday afternoon and I reckoned he was only 95 per cent fit so, in a game as important as the Cup Final, I felt I just couldn't risk playing him."

Of course, everything worked out in Rangers' favour in the end, but not before boss Greig had done a lot of heart searching examining the 'pros and cons' of the situation.

And, remembering that the manager was quick to praise his entire first team pool, as opposed to just eleven men on the park on Tuesday, there is every possibility the Club will request that the S.F.A. strike extra medals for the men on the sidelines.



● WILLIE JOHNSTON

REDFORD'S CUP FINAL AGONY

"THE LONGEST FEW DAYS OF MY LIFE."

That's how Rangers star Ian Redford describes the period of time between last Saturday's Hampden deadlock and the final whistle at Tuesday's replay when the Light Blues, after a troublesome first game, romped to their 24th Scottish Cup triumph.

Of course, the main cause for Ian's concern was his last-minute penalty kick which, had he scored from it, would have settled the weekend encounter in the Ibrox men's favour. Instead, he had to agonisingly look on while Hamish McAlpine blocked his shot.

And the thought of Dundee United cashing in on their let-off by winning the rematch was something which the Ranger didn't even dare to think about.

Test

"It would be impossible to put my thoughts into words," says Ian.

"I could have won the Cup with just one kick of the ball. I didn't and I was well aware of how everyone fancied United to win the replay.

"But, perhaps, it would be better to look on the bright side of things and I can tell you that it was the stiffest test of my character since I came into football just after leaving school."

Knowing so much depended on the result of the replay, Ian was very conscious of the necessity of turning in a good performance in the second game and it's only fair to point out he let nobody down.

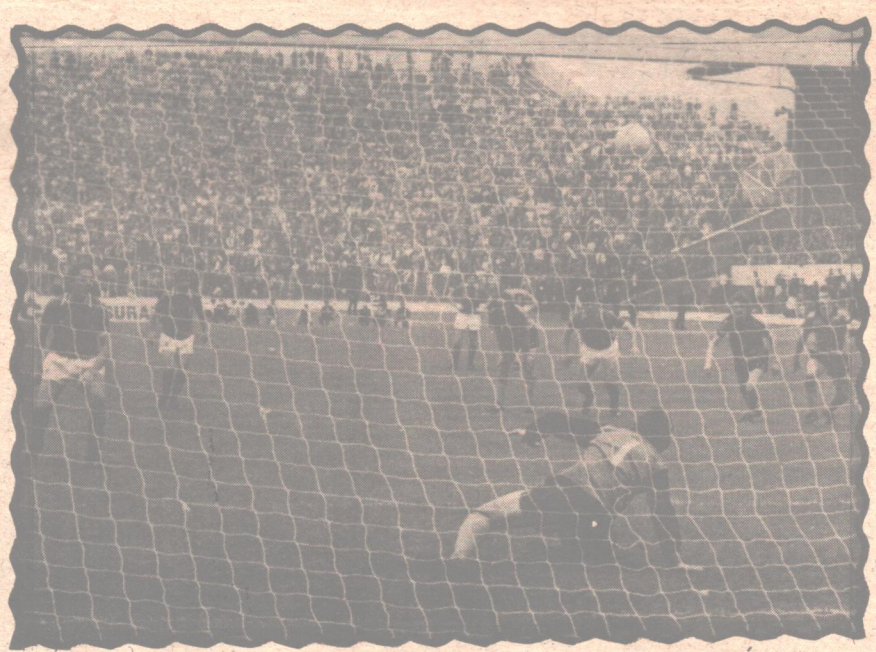
But he'll never forget that dramatic final minute on Saturday.

"We had discussed the prospect of getting a penalty, yet, when it came to the crunch in the last minute, all our pre-arranged ideas went out the window," recalls Ian.

"I'd previously taken two penalty kicks against Hamish McAlpine and I'd scored with both of them so



● The most gratifying moment of Ian Redford's footballing career, as he proudly holds aloft the Scottish Cup in front of the Rangers support.



● The agonising moment for Ian Redford as his spot-kick rebounds from Hamish McAlpine's legs and is kicked clear by John Holt.



● TOMMY McLEAN

there was that nagging doubt that it could be third time lucky for him.

"I spoke to Tommy McLean and I considered speaking to Sandy Jardine about it, but in the end it was up to me and, although I had doubts, I was still fairly confident of scoring.

"My reckoning was that Hamish McAlpine would dive to his right, so I intended to put the ball slightly to his left-hand side.

"But I didn't strike the ball properly and, as he

**'I've improved, but
the fans have yet to
see me at my best'**

did not commit himself totally to his right, my shot struck his shins and that was that."

So Ian had to suffer in silence for three days until the replay took place but, as we all know now, everything turned out right in the end.

Lucky

"We realised we'd been too concerned about how United played on the Saturday," said Ian. "We decided to let them do all the worrying in the replay and that paid off.

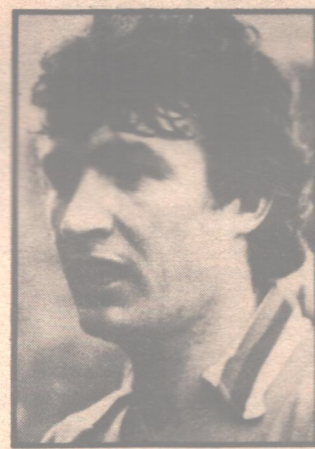
"We commanded the

game right from the start and getting goals certainly helped us.

"AND, LOOKING BACK, PERHAPS IT WAS A GOOD THING I MISSED THE PENALTY ON SATURDAY.

"We all know we didn't play well so, if we'd won by a last minute penalty kick, we would have been branded 'lucky Rangers' by the Press.

"But, by winning the replay so convincingly, we've made everyone sit up and take notice and we've also given the fans a bit of a show before the end of the season."



● SANDY JARDINE

That last point is one which is very dear to Ian's heart, as he recalls the magnificent way the supporters stayed behind to chant his name even after his last-gasp penalty miss at Hampden.

"Those fans are just magic," he says. And, make no mistake about it, Ian really believes that.

"Too many people are in a hurry to criticise Rangers' supporters but, after Saturday's performance at Hampden, I

refuse to accept that they are anything short of the greatest."

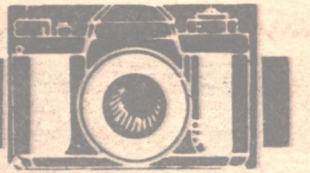
Then Ian went on to outline his hopes for the new season, even although it appears to be so far away these days.

Break

"I feel as though my game improved a lot, particularly in the last few months of the season," he says, "but I still feel Rangers' fans have yet to see the best of me. The new season just can't come quick enough for me."

Meanwhile, it is time for a break and Ian will be off to Fort Lauderdale in Florida to recharge his batteries for the new term.

But, as he relaxes in the American sun, we're quite sure he will find it hard to totally forget the agony of the days between May 9 and 12 when he contemplated the consequences of that late penalty kick at Hampden.



'News' picture pull-out of the Scottish Cup Final Replay

CHAMPAGNE FINALE!

RANGERS brought the domestic season to a champagne climax last week when they romped to a wonderful 4-1 Cup Final Replay win over Dundee United at Hampden. And the ease and style with which victory was achieved must surely have silenced the Light Blues' critics.

GONE was the cautious approach of the first game. GONE was the tension which obviously affected the players then. GONE were the doubts about the Ibrox men's purist skills.

With Davie Cooper positively outstanding, Rangers tore their opponents to shreds with a display of attacking football reminiscent of that which made the Light Blues the talk of the country in the early weeks of the term.

Dundee United didn't know what had hit them as the team who took 75 minutes to force a corner on Saturday attacked relentlessly and rattled home three goals before the interval.

Davie Cooper opened the scoring after 10 minutes when he capitalised on an error by Holt and raced through to shoot past McAlpine then, ten minutes later, a Cooper free-kick appeared to be swinging right across the face of the goal until Bobby Russell arrived to volley home from the corner of the six-yard box.

The Tannadice side came back to score through Dodds, but any hope they had of mounting a fightback were well and truly dashed when that man Cooper sent a superb pass through to John MacDonald in the 29th minute and John slotted the ball past the advancing McAlpine for Rangers' third goal.

After the interval, Rangers continued to look menacing with Russell, Stevens and Cooper all coming close before John MacDonald netted his second and Rangers' fourth after good work by Ian Redford in the 77th minute.

Long before the end, the victory chants and songs of the magnificent Rangers fans were ringing around the ground and the volume increased when Ally Dawson went up to receive the trophy.

AND NO WONDER!

Yes, it was a wonderful night for Rangers, as was evident from the smiles on the faces of manager John Greig and his players as they left Hampden with the trophy safe in their clutches.

THEY AIM TO KEEP IT FOR A LONG TIME TO COME!



● Derek Johnstone fights off the challenge of United's Paul Hegarty to send his header goalwards in the first half.



● Ian Redford prepares to round John Holt on the edge of the United penalty area in this second half attack.



● Seconds before Rangers second goal, as Derek Johnstone just fails to connect with a Cooper free-kick. Russell followed up to score.



● The captain is crowned. Rangers skipper Ally Dawson holds the Scottish Cup on his head after last week's magnificent 4-1 win over Dundee United at Hampden.

HAMPDEN FACT-FILE

TUESDAY, MAY 12
SCOTTISH CUP
FINAL REPLAY
(at Hampden Park)
RANGERS 4,
DUNDEE UTD. 1

SCORERS — Rangers: Cooper (10mins), Russell (20mins), MacDonald (29 and 77mins); Dundee United: Dodds (22mins).

RANGERS: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, T. Forsyth, Stevens, Bett, Cooper, Russell, D. Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: McLean and McAdam (not used).

DUNDEE UNITED: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds. Subs: Stark (for Phillip), Pettigrew (not used).

Referee: I. M. D. Foote (Glasgow).

Attendance: 43,099.

BOOKED: Dawson, T. Forsyth, Stevens (Rangers); Stark (Dundee United).



'NEWS' PULL-OUT OF



SIMPLY...

The pictures tell



● GOAL ONE: How it all began. Davie Cooper's neat chip over McAlpine opens Rangers scoring account as Billy Kirkwood races in to challenge.



● The 'Coop' looks on anxiously as his shot soars goalwards . . .



● GOAL TWO: It's not like Derek Johnstone to miss a header but this loose ball fell to Russell . . .



● But he needn't have worried, as Kopel's efforts are in vain and Rangers are in the lead.



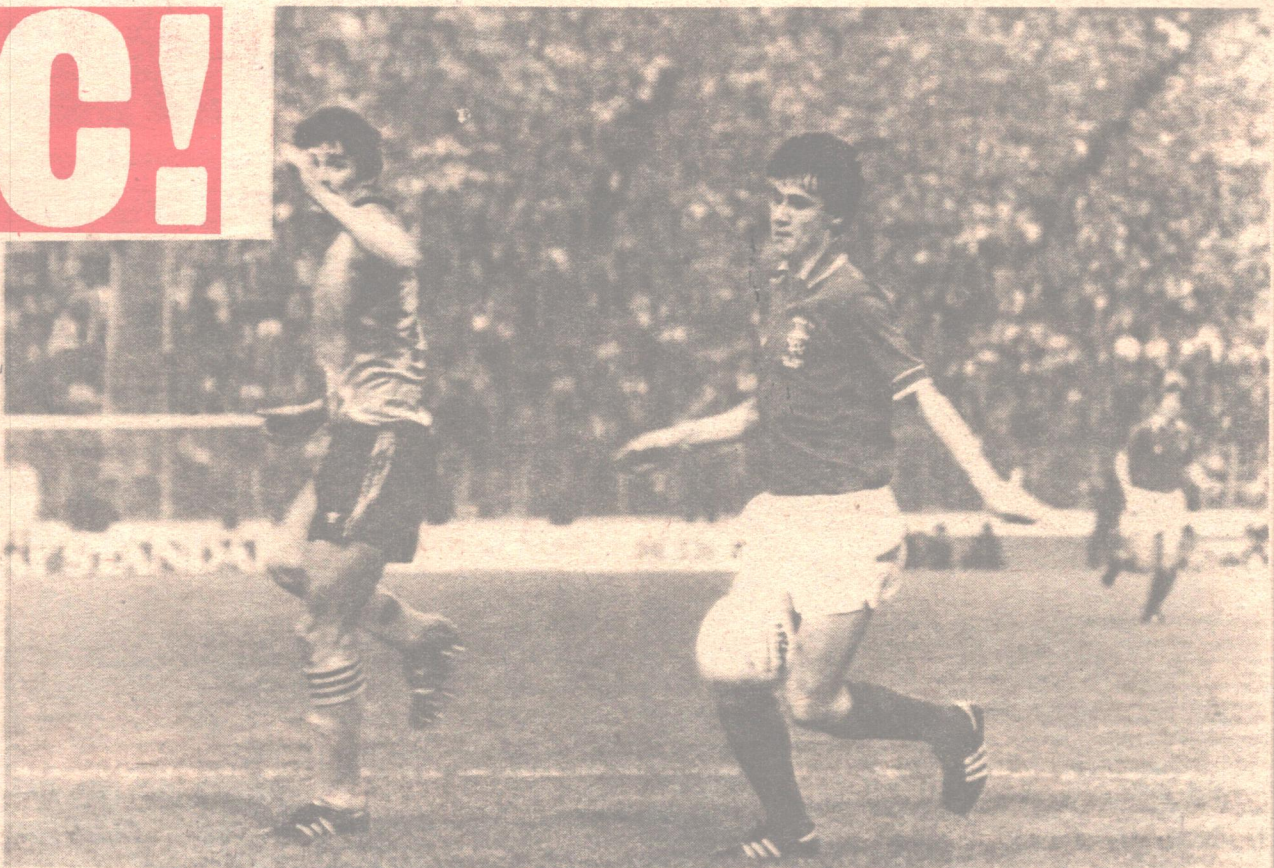
● . . . and Bobby's half-volley, gave McAlpine no chance to give R

THE CUP FINAL REPLAY



MAGIC!

the WHOLE story



● **GOAL THREE:** John MacDonald collects Cooper's beautiful defence splitting pass . . .



● . . . and Hamish McAlpine has no chance as the youngster coolly strokes the ball past him for Rangers third.

● It's smiles all round here from Rangers Scottish Cup winning team. They are: (Back row, left to right): Jim Stewart, Colin McAdam, Jim Bett, Tommy McLean, Davie Cooper and Tom Forsyth. Front row: Gregor Stevens, Ian Redford, Sandy Jardine, Ally Dawson, Derek Johnstone, John MacDonald and Bobby Russell.



the left-foot of the onrushing Bobby



their second goal.



● **GOAL FOUR:** John MacDonald delivers the 'killer blow' to United as he scores his own second and Rangers fourth, placing the ball neatly past McAlpine.



THE 'NEWS' BRINGS YOU EXCLUSIVE CELEBRATION PICTURES

... AND DIDN'T THEY EAT THEIR WORDS!

THE PRESS PRAISE 'GERS



● Ally Dawson, Rangers captain, stepping off the Light Blues' luxury coach at Ibrox last Tuesday night, clutching the Scottish Cup.

DAILY RECORD (Alex Cameron): Rangers won the Scottish Cup at Hampden last night — and Davie Cooper graduated as master of soccer arts. United, and forecasters like myself, were sliced into little pieces, but the majority of Hampden's 43,099 replay audience left in ecstasy. It was a memorable 90 minutes. A dramatic form about turn and as convincing a victory as Hampden as ever seen in the national tournament.

And it was certainly on merit, a point conceded by the sorely forlorn United players who thought they were on the brink of their first-ever win. Rangers' prestige was restored on this night of style, of dash, of high-class artistry. And Scots soccer said goodbye to the season with the kind of flourish our ailing game needs.

THE SCOTSMAN (Hugh Keavins): It is difficult to imagine a more perfectly choreographed close to the domestic season than that put on by Rangers in winning the Scottish Cup at Hampden last night.

The game's purest form of entertainment, goals created by stylish play, made a most definite comeback last night on the perfect stage. Rangers' play was full of pace and inventiveness and ultimately proved to be irresistible. There was no doubting the better, more exciting team at Hampden last night.

DAILY EXPRESS (Gerry McNeel): Dazzling Davie Cooper, a man who has so often threatened to turn on all of his marvellous skills in one match, chose the 96th Scottish Cup Final replay at Hampden last night to steer Rangers towards victory.

After his brief but effective spell in Saturday's goalless draw, Cooper played from the start and devastated the most accomplished side in the country. He scored the first and was the architect of the second and third goals in a first half which guaranteed Rangers their 24th Scottish Cup triumph — their fourth in six years.

DAILY MAIL (Brian Scott): Davie Cooper's skills shone as brightly as the Scottish Cup itself at Hampden last night as Rangers plundered their first major trophy in two years.

After scoring their opening goal in this Final replay, he fashioned still more to leave Dundee United regretting their missed chances on Saturday... and put the Ibrox Club safely through to next season's European Cup Winners' Cup competition.

Rangers back in business
 Cooper hero as Rangers make amends in style
 Rangers take Cup in style
 TRUE BLUE
 Cooper puts on the magic reel
 Scottish for Rangers
 HEAVEN
COOPERMAGIC SHOW!

● Some of the headlines from last Wednesday morning's papers.



● Yes, Sandy, it's real! The other three smiling members of this Ibrox quartet are Alex Miller, Tom Forsyth and Willie Johnston.

MARKSMEN

HERE is the final list of goalscorers for season 1980-81:

Colin McAdam	23	Jim Bett	5
John MacDonald	18	Davie Cooper	4
Ian Redford	13	Alex Miller	3
Bobby Russell	10	Ally Dawson	2
Derek Johnstone	7	Gregor Stevens	2
Sandy Jardine	5	Willie Johnston	2
		Gordon Dalziel	1
		Colin Jackson	1
		Own goals	2



● Jim Stewart, John MacDonald, Ally Dawson and Ian Redford, four of the Ibrox heroes seen here displaying the Cup.



● The Cup isn't that heavy, but three pairs of hands are better than one, and maybe that's why Derek Johnstone, Jim Bett and Gregor Stevens have such a strong grip on the silverware.

YOU CAN'T COUNT OUT A RANGERS CAPTAIN!

WHAT A season it has been for Rangers' 23-year-old fullback Ally Dawson.

It began with rumours spreading that Ally's career was over after he had sustained a serious head injury on the Light Blues' summer trip to Canada and yet, nine months later, the same player climbed the Hampden stairs to lift the Scottish Cup as captain of Rangers!

Such stark contrasts are a tribute to the courage, application and fitness of the man who is now set to follow in the footsteps of such illustrious names as Davie Meiklejohn, Jock Shaw, George Young, Bobby Shearer and John Greig as skipper of the Ibrox club.

And that is a prospect to which Ally reacts with no lack of pride and ambition.

"Winning the Cup last week gave me a taste of the glory involved in leading the boys to a trophy," says Ally, "and, having enjoying that success, I want more."

"We showed against Dundee United we are a good team, regardless of how the critics rate us, and on that form we're sure to get among the trophies next season."

Rather than look ahead to next term, however, we asked Ally to look back on his spell as skipper, albeit a short one, and, as he recalls, he couldn't have got off to a worse start!

"We were playing St. Mirren at Love Street a few days before last season's Cup Final and the Boss decided to rest a few of our experienced men, including Derek Johnstone and Sandy Jardine."

So there was no obvious candidate for the captaincy. But I'd captained the reserves quite a few times and the Boss just threw a ball at me and told me I was skipper.

"It was certainly a big moment for me, even more so because we were playing in Paisley and I come from that area. I was determined we would get a good result, but it didn't work out that way. St. Mirren took advantage of our inexperienced line-up and convincingly beat us 4-1, hardly the ideal way to make my mark as captain."

After making his Scotland debut at the end of last season, it was off to Canada for Ally and his team-mates and that is



● DEREK JOHNSTONE



● BOBBY SHEARER

● ALLY DAWSON . . . his first game as captain was in his home area.

And look no further than young Mr Dawson

one trip which the young Ranger will certainly never forget.

A clash of heads with an Ascoli forward in the Red Leaf Cup game resulted in Ally being rushed to hospital with a hairline fracture of the skull and immediately the rumours began to spread that his football career was about to come to a premature end.

The very cautious nature with which head injuries must be treated fuelled the fires of doubt and Ally's absence from the Ibrox ranks for the first three months of the season caused further questions to be asked.

Yet, throughout his period on the sidelines, Ally knew it was only a matter of time before he was back in action.

"Like all players, I was worried in the early days of my lay-off," he admits, "but, when I realised that all the snags the doctors feared had come to nothing, I knew I was on the way back."

"Then I got a few games in the reserves before being recalled to the first team for the game against Chesterfield. Since then, everything has been back to normal."

It was soon apparent Dawson was no less the player he had been when he was chosen to play for Scotland last year and international recognition returned when Ally was included in the Scotland squad which met Israel in Tel Aviv in February this year.

And when Derek Johnstone, having problems in producing his true form, asked to be relieved of his captain's responsibilities, manager John Greig had no hesitation in appointing Ally as stand-in skipper.



'I WAS WORRIED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF MY LAY-OFF

Ally's captaincy, though, did not inspire a result worth celebrating, Rangers going down 4-1 . . . again!

"We played Dundee United at Ibrox and they just tore us apart," concedes Alistair, "so you can safely say I was well and truly sick of 4-1 scorelines."

"But, gradually, we started to put things to-

gether and, as the end of the season came nearer, our confidences about the Cup Final grew.

"Okay, so we didn't play well in the first game, but when we went to Hampden last Tuesday there was a lot of confidence in the squad and we proved that anyone who writes Rangers off is making a big mistake."



● Rangers and Scotland . . . two causes which are very dear to the heart of Ally Dawson, the young defender having led the Light Blues to a Scottish Cup triumph before joining the Scotland squad for the current series of Home Internationals.

Another great 'News' series



CAPTAIN OF RANGERS



RANGERS are the Scottish Cup holders and, in a great new series, Ibrox skipper Ally Dawson talks about being 'Captain of Rangers'. It's a fascinating series which, in future months, will spotlight some of the biggest footballing names who have had the honour of being 'Captain of Rangers'. They'll talk about their happiest and saddest moments, the funny incidents and recall stories on and off the field which will bring back memories for every reader.

It's a series not to be missed . . . only in the 'News'.

"After the Final my dislike for games which end 4-1 isn't so intense."

On the responsibilities of being captain of Rangers, Ally is quick to dismiss the belief he is the man who does all the shouting.

"Every player should be shouting advice to his team-mates," he continues, "and, if I make a stupid mistake, I'd fully expect the boys to dish out a bit of 'stick' in my direction."

"Apart from leading the lads on to the park and tossing the coin at the start, on the field I'm no different from the rest of the team."

"But it is off the field I'm more in the lime-light."

"Captain of Rangers is a prestigious title and there are a lot of social events which I'll be more duty bound to attend."

"How else would I have been asked to appear on Cartoon Cavalcade?" he jokes, recalling his appearance on 'the box' prior to the Cup Final.

Yes, Ally Dawson is proud to be captain of Rangers and, with him being on international duty this week with the Scotland squad for the Home Internationals, few would dispute he is the right man for the job.

And it's a safe bet that young Mr Dawson will be holding many more pieces of silverware above his head in the course of what promises to be a most successful football career.

THE YOUNG RANGERS CLUB PAGE

BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR A SUPER PRIZE!



Who are 'Gable Endies'?

QUICK QUIZ

1. Which Scottish Second Division Club are nicknamed the 'Gable Endies'?
2. Which English Third Division team play at Ashton Gate?
3. How many times have Scotland won the Home International series outright?
4. The Home International Championships started in 1855. True or False?
5. Which Scottish First Division manager will take a Scottish squad to Italy for a four nation tournament?
6. Who scored the winning goal for Scotland against N. Ireland in 1979?
7. How many caps does Ally Dawson hold?
8. How many League appearances did John Greig make for Rangers?
9. How many times have Rangers won the League Cup?
10. For how many years did Colin Stein play for Rangers?

● ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE.



● COLIN STEIN ... see question ten.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIDS ...

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

TODAY (May 20th)
NEIL RICHARDSON, 18 Antonine, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow, who is three.
COLIN BAPTIE, 77 Minto Crescent, Glenrothes, who is ten.
SUSAN GALLOWAY, 77 Muirside Avenue, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow, who is one.
COLIN WINCKLER, 33 Carrick Drive, Mount Vernon, who is 15.
WILLIAM FINNIE, 3 Galbraith Crescent, Law, Lanarkshire, who is 15.
JIM HAMILTON, 7 Bathgate Road, Blackburn, West Lothian, who is 15.
BRYAN HASKELL, 31 High Academy Street, Armadale, West Lothian, who is 12.

IF you are a member of the Young Rangers Club and would like to see your name mentioned in this column, than 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 at least two weeks in advance, and please, in your neatest handwriting.

ELAINE WISHART, 53 Alder Road, Cumbernauld, who is 17.
STEWART HAY, 9 Moness Avenue, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, who is 13.
ALEXANDER CASSELLS, 136 Berneray Street, Milton, Glasgow, who is 13.

THURSDAY
GARETH REED, 1 Cambridge Drive, Desford, Leicestershire, who is 11.
STEPHEN MURPHY, 13 Kilbrannan Avenue, who is 15.
COLIN HEWITT, 10 Main Street, Dailly, Ayrshire, who is 12.
AIDAN SCRIMGEDIT, 118 Provost Road, Blairgowrie, who is 15.
JAMES MENZIES, 6 Kiltearn Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is 14.
KEITH ARMSTRONG, 58 William Street, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, who is three.
GORDON McCALLUM, 23 Fourth Street, Newtongrange, who is six.

FRIDAY
FRASER McLEAN, 140 Gallowhill Road, Paisley, who is ten.
ANDREW McINNES, 105 Glen Cally, St. Leonards, East Kilbride, who is ten.
JIM CLARK, 18 Achray Place, Coatbridge, who is 16.
GAVIN ROSS, 138 Evan Barron Road, Inverness, who is 13.
CRAIG MARTIN, 25 Hillwood Terrace, Ratho Station, Midlothian, who is eight.
BARRY CUTHBERT, 7 Duchray Place, Coylton, Ayr, who is 11.
CAMPBELL MARTIN, 1 Meadowburn, Bishopbriggs, who is nine.
HELEN MACDONALD, 19 Heatmount Place, Kyle of Lochlash, who is 17.
LINSEY HORSBURGH, 11 Hillowtown Drive, Castle Douglas, Kirkcubrightshire, who is one.
BILLY WATT, 16 Robert Smillie Avenue, Mayfield, Dalkeith, Midlothian, who is 16.

SATURDAY
EDWARD GALBRAITH, 21 Osborne Drive, Lochside, Dumfries, who is 14.
TERRY MacKENZIE, 42 Dalatho Crescent, Peebles, who is 14.
JAMES McPHERSON, 28 Penbrooke Road, Greenock, who is 11.

SCOTT McNICOL, 33 Dudley Drive, Glasgow, who is nine.
ROBERT NICOLL, 232 Broomloan Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
ELIZABETH RANKIN, 32 Bankhall Street, Glasgow, who is 16.
GORDON WOTHERSPOON, 100 Milford Westland, East Kilbride, Glasgow, who is 16.
DUNCAN SINCLAIR, 63 Kempsthorn Road, Pollock, Glasgow, who is ten.
SCOTT PARR, 54 Park Moor, Park Mains, Erskine, who is eight.
ALAN WINTON, 7 Heversham Avenue, Shaw, Oldham, who is 14.
DAVID McLAUGHLIN, 30 St. Brides Road, Ballochgy, Rothesay, who is 13.
CAMPBELL CASSIDY, 1 Power Close, Ashdown Park, Salisbury, Rhodesia, who is 15.
JAMES WATSON, 129 Cairngorm Drive, Kincorth, Aberdeen, who is 17.

SUNDAY
CAL McDOWALL, 46 Wellhouse Crescent, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is nine.
ALLAN STOBO, 7 Pine Crescent, Johnstone, who is ten.
IAN DALLAS, 37/69 Larkfield Road, Gourrock, who is five.

ROBERT McKINNON, 10 East Barrmass Avenue, Port Glasgow, who is 15.
ROBBIE McCORMACK, 12 Forthview Crescent, Danderhall, Midlothian, who is 11.
TREVOR MACKAY, 4r Denholm Drive, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, who is 13.
DAVID BARRAS, 14 Heathervale Walk, Armadale, who is 11.
GAVIN BRODIE, 59 Selvie Road, Glasgow, who is 11.
DAVID McLAREN, 16 Athole Terrace, Greenock, who is seven.

MONDAY
SCOTT LAING, 10 Ochil View, St. Madoes, Glencraze, Perth, who is eight.
JOHN TAYLOR, 35 Linnhead Drive, Priesthill, Glasgow, who is ten.
CHRISTOPHER GUTHRIE, 40 Boswell Drive, Edinburgh, who is seven.
JANET LEACH, 92 Avonspark Street, Balarnock, Glasgow, who is 14.
DEREK RUSH, 125 Cumbrae Crescent, Dumbaron, who is eight.
IAN McKINLAY, 931 Dumbaron Road, Dalmeir West, Clydebank, who is 15.
ANDREW BROWNIE, 59 Somerville Drive, Carnwath, Lanark, who is 15.
KAREN BEVERIDGE, 8 Copeland Crescent, Cowdenbeath, Fife, who is 16.
WILLIAM FULLERTON, 143 Norfolk Court, Glasgow, who is nine.
JULIAN RILEY, 9 Nelson Close, Shaw, Oldham, who is 13.

TUESDAY
ANDREW CONNIE, 83 Double Hedges Road, Neilston, Glasgow, who is 14.
WILLIAM McNEIL, 5 Carrick Road, Spittal, Rutherglen, who is 14.
SHARON LAIDLAW, 26 Smithy Brae, Kirknewton, Midlothian, who is 11.
JIM WHITE, 17 Dunnoter Street, Ruchazie, Glasgow, who is nine.
JIM DUNSMORE, 11 Hallside Cottages, Cambuslang, Glasgow, who is 14.
RONALD CROOKS, 57 Troon Avenue, Greenhills, East Kilbride, who is 16.
STEVEN MARTIN, 63 Maple Court, Cumbernauld, who is nine.
STEWART FERGUSSON, 14 John Simpson Drive, Stranraer, who is 17.

TRAINING shoes are a necessity in any young footballing hopeful's life. As well as being used for indoor gym work, they can be important when playing outside, helping you keep a better grip on the dry, dusty surfaces throughout the summer and the difficult icy conditions in winter.

In this week's competition, we are giving one lucky Young Rangers Club member the chance to be the proud possessor of a cracking pair of Adidas training shoes.

Made of black leather, with the usual three white stripes down each side, these shoes are sure to last for ages, no matter the amount of vigorous training sessions.

Once you pull these onto your feet, you'll feel as though you could outrun Willie Johnston!

As usual, all you have to do is apply your football knowledge and answer a simple question in connection with the picture on the left.

It shows the captains Derek Johnstone and Willie Miller shaking hands before the 1979 Scottish League Cup Final.

Rangers won 2-1 after Aberdeen had taken the lead through a Duncan Davidson goal. Alex MacDonald and Colin Jackson were the Light Blues' goalscorers. What we want to know is the name of the Rangers' substitutes that day.

If you think you know the answer, jot it down on a postcard and send it off to: "Trainers", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

The closing date for this contest is May 29, and the first correct entry pulled from our competition drum on that date shall win the Adidas shoes.

Please remember to complete your entries in your neatest handwriting, and also include your FULL name, address, Young Rangers Club membership number and size of shoe required.

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, Fallin.

I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM

— says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

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

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

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

You must be 17 years old or under.

Name

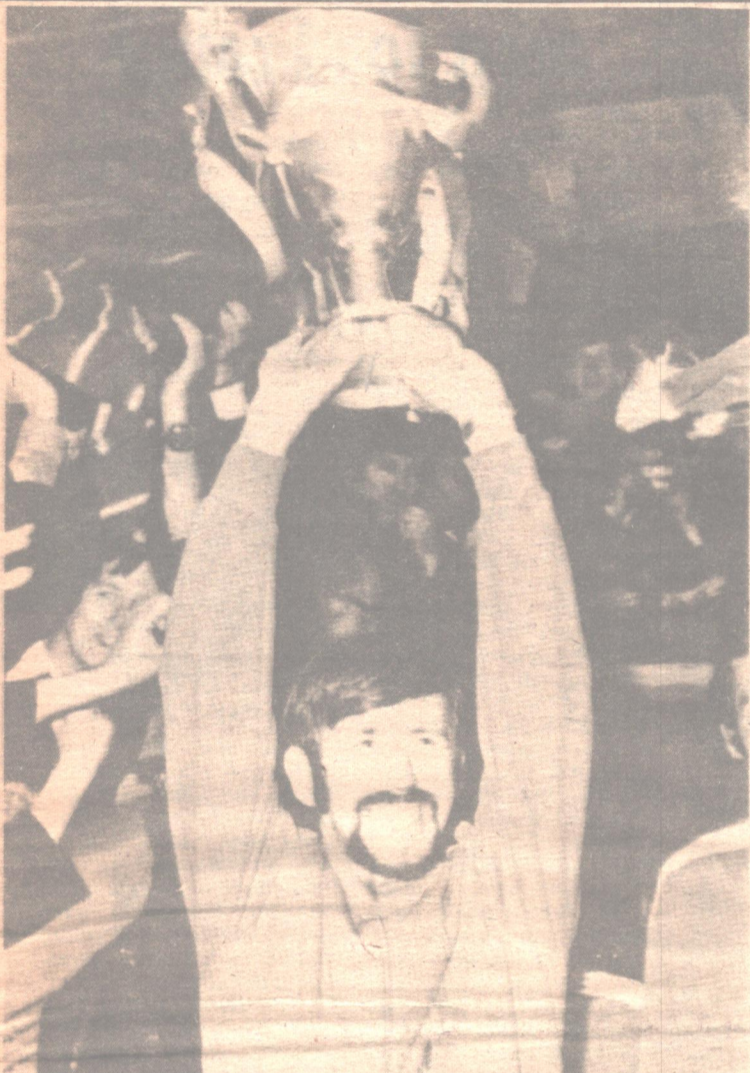
Address

Date of Birth Age

Please send my Membership Card, badge and pen.

★★ Boss Greig turns his eyes on Europe

WE'VE GOT A WHOLE LOT OF WORK TO DO...



● FLASHBACK: John Greig shows the European Cup-Winners Cup following Rangers memorable Final win in 1972. Fans would love a repeat next season.

'BUT THE PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE IS MY TOP PRIORITY

WITH their place in Europe secured, Rangers manager John Greig did not try to hide his relish at the prospect of playing in the 'Cup-Winners' Cup next term but Greig did add one touch of regret.

"To be honest, I'd rather be playing in the European Cup," he said, "but, then again, wouldn't we all.

"Winning the championship has got to be our aim and I wouldn't be doing my job properly if I settled for anything less, but I suppose that goes without saying.

"Looking at our 'Cup-Winners' chances, we've got a great record in that competition and I'll be looking to see us continue in that tradition.

"We missed out on Europe in the season just over and we suffered for that.

"Players have to be regularly involved in playing at that level if they are to have any hope of success and, now that we're back in on the European scene, I'll be hoping the players improve accordingly."

But he added a cautionary note.

"There is a whole lot of work to be done before this 'new' team is ready to compete with the greats in Europe."

The twin challenge at home and abroad will indeed be a stiff test for Greig's players, but it is one which will separate the men from the boys and is welcomed by all at Ibrox.

"It was a soul destroying exercise to read about other teams competing in Europe while we had to stay at home and it certainly didn't do the players' morale much good but that situation is behind us now.

"Since we last played in Europe, young players have broken through and new players have joined us so it will be interesting to see how these players shape up.

"But I certainly don't envisage them letting anybody down."

However, while the prospect of the 'Cup-Winners' Cup campaign excites both players and fans alike, a consolidation of the Club's position at home is well to the fore in Greig's list of priorities.

"We proved in the early part of the season, and again in the Cup Final replay, that we are more than a match for any team in this country," he affirms, "and I've got to get the players to produce that sort of form more often than they did last season.

"A serious challenge for the Premier League title has got to be my number one priority and, if we happen to get a bit of a run in Europe in the process, well that'll be a good bonus."

WHY WILLIE TIPPED TOTTENHAM TO WIN



● STEVE ARCHIBALD

NOBODY could fail to be thrilled at the quality of play in last week's F.A. Cup Final replay between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City when, after their lucky escape in the first game, Spurs won the cup for the sixth time by dumping City 3-2 in an epic match.

And there's one man down Ibrox way who could be excused for going around with an 'I told you so' look on his face.

Assistant manager Willie Thornton tipped Spurs to win the cup 'way back at the start of the year, and the former Ibrox striker explained why he had so much faith in the White Hart Lane outfit going all the way to Wembley and victory.

"When Spurs played Rangers in August, I couldn't help but be impressed by the Tottenham team," he told the 'news'.



● WILLIE THORNTON

"Both Argentinians are nothing short of world class and the addition of Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks to their team has given Spurs more power up front.

"Overall, they struck me as a well balanced side with all the credentials for success and I reckoned that the F.A. Cup would be their best chance to get among the trophies."

And, while the players caught his eye, Mr Thornton was also impressed by Spurs' boss Keith Burkinshaw.

"He struck me as a very knowledgeable young man," says the Ibrox Assistant manager, "and, by signing Archibald and Crooks, he proved that he knew exactly where his team was lacking.

"And didn't they repay their transfer fees last week."

Now an interesting thought arises... Rangers v Spurs in next year's Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

One thing is certain. If that ever became reality, the match would attract more fans than last week's final in which Dynamo Tbilisi beat Carl Zeiss Jena 2-1 in Dusseldorf before less than 9,000 spectators.

● FOOTNOTE: Mr Thornton was unable to see his F.A. Cup forecast come true because, instead of watching the Wembley final on TV, he was at Western Park, Renfrew, with the Rangers youth team, who were in action against Glasgow Schools Under-18s. (See Page 12).

THE EURO RIVALS...

Obviously, with the different League and Cup set-ups in UEFA membership countries, we still do not know the final list of qualifiers who will compete in the Cup-Winners' Cup next season. Here are some of the teams the Light Blues could meet.

WEST GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt.

HOLLAND: Ajax

PORTUGAL: Benfica or Oporto.

WALES: Swansea.

ENGLAND: Tottenham Hotspur.

RUSSIA: Dinamo Tbilisi (who gain automatic entry as holders of the trophy). Rostov

NORTHERN IRELAND: Ballymena, who in fact won the Irish Cup by beating Glenavon 1-0, and not other way round as we reported in last week's 'News'.

WEEKEND RESULTS

HOLLAND: Nac Breda 0, PSV Eindhoven 2; Wageningen 0, Excelsior 0; Rodz 4, Groningen 2; Go Ahead 3, The Hague 3; Utrecht 2, A2 67 Akmaar 2; Willem II 2, Zwolle 5; Feyenoord 1, NEC Breda 1; Twente Enschede 3, Ajax 0; Maastricht 3, Sparta 3.

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

WEST GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Bayer Verdingen 2; Nuremberg 2, Bayern Munich 3; Hamburg 1, VfB Stuttgart 3; 1860 Munich 1, Bayer Leverkusen 0; VfL Bochum 0, Arminia Bielefeld 2; MSV Duisburg 3, Schalke 04 1; Karlsruhe 3, Borussia Munchengladbach 4; Kalserslautern 1, Borussia Dortmund 1.

Keep up to date

SUNDAY

At their annual meeting held in Dunblane, the Scottish Football Managers and Coaches Association vote to give their backing to Hibs proposals of a new League set up of 16 and 22 clubs.

Hibs kick off their tour of the U.S.A. and Haiti on a successful note by convincingly beating Fresno 4-1 in California.

Mark McGhee, Aberdeen's 23-year-old striker, is voted the Scottish P.F.A.'s 'Player of the Year'.

Gordon Wallace, who only signed for Cowdenbeath in February of this year, is released by the club because he will soon be emigrating to Australia.

RESULT: Scottish Professional Under-18 League: Morton 3, St. Mirren 2.

MONDAY

Cowdenbeath place another three players on the transfer list. They are: Centre-half John Stewart, goalkeeper John Anderson and midfielder Peter Osborne.

Kirkcaldy District Council give their permission to Raith Rovers to build a new Stand at Stark's Park, worth over £150,000.

RESULT: Reserve League Cup Final (Second Leg): Morton 2, Celtic 3 (Aggregate 4-0).

TUESDAY

RESULTS: Scottish Cup Final Replay: Rangers 4, Dundee United 1. Friendly International: England 0, Brazil 1.

WEDNESDAY

Jamie Doyle refuses to sign a new contract with his club Partick Thistle and Firhill boss Peter Cormack says he will want £300,000 for the teenager if he moves. Ian Jardine and Alex O'Hara have still to come to satisfactory terms with Thistle.

John Weir signs a new contract offered by St. Johnstone.

RESULTS: World Cup Qualifying games, Group 1: Bulgaria 4, Finland 0; Group 4: Hungary 1, Rumania 0. European Cup-Winners' Cup Final: Carl Zeiss Jena 1, Dinamo Tbilisi 2.

THURSDAY

Aberdeen give their 31-year-old Belgian goalkeeper Marc de Clerck a free transfer. They also give three other players 'frees'. They are: Doalty Sweeney, Tommy MacQuire and Mike Grubb.

FRIDAY

English First Division club, Everton, win the race from 18 other sides to sign 22-year-old Queen's Park top goalscorer, Alan Irvine, for an unspecified fee.

SATURDAY:

Result: Home International: Wales 2, Scotland 0.

POOLS CHECK

POOL ONE: 28 possibles, 23 goals, 20 winners each receive £1,551.10.

Winning combinations: 1, 23, 41, with 2 from 2, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 28.

POOL TWO: 3 possibles, 9 goals, 3 winners each receive £333.33.

Winning Combinations: 20, 22, 26, with two from 3, 12, 42.

POOL THREE: 45 possibles, 13 goals, 38 winners each receive £26.31.

Winning Combinations: 19, 20, 40, with two from 1, 8, 10, 22, 26, 27, 31, 38, 39, 43.

POOL FOUR: 6 possibles, 29 goals, 3 winners each receive £333.33.

Winning Combinations: 1, 20, 23, with 2 from 2, 10, 27, 41.

POOL FIVE: 4 possibles, 3 goals, 4 winners each receive £250.

Winning Combinations: 13, 32, with 3 from 6, 21, 33, 35.

POOL SIX: 35 possibles, 21 goals, 22 winners each receive £90.90.

Winning Combinations: 41, with four from 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 28.

Following is official list of teams for Saturday, May 23—

S. Aust.—Div. 2—01 Salisbury, 02 Stuart, 03 Victoria, 04 Westfields, 05 W. Torrens.

Victoria—Div. 2—06 Dandenong, 07 Frankston P., 08 Footscray, 09 Heidelberg U., 10 S. Melbourne, 11 Waverley, Div. 4—12 Brighton, 13 Chelsea, 14 Ferntree, 15 Keysboro, 16 Moorabbin, 17 Royal Park.

W. Aust.—Div. 3—18 Bayswater, 19 Bunbury C. 20 Queen's Pk., 21 Sorrento, 22 Subiaco, 23 Swan Ath.

Victoria—Div. 1—24 Albion R., 25 Box Hill, 26 Morwell, Div.—3—27 Coburg, 28 Corio, 29 Eltham, 30 Frahan City, 31 St. Albans, 32 Werribee.

West Aust.—Div. 2—33 Bassetdean, 34 Cockburn, 35 Kelmscott, 36 Kwinana, 37 North Perth, 38 Osborne Park.

South Aust.—State League—39 Beograd, 40 Campbelltown, 41 Elizabeth, 42 Polonia, 43 Adelaide.

PLAY FOR RANGERS — OR ELSE! MANAGER GREIG LAYS IT RIGHT ON THE LINE



THE recent speculation over the future of several Rangers' players has upset many fans and given the impression there is something of an unhappy atmosphere about Ibrox but, in actual fact, after last week's Scottish Cup triumph, the answer to that has got to be 'You must be joking'.

Manager John Greig took time out last week to explain the situation which exists at the Stadium and, while he conceded that the future of certain individuals is uncertain, he is far from worried.

"The first point I must make is that if any player does not want to play for this Club all he has to do is come and see me and we will discuss the matter," he said.

"I'm only interested in employing players who have a burning desire to play for Rangers and that counts as much for the youngest 'S' Form signing as for the men who won the Cup last week.

"AND TO DATE NO PLAYER HAS COME IN TO MY OFFICE AND ASKED FOR A TRANSFER."

They do say, however, there is no smoke without fire and Greig makes no attempt to hide anything from the fans and he went on to elaborate on the individual situations of certain players.

"Let's start with Alex Miller," he said as he outlined that particular case.

"Alex has been a great servant to Rangers and the Club has absolutely no quarrel with him.

"But I can't guarantee him a regular first team place and, as his contract has now expired, he feels it would be in the best interests of him and his family if he moved

on to a team who could give him a regular place.

"I can understand Alex's motives—and, by taking advantage of the 'freedom of contract' legislation he is now a free agent."

Billy Mackay intends to cash in on the same law but for different reasons and again Greig understands the position and has no intention of interfering in the player's private business.

"The Jim Bett situation is totally different," Greig told us.

"He has a domestic problem which both Jim and myself hope to see sorted out because the lad doesn't want to leave Rangers any more than I want to see him go.

"In any case we're both confident that everything will work out OK and I firmly believe that Jim will go on to be one of this Club's truly great players."

Speculation has also been rife about the prospect of Derek Johnstone joining the dollar trail to the N.A.S.L. scene and once more Greig voiced his 'playing for the jersey' theme.

"If Derek Johnstone doesn't want to play for Rangers, he should come in to my office and request a transfer," said the Manager.

"But, as far as I'm concerned, he finished the season as the man in possession of the No. 9 jersey and, although I know Derek was unhappy at being left out of the team for spells during the year, if he plays like he did last Tuesday it would be very hard for me to drop him.

"The answer is in his own hands and, in any case, I've had no approach from any team seeking to buy Derek or, for that matter, any of our players."

So the message m Greig is clear and simple. Until he receives a direct transfer request, every player on his staff is a Rangers player and, as such, the Boss expects them to react to that by showing the skill, and the will, to play for the jersey.



● ALEX MILLER . . . no quarrel with Rangers.



● JIM BETT



● BILLY MACKAY

Davie sorts out his men for France

THE 1980-81 season for Rangers first team came to an end last Tuesday night with that superb Scottish Cup triumph over Dundee United, but there is still a few weeks remaining for the Club's youth team.

At present, chief scout Davie Provan is sorting out his final pool of players for the 'Colts' annual trip to compete in the Croix Festival Youth Tournament in two weeks' time.

"Although I've virtually got my mind settled on the final 14 lads who'll be making the trip to France, I'm still on the look-out for one or two others, particularly midfielders and defenders," said Davie.

Last Thursday Davie got the chance to see some of the Ibrox Youths play in a match against a Glasgow Schools under-18 side, Rangers winning 2-1 at Western Park, Renfrew.

"Kenny Lyall put us into the lead early in the first half with a well-taken goal after he'd sneaked in behind the defence and Eric Ferguson made it two in the second half. Their goal was from a penalty after Kenny Black obstructed one of the opposition."

Now Davie Provan is hoping to fix up a final trial game on May 26th against, as yet, unknown opposition. By the end of that match Davie will be



● DAVIE PROVAN

certain of the party travelling over to France on June 4. With manager John Greig also journeying to Croix, it will be an ideal opportunity for the youngsters to impress the Ibrox boss and, who knows, it could lead to a full-time career with the club.

The team which beat Glasgow Schools under-18 was: Marshall, Scott, West, Alexander, McFarlane, McPherson, Robertson, Davies, McNeill, Black and Lyall. Subs: E. Ferguson, Burns, A. Kennedy, Climson and Bruce.

NEXT STOP ... SWEDEN!

Last week, Rangers boss John Greig fixed up three matches for the pre-season trip to Sweden, with the possibility of a fourth game to be arranged at a later stage.

After jetting out to Sweden on July 19, the Club will play Second Division Champions, Trelleborg the following day. On July 22 they will meet Oland Combination.

Rangers are still negotiation to fit in sponsors for July 23, which would be their last game in Sweden before making the short trip to Denmark.

That game will be played in Copenhagen on July 26 against local side, Hvidovre.

RANGERS weren't the only people on a winning streak last week. One Young Rangers Club member, Campbell Crawford, is really in for a hot time because he was the lucky winner of our recent 'Sweatshirt' competition, featured in Issue 496.

Campbell, of 38 Bay Street, Fairlee, Ayrshire, was the first out of our competition drum to correctly answer that Tommy's McLean's last spot kick for Rangers was against Acooli during Rangers 1979-80 tour of Canada.

Quiz Answers

1, Montrose; 2, Bristol City; 3, 24 times; 4, False, it started in 1883; 5, Pat Stanton (Dunfermline); 6, Arthur Graham; 7, Two; 8, 496; 9, Ten times; 10, Seven years (1968-1972 and 1975-1978).

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Bob hats.....	£1.10 + 15p	
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Ladies' panties (with crest).....	£1.50 + 15p	
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Pilot hats.....	£1.95 + 15p	
Beany hats.....	£1.45 + 15p	
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Stick on patches.....	50p + 12p	
Cartoon stickers, large.....	50p + 12p	
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Thermal cushions (embroidered badge).....	£3.50 + 50p	
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Bedspread.....	£12.95 + £1	
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