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CELTIC TICKETS NOW ON SALE

TICKETS for the Celtic v Rangers match at Parkhead on April 10 are now available.

The prices are: STAND £4, £3.50, £3, £2.50; TERRACING £1.75.

The tickets can be had from the Rangers Ticket Office which is open from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Postal applications will be accepted providing the correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope are enclosed.

The following agencies are also selling tickets.

- Buchanan's Newsagent, Paisley Road Toll, Glasgow.
- Stead Newsagent, Grant Lea Grove, Mount Vernon, Glasgow.
- Rangers Shop, 150 Copland Road, Glasgow.

Tickets will also be on sale BEFORE this evening's game against Airdrie. They can be had from 6 p.m. onwards.

And Forfar

- There are still some Centre Stand tickets available for Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final game against Forfar. Priced at £6, they can be had from the Ibrox Ticket Office.

DUTCH ACES TO FACE RANGERS

Light Blues meet up again with PSV

FOUR years ago Ibrox fans watched one of the Club's greatest European displays when Rangers beat Dutch cracks PSV Eindhoven.

Now the scene is set for another meeting between the two clubs.

For Rangers have been drawn against Eindhoven in this year's Croix International Festival Youth Tournament.

The young Light Blues, who won the trophy last year for the second time in three seasons, will start their defence of the Cup with an opening match against PSV.

Needless to say that will be a tough fixture for the Ibrox Colts. The Dutch youngsters are a good side and have many of the skills displayed by their more senior countrymen in last week's full international against Scotland at Hampden.



● JOHN GREIG

Busy

THE GAME AGAINST PSV WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY, MAY 29 – THE SAME DAY AS THE SCOTLAND V ENGLAND MATCH AT HAMPDEN.

Then, 24 hours later, the Colts face another hard match against French team, Nice – the first team Rangers ever played in European competition back in 1956.

CERTAINLY APRIL AND MAY WILL BE BUSY MONTHS FOR THE BABES.

Final

Apart from their French trip at the end of May, the youngsters will be jetting off to Belgium in ten days time for a four-match tournament in Belgium, which is being organised by Racing White Molenbeck.

Again, the Light Blues will be lining up against two teams they have faced in past European competition at senior level.

They will meet Cologne and Torino, as well as Hadjuk Split and the results of these games will determine who they play on Sunday, April 11 for their final position in the tournament.

"Six of the players who played last year in Croix will be able to play this year. They are Eric Ferguson, Andy Kennedy, Kenny Black, Davie McPherson, Billy Davies and Hugh Burns," says manager John Greig.

"But the Belgian trip is the first time we have ever sent an under-16 team abroad."

Coach Davie Provan will be taking 16 players to Belgium. They are: Keith Walker, Stephen Dunn, John Davies, Robert Doak, Alan Murdoch, Vance Haddow, Alan Gillies, Robert Fleck, Kevin Inglis, Colin Hamilton, Scott Cuthbertson, John Stevenson, Gordon Ireland, David Livingston, Hugh Burns and John Thompson.



● Bobby Russell is held back by Arthur Duncan during Saturday's 0-0 draw against Hibs at Easter Road. More pictures and match slant on pages eight and nine.



● Gordon Dalziel again tries to make a scoring opportunity in the second half, but the youngster was out of luck.

Bathgate bonanza

THE Rangers Pools proved to be a real bonanza at the weekend. There was just one winner – and for the lucky Bathgate client it turned out to be worth £28,000.

H. Smith, 5 Elm Road, Bathgate, West Lothian, was the lucky person and there was a bonus for the agent who sold the winning ticket – ten per cent of the prize money.

That means T. H. McCaw, 230 Mansefield, East Calder, also West Lothian, will be richer to the tune of £2,800.

● Complete pools check on Page Two.



● Mr Anderson (centre, left) receives the ball from Mr Daniel Anderson, boss of the security company. Others in the picture are (left to right): Brenda Crawley, of the Youth Centre's committee; PC Elaine Gauld, of the Viewpark Project team, Albert Lauchran, of the committee, Murdo McLeod, Celtic, Chief Inspector William Brown, Tom Armstrong, Chief Superintendant David Frew, Mr Daniel Anderson, PC Jim Manson, of the Project team and Susan Bradley, chairwoman of the centre.

CHARITY BOOST FROM RANGERS

The long arm of the law raised £337 last week . . . with a little help from Rangers.

For a ball autographed by the players from Ibrox helped to raise that amount of cash for the Jubilee Youth Centre in Viewpark, on the outskirts of Glasgow.

COLIN McADAM was at the official handing over of the ballto winner Tom Armstrong of East Kilbride.

The football was raffled by the Viewpark Police Project Team, and Celtic player MURDO MacLEOD also attended the presentation of the ball to the East Kilbride winner.

Rangers, who played St. Mirren in a reserve match at Ibrox on Saturday, will meet the 'Buddies' again this evening at Love Street.

The match is the Second Eleven Cup quarter-final and the winners will be away to Aberdeen, Dundee or Airdrie in the semi-final.

Chairman RAE SIMPSON, directors WILLIE WADDELL, JOHN PATON, JACK GILLESPIE, manager JOHN GREIG, coaches DAVIE PROVAN, STAN ANDERSON, sprint coach STUART HOGG and physiotherapist TOM CRAIG were all at the Scotland v Holland match in midweek.

DEREK JOHNSTONE who is suspended from Rangers games tonight against Airdrie and Forfar on Saturday, moved into business last week. He opened a new hotel in the Harthll area.

Ibrox 'S' Form signing DEREK FERGUSON is in the Scottish Under-15 pool for Friday's Victory Shield match against Wales at Cwmbran and also the friendly against Switzerland at Broomfield on April 5.

In the event of Rangers match against Forfar on Saturday ending in a draw there will be NO extra time. The replay will take place at Celtic Park on Tuesday April 6. Kick-off will be 8 p.m.

If both semi-finals have a conclusive result on Saturday, Rangers will meet Aberdeen next Wednesday (April 7) in a re-arranged league fixture.

Attempts to avoid a clash of testimonial matches for Sandy Jardine and Alan Rough on the same day have failed. Rangers will meet Southampton at Ibrox on May 9 and at Firhill an Alan Rough XI will play Celtic.

IAN REDFORD could meet up with his cousin, Gavin, at Hampden on Saturday—but not on the field. Forfar signed Gavin from St. Johnstone last week, but they won't be able to play him in the Cup as he is already Cup-tied.





● DEREK JOHNSTONE

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Winning combinations: 33 with four from 23, 26, 28, 34, 39.

POOL THREE: 4 possibles, 14 goals, 4 winners each receive £250.

Winners: A. Bellshill winner (no publicity); Mr M. Townsend, 60 Fosseaay Syston, Leicester; William Thomson, 299 Roystounhill, Glasgow; Mrs A. Cassidy, c/o Perth, 136 Meiklewood Road, Glasgow.

POOL FOUR: 4 possibles, 28 goals, 2 winners each receive £500.

Winning combinations: 12, 13, 17, 38 with one from 03, 22, 24, 33.

POOL FIVE: 6 possibles, 0 goals, 4 winners each receive £250.

Winning combinations: Any five from 04, 16, 19, 21, 29, 30.

POOL SIX: 2 possibles, 17 goals, 2 winners each receive £1,000.

Winners: J. Gilmour, 13 Ashludie Terrace, Monifieth, Dundee; An Airdrie man (no publicity).

● Agents' Golden Bonus: Not won, now stands at £490.

FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results:
Game —
01—1-0; 02—3-0; 03—4-0; 04—0-0; 05—1-0; 06—0-3; 07—1-0; 08—0-1; 09—0-1; 10—0-1; 11—0-1; 12—5-0; 13—4-3; 14—1-0; 15—1-0; 16—0-0; 17—4-1; 18—2-0; 19—0-0; 20—0-2; 21—0-0; 22—1-3; 23—1-1; 24—3-1; 25—1-2; 26—1-1; 27—3-0; 28—1-1; 29—0-0; 30—0-0; 31—1-0; 32—2-1; 33—2-2; 34—1-1; 35—2-1; 36—2-1; 37—2-1; 38—4-3; 39—1-1; 40—1-0; 41—1-0; 42—1-2; 43—2-0.
OFFICIAL list of teams for Saturday, April 3 —
01 Q.P.R., 02 Tottenham, 03 Chelsea, 04 Crystal P., 05 Chesterfield, 06 Doncaster, 07 Dundee, 08 Morton, 09 Dumbarton, 10 Brighton, 11 Ipswich, 12 Luton, 13 Wrexham, 14 Exeter, 15 Preston, 16 Dunfermline, 17 E. Stirling, 18 Hamilton, 19 Leeds, 20 Man. City, 21 Bolton, 22 Swindon, 23 Hearts, 24 Kilmarnock, 25 Q.O.S., 26 Nottingham, 27 Cambridge, 28 Brentford, 29 Berwick R., 30 Clyde, 31 E. Fife, 32 Sunderland, 33 Cardiff, 34 Bristol, 35 Burnley, 36 Meadowbank, 37 Montrose, 38 Aberdeen, 39 Wolves, 40 Charlton, 41 Carlisle, 42 Rangers, 43 Airdrie.

PHONE CALL SHOCKS ERIC...

AT five o'clock last Monday night, Rangers reserves' striker Eric Ferguson was preparing to spend a quiet night at home watching television.

But a phone call from Ibrox just 30 minutes later changed all that.

"It was from coach Davie Provan," said Eric." He wanted me to fly down to Coventry to join the Scottish Under-18 side who were playing England. It was a bit of a shock!"

Eric had been called up as a replacement because a number of players had to withdraw from the squad over the weekend.

Last

"I hadn't been part of the team for such a long time that I thought I would be the last player they would call up," said the 17-year-old Fifer.

"Still, it was good to be part of the squad again."

Eric flew to Birmingham and then travelled to where he joined a hotel near Coventry where the team was based.

Thanks

And he was a substitute for the game, which Scotland drew 2-2, so qualifying for the European finals in Finland in May on a 3-2 aggregate.

"Now we are only a couple of games away from going to Acapulco, in Mexico, where the World Finals are held next spring."

The young Scots were 2-0 down in the first-half, but thanks to two second half goals from Jim Dobbin and Paul McStay, the babes, they qualified.

Hope

"We've got a good enough side to do well in Finland," continues Eric.

"It would be great to be part of it. I'll just have to play good and hope manager Andy Roxburgh picks me."

Eric and the other young Scots went one-up on their senior counterparts. The bus used by the youth squad was the £80,000 one Scotland will use in the World Cup . . . only the senior team haven't used it yet!

"It's an incredible bus," said Eric. "It has everything, a video, kitchen and bathroom. It's really something."



● ERIC FERGUSON

'NATIONAL FACT-FILE

TUESDAY (MARCH 23)
FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL
SCOTLAND 2, HOLLAND 1
Scorers — SCOTLAND: F. Gray (penalty 13mins), K. Dalglish (22). HOLLAND: Kist (30).
SCOTLAND: Rough (Partick Thistle), McGrain (Celtic), Gray (Leeds Utd), Narey (Dundee Utd), Evans (Aston Villa), Miller (Aberdeen), Dalglish (Liverpool), Archibald (Spurs), Jordan (AC Milan), Bett (Rangers), Wark (Ipswich). Subs: Burns (for Dalglish), Brazil (for Archibald) and Strachan (for Jordan).
Attendance: 71,848.
Booked: Korput (Holland).

EUROPEAN YOUTH TOURNAMENT

SCOTLAND 2, ENGLAND 2
(Agg. 3-2)
Scorers — SCOTLAND: McStay (32mins), Dobbin (78). ENGLAND: Pearson (35), Walters (39).
SCOTLAND (4-3-3): Gunn (Aberdeen, McInally (Celtic), Beaumont (Dundee Utd), Phillliben (Stirling Albion), K. Black (Rangers), McStay (Celtic), Cooper (Aberdeen), Dobbin (Celtic), McGivern (Kilmarnock), E. Black (Aberdeen), Bowman (Hearts). Subs: Rae (Hibs), Mackay (Hearts), Davies (Rangers), Ferguson (Rangers), McPherson (Rangers).

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 24)
SCOTLAND 0, ITALY 0
(Agg. 1-0)
SCOTLAND: Leighton (Aberdeen), Stewart (West Ham), Nicol (Liverpool), Blair (Aston Villa), Paterson (Hibs), Gillespie (Coventry), MacDonald (Rangers), Simpson (Aberdeen), Sturrock (Dundee Utd), Redford (Rangers), Hewitt (Aberdeen). Subs: Geddes (Dundee), Gough (Dundee Utd), Connor (Ayr), Reid (Celtic), Watson (Aberdeen).
BOOKED: Scotland: Blair, Simpson; ITALY: Baressi, Mauro.
SENT OFF: Mannara, Bergomi (Italy).
Attendance: 24,000.

JIM'S A GOOD BETT FOR SPAIN



● JIM BETT . . . The Rangers star, who made his international debut for Scotland last week, is pictured here crossing the ball which led to Scotland's first goal.

THE happiest player in the Scotland team which beat Holland 2-1 at Hampden last Tuesday, was Rangers' midfield star, Jim Bett.

The 22-year-old won his first full 'cap' and in the process impressed enough people — including manager Jock Stein — to put himself in with a good chance of making the final 22 for Spain.

"I really enjoyed myself," said Jim. "There was a tremendous atmosphere in Hampden and we all wanted to do well.

"Of course, getting a good result made a lot of difference, but the players who haven't played regularly, including myself and Allan Evans gained valuable experience.

"THAT WAS PROBABLY MORE IMPORTANT IN THE LONG TERM."

Although it was his first international at the top level, Jim looked as if he was a regular Scotland player. There were no signs of nerves.

Penalty

"I thought I did quite well in the first 20 minutes or so, even though at that time we were playing without a winger and I wasn't getting much space to play the ball," he said.

"But when Tommy Burns came on in the second half, he went out wide which meant I was able to have more time to create openings."

'Jazzer', in fact, almost got his name on the scoresheet in the second half when he hit a 25-yard drive which was well saved by the Dutch goalkeeper.

He did, however, have a hand in both Scots' goals. It was from his cross that Scotland got a 13th minute penalty, when Spelboss handled.

Great

And he set up the Jordon-Dalglish for the second goal eight minutes later.

It's those kind of touches which make him a hot tip to reach Spain in July.

"It would be great to be in the final 22," he says. "But at the momnent I just want to play for Rangers.

"If I do well for them, then I could play my way into the squad for the Home internationals coming up.

"AFTER THAT, WHO KNOWS?"

SPITFIRE ITALIANS

SCOTLAND'S Under-21 side qualified for the semi-finals of the European Championship last week, beating their Italian opponents by a solitary goal over the two legs.

The game at Pittodrie last Wednesday ended in a 0-0 draw and erupted into a tough, violent match with two Italians being sent off and four other players booked.

"It was a tough game," said John MacDonald, who played in the Scots side along with Ian Redford.

"I WAS SPAT ON A COUPLE OF TIMES, BUT I GOT OFF QUITE LIGHTLY AS FAR AS HEAVY TACKLES WERE CONCERNED."

Physical

John, who has been a regular in the Scotland under-21 side all season, played in the first game in Cantanzaro, Italy, which was markedly different from Pittodrie.

"There was very little rough stuff in that game," he said. "The Italians were trying to get a goal to take to Aberdeen.

"Obviously, they couldn't be too physical. But they certainly made up for it in the second match."

The Scots found it difficult to break down the tight Italian defence and as a result their opponents came close to scoring.



● JOHN MacDONALD

Said John: "Italy were such a good side that it was sad to see them resorting to the tactics they did.

"If they had got a goal early on then perhaps they would have played differently.

"We've now got the semi-final game to play and it looks as if it will be against England. That would be a great match for the fans and for the players."

IT'S BLACK MAGIC FOR SCOTLAND

WHILE the 'big boys' were beating Holland at Hampden, the Under-18 side were calmly seeing off the threat of England in their European championship game.

The 'Colts' drew 2-2 on the night, winning 3-2 on aggregate, which qualified them for a place in the Finals this May, in Finland.



● KENNY BLACK

"Even though there were only 2,000 people there, there was still a great atmosphere. We went two goals behind, but I always felt we would come back."

THE SCOTS LOST TWO GOALS IN THE FIRST HALF, BUT AFTER A HALF-TIME PEP TALK, STORMED BACK TO SCORE TWICE AND MISS A PENALTY.

"We were definitely the better side," said Kenny, "and we shouldn't have lost those silly goals in the opening spell.

"There was a great feeling after the game. Everyone was delighted and we are all looking forward to going to Finland.

Kenny was unfortunate not to score several times, two fine efforts being blocked and another shot hitting the bar.

"I was reasonably pleased with my own performance," he said, "and I'm hoping to play when we get to Finland.

Fear

If we finish in the top six we qualify for the World Finals in Mexico.

"That would be a great experience for me and the rest of the team.

"WE'VE ALREADY PLAYED TWO OF THE TOP SIDES IN EUROPE, WEST GERMANY AND BELGIUM, AND DONE WELL, SO THE OTHER TEAMS HOLD NO FEAR FOR US."

SCOTLAND'S BIG MATCH DATES...

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

v Northern Ireland, April 28; v Wales, May 24; v England, May 29.

WORLD CUP FINALS

v New Zealand, Malaga, June 16; v Brazil, Seville, June 18; v Russia, Malaga, June 22.

MIDWEEK RESULTS

MONDAY

DIVISION TWO: Alloa 5, Montrose 0.

WEDNESDAY

DIVISION ONE: St. Johnstone 3, East Stirling 2.

DIVISION TWO: Cowdenbeath 1, Arbroath 2; Forfar 1, Clyde 3.

FLASHBACK

FIVE YEARS AGO

March 30, 1977

Derek Johnstone, who netted the only goal against Ayr the previous midweek, was the Light Blues top goal scorer with 20 goals to his credit.

The first team, however, did not fair so well that weekend. They went down by 1-0 to Kilmarnock at Rugby Park. The Killie scorer was Alan Robertson.

The Colts were very much in form and handed out a 6-1 thrashing of Queen's Park.

It was announced by Assistant Manager Willie Thornton that as well as attending the following weekend's Festival Tournament in Roubaix, the reserves would go to France for a second time in May to compete in the prestigious Youth Tourney in Croix.

TEN YEARS AGO

March 29, 1972

"Muller the menace!" That was our headline ten years ago and it was recording the fact that Rangers were due to meet Bayern Munich in the semi-final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Rangers were playing Morton that week and lost 2-1 in a league match at Ibrox. Colin Jackson was "saint and sinner", scoring Rangers only goal then putting one past his own keeper for the Morton winner.

WHAT WERE 1960 CUP TEAMS?

WHEN did Rangers win the Scottish Cup for the first time and who did they beat? Ronnie Mayhew, Summerton Road, Glasgow.

Rangers beat Celtic in season 1892-93 to take the Scottish Cup for the first time. They won 3-1. The team was: Haddow, Smith, Drummond, Marshall, A. McCreadie, Kerr, Mitchell, Steel, H. McCreadie, J. Gray, J. McPherson, J. Barker.

When did Davie Meiklejohn play his last game for Rangers? Graham Roberts, Highburgh Road, Glasgow.

Davie's last game was on April 22, 1936, and the opponents that day were Hearts. He played 635 games for Rangers in his 17 years with the club and scored 54 goals.

He won 15 international caps, and played for the Scottish League Select side six times.

I would like to know the details behind Rangers' clean sweep in season 1929-30? Michael Hannah, Morse Towers, Suffolk.

Rangers won the Scottish Cup, the Glasgow Cup, Glasgow Charity Cup, Scottish League Championship, Scottish Second XI Cup and the Scottish Alliance.

● All letters sent to the 'You Asked For It' column WILL be answered, But as you can appreciate, research does take time. So don't worry if your letter isn't published the next week – it WILL be answered.

In the League Championship the Light Blues played 38 games, won 28, lost 6 and drew 4. In the Scottish Cup, they beat Partick Thistle 2-1 in the final after a 0-0 draw. In the Glasgow Cup, Rangers defeated Celtic 4-0 after a 0-0 draw.

In the Charity Cup, they won on the toss of a coin after drawing 2-2 with Celtic. The reserves beat Kilmarnock 2-1 (home and away) to take the Second Eleven Cup, and won 24, drew 4 and lost 2 games to take the Scottish Alliance title.

Could you please list the Rangers and Kilmarnock team line-ups when they met in the final of the 1959-60 Scottish CUp? R. Neil, Highbrough Road, Glasgow.

RANGERS: Niven, Caldow, Little, McColl, Paterson, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Millar, Baird and Wilson.

KILMARNOCK: Brown, Richmond, Watson, Beattie, Toner, Kennedy, Stewart, McInally, Kerr, Black and Muir.

Rangers won 2-0, with both goals coming from Jimmy Millar.

Could you please inform me of Rangers' League positions in seasons 1928/29, 1947/48 and 1957/58? Donny Burns, Wilton Street, Glasgow.

Rangers finished first, second and second respectively in these years.



● The men who won the Scottish Cup for the first time in season 1892-93. They are: J. Taylor (Trainer); BACK ROW: H McCreadie, J. Steel, N. Smith, D. Haddow, D. Mitchell; SITTING: A. McCreadie, D. Boyd, W. Wilton (Secretary), J. Drummond J. MacPherson, J. Barker; FRONT ROW: R. Marshall, J. Gray.

When was Alan's last game?

1. Against which team did Willie Woodburn make his Rangers first team debut?
2. What nationality was the 1970 World Cup Final referee?
3. In what year was the first subsitute used in an English Football League game?
4. What was the previous name of Dumbarton?
5. When did Alan Gilzean last play for Scotland?
6. What was the score when Chelsea beat Real Madrid in the 1971 European Cup Winners' Cup Final?
7. Who won the World Cup in 1938?
8. Which English club play at Edgar Street Athletic Ground?
9. Who were the English Third Division champions last season?
10. What nationality is Chelsea goalkeeper Petar Borota?

● ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE.

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THE PAGE FOR YOUNG RANGERS CLUB MEMBERS

THE GREAT COVER-UP!

MOST Young Rangers Club members like to collect souvenirs and momentoes of their favourite team, from badges to football strips.

They also like to cover their bedroom walls with posters of their favourite Light Blue stars, or team groups of the current Rangers squad.

So, what can the fan who has all these things want?

Well, the "News" this week is offering a very unusual prize in another FREE competition which is exclusive to Young Rangers Club members.

Because, this week, the fantastic contest prize is a super Rangers bedspread in the Light Blues' colour.

If you win this contest you'll be the envy of all your friends and all it will cost you is the price of a postage stamp on your entry card.

As usual, all you have to do is answer one simple question.

Take a look at the picture on the right. It shows Colin McAdam in action against St. Mirren during the League Cup semi-final in November last year. Rangers won the game 2-1.

All we want you to tell us is the names of the Rangers goalscorers?

Answer

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

Don't forget to include your FULL name, address and Young Rangers Club membership number.

The closing date for this contest is Friday, April 9.

The Editors' decision is final in all matters.

NEXT WEEK
Watch for our trip winners



Book now for a super saver

YOUR "News" is a paper that always tries to bring it's Young Rangers Club members the best possible bargains. And this week is no exception, because here is another exclusive offer just for you.

One of the favourite books bought by the Ibrox faithful over the years is "Playing for Rangers". It contains a review of last season, including highlights of the Scottish Cup win over Dundee United.

The book would normally sell for £3.95 in the shops, but the "News" can now offer it's Young Rangers Club members this superb book for only £1. That's a saving of £2.95!

All you have to do to get the book is go along to the Rangers Souvenir Shop, show your Y.R.C. membership card and collect your book.

You'd better hurry as there is only a limited supply left. The offer will close on April 10.

PROGRAMMES

WANTED: "Glory, Glory Glasgow Rangers" LP and any other Rangers L.P. or single. Also, the following badges: Morton, Clydebank, Falkirk, Raith Rovers, St. Johnstone, Q.O.S., and any other Second Division teams. Will exchange Liverpool or Everton badges. Contact James Welsh, 6a St. Oswalds Gardens, Old Swan, Liverpool.

WANTED: Programme for the match between Rangers and Hamilton Accies played in February, 1968. Will pay asking price if in mint condition.. Contact R. Meldrum, 4 Scribner Crescent, Apartment 6, Rothesay, Canada.

FOR SALE: Rangers home programmes in season 78/79, 79/80, 80/81 and some of 81/82 up untilk January this year. Contact William Fraser, 19 Eglinton Walk, Eaglesham, Glasgow, G76 0LE.

FOR SALE: 'Forward With Rangers' by Willie Henderson, 'Playing for Rangers', numbers nine and twelve and 'Let's be Honest' by Jimmy Greaves. Contact Ewan Chester, 36 Arthurlie Street, Barrhead, Glasgow, G78 2EW.

FOR SALE: Collection of Rangers programmes. Contact: William Mair, 2 Ferndale, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, ML9 LJT.

FOR SALE: Rangers and Scotland programmes. Contact: Scott Cameron, 17 Torr-Na-Faire, Lochaline, Morvern, By Oban, Argyll.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIDS

● The following Young Rangers Club members will all celebrate a birthday in the coming week.

TODAY (MARCH 31)

JOHN McMULLAN, 45 Dundee Terrace, Edinburgh, who is three.
ANDREW BARTON, 15 Cloan Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow, who is five.
ANDREW TURNBULL, The Old Manse, Yetholm, Kelso, who is 10.
LAURA FRASER, The Beeches, Drumnacrochit, Inverness-shire, who is 10.
KENNETH WATSON, 139 Dormanside Road, Glasgow, who is seven.
TOM MAER, 50 Cumbrale Drive, Camelon, Falkirk, who is 12.
ALEXANDER WOOD, 3 Glebe Park, Corpach, Fort William, who is 14.
WILLIAM GORDON, Migdale, Fearn, Ross-shire, who is 13.
STEPHEN GREGG, 31 Hawthorn Walk, Dromore, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, who is nine.
WILLIAM DICKSON, 27 Greenbush Court, Bramlea, Ontario, Canada, who is 15.

THURSDAY

STEPHEN RAFFERTY, 97 Ugie Street, Peterhead, who is 13.
IAN FERRIS, Calder House, Blantyre, who is 16.
STEPHEN WATSON, 57 Cardowan Drive, Glasgow, who is 11.
SHAUN ARSHAD, 97 Carmichael Place, Glasgow, who is 12.
DOUGLAS CARRIGAN, 219 Bardowie Street, Glasgow, who is 16.

FRIDAY

IAN DONALDSON, 30 Fordyce Court, St. Andrews, who is 17.
MARK SCOTT, 21 Broomfield Street, Netherburn, By Larkhall, who is three.
BRIAN HOPKINS, 5 Linnet Road, Greenock, who is 14.
RONNIE HOUSTON, 42 Toronto Avenue, Livingston, who is 15.
SCOTT McLAY, 295 Glasgow Road, Paisley, who is 10.
BILLY TAYLOR, 19 George Street, Fraserburgh, who is 16.
DEREK BAIN, 1343 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, who is 13.
DAVID MacDONALD, 14 Beacon Road, Montrose, who is 12.
STEVEN DAVIES, 51 Church Street, Abertillery, Gwent, Wales, who is four.

SATURDAY

STEPHEN MORRISON, 15 Pine Grove, Alloa, who is 13.
MICHAEL BUCHAN, 3 Buchannness Drive, Doddam, nr. Peterhead, who is 14.
SCOTT McMILLAN, 1 Hamilton Street, Lochgelly, Fife, who is 13.
COLIN GREEN, 20 Clayhouse Road, Stepps, Glasgow, who is seven.
AMANDA MARCHBANK, 12 Dunrarvie Crescent, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is nine.
STEVEN BOWMAN, 9 Thorfinn Place, St. Margaret's Hope, Orkney, who is 13.
ANDREW MITCHELL, 21 Northholt Avenue, Bishops Storford, Herts, who is 12.

If you have 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 drop us a line and tell us about your birthday.**
Just write your name, address, date of birth and the age you will be on your next birthday on a piece of paper and send it to "Birthday Greetings", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

JAMES LIVINGSTON, 64 Avondale Drive, Armadale, who is 13.
IAIN LOWTHER, 79 Richmond Green, Carlisle, Cumbria, who is 14.
RONALD FARMER, 8 Grampian Gardens, Kirkcaldy, Fife, who is 15.
JASON FLANNAGAN, 18 James Street, Alva, Clackmannanshire, who is 10.
NIALL PRENTICE, 16 Ballamillagyn, Isle of Man, who is 15.
WILLIAM GALT, 50/4 Fullers Gate, Clydebank, who is 14.

SUNDAY

RODNEY GARNHAM, 39 Carlisle Park, Ballyhinch, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, who is 15.

ANDREW BROWN, 46 Walton Street, Shawlands, Glasgow, who is 12.
STUART ROBERTSON, 10/2 Hermiston Court, Sighthill, Edinburgh, who is 16.
ALASDAIR SMITH, F.C. Manse, Scalepay, Western Isles, who is 11.
JOYCE McEWAN, 30 Glenacre Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow, who is 15.
JOHN MUIR, 6 McKerrelk Street, Paisley, who is 11.
JAMES SLAVEN, 58 Woodlands Avenue, Law, Carluke, who is 15.
STEVEN PLUNKETT, 14 Colonsay Terrace, Oban, who is eight.
DAVID MARSHALL, 18 Glenacre Terrace, Glasgow, who is seven.
ANDREW LAING, 4 Laurel Grove, Falkirk, who is 12.
GREIG BICKERSTAFF, 2 Elizabethan Way, Renfrew, who is nine.
PAMELA LAW, 82 Garry Place, Grangemouth, who is 13.
CAMERON SHEARER, 7 Auldhouse Terrace, Newlands, Glasgow, who is 17.
CHARLIE GLANCY, 113 Irving Road, Southampton, who is 16.
SCOTT ANDERSON, 4 Kilmartin Place, Arden, Glasgow, who is 13.
COLIN NICHOL, 20 Bevan Lane, Whyalla, South Australia, who is nine.

MONDAY

ROBERT MULLIN, 95 Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk, who is 12.
CRAIG SHIRRA, 154 Windsor Road, Falkirk, who is 16.
JOHN DAVIDSON, 68 Devonway, Clacmannan, who is 14.
CAROL MENZIES, 11 Hazel Avenue, Ardrossan, who is 11.
COLIN O'NEILL, 337 Ashgill Road, Glasgow, who is 10.
ALAN URQUHART, 24 Mansfield Road, Newtongrange, Midlothian, who is 13.

TUESDAY

WILLIAM STEWART, 58 Langside Crescent, Polbeth, West Calder, who is 16.
DONALD McKAY, 83 Fife Drive, Motherwell, who is nine.
RICHARD NICOL, 8 Muirhall Road, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, who is 14.
DEVINDER BASSI, 2 Warwick Villas, Clydebank, who is 14.
JOHN CRAIG, 57 Ivanhoe Place, Stirling, who is 11.
DAVID McQUEEN, 13 Alexander Fleming, Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, who is 16.
SILVANO BERNARDI, 19 Old Mill Road, Inverness, who is 16.
KEITH BURT, 4 Coed Y Bryn, Wrexham, Wales, who is 14.
SAMMY McCAUSLIN, 15 Cheviotl Road, Kirkcaldy, who is 16.
JAMES ALEXANDER, 6 Cheltenham Park, Rosetta, Belfast, who is 17.
COLIN MUIR, 88 Robroyston Avenue, Robroyston, Glasgow, who is 12.
ANDREW GOLLAN, Ledmor, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire, who is 13.
ANDREW BERNARD, 78 Wellshot Road, Kennoway, Fife, who is 14.

PEN-PALS

WANTED: I am 16 and would like to swap Rangers souvernirs for English or any other teams. My hobbies are letter writing and football. Every letter I receive will get a reply. Contact Katie Murdoch, 67 Holmfauldhead Drive, Linthouse, Glasgow G51 4PR.

WANTED: Male penfriends aged 18 to 20. Contact Julie Holden, 51 Long Lane, Chadderton, Near Oldham, Lancs.

WANTED: Pen-pal from Scotland who is interested in Rangers. I am 18 and would like to write to someone of the same age. Contact: Garry Herron, 8 Summer Street, Lower Oldpark Road, Belfast 14, Northern Ireland.



I WANT YOU FOR MY TEAM
– says John Greig, Honorary President of the YRC

They're on the ball!

● **JEREMY Joseph of 24 Greenhill Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow will be seeing the Rangers v Forfar game free on April 3 . . . courtesy of the 'News'. Jeremy correctly answered two of the three questions on Forfar Athletic.**

1. The Station Park side's record attendance was 10,780 against Rangers in the Scottish Cup second round, on February 2, 1970. There were no correct entries for the second question which asked: What was Forfar's highest league position? The correct answer was third in Division Two in season 1979-80. For the final question Jeremy answered correctly that Forfar were formed in 1884.

He will receive two tickets for the Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden on April 3.

Andrew Wilson, 13 Friendship Way, Renfrew is another lucky winner. He has won the competition in Issue 538 of the "News" in which the prize was a Rangers football.

All we wanted to know was in what year Rangers signed John MacDonald. Andrew correctly spotted that John was signed in 1978.

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.

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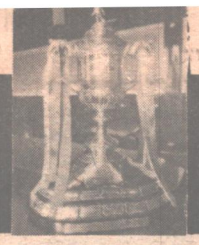

Spotlight on Saturday's Sc

FORFAR'S GLORY GAME . . .

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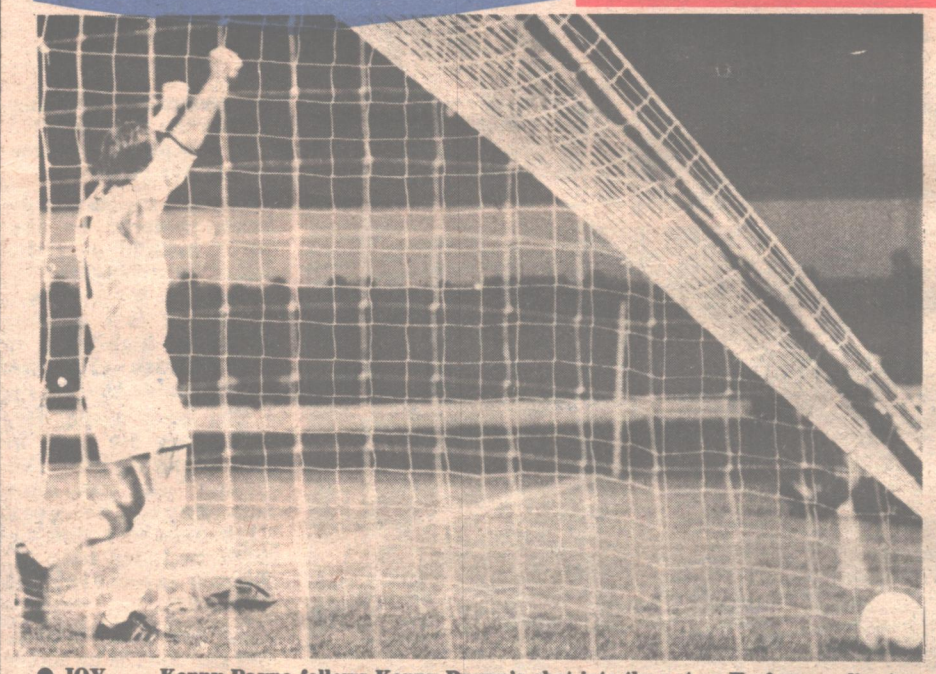

● JOY . . . Kenny Payne follows Kenny Brown's shot into the net as Forfar equalise in the 1978 League Cup semi-final against Rangers.



● DESPAIR . . . Forfar are dejected as Derek Parlane puts Rangers back on level terms with only six minutes left.



● FADED DREAM . . . Derek Parlane (out of picture) slots home goal number four for Rangers and ends Forfar's hopes of glory. Also in the picture are Alex Rae, Archie Knox (centre), and keeper Nicol (diving).

IT LOOKS as if the Forfar dream of Scottish Cup glory, which began on a wintry day at Methil, is coming to an end.

This Saturday they face the full might of Rangers and, although the little Angus side have already disposed of a number of good sides, the Light Blues should be too big a hurdle.

Yet, Forfar can still be proud of their achievements this term.

"We will be going all out to win," says Forfar boss, Alex Rae. "But if my boys just enjoy the match and gain from the experience, I'll be happy.

"Mind you, in saying that, I don't want to see them go out thinking it's a morning stroll or anything like that. I want them to give their all. I think they'll do that."

Alex Rae was the former captain of those other famous underdogs, the Partick Thistle side which beat Celtic in the 1971 League Cup final.

Yet he thinks that victory has been eclipsed by Forfar's Cup run this term.

"Reaching this Scottish Cup semi-final must rank as one of the greatest moments in my footballing career," he says.

"I'm only a baby when it comes to management, so it comes as a great surprise to be leading my boys to Hampden this Saturday.

He's been in charge of a Forfar side which has taken the scalps of East Fife, Hamilton, Hearts and Queen's Park, the latter three being all First Division sides, on the way to the semis.

As a result, interest in the team has picked up in the little farming town.

Said Alex: "It has been a great bonus for the town. I can feel them all rooting for us.

"TO TELL THE TRUTH I THINK THEY'RE QUITE PROUD OF US!"

Foolish

If Forfar have been a great success in the Cup, it's been an unfortunate fact that they have been unable to match in the League.

"Promotion is our main priority," said Alex. "So I am disappointed we are unlikely to make it up this year.

"But it would be foolish to blame it all on our semi-final run in the Scottish Cup and our run to the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

"It's always difficult for players with a big game coming up to lift themselves for an away game at Berwick, for example, where there are only a couple of hundred people. That's part of the reason why we've been dropping points.

"BUT IT'S BY NO MEANS THE WHOLE STORY."

The Station Park side are currently sixth in the Second Division, quite far behind leaders Clyde.

It would now appear they will still be playing their football on grounds such as Cliftonhill Park as opposed to Muirton Park.

HOWEVER, HAMPDEN WILL HOLD FEW FEARS FOR THE ATHLETIC PLAYERS – THEY'VE ALREADY PLAYED THERE IN THE CUP!

"Realistically, I don't think it will be too much of an advantage," said Alex. "The players will have the adrenalin flowing right from the moment they climb on board the team bus.

"After all, they are only part-time footballers and this will be the biggest moment of their career."

Occasions

Alex has watched Rangers on a number of occasions recently, and feels he knows enough about them.

"I know how we'll play but I'm not telling you. John Greig can find out for himself.

"It will be more important for my players to gain something from the game.

"A SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL MATCH IS ONE OF THE BIG OCCASIONS. THEY CAN'T FAIL TO GAIN FROM PLAYING IN ONE."

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

TODAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee United v Celtic; Rangers v Airdrie.

FIRST DIVISION

Raith Rovers v Hearts; St. Johnstone v Dunfermline.

SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v Meadowbank Thistle.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

Rangers v Forfar (at Hampden), St. Mirren v Aberdeen (at Celtic Park).

PREMIER LEAGUE

Airdrie v Hibernian, Dundee v Dundee United, Morton v Celtic.

DIVISION ONE

Dumbarton v Raith Rovers, Dunfermline v Ayr United, East Stirling v Motherwell, Hamilton Accies v Queens Park, Hearts v St. Johnstone, Kilmarnock v Clydebank, Queen of the South v Falkirk.

DIVISION TWO

Berwick Rangers v Arbroath, Clyde v Brechin City, East Fife v Alloa, Meadowbank Thistle v Stranraer, Montrose v Stirling Albion, Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath.

CASH FOR THE BIG GAME

● Tickets will be required for the Centre Stand for the match against Forfar. Entry to the rest of Hampden will be by cash with the following prices applying: South Stand (wings) £5; North Stand £4; Enclosure and covered Terracing £2.50; Uncovered Terracing £2.

When Forfar with only seve



● ALEX RAE . . . Forfar boss.

● In 1937 Forfar were involved in a memorable New Year's derby with local rivals Brechin City.

Both teams finished up with just seven men on the field, four being sent off and another two each being carried off.

The record books state only two were carried off. But, according to Will Black, who played for Forfar in that match, the record books got it wrong!

Will insists the total was four sending offs and four players carried off! To add to his claim he was the last player to be carried off in that stormy game.

The players sent off were McLean and Bateman (Forfar) and McDonald and Keith (Brechin).

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● SINCE joining the Scottish League in 1921, Forfar have played in the Second Division, except in 1947-48-49, when the were in Division C.

ttish Cup clash at Hampden



OF THE LINE!



are the men dreaming of Cup glory against Rangers. They are — BACK ROW (L to R): Billy Gallacher, Ian McPhee, Raymond Farningham, ardley, Mark Alexander, Colin Craig, John Mitchell, Tom Downie. FRONT ROW: Tom O'Rourke, Alex Carswell (coach), Steve Hancock, Billy Bennett, Gordon Leitch, Alex Rae (manager), Robert Morris.

inished players

In 1980 they finished third in the able, their highest ever position. ast season they were fifth.

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Forfar had three different man-gers last term. Archie Knox left e club to become assistant man-ger of Aberdeen and was replaced y Steve Murray, who stayed in the oss's chair just 72 hours. Forfar en appointed coach Alec Rae as oss.

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Since forming in 1884, Forfar, who ere formerly known as Angus Ath-tic, have won the Forfarshire Cup four occasions.

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Forfar's leading scorer last sea-n was 19-year-old Neil Watt, who tted 13 goals. Neil was signed om Celtic in 1980.

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Forfar have two ex-Rangers ayers in their ranks. There's ewart Kennedy, the former Ibrox alkeeper, and the Station Park ptain, Billy Bennett, who played r BERWICK Rangers.



● BILLY BENNETT . . . Forfar skipper.

And in the League . . .

DON'T COUNT OUT AIRDRIE JUST YET!

SECOND bottom of the table. Just 16 points from 25 matches, with not one away win this season.

That's the record of Airdrie, who have to visit Ibrox tonight in a re-arranged league fixture.

But don't count the Broomfielders out of the Top Ten just yet!

A few weeks ago, the Lanarkshire side looked doomed to relegation, but a victory over Dundee United set them off on a run which produced valuable points in the battle to avoid the drop.

It was their first victory since November 14 when they beat Hibs 3-1 — and it couldn't have come at a better time.

They followed the victory over United with a point won against Morton in a 1-1 draw which marked captain Sandy Clark's return to scoring form.

Abrupt

Clark, who is rated a £200,000 striker, also scored in the 3-1 win over Partick Thistle which helped lift the 'Diamonds' off bottom place.

Now, the battle is clearly between Airdrie, Partick and Dundee, with only two points separating them.

Bobby Watson's men's good form came to an abrupt halt two weeks ago, when they met Dundee and lost 2-0, but luckily for Airdrie, the other sides have been dropping points too.

And that's why tonight's match, along with the games against Dundee United, Hibs and Partick in the next few weeks, are so important.

If they can pick up a good number of points then the relegation pressure will be eased.

On the other hand, a lot of dropped points could make it impossible for them to perform their Houdini escape act for the second year running.

CLUB NOTES

IAN REDFORD STRATHKELVIN: Mini-bus for Airdrie game leaves at 6.30 p.m. Mini-bus for Cup semi-final leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenziburn at 1.30 p.m. 'Player of the Year' Dance at 7 p.m. prompt in the Queenzieburn Community Centre.

CLARKSON LOYAL: Tonight's bus leaves Eastwood Toll at 6.45 p.m., Newlands Hotel at 6.55 p.m. Saturday — no bus. Names must be given for Celtic tickets.

HELEN STREET: Hampden bus leaves Ibrox Garage at 2 p.m. and Club at 2.05 p.m. Seats available for non-members.

DUNDEE LOYAL: Bus v Forfar leaves Lindsay Street at 11 a.m. Bus v Aberdeen leaves Lindsay Street at 5 p.m. Tickets on bus.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Aberdeen leaves McLean Street at 2.15 p.m. Returning immediately after game. Seats and tickets are available for non-members, £6. Southampton away (friendly), seats for non-members £15. Phone S. Daniels 041-429-5578 or J. Finnan 041-427-1389.

BRIDGETON CROSS LOYAL: Bus for Hampden leaves at 2.15 p.m. Bus for Southampton, phone J. Clark at the McKenzie Bar on 041 556 2939.

RAMSAY'S LOYAL: Bus leaves Ramsay's bar for Hampden, 2 p.m. at Duke Street. Seats available for non-members.

COWDADDEMS: Bus v Forfar leaves Wilsons, Sauchiehall Street at 1.30 p.m., picking up at 2 p.m. at the Social Club. Seats for non-members £1.

PLEAN: Bus v Forfar leaves Plean at 1.30 p.m., Bannockburn at 1.35 p.m. and St. Ninians at 1.40 p.m. Non-members welcome. Names wanted for game v Celtic.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Bus v Airdrie leaves Hilton Road at 6.30 p.m., the Cross at 6.35 and Hawthworn Street at 6.40 p.m. Bus v Forfar: 1.45 p.m., 1.50 p.m. and 1.55. Bus v Aberdeen: 2 p.m., 2.05 p.m. and 2.10 p.m. Seats for non-members. Phone Gordon on 041-774-6765.

How they got to Hampden

RANGERS

RND.	OPP.		SCORERS
Third	Albion	6-2	Johnstone, MacDonald, Russell, McAdam, McPherson, Redford
Fourth	Dumbarton	4-0	Jardine (2), Johnstone, McAdam
Fifth	Dundee	2-0	Johnstone, McAdam

FORFAR

Second	East Fife	3-2	Clark, Mitchell, Brash
Third	Hamilton	0-0	
Replay	Hamilton	3-2	Clark, Brash, Gallacher
Fourth	Hearts	1-0	Hancock
Fifth	Queens P.	2-1	Hancock, Leitch

ALL THE LEAGUE TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	25	16	5	4	50	24	37
Aberdeen	25	13	7	5	37	22	33
Rangers	26	11	10	5	41	31	32
St Mireen	25	12	7	6	40	30	31
Hibs	28	8	12	8	31	27	28
Dundee U	24	10	7	7	41	23	27
Morton	27	7	8	12	22	40	22
Dundee	27	7	4	16	36	53	18
Airdrie	25	5	6	14	28	53	16
Partick T.	26	3	8	15	20	43	14

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	30	20	7	3	74	26	47
Clydebank	30	16	4	10	53	43	36
Hearts	29	14	7	8	44	28	35
Kilmarnock	29	11	13	5	36	22	35
St Johnstone	31	14	7	10	54	46	35
Ayr	29	11	10	8	39	33	32
Falkirk	31	10	12	9	43	39	32
Hamilton	31	13	6	12	45	42	32
Dunfermline	30	9	11	10	34	44	29
Queens Park	30	9	8	13	30	31	26
Dumbarton	29	8	8	13	36	51	24
Raith	29	9	5	15	22	44	23
E. Stirling	31	5	9	17	29	58	19
Queen of S.	31	3	9	19	35	67	15

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Clyde	29	17	8	4	54	29	42
Arbroath	31	17	7	7	49	37	41
Berwick	31	17	6	8	58	30	40
Alloa	29	14	10	5	52	31	38
Brechin	31	15	8	8	54	35	38
Forfar	30	11	12	7	45	28	34
Cow'beath	31	9	12	10	44	45	30
Meadowbank	31	10	9	12	44	44	29
Montrose	32	11	7	14	45	63	29
E. Fife	31	11	5	15	39	44	27
Stirling A.	30	8	9	13	27	31	25
Albion R.	30	10	4	16	42	60	24
Sten'muir	30	6	6	18	29	57	18
Stranraer	32	5	3	24	29	77	13

RESERVE LEAGUE (West Section)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	16	13	1	2	45	8	27
Partick	17	9	5	3	25	17	23
St. Mirren	17	9	4	4	35	23	22
Rangers	14	10	0	4	31	15	20
Hamilton	17	8	3	6	35	28	19
Morton	18	8	3	7	38	39	19
Kilmarnock	19	8	2	9	36	29	18
Airdrie	14	6	3	5	22	14	15
Ayr Utd	16	5	3	8	25	24	13
Clydebank	17	5	3	9	21	42	13
Motherwell	14	4	3	7	24	35	11
Queens Park	16	1	4	11	14	36	6
Q.O.S.	14	0	2	12	7	46	2

SCORERS

THE full list of scorers is:

John MacDonald	22
Derek Johnstone	18
Jim Bett	14
Ian Redford	11
Colin McAdam	10
Bobby Russell	10
Davie Cooper	6
Sandy Jardine	4
Gordon Dalziel	3
Willie Johnston	3
Ally Dawson	2
Tommy McLean	2
Colin Jackson	1
Dave McPherson	1
Billy Mackay	1
Alex Miller	1
Gregor Stevens	1
Own goals	2



● STOP THAT . . . But McArthur did just that to this shot from Dawson.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic.....0	Aberdeen.....1
Dundee Utd....5	Morton.....0
Hibernian.....0	Rangers.....0
Partick Th. 0	Dundee.....2
St Mirren.....3	Airdrie.....0

DIVISION ONE

Ayr Utd 1	E. Stirling.....1
Clydebank.....2	Hearts 1
Falkirk 2	St J'nst'ne.....1
Motherw'll 1	Kilm'rn'ck 0
Q.O.S. 0	Hamilton 3
Queen's P 3	Dumbarton 0
Raith Rov. 0	Dunf'mline.....1

ABERDEENSHIRE CUP

Aberdeen XI ..3	Peterhead.....1

DIVISION TWO

Alloa.....2	Clyde.....2
Arbroath.....0	Meadowb'k 0
Berwick R.....3	East Fife 0
Brechin C.....0	Stenh'muir.....1
Cowd'nb'th.....3	Montrose 2
Stirling A 2	Forfar A 0
Stranraer.....1	Albion R 4

RESERVE LEAGUE (WEST)

Hamilton.....6	Q.O.S.....2
Kilmarnock....1	Clydebank.....2
Rangers.....1	St Mirren.....2

RESERVE LEAGUE (EAST)

Dunfermline...2	Raith Rovers .0
East Fife 3	Arbroath.....1

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● THE CUCKOO WALTZ . . . Dalziel and Paterson duel for a high ball.

EASTER CHICKS!

Ibrox babes star in capital show

THE future of every team lies with its young players. The boys who come up from the reserve ranks form the nucleus of tomorrow's first team.

It's important, therefore, for a manager to blood his youths and in recent weeks, that's what Ibrox boss John Greig has been doing.

Davie McPherson, Billy Davies and Billy Mackay have all had a chance to play first team football this term.

Against Hibs at Easter Road on Saturday three more youngsters burst through the ranks to play first eleven football at the top level.

Battle

Kenny Lyall and Dougie Robertson made their big team league debut while Kenny Black played only his fourth senior game.

They were Rangers Easter Road chicks . . . and they shone as bright as the Edinburgh sun.

Sadly, the game wasn't as good.

It was a battle of midfields and as a result, chances were few and far between.

BUT, FAR MORE IMPORTANT FROM RANGERS POINT OF VIEW, WAS THE ENCOURAGING PLAY OF THEIR NEWCOMERS.

Stubborn

Few teams could have broken down the stubborn Hib s defence —yet at times Rangers came close to doing just that.

Ally Dawson, playing superbly at right-back, almost scored twice with two shots which brought out the best in McArthur, while other efforts, including a second half header, kept the Hibs goalkeeper busy.

Kenny Lyall troubled the experienced right-back Sneddon, and caused problems for the home defence with his strong running and intelligent passing.

Kenny Black, who made his debut on the Hibs ground in November, fitted well into the left-back position and played cool, skilful football.

FACT-FILE

HIBS 0, RANGERS 0
HIBS: McArthur, Sneddon, Schaedler, Brazil, Paterson, McNamara, Flavell, Murray, MacLeod, Rae, Duncan. Subs: McLaren, Turnbull (not used).
RANGERS: Stewart, Dawson, Black, Jardine, McClelland, Bett, Dalziel, Russell, MacDonald, Redford, Lyall. Subs: Robertson (for Lyall), Davies (for Redford).
Referee: B. Valentine (Dundee).
Booked: Russell (Rangers), Rae, Duncan (Hibs).
Attendance: 12,390.

The other new boy, Dougie Robertson, came on as a sub and showed no sign of nerves as he troubled the Hibs defence.

Add to that Billy Davies' second half contribution as a sub and you have a youth policy that is beginning to pay dividends.

Glory

Ally Dawson (who's not so young now, but is still only 24!), was everything a Rangers captain should be and three times in the second half, surged forward to cause problems in the home penalty box.

Unfortunately on the day, Hibs were too experienced and organised to give the youngsters a glory finish to their debut.

BUT IT WON'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE THE BOYS END UP WINNING CONSISTENTLY IF THEY CONTINUE TO SHINE AS THEY DID IN THE EDINBURGH SUN LAST SATURDAY.



● **OFF ON A RUN . . . Ally Dawson neatly slips past Duncan.**



● **BLOCKED . . . Duncan recovers to block the Rangers skipper.**



● **DEFENDERS UNITED . . . Dawson and Schaedler have one aim — to reach this corner.**



● **CUT-BACK . . . Dawson turns back the way he came to get in his shot.**



● **NO JOY . . . McArthur saves the shot.**



LIVERPOOL 'KOP' IT!

Anfield men no match for the Light Blues

THERE once was a time when the Scottish international side refused to play against opposition from outside the British Isles.

The bi-annual game against the English south of the border was Scotland's furthest excursion and the domestic sides were no more adventurous.

Brave

Rangers were one of the few Scots clubs who felt brave enough to take on the might of their English counterparts away from home.

In 1924, when a trip to Portobello was almost an expedition and Drumchapel was part of the 'Wild West', Rangers travelled to Liverpool to take on the locals, one of England's top sides, in a friendly match.

It was an English tour by the Light Blues and two days after their meeting with the 'Pool, they drew 1-1 with Manchester United.

Ragged

The match against the Anfield men was billed as the British championship decider, because Scottish champions elect Rangers and Liverpool were two of the best sides in the country.

Other Scots sides were on tour in the north of England, but none had been able to arrange such an attractive match.

Around 38,000 Liverpudlians flocked to Anfield to watch the game which took place on April 21, 1924.

Cross

The teams were:

LIVERPOOL: Scott, Lucas, McKinley, McNab, Wadsworth, Bromilow, Rawlings, Slane, Pratt, Kettering, Hopkins.

RANGERS: Robb, Reid, McCandless, Meiklejohn, Dixon, Kirkwood, Archibald, Cunningham, Henderson, Cairns, Morton.

Straight from the kick-off, Rangers forwards pounded the 'pool defence. They almost scored in the opening seconds when an Alan Morton cross was just a little too high for the Light Blues' centre-forward Henderson.

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That set the pattern for the first 45 minutes as Rangers ran the home team ragged with their controlled, intelligent football.

IT SEEMED ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE IBROX SIDE SCORED-AND THE HOME FANS KNEW IT. THEY WERE STRANGELY QUIET!

Surprise

The Liverpool defence were able to contain Rangers for most of the time, but they failed to set up any counter attacks to trouble Davie Meiklejohn and Co. at the heart of the Ibrox last line.

Both teams were finding it difficult to play on the baked hard ground, the result of several weeks of hot weather. But, it was Rangers who used the solid turf to great effect ten minutes before the interval.

Archibald picked up a long ball from defence on the right wing. He ran fully 20-yards before placing a perfect cross onto the head of Henderson for the centre-forward to nod home.

THE GOAL CAME AS NO SURPRISE. IT WAS NO MORE THAN RANGERS DESERVED. THEY HAD BEEN THE SUPERIOR TEAM BY FAR.

The rest of the half went by without much incident and Rangers retired after the first 45 minutes a goal up.



● **ANDY CUNNINGHAM . . . he scored Rangers second goal.**

Liverpool tried to restore same pride after the break and in the 50th minute, the Light Blues' keeper, Willie Robb, pulled off a remarkable save from a shot by Kettering.

Blocked

The home fans took heart from this flurry of activity and they urged their heroes on.

For the first time in the match Rangers were under pressure. But with the 'Meik' in command, the defence never looked like cracking.

Rangers gradually began to regain their grip on the game and threatened the home side again.

Sandy Archibald and Alan Morton plagued the Liverpool backs and it was from a slip-up by one of them, Lucas, that Rangers went further ahead.

Alan Morton took the ball down the left wing and Lucas failed to block his path to the goal. The Wee Blue Devil raced to the by-line and crossed to Cunningham, who struck the ball sweetly past Scott.

Save

THAT GOAL WRAPPED THE GAME UP FOR THE LIGHT BLUES.

They didn't stop searching for goals, however. Ten minutes from time, Tommy Cairns looked set to score but only a heart-stopping save by Scott denied him.

Cummingham almost scored his second a minute later, but, again the Liverpool 'keeper was there to stop the shot.

Ibrox men earn title 'Champions of Britain'

Exploded

One of the Rangers heroes, Arthur Dixon, had his face cut in the dying minutes and had to leave the field.

Liverpool pressed for a consolation goal and as they did, gaps were left in their own defence, which the untiring Rangers attack exploited.

Morton put through a long pass which Henderson picked up and played again in one sweeping movement.

Victory

The ball soared into the Liverpool net and the crowd acclaimed a superb goal — but the referee had blown for time.

He ruled that the ball had entered the net after the final whistle had been blown so it was 'no goal'.

IT WAS A POOR END TO A GREAT VICTORY FOR RANGERS. PROVING THE SCOTS SIDE DESERVED TO BE THE TRUE 'CHAMPIONS OF BRITAIN'.

Rivals

Rangers went on to win the League for the 13th time, nine points ahead of their nearest rivals, Airdrie.

Airdrie had been the runners-up to Rangers the previous year — and they were second to the Ibrox side the following season 1924-25.

● *What were the other events of that month, April 1924?*



● **WILLIE ROBB . . . pulled off a remarkable save.**

Soap was 6d(2½p) a tablet.

Edinburgh Town Council were debating whether or not work on a new road between Glasgow and the capital should start.

Plague

A plague in Italy was killing 30 people a day.

Two Scots MP's were involved in a scuffle on the floor of the House of Commons. Mr Buchanan and Mr Maxton appeared to strike Lord Amery, the First Lord of the Admiralty. They apologised the next day.

Strike

MP's also voted to give themselves free first class rail tickets between their constituences and London.

Almost 100,000 shipyard workers were involved in a lock-out because of a strike by dockers in Southampton. And 700,000 building workers were also on strike as the country teetered on towards the 1926 General Strike.

'Only a late offside decision stopped Rangers scoring a third goal'

The Duke and Duchess of York visited the Kingston Infirmary in Glasgow.

England and Scotland drew 1-1 at football. But the Scots girls at Lacrosse lost heavily to their English counterparts — 26-1 to be precise!

Gorilla

Sunderland led the English Leauge and Hibs met Airdrie at Ibrox for the Scottish Cup Final.

The score? — Airdrie won 2-0. It is still their only Scottish Cup Final win.

April, 1924 was also the silly season, if some of the stories from that time are to be believed.

A Gorilla, resident in the UK, was on a visit to America.

Afraid

John Daniel, Number Two, was the three-year-old "pet" of Miss Alice Cunningham. He was reported to like women and posed for pictures with his arm around the owner's waist. However, he was afraid of the cameras and tried to eat a few of them before being restrained!

Arrested

A Madame Germain Granveaud, 22, of Paris, demonstrated how a parachute can be used at low heights. She jumped from a plane and landed safely at the 'Les Gares Des Invalides' railway station — only to be arrested by a police officer for being on the platform without a valid ticket.

There was crowd trouble at a JUNIOR football match between St. Rochs and Maryhill. Hundreds of rival fans clashed in Maryhill Street, wrecking shop windows and creating havoc before being dispersed by the police.

However, sanity was restored at Thames Police Court, London, when two men appeared on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. They gave their names as Mr Jolly and Mr Merry. The magistrate fined them ten shillings (50p) each!



● ALAN MORTON . . . the 'Wee Blue Devil'.



● DAVIE MEIKLEJOHN . . . inspiration in defence.

NEXT WEEK:

A 1929 clash with Celtic

CLUBS SAY 'NO' TO NEW SET-UP

SCOTLAND'S league clubs last week said "no" to reconstruction of the present three division set-up.

At a special general meeting of the 38 teams on Thursday, they rejected the Management Committee's proposal that the current Premier, First and Second Divisions be replaced by new First, Second and Third Divisions comprising 16-12-12 sides.

A total of 18 teams were in favour of the proposed new set-up, but this was still well short of the required two-thirds majority.

The vote was carried out by a secret ballot, with each of the 38 teams handing in their voting paper on the way into the meeting.

It is possible, however, that more proposals for reconstruction could be made at the League's annual general meeting in late May or early June.

"The proposals will not come from the League Management Committee," says League secretary Jim Farry. "It's a case of once bitten, twice shy."

"But I would not rule out the possibility of further plans being put forward for consideration at the AGM."

Your TV and Radio guide

Television

TONIGHT: Sportsnight (BBC 9.25 p.m.): A special interview with Ron Greenwood, who talks about his career and this year's World Cup Finals to Jimmy Hill.

FRIDAY — Sportsdesk (BBC approx. 6.10 p.m.): Archie McPherson previews Saturday's matches.

Sports Extra (STV. 6.25 p.m.): Arthur Montford and Andy Melvin preview Saturday's matches.

Sportswide (BBC 6.45 p.m.): Desmond Lynam previews the English scene.

SATURDAY — Football Focus (BBC 12.30 p.m.); Bob Wilson with the lunchtime news, views and interviews.

On the Ball (STV 12.20 p.m.: Another Scot, Ian St. John looks at various games up and down the country.

Sportscene (BBC 9.45 p.m.): Archie McPherson and Dougie Donnelly present highlights of a Scottish Premier Division match and an English First Division game.

SUNDAY — Scotsport (STV 4.30 p.m.): Arthur Montford introduces highlights of a Scottish match and two games from England.

Radio

TONIGHT: Radio Clyde: Scoreboard (8 p.m.). Richard Park, Gary McNee and Bob Campsey with up to the minute news of tonight's games.

SATURDAY RADIO SCOTLAND — Sportsound (2.55 p.m.): Introduced by Brian Marjoribanks, David Begg gives exclusive live commentary on the second half of a Premier League match.

● Every weekday there is a sports round-up, including football, at 5.20 p.m.

RADIO CLYDE — Scoreboard '82 (2 p.m.): Four hours of sports coverage introduced by Richard Park with half-time and full-time reports from grounds throughout Scotland.

● There are two regular sports bulletins during weekdays. These are at 8.10 p.m. and 12.50 p.m. (approx.).

RADIO FORTH — Sportsbeat (2 p.m.): Ex-Hibs player Alan Gordon and ex-Hearts star Donald Ford are two contributors here. They discuss topical issues during the programme and have interviews with the personalities of the day.

● On Wednesdays the station has a sports round-up at 11.45 a.m. introduced by Bic Wood.

RADIO TWO — Sports on Two (1.30 p.m.): Football previews at 1.40 p.m. with half-time and full-time reports at 3.45 and 4.40 p.m. There will be exclusive second half commentary on an English match starting at 3.55 p.m.

● On weekdays the station has a regular bulletin of all sports at 6.45 p.m.

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INJURY BLUES FOR RANGERS

RANGERS took the field against Hibs on Saturday with one of their youngest ever teams. And while manager John Greig had been intending to give his young players a lot more experience of first team football, he was forced into the position against Hibs.

And the reason was simple — injuries.

He was without FOUR first team players through injury at the weekend and, with Derek Johnstone and Gregor Stevens both suspended, that stretched the first team pool to the limit.

Colin McAdam was out with badly bruised ribs, Colin Jackson had a heel inury, Billy Mackay had a leg knock on his ankle ligaments and Davie Cooper was struggling with a groin injury.

That meant a chance for Kenny Black and Kenny Lyall to show what they could do, with Billy Davies and Dougie Robertson sampling the big team atmosphere from the bench.

The good news for Ibrox fans, though, is that most of the injury victims should be back to full fitness this week.



CLUB NOTES

KILSYTH: Bus v Airdrie leaves Broch at 6.15 p.m. Bus v Forfar at Hampden leaves Duncansfield at 1.30 p.m., Kilsyth Road, Kirkintilloch at 1.40 p.m. Non-members welcome.

NITHSDALE LOYAL: Names for Southampton and for Aberdeen on April 7 now required. Contact Billy Montgomery on 041-647-9805 or David Kay on 041-632-6339.

Bell's ring for Sandy

● **SANDY Jardine received a special decanter from Bell's, who sponsored his testimonial dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel recently.**

The presentation was made at the dinner by Bell's representative, Bill Gallacher (pictured above) and John Baxter, area sales manager of Bell's.

● **Despite the fact, he has now retired, Tom Forsyth was still voted 'Player of the Year' by Dunoon RSC. He is pictured here at the Club's annual dinner/dance last weekend with his wife, Linda.**

Also in the picture are John MacDonald and his fiancee, Margaret Kelty. Dunoon RSC President, Colin Harris is in the centre.



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COLTS PAY THE PENALTY

A STRANGE penalty decision helped the Reserves stumble to a 2-1 defeat against St. Mirren at Ibrox on Saturday.

The Colts, minus a number of players who had travelled with the first team to Easter Road, had two trialists in their ranks and they got off to the perfect start with a really superb goal after just four minutes.

The move, worked down the right touchline, saw the ball being neatly touched back in the path of Alex Forsyth and from fully 25 yards he hit a fierce shot low into the net.

That settled the babes and they were in control. They created several good chances and looked good.

Then, in the 12th minute, came that penalty shock. St. Mirren were awarded a corner and Rangers appeared to have cleared the danger. But, for no apparent reason, the refereee blew his whistle and gave the visitors a spot-kick.

Even the Saints players were surprised — but it didn't stop them equalising.

That seemed to affect the Light Blues and they didn't have the same ring of confidence from then on. They fought hard enough, though, and it wasn't until ten minutes from time that they lost a second goal. They lost possession on the halfway line and the Paisley team cashed in with a breakaway goal to take both points.

RANGERS: McCloy, McIntyre, Forsyth, McLean, McPherson, Miller, Newman, Clark, Ferguson, Trialist, Cooper. Subs: Watson (for Newman) and McAdam (for Cooper).

TENNENT'S T LAGER

KEEP UP TO DATE

MONDAY

The Scottish Cup semi-final between St. Mirren and Aberdeen is switched to Parkhead on April 3. The match had been arranged for Muirton Park, Perth, but police demanded a 14,000 crowd limit, which was unacceptable to the SFA.

TUESDAY

Morton are considering a financial tie-up with Dallas Tornado. The American side have admitted an interest in taking over financial control at Cappielow, which would be an ideal training ground for American-born players who need experience before taking part in the North American Soccer League.

THURSDAY

First Division leaders Motherwell fail in a £30,000 bid to sign Andy Ritchie of Morton. Manager Benny Rooney turns down the offer, because the £30,000 bid falls short of the Greenock boss's valuation of the player.

FRIDAY

French club, Strasbourg, are said to be interested in St. Mirren's Lex Richardson, who is on the transfer list.

Partick Thistle turn down a transfer request from Jamie Doyle.

Dundee United teenager Alex Taylor walks out on the club. Manager Jim McLean says he "cannot understand the decision." Meanwhile, the club call off a press conference about the Scottish League's decision to fine them £2,000 and ban them for a year from the Reserve League Cup after the Tannadice men had failed to turn up for the final against Ayr United.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Celtic. 2. East German. The ref was Rudi Glockner. 3. 1965. 4. Dumbarton Athletic. 5. 1971 v Portugal. 6. 2-1. 7. Italy. 8. Hereford United. 9. Rotherham United. 10. Yugoslavian.

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