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BOSS GREIG'S SILVER LINING

● CHEERS! And Ibrox boss John Greig has every reason to toast the Scottish Cup and League Cup.

For on Saturday, the Light Blues' manager will lead his boys out onto the Hampden turf as they defend the Scottish Cup against Aberdeen.

It will be Rangers' SEVENTH successive Scottish Cup Final in a row and the fourth since John Greig took over since his retiral as a player in 1978.

In fact, his last game as a player was in the 1978 Scottish Cup Final between the two clubs when Rangers won 2-1.

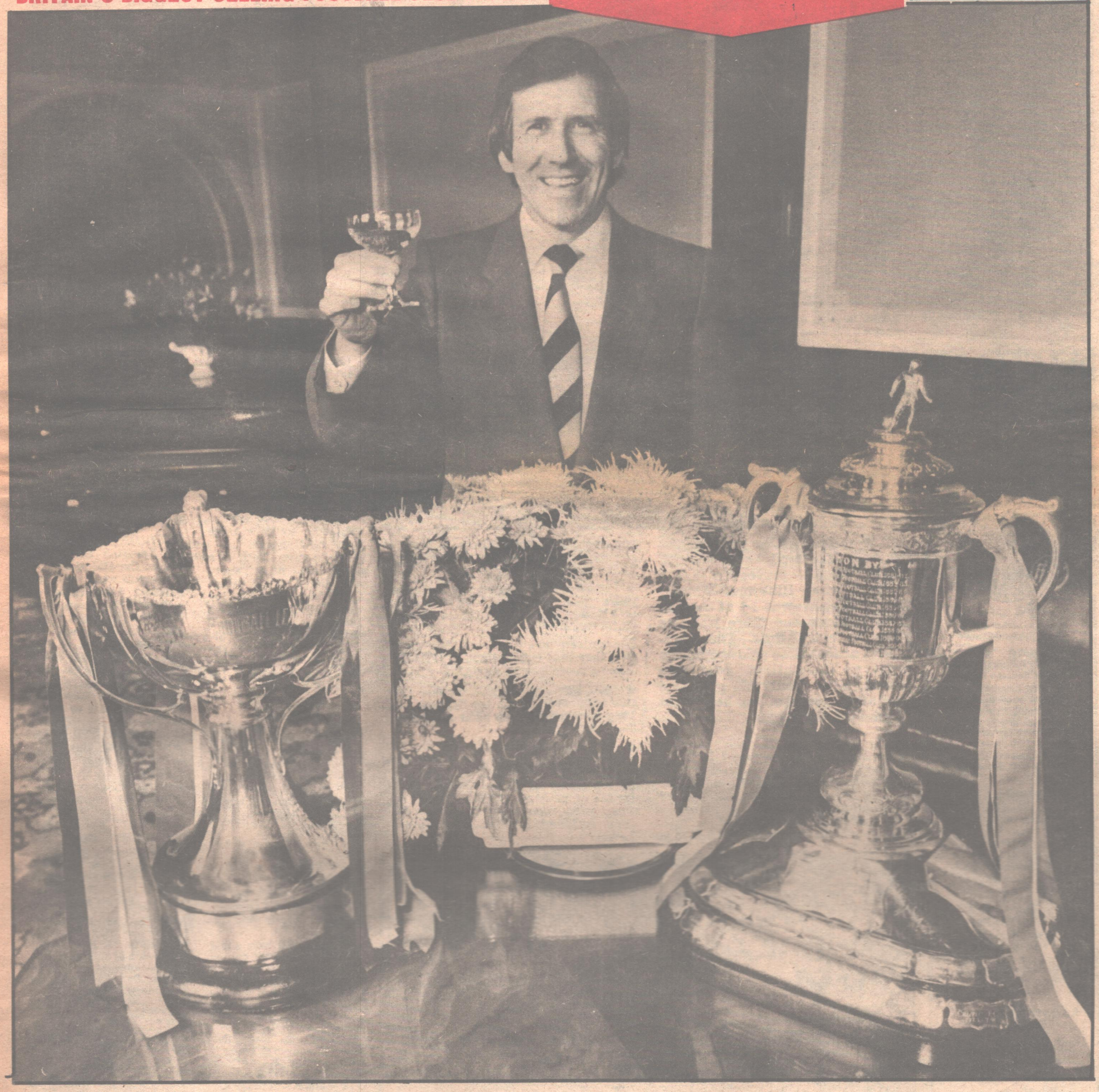
Since he took over, there have been eight finals in both the Scottish and League cup competitions — and Rangers have reached six. They have lost only one — and they are out to keep up that record on Saturday.

And that will give the Light Blues' boss another chance to sip that champagne.

INSIDE 'NEWS'

● **Paul Sturrock's views on who will win this Saturday's Scottish Cup Final.**
● **Alex MacDonald, boss of Hearts, talking about the problems of playing in a Scottish Cup Final.**
● **Cup bosses, John Greig and Alex Ferguson looking forward to the game.**
● **And, in a "News" contest, we give you the chance to win six Umbro Scotland strips and a Rothman's World Cup video.**

All in your great Cup Final "News".



BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S



● PAUL STURROCK . . . seen here in action against Tom Forsyth in last season's Scottish Cup Final.

JOHN IS RANGERS' ACE!

But I'm still going for the Dons — says Paul

PAUL STURROCK, Scotland's "Player of the Year", knows just what Rangers are capable of in a Cup Final. After all, he has faced them twice in Cup Finals in the last year.

He was on the losing Dundee United side in the last term's "Scottish" when Rangers ran riot in the replay and won 4-1. Then, in November, he again had to watch Rangers lift a Cup — the League Cup — following a last minute winner from Ian Redford.

Form

But despite the recent memory of those two encounters against the Light Blues, Paul is not tempted to tip Rangers to win on Saturday!

"I'm going for Aberdeen because they have been more consistent recently," he says.

"They have lost only one game since February and are obviously the in form team."

He admits, however, it will be hard for the Dons.

"We found out just how hard it could be against Rangers last year," Paul continues. "We were sure we were going to win in the replay but they came out and battered us."

He pinpoints striker John MacDonald as the man who could win the game for Rangers.

"If he gets a sniff at a chance then he can score and that's what Aberdeen will have to be wary of. And if Derek Johnstone is fit then he'll cause any team problems. So it's fair to say Rangers COULD win — but I' still going for Aberdeen.

Favour

"They have so many good players and although few of them have experience of a Final, most of the team are in international squads, from the Under-18's to the full one.

"That's the type of experience which can be a great help to anybody and could swing the game Aberdeen's way."

But one thing in Rangers favour will be the crowd.

"Rangers will have about 40,000 fans and that can be worth a goal for a start. However, if Aberdeen's younger players aren't too affected, Rangers will have to be at their best to beat them."

Certainly, the disappointment of losing last season's final against Rangers is something Paul still remembers — and it still rankles.

"Our attitude was wrong," he says.

"We were far too confident in the second game.

"After playing so well in the first match we seemed to go out in the replay thinking that all we had to do was turn up and the Cup would be ours.

"RANGERS PLAYED REALLY WELL AND FINISHED WINNERS. AND I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHAT COUNTS."

BUS TIMES

FORTH AND DISTRICT: Bus v Aberdeen on May 22 will be 15 minutes earlier than usual, the times will now be: Forth 12.45 p.m., Carluke 1 p.m. and Bellshill at 1.30 p.m.

TRADESTON EURO CLUB: Bus for match v St. Etienne in Lyon, France, leaves Glasgow on Monday, July 26, returning on Friday, July 30. Price £40. Deposits will be taken at the Rangers Supports Club, Edmiston Drive between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. before Cup Final. Some seats available. For details 'phone Monty on 041-954-5568 or Eddie on 041-778-9386.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Regular meeting at 11 a.m. The club's Cup Final pre-match meal will be at noon in the Flintlock Room, Beacon Inn. Bus for Final leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn at 1.30 p.m.

HELEN STREET: Hampden bus leaves the Social Club at 1.45 p.m. Seats are available. Annual General meeting will be held on Monday, May 31.

VALE OF LEVEN: Bus for Scottish Cup final leaves the Old Vale Bar at 1 p.m. and the Pinetrees, Dumbraton at 1.15 p.m. Seats available for non-members. The club's A.G.M. will be held on May 24 at 7.30 p.m. in the Griffin Hotel. Bus for Scotland v England match leaves the Vale Bar at 1.30 p.m. Tickets subject to availability.

DUMFRIES AND MAXWELLTOWN: Bus to the Cup Final leaves Academy Street at 10.30 a.m. Visitors Welcome. Pick-up spot at Lockerbie at 11 a.m.

DUNDEE LOYAL: Bus for Scottish Cup Final leaves at 10 a.m. Members only. Bus for Scotland v England is fully booked and will leave Lindsay Street at 10 a.m.

ROSYTH AND DISTRICT: Bus for Cup Final will leave Kirkcaldy at 12.15 p.m., Cardenden at 12.30 p.m. and Dumfermline at 12.50 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the club will be held in the Goth, Bowhill, on Thursday, June 3, at 7.30 p.m.

COLIN McADAM: Bus for the Cup Final leaves Ibrox subway at 1.30 p.m. Non-members welcome.

JOHNSTONE: Cup Final bus leaves the Osprey at 1.30 p.m. and Rankland Street at 1.45 p.m.

BISHOPBRIGGS: Bus for the Cup Final leaves Hilton Road at 1.30 p.m., the Cross 1.35 p.m. and Hawthorn Street at 1.40 p.m. Non-members welcome. All dues to be cleared. Club AGM in the Memorial Halls on Monday, May 24, at 7.30 p.m. All members must attend. Names now required for Disco on Wednesday, June 23.

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The Cup-tie that lasted 142 minutes

● **The match which went on the longest in Scotland was a Scottish Cup tie. It was played on March 29, 1947, when Hibs met Motherwell. The score was 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes and there were no goals in extra time. The regulations at that time said the match must go on until a goal was scored. Hibs finally hit a second goal after a total of two hours and 22 minutes of football!**

● *The Scottish Cup tie which required most matches was between Broxburn United and Beith in the 1908-09 season. The teams drew 1-1, 0-0, 1-1 and 1-1 before Beith eventually won 4-2. The last three of those replays were played on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the same week and Beith then had to go out and the play St. Mirren in the second round on the Saturday! They lost 3-0 to Saints.*

● **The Scottish Cup has been held every years since 1873 except for the years 1915-19 and 1940-46 because of the two World Wars.**

● **Aberdeen have won the Cup twice. In 1947, they beat Hibs 2-1 and in 1970 their winning score was 3-1 against Celtic.**

● **East Fife are the only Second Division team ever to win the Scottish Cup. They beat Kilmarnock after a replay in the 1938 final.**

● *The record attendance at a Scottish Cup Final was in 1937 when Aberdeen played Celtic. On April 24 that year, 147,365 fans paid to see Celtic win 2-1. On the other hand, the lowest ever Cup Final attendance was in 1885, when 2,500 fans watched Renton play Vale of Leven.*



● The goal which clinched Rangers last match against Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup. This was the 78th minute winner from Derek Johnstone in the 1980 semi-final. The Light Blues won 1-0.

IT'S RANGERS' CUP

ALEX MacDONALD makes the journey from his Kilsyth home every morning in his job as manager of Hearts. But this Saturday he will make the shorter trip from his house to Hampden to take in the Scottish Cup Final.

And Alex has no doubts that his old team-mate, Ally Dawson will be the man holding aloft the trophy around 4.45 p.m. on Saturday.

"Aberdeen are a good side," he points out. "But man for man Rangers can match them. Also, the Ibrox squad have the added bonus of previous Scottish Cup Final experience. Most of the Aberdeen team have none.

Vital

"That experience is vital. The Scottish Cup Final creates all sorts of extra pressures, which are different from normal league games.

"Everyone wants to know you when you are in a Cup Final," he says.

"You get the milkman, the postman and even your granny asking about it! It can create a kind of pressure you've never known before.

"Although Aberdeen have a lot of talented players, Rangers have just as many. ***I THINK THEY CAN DO IT AGAIN.***"

Of the Dons squad only Stuart Kennedy, John McMaster and Willie Miller have played in a previous Scottish Cup Final, whereas almost all of the current Rangers side have that vital experience.

"You can become overawed very easily. The crowd, the singing and Hampden itself can all break your concentration. You've just got to try and make sure it doesn't happen."

"Doddie", as he was known to his Ibrox colleagues before becoming "boss" to the men under his command at Tynecastle, spoke with a passion for the Cup Final — so much so you felt he wished he was playing!

"I loved every moment of my career with Ranger.

"I played in six Scottish Cup finals and there were three replays — one against Celtic and two against Hibs."

One of Alex's finals was against Aberdeen and he netted the opening goal in Rangers 2-1 victory, so helping the Club lift the 'treble' of league, Scottish Cup and League Cup for the second time in three seasons.

Trap

Alex, who still attends numerous 'Player of the year' functions held by Rangers Supporters Clubs, was appointed manager at Tynecastle in February this year after a spell as player-coach.

He is leading the Tynecastle men from the pitch by being a player-manager and says: "So many players in the game have told me that they retired too early. ***I DON'T INTEND TO FALL INTO THE SAME TRAP.***"

'Doddie' tips Light Blues to keep trophy



● ALEX MacDONALD . . . Cup Final creates a special kind of pressure.

HOW WEMBLEY WILL HELP THE DONS...



● ALEX FERGUSON . . . we won't be overawed.

ONE man who is sure Aberdeen will win the Cup on Saturday is their manager, Alex Ferguson!

The Pittodrie boss used to play for Rangers, but he'll be doing his old club no favours at Hampden. He's out to bring the Scottish Cup back to the oil capital for the first time since 1970.

"This club aims to win trophies," he says.

"It's no good for Aberdeen to finish second in the league, second in the Cup and second in everything else.

WE ARE WINNERS AND BEING RUNNERS-UP IS NO USE."

Runners-up spot is no use to us

● **The Cup winners will be presented with the trophy after the game by Mrs Jean Harkness, wife of Scottish Football Association President Willie Harkness.**

Unhappy

The Dons boss means what he says and that is shown by the fact he is not happy with the season his club has had — even though they have finished second in the league, reached the semi-final of the league cup and are at present only 90 minutes away from winning the Scottish Cup.

"Aberdeen fans are loyal and good supporters," he says.

"They deserve success. For too long they have had to put up with second best, especially last season. Now, although we've made huge strides in recent years, it's about time we started repaying them."

The Pittodrie boss looks back on a season which started so badly but which could still have a silver lining.

Salvage

"We just didn't get the sort of start we needed.

"Losing seven goals in our first two games left us with a lot to do. But we also had a few games where we dropped a single point.

"That left us too far behind Celtic and although we came back near the end of the season, it was a disappointing league for us.

"This Saturday, however, we have a chance to salvage something by winning the Scottish Cup."

HE BELIEVES THE TURNING POINT IN ABERDEEN'S FORM WAS THEIR SCOTTISH CUP VICTORY OVER CELTIC IN FEBRUARY.

"That gave the boys confidence and they began to believe in themselves again. Since that day we have lost only once. IF THAT ISN'T A WARNING TO RANGERS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS."

Gordon Strachan was also a different player when he returnd to the side after a niggling injury and "Fergie" believes the rest did him a lot of good.

"He helped rejuvenate us when he took his place back in the team. Gordon is a class player and can make a difference to any side, that's why he's such an important part of our team.

"But we have many good players here at Pittodrie and they're all important."

The Dons boss quickly discounts the notion his players will be overawed by the occasion.

"Quite honestly, with the experience my players have if any of them are affected then I'll want to know why.

"Some of my players have played in a Scotland v England game at Wembley. There's a lot more passion and atmosphere on the terraces for that game than the Scottish Cup Final.

"That's the top of international football and although their actual Cup Final experience is minimal, I know they won't let me down."

Spur

Another thing the Dons boss is confident about is the support his team will get as Hampden.

"We'll have 20,000 of our own supporters and we'll be spurred on by them.

"I hope a great many people turn up because Rangers are a good, attractive side and we play open attacking football as well.

"With a sunny day and a big crowd it should be a classic!"

DON'T MISS THIS SUPER SOUVENIR

A SUPER colour programme will be on sale before the Scottish Cup Final this Saturday.

The programme has 32 pages, with ten colour photographs.

There's a terrific colour photograph of Derek Johnstone scoring in the 1978 Cup Final against the Dons as well as another action shot of the big man.

Jim Bett is also featured in colour. In addition, the magazine contains all the facts, figures on Scotland's number one Cup competition.

The programme, which costs 60p, will be on sale in Glasgow on Cup Final day, as well as on the approaches to Hampden Park.

With all the colour and stories on the Light Blues, this programme is a must for every Rangers fan.



BY GEORGE! IT'S RANGERS CUP

THIS Saturday, Rangers and Aberdeen meet in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden.

It will be the third occasion the teams have faced each other in the Cup Final and Aberdeen have yet to come out on the winning side.

However, 29 years ago they pushed the Light Blues to the limit in a classic encounter which took two games to resolve.

Trip

It was the first time the two sides had met in the Final of the tournament and Rangers were heavily backed to win because of their greater experience of the big occasion.

They were making their 22nd appearance in the Scottish Cup Final whereas the Dons were on their third trip to Hampden.

The Cup had come back to Ibrox thirteen times but it had made the journey North only once.

The Dons were a good side, however. In previous rounds they hand disposed of their opposition ruthlessly.

After drawing 5-5 with Motherwell, the Dons hammered them 6-1 in the third round replay. Their hardest match was the semi-final against Third Lanark which went to a second game before Aberdeen won 2-1.

Their performance that day was described as "jittery". They could not afford to be as nervous in the Final.

Contest

Rangers, who were challenging for the title, had beaten Arbroath, Dundee, Morton, Celtic and Hearts in the previous rounds, losing only two goals in the process.

THEY WERE CLEAR FAVOURITES BUT INJURY PROBLEMS IN THE IBROX CAMP TEMPERED THE OPTIMISM.

Sammy Cox had very little chance of playing and Willie Woodburn was definitely ruled out. Simpson and Paton were fighting for the centre-forward spot and Paton won the contest.

Not surprisingly, the Final never lived up to the expectations and ended in a 1-1 draw. Prentice scored for Rangers after eight minutes.

BUT GEORGE NIVEN WAS RANGERS' HERO.

He was injured in the first half and had to leave the field with an ugly ear wound. Blood poured from his ear and he had to be helped off.

George Young took over in goal and made one or two saves, before George Niven returned in the goalkeeper's jersey in the second half.



● WE'VE WON THE CUP . . . Captain George Young is lifted on the shoulders of Willie Waddell and Willie Woodburn after the 1-0 victory over Aberdeen.
Picture by courtesy of the Glasgow Herald/Evening Times

Cheer

He had had four stitches inserted in the cut — and got a great cheer from the Ibrox fans.

But seven minutes from time, George couldn't stop Yorston equalising and so another match was required to decide the destination of the Cup.

The replay took place the following Wednesday, April 29, 1953, with a 6.30 p.m. kick-off because Hampden had no floodlights in those days.

Rangers brought the fit again Willie Woodburn back into their side. He replaced Stanners at centre-half. Simpson took over at centre-forward and Paton moved to inside left. Prentice was not in the team.

Aberdeen remained unchanged. Only 129,761 people had turned up for the first game, although 134,000 tickets had been sold. Yet another 113,700 returned for the replay.

THAT MEANT THAT ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE WATCHED THE TWO GAMES.

The Dons travelled from their pre-match headquarters at Gleneagles on the Wednesday morning and reported no injury worries.

The teams lined up like this:

RANGERS: Niven, Young, Little, McColl, Woodburn, Pryde, Waddell, Grierson, Simpson, Paton, Hubbard.

ABERDEEN: Martin, Mitchell, Shaw, Harris, Young, Allister, Rodger, Yorston, Buckley, Hamilton, Hather.

Referee: J. Mowat (Burnside).

It was Jack Mowat's fourth Scottish Cup Final in a row as the man in charge.

Whirlwind

Only two Aberdeen players, Harris and Hamilton, had previous experience of a similar occasion. Most of the Rangers team were "old hands" at the game.

BUT IT WAS THE SIDE FROM THE NORTH WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND ATTACKED THE LIGHT BLUES FROM THE KICK-OFF.

Niven was forced to leave the field with an ugly wound

Hather hit the Ibrox crossbar in the fifth minute from just outside the area and in the 11th minute, George Young cleared a shot from the same player off the goal line.

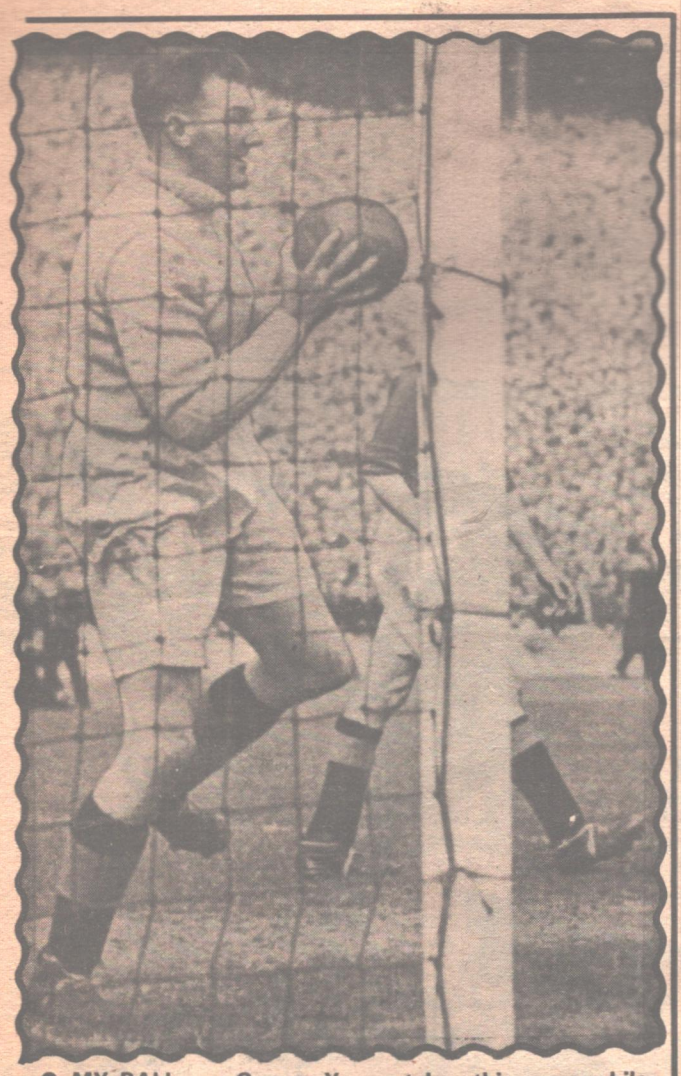
With Rangers still reeling from the whirlwind start. Aberdeen kept up the pressure. Hamilton and Hather combined to leave the Rangers defence standing but Hather curled the ball over Niven and round the post.

With twenty minutes gone, Rangers were still being pressed back into their own penalty box.

Buckley hit a shot which Niven did well to get his knees to and deflect the ball over the bar.

The Dons then forced two corners in quick succession and only some desperate defending by the Light Blues saved the day.

The massive Rangers support was growing impatient. But Rangers knew that as long as Aberdeen continued to squander their opportunities, then the better chance the Light Blues would have.



● MY BALL . . . George Young takes this cross while playing in goal after George Niven had been taken off injured in first match.

On the half-hour mark, Rangers set up their first attack of the match. Hubbard picked up the ball from defence and passed to Paton who, in turn, crossed to the feet of Willie Waddell.

The Rangers winger was about to shoot when the Dons 'keeper, Martin, raced out and clutched the ball at his feet.

It was a brave save, but the move was a foretaste of what was to come.

Class

A few minutes later, Paton hit a 25-yard drive and Martin sprawled across the goal to push round the post.

RANGERS WERE COMING BACK INTO THE GAME AND SHOWING THEIR TRUE CLASS.

Then, with only four minutes to half-time, Rangers struck. Hubbard once again combined with Paton and they sent Grierson free with the ball.

He raced down the wing and hit the ball past the Aberdeen defenders to the recalled Billy Simpson.

The Northern Ireland international steadied himself before cracking a shot past Martin into the far corner of the net.

The Ibrox fans went wild with delight.

Rangers congratulated themselves on a well-worked goal, but the Dons just stood there in disbelief.

Aberdeen had had so many chances in the opening 15 minutes that they should have won the game there and then.

Havoc

In the second half Rangers, inspired by the goal, were more on top. McColl was the top Ibrox player in this period and his running and passing created havoc in the Dons' defence.

Waddell came close to putting Rangers further ahead in the 70th minute when he shot over from 10 yards.

Grierson found himself free with the 'keeper beaten a few minutes later, but his shot cannoned off one of the red shirts packing the area.

Wound

Aberdeen rarely troubled George Niven, who was sporting a leather helmet to protect the ear injured in the first match.

YET, WITH ONLY FIVE MINUTES REMAINING, RANGERS ALMOST THREW THE CUP AWAY.

A cross from the right by Yorston of Aberdeen looked to be going straight to Buckley, but in stepped Billy Little to clear the ball.

The left-back headed the ball back to Niven who had left his goal line. The ball soared over the 'keeper's head, but the Ibrox goalie somehow managed to twist and turn to catch the ball just in time.

GEORGE HAD MADE SURE RANGERS WOULD WIN THE CUP.

The season ended well for Rangers because they won the League as well, pipping Hibernian in the last game of the season. They also won the 'C' Division championship and shared the 'C' Division Cup — with Aberdeen!

● *What were the other events of that month, April 1953?*

Killed

Scotland drew 2-2 with England at Wembley, and the two countries shared the Home International Championship.

Blackpool met Bolton in the FA Cup Final at Wembley and in what became known as Stanley Mathews' Final, Blackpool won 4-3.

And police in Ayrshire were looking for a "mad strangler" who had killed 400 young chickens in the Kilwinning area. The police were baffled because he never stole any of them.



● Pictured above are the successful Rangers side which beat Dumbarton in the Radio Clyde Supporters' Quiz, "KICK-OFF" on Monday night. With captain Bobby Russell are team members Alan Munro, Tommy Blackburn and Alan Otley. The team will play their semi-final in the next few weeks but as yet their opponents are not known.

THEY'RE KEEPING US IN THE PICTURE

IF, for some reason or another, you can't make it to Hampden for the big day, then both television and radio will make sure you won't miss out on the action.

Both television companies will be screening the entire match 'live' and, in fact, they will be making the most of the big occasion.

STV will be the first on the air with a programme starting at 11.45 a.m. which will be introduced by Arthur Montford. He will get comments from former Rangers' boss Jock Wallace and Celtic manager Billy McNeill.

At 11.55, Ally Dawson and Willie Miller, the Cup Final captains, will be appearing on Glen Michael's Cup Final Cartoon Cavalcade.

After some snooker action, the football theme is taken up again when the final of the Scotsport Quiz is broadcast. Weir Recreation Cricket Cricket Club and Pumpherston Bowling Club will be the teams taking part.

At 2 p.m. Denis Law gives his views on the Hampden match in an interview with Andy Melvin and Denis will also be commenting on the play during the match.

The 'live' coverage from Hampden starts at 2.55 p.m. with Jock Brown being the commentator. The Cup presentation and lap of honour will also be screened.

Highlights

At 3.45 p.m., there will be recorded highlights of the first half of the Wembley Cup Final between Spurs and Queen's Park Rangers and at 4.50 p.m. there will be a review of BOTH Cup Finals.

The BBC also have a lengthy offering. They start at 12.45 p.m. and the programme will be introduced by Gordon Hewitt, Dougie Donnelly and Alastair Alexander.

Comment

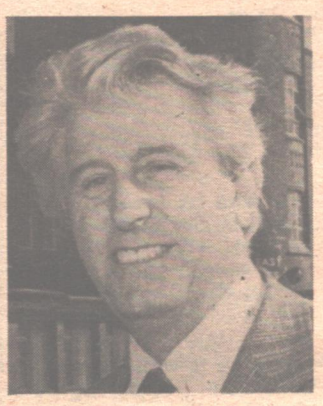
Archie McPherson, who will be commentating on the Hampden final, will preview the match and there will also be comments from 'Player of the Year' Paul Sturrock.

Scotland boss Jock Stein will select the 'Goal of the Season' and then providing comment from Hampden during the game will be Bobby Watson (ex-Rangers) and Joe Harper (ex-Aberdeen).

There will also be a special showing of 'A Question of Sport', introduced by David Coleman. Billy Beaumont and Willie Carson are the skippers.



● ARCHIE McPHERSON



● DAVID FRANCEY

. . . AND TUNED IN!

UNDOUBTEDLY, there will be some people who can't get to Hampden or near a television set — so radio will be their only source of information on the big match.

And Radio Scotland will make sure you know every kick of the ball. They'll be on the air from 2 p.m. and will have interviews with the players of both sides.

David Francey, who has recently taken up a new job as Public Relations Consultant, and David Begg, who is also involved in Public Relations, will be the match commentators when the action starts at 3 p.m.

They will be aided by Roy Small, who will provide match comments and there will be score flashes from Wembley.

If you will be at Hampden, but want to be kept up to date with what is happening between Spurs and QPR, then Radio Two is the station to tune into.

It will be on the air from 1.30 p.m. and previews start at 1.40 p.m. There will be interviews and comments from players and managers on both Cup Finals, although the main emphasis will be on the Wembley match.

Live commentary will start at 3 p.m. with Brian Butler and Peter Jones describing the match. Frank McLintock, who played in the 1971 Arsenal winning side, will also provide comments.

This week's TV and Radio guide

Television

TONIGHT — Sportsnight (BBC, 9.50 p.m.): Highlights of the second leg of tonight's UEFA Cup Final between Hamburg and Gothenburg. There's also a preview of Saturday's two Cup Finals.

FRIDAY — Sportsdesk (BBC, approx. 6.10 p.m.): Archie McPherson previews the Scottish Cup Final.

Sports Extra (STV, 6.30 p.m.): Andy Melvin and Arthur Montford look ahead to the Hampden clash between Rangers and Aberdeen.

Sportswide (BBC, approx. 6.45 p.m.): Desmond Lynam with the latest team news concerning Spurs and Queen's Park Rangers.

SATURDAY — Sportscene (BBC, 12.45 p.m.): See story above.

Scotsport (STV, 11.45): See story above.

Sportscene (BBC, 10.30): Highlights of both Cup Finals.

SUNDAY — Cup Final report (ITV, 2.30 p.m.): Action from Hampden and Wembley.

MONDAY — Midweek Sports Special (ITV, 10.30 p.m.): Highlights of Scotland v Wales. Commentator is Jock Brown.

TUESDAY — Midweek Sports Special (ITV, 10.30 p.m.): Highlights from Wembley of the friendly international between England and Holland.

Radio

SATURDAY — Radio Scotland (2 p.m.): Four hours of coverage from Hampden and Wembley with David Francey and David Begg. Brian Marjoribanks introduces the programme.

● There are regular sports bulletins at 5.30 p.m. every weekday.

RADIO TWO — Sport on Two (1.30 p.m.): Live commentary from Wembley with score flashes from Hampden.

● There are regular daily sports bulletins at 6.45 p.m. every weekday.

RADIO CLYDE (2.03 p.m.): Mark Goodier introduces music, but there will be reports from Hampden and Wembley.

● Regular daily bulletin at 12.50 p.m. every weekday.

MONDAY — Radio Scotland and Radio Two (8.02 p.m.): Live commentary on Scotland v Wales from Hampden.

TUESDAY — Radio Two (8.02 p.m.): Live commentary from Wembley on England v Holland.

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GREIG'S WI

NO FAVOURS FOR DONS FROM COLIN

COLIN Jackson will have the dubious distinction of being the oldest player in the Scottish Cup Final if he plays on Saturday.

'Bomber' is 35 and has been around Ibrox since 1963 when he signed for the Light Blues from Aberdeen Sunnybank!

"I may have lived in Aberdeen when I was much younger," says Colin, "But I consider Glasgow to be my home town now. I won't be helping the Dons in any way."

Three years ago, Colin, in fact, did exactly the opposite in the 1979 League Cup Final.

Due

It was he who sent the Dons back North empty handed.

"I scored the winner," he recalled. "And it was with less than a minute to go. I don't score very often, so it was especially enjoyable. I'm hoping that I'm due for another one soon, like maybe this Saturday!"

Great

Although he is a little older and greyer now, Colin looks forward to Cup Final day in much the same way as any youngster making his first appearance.

"You never lose that great feeling when you step onto the Hampden turf," he says.



● COLIN JACKSON



● JOHN GREIG

Decision time on Derek — but there are other key men

WHILE the Troon seaside breezes help to whet his player's appetite for Saturday's Cup Final, Rangers boss John Greig will ponder his team selection for the big match against the Dons.

And the Ibrox manager will know this morning whether he will have the services of Derek Johnstone available to him in the club's bid to win the trophy for the fifth time in seven years and the 25th time overall.

The Ibrox striker was in hospital last week to have an operation on his knee and he reported back to Ibrox on Monday morning to begin training again.

Worried

Derek is desperate to play — but the decision will be taken by Greig this mornig as to whether DJ will be going to Hampden as a player or a spectator.

"He injured it in the match against Southampton and we were worried it was his cartilage," explains boss Greig.

"However, it was a little piece of bone floating about near his cartilage that was the trouble and the operation has had this removed.

"HOWEVER, THE SPECIALISTS HAVE GIVEN US A GLIMMER OF HOPE AND I WILL WAIT UNTIL WEDNESDAY BEFORE MAKING THE FINAL DECISION."

Johnstone's sharpness in the penalty box would undoubtedly make him one of Rangers aces in the final, but manager Greig has other possibilities open to him.

John MacDonald has banged in 30 goals this season, while Gordon Dalziel has roared back to form with four goals in two matches (before Saturday) and they could both cause Aberdeen problems.

And Bobby Russell and Davie Cooper, both named in Scotland's World Cup 40, will obviously be key players. Cooper was the outstanding figure in last season's replay victory over Dundee United

Russell, twice named "Man of the Match" in previous finals, was the in form player before being left out of the teams against Dundee and St. Mirren. His skilful midfield play could create openings for teammates and it will then be up to Gordon Dalziel, John MacDonald or Derek Johnstone (if he's playing) to snap them up.

"Aberdeen are a good team," says boss Greig "and I have a lot of respect for them. But we're going to Hampden not only confident of winning, but expecting to win.

"WINNING IS THE IMPORTANT PLAY TO MOST THING. IF WE WE CAN DO FORM THEN JUST THAT."



If it's a draw . . .

IN THE event of this Saturday's match finishing in a draw, then thirty minutes' extra time will be played. If the sides are still level after this, then the match will be replayed, again at Hampden, on Wednesday, June 2. Kick-off will be 8.00 p.m.

Be early for the big show

ABERDEEN and Rangers are the star attraction, of course, but there will be some other events before the show which should entice fans along to Hampden early.

Massed bands from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association will perform before the kick-off and at half-time.

Also this year, the Final of the National "Keepy-Up" competition will be held at approximately 2.20 p.m.

Six boys who have won through to the final will battle it out before the game. They will display their ball juggling skills and also take part in an exercise which combines dribbling and shooting.

The winner of the competition will be presented with a video recorder and at half-time, he will perform his skills in front of the expected 60,000 crowd.

Finalists in the money...

BOTH teams will be in the money even before they take the field on Saturday.

Each side is guaranteed £10,000 for playing, with the winners receiving an additional £10,000.

However, there will be penalties for the clubs if there is any indiscipline by the players.

A booking will cost the teams a fine of £1,000 for each man cautioned, while an ordering off will be penalised by a fine of £2,000.

Hampden 'Specials'

AS WELL as the usual service from Glasgow Central to Mount Florida, British Rail are running "supporters' specials" from Motherwell for the Cup Final.

They will depart from Motherwell at 13.40 and 14.00 and arrive at King's Park at 14.07 and 14.20.

A second class return fare will cost £1.68.

Still tickets left ...

● THERE are still some tickets available for the North Stand for Saturday's Cup Final.

Priced at £5, they can be obtained from the Ibrox tickets office, which is open from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Entrance to all standing areas of Hampden will be by cash at the turnstiles.



● GOALDEN BOY . . . Derek Johnstone scores Rangers winner in th final. This was the last time the two clubs clashed in the final. Rangers wo

NNING HAND!

WELSH FINALIST TWICE - NOW FOR THE 'SCOTTISH'

IF John McClelland makes his Scottish Cup Final debut against Aberdeen this week then the big centre-half will be appearing in a national Cup Final for the third time!

His previous two appearances were for the Welsh sides Cardiff City and non-league Bangor. Unfortunately, the Irishman was on the losing side both times so he'll be hoping for third time lucky this Saturday.

Medal

I"I'm really looking forward to the game," he said, "After all, I came here to help Rangers win trophies. This is the first final for me, assuming I'm picked, of course, and I want to go home with a winner's medal."

John also reached a Texaco Cup semi-final with his last club, Mansfield, but nothing can really match up to the occasion of a Scottish Cup Final.

Promise

"I said when I came to Ibrox that I wanted the Scottish Cup to still be here a year from now," he said, "And I aim to do my best to keep to that promise."

THE WHOLE OF THE RANGERS SUPPORT WILL BE HOPING JOHN'S DREAM COMES TRUE.



Brian gets the Final call — again!

BRIAN McGinlay (right) just missed out on being chosen as Scotland's refereeing representative for the World Cup Finals next month. But the Balfron official still received the major domestic honour of the season for any ref — the Scottish Cup Final.

And, remarkably, this will be the THIRD 'Scottish' final he has handled in the last five years.

His first final was between Rangers and Aberdeen in 1978 and the following year he was in charge of the match involving Rangers and Hibs.

Mascot

Alert Ibrox fans will quickly realise that the Light Blues won both matches — so maybe Brian could be a lucky mascot for the club!

Certainly, Brian is a man well respected in football circles — among players, officials and spectators.

Brian, married to Linda, is 36, and has been a referee now for almost 20 years. The last six of those have been on the FIFA list.

"I can still remember my first ever game as a senior ref," he recalls.

"It was Stranraer and Brechin — and the atmosphere was a lot quieter than it will be on Saturday."



SANDY, DEREK AIM FOR A CUP RECORD

SANDY Jardine's testimonial year may be drawing to a close but the Ibrox star still has something to aim for before the season ends.

This Saturday, Sandy will hopefully step out onto the Hampden turf for Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final and if he helps the Light Blues retain the trophy then he will join that elite band of Rangers stars who have six Scottish Cup winners medals.

"I'd love to join John Greig, Bob McPhail and Dougie gray on that magical figure," says Sandy.

"My first winning Final was in 1973 and I've been on the winning side four times since. It would be a good way to round off my testimonial year by making it six."

Opportunity

That win in 1973, 3-2 against Celtic, was Sandy's first Scottish Cup Final. He's played in every Rangers final since then and been on the losing side only twice — against Celtic in 1977 and 1980.

"I'd like to continue my winning run," he said. "There are few players who get more than one chance of a Cup medal and I've had seven so far.

Sandy isn't the only Ranger who is aiming for the record.

Derek Johnstone, if he's fit, will be looking forward to collecting his sixth winner's medal as well — providing Rangers win, of course!

THE CUP RECORD

1905-06	(Second Round): Rangers 3, Aberdeen 2 (at Pittodrie)
1933-34	(Fourth Round): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0 (at Ibrox)
1952-53	(Final): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 1 (at Hampden)
1952-53	(Replay): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0 (at Hampden)
1953-54	(Semi-final): Rangers 0, Aberdeen 6 (at Hampden)
1954-55	(Sixth Round): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 2 (at Pittodrie)
1955-56	(Fifth Round): Rangers 2, Aberdeen 1 (at Ibrox)
1961-62	(Third Round): Rangers 2, Aberdeen 2 (at Pittodrie)
1961-62	(Replay): Rangers 5, Aberdeen 1 (at Ibrox)
1965-66	(Semi-final): Rangers 0, Aberdeen 0 (at Hampden)
1965-66	(Replay): Rangers 2, Aberdeen 1 (at Hampden)
1968-69	(Semi-final): Rangers 6, Aberdeen 1 (at Parkhead)
1970-71	(Fith Round) Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0 (at Ibrox)
1974-75	(Third Round): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 1 (at Pittodrie)
1974-75	(Replay): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 2 (at Ibrox)
1976	(Fourth Round): Rangers 4, Aberdeen 1 (at Ibrox)
1978	(Final): Rangers 2, Aberdeen 1 (at Hampden)
1980	(Semi-Final): Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0 (at Parkhead)





1978
2-1.

● **WHAT A HANDFUL . . . Sandy Jardine shows off the five medals he has won in previous finals.**

How they got to Hampden

RANGERS

Round	Opponents	Score
Third	Albion Rovers	6-2
Fourth	Dumbarton	4-0
Fifth	Dundee	2-0
Semi-Final	Forfar Ath.	0-0
Replay	Forfar Ath.	3-1

ABERDEEN

Round	Opponents	Score
Third	Motherwell	1-0
Fourth	Celtic	1-0
Fifth	Kilmarnock	4-2
Semi-Final	St. Mirren	1-1
Replay	St. Mirren	3-2

Cup clashes . . .

● **Apart from the 1978 final, when Rangers beat the Dons 2-1, the clubs have clashed in only one other Scottish Cup Final. That was in 1953 when the Light Blues triumphed 1-0 after a replay. The first game ended in a 1-1 draw.**

● Rangers are aiming for a League Cup and Scottish Cup "double." They were the last team to achieve this feat in 1978-79.

ALL THE LEAGUE TABLES

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	36	24	7	5	79	33	55
Aberdeen	36	23	7	6	71	29	53
Rangers	36	16	11	9	57	45	43
Dundee U	36	15	10	11	61	38	40
St. Mirren	36	14	9	13	49	52	37
Hibs	36	11	14	11	38	40	36
Morton	36	9	12	15	31	54	30
Dundee	36	11	4	21	46	72	26
Partick	36	6	10	20	35	59	22
Airdrie	36	5	8	23	31	76	18

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	39	26	9	4	92	36	61
Kilmrnmk	39	17	17	5	60	29	51
Hearts	39	21	8	10	65	37	50
Clydebank	39	19	8	12	61	53	46
St. Johnstone	39	17	8	14	69	60	42
Ayr	39	15	12	12	56	50	42
Hamilton	39	16	8	15	52	49	40
Queens Pk	39	13	10	16	41	41	36
Falkirk	39	11	14	14	49	52	36
Dunfermline	39	11	14	14	46	56	36
Dumbrton	39	13	9	17	49	61	35
Raith	39	11	7	21	31	59	29
E. Stirling	39	7	10	22	38	77	24
Qn of Sth	39	4	10	25	44	93	18

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Clyde	39	24	11	4	79	38	59
Alloa	39	19	12	8	66	42	50
Arbroath	39	20	10	9	62	50	50
Berwick	39	20	8	11	66	38	48
Brechin	39	18	10	11	61	43	46
Forfar	39	15	15	9	59	35	45
E. Fife	39	14	9	16	48	51	37
Stirling A	39	12	11	16	39	44	35
Cowdnbth	39	11	13	15	51	57	35
Montrose	39	12	8	19	49	74	32
Albion R.	39	13	5	21	52	74	31
Meadowbank	39	10	10	19	49	62	30
Stenhsmuir	39	11	6	22	41	65	28
Stranraer	39	7	6	26	36	85	20

SCORERS

John MacDonald	29
Derek Johnstone	21
Jim Bett	15
Ian Redford	13
Bobby Russell	11
Colin McAdam	11
Davie Cooper	7
Gordon Dalziel	7
Sandy Jardine	4
Willie Johnstone	3
Ally Dawson	2
Tommy McLean	2
Colin Jackson	1
Davie McPherson	1
Billy Mackay	1
Alex Miller	1
Gregor Stevens	1
Own Goals	1

Saturday's results

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN ...4	RANGERS ...0
CELTIC 3	St. MIRREN.0
DUNDEE.....1	AIRDRIE.....0
MORTON 0	HIBERNIAN 0
PARTICK T. ...1	DUNDEE U..2

DIVISION ONE

CL'BANK.....2	AYR U. 0
DUNF'M'NE ...1	E. STIR.....1
FALKIRK 1	QUEEN'S P..1
HAMILTON.....1	D'BARTON ..0
HEARTS 0	MO'WELL....1
KILMARNOCK6	Q.O.S.....0
RAITH R.....0	ST. JNSTNE.1

DIVISION TWO

ALBION R. 2	ST'H'MUIR ..0
COWDENB'TH0	BRECHIN C.2
FORFAR.....0	ALLOA ATH.1
MEADOWB'K .1	CLYDE 3
MONTROSE....1	EAST FIFE..2
STIRLING A ...0	BER. R. 0
STRANRAER..1	ARBROATH .3

RESERVE LEAGUE

Q.O.S. 0	RANGERS ...2
ST. MIRREN...3	CELTIC.....1

● Scotland boss Jock Stein has named 22 players for the Home International Series. They are: Archibald (Spurs), Brazil (Ipswich), Burley (Ipswich), Burns (Celtic), Dalglish (Liverpool), Evans (Aston Villa), Gray (Leeds United), Hansen (Liverpool), Hartford (Man. City), Jordan (A.C. Milan), Narey (Dundee United), Provan (Celtic), Robertson (Notts Forest), Rough (Partick Thistle), Souness (Liverpool), Stratchan (Aberdeen), Stewart (West Ham), Sturrock (Dundee United), Wark (Ipswich), Wood (Arsenal).

● Ian Redford's goal against Dundee United in the League Cup Final in November has been included in BBC Sportscene's list of 'Goals of the Season'. The winner will be selected in Saturday's Cup Final programme.

● RANGERS travelled South last Sunday morning to play Southampton in a Testimonial match. The Light Blues lost 4-2.

RED ALERT!

Dons' Cup warning

RANGERS played their 150th league game against Aberdeen on Saturday — but they had no cause to celebrate the event.

For the Ibrox side, despite being badly affected by injuries and pre-match illness to six players, suffered a heavy defeat at Pittodrie against an Aberdeen side which fired a warning blast for this Saturday's Cup Final.

And after their four first-half goals, the Dons will be in a very confident mood.

They were in tip top form. They looked sharp, aggressive and had a rhythm which Rangers never matched at any time.

They got the opener through an unfortunate own goal by Colin Jackson after 23 minutes — and never looked back.

By half-time, John Hewitt had blasted in a hat-trick and that, quite simply, was that. There was to be no way back for the Light Blues. Not even a consolation goal.

Excuses

Rangers manager John Greig could have made excuses. Six players (Gordon Dalziel, John McClelland, Jim Bett, Ally Dawson, John MacDonald and Alex Miller) were ill on board the bus on the journey north to the ground. Sandy Jardine had to hobble off with an ankle injury after only 12 minutes and, of course, the Ibrox men were without the services of Derek Johnstone.

The Rangers boss, however, was honest enough to admit his team were well beaten — ***AND NOW HE MUST GET HIS MEN TO COMPLETELY FORGET THIS RESULT.***

The Cup Final will be different. The Light Blues didn't win one of the four league meetings against the Dons this term. ***SATURDAY WOULD BE THE IDEAL OCCASION TO RECORD THEIR FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON AGAINST THE PITTODRIE MEN.***



● TAKE THAT . . . John MacDonald fires in a second half shot.



● THE CHASERS . . . Jim Bett and Stuart Kennedy chase this loose ball.



● COME ON . . . Alex Miller prepares to take on Stuart Kennedy.

FACT-FILE

SATURDAY, MAY 15
ABERDEEN 4,
RANGERS 0

Scorers: Jackson (o.g. 23 min.), Hewitt (28, 39, 43). Attendance: 18,000.
ABERDEEN: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Cooper, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Hewitt, Weir. Subs: Watson (for Strachan), McMaster (for Weir).
RANGERS: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, McClelland, Jackson, Bett, Cooper, Miller, Dalziel, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: McLean (for Jardine), Davies (not used).
Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee).
Booked: Miller (Rangers).



● MY BALL . . . Redford gets there first.



● OVER THERE . . . Stuart Kennedy and John MacDonald look to see where the ball has gone.



● MIDFIELD DUEL . . . Ian Redford and Gordon Strachan are both determined to win this challenge.



● TOUCH AND GO . . . McLeish gives Dalziel a not so helping hand on the touchline.



● DOWN WE GO . . . Redford and Strachan take a tumble as the Ranger gathers the ball.



● HIGH FLY . . . Redford wins this cross ball despite a challenge from Cooper.

● Win six Umbro Scotland strips and a World Cup video

YOUR OWN WORLD CUP DREAM!



● Graeme Souness shows off the Umbro strip you can win.



● Golden moments you can see again on the Rothman's World Cup video. TOP: Jairzinho scores against England in 1970. ABOVE: Jordan gets in a header against Brazil in 1974.

HOW would you like to watch Pele score his two great goals against Sweden in the World Cup final in Sweden in 1958 or watch Mario Kempes score twice against Holland in the 1978 World Cup Final?

In fact, how would you like to watch every single goal that has been scored in the last 12 finals since the 1938 World Cup Final?

Video

You would! Then you should enter this week's special Scottish Cup Final contest.

For the Rangers News is giving away a Rothman's World Cup story videos as a prize in this week's Scottish Cup Final special of the "News".

This video can only be won by a reader over eighteen. But our younger readers needn't worry.

Strips

For UMBRO the sportswear manufacturers have donated six of the latest Scottish strip, as worn by the Scotland squad.

Only Young Rangers Club members are eligible for this contest and they should enclose a note of their Y.R.C. membership number with their entry.

To give yourself a chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes, whether you're a Young Rangers Club member or over 18, all you have to do is tell us what, in your opinion, are the funniest football cliches you've heard.

For instance, you've heard some of the following:

● MacDonald picks the ball up in midfield.

● Scotland are continuing to play the square ball at the moment.

● The goalkeeper is sorting out his wall.

● And what about the radio commentator who was so excited at one match, he kept shouting 'Look at that.'

The judges will award an Umbro strip or a Rothman's video to the six best entries in each age group.

When you've thought of your favourite, jot it down on a postcard and send it to "World Cup contest," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, G3 7NR.

Young Rangers Club members should include their membership number, the size of strip they would require should they win.

All contest entries should contain the entrants FULL name AND address.

The closing date for this contest will be Friday, June 4.

The Editors' decision is final in all matters.

SAVE £1 ON OUR OFFER

MOST young Rangers fans like to put a little bit of an extra effort into the way they are dressed for the Scottish Cup Final they wear all their caps and scarves to show everyone where their loyality lies.

Over the last few weeks the 'News' has brought its Young Rangers Club members some great money saving offers and this week is no exception.

For, the "News" is giving its Y.R.C. members the chance to look good at Hampden . . . AND SAVE MONEY!

Members can obtain the Rangers heavy scarf, which normally costs £2.95, for only £1.95. That's a saving of £1 on the normal selling price.

All you have to do to take advantage of this great money saving offer is to go along to the Rangers Shop, show your Young Rangers Club membership card pay your cash and collect your scarf.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIDS

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.

MAY 7

JOHN LAWRENCE, 8 Glenbridge Street, Fort William, who is 14.

MAY 11

MICHAEL CLARK, 23 Home Place, Coldstream, who is nine.

TODAY (MAY 19)

JAMES STEWART, 937 Gartloch Road, Garthamlock, Glasgow, who is seven.
JOE GILMOUR, 115 Brockburn Road, Pollock, Glasgow, who is 17.
STUART FERGUSON, 98 Househillmuir Crescent, Pollock, Glasgow, who is 13.
BARRY PEAT, 24 Brunt Court, Dunbar, who is four.
COLIN GRAHAM, "Cayuga", Old Bridgend, Cariuke, who is nine.
COLIN BROUN, 9 Coral Glen, Maybole, Ayrshire, who is 15.
MARTIN RICE, 103 Sighthill Loan, Edinburgh, who is 13.
DAVID GRAY, 20 Etive Crescent, Wishaw, who is 17.
JAMES BOLSLAND, 17 Queens Road, Comrie, Fife, who is 17.
MICHAEL ROBERTSON, Maura, Blackhall Road, Inverurie, who is 17.
ROBERT MACKIE, 14 Glenbervie Drive, Larbert, who is 16.
JOHN URQUHART, 51 Sutherland Street, Helmsdale, Sutherland, who is 12.
KENNETH MACKAY, 70 Kirkland Road, Glengarnock, who is 15.
WILLIAM BLEDGE, 31 Broadloan, Renfrew, who is 17.
DAVID SMITH, 4 Parkville Drive, Blantyre, who is 17.
DONALD CLACHER, 34 Juno Street, Motherwell, who is 16.

THURSDAY

NEIL RICHARDSON, 18 Antonine, Kirkintilloch, who is four.
COLIN BAPTIE, 77 Minto Crescent, Glenrothes, who is 11.
SUSAN GALLOWAY, 77 Muirside Avenue, Kirkintilloch, who is two.
COLIN WINCKLER, 33 Carrick Drive, Mount Vernon, who is 16.
WILLIAM FINNIE, 3 Galbraith Crescent, Law, who is 16.
JIM HAMILTON, 7 Bathgate Road, Blackburn, West Lothian, who is 16.
BRYAN HASKELL, 31 High Academy Street, Armadale, West Lothian, who is 13.
STEWART HAY, 9 Moness Avenue, Aberfeldy, who is 14.
ALEXANDER CASSELLS, 136 Berneray Street, Milton, Glasgow, who is 14.
JON McCONNELL, 9 Moor Road, Ayr, who is eight.
COLIN PARK, 29 Millbeg Crescent, Glasgow, who is 14.
IAN BEVERIDGE, 13 Kelvin View, Taredaf, who is 15.

FRIDAY

TONY COLLINS, 2 Kirkview Court, Cumbernauld, who is seven.
GEORGE INGLIS, 7 Tynemount Avenue, Ormiston, East Lothian, who is 13.
GARY NICOL, 21 Kishorn Place, Glasgow, who is four.
GARETH REED, 1 Cambridge Drive, Desford, Leicestershire, who is 12.
STEPHEN McMURDY, 13 Kilbrannan Avenue, Glasgow, who is 16.
COLIN HEWITT, 10 Main Street, Dailly, Ayrshire, who is 13.
AIDAN SCRIMGEOUR, 118 Provost Road, Blairgowrie, who is 16.
JAMES MENZIES, 6 Kiltearn Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is 15.
KEITH ARMSTRONG, 58 William Street, Langholm, Dumfries, who is four.

SATURDAY

ANDREW MacINNES, 105 Glen Cally, East Kilbride, Glasgow, who is 11.
JACK McGREGOR, 51 Cheviot Road, Kirkcaldy, who is 15.
LINSEY HORSBURGH, 11 Hillowton Drive, Castle Douglas, who is two.
CAMPBELL MARTIN, 1 Meadowburn, Bishopbriggs, who is 10.
BARRY CUTHBERT, 7 Duchray Place, Coylton, Ayr, who is 12.
CRAIG MARTIN, 25 Hillwood Terrace, Ratho Station, Midlothian, who is nine.
GAVIN ROSS, 138 Evan Barron Road, Inverness, who is 14.
JIM CLARK, 18 Achray Place, Coatbridge, who is 17.
FRASER McLEAN, 140 Gallowhill Road, Paisley, who is 11.

SUNDAY

EDWARD GALBRAITH, 21 Osborne Drive, Lochside, Dumfries, who is 15.
GRAHAM SCOTT, 60 Silverknowes Parkway, Edinburgh, who is eight.
ROBERT GOW, 2321 Dumbarton Road, Yoker, Glasgow, who is nine.
TERRY MacKENZIE, 42 Dalatho Crescent, Peebles, who is 15.
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ROBERT NICOLL, 252 Broomloan Road, Glasgow, who is 17.
ELIZABETH RANKIN, 32 Bankhall Street, Glasgow, who is 17.
GORDON WOTHERSPOON, 100 Milford, East Kilbride, Glasgow, who is 17.
DUNCAN SINCLAIR, 63 Kempsthorn Road, Pollock, Glasgow, who is 11.
SCOTT PARR, 54 Park Moor, Erskine, who is nine.
ALAN WINTON, 7 Heversham Avenue, Oldham, who is 15.
CAMPBELL CASSIDY, 1 Power Close, Salisbury, Zimbabwe, who is 16.
CHRISTOPHER GUTHRIE, 40 Boswall Drive, Edinburgh, who is eight.
DAVID McLAUGHLAN, 30 St. Brides Road, Rothesay, who is 14.

MONDAY

CAL MacDOWALL, 46 Wellhouse Crescent, Easterhouse, Glasgow, who is 10.
ALLAN STOBO, 7 Pine Crescent, Johnstone, who is 11.
IAN DALLAS, 37/69 Larkfield Road, Gourock, who is six.
ROBERT McKINNON, 10 East Barrmoss Avenue, Port Glasgow, who is 16.
ROBBIE McCORMACK, 12 Forthview Crescent, Danderhall, Midlothian, who is 12.
TREVOR MacKAY, 45 Denholm Drive, Wishaw, who is 14.
DAVID BARRAS, 14 Heathervale Walk, Armadale, who is 12.
GAVIN BRODIE, 59 Selvieland Road, Glasgow, who is 12.
DAVID McLAREN, 16 Athole Terrace, Greenock, who is eight.

TUESDAY

IAIN McKINLAY, 931 Dumbaron Road, West Clydebank, who is 16.
ANDREW BROWNLIE, 59 Somerville Drive, Carwath, Lanark, who is 16.
KAREN BEVERIDGE, 8 Copeland Crescent, Cowdenbeath, who is 17.
WILLIAM FULLERTON, 14/143, 54 Norfolk Court, Glasgow, who is 10.
JULIAN RILEY, 9 Nelson Close, Oldham, who is 14.
SCOT LAING, 10 Ochil View, Glenrothes, who is nine.
JOHN TAYLOR, 35 Linnhead Drive, Glasgow, who is 11.
CHRISTOPHER GUTHRIE, 40 Boswell Drive, Edinburgh, who is eight.
JANET LEACH, 92 Avonspark Street, Balornock, Glasgow, who is 15.
DEREK RUSH, 125 Cumbrae Crescent, Dumbarton, who is nine.
ALISTAIR McKAY, 1/2 Balmartin, Lochmaddy, North Uist, who is 11.
JOHN ANDERSON, 3 Raven Street, West Geelong, Victoria, Australia, who is 15.

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN!

Reserves regret missed chances

THIS year's Glasgow Cup final between Rangers and Celtic was played on Thursday's, May 13. And, for the Light Blues, that date proved to be very unlucky!

Rangers lost 2-1, but during the 90 minutes had enough chances to win. Frankly it was poor finishing that cost them their moment of glory.

Threats

Rangers played young Kenny Black in an unorthodox left-wing position and in the 18th minutes he almost put the Light Blues ahead with a lovely close-in shot but Celtic 'keeper Peter Latchford just managed to block his shot in time.

And that was to be typical of Rangers' luck throughout the game. Billy Davies had a shot saved a couple of minutes later and with Celtic posing few threats to the Ibrox defence, the fans settled back waiting for the expected goals to materialise.

BUT IT JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN.

In the 26th minute, disaster struck for the Light Blues.

As Celtic moved forward, the defence regrouped, back pedalling to protect the goal.

But Halpin hit a low shot from 20 yards which decieved everyone, including Peter McCloy, and Celtic were one-up.

McClean might have pulled that back when, in one of Rangers best first half attacks, he hit a shot from the edge of the penalty area. Unfortunately, the ball slipped just over the bar.

In the second-half, Rangers stepped up the pressure to try and score the equaliser, but, once again, they just couldn't put the ball in the net.

However, with 18 minutes left, the Rangers efforts finally paid off. Billy Davies worked a wonderful one-two with Graham Watson and the Celtic centre-half, Garner, in attempting, to divert the ball clear, only succeeded in pushing it past Latchford.

That gave Rangers hope and with the added experience of substitute Davie Cooper, looked set to win the Cup.

But Celtic came back strongly and in a late surge grabbed the winner in the 81st minute when a Halpin shot rebounded off the leg of McGuigan and past McCloy.



● OUT OF LUCK . . . Tommy McLean grimaces as he watches hius shot go over the bar.



● WING ATTACK . . . Kenny Lyall takes on Celtic right back McInally.



● WHICH WAY? . . . It's Kenny Lyall again, leaving Willie Garner guessing which way he's going.

FACT-FILE

GLASGOW CUP FINAL
VENUE: IBROX
RANGERS 1, CELTIC 2
SCORERS: Rangers (Garner o.g. 72 mins), Celtic: Halpin (26), McGuigan (81).
RANGERS: McCloy, McIntyre, Forsyth, Davies, McPherson, Miller, McLean, Watson, Ferguson, Lyall, Black. Subs: Cooper (for McLean), Clark (for Lyall).
CELTIC: Latchford, McGoldrick, McInally, Clyde, Coyle, Garner, Weir, Buckley, McStay, Sludden, Dobbin, Halpin. Subs: McGuigan (for Dobbin).
Referee: K. Hope (Clarkston).



● ABOVE: FACE OF DETERMINATION . . . Jimmy McIntyre tackles Celtic winger Halpin in the second half.

● RIGHT: NO WAY THROUGH . . . Kenny Black is foiled by Peter Latchford during this first half attack.



SPANISH ARMADA

And Jock includes five Ibrox players

FIVE Rangers players have been named in Jock Stein's World Cup 40.

That's good news for the Ibrox club as Scotland prepare for their trip to Spain next month.

The five players who have been called into the squad are Derek Johnstone, Davie Cooper, Jim Stewart, Bobby Russell and Jim Bett.

And manager John Greig is delighted with their inclusion.

"It's just the sort of boost that does everyone good," he said.

"I'm delighted for them because it shows that all the hard work they've been putting in has paid off.

"And, coming just before the Scottish Cup Final, it is a terrific boost for the players.

"Jock Stein will be at Hampden on Saturday and they can show more of what they are capable of."

The most surprised Rangers player in the pool is Derek Johnstone.

Disillusioned

He was badly disillusioned after the last World Cup in Argentina and, although he played a match under Jock Stein against Belgium in December 1979, the striker felt his international career was over.

However, the Scotland boss has been impressed by his goalscoring form over the last few months.

Says Stein: "I decided to bring in Derek after watching New Zealand last week. He is the type of player we will need against them and, generally, he has been doing well recently."

Of the four other Rangers players, Bobby Russell is the only man who hasn't been capped at full international level.

But Jim Stewart's last game for his country just happened to be Jock Stein's first as manager! That was against Norway in 1978. Davie Cooper was last capped against Argentina in 1980 and Jim Bett won his first cap against Holland in March.



SCOTTISH TREBLE

Ibrox first team 'keeper Jim Stewart looks happy as he stands between the two Scottish trophies he's hoping to help keep at Ibrox. But Jim got a treble Scottish boost on Friday with the news that he is in Scotland's World Cup 40.

COLTS JUST CHAMPION

A PHONE CALL to Love Street on Saturday evening at 4.50 p.m. finally confirmed that the Reserve League Championship Title was bound for Ibrox.

After the Ibrox Colts had beaten Queen of the South 2-0, coach Davie Provan telephoned Love Street to find out nearest challengers Celtic had got on against against St. Mirren. The Parkhead men lost 3-1 — ***AND THAT MEANT RANGERS WERE THE CHAMPIONS.***

And, unknown to anyone else, coach Stan Anderson had packed two bottles of champagne into the hampers to celebrate — and with the players already in the bath by the time the Celtic result was confirmed, it meant the babes literally had a champagne bath.

"I'm delighted for these kids," said Stan amid the dressing room celebrations. "They have worked really, really hard. They deserve it.

"But I have to admit that when we lost to Partick Thistle at Firhill in midweek. I thought we had lost it.

"But we came to Dumfries today determined to win so that if Celtic did slip up, then we would be champions. That's what had happened — and I'm really delighted for the players."

The Colts victory at Dumfries was achieved with only one experienced player — Alex Forsyth — in the ranks. And, because of injuries, they had to field TWO trialists.

Yet, it was only brilliant goalkeeping by Queen's veteran Alan Ball that kept the score down. He had three magnificent first half saves, but was finally beaten four minutes before the interval.

Newman beat two men on the left and then squared the ball across goal for Robert Fleck to net from six yards.

Then, in the 66th minute, Newman put his own name on the scoresheet with a similar goal.

"The young lads did well, but the experienced players who have been in the reserves over the season have also played their part. Their attitude was right when they were in the team and they must take a pat on the back for that," added Stan.

● Team v QOS: Marshall, McTinyre, Forsyth, McPherson, Trialist, Clark, Fleck, Burns, Ferguson, Black, Newman. Subs: Robertson (for Fleck) and Lyall (for Burns).

Reserve League

(West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	24	18	0	6	36	23	36
Celtic	24	16	3	5	62	25	35
Partick	23	12	7	4	39	26	31
St. Mirren	21	12	5	4	49	25	29
Morton	24	11	5	8	50	48	27
Killie	23	11	3	9	48	49	25
Hamilton	22	9	6	7	44	34	24
Airdrie	21	9	5	7	37	28	23
Ayr	22	6	511	24	35		17
Clydbnk	23	6	512	31	53		15
M'well	21	5	313	34	64		13
Queens Pk	23	3	614	26	47		13
Qn of Sth	21	1	317	12	68		5

Reserve Review

THE FULL SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS
ROUGH (Partick Thistle), WOOD (Arsenal), LEIGHTON (Aberdeen), THOMSON (St. Mirren), STEWART (Rangers).

FULL BACKS
McGRAIN (Celtic), KENNEDY (Aberdeen), F. GRAY (Leeds), MUNRO (Sunderland), STEWART (West Ham), ALBISTON (Manchester U.), BURLEY (Ipswich).

CENTRAL DEFENDERS
HANSEN (Liverpool), McLEISH (Aberdeen), MILLER (Aberdeen), NAREY (Dundee U.), EVANS (Aston Villa), HEGARTY (Dundee U.), AITKEN (Celtic), BREMNER (Aston Villa).

MIDFIELD
SOUNESS (Liverpool), HARTFORD (Manchester C.), WARK (Ipswich), STRACHAN (Aberdeen), BURNS (Celtic), BETT (Rangers), RUSSELL (Rangers), McCULLOCH (Notts C.).

STRIKERS
DALGLISH (Liverpool), JORDAN (A.C. Milan), A. GRAY (Wolves), ARCHIBALD (Spurs), BRAZIL (Ipswich), STURROCK (Dundee U.), McCLUSKEY (Celtic), JOHNSTONE (Rangers).

WINGERS
ROBERTSON (Notts F.), PROVAN (Celtic), COOPER (Rangers), GRAHAM (Leeds).

RALLY ROUND FOR SANDY

THERE are still tickets available for the Sandy Jardine Testimonial Rally Show, at the Glasgow Kelvin Hall on May 30.

In what will be an entertaining evening the bill will be comedians Mr Abie, Hector Nicol and Ben Gunn, singer, Young Diane, Stag Party, Dickie Gibb and the Rangers Bank.

Tickets, price £1.50, are available from the Rangers Souvenir Shop, Copland Road; Alex McGregors Budokan, 89 Candleriggs; and the Rangers' Supporters' Association Social Club, Edmiston Drive; all Glasgow. Ticket for the original date are still valid.

TENNENT'S T LAGER

Up to Date

SUNDAY

Airdrie striker Sandy Clark is awarded Scotland's 'Player's Player of the Year' at the footballers' annual dinner in Glasgow. St. Mirren's Frank McAvennie is voted 'Young Player of the Year'.

WEDNESDAY

Joe Harper quits as player-manager of Peterhead — two weeks after taking them to second place in the Highland League. The former Aberdeen and Scotland striker accuses club officials of "renaging on financial promises" for his departure.

Dons international midfield star Gordon Strachan suffers a broken nose in the 2-0 win over St. Mirren.

The TV war which threatened to hit coverage of the Scottish Cup Final and the Scotland v England match is called off following talks between the Players Union and their broadcasting counterparts.

Supporters lose out

● **ARMADALE RSC narrowly lost to Weir's Recreation Club in last week's semi-final of the Scotsport Quiz. Armadale lost by 30 points to 27.**

Davie set to name 16

Ibrox youth coach Davie Provan will announce his pool of 16 youngstes tomorrow for next week's Croix International Festival tournament.

In the French tournament Rangers' who are the holders, will meet PSV Eindhoven and Nice in their sectional matches.

MIDWEEK RESULTS

TUESDAY. — STIRLINGSHIRE CUP FINAL: Alloa 1, Dumbarton 1 (Alloa won 4-3 on penalties). AYRSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL: Kilmarnock 2, Ayr United 1.

WEDNESDAY. — PREMIER LEAGUE: St. Mirren 0, Aberdeen 2. EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP FINAL: Barcelona 2, Standard Liege 1. FIFE CUP FINAL: Dunfermline 2, Cowdenbeath 1. SECOND XI CUP FINAL: Aberdeen 2, Celtic 1.

THURSDAY. — GLASGOW CUP FINAL: Celtic 2, Rangers 1.

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YOUR POOLS CHECK

POOL ONE: 15 possibles, 21 goals. 13 winners each receive £2,155.54.

Winning combinations: 10, 17, 26 with two from 05, 22, 27, 35, 37, 38.

POOL TWO (second best): 12 possibles, 5 goals. 10 winners each receive £100.

Winning combinations: 25, with three from 01, 20, 38, 41 and one from 14, 23, 33.

POOL THREE: 1 possible, 15 goals. One winner receives £1,000. N. A. Ashmore, 42 Highcroft Avneue, G44.

POOL FOUR: 5 possibles, 28 goals. Two winners each receive £500.

Winning combinations: 05, 10, 17, 35 with one from 25, 26, 36, 39, 42.

POOL FIVE: 21 possibles, 2 goals. 15 winners each receive £66.66.

Winning combinations: 14, 23, 33 with two from 02, 03, 07, 11, 13, 19, 28.

POOL SIX: 1 possible, 19 goals.

One winner receives £2,000. A. Clark, Canalside, Fort Augustus.

● **The Agents' Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £1,800.**

Just capital!

RANGERS' fans who are programme collectors may be interested in a programme fair being held in Edinburgh later this month.

It is being held on May 30 at the Playhouse Theatre and it will be the third such venture. In addition to the large stock of match magazines which will be on sale from dealers as far apart as London and Aberdeen, there will also be a special exhibition of rare football souvenirs.

Admission is 30 pence for adults and 15 pence for children.

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