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AFTER lengthy negotiations, pop superstar Rod Stewart has finally agreed to hold one of his summer concerts at Ibrox.

But although some newspapers jumped the gun last week by announcing the Ibrox date as July, the concert will be held in JUNE.

June 18 is the date and, although some matters have still to be finalised, the Ibrox open air show will be his one and only Scottish date on what will be an extensive European tour.

Talks

Ibrox secretary Campbell Ogilvie has already had a number of meetings with Rod's promoters and, in fact, will be in London next Monday (April 18) for further talks about the performance.

The crowd limit will be approximately 30,000 and spectators will be accommodated in the Copland Road, Broomloan Road and Govan stands. In addition, there will be arrangements for 6500 on the playing field.

The stage will be set up over the enclosure and fans will be separated from the performer by crush barriers with stewards in attendance to make sure spectators stay behind them.

FOOTNOTE: This is NOT the first time a pop concert has been held at the Stadium. In the early 1960's, Louis Armstrong held a show there.

Testimonial date

RANGERS have agreed to play another testimonial match. It will take place on Sunday, April 24, and will be for Benburb players' Alastair Edminston and Alastair Marshall.

The Light Blues have always had a good relationship with the Tinto Park club and are delighted to get this opportunity to show their appreciation to the Bens for willingly lending Rangers the use of their ground for youth matches.

ROD'S JUNE DATE

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HOTTEST PLACE IN TOWN!

FOUR Rangers players attended the opening of a new pub last Thursday. Pictured from left to right, are Kenny Black, David McPherson, Ally Dawson and Robert Prytz with Miss Stella Artois.

The Devil's Advocate, Custom House Quay, Clyde Street, Glasgow was opened in style with several Celtic players, including Danny McGrain and Charlie Nicholas, also attending.

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

CAMPBELL'S REST DAY ...RUNNING 26 MILES!

Midweek Results

WEDNESDAY: EUROPEAN CUP (semi-final 1st leg): Juventus 2, Widzew Lodz 0; Real Sociedad 1, S.V. Hamburg 1. **EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP (semi-finals 1st leg):** Aberdeen 5, Waterschel 1; Austria 2, Real Madrid 2. **U.E.F.A. CUP (semi-final 1st leg):** Bohemians 0, Anderlecht 1; Benfica 0, Univ Craiova 0. **Premier Division:** Celtic 2, Dundee United 0. **Division One:** Hearts 2, Queen's Park 0; Partick Thistle 1, Falkirk 1. **Reserve League:** Ayr 1, Morton 2.

SUNDAY is normally a rest day for most people who are employed by football clubs.

But Ibrox secretary **CAMPBELL OGILVIE** won't be sitting back and taking it easy. Instead, his weekend 'breather' will see him donning running shorts and vest . . . in an attempt to run 26 MILES.

He is flying down to London on Saturday evening to take part in the city's marathon the following day. He's not just running for the fun (????) of it, however.

Money

A number of people have sponsored the Ibrox secretary and all the money he raises will go towards the fund of the Red Cross. One of his sponsors is Glasgow Lord Provost, Dr **MICHAEL KELLY** and he has agreed to back Campbell to the tune of £10 a mile. That's £260 if Campbell completes the course!

"I've been in training since December and running about five miles a night. I'm hoping I'll finish, but whatever mileage I clock up on Sunday I'll do better than last year," he says.

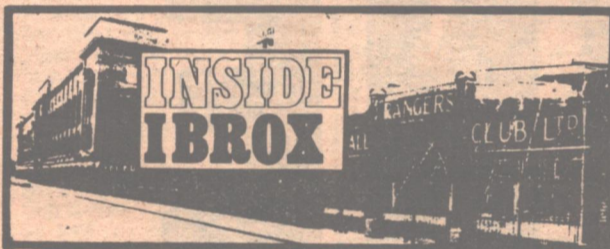
"Then I had to pull out because the Sandy Jardine Testimonial was fixed up for the same day."

Campbell will be cutting things a bit fine for his Saturday night departure. He is booked on the 6.15 p.m. shuttle, so he'll be hoping there's no delay to Saturday's Cup kick-off.

DAVE MacKINNON travelled north to Elgin last week to collect the 'Player of the Year' trophy from the local club. He also accepted the 'Young Player of the Year' award on behalf of **ANDREW KENNEDY**.

Another of Rangers teams has joined the first and second XI in the semi-final of Cup tournaments.

The Light Blues' representatives on Radio Clyde's Kick-Off quiz marched into the last



four with a resounding victory over Dumbarton recently.

The team, who took the winner's trophy last season, is **BOBBY RUSSELL**, and three members of Rangers Supporters' clubs, **ALLAN MUNRO**, (Tradeston), **TOMMY BLACKBURN** (Helen Street) and **ALLAN OTTLEY** (Govan).

Rangers were saddened to hear of the death last week of Eddie Howson. Mr. Howson had been the Ibrox night-watchman for the last four years and the Club extends its sympathy to his wife and family.



MARATHON MAN . . . Campbell Ogilvie gets in some extra training at Ibrox last week in preparation for the London Marathon.

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TELLY AND RADIO GUIDE

Television

FRIDAY: SPORTS EXTRA (STV 6.30 p.m.). Graham Stuart previews the weekend's action.

SATURDAY: FOOTBALL FOCUS (BBC 1 12.20 p.m.). Bob Wilson on English football and Archie McPherson on Scottish.

ON THE BALL (STV 12.45 p.m.). Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves with their double act.

SCOTSPORT (STV 10.30 p.m.). Highlights of the Cup semi-finals in Scotland and England.

SUNDAY: SPORTSCENE (BBC 1 4 p.m.). Dougie Donnelly presents the semi-final action from Scotland and England.

Radio

WEDNESDAY: MIDWEEK SCOREBOARD (Radio Clyde 8 p.m.). Comprehensive coverage of tonight's sport.

SATURDAY: SUPER SCOREBOARD '83 (Radio Clyde 2.03). Richard Park with live commentary of one of the day's Cup semi-finals.

SPORTSOUND (Radio Scotland 2.55). Brian Marjoribanks with coverage of the day's action and live commentary on a semi-final.

SPORT ON TWO (1.30 p.m. Radio Ewo): Commentary on an English Cup semi-final.

SPORTS BRIEF (Radio Clyde 8.00). Paul Cooney with the sports headlines.

MONDAY: KICK-OFF (Radio Clyde 7.05). Ayr v Partick Thistle in the third quarter-final of the football quiz.



● **TOM FORSYTH**

● Fans who were unable to get to the Tom Forsyth Testimonial match, but would like a copy of the programme can now buy one from the Rangers Shop. Price is 50 pence plus 15 postage.

ALL YOUR CUP CLUB NOTES

HELEN STREET: Bus v St Mirren leaves club, 2 p.m. Seats available.

ROSS-SHIRE: Bus v St Mirren leaves Tain at 7.00. Dinner dance tickets now on sale. Phone Invergordon 852512.

VISCOUNT INN (RENFREW): Bus v St Mirren leaves at 2 p.m. Non-members welcome.

PLEAN: Bus v St Mirren leaves Torwoodlea Hotel, 1.00; Plean, 1.15; Bannockburn, 1.20; St Ninians, 1.25; Denny Cross, 1.35. Non-members welcome. Dance tickets now available.

KINNING PARK: Liverpool, May 7, seats available. Easter Road. Bus same day will leave 12.30 for Hibs game. Wembley, June 1, bus leaves 8 a.m., arrive London, 4.30 p.m. Returns 1 a.m. All details phone 041 429 5578 or 041 427 1389.

CUMBERNAULD: Bus v St Mirren leaves the Tryst Sports Centre, 1.30; Mallard, 1.35 Non-members welcome. Those travelling to Liverpool must pay deposits this week.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Minibus leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn, 1.30 p.m. Dance ticket money now due.

WEST END TRUE BLUES: Scottish Cup semi-final. There will be two double deckers for this match, one leaving from the West End and the other from the East End. Seats, phone 884 6789.

ST ANDREW'S (DRUMCHAPEL): Bus v St Mirren leaves Cloan Avenue, 1.45 p.m. Seats, non-members. For pick-up points round scheme phone 944 9179.

COLIN McADAM: Bus for Scottish Cup Semi-final leaves Ibrox subway, 1.30. Non-members welcome.

FIFE: Bus v St Mirren leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy, 12.00 picking up at Milton House, Burntisland and Ex-Servicemen's club, Rosyth.

NITHSDALE: Bus v St Mirren leaves Torrisdale Street, 2 p.m. picking up at Devon Street Orange halls, 2.15. Bus to Wales, balance to be paid as soon as possible. For details phone Brian Craig 881 5674.

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RANGERS are joining the video boom.

The Light Blues have decided to make a video, telling the history of the club since its formation in 1873 and including highlights of numerous big matches over the years.

Plans for the film are very much at early stage, so there is no chance of it being available much before the end of the year, although it will probably be on the market in time for Christmas.

Highlights

The film will last 90 minutes and will be in documentary style. Highlights of famous matches will almost certainly include the 1945 classic against Moscow Dynamo at Ibrox, the Cup-Winners' Cup Final in 1972 against the same club and also highlights from each of Rangers'

Now it's the Light Blues' video show

four "treble" winning seasons.

No price has been fixed as yet, but we'll keep you in touch about future developments.

● The Home Championships are to revert to the old system of staggered fixtures.

The Scotland v England match at Hampden in 1984 will be played on Saturday, May 26. The first match of the series will be played in Belfast, Scotland meeting the Irish on December 13 of this year.

Two months later, the Scots will play host to Wales on February 28.

THE Rangers match-day magazine has won another award.

It has just been voted Scotland's Most Colourful Programme by the British magazine, Programme Monthly.

And it is the EIGHTH award the publication has won since the award scheme was launched in season 1973-74.

Colourful

In 1977-78 it was the best designed programme after having been voted the best designed cover the previous season. It was Premier League programme of the Year in 1977-78.

In the first year of the awards it collected the most colourful programme title and in four of the last five seasons it has won the same award. Only Aberdeen in 1980-81 broke the sequence.

Another award for Rangers' programme

● Meanwhile, fans might be interested in purchasing a publication just recently put on the market.

It is called 'Scottish Historian' and carries a four page article on Rangers clean sweep triumph in season 1929-30.

In addition, there is a full list of all the players who have played European ties for the club.

The magazine, priced 60 pence plus 15½p postage, can be bought from Scottish Football Historian, c/o 34 Coldstream Drive, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 3LM.

IT WAS a week of mixed fortunes for Rangers young striker Andrew Kennedy last week.

On Tuesday morning he took charge of the 'Young Player of the Year' trophy from the Elgin Rangers Supporters Club. It had been collected by Dave MacKinnon the previous weekend, Davie had travelled to the Highland town to receive his own 'Player of the Year' award from the club and accepted Andy's award as well.

Treatment

Then, on Wednesday morning, Andy learned he had won his first ever 'Player of the Year' trophy, having been chosen by the Cumnock RSC.

The following day,

The ups and downs of Andy Kennedy

though, he was brought back to earth when he suffered a pulled muscle in training, forcing him to report for treatment. Fortunately, the reserves didn't have a match on Saturday so he didn't miss a game.

Joining Andy on the treatment table was John Davies who had a knee injury.

● Other 'Player of the Year' news, Jim Bett has been named top man by the Clydebank RSC and the midfielder star has also won the vote of the Kirhill True Blues.

Kenny Black is their 'Young Player of the Year'.

FERGIE'S TARGET

ERIC FERGUSON found the scoring touch again against Hamilton Accies two weeks ago — and promptly set himself a goal target for the end of the season.

After being sidelined since December with a knee and ligaments injury, Fergie returned to the reserve team when he made a substitute's appearance in the Reserve League Cup Final against Dundee United.

Three games later, Eric grabbed his first hat-trick in a Rangers jersey as the colts tore Hamilton apart by seven goals to two. Those goals took his total for the season to 11 — and now he's looking for nine more before 1982-83 is over.

Injury

"If I score 15 goals, the same as I got last season, I'll be happy. However, I have set myself a target of 20 goals. At the most, we have got eight reserve matches left, so I might manage it.

"Even if I do it has still been a terribly disappointing season for me. The injury could not have come at a worse time — if I'd been fit around Christmas, I might have got a first team chance."

Some of Fergie's gloom has been lifted by his performance in recent weeks. In addition to his debut hat-trick, he has picked up 'man of the match' nominations against St Mirren and Hamilton.

Cheered

"That has certainly cheered me up a bit and the hat-trick really made me feel good.

"The first goal was the best one. I made a run from quite a deep position and finished it off by netting. The other two were not so spectacular, but just as pleasing. The first was a tap-in and the last was a header.

"Although I have now reached full fitness, I've still got to get back a lot of my sharpness in and around the box. Still, all things considered, things are turning out okay — at last."



● THREE OF THE BEST ... Eric Ferguson celebrates his first hat-trick for Rangers — and hopes to add to the 11 goals he's scored this season.

Scott's out to better Scott!



● SCOTT FRASER

RESERVE defender Scott Fraser, signed from Haddington Athletic a month ago, is already taking steps to improve his game.

The 20-year-old right back, who has already made several appearances in the second eleven, returned to Ibrox in the afternoon last week after normal morning training.

"I came in to improve my heading ability and my use of the ball with the left foot. You should always be looking to improve your game and this was a good chance to do that."

All in all, Ibrox was a busy place every day last week. Because of the Easter holidays the club's 'S' forms were in for extra training.

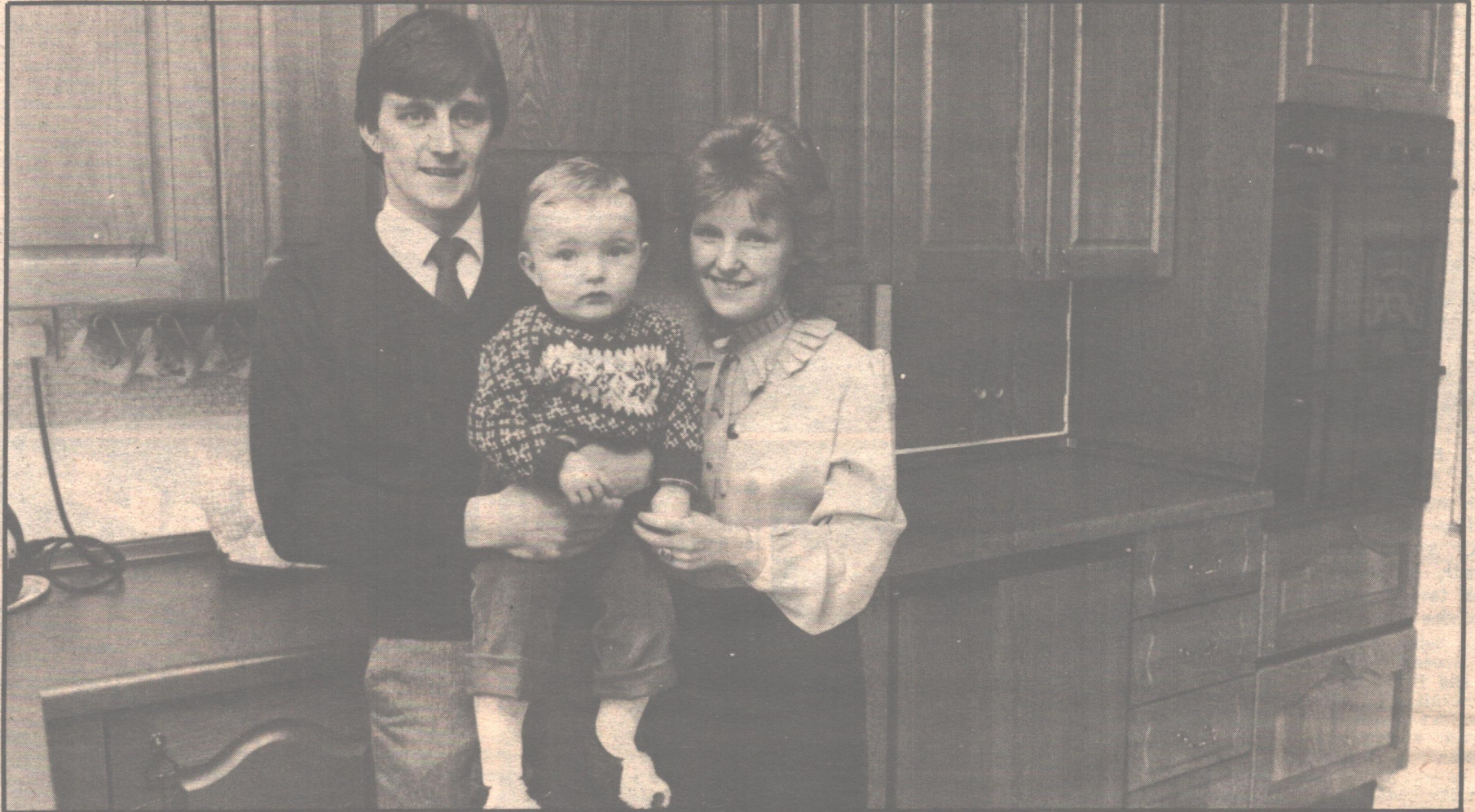
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MASTERLY RANGERS

Three wins in five days

5 years ago

SOUTH African Gary Player added another golfing title to his impressive collection this week five years ago when he narrowly beat Hubert Green in the US Masters in sunny Augusta.

Back in breezy Scotland, Rangers were the masters as they won three matches in five days at Kilbowie, Ibrox and Tannadice. Saturday, April 15 saw the Light Blues travel to face Clydebank in a Premier League fixture.

Victory was essential if Rangers were to keep up with Aberdeen in the race for the league flag and deadly Derek Johnstone turned on the style in the second half to send the Ibrox fans home happy.

After a goalless first 45 minutes, DJ gave his side the lead six minutes after the restart. A Tommy McLean cross was controlled and flicked across goal by Davie Cooper and Derek was on hand to head home from ten yards.

Although the Light Blues never looked like losing, it took them until the 81st minute to seal the points.

Trouble

A Davie Cooper corner on the left was nodded back across goal by Johnny Hamilton and laid into the path of Johnstone by Colin Jackson. The centre-forward had no trouble prodding the ball into the net from close range.

The line-ups:-
CLYDEBANK: Gallacher, Gourlay, Abel, Fallon, Hall, Houston, O'Brien, McCormack, McColl, Lumsden, Colgan. Sub: McNaughton (for O'Brien).
RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper. Subs: Parlane (for Smith) and Hamilton (for Russell).

Aberdeen also kept on course in the Top Ten race as they crushed Motherwell 5-0 at Pittodrie. Dundee United and Hibs, meanwhile, both sustained their challenges for European places. United beat Ayr 1-0 at Tannadice and the Edinburgh side defeated Celtic 4-1 at Easter Road.

Twenty-four hours later, 65,000 fans crammed into Ibrox to honour the services of Rangers club captain John Greig. The Ibrox skipper had made a record breaking 494th league ap-

LIGHT BLUE LOOK BACK

pearance for the Club against Clydebank the previous day and he had further cause to celebrate as Rangers defeated a Scottish select 5-0.

It was an emotional occasion and Greig capped it off by scoring two of the Light Blues' goals. Bobby Russell also grabbed a double with Derek Johnstone getting the other.

It was success all the way for Rangers as the week drew to a close. Derek Johnstone was awarded the Scottish Football Writers 'Player of the Year' award and on Wednesday, April 19, he celebrated the prize with his 38th goal of the season.

It was the only goal of the game as Rangers faced Dundee United at Tannadice and it took the Light Blues one point ahead of Aberdeen in the Premier League.

Delight

It came after 16 minutes when, to the delight of the Rangers contingent in the 17,293 crowd, a cross from John Greig was superbly headed past Hamish McAlpine by DJ.

The line-ups:-
DUNDEE UNITED: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Robinson, Bourke, Stewart, Payne. Subs: Kirkwood (for Robinson) and Dodds (for Bourke).
RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, Watson, McLean, Rus-



● SUPER SKIPPER . . . John Greig blasts home his own second and Rangers fifth goal against Scotland at Ibrox in his testimonial match five years ago.

How they stood

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1976							
Rangers	34	22	7	5	71	38	51
Aberdeen	34	21	8	5	63	28	50
Hibernian	34	15	6	13	50	40	36
Dundee Utd	32	14	8	10	34	24	36
Motherwell	34	13	7	14	45	43	33
Celtic	33	14	5	14	56	48	33
1958							
Hearns	33	28	4	1	130	28	60
Celtic	32	18	7	7	78	44	43
Rangers	25	18	5	3	75	39	41
Partick	32	17	3	13	68	69	37
Clyde	29	16	4	9	76	55	36
Kilnock	32	13	8	11	57	53	34
1933							
Rangers	36	24	10	2	108	41	58
Motherwell	35	25	4	6	105	50	54
Hearns	37	20	8	9	82	50	48
Celtic	36	19	8	9	73	40	46
St Jhnst	36	16	10	10	67	53	42
Hamilton	36	18	6	12	88	72	42

sell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

Away from football, two showbusiness stars were in the news for different reasons. Scots comedian Billy Connolly revealed he would be appearing alongside Richard Burton in a new film called 'Absolution'.

Meanwhile, extrovert pop star and disc jockey Jonathan King revealed he would be standing for Parliament in the forthcoming Epsom by-election as a 'Royalist' candidate.

Diane Keaton was starring in 'Looking For Mr Goodbar' at the ABC and Blue Oyster Cult were appearing live on stage at the Glasgow Apollo.

PITTODRIE STALEMATE

PROFESSOR Albert Einstein announced his plans to make a tour of Britain this week in 1933. The visit would include lectures at Oxford and Glasgow Universities.

In Scotland, it was Scottish Cup Final day on Saturday, April 15, but while Celtic and Motherwell battled it out for the trophy at Hampden, Rangers travelled to Pittodrie to face Aberdeen in a League fixture.

A good crowd of 22,000 turned out for the encounter and they saw the Light Blues end up with their fifth successive

50 years ago

drawn match at Pittodrie

After Jimmy Fleming had hit the bar, however, Rangers went into a lead that looked as though it would turn into a convincing victory. The Light Blues were all over the Dons and in the 37th minute their reward came.

A cross from Sandy Archibald found Jimmy Fleming, who nodded the ball down to Jimmy Smith. The centre forward knocked the ball past his namesake in the Aberdeen goal, but was injured in the process.

This seemed to upset

the Light Blues' rhythm and, although Smith resumed after the break, the Dons fought their way back into the match and in the 55th minute grabbed the equaliser.

Champagne

A pass from Johnston found Armstrong, who crashed the ball against the bar. Before the Ibrox defence could clear the ball, Johnston rushed in to head home the rebound.

RANGERS: Dawson; Gray, McDonald; Meilkejohn, Simpson, Brown; Archibald, Marshall, Smith, McPhail, Fleming.

Celtic took the Scottish Cup, beating Motherwell by the only goal of the game, while in Division Two Hibs were also getting the champagne out. Their 1-0 home win against Dumbarton ensured them of the championship.

South of the border, Highbury was in high spirits as Arsenal beat Portsmouth 2-0 to win the First Division championship. It was to be the first of a triple success for Herbert Chapman's side.

Transfer

Rangers Reserves, meanwhile, lost their chance of league glory. Their 2-1 defeat at home to Queens Park Strollers meant the Reserve League flag would fly at Pittodrie.

Ranger Sam English also hit the headlines. He was the subject of a rumoured transfer bid by Liverpool, although the Anfield club would not confirm their interest in the Light Blues' striker.

Off the field, Lee Tracy and Mary Brian were starring in 'Blessed Event' at the Grand Central Cinema.

BOBBY DAZZLER

CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer, Mr Heathcot Amory, announced his budget to mixed response this week 25 years ago, saying further recession was unlikely.

The following day, Wednesday, April 16, Rangers met Raith Rovers at Ibrox and the Light Blues kept up their challenge on Celtic for second spot in the First Division.

Johnny Hubbard gave the 16,000 crowd something to cheer about in only the second minute when, after a Ralph Brand corner had been cleared he crashed the ball into the net from the edge of the penalty area. It was a dream start, but Rangers failed to cash in on their superiority immediately.

Attempt

The Kirkcaldy side, in fact, were level again after 25 minutes. Following a corner, Bobby Shearer hooked the ball past his own keeper in an attempt to clear the ball.

Rangers regained their lead before half-time, however. In the 43rd minute, Johnny Hubbard sped down the left and his perfectly timed cross was headed home from ten yards by Max Murray.

Nine minutes into the second-half, the Light Blues took a 3-1 lead. Sammy Baird, who was in outstanding form throughout the match, played the ball to Jimmy Millar and the inside-right slammed the ball home from 20 yards.

25 Years Ago

Sixty seconds later, it was all over as a contest when Max Murray was again on hand to head a Ralph Brand cross past the helpless Drummond from close range.

The line-ups:
RANGERS: Ritchie, Shearer, Caldwell, McColl, Telfer, Baird, Brand, Millar, Murray, Davis, Hubbard.
RAITH ROVERS: Drummond, Pollard, Lockerbie, Young, McNaught, Leigh, McEwan, Kerray, Kelly, Baxter, McMillan.

Other results that evening included Hearts 4-0 defeat of Aberdeen at Pittodrie and Queen of the South's shock 4-3 win against Celtic at Palmerston Park. Clyde stayed fifth in the league with a 3-2 home win over Kilmarnock.

Faith

The following Saturday saw 127,857 people flock to Hampden for Scotland's annual clash against England. Rangers were represented in the Scots side by Ian McColl, who would have been joined by Eric Caldwell had the full-back not had to pull out through injury.

The English were favourites and they justified the bookies' faith in them with a crushing 4-0 win. In the 22nd minute they took the lead when Douglas headed a Bobby Charlton free-kick past Tommy Younger.

Thirteen minutes later, it was 2-0 to England when Kevan accepted a Douglas pass and crashed the ball in off the post.

A young in-form Bobby Charlton, making his debut, sealed the Scots' fate in the 66th minute when he latched on to a Tom Finney pass and sent a stunning first time volley past the bewildered Younger.

Eight minutes later, the rout was completed when Kevan twisted and turned inside the disorganised Scottish defence and squeezed the ball home from a narrow angle.

Cartoon

The line-ups:
SCOTLAND: Younger, Parker, Haddock, McColl, Evans, Docherty, Herd, Murray, Mudie, Forrest, Ewing.
ENGLAND: Hopkinson, Howe, Langley, Clayton, Wright, Slater, Douglas, Charlton, Kevan, Hayes, Finney.

In England, Wolves took the First Division Championship as they defeated Preston North End 2-0 at Molineux. Preston were second and Spurs 3-1 victory at Leicester gave them third spot.

Meanwhile, a cartoon character called Andy Capp was making his first appearance in the pages of the Scottish press. A course and test at the ABC school of motoring was £2.10s.0d and they promised to teach you in a week.

At the Gaumont Cinema, Glasgow, Anna Magnani, Anthony Quinn and Anthony Franciosa were starring in 'Wild Is The Wind'.

IBROX HEADM



● CRACKER . . . Ian Redford heads in a great 20th minute equaliser after a cross from McClelland. McLeish, who scored Aberdeen's goal, and Miller are the Dons players.



● DEJECTED . . . Jim Leighton picks the ball out of the net while Ian is congratulated in the background.



● DELIGHTED . . . Jim Bett acclaims his winning goal four minutes from time.



● PAINFUL . . . Craig Paterson grimaces in this challenge.

MASTERS

Greig's tactics give the Dons a lesson

ON NUMEROUS occasions this season, Rangers have created a multitude of chances and yet gained no reward for their efforts. On Saturday the situation was reversed.

Aberdeen were the side who made most opportunities, but Rangers were the team who took the points.

They did so because of two well taken headed goals and a tactical plan that worked to perfection.

Ibrox boss John Greig watched the Dons impressive 5-1 Cup-Winners' Cup victory over Waterschei in midweek and he knew the Pittodrie men's strength was in midfield.

To counteract that threat he fielded four players in his midfield line-up, with the result that Gordon Strachan, Dougie Bell, Neil Simpson and Neale Cooper created few clear cut chances for the visiting team.

Then, when the teams came out for the second half, the Rangers manager made another important change. He brought on Davie Cooper for John Macdonald, pushing Jim Bett up into a striking role.

Hit

It was Davie Cooper who started the move for the club's winning goal — AND IT WAS JIM BETT WHO SCORED IT!

That was in the 86th minute and Aberdeen didn't have time to hit back. Yet, in truth, they shouldn't have had to.

Peter McCloy made four great saves, keeping his team in the match and enabling them to go on to clinch victory.

● In the 38th minute he brilliantly turned a point blank Bell shot over the bar.

● In the 41st minute he used his knees to stop McGhee as the striker raced clear.

● In the 58th minute he again saved from the same player after McGhee had skilfully edged past three defenders.

● In the 70th minute he was diving down again, stopping a certain Cooper scoring shot, although Davie McPherson had to step in to clear as McGhee moved in.

McPherson's presence at that time no surprise, however. He seemed to be everywhere. In short, he was in magnificent form.

Not surprisingly, the youngster was involved in Rangers first goal in the 20th minute.

Superb

McLeish had given Aberdeen the lead with a header five minutes beforehand and Redford's equaliser was superb, albeit a great reward for Rangers' first real attack.

McPherson started the move with a long pass to McClelland who made ground down the left before crossing to Redford. The midfielder player, racing in, sent a glancing header into the far corner of the net.

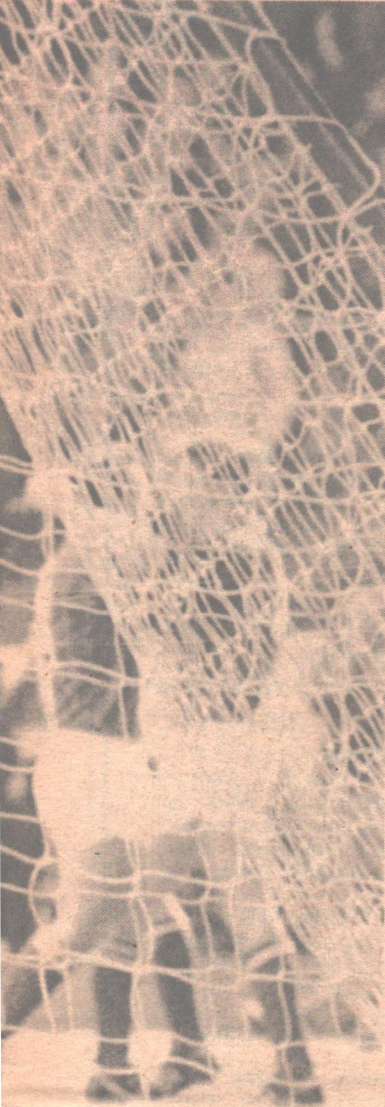
In terms of possession, the teams were probably equal over the rest of the 90-minutes, but Aberdeen's attempts to be over elaborate at times saw them miss numerous chances and that cost them dearly.

IT'S A LESSON RANGERS HAVE HAD TO LEARN PAINFULLY. SATURDAY SAW ABERDEEN TAUGHT THE SAME LESSON.

RANGERS 2, ABERDEEN 1
 Scorers: Rangers — Redford (20), Bett (86); Aberdeen — McLeish (20). Att. 19,800.
RANGERS: McCloy, Dawson, McClelland, McPherson, Paterson, Bett, Russell, MacKinnon, Clark, Redford, MacDonald. Subs: Cooper (for MacDonald) and Dalziel (for Russell).
ABERDEEN: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Cooper, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Bell, Weir. Subs: Black (for Weir) and McMaster (for Rougvie).



● HOWZAT . . . Doug Rougvie appears to be admiring Jim Bett's first half touchline run.



net after Redford's goal, John Macdonald.



h Alex McLeish.



● MARKED . . . Ibrox star Davie McPherson gets in an important tackle on Mark McGhee.



Scoreboard

All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	31	22	5	4	77	30	49
Dundee Utd	31	19	8	4	73	32	46
Aberdeen	30	20	4	6	60	24	44
Rangers	31	10	12	9	41	34	32
St Mirren	31	8	11	12	37	44	27
Dundee	31	8	10	13	38	46	26
Hibernian	30	6	13	11	33	42	25
Motherwell	31	10	4	17	36	61	24
Morton	31	6	8	17	30	63	20
Kilmarnock	31	3	9	19	25	74	15

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hearts	34	20	7	7	67	32	47
St. Johnstone	34	22	3	9	54	35	47
Clydebank	34	18	8	8	63	43	44
Partick	34	17	9	8	58	39	43
Airdrie	34	14	6	14	56	40	34
Alloa	34	12	9	13	45	48	33
Raith	34	13	6	15	55	48	32
Dumbarton	34	11	9	14	45	51	31
Falkirk	34	13	5	16	35	46	31
Clyde	34	13	4	17	48	56	30
Hamilton	34	9	10	15	47	61	28
Ayr	34	10	8	16	36	52	28
Dunfermline	34	6	14	14	33	63	26
Queen's Park	34	6	10	18	41	69	22

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brechin	34	19	10	5	72	35	48
Meadowbank	33	20	6	7	57	39	46
Arbroath	34	18	6	10	67	42	42
Forfar	34	15	11	8	51	34	41
East Fife	34	14	9	11	57	38	37
Stirling Albion	34	13	10	11	46	41	36
Queen of South	34	14	7	13	65	53	35
Cowdenbeath	33	12	10	11	48	46	34
Berwick	34	12	9	13	43	53	33
Albion Rovers	33	11	6	16	47	57	28
Stranraer	33	10	6	17	44	67	26
Stenhousemuir	34	6	13	15	39	56	25
Montrose	34	8	5	21	35	75	21
E Stirling	34	6	8	20	35	70	20

Highland League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Caley	25	20	5	0	83	16	65
Borra	23	15	4	4	56	25	49
Fraserburgh	26	14	6	6	50	30	48
Peterhead	26	14	5	7	63	44	47
Keith	24	12	8	4	44	32	44
Thistle	23	13	1	9	47	41	40
Elgin	22	12	4	6	46	24	40
Clach	25	11	6	8	68	60	39
Ross	24	12	2	10	60	54	38
Nairn	28	10	4	14	55	61	34
Buckle	27	7	7	13	47	60	28
Forres	27	8	3	16	39	75	27
Huntly	25	7	3	15	48	71	24
Deveronvale	27	3	11	13	40	60	20
Roths	26	4	4	18	33	68	16
Lossiemouth	26	1	5	20	23	81	8

Reserve League (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	10	8	2	0	37	10	18
St Mirren	10	6	1	3	23	15	13
Kilmrnk	12	6	1	5	23	22	13
Rangers	7	6	0	1	21	6	12
Airdrie	11	4	2	5	17	23	10
Clydebank	11	3	4	4	17	23	10
Ayr Utd	10	4	1	5	16	16	9
Morton	9	3	2	4	19	21	8
Motherwll	10	2	4	4	12	14	8
Hamilton	9	3	2	4	12	22	8
Partick	10	2	3	5	9	19	7
Queens Pk	9	2	2	5	10	16	6
Dumbarton	10	1	4	5	12	21	6

Reserve League (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee U.	9	7	0	2	18	7	14
Aberdeen	9	6	1	2	16	7	13
Cowdnbth	11	5	3	3	26	18	13
Dundee	11	5	3	3	24	19	13
Arbroath	12	4	4	4	19	18	12
Hibs	8	3	1	4	15	17	7
St Johnstn	6	2	2	2	7	12	6
Raith	10	1	4	5	12	19	6
Dunfermlne	7	2	1	4	5	9	5
East Fife	9	1	1	7	5	21	3

First team scorers

Jim Bett's winning goal on Saturday was his ninth of the season, while Ian Redford's goal was his fourth this term.

The full table is:

John MacDonald	20
Derek Johnstone	11
Davie Cooper	9
Robert Prytz	9
Jim Bett	9
Gordon Dalziel	7
Craig Paterson	7
Andy Kennedy	4
John McClelland	4
Ian Redford	4
David McPherson	2
Bobby Russell	1
Dave McKinnon	1
Kenny Black	1
Sandy Clark	1
Tom Forsyth	1
Own Goals	3

Reserve scorers

Andrew Kennedy	21
Douglas Robertson	20
Eric Ferguson	11
Gordon Dalziel	6
Billy Davies	6
Billy Mackay	6
David McPherson	5
Derek Johnstone	5
Kenny Lyall	4
Alex Miller	3
Gregor Stevens	3
Bobby Russell	3
Colin McAdam	2
Derek Ferguson	2
Robert Fleck	2
Davie Cooper	2
Andy Willock	1
Robert Prytz	1
Own goals	1

This week's games

TONIGHT (WED.)
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION
 Meadowbank v Stranraer

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL
 Rangers v St Mirren, Celtic v Aberdeen.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION
 Morton v Hibernian

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE
 Airdrie v Raith, Alloa v Ayr United, Clyde v St Johnstone, Dumbarton v Hamilton, Dunfermline v Queens Park, Hearts v Clydebank, Partick v Falkirk.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO
 Albion Rovers v Meadowbank, Arbroath v Brechin, East Stirling v Queen of the South, Forfar v Cowdenbeath, Montrose v Stenhousemuir, Stirling Albion v East Fife, Stranraer v Berwick.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

FA CUP SEMI-FINALS
 Brighton v Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United v Arsenal.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE
 Aston Villa v West Bromwich, Coventry v Birmingham, Manchester City v West Ham United, Notts County v Luton, Southampton v Liverpool, Swansea v Stoke, Tottenham v Ipswich, Watford v Nottingham Forest.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO
 Blackburn v Crystal Palace, Cambridge v Shrewsbury, Carlisle v Burnley, Chelsea v Newcastle, Derby v Barnsley, Grimsby v Middlesbrough, Leeds United v Fulham, Leicester v Rotherham, Wolves v Bolton.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE
 Bradford v Millwall, Brentford v Walsall, Bristol Rovers v Preston, Chesterfield v Exeter, Doncaster v Oxford United, Lincoln v Wrexham, Newport v Portsmouth, Orient v Huddersfield, Plymouth v Sheffield United, Reading v Gilligham, Southend v Bournemouth, Wigan v Cardiff.

Now young Davie is leading two tables!



● JIM BETT . . . booking costs him a point.

IBROX youngster Davie McPherson is currently well clear of the pack in the second team table in the Rangers News/Clydesdale 'Player of the Year' award.

And on Saturday he moved in front in the FIRST eleven table as well!

He was Rangers outstanding performer against Aberdeen and, not surprisingly, was named man of the match by manager John Greig.

That takes his points for the season to eight, three more than four other players. He is six points clear in the reserve table.

Jim Bett has one point deducted for being booked against the Dons.

The full tables are:

FIRST TEAM

Dave McPherson	8
David MacKinnon	5
John MacDonald	5
Ally Dawson	5
Davie Cooper	5
Andy Kennedy	3

John McClelland	3
Peter McCloy	3
Craig Paterson	3
Robert Prytz	3
Jim Bett	2
Bobby Russell	2
Gregor Stevens	2
Kenny Black	1

ORDERINGS OFF: John MacDonald, BOOKINGS: Smith, MacKinnon, MacDonald, Russell, Kennedy (3), Redford (3), Stevens, Black (2), Bett (4), Dawson, McPherson, Cooper, Dalziel.

SECOND TEAM

David McPherson	13
Eric Ferguson	6
Derek Ferguson	6
Andy Kennedy	3
Billy Davies	3
Hugh Burns	3
Robert Fleck	3
Dougie Robertson	3
Kenny Lyall	2

ORDERINGS OFF: Kenny Black. **BOOKINGS:** McPherson (2), Kenny Lyall.



● DAVIE McPHERSON . . . leading first and second team tables.

Weekend Results

Dundee	0	Kilmarnock	0
Hibernian	0	Celtic	3
Motherwell	4	Morton	1
Rangers	2	Aberdeen	1
St. Mirren	1	Dundee U.	2

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr United	2	Dunfermline	3
Clyde	3	Alloa Ath.	3
Falkirk	0	Clydebank	2
Hamilton	0	Partick Th.	0
Queen's P.	4	Airdrie	3
Raith Rovers	0	Dumbarton	0
St. Johnstone	2	Hearts	1

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath	4	E. Stirling	0
Berwick R.	0	Stirling A.	3
Brechin C.	3	Albion R.	0
Cowdenbeath	2	Q.O.S.	3
Meadowbank	2	Montrose	0
Stenhousemuir	0	East Fife	2
Stranraer	1	Forfar A.	2

HIGHLAND LEAGUE

Borra Ran.	3	Huntly	1
Forres Mech.	2	Deveronvale	1
Fraserburgh	2	Nairn County	1
Keith	4	Buckle Th.	1
Lossiemouth	1	Peterhead	5
Roths	2	Inverness Th.	3

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This week's numbers

● Official list of teams for Saturday, April 16: 01, Blackpool; 02, Bury; 03, Morton; 04, Airdrie; 05, Manchester United; 06, Coventry; 07, Blackburn; 08, Cambridge United; 09, Bradford City; 10, Brentford; 11, Bristol Rovers; 12, Chester; 13, Alloa; 14, Manchester City; 15, Chelsea; 16, Chesterfield; 17, Doncaster; 18, Darlington; 19, Dumbarton; 20, Notts County; 21, Derby County; 22, Lincoln; 23, Newport; 24, Hereford; 25, Dunfermline; 26, Hearts; 27, Southampton; 28, Swansea; 29, Grimsby; 30, Leeds; 31, Orient; 32, Plymouth; 33, Mansfield; 34, Port Vale; 35, Aberdeen; 36, Rangers; 37, Tottenham; 38, Watford; 39, Leicester; 40, Wolves; 41, Reading; 42, Southend; 43, Rochdale; 44, Wigan.

● Winning numbers for Spaceshot competition number eight are:
 Picture A, 5pts-10 21, 4pts-09 21, 10 20, 10 22, 11 21; Spts-09 20, 09 22, 11 20, 11 22.
 Picture B, 5pts-05 36, 4pts-04 36, 05 35, 05 37, 06 36. Spts-04 35, 04 37, 06 35, 06 37. Highest score 10pts (5-5)-10 21 05 36.

**STAR
FILE**

DOUGLAS

ROBERTSON

BIRTHPLACE AND DATE: Torphichen, March 13, 1963.
HEIGHT AND WEIGHT: 5ft 10in, 11st 9lbs.
WHEN SIGNED: 1979.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Livingston Juniors.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Renault 18.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish.

FAVOURITE OTHER GROUND: Pittodrie.
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Denis Law.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The coaching staff at Ibrox.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: David McPherson in training.
HOBBIES: Driving, squash.
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: Sergeant Bilko.



● **LEFT: THE LAWMAN . . .** Denis Law, ex-Manchester United, Manchester City, Torino and Huddersfield. He was Dougie's childhood hero.

BIGGEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing in the first team.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not scoring for the first team.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Both Croix finals with youth side.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for the first team regularly and to be happy.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM/PLAYER: Norwich City/Willie Johnston (Hearts).

TASTE IN MUSIC: Shalamar, Diana Ross.
IF NOT A FOOTBALLER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE: Unemployed.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Princess Diana.
FAVOURITE FOOD/DRINK: Italian food/red wine.
LIKES: Pets, wildlife.
DISLIKES: Smoking, arrogant people.
FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.



● **ABOVE RIGHT: CUP HEROES . . .** Dougie and Eric Ferguson proudly show off the Croix Cup after their 1981 victory. Eric scored two of the Light Blues' five goals in the competition, while Dougie was the joint top marksman in the competition after netting the other three.

● **LEFT: WILLIE JOHNSTON . . .** Dougie's favourite other player. He is seen here in Rangers' colours in his second spell at Ibrox.
 ● **INSET LEFT:** Willie in his first spell at Ibrox.
 ● **RIGHT:** Douglas in his second last first team match . . . against St Mirren at Love Street in February.



**NEXT
WEEK: BILLY
MACKAY**



... plus pictures of a special day for six of our members



● SIGNING ON . . . Our six winners collect Jim Bett's autograph outside the stadium.

● TOUR DE IBROX . . . Alistair Gilbert tries out the racing bike in the Ibrox trophy room, presented to Rangers by St Etienne.



DREAM DAY!

"IT'S like a dream come true."

That's how 14-year-old Angela Gray described last week's day at Ibrox — and the five other winners of our Easter Competition were in complete agreement.

Six members of the Young Rangers Club turned up at Ibrox at around 9.30 a.m. and were treated to a day they will not forget in a hurry. The six were:-

Gordon Montgomery, aged seven, who attends netherpton Primary School in Glasgow.

Greg Watson, aged 10, who attends Woodpark Primary and lives in Lesmahagow.

John McEwing, aged 13, who is a pupil at Greenock Academy and lives in Gourock.

Angela Gray, aged 14, who attends James Hamilton Academy in Newfarm and lives in Kilmarnock.

Alistair Gilbert, aged 16, and a pupil at Stewarton Academy. Alistair lives in Dunlop.

Jean Frame, aged 17, who lives in Glenmavis and is currently working on a Youth Opportunities scheme.

To start their day, our winners were given a front row seat as the players were put through their paces on the Ibrox running track. As manager John Greig and coaches Joe Mason, Stan Anderson and Stuart Hogg supervised

sprints and jogs, the kids watched from the home dug-out.

Then, it was on to the Albion to watch the reserve side take on the 'S' forms in a practice match.

Next came what each of our winners wanted most — waiting the chance to meet their favourite players. In addition to getting the autographs of the whole first team squad, our super six had their photographs taken with their idols.

They were then given lunch in the directors' tea-room and completed their day with a visit round the super stadium.

So, it was six happy Rangers' supporters who left Ibrox at the end of a day which was, without a doubt, the highlight of their Easter holidays.



● EYES RIGHT . . . The super six take a seat in the Copland Road stand as the first team train on the running track.



● ABOVE RIGHT: SNAP HAPPY . . . Greg Watson shows off a photograph he has just taken, flanked by Gordon Montgomery (left) and John McEwing.

● LEFT: THUMBS UP . . . to the best seat in the house. From left to right, Alistair Gilbert, Gordon Montgomery, Greg Watson, John McEwing, Jean Frame and Angela Gray take a seat in the home dug-out.

● RIGHT: ALL SMILES . . . although young Gordon Montgomery seems a little unsure of himself as our winners pose beside Andrew Kennedy.



WE'LL WIN



SCOTTISH CUP SPOTLIGHT



Rangers v. St. Mirren

THIS TIME!

—Says Billy

No, you won't

PETER McCloy should take the field for his eighth Scottish Cup semi-final appearance this Saturday against St. Mirren at Parkhead.

It's a situation the big Rangers keeper did not think would arise — but now that he has retained the number one spot in the Ibrox line-up he's determined to help the Light Blues reach yet another Scottish Cup Final.

"We've got to give it all we've got to end our season on a high note and I'm sure we can do it. Although our form is not as good as it could be, I think we have a better team than St. Mirren.

"They have had some good results recently, at Parkhead and Pittodrie and now they are clear of their injury problems they are playing much better. It's going to be tough, but I think we'll get through."

Peter, like his opposite number in the St. Mirren goal, Billy Thomson, has been in tremendous form in recent weeks and every-

— says Peter

thing has gone right since he made his first team comeback in January.

He has kept five clean sheets for the club since then and has turned in some memorable performances, particularly those recently against Celtic and Dundee United.

"I'm very happy with the way I've been playing — I'm certainly being kept very busy. At the moment I'm just enjoying first team football again and taking each game as it comes."

This Saturday's match brings back memories of a match in 1934 for Peter. Rangers defeated St. Mirren 5-0 in the final of the Scottish Cup that year — and the man in the Love Street goal that afternoon was none other than Peter's father!

● On their way to this season's semi-finals, Rangers have scored six goals, against Falkirk, Forfar and Queen's Park.

THIS could be the season St Mirren become the brides instead of the bridesmaids — that's the confident message from Saints international goalkeeper Billy Thomson.

The Love Street number one has been in terrific form all season and has fought his way back into Jock Stein's Scotland plans. The big keeper still has harrowing memories of last season's semi-final matches when Saints failed against Rangers and Aberdeen.

"Those games were big disappointments for everyone at the club, and the Aberdeen one still rankles with me as a personal disaster. That cost us our Final place, so I'm extra determined we will make it this Saturday against Rangers.

Revenge

"It's a chance for us to get revenge for our League Cup defeat against Rangers as well, so we have every incentive to win that we could wish for.

"Although we all think we can reach the final, and win the cup, no-one is being overconfident. A lot of people said at the time of the draw Rangers were the easiest team to face but I just do not go along with that at all.

"Okay, they are going through a bad spell at the moment, but you only have

If it's a draw

● In the event of Saturday's Scottish Cup semi-final tie against St Mirren ending in a draw, the replay will be played on Tuesday, April 19, at Hampden. There will be NO extra time played in the Parkhead match. The replay will have extra time if necessary.

to look at their record of having appeared in the last seven Scottish Cup Finals to realise just how difficult to beat they are going to be.

"Having said that, we have hit our best form of the season just now and if things go to form we will be in the final on May 21. The season started off terribly badly for us, but it's all



● BILLY THOMSON . . . bad memories of last season.

coming good now.

"Before, we used to start matches against Celtic, Rangers and the like with a bit of a negative attitude. Now we all know we are capable of holding our own against them, things have vastly improved."

One of Billy's best personal performances in recent months was his clean sheet at Love Street the last time St Mirren and Rangers met. A REPEAT OF THE 1-0 SCORELINE WOULD SUIT HIM FINE.

"There's going to be a great atmosphere at the ground and I think one goal could clinch it. Rangers will have the biggest support, but I think we perform bet-

ter in front of bigger crowds.

"Mind you, although I'd love a repeat of the last game's score, I'd rather not have to face another penalty! I was a bit fortunate the last time as Robert Prytz didn't take it particularly well. I was surprised Jim Bett didn't take it actually.

"It should be a great match for the fans. We are all desperate to reach a final — most of us have only experienced the Anglo-Scottish Cup — and Rangers are all out to make up for a disappointing season. IT'LL BE CLOSE, BUT I CAN'T SEE US LOSING."

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BILLY'S YEAR IS JUST STARTING!

SEASON 1982-83 has been another disappointment one for Billy Mackay — but the Light Blues' winger still retains hope that it may end on a high note.

After making the first team just before the turn of the year, Billy was sidelined through a torn ligaments injury. It has been a frustrating fight for fitness since then, but he now sees some prospect of a first team place again.

Injuries

"I seem to be plagued by injuries, and I always get them at the wrong time. It happened last season as well when I was out for a large part of the run in to the end of the season.

"However, things are looking a wee bit brighter now and I'm approaching full fitness with every reserve game I play.

"In the matches against St Mirren and Hamilton recently I played quite well, and it was good to get on the scoresheet again at Love Street. Time is against me now, but I'll be giving everything to get back into the first team before the season's over."

CRUNCH MATCH

THE deciding match in this seasons Premier Reserve League will be played at Ibrox on Saturday when Rangers meet Aberdeen.

The Ibrox colts need to win to lift the title. The team have the same points but the Dons have a better goal difference.

● RANGERS RESERVES were in action last night (Tuesday) against Queen's Park at Ibrox. This league match was played after your 'News' went to press. Full details next week.

Thanks, Davie

● ELGIN Rangers Supporters Club would like to thank Dave MacKinnon and his wife for attending their "Player of the Year" dance on Sunday, April 3.

In addition to picking up his own trophy, Dave also collected the "Young Player of the Year" award on behalf of Andrew Kennedy.

Quiz Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1, Blackpool; 2, Airdrie; 3, Tranmere Rovers; 4, Four times; 5, Douglas Robb; 6, Richard Gough; 7, Drew Busby; 8, Dave Sneddon; 9, Juventus; 10, John Robertson.