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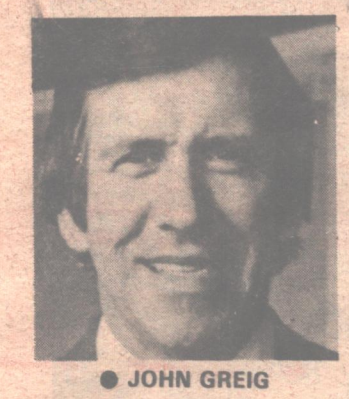
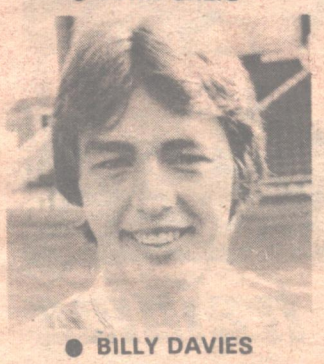


● JOHN GREIG



● BILLY DAVIES



● DEREK FERGUSON

AFTER just three matches, Rangers this morning find themselves five points adrift of the leaders in the Premier League.

The latest setback to the club's Championship hopes came in Saturday's match against Hearts at Tynecastle, where the Light Blues went down 3-1 to a team they had defeated 3-0 in the League Cup only three days previously.

Anger

But, despite manager John Greig's anger at the large points gap and the latest defeat, there will be no panic changes for today's European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Valletta or for Saturday's tough league match against Aberdeen at Ibrox.

"These are two very important matches for the club," he explains, "and it would be wrong to make wholesale changes with so much at stake.

"Saturday's game was the first this term that we really deserved to lose. It was our most disappointing display of the season.

"We never showed the same authority that we did in winning 3-0 earlier in the week and the outcome was a painful experience. But we can have no complaints about it because Hearts deserved their win.

Unhappy

"Obviously I am unhappy about the fact we are five points behind the leaders, but teams have been ten points clear at Christmas and still lost the league. There's a long way to go yet."

There will be some new faces in the squad for this afternoon's Euro tie against Valletta. Billy Davies, Kenny Lyall and Derek Ferguson have been named in a 17-man squad and, depending on how the game goes, may get a run at some stage.

"They are in the team simply because they are the three players whose displays in the second eleven have made them the nearest challengers for a first team place," added Greig.

Memorable

Derek Ferguson's inclusion made it a memorable weekend for him. In addition to that Euro place, he helped the reserves to a 3-0 home win over Hearts, and also heard he had been included in Scotland's squad for the under-16 European Championship match against Iceland at Rugby Park on Saturday.

Dons are segregated

RANGERS fans are reminded that the REAR SECTION of the Broomloan Road stand will be reserved for Aberdeen supporters at this Saturday's home match against the Dons.

Season tickets available

● AS THE date for renewals is now past, season tickets for all sections are available at the following prices: Sections F and G, £40 (OAP £20); Sections H, J and M, £55; Sections K, £65; Section L (Ibrox Suite), £200.

Rover season tickets for the Copland Road and Govan Stand asre £45. Child/OAP's rover tickets are £20, with proof of age required.

The ticket office is open Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Postal applications must include the correct remittance and a stamped, addressed envelope.

For all-ticket games, rover season holders will swop a specified ticket from their book for a ticket which wil guarantee them a place in the Copland Road, Govan Stand or Main Stand.

£28,000 — thanks to a free pools ticket!





IT WAS only a matter of time before Pool One of the Rangers Pools was won with a free ticket — and in Week Six Ian Muir did just that.

At the start of the season Ian, of 59 Warlaw Avenue, Rutherglen, decided to take advantage of the free ticket scheme in which you bought two tickets and got one free . . . and it certainly proved a wise move

For it was that third ticket which carried the five numbers which earned him the Pool One win of £28,091.98.

Ally McCoist presented Ian with his cheque at a special Pools luncheon last week. Also present was Ian's Agent, Mary Goven, of 14 Henderson Avenue, Westburn, Cambusland.

● ABOVE: SMILES BETTER . . . Ally McCoist presents Ian with his winning cheque for £28,091.98.

● LEFT: WINNING DOUBLE . . . Ian and his Agent, Mary Govan, show their winning Pools cheques.

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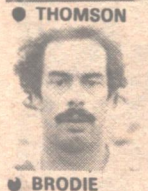
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● DEAS

THANKS to a sponsorship deal with Tennent Caledonian, Rangers fans will get the chance to see action of a different kind at Ibrox this weekend.

In addition to the Rangers v Aberdeen Premier League clash, there will also be sprint racing, with ten professionals aiming to lift the trophy and £500 in prize money.

The sprint, which will be over 90 metres, will be the first at the Stadium since redevelopment work started in 1978.

There will be two semi-finals held before the match against the Dons with the final being held at the half-time interval.

The ten competitors will have various handicaps. The men out to win the £300 first prize are:

FIRST SEMI-FINAL: Jim Thomson, Prestonpans; Andrew Walker, Hawick; Scott Brodie, Edinburgh; Gary King, Hawick, Pat McCafferty, Dumbarton.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL: Mike Daly, Glenrothes; Neil Turnbull, Peebles; Bruce Scott, Earlston, Keith Allan, Lanark; David Deas, Kelty.

The Tennent Caledonian 90 metres handicap race is the climax to a number of qualifying races that have been held in many parts of the country and all the runners who reach the final will receive a cash prize.

Apart from the £300 to the winner, the second placed competitor will receive £100; third place will earn somebody £50; fourth place will mean £30 and last will mean only £20.

Rangers of course, will benefit considerably from the sponsorship deal. They will receive a cheque for just under £10,000 and Tennent's have also agreed to sponsor the 'Old Firm' match at Ibrox in November.

★★★

Supporters are reminded that the new Rangers handbook, better known as the 'Wee Blue Book', will be on sale before Saturday's match against Aberdeen. Price is 25 pence.

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STAY AHEAD... WITH YOUR 'NEWS'

WE'VE been saying it for years, but it was proved again last week. If you want to find out what's happening at Ibrox, then you'll read it in your "News" first.

Last Tuesday's Evening Times carried the story of Robert Prytz's absence from the League Cup tie against Hearts because he was on international duty. Rangers News readers read that story in their paper in the MORNING.

Last Tuesday's Daily Record carried a so called exclusive on the Rangers Pools profit of over £1 million. "News" readers were informed about that on our front page . . . IN JUNE!

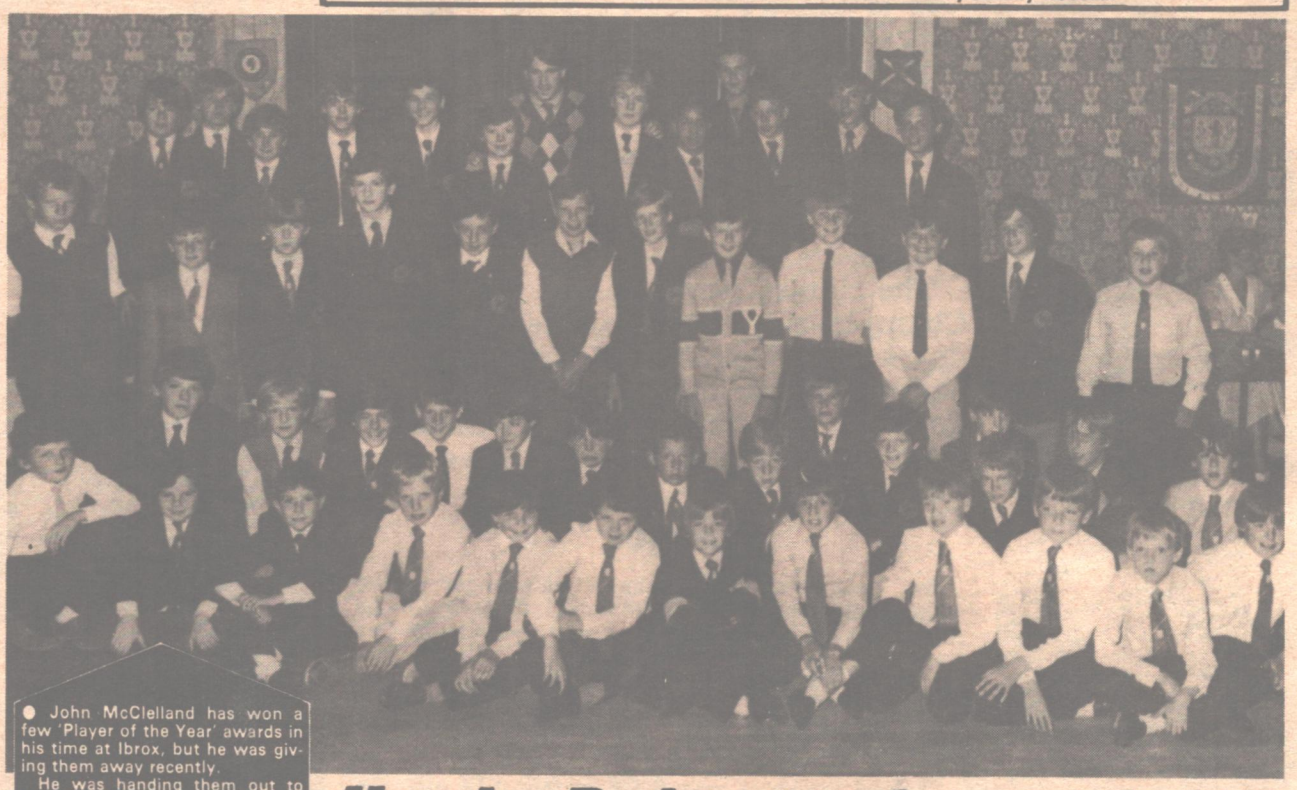
So, like we say, if you really want to be informed, then you'll read it in your "News" . . . FIRST.



● Last Tuesday's Evening Times.



● Last Tuesday's Daily Record.



● John McClelland has won a few 'Player of the Year' awards in his time at Ibrox, but he was giving them away recently.

He was handing them out to FOUR players of the Rangers Supporters Association Boys Club. They run teams at Under-10, 11, 12 and 14 level. The award recipients were: UNDER 10 — Stephen Gould; UNDER 11 — Graham Gilbert; UNDER 12 — Derek Mulholland; UNDER 14 — Grant Cunningham.

The teams are run by an eight man committee. They are: Bobby Waddell (chairman), Bert Reid (treasurer), David Robertson and Stuart Hosie (Under-10's) Jim Newlands and Jim Campbell (Under-11's), Tommy Nichol (Under-12's) and Alex Hanley (Under-14).

Last season was very successful for the four teams. The Under 10's won the league, League Cup and the knockout cup. The Under-11's were runners-up in the league and League Cup while the Under-12s were joint league runners-up and League Cup finalists. They also won the Tom Forsyth Testimonial trophy. The Under-14's won the Erskine Trophy and were second in the league.

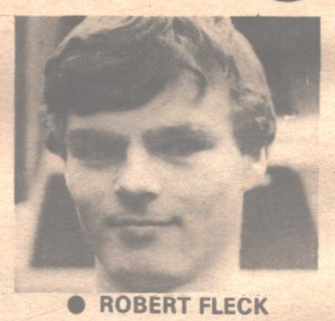
Hugh, Robert miss training

TWO Rangers players were absent from training last week — but they had a good reason.

Hugh Burns and Robert Fleck were down at Largs training with a squad of 38 other players under the eye of SFA Youth Coach, Andy Roxburgh.

Another Rangers player will participate in the week's sessions — young goalkeeper John Thomson.


● HUGH BURNS


● ROBERT FLECK

● TWO footballs autographed by Rangers and Celtic players will shortly be raffled for charity. Scotland boss Jock Stein handed balls over to two oil officials, Stewart Murray and Fred Wickens, in Aberdeen last week.

● DON'T forget that Rangers' answering service gives full details of forthcoming matches as well as ticket information. The number is 041-427 1117.



● Craig Paterson lent a hand recently in a Musselburgh pub — but not to pull pints. He helped break open two giant whisky bottles containing £200, which had been raised for local kidney sufferers. In the picture you can see Craig and Allan Carlyle, proprietor of the Ship Inn. They are assisted by Mrs Carlyle and Jim Robertson. Also in the picture are Jim Blair and Eddie Gay, who represent the kidney fund benefitting from the cash.

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GAME THAT COST DONS LEAGUE TITLE

ABERDEEN start the defence of the European Cup Winners Cup this evening — with what looks like their easiest First Round tie in Europe since Alex Ferguson became manager.

But the Dons will return from Iceland, where they will be playing Akranes, knowing they face much stiffer opposition this Saturday —in the shape of a Rangers side hoping to reverse their defeat in last season's Scottish Cup Final.

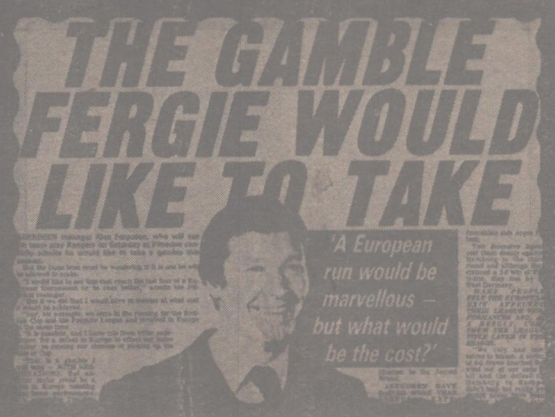
Price

Both clubs have had a hectic start to their season and it doesn't look like changing.

"That's the price you have to pay for being involved in Europe," says Dons boss, Alex Ferguson.

"In recent years we have played Ipswich, Eintracht Frankfurt, Dinamo Tirana and Marek Dimitrov in the first round, all of which have been hard.

"So we appreciate not drawing one of the big names early this year, although I hope we progress enough to draw one of them in the last eight or the semi-finals."



Aberdeen's prestige has, of course, been considerably enhanced following last season's Cup-Winners' Cup victory over Real Madrid. So much so they had a number of invitations to participate in prestigious pre-season glamour tournaments.

Decision

"We wanted to take part in the Real Madrid competition, along with Roma and Hamburg. But we had already made a decision last February to play in West Germany, so we had to turn the invite down."

Although they also won the Scottish Cup, there was considerable disappointment that they did not also land the league championship title.

Three defeats inside a month — by Rangers, Dundee United and St. Mirren — virtually ended their hopes. Yet, at the end of the campaign, they were only one point off the champions and conceded fewer goals than any other team in the top ten.

● LEFT: What Alex Ferguson told the 'News' last September. It was a gamble that paid off with a Cup-Winners Cup victory — but it cost them the league title.

"Our European run obviously took a little out of us in the league," says Fergie. "The St. Mirren game was the Saturday before the semi-final against Waterschei and unconsciously the players would be thinking about that.

Shocking

"I think that was why we lost that game. It was a shocking performance from us. I AM SURE IF WE HAD BEATEN ST. MIRREN WE WOULD HAVE WON THE LEAGUE."

Once tonight's Cup-Winners Cup tie is out of the way, Aberdeen will turn their thoughts to this season's League championship. The matches between Dons and Rangers in recent years have always provided plenty of talking points, both for good and bad reasons.

Saturday will see if the trend continues . . . WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF HEADLINES.



ALEX FERGUSON . . . turned down Real Madrid invite.

TEACH THEM A EURO LESSON!

THIS afternoon, Rangers face an awkward first step of what should turn out to be a comfortable passage into the second round of the European Cup-Winners Cup.

And after taking a close look at the Light Blues opponents, Valletta, in match action on a spy trip to the sweltering island of Malta last week, Davie Provan is confident Rangers can return with a win.

The Ibrox youth coach made a detailed report of Valletta's strengths and weaknesses in a dossier handed to John Greig on his return.

"Without any disrespect, I have to say that I expect Rangers to get through without too much trouble — especially in the second leg at Ibrox. However, the pitch over there will be an important factor in the first game.

"It is pretty bad. There are several bare patches and there are small tufts of grass here and there. The bounce of the ball is very unpredictable and you can't afford to take any chances in your own half.

Test

"Having said that, though, I think UEFA were right to pass the pitch and I feel our players are professional enough not to let it affect their performance.

"While Valletta will provide a stiff test in the Ta'Qali stadium, I see no reason why Rangers should not come back with a lead for the second leg.

"They play man for man marking type of game and are a very strong side. They have a few internationals in the team and a couple of players impressed me —Leo Farrugia up front and his striking partner called Micallef, who's excellent in the air."

Valletta won the match, in a three club tournament, 2-0 against fellow European participants Rabat Ajax who face Inter Bratislava in the UEFA Cup. Leo Farrugia opened the scoring, with his brother Emmanuel hitting the second.

The Maltese team are sponsored to the tune of £1,000 a year by Teachers Whisky. Hopefully, it will be they who will be taught a lesson this afternoon.



● Here are the men from Valletta lining-up before the Maltese Cup Final against Hamrun last season. The 11 men are: Grima, Micallef, Grioli, Spiteri, Callus, Fenech, Curmi, E. Farrugia, L. Farrugia, Buckingham, Seychell.

Their players don't receive any wages!

THE best tie we could have hoped for. That's the reaction of Valletta fans about today's European Cup-Winners Cup clash with Rangers.

But the Maltese club will already have one Rangers player in their line-up!

He's Eugenio Hilli, a 20 year old former youth internationalist who has been signed just recently from Zebbug Rangers, another Malta club. He will probably line up in the sweeper position against Rangers.

Star

Another star man Rangers will have to watch is midfield player, Emmanuel Farrugia. He is 26 and has been capped 28 times for the Maltese national side.

Leonard Farrugia, a former internationalist, is their star striker and Frank Grima is their goalkeeper. He is 26 and has also been capped.

Dennis Tenech is their captain. He is 31.

VALLETTA ALSO TRIED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SQUAD DURING THE SUMMER BY BIDDING FOR 28 YEAR OLD MARIO FARRUGIA WHO'S WITH ZURRIEQ, BUT THAT DEAL FELL THROUGH.

Dip

Valletta have been overshadowed by the more well known names of Sliema Wanderers and Floriana, but they did reach the Cup Final last season and were runners-up in the championship. However during the seventies they collected three championships and two Cups, including the double in 1978.

Last season they won seven of their 14 league games, drew two and lost the rest.

The club has a ten man committee, nearly all of whom have to dip into their pocket regularly to help finance the club.

Gate money is poor and, in fact, in five matches last year their total turnstile revenue was just £85. The part-time players have a variety of jobs, ranging from tourist guides and factory workers to clerical posts and catering jobs.

Bonus

They train four times a week for two hours — AND DON'T RECEIVE A PENNY. THEY ONLY GET WAGES WHEN THEY WIN A TROPHY.

Maybe they'll be on a special bonus if the crowd is good against Rangers.

● Missing from tonight's tie will be Bobby Russell. He is suspended after receiving two bookings in last season's UEFA cup competition.

CLUB NOTES

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Regular meeting at noon. Minibus leaves Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn at 1.45 p.m. for Aberdeen match.

JIMMY CLARK LOYAL: Bus on Saturday will leave at 2 p.m. Seats for non-members. Phone 041-554 0153.

WEST END TRUE BLUES (PAISLEY): Bus v Dons leaves Kilbarchan at 2 p.m. and Paisley at 2.15 p.m.

OLD MONKLAND (COATBRIDGE): Bus v Dons leaves at 2 p.m. from Ross Street, next to Sharks Mouth. New and non-members welcome.

PARK ROYAL: New members welcome. Join any Saturday at the Red Lion Bar, Paisley Road West, between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Every competitive away match in Scotland: Adults (£25); Juveniles (£20). Phone Stuart (041 429 5578) or Jimmy (041 427 1389) for details between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v Dons leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy, at 11.30 a.m. Picking up at Milton House, Burntisland and Ex-Servicemen's Club, Rosyth. Members pleae note bus leaving half an hour earlier due to A.G.M. being held in Kincardine on extended stop.

● REMEMBER . . . there is no charge for club notes appearing in these columns.

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● The new Rangers under-15 youth side got together recently for their first official photocall. BACK ROW (left to right): John Hastie, Scott Tierney, James Harvey, David Sharp. MIDDLE ROW: John Wales (Treasurer), George Runciman (Chairman), Mark Thomson, Kale Jeffrey, Ian Crawford, Stephen Cram, Andrew Buchanan, Billy Byrne, Davie Provan (Youth coach), Jim Murphy and Bobby Smith (Backroom staff). FRONT ROW: Bobby Dinnie (Secretary), Campbell Lamont, David Allan, Brian Miller (captain), Angus McPherson, Derek Paton, Bobby Fairlie (trainer/coach).



Rangers Under-15's reach League Cup semi-finals

BABES 'OLD FIRM' SHOWDOWN

RANGERS new under-15 youth side are eagerly looking forward to their first ever "Old Firm" match after being paired with Celtic Boys' Club in the semi-final of the Scottish under-15 League Cup.

The youngsters reached the last four in comfortable style, maintaining their 100 per cent record in Section D of the tournament, with a 3-1 win against Possilpark YM at Chirnside School.

Command

Needing only one point from the match to qualify, the Light Blues were always in command and it was no surprise when they took the lead after 15 minutes. A free kick from Kale Jeffrey on the half way line was powerfully headed home by Billy Byrne from 12 yards.

Possil were penned back in defence constantly and it looked likely that Rangers would easily better the 3-0 win in the earlier match against them at Tinto Park last month.

The Ibrox side took a 2-0 lead in the 35th minute when Mark Thomson saw a left foot shot from 20 yards cannon off the bar into the path of Campbell Lamont who prodded the ball home from close range.

Helpless

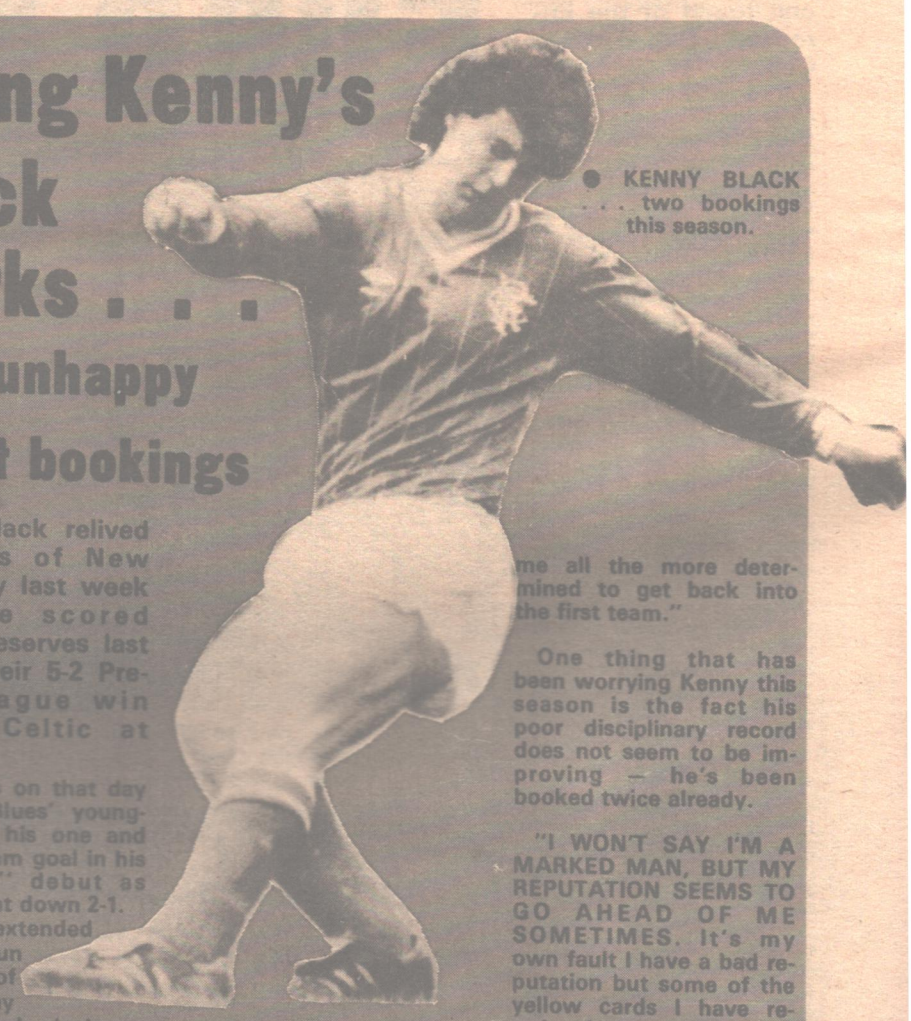
Five minutes into the second half, it was 3-0. Angus McPherson and Derek Paton combined superbly on the left wing. McPherson found Campbell Lamont in space and he sent a left foot shot past the helpless Possil keeper.

Despite constant pressure, however, Rangers could not add to their lead and with three minutes remaining, Possil broke away and Robert Calvert scored a consolation goal.

That win left the under-15s with ten points from five matches with an impressive goal difference of 22 scored and only three conceded. They played their final, but academic, section match against Aberdeen Boys Club on Saturday. Full report in next week's "News."

The youngsters league campaign will begin this Saturday against Ayrsome North, with the venue still to be arranged.

Young Kenny's black marks . . . He's unhappy about bookings



● KENNY BLACK . . . two bookings this season.

KENNY Black relived memories of New Year's Day last week when he scored Rangers reserves last goal in their 5-2 Premier League win against Celtic at Ibrox.

For it was on that day the Light Blues' youngster scored his one and only first team goal in his "Old Firm" debut as Rangers went down 2-1.

Since his extended first team run last season, of course, Kenny has been back playing with the reserves but the 19-year-old fullback cum midfielder is confident his chance will come again.

Worried

"I've been at Ibrox for a few years now and I had hoped to establish myself in the first team by now. However, I'm not too worried about it and I'm sure I can catch the manager's eye again.

"If you play well enough in the reserves, eventually you can't be ignored and that's what I'll be aiming for. I don't see why I can't get into the side sooner rather than later if I play to my best form.

"I didn't start this season too well, playing badly up until the friendly against Falkirk when I did quite well. Since then, I have been moved to midfield, which I enjoy because you're more involved.

Record

"Things have been going very well since then and I really enjoyed that goal against Celtic. It reminded me of that goal on January 1 and makes me all the more determined to get back into the first team."

One thing that has been worrying Kenny this season is the fact his poor disciplinary record does not seem to be improving — he's been booked twice already.

"I WON'T SAY I'M A MARKED MAN, BUT MY REPUTATION SEEMS TO GO AHEAD OF ME SOMETIMES. It's my own fault I have a bad reputation but some of the yellow cards I have received recently have seemed very harsh.

"I have been trying very hard to improve but my natural hard-tackling game just seems to attract trouble. Still, at least, I wasn't booked against Celtic — that's the first time for a while.

"There's not much I can do except make sure I don't get booked for anything stupid like mouthing or kicking the ball away. AS WELL AS PROVING I'M GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE FIRST TEAM, I'VE GOT TO PROVE I'M RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH."

FRINGE BENEFITS

Cooper's presence peps up Rangers

HEARTS..... 0
RANGERS..... 3

RANGERS banished their "Old Firm" blues in the best possible fashion last Wednesday evening in Edinburgh with a totally convincing and comfortable 3-0 win against Hearts at Tynecastle.

It was just the result that manager John Greig wanted from his side after the disappointing defeat by Celtic and with Clydebank beating St Mirren in the other match in Rangers' section, the Light Blues are bang on course for the League Cup semi-finals.

Sparkling

Although the match was generally as dreary as the Gorgie weather, the journey of the Rangers' fans in the 11,000 plus crowd was made worthwhile by a sparkling performance by Davie Cooper.

Promoted from the subs bench due to the absence of Robert Prytz, the Light Blues' winger was in terrific form and young Stuart Gauld, in particular, must have wished he had stayed at home for the night.

The 19-year-old right back, who was drafted in to replace the injured Walter Kidd, was given a real difficult time by Cooper as he posed the Hearts' defence all sorts of problems.

Surprise

It was no surprise, therefore, when Rangers opened the scoring in the 40th minute — even less of a surprise that it was Davie Cooper who engineered the goal. His swerving corner from the right beat everyone except the unfortunate Gauld, who headed into his own net.

The goal came at just the right time for Rangers and was a bad blow to Hearts, who had matched the Light Blues fairly well up until then. The second half, though, was a different story.

Peter McCloy was hardly called into action as Rangers pressed forward constantly. It became hard to keep track of Davie Cooper's darting runs and dangerous crosses — one of which supplied the second goal after 50 minutes.

Davie Mitchell, having another fine match, played the ball out to Cooper on the left and his perfectly flighted cross dropped right onto the head of Sandy Clark, who had no trouble heading home from eight yards.

"Coop" created the third goal in the 73rd minute.

This time, he sent over a spinning free-kick from the left which Sandy Clark cheekily back headed towards goal. The ball took a slight deflection off Roddie McDonald as it entered the net.

Not many teams win by a three goal margin at Tynecastle. For that reason, this was a victory to make the fans smile.



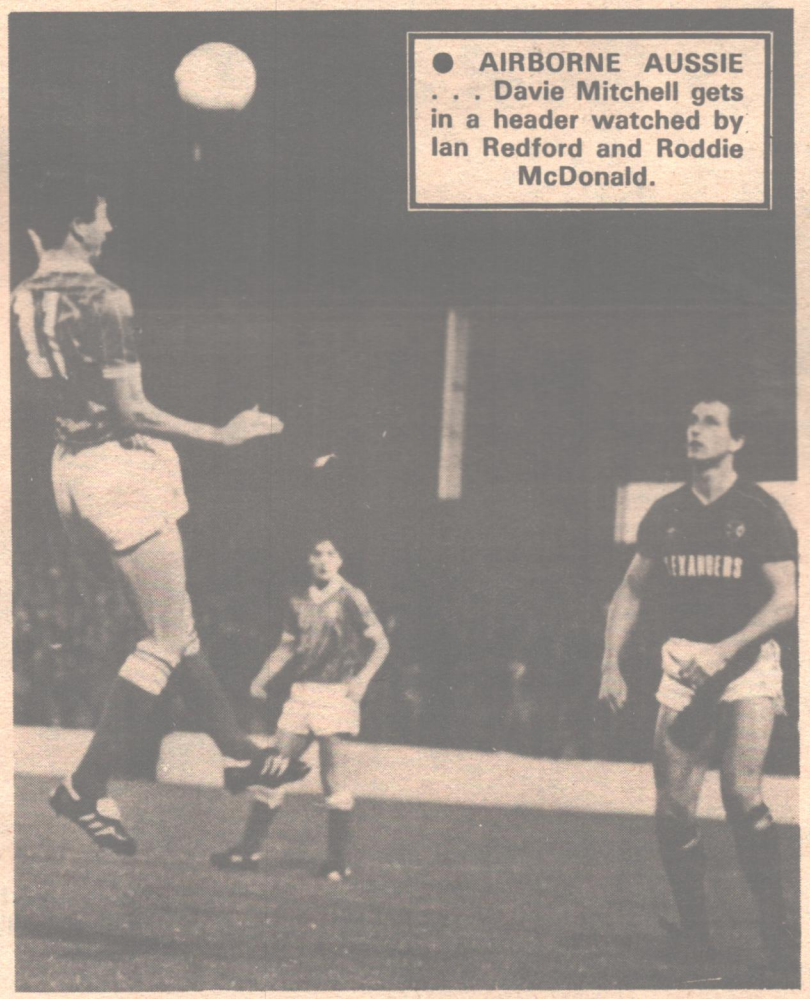
● HEARTBREAKER . . . The ball is hidden by Hearts keeper Henry Smith but Stuart Gauld's attempted headed clearance is on it's way into the net to put Rangers 1-0 ahead.



● SUPER SANDY . . . George Cowie is too late to prevent Sandy Clark heading Davie Cooper's cross home for goal number two.



● BALL WATCH . . . Roddie McDonald and Sandy Clark look on as Sandy Jardine, partially hidden, clears up another Ibrox attack.



● AIRBORNE AUSSIE . . . Davie Mitchell gets in a header watched by Ian Redford and Roddie McDonald.



● NOT THIS TIME . . . two goal Sandy Clark just fails to connect with this cross while Sandy Jardine looks on anxiously.

FACT-FILE

WEDNSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
League Cup — Section Two
Hearts 0, Rangers 3

Scorers: Gauld o.g. (40min.), Clark (50, 73). Att: 11,287.
HEARTS: Smith, Gauld, Cowie, Jardine, R. McDonald, A. MacDonald, Bowman, Mackay, O'Connor, Park, Johnston. Subs: Pettigrew (for O'Connor 59 min.), McLaren (not used).
RANGERS: McCloy, Dawson, McClelland, McPherson, Paterson, Redford, Cooper, McCoist, Clark, Russell, Mitchell. Subs: MacKinnon and MacDonald (not used).
Referee: H. Alexander (Kilmarnock).
Booked: A. MacDonald (Hearts) and McPherson (Rangers).

HOW THE SECTIONS STAND

SECTION ONE

Morton 1, Dundee United 1;
Alloa 1, Motherwell 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Dundee Utd	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
Morton	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Alloa	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

SECTION TWO

Hearts 0, Rangers 3;
Clydebank 2, St. Mirren 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Clydebank	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
St. Mirren	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Hearts	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

SECTION THREE

St. Johnstone 0, Aberdeen 1;
Meadowbank Thistle 0, Dundee 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Dundee	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
St. Johnstone	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Meadowbank	2	0	0	2	5	0	0

SECTION FOUR

Celtic 5, Hibernian 1;
Kilmarnock 3, Airdrie 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Kilmarnock	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Hibernian	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Airdrie	2	0	0	2	1	9	0



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HEARTS 3, RANGERS
Scorers: Hearts, MacDonald (8 min (29), Bone (47); Rangers, Mitche 16,173.
HEARTS: Smith, Kidd, Cowi McDonald, MacLaren, Bowman, Bone, MacDonald, Park. Subs: Mackay (not used).
RANGERS: McCloy, Dawson, McPherson, Paterson, Redford, Coo Clark, Russell, Mitchell. Subs: Pryt 36 min.) and MacKinnon (for Redfo Referee: K. Hope (Clarkston).
Booked: Jardine (Hearts), Redford (Rangers).



● ABOVE: MITCHELL ON THE MARK . . . Rangers only goal as Davie Mitchell stretches to prod the ball past Henry Smith in the Hearts goal.



● RIGHT: WELL DONE . . . Davie is congratulated by Sandy Clark as they race back to the centre circle.

● LEFT: NOT THIS TIME . . . Roddie McDonald gets the better of Sandy Clark to head the ball to safety.



● RACE OF THE MACS: Hea suit of Ally McCoist as he



● EYES DOWN . . . Concentration is the name of the game as Davie Cooper attempts to get past full-back Walter Kidd.



● FOILED . . . Henry Smith superbly cuts out this Davie Cooper Mitchell and Ally McCoist ready to pounce.

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Hearts tick smoothly but Rangers miss a beat

HOW can a team undergo such a transformation in the space of only three days?

That must have been the question uppermost in the Rangers fans' minds as they trudged out of Tynecastle on Saturday scratching their heads in bewilderment after watching the Light Blues lose 3-1 to Hearts.

It really was hard to believe that, after Rangers 3-0 win in the League Cup clash between the sides on Wednesday, the scoreline could be reversed in such a dramatic fashion. And really, the Ibrox men have only themselves to blame.

The return to Hearts' ranks of key men Walter Kidd, John Robertson and Jimmy Bone has been pointed to as the deciding factor. But that is still no excuse for Rangers lacklustre show and the three goals which, as John Greig said, the team should never lose to anyone.

It was painful to watch as the Tynecastle men raced into that three goal lead inside the first 47 minutes.

Luck

After only eight minutes, a free-kick from Sandy Jardine was played into the box from 25 yards, miss-kicked by several players on both sides before falling at the feet of Alex MacDonald who could not believe his luck as he swept it home from 14 yards.

The second goal arrived in similar circumstances 21 minutes later. This time, Jardine's free-kick fell at the feet of Jimmy Bone after an astonishing goalmouth scramble.

The veteran striker's shot was blocked but it fell kindly into the path of John Robertson who gave Peter McCloy absolutely no chance

Rangers hopes of a comeback in the second half were dashed only 90 seconds after the restart. The Light Blues' defence was landed a sucker punch that allowed Robertson to set Bone racing clear to shoot coolly past McCloy from 14 yards.

Struggle

After that it was, to say the least, an uphill struggle for Rangers and even after David Mitchell had reduced the leeway, latching on to a Redford pass to scramble the ball past Smith, hopes of even salvaging a point seemed unlikely.

Consolation can be taken from the fact that Rangers are not likely to produce such a poor performance again this season. Perhaps the players fatally underestimated Hearts — if so, a lesson has been learned.

The defeat now makes Saturday's clash with Aberdeen more vital than before. The Light Blues must produce a good show in Malta this afternoon to give themselves the boost they need to take two points from the Dons.



Stewart MacLaren in hot pur-
rsts through from midfield.



s with Davie



● ABOVE: TAKE THAT . . . Sandy Jardine can't prevent Ally McCoist getting his shot in, but the effort went wide.



● RIGHT: SMITH TO THE RESCUE . . . The save of the match as Henry Smith dives full length to stop this John McClelland shot.

● BELOW: HEAD MAN . . . Davie Mitchell rises well above Jimmy Bone as Sandy Clark looks on, but his header flew over the bar.



Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee Utd	3	3	0	0	13	1	6
Celtic	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
Hearts	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
Aberdeen	3	2	1	0	9	1	5
St Mirren	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Motherwell	3	0	2	1	2	6	2
Rangers	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Dundee	3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Hibernian	3	0	0	3	2	10	0
St Johnstone	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Partick Th	3	3	0	0	5	1	6
Dumbarton	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Falkirk	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Kilmarnock	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Hamilton	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Meadowbank	3	2	0	1	3	4	4
Morton	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Brechin	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Airdrie	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Clydebank	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Raith Rovers	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Clyde	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Ayr United	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Alloa	3	0	0	3	0	3	0

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Berwick	3	3	0	0	8	0	6
Queen of South	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Forfar	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
East Fife	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Stirling Alb	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Stranraer	4	2	0	2	6	5	4
Arbroath	4	2	0	2	8	8	4
Stenhousemuir	4	2	0	2	6	9	4
Dunfermline	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Cowdenbeath	3	1	0	2	5	5	2
Montrose	3	1	0	2	2	2	2
East Stirling	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
Queens Park	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
Albion Rov	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

Highland League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Keith	4	3	1	0	12	3	10
Peterhead	5	3	1	1	11	4	10
Fraserburgh	4	3	1	0	9	6	10
Caley	5	2	2	1	10	14	8
Buckie	4	2	1	1	17	6	7
Thistle	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Elgin	4	2	0	2	8	7	6
Deveronvale	4	2	0	2	5	9	6
Lossiemouth	5	2	0	3	4	16	6
Forres	4	1	2	1	5	8	5
Ross	5	1	1	3	12	14	4
Huntly	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Brora		4	1	1	2	3	4
Nairn	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Clach	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Rothes	4	0	1	3	6	15	1

*Three points for a win.

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee Utd	3	3	0	0	11	4	6
Rangers	3	3	0	0	11	4	6
Aberdeen	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Celtic	3	2	0	1	9	9	4
Dundee	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
St Mirren	3	1	0	2	7	7	2
Hibs	3	1	0	2	8	9	2
St Johnstone	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Hearts	3	0	1	2	0	6	1
Motherwell	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Reserve League (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	3	2	1	0	12	7	5
Clyde	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Kilmarnock	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Airdrie	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Ayr Utd	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Celtic	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Morton	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Falkirk	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
Clydebank	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Dumbarton	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Hamilton	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Queen's Park	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Dunfermline	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

1st XI scorers

Sandy Clark	17
Ally McCoist	13
John MacDonald	8
Robert Prytz	7
Bobby Russell	4
Davie Cooper	2
Ian Redford	2
David Mitchell	2
Own goals	2
Davie McPherson	1
Craig Paterson	1
Gregor Stevens	1
Davie MacKinnon	1

2nd XI scorers

Andrew Kennedy	4
Robert Fleck	3
Derek Johnstone	3
Gordon Dalziel	2
Eric Ferguson	2
Kenny Black	2
Gregor Stevens	2
Billy Davies	2
Dougie Robertson	1
David Mitchell	1
Colin McAdam	1
Derek Ferguson	1
John MacDonald	1

This week's games

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

EUROPEAN CUP

FIRST ROUND

(*Denotes seed)

Roma (Italy) v *Gothenburg (Sweden); Athlone (Eire) v *Standard Leige (Belgium); *Ajax (Hol) v Olympia Piraeus (Greece); Fenerbance (turkey) v *Bohemians Prague (Czech).

Vienna Rapid (Aus) v *Nantes (France); *CSKA Sofia (Bul) v Omonia Nicolsia (Cyprus); Odense (Den) v *Liverpool; *Benfica (Port) v Linfield (N. Ire).

Dynamo Berlin (E Ger) v Jeunesse Esch (Lux); Partisan Belgrade (Yug) v Viking Stavanger (Norway); Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) v Dinamo Bucharest (Rum); Dundee United v Spartans Hamron (Malta).

Dynamo Minsk (Rus) v Grasshoppers (Swit); Vasas Gyoer (Hun) v Vikingur (Iceland); Lech Poznan (Pol) v Atletico Bilbao (Spain).

Bye — SV Hambrug (holders).

CUP WINNERS' CUP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Swansea v Magdeburg (E Ger).

FIRST ROUND

Akranes (Iceland) v *Aberdeen; Innsbruck (Aus) v *Cologne (W Ger); Winner of the preliminary v *Barcelona (Spain); *Juventus (Italy) v Gdansk (Pol).

Famagusta (Cyprus) v *Beveren (Bel); Dynamo Zagreb (Yug) v Porto (Pot); Mersin Idmanyurdu (Tur) v Spartak Varna (Bul); Manchester United v Dukla Prague (Czech).

Servette (Swit) v Beggen (Lux); Nijmegen (Hol) v Bergen (Norway); Valletta (Malta) v Rangers; AEK Athens (Greece) v Ujpest Dozsa (Hun).

Sligo Rovers (Eire) v Valkea Haka (Fin); BK 1901 (Den) v Donetsk (Rus); Hammarby Stockholm (Sweden) v Nentori Tirana (Alb); Glentoran (N. Ire) v Paris St. Germain (France).

UEFA CUP

FIRST ROUND

VItoria Guimares (port) v Aston Villa; Sparta Prague (Czech) *Real Madrid (Spain); Antwerp (Bel) v Zurich FC (Swit); Sparta Rotterdam (Hol) v Coleraine (N. Ire).

*Banik Ostrava (Czech) v 1903 Copenhagen (Den); Aris Bonnevole (Lux) *Austria Vienna (Aus); Seville (Spain) v Sporting Lisbon (Port); PS Eindhoven (Hol) v Ferencvaros (Hun).

*Kaiserslautern (W Ger) v Watford; Verona (Italy) v *Red Star Belgrade (Yug); Atletico Madrid (Spain) v Groningen (Hol); Lariss (Greece) v Honved (Hun).

*widzew Lodz (Pol) v Elfsborg (Sweden); *Carl Zeiss Jena (E Ger) v Vestmannaeyjar (Iceland); Spartak Moscow (Rus) v HJK Helsinki (Fin); hent (Bel) v Lens (France).

Byrne (Norway) v *Anderlecht (Bel); *Nottingham Forest v Vorwaert (E Ger); Celtic v Aarhus (Den(; Dinamo Kiev (Rus) v Lavallois (France).

Bremen (W Ger) v *Malmo (Sweden); Drogheda United (Eire) v Spurs; St. Mirren v *Feyenoord (Hol); Bordeaux (France) v Lokomotiv Leipzig (E Ger).

*Radnicki Nis (Yug) v St. Gallen (Swit); *Bayern Munich (W Ger) v Larnaca (Cyprus); Sportul Bucharest (Rum) v Sturm Graz (Aust); Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bul) v Thessaloniki (Greece).

*Stuttgart (W Ger) v Levski Spartak (Bul); *Uni Craiova (Rum) v Hajduk Split (Yug); Trabszonspor (Tur) v *Inter Milan (Italy); Inter Bratislava (Czech) v Rabat Ajax (Malta).

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Airdrie v Clydebank; Alloa v Partick; Clyde v Falkirk; Dumbarton v Brechin; Kilmarnock v Meadowbank; Morton v Ayr United; Raith v Hamilton.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Arbroath v Albion Rovers; Dunfermline v Berwick; E. Stirling v East Fife; Montrose v Cowdenbeath; Queens Park v Forfar; Stenhousemuir v Queen of the South; Stranraer v Stirling A.

FRIDAY

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Scunthorpe v Bolton.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Wrexham v Bristol City.

SATURDAY

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee v hearts; Hibernian v St. Mirren; Motherwell v Celtic; Rangers v Aberden; St. Johnstone v Dundee Utd.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Ayr Utd. v Airdrie; Brechin v Clyde; Clydebank v Alloa; Falkirk v Morton; Hamilton v Kilmarnock; Meadowbank v Dumbarton; Partick v Raith.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Albion Rovers v Dunfermline; Berwick v Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v East Stirling; East Fife v Arbroath; Forfar v Stenhousemuir; Queen of the South v Montrose; Stirling Albion v Queens Park.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v Ipswich; Coventry v Leicester; Liverpool v Aston Villa; Luton v Wolves; Norwich v Nottm Forest; Notts County v Arsenal; Q.P.R. v Sunderland; Southampton v Man United; Stoke v Watford; Tottenham v Everton; West Brom v West Ham.

Weekend results

PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic	5	St Johnstone	2
Dundee Utd	5	Hibernian	0
Hearts	3	Rangers	1
Motherwell	1	Aberdeen	1
St Mirren	0	Dundee	0

DIVISION ONE

Brechin C	3	Morton	1
Clyde	1	Ayr United	1
Dumbarton	0	Partick Th.	1
Hamilton	1	Alloa Ath.	0
Kilmarnock	2	Falkirk	1
Meadowbank	1	Airdrie	0
Raith Rovers	0	Clydebank	0

DIVISION TWO

Albion R	0	Montrose	2
Berwick R	3	Stenh'muir	0
Cowdenbeath	3	Queen's Park	1
East Fife	1	Stranraer	0
Forfar A	0	E Stirling	0
Q.O.S.	2	Dunfermline	1
Stirling A	2	Arbroath	1

PREMIER RESERVES

Aberdeen	2	Motherwell	0
Dundee	3	St Mirren	0
Hibernian	3	Dundee Utd	6
Rangers	3	Hearts	0
St Johnstone	2	Celtic	4

HIGHLAND LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Buckie Th.	0	Keith	1

Midweek results

Reserve League (West): Dumbarton 1, Ayr United 1; Clyde 0, Queens Park 0.

Friendly internationals: Denmark 3, France 1; Hungary 1, West Germany 1.

Cooper gets first vote

JOHN Greig was so annoyed with his side's performance against Hearts on Saturday that he decided not to nominate anyone for the Rangers News/Clydesdale man-of-the-match award.

Davie Cooper picked up his first three points for his terrific display in the midweek clash at Tynecastle, while Billy Davies got Joe Mason's vote for the reserves match on Saturday.

The full first team table now reads.

FIRST TEAM

Robert Prytz	8
David Mitchell	6
Sandy Clark	5
John MacDonald	3
John McClelland	3
Davie Cooper	2
David McPherson	1

Bookings: Cooper, Dawson, McPherson (2), Redford (4), Prytz, Clark, McCloy, MacKinnon (2).

RESERVES

Andrew Kennedy	6
Billy Davies	5

Bookings: Black (2), B. Davies, Lyall, D. Ferguson.



● DAVIE COOPER . . . man of the match in midweek.

WANTED!

RANGERS POOLS AGENTS

For further details send name and address to Rangers Pools Ltd, 11 Harrison Drive, Glasgow G51 2UJ.

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★ COMPLETE POOLS CHECK

POOL ONE: 15 possibles, 28 goals, 9 winners each receive £3171.06.

Winning combinations: 30 with 4 from 01, 18, 20, 39, 43, 44.

POOL TWO: 70 possibles, 6 goals, approx. 50 winners each receive £20.

Winning combinations: 05 with 4 from 02, 06, 08, 14, 23, 28, 41.

POOL THREE: 9 possibles, 14 goals, 8 winners each receive £125.

Winning combinations: 04, 12, 25, 29 with 1 from 01, 05, 09, 11, 19, 22, 33, 34, 39.

POOL FOUR: 5 possibles, 34 goals, 2 winners each receive £500.

Winning combinations: 01, 20, 30, 39 with 1 from 18, 29, 33, 43, 44.

POOL FIVE: 56 possibles, 3 goals, approx. 40 winners each receive £25.

Winning combinations: 15, 17 with 3 from 03, 10, 24, 27, 31, 36, 38, 42.

POOL SIX: 2 possibles, 20 goals. 1 winners each receive £2,000.

Winning combinations: 18, 37, 43, 44 with 1 from 13, 26.

● The Agents' Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £2,200.

● Following is the check for Saturday's results — Game 01—5-2; 02—1-1; 03—1-0; 04—0-3; 05—2-2; 06—1-1; 07—3-1; 08—1-1; 09—0-2; 10—1-0; 11—1-2; 12—1-3; 13—2-0; 14—1-1; 15—0-0; 16—3-1; 17—0-0; 18—5-0; 19—0-2; 20—5-1; 21—1-1; 22—1-2; 23—1-1; 24—0-1; 25—0-3; 26—2-0; 27—1-0; 28—1-1; 29—2-3; 30—8-1; 31—1-0; 32—2-1; 33—3-2; 34—0-2; 35—2-1; 36—0-1; 37—3-0; 38—1-0; 39—5-2; 40—3-1; 41—1-1; 42—0-1; 43—5-0; 44—5-0.

● Numbers for Saturday are: 01, Birmingham; 02, Liverpool; 03, Brighton; 04, Cambridge U.; 05, Burnley; 06, Gillingham; 07, Colchester; 08, Crewe; 09, Dundee; 10, Hibernian; 11, Motherwell; 12, Luton; 13, Norwich; 14, Cardiff; 15, Derby; 16, Lincoln; 17, Preston; 18, Hartlepool; 19, Mansfield; 20, Rangers; 21, St. Johnstone; 22, Ayr; 23, Notts Co.; 24, Q.P.R.; 25, Fulham; 26, Huddersfield; 27, Rotherham; 28, Walsall; 29, Brechin; 30, Falkirk; 31, Hamilton; 32, Southampton; 33, Stoke; 34, Man. City; 35, Middlesbrough; 36, Reading; 37, Swindon; 38, Meadowbank; 39, Partick; 40, Tottenham; 41, Sheffield Wednesday; 42, Shrewsbury; 43, Wigan A.; 44, Albion R.



Young Rangers Club

WIN YOUR FIRST XMAS PRESENT

EVEN although there is still another 14 weeks to Christmas, many shops have begun the build-up for the busy winter shopping spree.

Although most people haven't even thought about the winter, there are a few who are preparing for the cold days . . . and the "News" is one of them.

This week, we are giving Young Rangers Club members the chance to win a Rangers thermal bomber jacket.

The top comes in navy, with the Light Blues' crest on the front.

Chance

As usual, to stand a chance of winning, you only have to supply the answer to one simple question:

Take a look at the photograph on the right. It shows Derek Johnstone getting in a header during Rangers' 2-1 win over Aberdeen at the start of last season. The Light Blues play the Dons this Saturday.

All we want you to tell us is who scored the second goal for Rangers and who scored Aberdeen's only goal of the match.

Answer

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

Don't forget to include your name, address, YRC membership and what size of jacket you would require (24/26in, 28/30in or 30/32in).

Closing date for entries is September 27.

The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

ANOTHER great 'News' contest





★ Star Birthdays

★BILLY ABERCROMBIE of St. Mirren is 25 today (Wednesday).

★COLIN HUME of Ayr United is 21 today (Wednesday).

★MARK REID of Celtic is 22 on Thursday.

★MARK FULTON of St. Mirren is 24 on Friday.

★JACKIE McNAMARA of Hibernian is 31 on Tuesday.

Who play at Boundary Park?

1. If Alan Logan and Billy Stark tackled each other, which two sides would be playing?
2. Who play their matches at Boundary Park?
3. Billy Lamont is the boss of which Scottish side?
4. Which two sides were relegated from the Premier Division at the end of season 1978-79?
5. Ex-Ranger Derek Parlane now plays for which side?
6. Who was top goalscorer for Rangers reserves last season?
7. Have Morton ever taken part in a European competition?
8. Paulo Rossi was the leading goalscorer in the 1983 World Cup Finals. How many goals did he score?
9. If Paul Connell and Derek Rodier tackled each other, which two sides would be playing?
10. Which English clubs are known as the "Magpies?"

● Answers at the bottom of page.

Who's the mystery man?

● FIND the answers to the following questions and take the first letter of each one to make a well-known Rangers player.

1. Their captain's a former Celtic player?
2. Second name of the club who play at East End Park?
3. Second name of the Rangers player who helped Rangers beat Celtic in the Glasgow Cup Final?
4. Name of the national stadium for the Republic of Ireland?
5. What the other team are?
6. First name of the Motherwell goalkeeper?
7. The team who play at Broomfield Park?
8. Surname of the Pittodrie goalkeeper?
9. First name of a long serving Celtic player?

● Answers at bottom of page.

PROGRAMMES

WANTED: Rangers' European programmes. 1956-57 v Nice; 1957-58 v St. Etienne; 1959-60 v Eintracht Frankfurt; 1960-61 v Wolves and Fiorentina. All home programmes. Swops or cash. Please contact Michelle Adams, 16 Rosemount Crescent, Birkhill, by Dundee, DD2 5PW.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR KIDS

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

TODAY (SEPTEMBER 14)

KENNETH MUNRO, 73 Montode Drive, Ardrossan, who is 15.
JACKIE McKENZIE, 18 Loganswell Gardens, Glasgow, who is 17.
IAIN GRAHAM, 36 Vatisker Back, Lewis, who is 16.
ALEX MACKAY, 23 Ripon Road, Blackpool, who is ten.
ROBERT MASTERTON, 29 Brackla Avenue, Glasgow, who is 17.
AUDREY McNEE, 17 Marwick Street, Glasgow, who is four.
ROBERT KELLY, 38 Lilac Crescent, Glasgow, who is seven.
JOHN REID, Chatham, Taynault, who is 13.
KEVIN BUNYAN, 4 Spring Bank, Brodick, Arran, who is 15.
STUART CARSON, Glenair Crescent, St. Halkirk, who is 16.

THURSDAY

STUART McVEY, 3 Craigievar Avenue, Carron, who is eight.
ALAN ROSE, 6 Carnoustie Gardens, Glenrothes, who is 14.
CHRISTOPHER TORBETT, 8 Redbrae Terrace, Maybole, who is 15.
GREIG REID, 48 Raemoir Avenue, Banchory, who is 16.
THOMAS BOWIE, 34 Wigton Place, Cumbernauld, who is 17.
JIM WILSON, 14 Kenmure Way, Rutherglen, who is 16.
IAN McCLUSKIE, 182 Camps Rigg, Livingston, who is 16.
CLAIRE MURRAY, 16 Netherthird Place, Cumnock, who is two.

FRIDAY

JIM WATSON, 192 Abbeygreen Road, Lesmahagow, who is eight.
ALLAN MacRAE, 39 Elm Place, Aberdeen, who is 11.
GARY BOYCE, 25 Cable Road, Carrickfergus, County Antrim, who is 12.
JOHN PATRICK, 60 Strowan Avenue, Glasgow, who is 13.
COLIN STEIN-HISLOP, 39 Downcraig Road, Glasgow, who is 12.
DEREK SANDS, 15 Etive Crescent, Condorrat, who is 17.
DOUGLAS STEEL, 21 Callawder Place, Cockburnspath, who is 16.
SCOTT McDONALD, 22 McCorley Road, Toomebridge, County Antrim, who is seven.
JOHN BELL, 103 Warriston Street, Glasgow, who is six.

SATURDAY

CHRISTOPHER OVENS, 2 Cypress Avenue, Newcastle, who is 16.
JOHN PRITCHARD, 56 Dalserf Street, Glasgow, who is four.
GARRY RENDALL, Willowbank, Kirkwall, Orkney, who is 16.
JOSEPH BOKAS, 7 Johnston Place, Brora, who is eight.
ALEX THOMSON, 2b Union Street, Shotts, who is ten.
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SUNDAY

NICOLA HAYES, Sconser Street, Glasgow, who is five.



● JOHN BELL . . . six on Friday.

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STEPHEN HAMILTON, 33 Etive Crescent, Wishaw, who is ten.
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GARRY ROBERTSON, 18 Ashburn Loan, Larkhall, who is 13.
ALAN KELLY, 31 Dunbar Avenue, Johnstone, who is 13.
TRACY KILPATRICK, 73 Gareloch Way, Whitburn, who is 16.
RODNEY BROWN, Balfarth Hotel, Ayr, who is 13.
LINDA AUSTIN, 10 Beechwood Avenue, Auchinleck, who is 13.
IVAR BLACK, Exnadoe, Shetland Isles, who is 16.
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TUESDAY

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KENNETH PRINCE, 4 Rannoch Place, Irvine, who is 13.
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DEREK CLIFFORD, 56 Middlepart Crescent, Saltcoats, who is ten.
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CRAIG McLEAN, 22 Cramond Way, Irvine, who is ten.
ROSS KELSEY, 1 Karens Court, London, who is one.

All the answers

● WORD SQUARE: The ten Premier League Managers or Assistant Managers hidden were: John GREIG (Rangers); Tommy McLEAN (Rangers); Alex FERGUSON (Aberdeen); Davie HAY (Celtic); Jock WALLACE (Motherwell); Sandy JARDINE (Hearts); Alex MacDONALD (Hearts); Jim McLEAN (Dundee United); Donald MacKAY (Dundee) and Alex RENNIE (St. Johnstone).

● QUICK QUIZ: 1, St. Mirren (Logan) and Aberdeen (Stark); 2, Oldham Athletic; 3, Dumbarton; 4, Hearts and Motherwell; 5, Manchester City; 6, Dougie Robertson; 7, Yes, the Greenock side played in the Fairs Cup in season 1968-69; 9, Berwick Rangers and Dunfermline; 10, Newcastle United and Notts County.

● MYSTERY RANGER: The name of the Ibrox player is: Motherwell, Athletic, Clark, Dalymount, Opponents, Nicky, Airdrie, Leighton, Danny, John MACDONALD.

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● The names of ten Premier League Managers or Assistant Managers is hidden in the word square above. See if you can find them. They are hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally or back to front.

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LIGHT BLUE LOOKBACK

THE LATE SHOW

Aberdeen grab last minute equaliser

A LAST minute goal robbed Rangers of their first league win of the season this week in 1978.

Saturday, September 16, saw the two sides that had dominated Scottish football the previous season, Rangers and Aberdeen, meet in front of 25,000 fans at Ibrox.

The Light Blues were in total control of the first half and only some brilliant goalkeeping from young Jim Leighton prevented them going in at half time with more than a one goal lead.

5 YEARS AGO

As it was, the only goal of the half came in the 38th minute from the penalty spot. Derek Johnstone was fouled by McLeish and Miller as he went for a Tom Forsyth free kick and Alex Forsyth stepped up to slot home the resultant spot kick.

Pressure

The second half was more even, but it was still the goal of Leighton that was under most pressure and the Dons keeper pulled off a miraculous save from a DJ 12 yard shot in the last minute.

At least, everyone thought it was the last minute. The referee decided to add on a couple, even though there had been no notable stoppages — AND IT PROVED VERY COSTLY FOR RANGERS.

Gordon Strachan sent a hopeful lob towards the Ibrox penalty area and Dom Sullivan nipped in to beat everyone, including Peter McCloy, to the ball and head it into the gaping net.

The line-ups:

RANGERS: McCloy, Jardine, A. Forsyth, T. Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald,McLean, Russell, Parlane, Johnstone, Smith.

ABERDEEN: Leighton, Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Scanlon. Subs.: Strachan (for Archibald) and Rougvie (for Scanlon).

Shocked

League leaders Celtic were shocked as they went down at home to Hibs, Willie Temperley netting the game's only goal. Hearts and Morton drew 1-1 at Tynecastle, Bobby Thomson opening the scoring, Denis McQuade equalising for the home side.

Billy Stark scored the only goal of the game as St. Mirren beat Partick Thistle at Love Street, while Davie Dodds gave Dundee United a similar victory away to Motherwell. Rangers reserves slumped to a 3-0 defeat against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

Dundee led the field in the First Division after a 2-0 home win against Clyde, while in Division Two, Falkirk were on top following their 1-0 victory over Stenhousemuir at Brockville. Liverpool beat Coventry 1-0 at Anfield to assume their customary position at the top of the league.

The following day, Scotland's under-21 side easily defeated the touring United States national side 3-1 at Pittodrie.

Wednesday, September 20, saw the big boys in action as Scotland began their campaign in the European Championship with a match against Austria in Vienna. It was Ally MacLeod's first match since the disastrous World Cup.

And with 70,000 fans in the Prater Stadium, it must have been like reliving a nightmare for the Scots' boss as he watched his team being torn apart by wing wonder Walter Schachner as the home side raced into a 3-0 lead.



● PENALTY! Down goes Derek Johnstone after a push from Willie Miller and Alex McLeish five years ago. Although Alex Forsyth scored from the spot, it wasn't enough to give Rangers victory.

Slammed

In the 26th minute, a free-kick from Kurt Jara was met by an attempted headed clearance from Martin Buchan. The ball, however, swirled on to Bruno Pezzey who turned and slammed the ball into the net from close range.

Three minutes after the restart it was 2-0 when Walter Schachner scored a quite extraordinary goal. He raced to the byline at lightning speed then turned inside and somehow squeezed the ball between Alan Rough, his defence and his goalpost into the net.

After 62 minutes, the match was beyond Scotland's reach when a cross from Jara found Willy Kreuz who cleverly picked his spot as he lobbed the ball into the net over the onrushing Alan Rough.

Amazing

That signalled the start of an amazing transformation by the Scots and sixty seconds later they had reduced the leeway to two when Gordon McQueen sent a superb diving header past Fuchsbichler from a Donachie cross.

Scotland attacked costantly and were rewarded with a second goal in the 77th minute. Archie Gemmill took a corner, Gordon McQueen's header was cleared off the line and Andy Gray popped up to head home the rebound.

It had all come just too late for Scotland, who could not snatch an equaliser in the closing frantic minutes for a point that would have been truly miraculous.

The line-ups:

AUSTRIA: Fuchsbichler, Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Strasser, Prohaska, Weber, Jara, Kreuz, Schachner, Krankl. Sub.: Oberacher (for Prohaska).

SCOTLAND: Rough, Kennedy, Donachie, Buchan, McQueen, Souness, Gemmill, Hartford, Dalglish, Jordán, A. Gray. Sub.: Graham (for Jordan).

England were involved in another thrilling match as they squeezed through 4-3 against Denmark in Copenhagen. In Dublin, Eire and Northern Ireland shared the spoils in a disappointing 0-0 draw.

Trouble

Billy Mackay and John MacDonald were selected for the Scottish under-16 pool to travel to face Finland on October 11. On the transfer front, Celtic signed Davie Provan for £120,000 from Kilmarnock, while Willie Johnston's transfer request at West Brom was finally accepted.

The SFA fined Hearts £1,000 for the crowd trouble at Tynecastle in the derby match against Hibs a fortnight ago and took the unprecedented step of banning a fan who attacked the referee from all Scottish grounds — for life!

Scottish Television slapped a ban on filming Rangers home matches, saying that the advertising hoardings at Ibrox were "excessive."

Muhammad Ali won the World Heavyweight Championship for the third time with a superb points victory over the man who had stripped him of the title, Leon Spinks,

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

25 Years Ago

Ibrox crisis as Light Blues are beaten twice in five days

THIS week in 1958 saw the national press asking 'What's wrong with Rangers?" as the Light Blues were beaten twice within five days and languished in the middle of the league table.

The first defeat was not a serious one, but it was Rangers' performance in the 1-0 reverse at the hands of a British Army select at Ibrox on Tuesday, September 16, that worried the fans and the media.

In front of an excellent 20,000 crowd, the Light Blues put on a very shabby show against a team made up of players who hardly knew each other's play and were punished by a 75th minute goal.

Mistake

A seemingly harmless ball was floated in from the right and with the Ibrox defenders marking shadows, it fell to Dobing. The Blackburn Rovers striker saw his first shot blocked by George Niven but made no mistake with the rebound.

The line-ups:

RANGERS: Niven, Neil, Caldow, Orr, McColl, Davis, Scott, Simpson, Murray, Brand, Matthew.

BRITISH ARMY: Slater (Falkirk), McTurk (St Mirren), Williams (West Brom), Williams (Plymouth), Plenderleith (Hibs), Milne (PNE), Day (Middlesboro), Dobing (Blackburn), Hitchens (Villa), Quinn (Motherwell), Wilson (Rangers).

The following evening saw the League Cup Quarter-Finals completed with the second leg matches. Hearts beat Ayr 3-1 at Tynecastle to win 8-2 on aggregate, while Partick Thistle squeezed through 3-2 after a 1-1 draw at Arbroath.

Celtic were in the mood as they hammered Cowdenbeath 8-1 at Central Park to win 10-1 on aggregate, while Kilmarnock completed the semi-finals line-up with a 7-4 overall win against Dunfermline, drawing 3-3 at East End Park.

Saturday, September 20, saw Rangers visit Broomfield desperate to beat Airdrie and pull back the gap between themselves and the leaders of Division One.

The Light Blues got off to a terrific start, opening the scoring in the 19th minute. A Billy Simpson pass was met by Johnny Hubbard in full flight and his shot from just inside the box gave Wallace in the home goal no chance.

Rangers had to wait until nine minutes after the restart to stretch their lead. Alex Scott was blatantly fouled in the box and Johnny Hubbard stepped up to score from the spot.

However, that sparked off a truly amazing revival from Airdrie who swept into the lead within 12 minutes of Rangers second goal.

After 56 minutes, Black was brought down inside the penalty area by Harold Davis and Rankin slammed the spot-kick past Niven.

Six minutes later, the Diamonds equalised when, after a Pat Quinn header rebounded off the post, Bobby Black dived in to bullet the rebound home from close range.

In the 64th minute, it was worse still for the Light Blues when they went 3-2 behind. Bobby Shearer was far too short with a careless passback and Willie Ormond was on hand to nip in and score.

George Niven was picking the ball out of the net once again seven minutes later. Bobby Black sped down the wing and played a brilliant pass inside to Willie Ormond who took one step forward and slammed the ball into the corner of the net.

Amazing

In the 75th minute, the two points were as good as Airdrie's when they went into an amazing 5-2 led. Sharkey played the ball down the right to Black who turned inside Willie Telfer and scored with great ease from six yards.

Rangers suddenly reacted and laid siege to the Airdrie goal from the closing ten minutes. Broomfield keeper Wallace dropped the ball in the 86th minute to allow Hogg to prod the ball home and two minutes later, it was 5-3.

Johnny Hubbard fired in a long range shot which defelected into the top corner of the net from the boot of Doug Baillie. It was just too late however, and the Light Blues made the journey back to Ibrox without a point.

The line-ups:

AIRDRIE: Wallace, Neil, Miller, Quinn, Baillie, Johnstone, Sharkey, McGill, Black, Rankin, Ormond.

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, McColl, Telfer, Davis, Scott, Hogg, Simpson, Wilson, Hubbard. Attendance: 18,000.

50 Years Ago

A great week for McPhail and Rangers

RANGERS fans were a happy bunch this week in 1933 when the Light Blues maintained their championship challenge against Ayr United, then put on a superb performance in the first leg of a special challenge match against Arsenal.

Saturday, September 16, saw the Ibrox men visit Somerset Park where they collected another two league points against an Ayr side that never posed a threat at any stage of the game.

Style

It was not a game that was pleasing to the eye, with the only highlights being the goals in Rangers 2-0 win. The first came in brilliant style after only 14 minutes.

Jimmy Smith picked the ball up on the right and worked his way down to the bye-line. Turning superbly in a tight space, he crossed the ball to Bobby Main who flicked it on to Jimmy Fleming who rammed it home from six yards.

Rangers second goal, and what turned out to be the winner, came after 28 minutes and it was Jimmy Fleming who again did the damage. From a Main cross, he beat two defenders in the air to head powerfully past Wilson.

The line-ups:—

AYR: Wilson, Fleming, Ure, McCall, Currie, Holland, Robertson, Brae, McGibbon, Brannan, Rodger.

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, MacAuley, Fleming, Smith, Nicholson.

Two players were missing from the Ibrox line-up through international duty. Bob McPhail and Alec Stevenson were on opposite sides as Scotland took on Ireland at Parkhead.

And it was Stevenson wearing the green jersey of Ireland, who produced the day's star performance, tearing the Scots' defence to shreds and making two goals for Martin.

The goals were enough to cancel out Bob McPhail's solitary strike for Scotland and give the Irish 'no-hopers' a shock victory and the Scots' an early setback in the Home International Championship.



● BOB McPHAIL . . . netted against Abenzl.

The next Wednesday, September 20, saw the first leg at Ibrox of what had been billed as the 'British Championship' when Herbert Chapman brought his English Champions Arsenal to Ibrox to face his contemporary Bill Struth's Rangers side.

Rivals

All the experts were forecasting a draw or a win for the Gunners' 'superteam', but the Light Blues — and Bob McPhail in particular, turned on a magnificent performance to beat their London opponents 2-0.

He really did save his side from taking a complete hammering.

He could do nothing, however, about Rangers opening goal after 35 minutes. Billy Nicholson glided past Compton as if the full-back did not exist and sent in a shot which cannoned off the post. Jimmy Smith, as ever, was in the ideal position to knock home the rebound.

Arsenal just never got going and the only surprise was that it took Rangers until as long as the 82nd minute to stretch their lead — and it was, deservedly, Bob McPhail who grabbed the goal.

The Light Blues number ten picked the ball up just inside the Arsenal half, flew past two bewildered opponents before crashing a magnificent shot past the helpless Moss from the edge of the box.

The line-ups:—

RANGERS: Dawson, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Stevenson, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.

ARSENAL: Moss, Compton, Hapgood, Hill, Roberts, John, Jack, Bowden, Coleman, James, Bastin.

The following day, the press hailed the match as the greatest performance ever given by McPhail and his week was made complete when the Scottish selectors named him captain of the Scottish League side to face the Irish League on September 30.

HOW THEY STOOD

1978 — PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	5	4	0	1	14	4	8
Aberdeen	5	3	2	0	13	4	8
Hibs	5	2	3	0	3	1	7
St. Mirren	5	3	0	2	5	3	6
Partick	5	2	2	1	5	4	6
Dundee Utd.	5	1	3	1	4	4	5

1958 — FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hearts	4	3	1	0	15	6	7
Motherwell	4	3	0	1	14	7	6
Stirling A.	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Dundee	4	3	0	1	9	7	6
Third Lan	4	2	1	1	11	6	5
Celtic	4	2	1	1	10	6	5

1933 — FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	8	8	0	0	18	3	16
Rangers	9	6	2	1	33	9	14
Queens P	8	6	1	1	18	8	13
Kilmarnock	9	5	2	2	21	15	12
Dundee	8	5	1	2	18	5	11
Falkirk	9	4	2	3	18	19	10

YOUR TV/RADIO GUIDE

Television

FRIDAY: SPORTS EXTRA (STV 6.30 p.m.) Graham Stuart and Arthur Montford preview Saturday's sporting action, taking a close look at the Premier League fixtures.

SATURDAY: ON THE BALL (STV 12.50 p.m.) Jimmy Greaves and Ian St. John with their weekly look at the day's fixtures in England and Scotland.

FOOTBALL FOCUS (BBC 1 12.35 p.m.) Bob Wilson spotlights the afternoon's English matches with Archie McPherson taking a look at the games north of the border.

SUNDAY: SCOTSPORT (STV 3 p.m.) Arthur Montford and Graham Stuart present a round-up of all the previous day's sporting action with highlights from a Premier League and English First Division match. Jock Brown commentates on the Scottish fixtures.

Radio

TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY): MIDWEEK SCOREBOARD (Radio Clyde 7.03 p.m.): Clyde's sport team follow the fortunes of the five Scottish Premier League teams involved in European action. The programme will include live commentary from one of the games. At 9.30 p.m. listeners can phone Open Line on 041-204 0261 to speak to the sports panel.

TODAY (WEDNESDAY) EUROPEAN SPORTSOUND SPECIAL (Radio Scotland 8 p.m.). News from the three European tournaments Scottish clubs are involved in. The programme will also include a round-up of all the rest of the action involving British sides in Europe.

SATURDAY: SCOREBOARD PREVIEW (Radio Clyde 11 a.m.) Paul Cooney presents a preview of the afternoon's sporting action.

SATURDAY: SUPER SCOREBOARD '83 (Radio Clyde 2.03 p.m.) All the sporting action from Richard Park and Co: with live second half commentary from a top ten match. Open Line at 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY: SPORTSOUND (Radio Scotland 2.02 p.m.) David Francey provides second half commentary from a top Premier League match with the Sportsound team bringing full reports and results from the rest of the afternoon's football action.

SATURDAY: SPORT ON TWO (Radio Two 1.30 p.m.) Mike Ingham introduces all the action with a Scottish preview from Roddy Forsyth at 1.45 p.m. There's also live commentary from an English match. Scottish round-up at 5.25 p.m.

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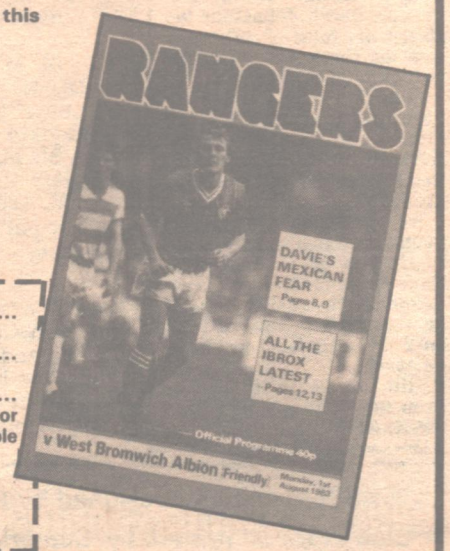

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Kennedy's new job



● SPOT ON . . . Andrew Kennedy, the reserves new penalty taker, slots the ball past Peter Latchford during the 5-2 win over Celtic.

AT THE age of 18, Andrew Kennedy is fast getting to be an old hand at having responsibility thrust upon him.

After spending a large part of last season as the man with the job of scoring goals for Rangers first team, the striker has now taken up the role of penalty-taker for the Reserves.

After a couple of misses by regular spot kick taker Kenny Black in the Light Blues second eleven's pre-season warm-up, Andrew took over in the first Premier League match of the season against St. Mirren at Love Street.

"I used to take them with Sauchie and was successful so when I was brought down against St. Mirren I offered to take the penalty myself — and happily I scored, sending the keeper the wrong way.

"Nerves don't bother me usually so I'll be quite happy to continue taking them — until I miss one anyway! But I scored from the spot against Celtic as well and I'm sure I can keep it up."

Colts still unbeaten

RANGERS reserves easily maintained their 100 per cent. record in the Premier League on Saturday, beating Hearts second eleven 3-0 at Ibrox in a performance which delighted coach Joe Mason.

"They are playing really well just now and doing everything I could ask of them. We have made a great start to the league with three straight wins and there's no reason why we shouldn't keep it up."

All of the Light Blues goals in a mainly one sided match came in the first half with John MacDonald opening the scoring in the 16th minute. After a good move with

Rangers .....3 Hearts.....0

Andrew Kennedy, the wee striker chipped the ball over John Brough from ten yards.

Five minutes later, it was 2-0. Again wee John was involved, forcing a Hearts defender to lose possession, then sending Billy Davies clear with a great pass to score from 12 yards.

Pressure

It was all Rangers and a landslide win seemed on the cards when the lead was stretched in the 29th minute. A superb move involving Billy Davies, Kenny Lyall and John MacDonald ended with John chipping the ball to the back post for Andrew Kennedy to head home from two yards.

Although the reserves maintained the constant pressure in the second half, the woodwork and some good keeping by Brough prevented them from increasing their lead.

Billy Davies and John MacDonald both saw shots rebound from the post, while a Colin McAdam header shook the crossbar as the colts continued to play some lovely football.

The reserves travel, to Pittodrie on Saturday to face Aberdeen and are currently joint top of the league with Dundee United, who beat Hibs 6-3 last Saturday.

Saturday's line-up: Stewart, Fraser, Lyall, Stevens, McAdam, Black, Mackay, D. Ferguson, Kennedy, Davies, MacDonald. Subs: Dalziel (for Fraser 55 mins.) and Fleck (for Kennedy 55 min.).

I'VE NEVER FELT BETTER



● ROBERT PRYTZ . . . good form for club and country.

—says Robert

SWEDISH team boss Lars Arnesen was a happy man last Wednesday when Robert Prytz carried his excellent club form into the national team, helping the Swedes to a 3-0 win against Finland.

The Rangers midfield star's participation in his country's friendly match against their fellow Scandinavians meant he missed the Light Blues league cup tie against Hearts at Tynecastle.

Annoying

"It's a bit annoying to miss games for the club but I love playing for Sweden. We have got one of our best sides for a long time at the moment and I think we are going to do very well in the next few years.

"The match last week was a final preparation for our European Championship match against Czechoslovakia in Stockholm next Wednesday. I'm in the squad for the match which is great.

Pleased

"I was pleased with the way I played against the Finns. Honestly, I really feel good every game I play just now —I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER FELT BETTER OR STRONGER."

Robert lined up for Sweden in a central midfield position as usual and is delighted that he is now operating there regularly for Rangers since the departure of Jim Bett to Belgium.

His excellent form in the early stages of the season means the coming months are likely to be extremely hectic for Robert — but that's the way he likes it.

Fears

"I have no fears of burning myself out or of my form shading away. As I say, I feel great at the moment and see no reason why it shouldn't stay that way.

"There is a lot for me to look forward to this season and I want to end up playing for a Rangers team winning honours and a Swedish side in the finals of the European Championship."

The latest ...ro placings

GROUP FOUR
Norway 1, Bulgaria 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wales	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
Norway	4	1	1	2	6	6	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Bulgaria	4	1	1	2	4	5	3

GROUP SEVEN
Holland 3, Iceland 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Spain	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
Holland	5	3	1	1	12	3	7
Rep. Ireland	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Iceland	7	1	1	5	7	10	3
Malta	5	1	0	4	4	12	2

Get well soon, Tam

IBROX fans would have been shocked last week to hear that ex-Ranger Tom Forsyth had been taken into hospital.

Tam, always a popular figure with the supporters, collapsed after a training session and was taken into hospital for treatment on a trapped nerve in his neck.

We are sure we speak for everyone when we wish him a speedy recovery.

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SORRY!

WE are grateful to Arnold Black, 22 Loganswell Gardens, Glasgow, for informing us of an error in last week's "News." In our feature on Derek Johnstone we stated his total of 237 goals was an Ibrox record. This, in fact, is not the case.

Bob McPhail netted 281 competitive goals and Jimmy Smith is credited with over 300 goals in League and Cup matches alone.

We must also apologise to young Celtic player Ronnie Coyle. In our August 22 issue we included his name in our birthday list, saying he was 22. He was, in fact, only 19. Again, our apologies.

Still, at least it proves even the Celtic players read the Rangers News!

UP TO DATE

MONDAY

The SFA council confirm the end of the British Championship. The Scotland v England match will, however, continue.

TUESDAY

St. Mirren's ground capacity is cut by 5,000 to 20,444. The Paisley club failed to build adequate police accommodation and eight additional turnstiles, so the penalty was imposed.

St. Mirren were given until last July to complete the improvements. Saints spent £500,000, but, even with a one year extension, they could not put in the extra turnstiles and accommodation.

THURSDAY

Gordon Strachan will miss his side's European Cup Winners' Cup clash with Akranes in Iceland.

The injury to his ankle will also rule him out of the Scotland v Uruguay friendly international at Hampden on September 21.

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