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JOCK HITS OUT

Boss angry over rumours

IBROX BOSS Jock Wallace was an angry man last week.

So much so, in fact, that he hit back at stories which have linked him with the Scotland manager's job and also speculated about the possibility of several players being transferred to Ibrox from other clubs.

"These kind of stories do the reputation of Rangers no good at all," he said.

"First of all, let me make it clear I am the manager of Rangers Football Club. I've only been in the job just over a month and suggestions I would take over the Scotland job are complete rubbish.

Furious

"My heart is here and I just want to get on with the job of getting Rangers back to the top."

However, while he was annoyed by that report in one particular paper, he was furious over stories in several other papers about a possible move for Liverpool star Kenny Dalglish.

"My way of doing business in the transfer market is to sign a player and then tell the Press to talk about that move as much as they like. That, in my opinion, is the proper way transfers should be conducted.

"But stories speculating about transfers just upset the players named.

"I know I'm very angry when I read about similar stories concerning my own players.

"Any decisions I might make on the future of players will be revealed to them first. IT WILL NEVER BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE PRESS."

● *There are still a limited number of stand tickets for the Celtic v Rangers match at Parkhead on January 3. They are priced at £3.50, £3 and £2.50. Ground tickets are £2.*

They can be had from the Ibrox ticket office and fans should note that strict segregation will be in force for all areas of the ground.

In the event of any tickets being unsold by December 31, they will be on sale at the ticket office before the home match against St Mirren.

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John's Xmas bonus!

● **Before last Sunday, John Patterson's winnings from gambling amounted to all of a few pounds in the pub sweep – but then he learned from agent Willie Johnston that he had scooped £31,189.63 on the Rangers Pools.**

John, a Falkirk supporter, has been doing the pools for around six years and his Christmas has been made a lot happier after last week's presentation of his cheque by Alex Totten in the Park Hotel in Falkirk.

Married to Elizabeth, John has no plans as yet for the money. His five kids might, though. All Rangers daft, they are Alan (22), John (20), Valerie (19), Derek (17) and Brian (14).

RIGHT: Christmas cheer – as John (right) and agent Willie collect their cheques from Alex Totten.





John's Xmas wishes . . .

IT'S A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers from Rangers captain John McClelland.

Big John is hoping to have anything BUT a 'blue' festive period and is ready to lead the Light Blues successfully through their next few fixtures and into a happier 1984.

And we at the 'News' are sure you'll all echo that sentiment . . .

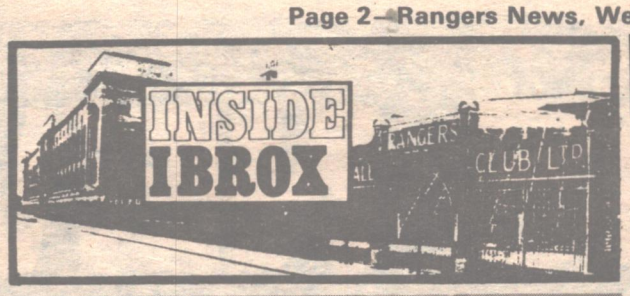
Your 'News'

● *This is the last 'News' of 1983. The next issue will be on sale on January 4.*

This eight-page edition will still have all the usual features so you will be fully informed about your favourite team.

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY

CLYDE'S CASH BOOST





● Radio Clyde's Cash For Kids Christmas appeal received another boost from the Rangers Pools last week when a cheque for £1,500 was presented to take the total from the pools to £4,000 so far. Pictured above are James Sanderson (Radio Clyde Sports Broadcaster), Paul Cooney (presenter). Sheilagh Lumsden and Angie McVicar (Appeal representatives) and Colin Campbell (Rangers Pools assistant-manager).

£50 BONUS FOR FANS

RANGERS supporters attending home matches in 1984 will get the chance to go home from the game richer than they were before they set out!

As of the first home game against Aberdeen on January 7, the match programme will again be giving fans the chance to win £50 — at no extra charge.

Each programme will carry a lucky number and at half-time the winning number will be selected. The owner of that programme will then simply have to collect his or her money from the main door after the match.

Sounds not a bad bargain for an outlay of only 40 pence . . .

Fans are reminded that it is cash at ALL turnstiles for next Tuesday's match against Hibs at Easter Road. Prices will be: Ground £2; Enclosure £2.50; Stand £4 and £3. This match will kick-off at 3 p.m.

However, fans should note that the game against St. Mirren at Ibrox and Celtic at Parkhead on December 31 and January 3 respectively will both start at 2 p.m.

ALLY McCOIST broke his wrist last week — and didn't know about it!

The Ibrox youngster was part of a Rangers side which participated in a five-a-side tourney in East Kilbride last Sunday (December 11).

And he injured his right wrist during one of the three matches. It was only much later it was revealed it was broken.

Rangers had just as unhappy an afternoon at the fives. They drew their opening match with Hamilton Accies, JOHN MacDONALD scoring the Light Blues' goal.

Then, they beat Motherwell 2-1, with McCOIST and MacDONALD being the scorers.

The final match, however, was a disaster for Rangers. The youngsters were thrashed 5-0 by Clyde in what proved to be a very physical encounter.

That final result allowed Motherwell to qualify from Rangers' section, although the Fir Park team were later beaten in the final by East Kilbride Thistle.

Apart from MacDONALD and McCOIST, the other Ibrox players taking part were ANDY BRUCE, SCOTT FRASER, DEREK FERGUSON and DAVID MITCHELL.

● Ibrox youngster Kenny Black earned the praise of the Kirkhill True Blues Rangers Supporters Club last week.

He was made their Honourary President recently and attended their Christmas Dance.

Says secretary Stewart McLean. He was a first class ambassador for Rangers and took time to go round and speak to everyone who was there. Nothing was too much trouble for him."

Fans are reminded that Rangers' home reserve match against Hibs will also be played next Thursday (Dec. 27) at the same time as the first team fixture at Easter Road. The games against St. Mirren and Celtic will also be on the same day as the first team matches against these two clubs.

There are still some discount season tickets available from the Ibrox ticket office. Prices are: Section K £35; Sections F, G £23; Sections H, J, M £30; Rovers tickets, £20 (adult) and £10 for OAP's and children. Proof of age is required for the £10 ticket. The Rover tickets can only be used for the Govan and Copland Road stands.

They can be purchased by post (enclose correct remittance and stamped addressed envelope) or personally from the ticket office. It is open Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Please note however that it will be closed on December 26, 27 and January 2, 3. It will also close at noon on December 23 and December 30.

Ibrox goalkeeper JIM STEWART had to have a cartilage operation on his right knee last week. It had been a problem for a few weeks previously and it was decided an operation was necessary to clear the matter up.

Jim hopes to be back in action in just under a month's time.

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Rangers' trip to Dingwall . . .

COOPER'S HIGHLAND FLING

Ross Co 0
Rangers 6

A SENTIMENTAL return to Victoria Park brought out a fantastic performance from Davie Cooper last Tuesday.

It was he who provided the inspiration behind Rangers 6-0 win over Ross County.

The local fans loved every minute of it as 'Coop', returning to the scene of his debut for the Light Blues six years ago, turned on the style time after time.

And, although the Highland League club were soundly beaten, they were the real winners on the night as they kept the gate money paid by the 4,500 crowd.

For Jock Wallace, it provided an ideal opportunity to experiment a little and give Bobby Williamson an extra chance to settle into the side.

Heavy

And, to Bobby's delight, he managed to grab a hat-trick as Rangers wore down their gutsy opponents on a muddy pitch that made the going heavy and saw the Light Blues' full-time training pay off.

The first goal was in the 17th minute. Sandy Clark collected a throw-in on the right and neatly squared the ball inside to Bobby Williamson, who netted from 14 yards with a right foot shot.

Number two arrived just on half-time when keeper Ure could only parry a powerful shot from David McPherson and Sandy Clark raced in to shoot home from six yards.

Superb

Davie Cooper set up the third goal in the 49th minute. He beat two men before sending a superb pass to David McPherson on the left, who calmly rounded the keeper and scored.

Six minutes later, Bobby Russell made it 4-0 when he slammed a great low drive past Ure from 20 yards. Then Bobby Williamson scored from 12 yards in the 72nd minute from a Sandy Clark pass.

Seven minutes from the end, Davie Cooper's right wing corner was flicked on by David McPherson and Bobby Williamson completed his hat-trick with a close range shot.



● DAVIE COOPER . . . brilliant display at Victoria Park.

Davie's cup of cheer

FOR man-of-the-match Davie Cooper, last week's trip north brought back some magic memories as history repeated itself at Victoria Park.

For it was there six years ago that the Rangers' winger made his debut after being signed from Clydebank by Jock Wallace.

And as he did that day, Davie thrilled the Dingwell crowd with a superb display of ball control, dribbling and passing. It really was a magic show and it was the easiest "man-of-the-match" award Jock Wallace will ever have to pick.

"My memory for things like this isn't too good," says Davie, "but I can remember having a good debut that afternoon and being unlucky not to score.

Saves

"Their keeper then was Bobby Geddes, who's now with Dundee, and he made a couple of brilliant saves from me. But it was still a good start for me.

"The conditions then were a bit different, not so muddy as last Tuesday. But I enjoy playing there and the local fans are very appreciative of any player who entertains them."

And for the entertainment value he provided, Davie was awarded a special "man-of-the-match" tankard by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries.

Scott Lemmon, the centre-half whom Jock Wallace had on trial at Motherwell for about eight weeks was the outstanding Ross County player and he, too, received a tankard.

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behind the scenes stories from our reporter with the team

GETTING BOOKED HAS HELPED MY GAME

Young Scott's shock claim

NO FOOTBALLER enjoys receiving a yellow card — and they enjoy sitting in the stand watching a match because of suspensions even less.

Scott Fraser is no different — but although the young Rangers defender is going to miss the match against Hibs next week, he feels his suspension has made him a better player!

Bookings

"I don't want to be getting yellow cards every week — but I think these bookings have helped more than anything towards the improvement my game has shown this season.

"When I played in juvenile football and with Haddington Athletic, I can only remember getting booked about once or twice. And those were not for anything much.

Better

"I think before that if someone clattered me in the early stages of the game I allowed myself to be intimidated and drifted out of a match. That's different now.

"I have been giving as good, if not better, than I get and that's why I have been booked so many times.

"NOW I HAVE TO LEARN TO CONTROL MY AGGRESSION SO THAT WHILE IT'S STILL AS EFFECTIVE, I DON'T GET ON THE WRONG SIDE OF REFEREES ALL THE TIME. THAT'S WHAT A GOOD DEFENDER HAS TO DO."

Debut

Scott's progress this season was rewarded last Tuesday night when he made his first team debut against Ross County, replacing Ally Dawson for the last 16 minutes.

It was great experience for Scott, in more ways than one. For the 20-year-old who has been starring at right back for the reserves was asked to play at left back!

"Although I have been working on it, my left foot isn't exactly very effective. I felt a bit strange but I managed to enjoy it and it was a great experience.

Great

"It was great to be involved in the trip and it's good to know that the manager has got me in his plans.

"My aim now is to keep up the good work for the reserves and hopefully make a few more first team appearances in 1984. It could be a great year."

★ Ross County chairman Gordon Macrae was quick to pay tribute to Ibrox boss Jock Wallace for taking Rangers north to face his ailing club.

He said: "It will give a much needed financial lift to the club and also be a big boost to our players and fans. Jock has been a good friend to Ross County in the past and he's proving that again."

Present Hugh won't forget

TUESDAY night in Dingwall provided Hugh Burns with a birthday present he will never forget.

For it was then that the Light Blues youngster made his first team debut in midfield — the best way imaginable to celebrate his 18th birthday.

Display

Hugh, who has been starring for the reserve side and currently leads the 'Young Player Of The Year' table, had an excellent match and his display pleased Ibrox boss Jock Wallace.

Hugh told the 'News': "I was really surprised to be going on the trip at all, but to play — and for the whole 90 minutes — was absolutely tremendous. I could hardly believe it.

Nervous

"I was a wee bit nervous at first, but it soon wore off and I settled down well. I was quite happy with the way I played and the boss seemed fairly pleased with me.

"It was strange to get my chance in midfield as I have been playing at the back for most of the season. But I think my experience of playing as a sweeper has helped me.

Style

"My style of game is to win the ball in the tackle. I'm not a pretty footballer and I was quite happy to get the ball then feed it to Bobby Russell or Davie Cooper.

"They are the men who are capable of doing something a bit special and creating things. I really enjoyed it in the middle and I must admit I wouldn't mind staying there.

"But I'll play anywhere for Rangers. It was just marvellous to be part of the first team set-up and whether or not I get a regular game from now on, I've certainly got a lot to look forward to in 1984."

Back again

● Although Dave MacKinnon was not with Rangers the last time they faced Ross County in 1977, the Light Blues' defender has played at Victoria Park before.

"I've been there twice, actually. I think the first time was in 1977 when I was with Dundee and we won 3-0. Two years later, we won 6-0 when I was with Partick Thistle."

MIDWEEK FACT-FILE

ROSS COUNTY 0, RANGERS 6

Scorers: Williamson (17, 72, 83), Clark (45), McPherson (49), Russell (55). Att: 4,500.

ROSS COUNTY: Ure, MacLean, Steven, MacQueen, Lemmon, Allan, Ferries, Robertson, Jappy, Taylor, Mackay. Subs: Duff (for Taylor 45 min.), Sutherland (for Mackay 66), Hercher (for Ferries 66), Urquhart (for Steven 73).

RANGERS: McCloy, Mackinnon, Dawson, Stevens, Paterson, Russell, Williamson, Burns, Clark, McPherson, Cooper. Subs: Prytz (for Russell 73), Fraser (for Dawson 76), MacDonald and Mitchell (not used).

Referee: A. M. Roy (Elgin).



● FEELING GOOD . . . Scott relaxes to the sound of his favourite group at home.

Jock's 'Kamikaze' role . . .

● Under the heading "It's good to be back", Ibrox boss Jock Wallace wrote an introductory piece in the match programme for the Ross County game — and it put a smile on a few faces.

Said Jock: "The life of a football manager is like being a kamakazi driver in Beirut — A BLOODY DANGEROUS WAY TO MAKE A LIVING!"

● Tuesday's match was orginally scheduled to have kicked-off at 7.30 p.m. — but Ross County put it back to 8 p.m. for a special reason.

Lots of shift workers from Nigg and Invergordon oil rig yards were keen to see the match and special buses were run from as far away as Gairloch to get them there on time.

Three goals—and still not happy!

A HAT-TRICK in only your second game for your new club seems like good going —but Bobby Williamson was NOT entirely happy after achieving that feat last week.



● BOBBY WILLIAMSON

Time

The Light Blues' striker, signed from Clydebank the previous week, feels his overall form just wasn't good enough and that his level of fitness needs to improve.

"I was delighted to get a hat-trick — as long as I'm scoring goals, that's what counts. But I wasn't completely happy with the way I played overall. Perhaps I just need a little more time to settle.

"It's taking a while to adjust to the full-time training. I really felt it last week and found the pace tougher against Motherwell at Fir Park.

"There's just no comparison between this and Clydebank. But, hopefully, it won't take me long to get as fit as the rest of the squad."

Move

Bobby's move has meant more than just changes in his footballing lifestyle — his domestic situation has altered dramatically too.

"Obviously, it makes a big difference in terms of not having to get up and go bricklaying every day — and I think I might move house now. I'll have to rethink all my plans — but it will be all for the better."

It sure beats a pennant

★ Rangers have received a few unusual presents from clubs in the past — but Ross County came up with an original one to beat the lot.

Everyone on the trip was presented with a whopping smoked salmon straight from the Moray Firth — and the gifts proved more popular than any commemorative pennants or the like!

Hat-trick for Donald

★ Facing Rangers was nothing new for Ross County caretaker manager Donald Stuart — he had seen action against the Light Blues twice before.

First of all, he was a schoolboy on the terracing when County lost 2-0 to Rangers in the Scottish Cup 16 years ago, then played for the club when they lost 4-0 on Rangers last visit.

WIN A FESTIVE BOTTLE

THE RANGERS News is certainly entering into the Christmas spirit this week . . . in more ways than one.

For the prize in this contest, which is only open to readers who are 18 or over, is a bottle of whisky.

During the Festive season, this type of prize is always in demand, so you'd better send in your entry as soon as possible.

The names of five famous Rangers players, both present day and ex-Rangers, have been printed on the right with their letters mixed up.

1. INOLC ITNSE
2. ICER WLAOCD
3. EVDIA EOCORP
4. MAS OXC
5. EXLA TOCST.

All you have to do is work out the names of the five Light Blues. It's as easy as that!

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

Closing date for the contest is January 4.

Please remember that we will check the winner is 18 or over.

WIN A TENNER

HOW WOULD you like to win a £10 token to spend in your favourite shop — the Rangers Shop of course.

The token will enable you to buy any goods in the Shop up to the price limit, or you can buy a more expensive item and make up the difference in cash.

All you have to do to win is complete the word puzzle below.

The names of 27 European international teams are hidden in it diagonally, vertically, horizontally and back to front.

When you've found, and ringed them all, cut the puzzle out and send it to "Puzzler", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow G3 7NR.

Please remember to include your full name, and address

Closing date for this contest is Wednesday, January 4.

Another FREE contest

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● FIRST GOAL COMING UP . . . as Sandy Clark's attempt is blocked by Geddes.



● ON TARGET . . . Bobby Russell follows up to net from close range.



● ALMOST ANOTHER . . . John MacDonald heads home, but the goal was disallowed for offside.



● BLAST OFF . . . Bobby Williamson gets in a second half shot, watched by Sandy Clark and Ian MacDonald, but the attempt was blocked.

FOUR! HERE COME RANGERS

RANGERS' victory over Dundee on Saturday saw them record their fourth consecutive league victory — and hand out a warning to the rest of the teams in the Premier League.

THEY ARE VERY DEFINITELY BACK!

It's been well recorded elsewhere that the victory meant it was the first time since May 1979 that they collected eight points out of a possible eight.

But, more importantly, it was the second successive week the Light Blues climbed a place in the table.

That means they have now jumped from eighth spot to sixth — and with a meeting against Hibs next Tuesday, they will get another chance to move up a place. Indeed, depending on other results, they might better their position even further.

Worry

However, what seems to be particularly pleasing about the Rangers team at the moment is that, at long last, they don't need to start worrying about other team's results.

On Saturday there were long periods — most of the second half to be accurate — when they didn't play well. Yet they still finished up with two points.

That's very satisfying after a long spell when they played well but week in, week out, still finished up with nothing much to show for their efforts.

Cancelled

Rangers started disastrously against Dundee, didn't seem to get much better, and then, all of a sudden, started to show form with some brilliant one touch passing which should have brought them enough goals to win the match.

At the half-time interval the only goal they had to show for their efforts was a 22nd minute goal by Bobby Russell from close range after goalkeeper Geddes had blocked an attempt by Sandy Clark following a low cross by Davie Cooper.

That cancelled out an eighth minute strike by Dundee's Andy Geddes, who had scored with a gift of a goal. He was unmarked at the far post when the cross came over from the right and Craig Paterson and Peter McCloy both looked as if they expected each other to stop the ball. In the end, neither of them did and it just bounced into the net.

Booked

Sandy Clark, with a 12 yard shot and Bobby Russell with a header from only three yards should have given Rangers the half-time lead they deserved, but they didn't. And that meant Rangers had to wait until the 83rd minute to secure both points.

Dundee were down to ten men at the point — Bobby Glennie having been sent off after being booked twice. He had been cautioned for kicking the ball away after only 25 seconds and was then shown the red card for his tackle from behind on Sandy Clark in the 55th minute.

The game appeared deadlocked and a goal arrived unexpectedly — BUT NO LESS WELCOME FOR ALL THAT!

The ball broke to Ally Dawson just outside the penalty box and his shot cannoned off the post with goalkeeper Geddes well beaten. Before anyone else could react, Bobby Williamson had nipped in to slot the ball into the net from eight yards.

Tests

It was his first competitive goal for the club and a very timely one.

It kept Rangers on the victory trail and keeps the players' confidence high.

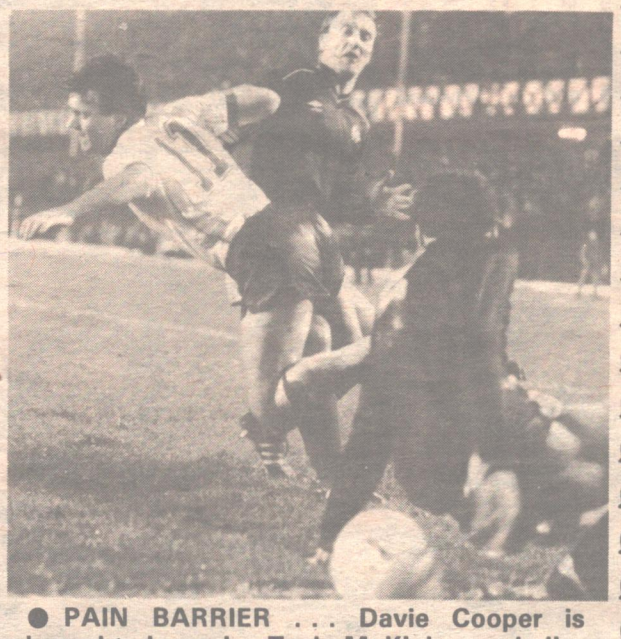
However, with consecutive matches against the top three teams, Aberdeen, Celtic, and Dundee United just after the turn of the year, there are still some very stern tests ahead.

That's when we'll able to measure just how much Rangers have really improved in recent weeks . . .

Rangers..... 2 Dundee 1



● COLLISION COURSE . . . John MacDonald gets in a tangle with Bobby Geddes and Ian MacDonald.



● PAIN BARRIER . . . Davie Cooper is brought down by Tosh McKinlay and Jim Smith.



● NICELY DOES IT . . . Good skills by Sandy Clark sets up a chance as Smith looks on, but Geddes saved the shot.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Scorers. — Rangers: Russell (22 min.), Williamson (83); Dundee: A. Geddes (8). Attendance: 16,500.

RANGERS: McCloy, Nicholl, Dawson, McClelland, Paterson, Prytz, Russell, Williamson, Clark, MacPherson, Cooper. Subs: MacDonald (for Clark 76 min.), MacKinnon (for Paterson 58).

DUNDEE: B. Geddes, Glennie, McKinley, Richardson, Smith, MacDonald, Mackie, Stephen, Ferguson, McCall, A. Geddes. Subs: Kidd, McGlashan (not used).

Referee: D. M. Galloway (Pitlessie).

Ordered off: Glennie (Dundee).

Booked: Russell (Rangers), Stephen, Richardson.

JOCK SIGNS NICKY



● NICKY WALKER

IBROX boss Jock Wallace stepped into the transfer market again on Saturday morning when he signed goalkeeper Nicky Walker from Motherwell.

It was the third time Walker had signed for boss Wallace. Jock took him from Elgin to Leicester and then to Motherwell last season.

The move was certainly a surprise for Nicky . . . he was Christmas shopping at the time!

The 21-year-old watched Saturday's 2-1 victory over Dundee at Ibrox and after saying farewell to his former team-mates at Fir Park on Monday, started full-time training with Rangers yesterday (Tuesday).

While Nicky was signing on the dotted line for Rangers, two players left the club.

Youngsters Kenny Black and Kenny Lyall, both aged 20, went to Fir Park in part exchange for Nicky. There was also a cash adjustment in Motherwell's favour.

Kenny Black joined Rangers in 1980 and was farmed out to Linlithgow Rose to gain experience. Lyall was signed from Tynecastle Boys Club in the same year.

Lyall made his debut for Motherwell against St. Johnstone at Muirton on Saturday.

Rangers thank both players for their services in the past few years and sincerely wish them all the best with their new club.

Irish offer

Rangers have been approached by Carrick Rangers' manager Jim Brown about the possibility of several Ibrox players guesting for them in certain matches this season.

"There are some advantages in the idea," says boss Wallace. "It would give one or two of our players the opportunity of first team football and broaden their experience.

"But there are disadvantages, too, and at the moment I'm giving thought to the matter."

Craig's blow

Ibrox defender Craig Paterson received a bad ankle injury in Saturday's match against Dundee and had to be sent to hospital afterwards for an X-ray.

TRIBUTE TO AN IBROX LEGEND



THIS MAN W



● THE MASTER AT WORK . . . The sight the fans loved to see — Waddell the player.

How it all began . . .

THE love affair between Willie Waddell and Rangers began in 1936. It was in that year he played a trial match for the club as a 15-year-old in a match against Partick Thistle at Firhill.

For Waddell, it was the first time he had ever visited Glasgow. Having been born and brought up in the village of Forth in Lanarkshire it was certainly a big occasion — and one to remember.

He did enough in those 90 minutes to ensure there would be many more memorable occasions — as a Rangers player. He was provisionally signed by manager Bill Struth and was called up two years later, in May 1938.

His debut was a stunning one, scoring the only goal in the annual pre-season glamour match against Arsenal three months later.

It was no one-off performance, however, because the young Waddell was to go on to be a great player for the club in future years.

He struck up a telepathic partnership with his great mate Willie Thornton. Football, before or since, has known no greater sight than the high speed Waddell making a great run before sending over a cross which Thornton then bulleted past the goalkeeper with his head.

Broad

When Waddell gathered the ball on the right touchline you could hear the roar building up in thousands of throats. Whether he was wearing Rangers or Scotland blue, you knew he would take some stopping.

He never actually went through a fullback — but it was certainly a possibility when the broad Waddell was in full flight.

In all, he played 558 matches and scored 143 goals. He won four league championship medals, two Scottish Cup and two league championship badges before retiring at the end of the 1955-56 season.

★ WADDELL made 17 appearances for Scotland and won his first official cap against Wales in October 1946, where he scored his country's only goal in a 3-1 defeat at Wrexham.

But, in fact, he had already worn Scotland blue nine times previously —all in war-time fixtures. His first appearance was before a 75,000 crowd at Hampden against England in April 18, 1942 when the home side emerged tops by the odd goal in a nine goal thriller.

Waddell played against England in five more unofficial internationals, including the Victory match in 1946 which the Scots won 1-0.

In his 17 officially capped matches, he scored six goals. His last appearance was in November 1954 in a 2-2 draw against Northern Ireland.



● GREETINGS . . . Scotland captain Bill Shankly introduces Willie Waddell to a dignitary before an international.

His only care was Rangers

Willie Waddell ceased to be a Rangers' director as of 10 a.m. yesterday (Tuesday).

And that meant the end of possibly the greatest success story Scottish football has ever known.

Because Waddell was one of the few people who made the successful transition from great player to great manager.

He proved it often enough. He won trophies for Rangers in his playing days and made Kilmarnock one of the most feared teams in the country when he took over at Rugby Park in 1957 after a year spent as a freelance sports journalist.

But it was in December 1969 that Waddell returned to his first love — Rangers.

And he was to prove time and time again that his only passion was Rangers.

● He was a man who worked every waking hour for the club.

● He was THE man who restored Rangers' pride at a time when it was probably at its lowest ever ebb.

● He was a man who had no time for people who criticised Rangers.

Blunt

As a player, Waddell, was nicknamed 'Deedle Dawdle'. His job as manager of Rangers and Managing Director, was never a dawdle.

It was damned hard work. He was often in the firing line — too often — and was not popular with a number of critics who didn't like his blunt approach.

BUT THEN, BLUNTNESS WAS THE WADDELL WAY.

On one occasion he told the 'news': "At times I can be abrasive. I know that. But I did not agree with other people's views or opinions for the sake of being courteous. If I felt strongly about something I said so."

Influence

Waddell's tiresome efforts for Rangers made sure the club ran smoothly and even when he stepped down as Managing Director in 1979 he still played an important role as a director.

Football directors, it is widely agreed, should be shadowy figures who are seen little and heard less. But if there was one thing 'Deedle' was never cut out for it was to be a shadowy figure. Few had any doubt his influence was strong on every decision which came out of the boardroom.

So Rangers will miss him. It was Bill Struth, the manager who established the discipline and traditions which Waddell followed, who said: "No man is greater than the Club."

But Willie Waddell came close to it . . .



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What they sai

JOCK WALLACE: "He grew up t be a great player with the club an was a Ranger to the core. He migh no longer be on the board of direc tors or be officially connected wit the club, but as far as I am con cerned he is still a Ranger — an always will be."

DICK DONALD (Aberdeen chair man): "We have always enjoye good relations with Rangers an Willie Waddell has contributed t this. We have crossed swords in th past, but I admire him as someon who has done an excellent job."

WILLIE WOODBURN (forme Rangers teammate of Waddell) "Willie had always one ambition — to manage Rangers one day. H was a strong character who knew what he wanted and was not afrai to speak his mind, throughout hi career.



● WELL DONE . . . Rangers cha
dell at the press conference co
Rangers m

● In addition to the 17 official cap he gained playing for Scotland, Wad dell also appeared five times for th Scottish League.

● He won't want to remember som of his war-time appearance agains England. In April 1943, Scotland lost 4 0 at Hampden; in October the sam year they lost 8-0 at Maine Road and i April 1945 England again won at Ham pden, this time 6-1.

● Both Willie Waddell and Sco





● ABOVE: SOFT TALK . . . The gentle touch as Waddell has a word in the ear of a fan before a match.

● LEFT: DISCIPLINARIAN . . . Waddell reads out a hooligan warning to the fans before a match at Ibrox.



-● TOP TABLE . . . City chat as Waddell shares a table with Lord Provost William Gray.

WADDELL



OUT . . . Waddell on his way UEFA rules to point out that beaten Sporting Lison on the away goals rule.



● MAD RUSH . . . It's a tight squeeze as Tom Craig, John Greig, Willie Waddell and Jock Wallace race from the dug out after the semi-final win over Bayern



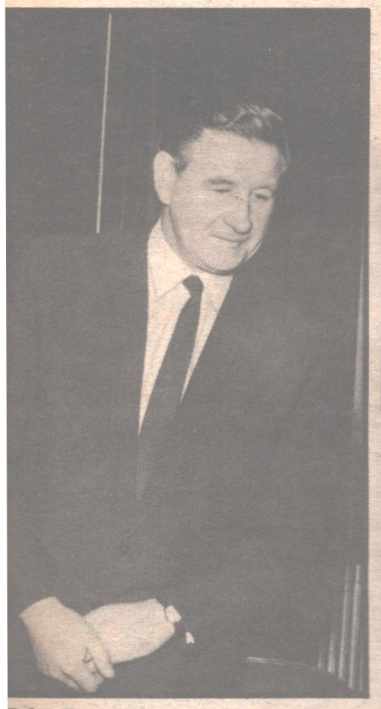
● PROUDEST MOMENT . . . It's joy for Waddell as he watches his captain, John Greig, lift the European Cup-Winners Cup in Barcelona 11 years ago.

bout him . . .

'I think he was cut out to be a nager and he did a tremendous for Rangers and he seemed to w in stature on that terrible day the Ibrox disaster. I was there t day and Willie rose to the chalge of masterminding matters."

M LAUCHLAN: "In my opinion llie Waddell was the best in the siness, both as a football manr and as a general manager. en he was manager of Kilmarck he put the club right on its t."

EX FERGUSON (Aberdeen nager): "He has helped me re than anyone else in the game. y time I have needed advice he s always been there to give it. en I look back I realise that he s the best administrator in footll and the game owes him an rmous debt."



John Lawrence applauds Wadg Waddell's appointment as in 1969.

on tried to sign Tommy McLean he same night, in the same house ut in different rooms! Waddell ted him for Kilmarnock, while on asked him to join Rangers. dell won — and then, in 1970, ped him up FROM Kilmarnock Rangers for £70,000.
In May 1953 Waddell scored gers' goal in a 1-1 draw against en of the South, giving them the by 0.227 of a goal over Hibs.



● COOL IT . . . Waddell the peacemaker as John Greig and Billy Mathieson get involved in an off the ball incident.

How he shocked the fans—twice

WILLIE Waddell's venture into management began in 1957 and as a man who was never prepared to settle for second best, he soon made Kilmarnock into the best provincial team in Scotland.

He took them from being a middle of the table side to championship winners — and had it not been for a superb Rangers team at that time Waddell's men would have won several more trophies.

Revenge

Between 1960 and 1964 they were runners-up in the league four times — and on three occasions were pipped by Rangers. In 1960 they reached the League Cup and Scottish Cup Finals — and lost 2-0 on each occasion to the Light Blues.

Two years later, Killie lost 1-0 to Hearts in the League Cup. It was disappointing, but still a tremendous record.

Killie took their revenge in 1965 when they pipped Hearts for the championship on goal difference, clinching the flag at Tynecastle with a 2-0 win in their final match.

Shocked

Waddell then shocked the football world by quitting at the top and spent four years as a sports journalist with the Scottish Daily Express before being tempted back by Rangers in 1969 after Davie White had been sacked.

Rangers hadn't won a trophy for three years — but ten months later broke that 'duck' when a Derek Johnstone goal gave them a League Cup win over Celtic.

Then, in 1972, came Rangers and Waddell's greatest moment — the club won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in Barcelona, beating Moscow Dynamo 3-2.

Once again, Waddell shocked the football world when he quit at the top. Jock Wallace was appointed boss as Willie became General Manager and, later Managing Director.

He resigned as Managing Director in September 1979, but remained as a director — until yesterday.

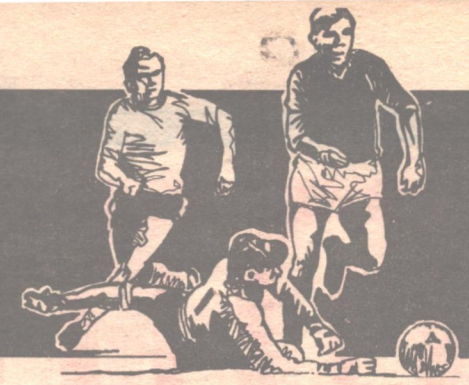


● HAPPY BIRTHDAY . . . The Ibrox staff gather round to celebrate the Deedle's 51st birthday in Turin in 1972.



● WADDELL'S TEAM . . . The Ibrox boss is flanked by Jock Wallace, Willie Thornton and Stan Anderson — all still with Rangers.

Scoreboard



All the Scottish league tables

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aberdeen	17	13	2	2	43	9	28
Celtic	17	11	3	3	42	19	25
Dundee Utd	16	9	3	4	31	15	21
Hibernian	17	8	1	8	27	29	17
Hearts	17	6	5	6	18	22	17
Rangers	17	7	2	8	25	25	16
St. Mirren	16	4	7	5	24	24	15
Dundee	17	6	2	9	23	32	14
St. Johnstone	17	4	0	13	16	50	8
Motherwell	17	1	5	11	11	35	7

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Partick	19	12	3	4	36	23	27
Dumbarton	19	9	6	4	30	23	24
Falkirk	19	11	2	6	27	22	24
Morton	19	8	7	4	38	29	23
Kilmarnock	19	10	2	7	30	23	22
Clydebank	19	9	4	6	30	24	22
Brechin	19	8	6	5	30	27	22
Clyde	19	6	5	8	26	22	17
Hamilton	19	5	7	7	21	24	17
Airdrie	19	6	5	8	18	24	17
Ayr	19	4	8	7	32	34	16
Meadowbank	19	5	4	10	17	32	14
Raith	19	3	6	10	18	32	12
Alloa	19	3	3	13	20	34	9

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar Ath.	18	13	4	1	34	14	30
Stirling A.	18	11	5	2	32	16	27
Q.O.S.	19	10	5	4	27	14	25
Berwick Ran.	19	9	5	5	31	17	23
Arbroath	18	9	3	6	28	21	21
Stenhousemuir	18	8	3	7	23	25	19
Stranraer	18	6	6	6	24	23	18
East Fife	19	7	4	8	24	26	18
Queen's Park	18	7	3	8	28	31	17
Dunfermline	18	5	6	7	17	19	16
Cowdenbeath	18	4	4	10	19	29	12
E. Stirling	18	4	3	11	22	34	11
Montrose	19	5	0	14	19	41	10
Albion R.	18	2	5	11	26	39	9

Premier Reserve League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	17	17	0	0	53	15	34
Dundee Utd	16	10	3	3	37	22	23
Celtic	16	8	2	6	39	24	18
Aberdeen	17	8	2	7	34	22	18
Dundee	17	6	5	6	22	29	17
St. Mirren	15	7	1	7	28	29	15
Hibernian	17	3	6	8	28	45	12
St. Johnstone	17	3	5	9	25	42	11
Hearts	17	2	5	10	16	32	9
Motherwell	17	2	5	10	18	39	9

Highland League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Keith	18	12	4	2	37	15	40
Caley	15	10	2	3	45	14	32
Peterhead	17	10	2	5	28	14	32
Inverness Th.	19	10	2	7	36	30	32
Elgin	16	9	3	4	30	16	30
Buckie	18	8	5	5	47	46	29
Clach	16	8	3	5	35	31	27
Fraserburgh	19	8	3	8	38	40	27
Forres	19	7	4	8	36	40	25
Huntly	19	5	6	8	33	31	21
Nairn	17	5	4	8	37	35	19
Deveronvale	17	6	1	10	24	38	19
Brora	17	4	6	7	26	28	18
Ross Co.	18	4	5	9	36	42	17
Rothes	18	4	2	12	31	61	14
Lossiemouth	18	4	2	12	16	53	14

★ Three points for a win.

Irish League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Linfield	7	6	0	1	20	5	12
Glentoran	7	5	1	1	30	12	11
Cliftonville	7	4	3	0	9	3	11
Crusaders	7	4	1	2	14	12	9
Glenavon	7	4	0	3	14	9	8
Ballymena	7	3	2	2	8	7	8
Coleraine	7	3	1	3	13	9	7
Portadown	7	2	3	2	6	5	7
Ards	7	2	3	2	9	12	7
Bangor	7	2	2	3	11	15	6
Distillery	7	2	0	5	7	14	4
Newry	7	2	0	5	7	17	4
Carrick	7	1	0	6	4	16	2
Larne	7	1	0	6	6	22	2

1st XI scorers

Sandy Clark	24
Ally McCoist	20
John MacDonald	13
Robert Prytz	11
David Mitchell	7
David McPherson	7
Bobby Russell	7
Ian Redford	6
Davie Cooper	6
Bobby Williamson	4
John McClelland	4
Craig Paterson	3
Ally Dawson	1
David MacKinnon	1
Gregor Stevens	1
Billy Davies	1
Billy Mackay	1
Colin McAdam	1
Own goals	2

2nd XI scorers

Eric Ferguson	11
Billy Davies	6
Andrew Kennedy	6
Robert Fleck	5
Gordon Dalziel	4
Colin McAdam	4
John MacDonald	4
Billy Mackay	4
Kenny Black	4
Derek Johnstone	3
Craig Paterson	3
Gregor Stevens	2
Ally McCoist	2
Robert Prytz	2
David Mitchell	1
Derek Ferguson	1
Dougie Robertson	1
Ian Redford	1
Hugh Burns	1
Scott Fraser	1
Dave MacKinnon	1
Ian Durrant	1
Own goals	1

Weekend results

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Aberdeen	2	Hibernian	1
Hearts	1	Celtic	3
Rangers	2	Dundee	1
St. Johnstone	3	Motherwell	1

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Brechin	1	Alloa	0
Clyde	2	Meadowbk	1
Falkirk	2	Airdrie	0
Hamilton	4	Dumbarton	1
Kilmarnock	0	Clydebank	1
Partick	3	Morton	1
Raith	1	Ayr	3

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rov	1	Q.O.S.	1
Arbroath	2	Montrose	1
Berwick	1	East Fife	0
Forfar	1	Dunfermline	0
Queen's Pk	5	E. Stirling	4
Stenhmuir	2	Stranraer	0
Stirling Alb	4	Cowdenbth	1

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE

Celtic	1	Hearts	2
Motherwell	3	St. Johnstone	1

HIGHLAND LEAGUE

Caley	6	Lossiemouth	1
Deveronvale	1	Huntly	1
Elgin	1	Bora	1
Fraserburgh	2	Rothes	1
Keith	1	Nairn	0
Peterhead	1	Clach	0
Ross Co.	4	Buckie	0
Thistle	3	Forres	1

This week's games

SATURDAY (DECEMBER 24)
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: St. Mirren v Aberdeen.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Airdrie v Meadowbank.
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Queen of the South v Arbroath.

MONDAY (DECEMBER 26)
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Motherwell v Hearts.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Alloa v Hamilton; Ayr v Clyde; Clydebank v Raith Rovers; Falkirk v Kilmarnock; Morton v Brechin; Partick Thistle v Dumbarton.
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir; Dunfermline v Striling Albion; East Fife v Queen's Park; East Stirling v Albion Rovers; Montrose v Berwick Rangers; Stranraer v Forfar.
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Birmingham v Nottingham Forest; Coventry v Manchester United; Everton v Sunderland; Ipswich v Wolves; Leicester City v Q.P.R.; Notts. County v Luton Town; Stoke City v Norwich; Spurs v Arsenal; Watford v Aston Villa; West Brom v Liverpool; West Ham v Southampton.
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Barnsley v Cambridge United; Cardiff v Swansea; Crystal Palace v Brighton; Fulham v Derby; Grimsby v Sheffield Wednesday; Leeds v Huddersfield; Manchester City v Oldham; Middlesbro v Carlisle; Newcastle v Blackburn; Portsmouth v Charlton; Shrewsbury v Chelsea.

TUESDAY (DECEMBER 27)
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic v Dundee United; Dundee v St. Johnstone; Hibernian v Rangers.
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal v Birmingham City; Aston Villa v Spurs; Liverpool v Leicester; Luton Town v West Ham; Manchester United v Notts. County; Norwich v !pswich; Southampton v Watford; Sunderland v West Brom; Wolves v Everton.
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Brighton v Fulham; Carlisle v Newcastle United; Charlton v C. Palace; Chelsea v Portsmouth; Derby v Cardiff; Huddersfield v Manchester City; Oldham v Leeds; Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough; Swansea v Shrewsbury.

WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 28)
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Nottingham Forest v Coventry.

THURSDAY (DECEMBER 29)
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Q.P.R. v Stoke City.

SATURDAY (DECEMBER 31)
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Aberdeen v Dundee; Dundee United v Motherwell; Hibernian v Celtic; Rangers v St. Mirren (2 p.m.); St. Johnstone v Hearts.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Brechin v Airdrie; Clyde v Clydebank; Dumbarton v Ayr United; Hamilton v Morton; Kilmarnock v Partick Thistle; Meadowbank v Alloa (2 p.m.); Raith Rovers v Falkirk.
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Albion Rovers v Stranraer; Berwick v East Stirling; Cowdenbeath v Arbroath; East Fife v Dunfermline; Forfar v Montrose; Queen of the South v Queen's Park; Stirling Albion v Stenhousemuir.
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal v Southampton; Aston Villa v Q.P.R.; Everton v Coventry; Ipswich v Notts. County; Leicester v West Brom; Manchester United v Stoke City; Nottingham Forest v Liverpool; Sunderland v Luton Town; Watford v Birmingham; West Ham v Spurs; Wolves v Norwich.

MONDAY (JANUARY 2)
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Hearts v Hibernian.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Clydebank v Dumbarton; Falkirk v Alloa; Morton v Meadowbank; Partick Thistle v Clyde; Raith Rovers v Brechin.
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Arbroath v Forfar; Dunfermline v Cowdenbeath; Montrose v East Fife; Queen's Park v Berwick; Stenhousemuir v Albion Rovers; Stirling Albion v East Stirling; Stranrear v Queen of the South.
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Birmingham v Everton; Coventry v Sunderland; Liverpool v Manchester United; Luton Town v Nottingham Forest; Norwich v Arsenal; Notts. County v West Ham; Q.P.R. v Wolves; Southampton v Aston Villa; Stoke v Leicester; Spurs v Watford; West Brom v Ipswich.
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Brighton v Blackburn; Cambridge v Swansea; Cardiff v Crystal Palace; Derby v Charlton; Fulham v Grimsby; Huddersfield v Carlisle; Manchester City v Leeds; Middlesbro v Chelsea; Newcastle v Barnsley; Sheffield Wednesday v Oldham; Shrewsbury v Portsmouth.

TUESDAY (JANUARY 3)
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Aberdeen v St. Johnstone; Celtic v Rangers (2 p.m.); Dundee v Dundee United; St. Mirren v Motherwell.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Ardrie v Hamilton; Kilmarnock v Ayr United.
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bristol Rovers v Wigan.

Latest 'Player of the Year' news

EVEN though his finishing might have been better in Saturday's match, Bobby Russell did more than enough to win his first man of the match nomination for his performance against Dundee on Saturday.

The midfield star, however, received a booking which means he has only two points.

Davie Cooper won the man of the match vote from boss Wallace in midweek against Ross County while Billy Davies was the reserve choice by John Hagart against Dundee on Friday night.

The full tables are

FIRST TEAM

John McClelland	18
Sandy Clark	11
Davie Cooper	11
Robert Prytz	5
Colin McAdam	5
David Mitchell	4
John MacDonald	3
Ally McCoist	3
Derek Ferguson	3
Bobby Russell	2
David McPherson	2
Jimmy Nicholl	2

Bookings: Redford (7), McPherson (4), MacKinnon (4), Clark (4), Prytz (4), Dawson (2), Mitchell (2), Paterson (2), Stevens, McCloy, Nicholl, Kennedy, McAdam, Russell.

SECOND TEAM

Hugh Burns	12
Andrew Kennedy	6
Billy Davies	5
Andy Bruce	3
Robert Fleck	3
Kenny Black	3
Eric Ferguson	2

Sent off: Kennedy, Davies. Bookings: Black (6), Fraser (6), Lyall (3), E. Ferguson (2), D. Ferguson, Bruce, B. Davies.

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Winning combinations: 13, 32, 36, 37 with one from 05, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 40, 43.
POOL SIX: 1 possible, 19 goals, 1 winner recieves £2,000.

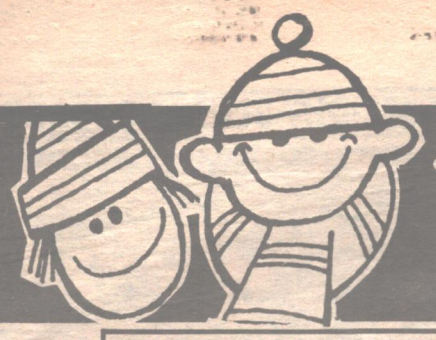
Winner: M. Giblin, 116 Longstone Road, Glasgow.
● The Golden Bonus was not won and now stands at £2,200.

Saturday's Results

● FOLLOWING is the check for Saturday's results — Game 01—2-1; 02—2-0; 03—3-1; 04—4-0; 05—1-0; 06—2-2; 07—2-0; 08—1-1; 09—4-1; 10—4-1; 11—0-1; 12—5-0; 13—0-0; 14—3-0; 15—5-2; 16—1-0; 17—0-1; 18— 5-1; 19—3-1; 20—1-3; 21—3-0; 22—1-2; 23—1-0; 24—0-1; 25—2-1; 26—2-0; 27—2-0; 28—2-1; 29—2-1; 30—0-1; 31—1-4; 32—0-0; 33—4-0; 34—1-3; 35—2-1; 36—0-0; 37—0-0; 38—4-2; 39—1-2; 40—1-0; 41—1-1; 42—3-1; 43—1-0; 44—2-3.

This week's numbers

● FOLLOWING is official list of teams for Monday, December 26: 01 Barnsley; 02 Cardiff; 03 Bournemouth; 04 Burnley; 05 Aldershot; 06 Bristol C.; 07 Motherwell; 08 Alloa; 09 Crystal Palace; 10 Fulham; 11 Gillingham; 12 Hull; 13 Doncaster; 14 Halifax; 15 Ayr; 16 Clydebank; 17 Grimsby; 18 Leeds; 19 Lincoln; 20 Millwall; 21 Hartlepool; 22 Hereford; 23 Falkirk; 24 Morton; 25 Man City; 26 Middlesbrough; 27 Oxford U.; 28 Plymouth; 29 Mansfield; 30 Peterborough; 31 Partick Th; 32 Cowdenbeath; 33 Newcastle; 34 Shrewsbury; 35 Preston; 36 Sheffield U.; 37 Dumfermline; 38 East Fife; 39 East Stirling; 40 Watford; 41 West Brom; 42 West Ham; 43 Tranmere; 44 Wrexham.



Young Rangers Club

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We've got two copies of the book to give away to Young Rangers Club members.

The book has all the up to date statistical information about your favourite team, as well as features about John McClelland, Sandy Clark and Ally McCoist.

The annual has already sold thousands of copies in the shops — obviously its going to be a great surprise present for a lot of young Rangers fans!

But you can win one FREE in our easy to enter contest.

The questions are on the right.

When you know the answers, put them down on a postcard and send them to "Annual," Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow.

Just answer these two questions . . .

- **1. Sandy Clark was with which English club before he moved back to Scotland?**
- **2. Which current Rangers player has a European Cup runners-up medal?**

Clear

Please remember to put your FULL name and address as well as your Young Rangers Club membership number. The closing date for this contest is Monday, January 9.

The Editors decision is final in all matters.

- If you are entering any of our other contests you can put all the answers on one postcard to save postage. But please make sure it is clear which answers refer to which competition.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Which club did West Ham beat in the 1975 FA Cup Final?
2. From which club did Rangers sign skipper John McClelland?
3. Rangers record win is against Blairgowrie and Whitehill in the Scottish Cup. Was the score 14-0, 14-1, or 14-2?
4. Which club won the Irish League Championship in season 1982-83?
5. Who scored Rangers opener in the 1972 European-Cup Winners Cup final?
6. Which English First Division side play at Upton Park?
7. Which Scottish First Division side play at Stark's Park?
8. Which two clubs would be playing if Mike Hazard scored a penalty against Mark Wallington?
9. True or False. Morton beat Celtic 4-1 in the 1971-72 League Cup final?
10. Which player was Rangers top scorer last season? Was it John MacDonald, Sandy Clark or Davie Cooper?

ANSWERS: 1. Fulham. 2. Mansfield Town. 3. 14-2. 4. Linfield. 5. Colin Stein. 6. West Ham United. 7. Raith Rovers. 8. Spurs v Leicester City. 9. False — it was Partick Thistle. 10. John MacDonald (22 goals).

Midweek results

Tuesday (December 13): CHALLENGE GAME: Ross Co. 0, Rangers 6.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Northern Ireland 2, Scotland 0. RESERVE LEAGUE CUP (FIRST ROUND) Morton 2, Queens Park 2 (after extra time, Morton won 3-0 on penalties. BP YOUTH CUP (2nd round): Alloa 2, Clydebank 3.

WEDNESDAY (December 14) European Championship: GROUP 3: Greece 1, Luxembourg 0. GROUP 4: Wales 1, Yugoslavia 1.



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This week it is the Premier League clash with St. Johnstone on January 21 and we have a pair of stand tickets up for grabs.

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Great

The picture shows a delighted John MacDonald scoring yet another great goal, this time in a pre-season friendly match last season.

All that you have to do is to tell us the name of Rangers opponents.

Once you think you have the correct answer, jot it down on a POSTCARD together with your FULL name and your ADDRESS, not forgetting your YRC membership number.

Send it to "St. Johnstone Tickets", Rangers News, 19 North Claremont Street, Glasgow, The Editors decision is final in all matters.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THESE MEMBERS

- The following Young Rangers Club members will all celebrate a birthday in the coming two weeks or have done so recently:

DEC. 16

JOHN DODDS, 3 George Place, Peebles, who was two.

DEC. 17

FRASER GREEN, 106 Eglinton Road, Ardrossan, who was 16.

TODAY DEC. 21

DEREK NAISMITH, 4 Dunan Place, Glasgow, who is eight.
TAHIR GHANI, Main Street, Tarbert, Harris, who is 15.
ALASTAIR RITCHIE, 44 Red Rose Crescent, Manchester, who is one.
CAROLE HEIRS, 6f Etive Place, Stirling, who is 12.
ANDREW IRVINE, 24e Spey Place, Johnstone, who is 13.
LINDA McGOWAN, 269e George Street, Aberdeen, who is 17.
CHRISTOPHER LOGAR, 31 Aromaleigh Road, Glasgow, who is 11.
MARTIN CAMPBELL, 136 Mains Drive, Erskine, who is nine.
IAN SPEIRS, 242 Braes View, Denny, who is 15.
CHARLES ROBERTSON, 140 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, who is 16.
KENNETH FRANCIS, 18 Whin Avenue, Barrhead, who is 16.
SCOTT MacMILLAN, 9 Scarpel Terrace, Glasgow, who is 12.
ANDREW MURPHY, 5 Dalswinton Street, Glasgow, who is nine.
JASON LATTO 7 Mullroy Terrace, Inverness, who is 15.
AZHAR MOHAMMED, 21 West Moreland Street, Glasgow, who is 11.
GERALD CUMBERLAND, 20 Duthil Street, Glasgow, who is 15.
ALEX ALLAN, 8 Burn Brae Road, Harthill, who is 15.
BRIAN CATHIE, 176 Altyre Street, Glasgow, who is 16.
MARK WALKER, 17c Riverside Drive, Haddington, who is 16.
JAMES McKAY, 11 Ashfield Street, Glasgow, who is 12.
GORDON SHAW, 7 Coille-Mhinnean, Furnace by Inveraray, who is 15.
ALISTAIR CARMICHAEL, Stravanan Farm, Rothesay, who is 16.
CAROL THOMAS, 45a Lochbrae Drive, Rutherglen, who is 17.
WILLIAM NISBET, 57 White Street, Whitburn, who is 11.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

CHRISTOPHER BROWN, 49 Grampian Way, Cumbernauld, who is eight.
ANDREW TALESON, 36a Hospital Street, Coatbridge, who is nine.
DOUGLAS SPROULL, 11 Park Street, New Stevenson, who is 15.
HUGH BOLLAND, 19 New Road, Glaston, who is two.
MARK WATSON, 192 Abbeygreen Road, Lesmahagow, who is nine.
LORNA SAUNDERS, 33 Adams Avenue, Saltcoats, who is nine.
COLIN COWE, 15 Princess Mary Road, Haddington, who is seven.
ROBERT MENZIES, 4 Gryffe Crescent, Foxbar, who is 15.
ALEXANDER HOOD, 19 Catherine Drive, Galston, who is 12.
GORDON BURNS, 5 Gilmour Place, Coatbridge, who is 16.
JIMMY SMITH, 56 Helmsdale Avenue, Dundee, who is 12.
JACK REID, 1 Strathview Taynuilt, who is 16.
ALAN KEMP, 9 McFarlane Place, Arrochar, who is 15.
TRACY HUTCHINSON, 25 Almond Street, Glasgow, who is five.
GRAHAM SHANKS, 15 Fleming Gardens, Dundee, who is four.
ANDREW HUTCHESOM, 36a Hospital Street, Coatbridge, who is nine.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

IAN SCOTT, 37 Invercanny Drive, Glasgow, who is 13.
ROBERT STEWART, 67 Greenside Street, Coatbridge, who is seven.
ERIC STEWART, 18 Vaisker Back, Lewis, who is 11.
GRAEME MacDONALD, 4 Kensington Drive, Glasgow, who is 15.
SCOTT TAYLOR, 3 Clifford Place, Glasgow, who is five.
DAVID SMITH, 73 Wellshot Road, Glasgow, who is 17.
STUART SMITH, 7 Westerton Cowie, Stirling, who is 14.

● REMEMBER . . . if you would like to see your name mentioned in these columns, then all you have to do is drop us a line and tell us about your birthday.

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IAIN SKINNER, 7 Aros Cottage, Lochpilphead, who is 13.
ALAN KAY, 59 Garelock Way, Whitburn, who is 14.
COLIN McNAUGHT, 6 Drymen Street, Glasgow, who is 14.
JACKIE DOBBIN, 4 Mitchell Street, Greenock, who is 12.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

JOHN BRUCE, 11 Eddlewood Road, Glasgow, who is 14.
ANDREW LOVE, 9 Main Street, Cruden Bay, who is 15.
GREIG STEVENSON, 1 Littleton Drive, Glasgow, who is five.
JOHN JOHNSTONE, 160 Culrain Street, Glasgow, who is eight.
JOHN KELLY, 360 Ardencraig Road, Glasgow, who is 12.
IAN BOYD, 23 Lindsay Crescent, Largs, who is 11.
JIM LESLIE, 10 Cuilt Place, Glasgow, who is ten.
DEREK NIMMO, 28 Kilmory Gardens, Carluke, who is 11.
ALAN WISHART, 20 Barrhill Street, Kirkintilloch, who is 13.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

JOHN HAZEL, 3 Hawthorn Crescent, Stirling, who is 15.
CRAIG FISHER, 64 Whitecrook Street, Clydebank, who is 11.
JOHN PENMAN, 51 Carden Castle Park, Cardanden, who is 16.
CHRISTOPHER HARDING, 43 Redwell Place, Alloa, who is 16.
CAMERON GIBB, Coronation Mansions, Lochgilphead, who is 14.
IAN McNEILLIE, 17 Craig View, Coylton, who is 13.
JOHN BROWN, 7 Brechin Street, Glasgow, who is 14.
JOHN ROSS, 26 Aberdalgie Road, Glasgow, who is 15.
STUART CAMERON, 3 Glen Fruin Road, Greenock, who is 16.
COLIN BLACK, 24 Netherplace Road, Newton Mearns, who is 13.

MONDAY, DEC. 26

ANDREW MOONEY, 94 Bellrock Crescent, Glasgow, who is four.
DAVID FYFE, 32 Glengarry Road, Perth, who is 17.
DANNY CAMPBELL, 28 Patterson Drive, Carluke, who is seven.
COLIN McILWRAITH, 91 Ibrox Terrace, Glasgow, who is nine.
STEPHEN MacINTYRE, Drambuie, Fort William, who is 15.
JAMES ROSS, 145 Badnellan, Brora, who is 15.
STEPHEN FENECH, St Patrick's School, Sliema, Malta, who is 17.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

A. CURRIE, 76 Hart Street, Paisley, who is 16.
DONNA ALLAN, 117 Woodland Crescent, Halfway Cambusland, who is 15.
WILLIAM DICKEN, 31 Connel View, New Cumnock, who is 13.
GARY BURNETT, 12 Hayfield, Bainsford, Falkirk, who is 13.
DAVID WATSON, 57 Cardowan Drive, Stepps, who is 15.
KERRY GRAVES, 16 Buttington Road, Chepstow, who is 13.
JAMES KEENAN, 16 Gleenside Crescent, Glasgow, who is 13.
STEPHEN MONTGOMERY, 59 Hillview Road, Elderslie, who is 13.
IAN McCULLY, 120 Hillfoot Road, Airdrie, who is nine.
THOMAS HEPBURN, 179 Househillmuir Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
COLIN MACKIE, 4/7 Rdg BFPO 38, who is 14.
STEWART KERR, 12 Niven Street, Glasgow, who is 17.
SCOTT ROBERTSON, 5 Bridge Terrace, Furnace by Inveraray, who is nine.
JULIE GRAY, 23 Admiralty Place, Beith, who is eight.
TOM LEWIS, 33 Bruce Drive, Larbert, who is 13.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

DEBBIE STEPHEN, 24 Pentland Place, Peterhead, who is four.
ROBERT GALLACHER, 103 Hillview Cottages, Edinburgh, who is 11.
SCOT ALLAN, 43 Earl Haig Avenue, Leven, who is 15.
ISLA CUMMING, 5 Burnbrae Road, Stoneyburn, who is 11.
LEEANNE WALKER, 50 Lakeslone Road, Ontario, Canada, who is four.
SEAN McEWAN, The Homestead, Keith, who is 17.
DEREK GARDINER, 53 Alexandria Avenue, Lenzie, who is 15.
JOHNNY McRAE, 154 Millcroft Road, Cumbernauld, who is nine.
ROBERT BELL, 141 Scalpay Place, Glasgow who is 14.
PETER JOHNSTONE, 118 Westerton Road, Grangemouth, who is seven.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

BOBBY STANLEY, 3 Finsbey Street, Glasgow, who is five.
STEVEN GRAHAM, 4 Hillfoot Terrace, Carluke, who is two.
EOIN CAMPBELL, 2 Village, Eriskay, South Uist, who is 13.
LOUISE MacGREGOR, 2 Willow Drive, March, who is five.
STUART ROBERTSON, 24 Bankton Park West, Livingston, who is 15.
JOHN BRAICH, 28 Murray Field Fochabers, who is 14.
ANDREW CUMMING, 35 Duncan Crescent, Dunfermline, who is 17.
GEORGE GARDINER, 56 Blaeberryhill Road, Whitburn, who is one.
DAVID McGEE, 337 Appin Road, Glasgow, who is eight.
JIM BOXALL, 10 Howgate Road, Hamilton, who is 16.
KAREN JOHNSTON, 4 Woodfoot Path, Glasgow, who is 16.
RAYMOND WALKER, 66 Woodyett Road, Glasgow, who is 13.
JOHN McDONALD, 6/8 Southhouse Path, Edinburgh, who is 15.
SCOTT GREENHILL, Fordehill Farm, Leuchars, who is ten.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

GREGG RUSSELL, 22 Woodside Gardens, Coatbridge, who is seven.
MARK SMITH, 19 Goodham Place, Kilwinning, who is 12.
ROSS MacKENZIE, 61 Kilbarchan Road, Kilbarchan, who is 13.
WENDY THOMSON, 2 Bingham Street, Edinburgh, who is 14.
PHILIP METCALFE, 2 Baine Street, Greenock, who is 13.
LIAM BRINDLE, 36 Katherine Street, Airdrie, who is 12.
DAVID PENN, 18 South Green Drive, Airth, who is two.
STANLEY McFADDEN, 43 Kilmuir Crescent, Glasgow, who is four.
STEWART BROWN, 11 Bank Road, East Linton, who is 16.
MARTIN SMITH, 3 Popular Street, Dunbar, who is 16.
IAN RAMSAY, 107 West Savile Terrace, Edinburgh, who is 16.
JOHN MARTIN, 341 Caledonia Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
ERIC PHILLIPS, 8 Islay Crescent, Paisley, who is 14.
JOHN DURKIN, 86 County Avenue, Cambusland, who is 16.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

ANDREW STEWART, 1 Long Lane, Scarborough, who is six.
JAMIE STEWART, 1 Long Lane, Scarborough, who is six.
GREG GIBB, 67 Barbouchlaw Avenue, Armadale, who is 13.
DAVID RODDEN, 36 Cathay Street, Glasgow, who is four.
LYNDSAY WILSON, 11c Holm Place, Linwood, who is five.
ELAINE STEVENSON, 3 Larch Grove, Holytown, who is 16.
GREIG WARD, 24 Benvie Road, Dundee, who is six.
COLIN WILSON, 35 Wilton Road, Mauchline, who is 15.
MARK FAIRBROTHER, 4 Hutton Drive, Glasgow, who is 13.
ALBERT BLAIR, 896 Tollcross Road, Glasgow, who is 16.
MICHAEL McKINSTRAY, Greendykes Cottage, St Boswells, who is 12.
ALISON CHRISTIE, 20 Dean Crescent, Hamilton, who is 11.
NICOLA HUNTER, 1 Spoulinn Cottages, Stewarton, who is 12.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

PAUL JARMAN, 55 Millersneuk Drive, Glasgow, who is ten.
JOHN JOHNSTONE, 252 Househillwood Road, Glasgow, who is 14.
GARY HERD, 10 Trenchard Crescent, Kinloss, who is 17.
IAN HUTCHINSON, Lynwood, Blairgowrie Road, Coupar, who is 13.
CRAIG ROSS, 7 Minden Drive, Dunfries, who is five.
COLIN LEITCH, 66 Redburn, Bonhill, who is 12.
ROBERT DICK, 1 Boyndiest, Glasgow, who is 13.
JAMIE MARSHALL, 14 Polmeur Road, Dumfries, who is 17.
DAVID BROWN, 12 Towerside Road, Glasgow, who is 17.
DAVID ORR, 33 Blar Mhor Road, Fort William, who is ten.

MONDAY, JAN. 2

STEVEN McLAREN, 15 Concorde Way, Inverkeithing, who is 16.
ROBERT ARNOTT, 1 Swinton Crescent, Coatbridge, who is ten.
ANDREW SLATER, 6 Ellison Avenue, Glasgow, who is 17.
STEPHEN ROBERTSON, 60 Ballindalloch, Glasgow, who is 16.
GEORGE MacDONALD, 22 Willowbank, Wick, who is 15.
RICHARD ROSS, Kylestone, Laing, who is 16.
KEVIN KERR, 68 Langside Drive, Kennoway, who is 15.
GRAEME SHIELS, 22 Mansefield, East Calder, who is 16.
IAIN CLARK, 42 Glen Gardens, Callander, who is 15.
DAVID DONALDSON, 32 Hallidale Crescent, Renfrew, who is seven.
STEPHEN HUMBLE, 18 Oak Street, Chesterfield, who is 16.
ROBERT CLARK, 176 Faifley Road, Clydebank, who is 17.
JAMES WILSON, 3 Admiralty Street, Buckie, who is 13.
ALAN BACHAN, 40 Newtown Bo'ness, who is 15.
DAVID WOOD, 22 Craigwell Avenue, Glasgow, who is 14.

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

STEVEN CRAIG, 32 Westerton, Lennoxtown, who is two.
DEREK HESLOP, 83 Montford Avenue, Glasgow, who is 11.
DONNIE CAMPBELL, 4 Birks Road, Renfrew, who is 13.
IAIN MacDONALD, 76 Durban Avenue, Clydebank, who is ten.
SCOTT WILSON, 41 Garry Walk, Livingston, who is 16.
HUGH TODD, 78 Crossmill Avenue, Glasgow, who is 15.
ELLIOT MacRAE, 30 Afton Court, Stirling, who is 13.
SANDY FLEMING, 35 Dunayvan Road, Coatbridge, who is 11.
COLIN ROBERTSON, 22 Ardenlea Street, Dalmarnock, who is four.
DAVID SUTHERLAND, 64 Union Grove, Fraserburgh, who is 15.

★ Star ★ Birthdays

- **The following Premier League players all celebrate a birthday in the next two weeks:**

BRYAN GUNN of Aberdeen will be 20 on Thursday.
ALAN BLAIR of Dundee will be 29 on Saturday.
JOHN McSTAY of Motherwell will be 19 on Saturday.
GERRY McCOY of Hearts will be 23 on Saturday.
GARY McALLISTER of Motherwell will be 19 on Sunday.
ROWAN HAMILTON of Dundee will be 19 on December 29.
SANDY JARDINE of Hearts will be 35 on December 31.
ROBERT SHAW of Motherwell will be 18 on January 1.

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DEADLY DEREK



● DEREK JOHNSTONE . . . winning goal at Ibrox.



● CHRIS ROBERTSON . . . point saver at Love Street.

RANGERS were in action only once over the Christmas and New Year fortnight five years ago as the freezing temperatures played havoc with the Scottish fixture lists.

Happily for the Light Blues, the one match they did play was a successful one, a 1-0 win over St. Mirren at Ibrox on Saturday, December 23.

DJ strikes — and sinks St. Mirren

5 Years Ago

Victory

An excellent crowd of 22,500 braved the icy winds and saw a marvellous performance from Tommy McLean carve the way to victory for the Ibrox side.

After a goalless but entertaining first half, Rangers grabbed the all-important goal in the 68th minute.

Superb

Bobby Russell played the ball to Tommy McLean on the right wing. The Ibrox winger sent a superb cross into the path of Derek Johnstone who chested the ball down and shot home from 12 yards.

The line-ups:

RANGERS: McCloy, Miller, Dawson, Jardine, Jackson, A. MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Watson, Cooper.

ST. MIRREN: Thomson, Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey. Subs: Young (for Beckett) and Hyslop (for Abercrombie).

Action

Dundee United stayed top of the league with a 2-1 win over Hibs at Tannadice. Morton beat Celtic 1.0 at Cappielow, Hearts drew 0-0 at home to Aberdeen and Motherwell drew 1-1 at Fir Park with Partick Thistle.

Only one other Premier League fixture was played over the festive period, Morton beating Aberdeen 2-1 at Pittordie. Rangers reserves were in action once, a Chris Robertson goal earning a 1-1 draw at St. Mirren.

Other football news included Luis Cesar Menotti's "resignation" as manager of Argentina and Kevin Keegan being voted European Footballer of the Year for his superb form with SV Hamburg.

Jock Wallace came back to Scotland — to sign Hibs midfield star Bobby Smith for Leicester City for a fee of £85,000.

Dispute

The other main football story in Scotland was the end to speculation over the future of Clyde manager Craig Brown, who finally turned down the chance to take over at Ayr United.

TV was in the news in more ways than one in 1978. The BBC industrial dispute ended just in time for the Christmas and New Year programmes to be shown.

STV were not so happy. First of all, they were accused of 'fixing' a 'This Is Your Life' show on which Muhammed Ali appeared, then blundered by showing the same episode of 'Crossroads' twice. Surprised anyone noticed . . .

Among the festive feature film offerings on the box were 'Tora, Tora, Tora', 'El Cid', 'Diamonds Are Forever' and 'The Sound Of Music'.

Powers

If you were prepared to put up with all that riveting excitement a Bush 18 inch telly would set you back £204.90.

The top singles of the year were released and the chart showed Boney M's 'Rivers Of Babylon' at the top with Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta second with 'You're The One That I Want'.

The Shah of Iran didn't enjoy his Christmas much. The natives were getting pretty restless and he was forced to hand down his powers to his political opponents.

Honours

President Carter also had a pile of problems. He was recovering from a painful haemorrhoid condition.

The New Years honours list saw Olivia Newton-John and Scots actor Gordon Jackson amongst the well-known names to be awarded the O.B.E.

Rex Harrison, known as 'Sexie Rexie' to his friends, lived up to his reputation when he tied the knot for the sixth time. Latest wife was a Mercia Tinker.

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XMAS

THE FESTIVE fortnight fifty years ago produced goals galore for Rangers, with the Light Blues taking six points from a possible eight in their four matches.

First port of call on the Christmas and New Year league trail was Broomfield where the Ibrox men tore Airdrie apart with a superb attacking display, running out 7-2 winners.

With Jerry Dawson injured, Canadian keeper George Jenkins made his first team debut for Rangers. He had a fine match and was blameless at both Airdrie goals, scored by Harrison and Ross.

Unbeaten

The men who made the headlines for Rangers were Bob McPhail and Jimmy Fleming. They both grabbed hat-tricks after Willie Nicholson had shot the Light Blues into the lead.

The line-ups:

AIRDRIE: Morrison, Calder, Shaw, Thomson, Sharp, Todd, Ross, Grant, Harrison, Collins, Mooney.

RANGERS: Jenkins, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Venters, Fleming, McPhail, Nicholson.

Motherwell lost their unbeaten record, going down 2-1 to Clyde at Fir Park. Aberdeen won 2-1 at Ayr and Celtic lost 1-0 at home to Queen of the South.

HOW THEY STOOD

1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dundee U.	18	8	7	3	25	16	23
Patrick	18	8	5	5	19	16	21
Aberdeen	19	6	8	5	30	19	20
Rangers	18	6	8	4	22	18	20
Morton	19	7	6	6	24	26	20
Celtic	18	7	5	6	26	21	19

1959

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	20	12	5	3	61	32	29
Motherwell	20	10	8	2	60	32	28
Hearts	20	11	5	4	62	36	27
Dundee	20	10	6	4	39	29	26
Airdrie	20	12	2	6	44	36	26
Partick	20	9	4	7	34	27	22

1933

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Motherwell	26	22	3	1	64	23	47
Rangers	24	18	4	2	81	26	4o
Aberdeen	25	14	5	6	64	32	33
Hearts	25	12	8	5	64	33	32
Kilmarnock	26	13	5	8	54	34	31
Ayr U.	26	10	8	8	59	69	28

BERTIE PUT ON THE SPOT

25 Years Ago

RANGERS completed the festive period in 1958-59 where they had began — at the top of the First Division.

But although the Light Blues could be fairly pleased with their form, there was the disappointment of losing an unbeaten run of 14 matches.

First port of call was Cathkin Park on Saturday, December 27 where 23,000 fans turned out to see Rangers take on struggling Third Lanark.

Ralph Brand gave Rangers the lead in the 17th minute with the only goal of the first half, but Thirds fought back and Hilley equaised five minutes after the restart.

Seal

In the 55th minute, however, Max Murray made it 2-1 for the Light Blues and then grabbed a third goal 20 minutes later.

Andy Matthew missed the chance to seal the game from the penalty spot in the 80th minute and in the end Rangers had to hand on to a slender 3-2 win after Goodfellow scored in the 82nd minute.

The line-ups:

THIRD LANARK: Ramage, Caldwell, Brown, Kelly, McCallum, Robb, Hilley, Goodfellow, Lewis, Gray, McInnes.

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, Orr, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Murray, Brand, Matthew.

January 1, 1934, saw a huge crowd inside Ibrox for the one that everyone wanted to see. Ankle deep mud and gale force rain couldn't stop Rangers and Celtic serving up yet another thriller.

The Parkhead men took the lead in the 15th minute when Colrain squared the ball to Peacock and the Celtic striker's 15 yard shot was deflected past George Niven.



● ERIC CALDOW . . . penalty winner against Celtic.

Five minutes later, Rangers were level. Andy Matthew won possession 40 yards out, set off on a superb run and then found the net from ten yards after his first shot had been blocked.

Just before half-time, Neil Mochan handled inside the area and Eric Caldow did his usual competent job from the penalty spot. It was to prove the winning goal for Rangers.

With five minutes left, Willie Telfer fouled Divers inside the box. BUT BERTIE AULD PASSED UP THE CHANCE TO GRAB A POINT FOR CELTIC WHEN HE HAMMERED THE BALL AGAINST THE BAR.

Penalty miss proves costly

The line-ups:

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, McColl, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Murray, Brand, Matthew.

CELTIC: Beattie, McKay, Mochan, Smith, Evans, Peacock, McVittie, Jackson, Colrain, Divers, Auld.

Saturday, January 3 was the day when the Light Blues unbeaten run came to an end after 14 matches. Partick Thistle did the damage with a 2-0 win at Firhill.

A great crowd of 37,000 saw the Jags take the lead in the 31st minute when George Smith converted a McParland cross from 18 yards.

In the 75th minute, Ralph Brand had the ball in the net when he headed home a McColl cross, but the referee chalked the goal off despite Brand looking well onside.

Costly

It proved costly for Rangers and a minute later George Smith found the net again when he blasted the ball home from eight yards after controlling a great pass from Ewing.

The line-ups:

PARTICK THISTLE: Freebairn, Hogan, Baird, Wright, Harvey, Donlevy, Smith, Wilson, Kerr, McParland, Ewing.

RANGERS: Niven, Shearer, Caldow, McColl, Telfer, Stevenson, Scott, McMillan, Murray, Brand, Matthew.

In the other matches affecting the top of the table, Hibs and Motherwell drew 2-2 at Easter Road, Hearts defeated Airdrie 3-2 at Broomfield and Dundee won 2-0 at home to Raith.

In England, Wolves topped Division One despite losing 2-1 at home to

Ibrox boss Scot Symon went into the transfer market when he snapped up 21-year-old centre-half Archie Smith, beating several clubs to the RAF lad's signature.

GOAL CHEER

50 Years Ago

Rangers reserves beat Airdrie 9-2 at Ibrox.

Rangers next hurdle, and their last fixture of 1933, was against Hibs at Ibrox on Saturday, December 30. After a goalless first half, the Ibrox goal machine hit top gear.

Shot

Jimmy Smith headed home the opener in the 46th minute, then made it 2-0 a minute later with a superb shot on the turn. In the 54th minute, Jimmy completed his hat-trick with an eight yard shot.

That lightning burst demoralised Hibs and in the 62nd minute, it was 4-0 to Rangers. Alex Venters swerved past three men before finding the net with a fine left foot shot.

Bob McPhail tied things up with two goals in the last seven minutes to make the final score 6-0 for Rangers.

The line-ups:
RANGERS: Jenkins, Gray, McDonald, Brown, Simpson, Craig, Main, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.
HIBS: Blyth, Wilkinson, Urquhart, Crawford, Watson, McFarlane, Walls, Wallace, Malloy, Moffat, Nicholson.

Motherwell regained the winning touch with a 2-1 success at St. Johnstone, Aberdeen beat Airdrie 4-0 and Falkirk won 2-0 at home to Celtic.

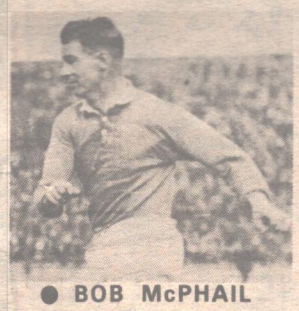
So to New Year's Day and the clash all of Glasgow was looking forward to. Celtic and Rangers produced four goals in a cracking match which was enough to blow the hangovers away.

Struck

The Parkhead side, playing at home, opened the scoring inm the eighth minute when an O'Donnell shot struck Thomson's head and Jimmy McGrory headed home from close range.

Rangers fought back and ten minutes before half-time, equalised. Meiklejohn and Main combined to set up Alex Venters who swerved to the left and sent a superb shot past Kennaway.

In the 58th minute, the Rangers end of the ground erupted when the Light Blues went 2-1 in front. McGonagle fouled Main just outside the box and Davie Meiklejohn scored with the free-kick.



● BOB McPHAIL

Only a minute later, though, Mcgonagle made amends when he made the final score 2-2. Poor positioning of the Rangers wall allowed the left back to fire home a 22 yasrd free-kick.

The line-ups:
CELTIC: Kennaway, Hogg, McGonagle, Wilson, McStay, Hughes, Napier, Thomson, McGory, F. O'Donnell, McDonald.
RANGERS: Jenkins, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Venters, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.

Shock

In the Edinburgh derby, Hearts defeated Hibs 4-1 at Easter Road. At Fir Park, Motherwell beat rivals Hamilton Accies 2-1.

Rangers final festive fixture was at Ibrox on Tuesday, January 2 when they faced middle-of-the-table Partick Thistle — and the Jags almost pulled off a shock result.

Jimmy Marshall put the Light Blues ahead with an incredible 18 shot in the fifth minute, then Bobby Main made it 2-0 in the 27th minute with a right foot shot from 14 yards.

But Thistle fought back and Pritchard pulled a goal back with a left foot shot two minutes before half-time. Ten minutes into the second half, it was 2-2 when Prior headed home a McLeod cross.

At the end, Thistle were inspired and Rangers were quite happy to escape with a draw and another crucial league point.

The line-ups:
RANGERS: Jenkins, Gray, McDonald, Meiklejohn, Simpson, Brown, Main, Marshall, Smith, McPhail, Nicholson.
PARTICK THISTLE: Johnstone, Calderwood, Cumming, Elliot, McAllister, McLeod, Pritchard, Miller, Prior, Hastie, Bain.

Disaster

Rangers manager Bill Struth sent a New Year message to the fans: "I'm looking forward to very much improved industrial relations, in 1934, which will, in turn, materially help football and enable clubs to retain their good men, who are so essential to our standard of football in Scotland today."

The big news of the time was the assassination of M. Duca, the Rumanian Prime Minister, by a student at a train station; and the Paris train disaster which left 145 dead and 200 injured.

Leslie Howard and Douglas Fairbanks Junior were the stars of "Captured" being screened at the Regal Cinema in Glasgow.

ALL YOUR CLUB NOTES

DUMBARTON LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves Vale Station Bar, 10.00 a.m. Picking up at Burgh Bar and Stage Head, Dumbarton: v St. Mirren — noon, Vale Station Bar and 1 p.m., Dumbarton Burgh Bar, v Celtic 11.45 Vale Station Bar and 12.30 Dumbarton Burgh Bar.

IBROX LOYAL: Bus v Hibs, Ibrox Subway 1 p.m. Bus v Celtic, Ibrox Subway, 1 p.m. Non members welcome.

PARTICK LOYAL: Bus v Hibs, Merkland St., at 12.30 Seats non members. Phone. K. McLean, 647 5198.

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW: Bus v Hibs, St. Mirren and Celtic, 1 p.m. All buses leave from Swan Inn. Our best wishes to all our members at Christmas and continued loyal support in the New Year.

IAN REDFORD (STRATHKELVIN): Bus v Hibs leaves 1 p.m. from Kilsyth Road, Queenzieburn. Merry Christmas to all our members and friends.

FIFE RED, WHITE AND BLUE: Bus v Hibs leaves Valleyfield by-pass at 1.00 p.m. picking up at Dunfermline Station at approx. 1.15; v St. Mirren leaves Dunfermline Station at noon. For details phone Bruce 722476. Merry Christmas to all our members. Bus v Celtic leaves Dunfermline Stance at 11 a.m. picking up at usual stops. Bus v St. Mirren leaves one hour earlier. Phone Bruce 722476 for details. Special thanks to the Edinburgh Union Jack for taking myself and Swordy to Dingwall. Aberdeen bus leaves at 12.30 from Dunfermline stance.

NITHSDALE LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves Torrisdale Street at 11 a.m. Devon Street 11.15. Bus v Celtic Devon Street one hour before kick-off. Dundee Unitred (January 14) leaves Torrisdale Street 11 a.m., Devon Street 11.15.

HELEN STREET: Bus v Hibs social club noon. Seats Celtic, bus leaves 1.00 p.m.

PAISLEY ROAD WEST: Bus v Easter Road, December 26 leaves 12.00 noon. Bus to Parkhead January 2 leaves 1.15 p.m. Both buses leave Harvey Street. Non members welcome.

ERSKINE: Members are wanted for newly formed club. Stops will include Bishopton, Bargarren, Park Mains and Inchinnan. Those interested contact Scott on 812 4422.

KINNING PARK LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves noon, Mair Street (opposite Red Lion). Seats non members £2. Members clear all dues. New members welcome, Pay and collect Parkhead tickets on this bus only. Old firm game January 3rd — Rule 12 will apply. All details phone 041-429-5578 between 6-7 p.m.

KIRKHILL TRUE BLUES: Bus v Hibs leaves approx. 2 p.m. Bus v St. Mirren leaves Main Street 1 p.m. Bus v Celtic leaves approx. 1 p.m. Bus v Aberdeen leaves Main Street 1.30.

RENFREW LOYAL: Bus v Hibs leaves Queen Street, Orange Halls at approx. 11.00 a.m. Club will be visiting Broxburn RSC before game for band display, pool, snooker etc. Bus v St. Mirren leaves halls at approx. 1.15 p.m. Bus v Celtic leaves halls at approx. 1 p.m. Club extends seasonal greetings to all members and regular new members and thanks for loyal support throughout the year.

FIFE LOYAL: Bus v St. Mirren leaves White Heather, Kirkcaldy at 11 a.m. Picking up at Milton House, Burntisland and Ex-Serviceman's Club, Rosyth. Bus v Celtic leaves White Heather at 11.30 a.m. Pick-ups as above. Bus v Aberdeen leaves White Heather at noon. Same pick-ups. Members note EARLY TIMES. No bus for Hibs match. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

WEST END TRUE BLUES (Paisley): Bus v Hibs leaves Kilbarchan 10 a.m. and Paisley 10.15. Broxburn visit on the way. Bus v St. Mirren Kilbarchan 12.00 Paisley 12.05. Bus v Celtic Kilbarchan 12.30 Paisley. Paisley 12.45. All Celtic tickets must be paid by Hibs game. Bus v Aberdeen Kilbarchan 2 p.m., Paisley 2.15 p.m. Also like to thank our members for their loyal support during past year and wish them and families compliments of the season.

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Golden goals keep Colts winning

Dundee.....1
Rangers 4

ANOTHER brilliant display against Dundee at Dens Park on Friday evening enabled Rangers to increase their lead at the top of the Premier Reserve League.

It was their 17th consecutive victory and means they are almost at the halfway stage of their fixtures without dropping a single point.

Brilliant

And the performance brought high praise from coach John Hagart.

"The whole team played well and if it wasn't for the Dundee goalkeeper we would have scored a lot more goals. But all the goals we DID score were really good ones and some of the football the lads played was brilliant," he said.

In addition to the excellent form of the home keeper, Rangers were denied goals on four occasions by the woodwork.

Andrew Kennedy (twice), Billy Mackay and Billy Davies all saw efforts either strike the bar or the post.

Chance

However, it was young Scott Fraser, with his first goal of the season, who gave the Light Blues the lead in the 14th minute. Good work down the right flank saw Mackay cross to the far side of the box and Scott hit a superb half volley into the net from 16 yards. A great goal.

Then, 13 minutes later, Andrew Kennedy rounded the goalkeeper and slotted the ball home from eight yards.

Dundee pulled a goal back five minutes after half-time, but Dave MacKinnon restored Rangers' two goal advantage in the 67th minute with a brilliant volley from 22 yards.

Substitute Ian Durrant completed the scoring in the 82nd minute with a 16 yard shot after good work by Billy Davies had given Mackay the chance to send over a cross.

Billy, in fact, had a good game and won coach Hagart's nomination for man of the match.

RANGERS: Bruce, McFarlane, Fraser, Stevens, Burns, MacKinnon, Mackay, D. Ferguson, Kennedy, Davies, Mitchell, Subs: Fleck, (for Burns 65 mins), Durrant (for Mitchell 72).

Angus shows the way

Rangers 5
Killie.....0

TWO goals from Angus McPherson helped Rangers Amateur Boys Club on the way to another convincing victory in the Scottish Under-15 League recently.

The Ibrox youths turned on the style in the second half to defeat Kilmarnock 5-0 at the Albion and retain their 100 per cent record in their championship fixtures.

Solo

The Light Blues opened the scoring in the second minute. Steven Gray latched onto a great through pass from Gary Robertson and netted his seventh goal of the season from just inside the box.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Angus McPherson made it 2-0 when he scored a brilliant solo goal, taking the ball past four players before slotting it past the Killie keeper.

Five minutes later, Billy Byrne replaced Gary Robertson and almost immediately added a third for Rangers, netting from inside the box after constant pressure.

Shortly afterwards, further misfortune befell Kilmarnock when their goalkeeper broke his arm. A Killie outfield player had also broken his arm earilier in the match. It was, however, anything but a rough game and the injuries were completely accidental.

In the 76th minute, Angus McPherson grabbed his second and Rangers fourth goal when he shot home from close range.

Two minutes later, substitute David Allan, who had replaced David Sharp, made the final score 5-0 when he blasted the ball home following a goalmouth scramble.

The line-up (4-3-3): Crawford, Paton, Buchanan, Jeffrey, Thomson; Hastie, Miller, McPherson; Sharp, Robertson, Gray. Subs: Byrne (for Robertson) and Allan (for Sharp).

● Brian Miller, Angus McPherson and Gary Sutherland represented the Rangers Amateur Boys Club at Largs last week at the Scottish schoolboys trials.

TENNENT'S
LAGER

TV and radio guide

Television

THURSDAY (DEC. 22):
BBC 2 (5.40 p.m.): SPORTS REVIEW OF 1983: A repeat of the show originally shown on December 11th.

Radio

SATURDAY (DEC. 24):
RADIO 2 (6 p.m.): PICK OF THE YEAR: Tony Adamson reviews the years sporting action.
RADIO SCOTLAND (2.02 p.m.): Tom Ferrie introduces with David Francey commentating on one of the day's big games. Plus a review of Scotish sport in 1983.
RADIO CLYDE (2. p.m.): SUPER SCOREBOARD: Commentary and discussion from the usual sporting team.
RADIO 2 (2.02 p.m.): SPORT ON TWO: Including live second half coverage of a game with George Hamilton.
RADIO SCOTLAND (1 p.m.): THE NEW FIRM: Story of Aberdeen and Dundee United. Past and present players recall the club's changing fortunes.
RADIO CLYDE (7.03 p.m.): ROD STEWART AT IBROX: Recorded earlier this year at the home of Rangers — Ibrox.
TUESDAY (DEC. 27):
RADIO 2 (2.20 p.m.): SPORT ON TWO: George Hamilton introduces sporting action.
RADIO SCOTLAND (3.45 p.m.): Programme introduced by Tom Ferrie with commentary from David begg.
RADIO CLYDE (2.03 p.m.): SUPER SCOREBOARD: Radio Clyde's sporting team bring you sport from around the country.
● RADIO TWO daily round-up 6.45 p.m.
● RADIO CLYDE daily round-up — 12.50 p.m.

I TOLD YOU SO!

Win over Scotland proves big John was right

SCOTLAND'S football hierarchy were left with red faces at Windsor Park, Belfast last Tuesday night as Northern Ireland convincingly beat the Scots 2-0.

The last laugh, then, was for the men from Ulster who emphatically underlined their case that England and Scotland were wrong to end the British Championship.

And although, along with the Welsh, their disappointment at losing the oldest international tournament of all remains, Tuesday did bring satisfaction to the Irish.

Many people who saw the game agreed that John McClelland was the star performer and the Rangers captain was a very happy man when he spoke to the 'News' last week.

"I was pleased with my own performance and obviously the result was great for us in more ways than one. If we still had to prove anything, then we did it on Tuesday.

"I said before the match that I felt we had a great chance to start off with a win and go on to take the British Championship. I'M EVEN MORE CONFIDENT NOW."

Boost

The major thorn in Scotland's flesh last week, of course, was the weakening of their strike force through injury and the Irish defence coped well with Jock Stein's emergency attack.

"We all had good performances, myself, Jimmy Nicholl, Gerry McElhinney and Mal Donaghy. I have played against both Davie Dodds and Frank McGarvey before and that helped.

"The Scots started well, but as soon as we scored there was never really a time when I felt they were going to come back into the match.

"It was a great boost for us and we are looking forward to the matches with Wales and especially, England at Wembley."





● ABOVE: INTERNATIONAL 'OLD FIRM' . . . John McClelland dispossesses Scotland's Frank McGarvey at Windsor Park last week.
● RIGHT: EASY DOES IT . . . Jimmy Nicholl calmly mops up another Scots attack from Davie Dodds.
Pictures: George Ashton.

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PLEAN: Bus v Hibs leaves Torwoodlea Hotel at 1 p.m., Plean 1.15 p.m., Bannockburn 1.20 p.m., St. Ninians 1.25 p.m., and Denny Cross 1.35 p.m. Non members welcome. Bus v St. Mirren leaves Torwoodlea Hotel at noon, Plean 12.15 p.m., Bannockburn 12.20 p.m., St. Ninnians 12.25 p.m., Denny Cross 12.35 p.m. Non members welcome. Bus v Celtic — two buses. First bus leaves Torwoodlea Hotel noon, Plean 12.15 p.m., Bannockburn 12.25 p.m., St. Ninians 12.25 p.m. Second Bus leaves Plean 12.15 p.m., Denny Cross 12.30 p.m. Tickets on buses. Non members welcomé, Bus v Aberdeen leaves Torwoodlea Hotel 1.00 p.m., Plean 1.15 p.m., Bannockburn 1.20 p.m., St. Ninians 1.25 p.m. Denny Cross 1.35 p.m. Non members welcome. We would like to wish Mr Wallace and all his playing staff and backroom staff, all Rangers supporters everywhere a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
BROXBURN AND DISTRICT: Buses leaving for all games. Band in club, mornings of Hibs, Celtic, games. All responsible supporters welcome.
BLACKBURN LOYAL (LANCASHIRE): Bus v Hibs on December 27th leaves Blackburn Station at 8 a.m. returning at midnight. Bus v Celtic January 3rd leaves Blackburn Railway Station, 8 a.m., picking up in Clitheroe 8.20 a.m. For further information contact Ian Gilmour on 0254 28140. Non members welcome.

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