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ALLY'S ROAR!

SUPER Ally McCoist was celebrating a double cup triumph this week after his former club Sunderland joined Rangers in a national cup final.

And Ally pulled his famous grin and beamed: "It's the first time I've ever cheered for Anton Rogan!"

Ally also had another reason to laugh — for he skinned team-mate Dale Gordon for a tenner after his old side K.O'd Norwich City 1-0 to march on to the FA Cup final.

He added: "I watched the whole match live in the BBC studios on Sunday afternoon and I've got to say I thought Anton was brilliant — the man of the match."

CHAMPAGNE

And McCoist quipped: "Because Dale played for Norwich and I turned out for Sunderland reserves, we had a bit of crack and decided to lay a tenner on the result.

"But Dale, like a typical Englishman, still hasn't come up with the dough. I'm so confident Sunderland will win that I'll probably offer him double or quits for the final."



JOHN SPENCER

Scotland's leading marksman is back to his bubbly best after his semi-final strike on half-time sent Rangers through to the final at the hands of their oldest rivals.

Ally, scourge of the Celts, had another couple of reasons to celebrate that strike — and not only because it ended a barren three-match goalless spell.

The goal also equalled legendary Rangers striker Jimmy Duncanson's record-breaking 22 goal tally against the Bhoys

And it won him £1,000 and a crate of champagne for hitting the 30 goal target in the prestigious *Daily Record* Golden Shot award.

Ally added: "I was aware of the *Daily Record* award, but not Jimmy Duncanson's record.

"I honestly didn't feel any pressure sitting on 29 goals. I think it was other people who kept reminding me how long it had been since I last scored who were feeling the pressure.

"I'm really chuffed to have equalled Jimmy's record. Scoring against Celtic gives you the biggest thrill of them all as a Rangers player — just roll on number 23!

"To score a goal of that importance in the

HAMPDEN

Light Blues goal ace McCoist celebrates his own cup double



■ *MY SHOUT . . . Ally lets the fans know exactly what he thinks about his cup cracker [Pic:Richard Parker/Daily Record]*

Cup semi-final was tremendous. I remember the ball broke between Derek Whyte and Brian O'Neil in the middle of the park under pressure from Stuart McCall and myself.

"I thought at first Stuart was going to shoot himself, but I carried on in support anyway and when he squared I was just glad to see my shot going in."

His strike apart, McCoist put in a power of work up front as he continually chased and tried to unsettle the Celtic back four.

And he admits it was the hardest game he has ever played in, in the Light Blue jersey.

He added: "Even with 11 men it was going to be hard work as I was the only striker and Ian Durrant was to push forward to support me in attack.

"But when Robbo was sent off it meant Durranty had to spend more time in the middle of the park and wasn't able to get forward as much.

"But we stuck together as a team and had fantastic backing from the supporters.

"They were the best and noisiest they've been in a long time, but I think they realised we would be up against it and wanted to get behind us as much as possible.

CAUTION

"And I think John Spencer also deserves credit for organising the karaoke behind the goal during the second half!"

McCoist, however, is urging caution among his team-mates in the run-in to the end of the season and has put the Scottish Cup final behind him to concentrate his attention to the defence of the League Championship.

But Ally could also help the Gers complete another piece of football history as the highest scoring team ever in the 16-year history of the Premier Division.

Before facing Falkirk last night, Rangers had scored 86 goals, only four off the record which is currently held by Dundee United and Celtic, who both netted 90 in season 1982-83, when Jim McLean's men won the championship.

McCoist has scored 26 of those goals, which puts him in front in the chase for the adidas Golden Boot for the top league scorer in Europe. He is currently enjoying his best goal-scoring form for the club as he prepares to enter his 10th season with Rangers.

Ally said: " In 1988 I scored quite a few goals, but in terms of consistent scoring I think this season has been my best.

"I put that down to getting a regular game. I really believed I would score goals if I was given a run in the side and I've got to thank the manager for giving that chance to me.

"It has also helped to play alongside Mark Hateley who has had a sensational season. But John Spencer, Gary McSwegan and Paul Rideout have also come in and performed exceptionally well.

"But we must remember that we still haven't won anything yet.

"Our priority always has been, and will continue to be, the league championship. We must forget about it until it comes around, but I'll be doing my utmost to win a Scottish Cup medal to complete the domestic set of honours with Rangers

"There's no doubt the win last Tuesday has given us a real boost. We're all still on a high after winning the cup semi-final and can't wait for the rest of the games which lie ahead.

"And hopefully me and Anton will both be celebrating on May 9."

SO PROUD OF MY BATTLING BLUES



WALTER SMITH . . . "everyone at Ibrox took a great pride in our victory".

ONE word sums up Rangers' superb Tennents Scottish Cup victory last week — Pride . . .

PRIDE in the Light Blue jersey and **PRIDE** their own professionalism took the Blues through to the Scottish Cup Final on May 9 with one of the grittiest performances of modern Ibrox history.

Manager Walter Smith will be the first to sound a note of caution about this achievement as the Gers still have to make sure of the League Championship in the few weeks remaining.

But one look at the ear-to-ear grin the manager was wearing at the end of a nail-biting 90 minutes should be enough to tell you what he thought of his team's performance.

The normally restrained Smith showed exactly how he felt as he joined his players on the pitch and even managed a smile despite nearly being flattened by John Brown as you can see from our picture (right).

"I'm normally a bit more reticent and quieter than that," he said with a smile, "but due to the type of game and performance and the emotion involved we all got a bit carried away at the end.

"You can enjoy that at the time, but you always know in football that a low point can follow a high like that just as quickly."

Summing up the Light Blues never-say-die performance he said: "When we go into any tournament at Ibrox we like to win it. We had a big disappointment against Hibs in the semi-final of the Skol Cup and when we drew Celtic in the semi-final of this competition we knew were getting the hardest possible match and that we were going to have to be in top form.

"After we had David Robertson sent off so early we knew then that we had our backs to the wall. The one thing that was so pleasing it that we handled that situation so well.

Team spirit helped us sink Celts

By DEREK WATSON

"It was the type of performance that we don't often get the chance to show. We normally go all out to win matches. Here, having managed to get the goal just before half-time, we had to hold onto something.

"It was a tremendous team effort and one that everybody at Ibrox took a tremendous pride in."

Although Smith is correct in singling out the entire side as heroes, Andy Goram, who made some magnificent saves at the end of the match; Nigel Spackman, who found himself playing out position in the back four; and comeback man Ian Durrant, who amazed everyone with the energy reserves he summoned, were all outstanding.

"Andy's form for us has been terrific for us lately. Nigel Spackman is the one player in recent weeks who has been playing to his highest level and Ian Durrant, considering the amount of first team games he's played, was excellent as well," said Smith.

Hero of the hour, of course, was Ally McCoist whose goal in the dying seconds of the first half was probably one of the most vital he's ever scored.

Smith added: "We had played well in the first half, even though we were down to 10 men.

"But I was aware that in the second half being a goal down Celtic wouldn't hold back at all. They pushed men forward all the time and facing the wind meant we were never really going to get clear in that half at all.

"We didn't get ourselves forward until the end of the game when Celtic had almost everyone in our penalty box and we managed to push forward, though all we really managed to do was waste a little bit of time and keep the ball.

"At half time I told the lads that we would have to defend well, work hard and watch that we weren't pinned back too much. But I'm afraid the boys didn't have any great option in that and Celtic, to their credit, kept us pinned back all the time."

Although it might not have seemed like it at the time, the recent league defeat at the hands of Celtic may actually have worked in the Gers' favour as they went all out for revenge.

"Nobody likes to be beaten twice, I'm sure Celtic are the same. We went into the game well motivated and I'm sure that reflected in our performance."

Another irony was that Robertson's early bath also appeared to work in the Blues' favour as they were even more fired up for the remaining 84 minutes.

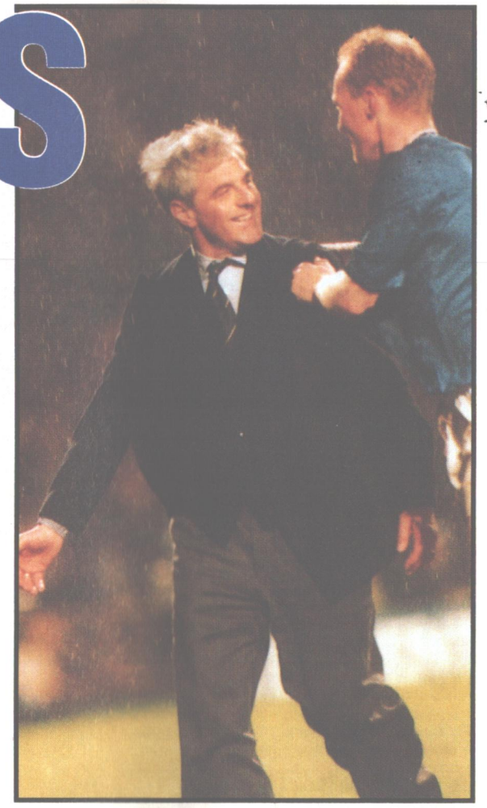
Smith added: "David was unfortunate to be sent off. I don't think anyone who has watched Rangers this season can say we are an over-physical team. Our disciplinary record is as good as any club's and I stand by that.

"The two players we have sent off, David and Oleg Kuznetsov, have been unlucky. I don't think they were guilty of particularly malicious fouls."

That moment of heartache for Robertson, the fans and management, was soon to be followed by scenes of joy as the Gers held on to their slender lead.

The Gaffer's main task now is to bring his players back down to earth to ensure they concentrate on the League once more.

"We must put last Tuesday out of our minds now," he said. "The league has always been our priority and we have to make sure we settle that before our thoughts turn to Hampden again next month."



SO HAPPY. . . Smith celebrates with John Brown

Season ticket renewals

RANGERS season ticket holders will be receiving their renewal forms within the next 10 days.

But watch out in next week's *News* for full details of the prices and benefits of paying at the start of the season to guarantee your seat for all home games.

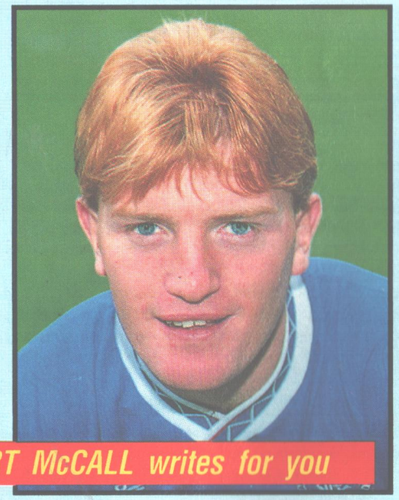
■ FOR those of you who didn't catch on to our Rod Stewart 'exclusive in last week's paper, we'd like to point out that it *was* April 1 and the 'record label' mentioned, *Rapfollio*, was an anagram of April Fool.

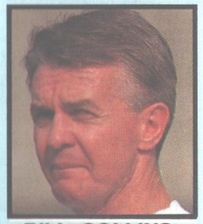
The star DID stay at David Murray's New Zealand home and the Rangers strip he was wearing *was* real, but Rod WON'T be helping the Gers to start a record label!

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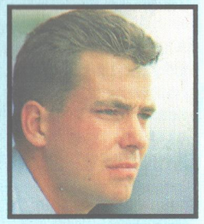
I was going to go it alone

BUT I'M SO GLAD I LET ALLY TAKE HIS CHANCE





BILL COLLINS



SCOTT NISBET

STUART McCALL writes for you

THE sense of satisfaction after the cup semi-final win against Celtic at Hampden last week was overwhelming.

I think was shown by the fact that everybody stayed on the park for virtually 10 minutes after the final whistle to celebrate.

I think it was the longest any of us have had to play with 10 men and it was something we could have done without, especially with two or three of us just coming back from injury.

INJURY

People had been asking me whether I was going to be fit for the game and I couldn't tell them because I honestly did not know.

I tried kicking a ball on the Wednesday after I got the injury and it was no good, so I decided there and then to give it complete rest.

But as the game got closer I became more confident and then myself and Dale did some work with Bill Collins last Monday afternoon because the Gaffer really needed to know by then and I knew I could play.

It was obviously a big game that I didn't want to miss out on, but at the same time I couldn't take any risks and say I was fit, then blow up after five minutes.

We settled quickly after David Robertson was sent off and created, possibly not clear-cut chances, but we did more around their goals then they did around ours.

Then to get the goal when we did was something else. I had just been thinking that we could not afford to lose a goal before half-time.

I remember the ball went out to Tom Boyd and he played it inside. My only thought was to close Brian O'Neil down, but the ball broke off him and then Coisty and Derek Whyte came in as well.

I took it on and thought about having a shot, but felt it was better to let Mr McCoist have a go and he took it really well. Gordon Marshall has had a good season and I think the bottom corner is the only place Ally could have beaten him.

At half-time the biggest problem the Gaffer had was calming us down. We were all on a high, but we knew we would be up against it in the second half.

We didn't set out to defend, but playing against the extra man and with a swirling wind against us, which I felt got stronger in the second half but maybe it just felt that way, we were pinned back, so didn't attack too much.

But, as I say, the satisfaction at the end was unbelievable. The league game two weeks ago was the first time in four Old Firm games that I'd been on the losing side and it was not a nice feeling.

I didn't want to go out and couldn't contemplate defeat at Hampden. We knew that even if we went on to win the league, that would be forgotten and it would be two Celtic victories that everybody would remember.

That's what happened last season — I was in England and I remember the two games at Parkhead — so to beat them and get into the cup final was brilliant.

I don't think any of the lads mind who we play on May 9. Some of them went to Hampden on Saturday to watch Airdrie and Hearts, but I took the day off and listened to it on the radio.

It seems that it wasn't much of a game, but whoever we play will make it hard for us.

SLUMP

But the thing we have to do now is put that away to the future and concentrate on picking up the points we need to win the league.

It would take a major slump by us to let anyone else in, so it is up to us to be professional and make sure that does not happen.

I think we would all like to play a bit of football in the process as well. We played some great stuff earlier in the season, but recently we have not really, although we have been winning.

There have been games, though, when we have gone a few goals in front, and at times like that, especially in the later part of the season, things become a bit too easy and complacency creeps in.

But the chance is there now for us to wrap it up.

That's why players join Rangers — it's certainly why I came here — to win things.

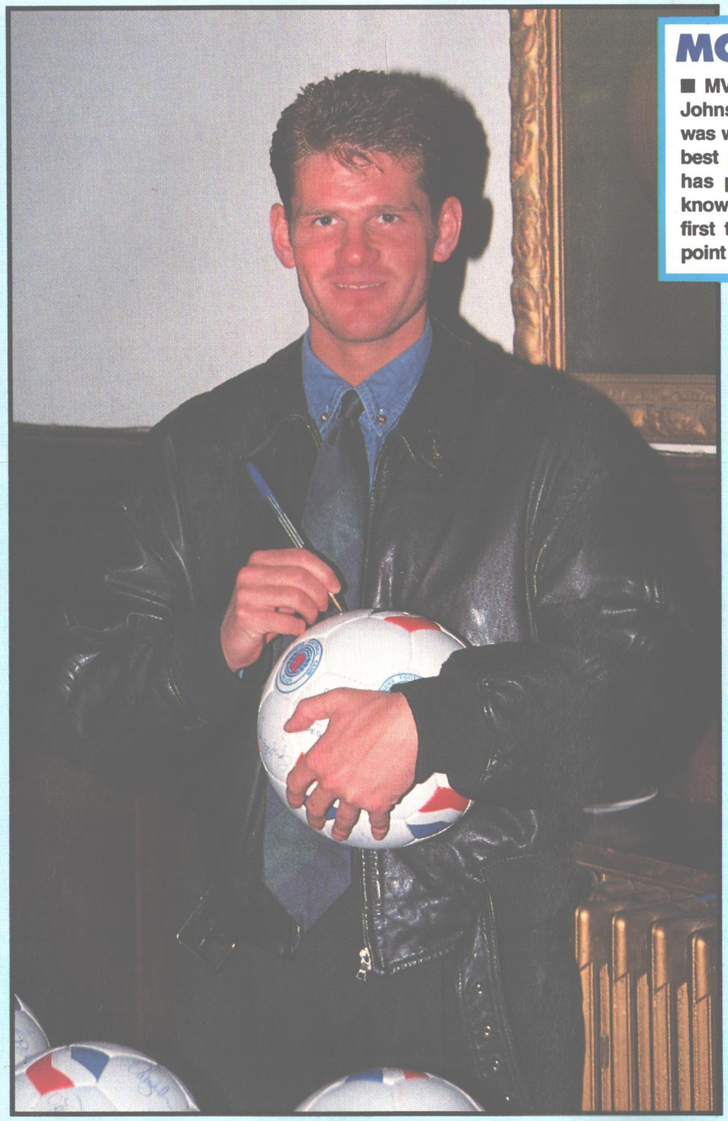
I've throughly enjoyed my first season here, even though it's been a bit disappointing since just after Christmas with two or three niggly injuries that have kept me out.

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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

■ **MVP: Ian Durrant. Wee Durranty came in against St Johnstone and even though he came off after an hour, I was watching from the sidelines and I thought he was our best player. Then against Celtic he just kept going. He has played a lot of reserve matches, but everybody knows there is a big difference between reserves and first team. But he was our best player from a creative point of view and I really enjoyed playing alongside him.**



But we have won nothing yet. If we slip up in the league and don't win the Cup Final, all the good results and performances during the season will count for nothing.

But we're all determined that won't happen.

AWARDS

LVP — Sorry Robbo, but there is no other choice. David Robertson gets the award, but what he doesn't know is that he is not getting the winning bonus — the rest of us are splitting the share that would have been his.

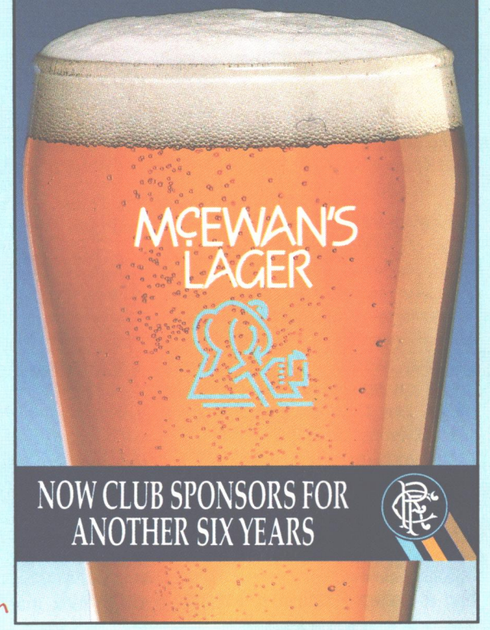
Goal of the Week — Tough choice!!! Super Ally wins for his semi-final goal, but even if it had come off somebody's backside, the goal that won the semi-final would have to be Goal of the Week.

Miss of the Week — Bill Collins. Not the brightest physio I've ever worked with, Bill made sure everybody, but especially big Alexei, knew last week that the clocks were going forward. Then, guess who was the ONLY one who forgot? Bill came in over an hour late. That will stop him moaning at me for being five minutes late for treatment.

Moan of the Week — Scott Nisbet. Myself, Dale and Nissy played a short golf course at Turnberry last week and Nissy put one shot into a load of weeds. He wanted a free drop, but we wound him up and told him he had to play. But before we got the chance to tell him we were just winding him up, he whacked into the weeds, and they all went further than the ball — one of the best shots he played. But he moaned all day about the drop ball. (He also was not too happy about the 14th man bonus for last week).

Special Award — Since this is election week I'm giving a special award — Raving Monster Loony of the Week — and that has to go to Archie Knox for his after-match celebrations at Hampden last Tuesday.

"Same again, please"
"Same again, please"
"Same again, please"
"Same again, please"
"Same again, please"



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HAPPY AND GLORIOUS

Ten-man Gers shatter Celtic

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RANGERS . . . 1

REPORT: Eric George
PICS: Mike Schofield

HEROES. That is the only way to describe the players who took Rangers into the 1992 Tennents Scottish Cup final.

After referee Andrew Waddell decided to red-card David Robertson for a body-check on Joe Miller after just six minutes, the Light Blues pulled off one of the great Old Firm triumphs.

Opinion will forever be divided whether the referee took the right option, just as arguments will rage as to whether other players should have joined Robertson in an early bath or whether Celtic should have had a second half penalty.

DESERVED

What is beyond debate is that this was a brave, brave Rangers performance. As Walter Smith said later — they played for the jerseys.

The remaining 10 Gers, plus substitute Paul Rideout, fought like tigers and Super Ally McCoist's 30th goal of the season provided them with their reward.

McCoist struck seconds before half-time in typical style. He combined with Stuart McCall to dispossess Derek Whyte and Brian O'Neil and when McCall played a slide-rule pass into his path, McCoist swept the ball first-time low past Gordon Marshall.

It was no more than Rangers deserved after 39 minutes which they all but dominated, despite being a man short, and it was certainly a timely goal.

Backed by a howling wind in the first half, the Gers knew they had to take some sort of advantage into the second period.

They had earlier gone close on several occasions. Ian Durrant and Gary Stevens both trailed shots wide of goal and Dale Gordon was narrowly off-target with a scorching 20-yarder.

But Rangers' best opening before the goal had a familiar look about it. Durrant and McCoist rolled back the years to weave a way through the defence, but the midfielder's final pass was slightly too firm and the striker could only cross into the centre rather than go for goal.

As expected, Rangers struggled to get forward in the second half, but some immaculate goalkeeping, sterling defending, plus the little bit of luck that wins games, kept Celtic at bay.

RATTLED

The first close call came nine minutes into the second half when O'Neil almost made up for his blunder, but his shot was deflected on to Andy Goram's right-hand post and Gary Stevens diverted the follow-up from Charlie Nicholas over the bar.

Then Goram did well to beat out a Mike Galloway rocket and, after Paul McStay had rattled the crossbar from 20 yards, the Rangers number one turned a Gerry Creaney header on to the bar and over.

Celtic threw Tony Mowbray up front in a desperate attempt to salvage a replay, but Goram held every long ball launched into the box, to the delight of the Rangers support gathered behind him.

And when Mr Waddell blew his whistle after almost three minutes of injury-time the party really began.

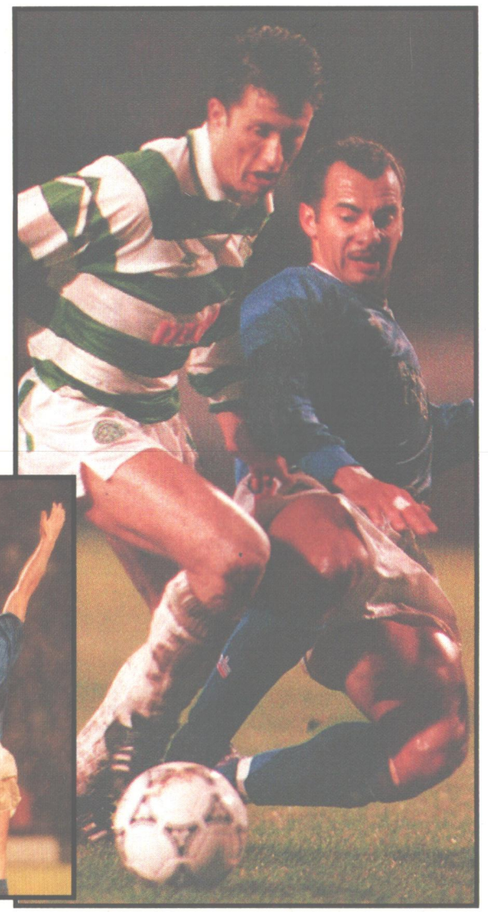


TAKE THAT . . . Stuart McCall lays the ball off to Ally McCoist





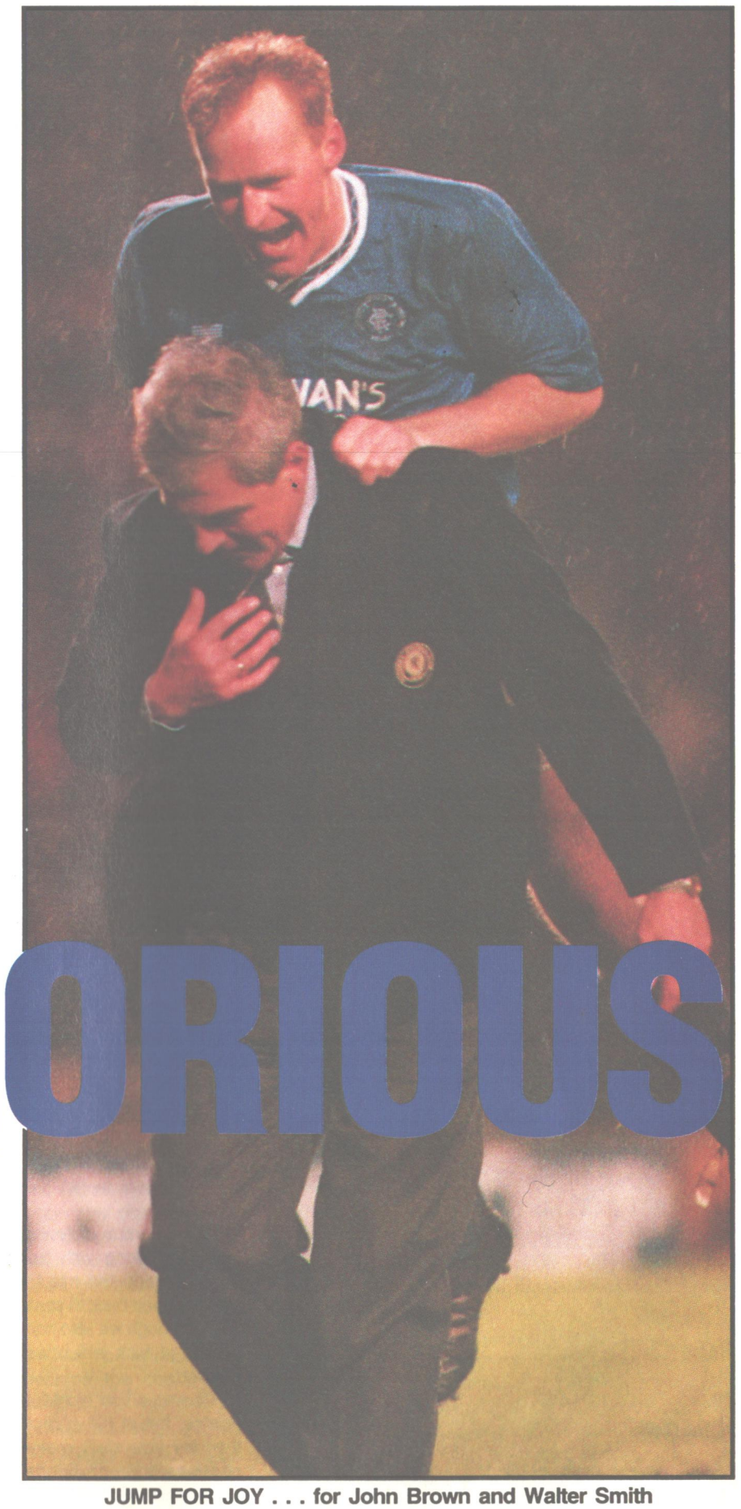
IT'S THERE . . . McCoist strikes and celebrates afterwards with Davie Dodds



MY BALL . . . Gordon and Collins battle it out

FACT FILE

CELTIC: Marshall, Morris, Boyd, O'Neil (Galloway 59), Mowbray, Whyte, Miller, McStay, Creaney, Nicholas (Coyne 67), Collins.
RANGERS: Goram, Stevens, D Robertson, Gough, Spackman, Brown, Gordon (Rideout 77), McCall, McCoist, Durrant, Huistra. Sub (not used) — Spencer.
Scorer: Rangers — McCoist (45).
Booking: Celtic — Mowbray (18).
Sending-off: Rangers — D Robertson (6).
Attendance: 45,191.
News Men of the Match — The 11 players whose endeavour, skill and bravery earned Rangers a famous victory.



JUMP FOR JOY . . . for John Brown and Walter Smith

NEWS QUIZ

1. Which Rangers players took part in Scotland's recent friendly international against Finland?
2. Chelsea manager Ian Porterfield hit an FA Cup winning goal for which team in 1973?
3. Which Welsh club played in the English League between 1932 and 1988?
4. Name the two St Mirren players who have each been dismissed twice this season?
5. Who captained three losing FA Cup Final sides during the 1980s?
6. Can you remember who refereed the last Old Firm League match of this season?
7. 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' is the club song of which London team?
8. Alphabetically, which is the last English League club?
9. From which Glasgow juvenile club did Rangers sign Ian Durrant?
10. Which captain lifted both the World Cup and the European Cup in 1974?
11. Young defender Steve Tweed made his Premier League debut for which club at the end of last month?
12. 'The Doog' won 43 Northern Ireland caps between 1958 and 1973. What's his full name?
13. Who was Rangers' top scorer in this season's Skol Cup competition?
14. Where did Arsenal clinch the 1988-89 Football League Championship in the last game of the season?
15. What unique Scottish Football record does Jimmy McGrory hold?



IAN DURRANT . . . see question 9

16. Which ex-Ranger played in this season's ZDS Cup Final at Wembley?
17. Can you name the European Footballer of the Year who played for Charlton in 1982-83?
18. What colour did Scotland adopt for their 'away' strip in 1985?
19. Which striker moved from Dundee United to Aberdeen last month?
20. Who was the English PFA's Player of the Year for 1991-92?

ANSWERS

1. Andy Goram and Ally McCoist. 2. Sunderland. 3. Newport. 4. Aitken and Chamley. 5. Kevin Ratcliffe (Everton). 6. Douglas Hope. 7. West Ham. 8. York City. 9. Glasgow United. 10. Franz Beckenbauer. 11. Hibs. 12. Derek Dougan. 13. Mo Johnston. 14. Anfield. 15. He is thought to be the only player to average a goal a game. 16. Terry Hurlock. 17. Allan Simonsen. 18. Yellow. 19. Mixu Paatelainen. 20. Gary Pallister.

HAMPDEN HEROES . . .

WRITE

A HANDFUL of week-old newspapers provided Rangers with the perfect inspiration to reach the final of the Scottish Cup, *writes Gary Ralston.*

For the copies Walter Smith dumped in front of his players contained interviews with Celtic stars knocking the Light Blues.

And Gers number one Andy Goram, pictured celebrating after the match, revealed: "Reading those comments gave us more determination than anything."

Those interviews appeared in print after the league game at Ibrox which Celtic won 2-0. And Goram added: "The players had a meeting on the morning of the cup semi-final and the Gaffer came in with all the papers in which the Celtic players had spoken.

"HE SIMPLY TOLD US: 'HAVE A LOOK AT THEM. IF THAT'S NOT INCENTIVE ENOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS. JUST GO OUT AND DO IT.'

"The Celtic lads having a go provided us with even more will to win."

Goram played a hero's role at Hampden with a string of fine saves, particularly late in the game when he blocked two ferocious drives from Mike Galloway.

But he refused to take individual plaudits and instead pointed to the performance of the whole team.

ANSWER

It was a stirring team performance, evocative of the Jock Wallace days, and made a nonsense of the theory that Rangers bought only "soccer mercenaries", who would crumble when the going got tough in testing matches such as Old Firm cup encounters.

Goram added: "I think everyone is too quick to have a pop at us. Rangers are the team to beat and everyone wants to see us done, so it's nice to answer them back in the way we did — it's the only way to answer them back.

"It was a backs to the wall performance, but everyone played their part. In fact, I think Davie being sent off made us dig in and fight even more.

"To be honest we were prepared for the second half because we knew they would have to bombard our goal to get the equaliser.

"The central defence held tight along with the full-backs and the middle men dropped back to soak it up, although we also had the bit of luck which we needed.

"It was a bad night for goalies, but at the end of the day you can't make excuses for conditions when you're at a club like Rangers.

"You reach a level when you come to this club and you've just got to get on with your job, no questions asked.

Paper slagging backfired on Celts grins Andy

ATTITUDE

"The Gaffer questioned us a few weeks ago about our attitude. Admittedly, we weren't playing great stuff, but we were still winning until we came up against Celtic in the league.

"We've not got a lack of ability, so it does come down to attitude, but I think we answered the Gaffer against Celtic on Tuesday and he was delighted for us."

Rangers fans were also singing in the rain on Tuesday as the Gers beat Celtic in the Scottish Cup for the first time since Tam Forsyth's famous "pile-driver" in the 1973 centenary final.

The Light Blue legions will now follow follow to Hampden on May 9 for final day against either Hearts or Airdrie.

And it's a well deserved day out — for they played just as important a role on Tuesday night.

Goram raved: "We needed the crowd more than anything under the circumstances and they really came up trumps for us on the night.

"John Spencer was at the back of the goal getting the crowd going and I got a message from the dug-out to urge them on.

"The atmosphere from our fans was on par with the Sparta Prague game which I felt was the best and noisiest I've heard from them all season. They certainly helped the boys through and they can take credit for the result too."

Rangers win has immediately installed them as favourites to win the Tennents Scottish Cup for the first time since 1981 when they defeated Dundee United 4-1 in a replay after the first game finished goalless.

DIFFICULT

But Goram refuses to become too cocky and insisted: "It's very easy to get carried away, but it's not over by far.

"We have everything to look forward to, but we know whoever we face in the final will be difficult.

"Like a lot of the boys, this is my first season with the club so we're keen to do well, especially me as I've never been in a final or even won a medal before.

"Everyone said the Celtic game was like a final itself, but it's past history now and we're just glad to have jumped over that hurdle.

"All we wanted on Tuesday was a chance to prove ourselves and put things right by getting to the final.

"We didn't want to fail in the quarters or semi-final and just be left with might-have-beens.

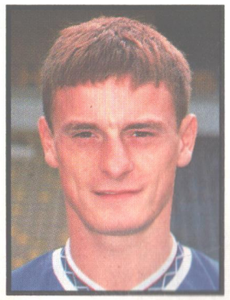
"But we still recognise that we've got a lot of hard work ahead if we are to bring the trophy back to Ibrox."

GORAM REVEALS WHAT LIFTED GERS

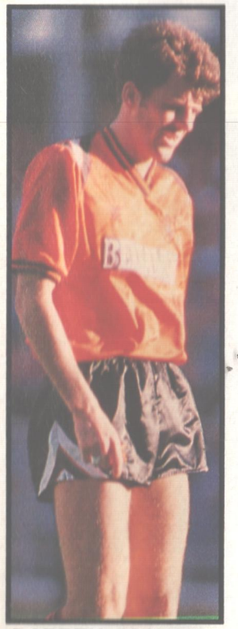
ROLLICKING FIRED US UP



HAMPDEN HEROES . . . SKIPPER GOUGH FIRES A MESSAGE TO CUP CRACKERS



DAVID ROBERTSON



DARREN JACKSON



GERRY CREANEY

RICHARD Gough brought his team-mates down to earth this week with a sharp reminder: "We haven't won anything yet".

But the Gers Captain Cool urged: "Lets finish the league as quickly as possible, then we can start thinking about the Scottish Cup final," ***writes Gary Ralston.***

Gough (far right) realises Celtic and Hearts are poised to pounce on any slip-up from the Light Blues which may offer them a glimmer of hope in the championship chase.

But he has pinpointed full points from the next three league matches to give the Gers their fourth title on a trot and some vital breathing space before that Hampden date on May 9.

Gough told the *News*: "No-one here wants to go through the same experience as last season when the title went to the last game of the season.

REMINDING

"Everyone wants to get the league over and done with sooner rather than later. We've put ourselves in the frame to secure the championship well before we travel to face Aberdeen on May 2 and that has to be our aim.

"We haven't won anything yet and I've been reminding the lads of that over the last week. We need only lose two of our last five matches and we'll allow Celtic and Hearts back in, so we've got to make sure we pick up the points.

"It gave me great satisfaction to beat Celtic last Tuesday, but we've got to put the cup final to the back of our minds and concentrate on the championship."

Rangers face a testing trip to Dundee United on Saturday, keen to avenge the 3-2 defeat at the hands of Jim McLean's side at the end of October.

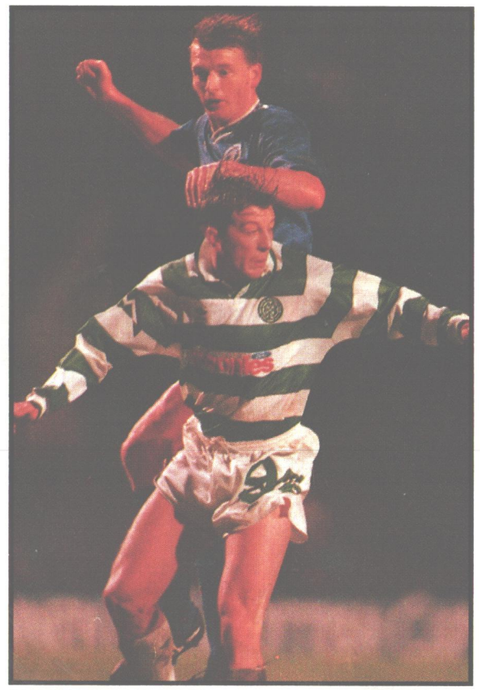
Gough missed that game against his old club, but he'll be back this weekend to lead the Gers defence, who will face a United forward-line lead by highly-rated 19-year-old Duncan Ferguson.

Gough added: "Although they are halfway down the table there is no team going to be easy for us, particularly at this time of the season.

"The last game was an exception, but we've had fairly good results against them in recent seasons, although Jim McLean always makes it difficult for us.

"We will have to watch their frontmen. I've only played against Ferguson once, but he was playing on the left, so we didn't face up to each other, although he's shown in the past few months that he can do the business.

"One player we'll also have to watch is Darren Jackson, whom I rate highly."



NO WAY THROUGH . . . Spackman (Proshot)

There's no way, however, that the Light Blues will approach this match with an inferiority complex, particularly after the Tennents Scottish cup semi-final victory against oldest rivals Celtic which has sent spirits soaring at Ibrox. Gough revealed:

"It was the best performance I've seen from the side in the five years I've been with the club and probably the most important too.

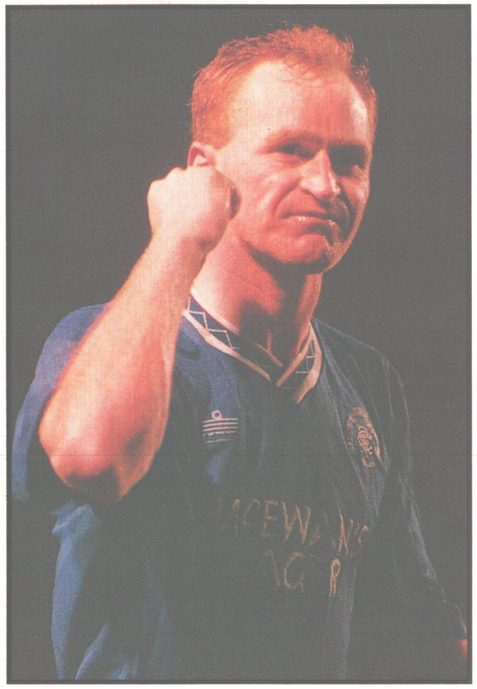
"I never really believed in that cup jinx they supposedly had over us, even though we hadn't beaten them in the cup for 19 years.

"The mood in the squad beforehand was very confident, particularly as they had beaten us 10 days previously and a few of our lads said they were mouthing off a bit coming up the tunnel after that match.

CRITICISE

"And their comments in the papers afterwards didn't make happy reading for our players or supporters.

"That gave us a big lift because you never criticise the other side after an Old firm match because it only gets your opponents more and more wound up — and that works to their advantage. It's always better to praise than criticise."



NO WAY THROUGH . . . Brown (Pro-shot)

Now Gough has his sights set firmly on a league and cup double — which would be the Gers' first since 1978 — but he admitted on Tuesday night he was suffering from a different kind of double vision after a clash of heads with Gerry Creaney.

He said: "It happened just before half-time and for a while I was seeing double, but thankfully the ball never came into the area in that time.

DEFENDED

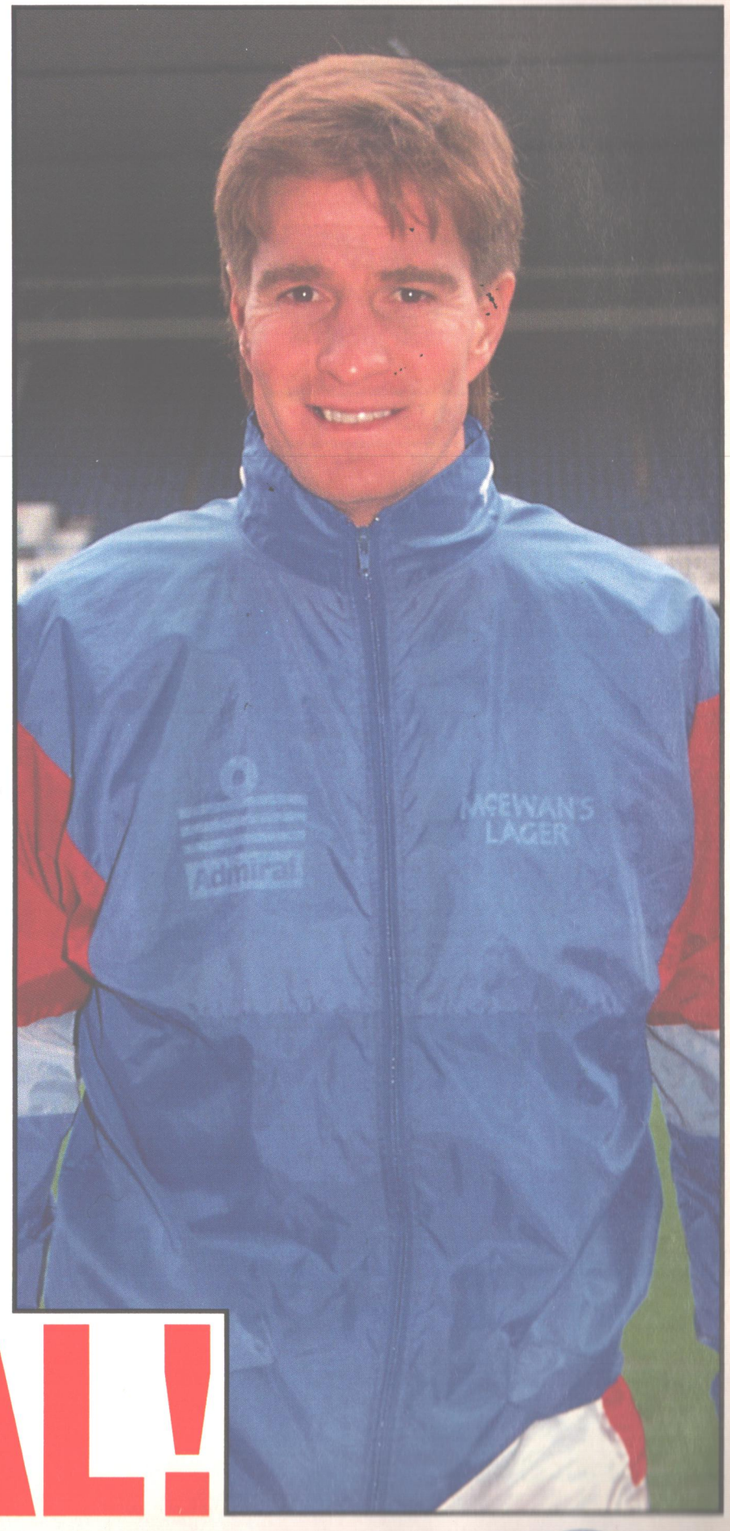
"I went in at half-time and lay down on the bench for 10 minutes and thankfully it cleared.

"Going in at half-time we knew if we defended as well as we had done we had a chance. In fact, I thought we might even have been able to sneak another in the second half.

"It was most important for the 15 minutes after Robbo was sent off that we didn't concede a goal and kept our heads.

"Nigel did very well coming in at the back and there were no problems linking up there with John Brown switching to left back.

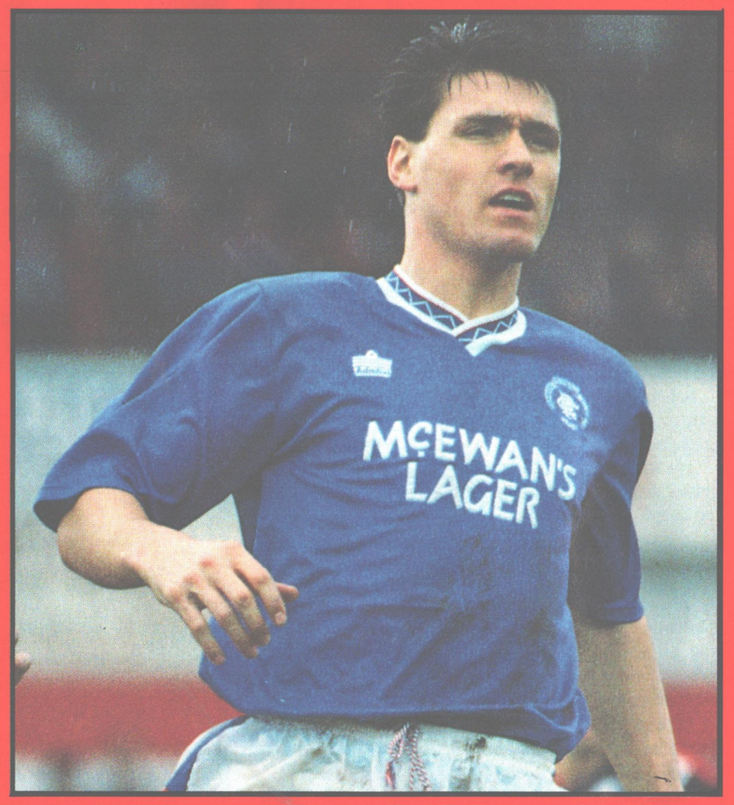
"That was the natural switch to make as Nigel has played at the back before — and I always say good players can play in any position."



FORGET THE FINAL!

Boss was right to leave me out

By GARY RALSTON



PAUL Rideout admitted Walter Smith pulled a master stroke against Celtic — by leaving him out of the starting line-up!

The 27-year-old striker was expected to get the nod for a place alongside Ally McCoist in the absence of Mark Hateley, but found himself warming the subs bench alongside John Spencer.

Paul explained: "I think our line-up was a shock to Celtic's system. They were probably gearing up to face me as a direct replacement for Mark Hateley.

"Had they known what our starting line-up was going to be they may well have preferred Gary Gillespie in the centre of defence, so I think it was quite a cunning move from Walter which messed them up a little.

DECISION

"Obviously I was disappointed not to get on from the start as I thought I was here to replace Mark, but the manager knows what he's doing and you've got to look at results which, at the end of the day, count more than a player's feelings. You just have to accept it."

Despite his failure to make the starting line-up, Rideout is in no doubt that he made the right decision in joining Rangers for Notts County back in January.

He admitted: "Realistically, I know Mark will be back shortly and I won't be in the starting 11, but if I get on the bench I can't grumble and my aim now is to be involved in the squad of 13 players as often as possible."

And he pointed out: "I have no regrets about joining, especially when I look at my old club Notts County who are sitting second bottom of the First Division and I've got a chance of being involved in the squad for the Scottish Cup final."

The Scottish Cup semi-final gave Paul his first experience of the unique atmosphere of the Old Firm derby clash after he replaced Dale Gordon in the closing stages.

And, despite his experience with top English clubs such as Aston Villa and Southampton and Italian Serie A side Bari, the whole occasion still took him by surprise.

He admitted: "The atmosphere was tremendous and I thought our fans were absolutely brilliant from start to finish.

"The supporters reacted positively to Robbo's sending off and created so much noise I never even heard the Celtic fans — you wouldn't have known they were there.

"The whole night was fantastic and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. And I didn't find the pace too bad as there were quite a few stoppages and I was only on for about 15 minutes."

A MASTER STROKE SAYS SUPERSUB PAUL

Rideout was one of a number of Rangers players involved on Tuesday who were not brought up within the unique Old Firm fervour.

But he's quick to point out that place of birth is no essential pre-requisite for success on these occasions.

He said: "They have said in the past that two or three of our players lack a bit of bottle, but we had to sit back and battle on Tuesday night when we didn't really have a chance to play any football.

SPIRIT

"If anything, the spirit we showed on Tuesday made a nonsense of anything which has been said about buying success.

"Rangers have shown they can buy their way out of trouble if they wish, but our players showed they can fight with the rest when it matters.

"Look at the amount of tackling Pieter Huistra went through and the all-round performance of Ian Durrant which was tremendous. They deserve a lot of credit, but it was a great all-round team performance."

HAIL GORDON!

Brave Dale battles through pain barrier

RANGERS have found the necessary recipe for success in the Scottish Cup — true grit seasoned with a slice of luck, *writes Gary Ralston.*

That's the verdict of Dale Gordon, who made a brave comeback from a knee injury on Tuesday night to play his first game in three weeks.

Rangers now stand on the threshold of history — for if they win the final on May 9 they will be the first ever club to defeat all-Premier Division opposition on their way to the trophy.

The Light Blues have ko'd Aberdeen, holders Motherwell, St Johnstone and, toughest of them all, Celtic, to set up a show-down with either Hearts or Airdrie who will replay their semi-final on Tuesday.

LUCK

And Dale confessed: "When Celtic started hitting the post in the semi-final and then had a penalty claim turned down I began to think maybe our name is on the cup.

"You definitely need a little bit of luck in cup competitions. We also had it against Motherwell when Alexei scored two late goals.

"We've played some hard games, but although we've carried a bit of good fortune I also think we deserve to be in the final.

"We showed against Celtic that we can rise to the challenge.

"I've never experienced going down to 10 men so early before, but after that happened we stuck our chests out to get the win we wanted so badly.

"We knew it would be even more tense going down to 10 men in an Old Firm game, but the management team also deserve credit for re-shuffling the side successfully."

RECOVERED

Like Pieter Huistra on the left, Dale was given few opportunities to show his attacking wing skills on the right hand side as the Rangers goal resembled The Alamo in a frantic second half against Celtic.

But he was still content with his contribution to the side, even though he still hasn't completely recovered from the twisted knee he picked up in the 3-1 win against Hibs at Easter Road on March 10.

He added: "I wasn't 100 per cent fit on Tuesday, but with Mark Hateley being out we lacked a bit of experience, so both myself and Stuart McCall, who also made a comeback, just had to get out there.

"Sometimes you have to play through the pain barrier and I did feel my knee, but I was delighted to last as long as I did.

"It was a difficult game to make a comeback, particularly as I had only trained the day before the game for the first time in three weeks.

"I was pleased with the defensive side of my game. Going forward, particularly in the second half, we never looked as if we would create anything, but it was always going to be like that in those conditions.

"I have watched Tommy Boyd on television and in previous games and I know how much he likes to attack down the left side.

"If you dive in it makes it easier for the attacker, so I had to hold up and jockey and eventually he had to check inside and knock balls into the centre.

"I think he ended up a little lost, so I was happy with my performance although I picked up some cramp towards the end."

HAPPIEST

Gordon, 24, could have been excused for thinking his semi-final sorrow would continue on Tuesday after Rangers lost Robbo.

For semi-finals have never been the happiest of occasions for the former Norwich City star.

He revealed: "I was knocked out of the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1989 against Everton and also in the Zenith Data Cup a couple of times, so I'm determined to enjoy the final this time around.

"And I'm quite pleased with the progress the injury has made, especially in the last week.

"I just hope to be back to the form I was showing before I wrenched it."



PAIN GAME . . . Dale Gordon

RANGERS NEWS

IAN DURRANT
NIGEL SPACKMAN
ALLY McCOIST

MARK GETS FANS' VOTE

RANGERS Disabled Supporters Association held their Player of the Year presentation last Thursday — and the night was a roaring success.

Mark Hateley was named Player of the Year, but injury meant he could not attend and Richard Gough, right, accepted on his behalf.

Rangers fielded a strong line-up for the awards night and several players, including Gough, Stuart McCall and John Brown all attended, along with manager Walter Smith, Operations Executive Alistair Hood and Secretary/Director Campbell Ogilvie.

Around 150 supporters and guests turned out for the club's 10th awards night at the ex-servicemen's club in Pollokshields, Glasgow.

Chairman Bobby Campbell said: "It was a brilliant night and the spectacle of our season. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"But the night would not have been possible, but for the generous donations we receive from Rangers Supporters Clubs such as Waterside and Lenzie, the Old Kilpatrick Bowling Club and John Stewart Builders.

"They've helped us raise £1400 over the year to make sure the awards night was such a success."



TICKET DETAILS

Dundee United v Rangers
Tannadice Park
Saturday 11th April
Kick-off 3pm

This Saturday's all-ticket league match is a complete sell-out. In view of the drastic reduction in capacity at Tannadice due to ground reconstruction, it is anticipated that tickets will be impossible to come by in Dundee on match day and supporters without tickets are consequently strongly urged not to travel.

Rangers v St Mirren
Ibrox Stadium
Saturday 18th April 1992
Kick-off 3pm

This league match will be all-ticket and, subject to availability, Rangers end tickets will be on public sale from the Ticket Office between 9.30am and 5pm daily on week days commencing Friday 10th April. Possible maximum 2 tickets per person.

Closing date for postal applications, which must be accompanied by a s.a.e. and paid by P.O./Cheque with correct remittance (no cash please), will be Saturday 11th April.

Please note that any cheque submitted for purchase of tickets must be endorsed on the reverse with the applicants address, otherwise tickets will not be provided/posted.

Supporters Clubs to uplift on Friday 10th or Monday 13th April and no tickets will be retained thereafter.

Rangers Credit Card Ticket Line — 041 427 8877 — open between 9.30am and 4pm on week days from Friday 10th until Wednesday 15th April. Acceptable credit cards are Access, Visa, Eurocard and Mastercard.

Motherwell v Rangers
Fir Park
Thursday 23rd April 1992
Kick-off 7.30pm

This rescheduled match will also be all-ticket and tickets can be purchased only by season ticket holders and only by postal application. The closing date will be Tuesday 14th April and allocation thereafter will be by ballot.

Prices are £8.00 stand, of which there is only a limited quantity, and £6.00 ground. Voucher No. 19 (Nineteen), appropriately completed, should be submitted to the Ticket Office with a maximum of 4 tickets per 4 vouchers.

Applications must be accompanied by a s.a.e. and paid by P.O./Cheque (no cash please) with correct remittance.

Supporters Clubs to uplift on Thursday 16th or Friday 17th April and, as usual, no tickets will be retained thereafter.

Rangers v Hearts
Ibrox Stadium
Tuesday 28th April 1992
Kick-off 8pm

Rangers end tickets for this obviously all-ticket league match go on sale today (Wednesday) from the Ticket Office and, subject to availability will be on sale between 9.30am and 5pm daily on week days. Almost certainly a maximum 2 tickets per person.

Supporters Clubs to uplift Tuesday 21st or Wednesday 22nd April and no tickets will be retained thereafter.

Having already advertised in the national press, the closing date for postal applications has now passed.

Rangers Credit Card Ticket Line — 041 427 8877 — open between 9.30am and 4pm from today (Wednesday) until Friday 10th April. Acceptable credit cards are Access, Visa, Mastercard and Eurocard.

Schoolboy International
Scotland U-15 v England U-15
Ibrox Stadium
Friday 1st May
Kick-off 7pm

This match, at which spectators will be accommodated only in the Govan Front, Copland Front and Broomloan Front stand, will be all-ticket.

Govan Front tickets are being distributed exclusively by the Scottish Schools FA, but Copland Front or Broomloan Front tickets can be purchased for the Ticket Office daily on week days between 9.30am and 5pm, the price being £2.50 whether adult or juvenile.

Postal applications will be acceptable and, as normal, should be accompanied by a s.a.e. and paid by P.O./Cheque (no cash please) with correct remittance.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Season ticket holders are reminded that in no circumstances will anyone turning up on match day without their season ticket book be allowed entry to the match. ie — the ticket office will not issue an entry pass on the day.

2. All supporters, including supporters clubs, are similarly reminded that any cheque submitted for the purchase of tickets must be endorsed on the reverse with the applicants address, otherwise tickets **WILL NOT** be provided/posted.

TANNADICE DIRECTIONS

RANGERS pay their last visit of the season to Tannadice on Saturday — but fans should be reminded that the ground is under extensive reconstruction in the North Enclosure.

That part of the stadium traditionally holds a large percentage of Rangers fans, but capacity will be greatly reduced on Saturday and, indeed, Rangers supporters have been allocated only 3,500 tickets.

Rangers fans will be accommodated entirely in the East Terracing, ticket colour royal blue, and should enter through the turnstiles in Tannadice Street.

Supporters without tickets are strongly urged to STAY AWAY, and Dundee United will refuse admission to any supporter intending to enter an area of the ground identified as an area for opposing supporters.

The club will also remove from the ground any supporter who has entered an area identified for opposing supporters.

Regrettably, there is no availability of parking within the ground for disabled drivers vehicles and any will be accommodated on-street in the vicinity of the ground.

Parking for buses has changed for the current season with only limited space available in Gussie Park. Main parking will take place within Graham Street and drivers should park in accordance with directions given by police.

The legislation on alcohol will be strictly enforced.

Closed circuit television is in use within and outwith the ground.

SHOULD I STAY, OR GO?

WORLD SCENE with ROBERT WATT

■ **BORUSSIA DORTMUND'S 19 game unbeaten run came to an end in Nuremberg on Friday night when the Bundesliga high-flyers suffered a 2-1 defeat.**

But the Dortmund side still share top spot with Eintracht and Stuttgart who shared the points in a 1-1 draw on Saturday afternoon.

■ **IN Holland, Ajax cut PSV Eindhoven's lead in the title race to three points at the weekend, winning 4-2 against Willem II in Tilburg while the leaders were being held to a 1-1 draw at Maastricht.**

■ **AC MILAN are now six points clear of Juventus at the top of the Italian League table after Sunday's superb 5-1 destruction of defending champions Sampdoria at the San Siro Stadium.**

The slim title hopes of Juventus disappeared when they went down 2-0 to local rivals Torino.

■ **REAL MADRID remain one point ahead of Barcelona in Spain. A 2-0 win over Burgos at the Bernabeu kept the Madrid fans happy while Barcelona thrashed Deportivo Coruna 4-0 at the Nou Camp.**

UNDER FIRE

JOHAN CRUYFF has come under fire from Barcelona fans for allegedly being too negative in the Spanish title chase.

The Barca boss recently remarked that he would be prepared to relinquish Barca's Spanish League crown if it was interfering with their quest for European Cup glory.

"Cruyff doesn't understand what he is saying," says Jordi Santi, of the club's fanatical Penya Almogavers supporters association.

"We are in a battle with Real Madrid for the Spanish League Championship and it is a battle we must win.

"When Cruyff talks about resting players in league games, the people of Madrid laugh at us.

"We are a big club, with a strong squad, so there is no reason why we can't win the Championship AND the European Cup.

"Perhaps Cruyff should take a few history lessons and learn about the hardship Madrid has imposed on Barcelona through the ages.

Maybe then he will realise that we must never concede anything to them!"



JOHAN CRUYFF

TOTO SCHILLACI has delivered a make-your-mind-up message to his bosses at Juventus.

"Do you want me to stay, or don't you?" he asks. "Tell me now!"

The striker (right) has been annoyed by persistent reports which have linked Juventus with various other players.

And the club's reluctance to clarify the situation prompted his outburst.

"Never a day passes without the club being tipped to move for a player — and all the men named have been strikers," Schillaci explains.

SILENCE

"So it is only natural that I am concerned about my future.

"I have spoken to the coach and also raised the matter with the club president, but nobody has said anything to ease my mind.

"They tell me to ignore the speculation and concentrate on playing — but whenever I mention a new contract I am met with a wall of silence.

"If I am no longer wanted, why can't they tell me? After all, I have to earn a living and it would help if someone gave me some indication about where my future might lie.

"Of course, it would sadden me to leave Juventus, but as a professional I would go wherever my talents are appreciated."

Since those heady days of the 1990 World Cup when he was the outstanding personality in the Italian team, Schillaci's career has nose-dived.

Long barren spells, with both the player and his club struggling to impress, have put him under great pressure.

And with Juventus again coming a poor second behind AC Milan, the fans have been on the warpath, seeking a scapegoat.

Almost constant reports link Juventus with top attackers like Papin, Lamptey, Brolin and Romario, and Toto has been on the receiving end of more than his fair share of criticism.

"Nobody needs to tell me that my form has slumped," he admits. "But I have never given anything less than 100 per cent for Juventus and it angers me when certain people suggest otherwise.

"The truth is that the whole team has struggled . . . but it appears to be easy to lay the blame at my door.

"But how can I score goals if I do not receive the ball in the goal area.

"Far too often I have found myself forced to drop back towards the halfway line in search of the ball, but not even Roberto Baggio can score from that distance!

"I hope the coach decides to be much more positive next season, with more attention given to the creative players and then I can guarantee the Juventus fans lots of goals.

"But unless the club has a dramatic change of heart, it looks as if I will be playing elsewhere next season."



Let me know says Schillaci

BRING ON CELTIC!

ABERDEEN . . . . 0 **RANGERS 1**

BRING on the Celtic! That was the cry after Rangers booked a Reserve League Cup final clash with the other half of the Old Firm with victory at Pittodrie last Wednesday night.

An Ian Ferguson goal midway through the second half made it a happy cup double 24 hours after the first team's heroics at Hampden.

This time Rangers kept their full complement of players and for long spells their brand of flowing football had Aberdeen mesmerised, particularly in the second hal.

CONFUSION

But, just as he had done in a league encounter at Ibrox four days earlier, young Dons keeper Michael Watt thwarted the Gers with a string of fine saves.

Indeed, it was only after only a scramble inside the box, when Dons player-coach Neil Cooper failed to clear, that Ferguson was able to prod the ball home.

However, it could have been so different had Andy Gibson, whose two goals had dumped Rangers at the same venue five weeks before, not missed an open goal after just six minutes.

The swirling wind caused confusion in the Gers defence when Cooper lumped the ball forward, Colin Scott raced from his goal, but missed his header.

However, Gibson could only hold his head in his hands as he steered the ball wide from the edge of the box.

At the other end, Shaun Rouse and Paul Rideout both shot narrowly wide before Watt denied Rangers for the first time, springing to his right to hold a Scott Nisbet header from a well-worked free-kick.

A minute later the in-form youngster somehow foiled John Morrow with a remarkable save.

Morrow went for goal with the outside of his boot when Rideout knocked the ball down some 25 yards out, but Watt arched his back and clawed the ball on to the bar and over for a corner.

Colin Scott was called on to produce a similar save early in the second half when Colin MacRonald let fly from some 40 yards, although the Gers keeper did not need the help of the woodwork to get the ball safe.

CAUGHT

John Morrow began to torment the Dons defence a little and twice in the early stages of the second period had chances which went begging.

John Spencer looked to have given Rangers the lead 11 minutes after the interval, but instead found the goal chalked off and his name in the referee's book.

A long ball from Sandy Robertson, who was at the centre of most things for Rangers, caught up in the wind, leaving the defence in two minds.

Spencer nipped in between Watt and Cooper and fired the ball off the keeper's body before slotting the loose ball into the net.

However, referee George Simpson decided the striker had breached the laws and took his name.

It began to look as though it might not be Rangers' night soon after that when Watt pulled off another great save from Morrow, diving high to his left to hold a fierce drive.

But substitute Gary McSwegan and his long-time partner Spencer combined to turn the tie their way.

They linked up on the right, McSwegan's low cross was not cleared and with Rideout and Morrow both applying pressure in the goalmouth, Ferguson who sneaked in for the vital touch.

DENIED

Watt made it a hat-trick of brilliant saves from Morrow when he turned another pile-driver from the young Ulsterman over the bar 10 minutes from time.

And he also denied Rideout three minutes later when Spencer put the big Englishman through.

But all those saves did not matter — Ferguson's goal was enough to give the Rangers party a happy coach trip home and that Old Firm final to look forward to.

There was no hiding coach John McGregor's satisfaction after the match.

"It was a great result and a Rangers-Celtic cup final is as big a game you can get in reserve football," he said.

"I spoke to Willie Miller and he agreed the first half didn't really feel like a semi-final because the players didn't appear to be fired up.

"But in the second half we did much better and apart from maybe 10 minutes just after half-time, we dominated the game and it was just a case of waiting for the goal to come."

VITAL

But McGregor admitted that he feared the worst for a spell in the second half, before Ferguson struck the vital goal.

"When Michael Watt made all those saves and we had the goal chopped off, I thought it was going to be one of those nights.

"But we got there in the end, and deservedly so."



ON TARGET . . . Ian Ferguson



DENIED . . . John Morrow was thwarted by three brilliant saves

By ERIC GEORGE

FACT FILE

ABERDEEN: Watt, McAnespie, Humphries, Cameron, Ferguson, Cooper, Graham Watson, Gibson (Gilbert 80), Gillhaus, MacRonald, Roddie (Downie 67).

RANGERS: Scott, Pressley, Vinnicombe, Watson, S Robertson, Rouse (McSwegan 59), Nisbet, Ferguson, Rideout, Spencer, Morrow. Sub (not used) — L Robertson.

Scorer: Rangers — Ferguson (69).

Bookings: Rangers — Spencer (56), Rideout (65).

Attendance: 1,386.

News Man of the Match — Sandy Robertson.

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RANGERS	28	22	2	4	76	33	46
Celtic	28	22	1	5	75	40	45
Aberdeen	29	17	4	8	49	33	36
Dundee Utd	27	15	2	10	58	45	32
Airdrie	28	13	4	11	64	57	30
St Mirren	31	12	5	14	43	52	29
Motherwell	30	12	4	14	62	58	28
Dunfermline	30	11	3	16	56	64	25
Hearts	30	9	7	14	37	51	25
Hibernian	30	9	5	16	37	47	23
St Johnstone	30	8	5	17	47	73	21
Falkirk	29	2	4	23	35	86	8

RESERVE LEAGUE WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RANGERS	29	19	4	6	72	29	42
Clydebank	25	19	3	3	63	31	41
Partick Thistle	29	18	4	7	55	36	40
Stirling Albion	29	18	1	10	57	44	37
Ayr United	27	13	6	8	54	44	32
St Mirren	25	13	5	7	53	39	31
Morton	26	14	3	9	50	39	31
Kilmarnock	28	12	4	12	56	38	28
Celtic	26	13	2	11	66	50	28
East Stirling	24	10	5	9	44	44	25
Clyde	25	9	6	10	37	29	24
Hamilton	26	8	8	10	38	38	24
Queen's Park	28	10	4	14	53	69	24
Albion Rovers	30	7	8	15	44	68	21
OOS	23	5	5	13	37	62	15
Stranraer	26	6	2	18	34	69	14
Dumbarton	28	4	4	20	29	67	12
Stenhousemuir	28	4	4	20	29	75	12



JOHN WALKER . . . opened scoring

GERS BABES ARE IN THE MOOD

CLYDE ..... 1 **RANGERS 2**

RANGERS' babes were in the mood at Kirkintilloch last Thursday evening to maintain their pole position in the Reserve League West.

It took the young Gers 20 minutes to come to terms with a hard, bumpy pitch, but once they found their form they ran out worthy winners.

Clyde, were made to rue a hatful of misses in that opening period, as striker Kenny Quinn was twice denied by the post.

After 15 minutes he seized on a poor back pass from Derek Crawford and rounded Neil Inglis, but with the goal gaping he knocked the ball off the upright.

Two minutes later he showed alertness to turn his marker inside the box, but again his shot crashed off the post.

Rangers were quick to reply and Mark Fraser had a header cleared off the line and a Derek Rae volley screamed past before John Walker opened the scoring in the 34th minute.

CONTROL

David Hagen and Lee Robertson linked well on the edge of the box and as the ball was played square Walker waltzed forward to blast the ball high into the top right-hand corner.

The Bully Wee still came forward and Quinn had a shot well saved by Inglis before half-time and, after the break, Derek Crawford popped up to head a net-bound header off the line.

But then Rangers began to take control. A fine sweeping move involving John Walker and Lee Robertson sent John Martin racing clear, but although he rounded the keeper his shot from a tight angle rebounded off the post.

However, Rangers went two up 12 minutes from time to seal the points. Derek Rae found Kevin Fotheringham on the left and his cross was met by Robertson, who bulleted a header into the top corner.

Clyde kept to their task and Quinn was eventually rewarded for his patience five minutes from time when he was sent clear on the left and shot low into the far corner for a consolation strike.

RANGERS: Inglis, Paterson, Crawford, Pressley, Fraser, Rae, Martin (Trialist 83), L Robertson, McSwegan (Fotheringham 58), Walker, Hagen.

News Man of the Match — John Walker.

SANDY ROBERTSON ON HIS NIGHTMARE SEASON

I've never felt so low

SANDY ROBERTSON is hoping the darkest period in his young career is at an end.

Since being injured against Hibernian on October 8, Sandy has struggled to find the form that made him a vital part of the run-in to the championship success last season.

But there were signs at Pittodrie last week that he could be ready to burst back to prominence when he orchestrated the Light Blues' 1-0 Reserve League Cup semi-final win.

And Sandy revealed that the last four months have given him plenty to think about.

"The fact I have not been playing at all well has been on my mind all the time — I have never felt so low," he admitted.

"I've been going home in a bad mood and just getting depressed, wondering when it was going to come again.

GREAT

"But against Aberdeen I felt a whole lot better. I was getting my tackles in, where as before I was not really doing that.

"And I was taking on and beating players as well as passing and as the game went on, I wanted the ball more and more.

"Everything just came good and I felt great at the end of the game.

"It's the first time since I got the injury that I can say I showed the same sort of form as I did at the start of the season.

"It certainly made the trip home from Pittodrie seem a lot shorter than usual."

Sandy filled the playmaker role vacated by Ian Durrant in recent weeks, but he does not feel Durrant's absence affected him one way or another.

"I don't know exactly why it worked out that way, but I don't think Durranty going into the first team had anything to do with it.

"For a while I was playing wide on the right when I much prefer playing in the middle, but that was a while ago.

"I've been playing in the centre for a few weeks, so that wasn't the reason I played better.

"And I didn't do anything different before the game — I just kept plugging away and everything worked out.

"I wasn't thinking too much about my performance while we were playing.

"I was too busy concentrating on keeping going, but I came off the park absolutely delighted."

He added: "There are some big games for the reserves between now and the end of the season.

"We have five games left in the Premier Reserve League and if we win them we will win the league.

"And we also have the Reserve Cup final against Celtic to look forward to.

"Hopefully that's me had my bad spell now and I can carry on from here."



ON THE UP . . . Sandy Robertson

By ERIC GEORGE



THERE is no doubt that an in-form Sandy Robertson would be a bonus for manager Walter Smith and the Ibrox coaching staff.

John McGregor, above, said: "I've had a chat with Sandy and he knows he has not done well this season.

"In fact I think the fact that it was always on his mind might have been a big part of his problem.

"But he showed at Pittodrie he still has the ability and I was delighted for him."

However, Sandy is not setting his sights too high — yet.

"I was in the first team when I got injured and I know I am good enough to play for Rangers," he said.

"But it is probably too late in the season for me to get back in now.

"I'm just looking to keep my form up in the reserves until the end of the season and hope to get back in the first team squad at pre-season."

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TOP SCORERS

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McCOIST (RANGERS)
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HATELEY (RANGERS)
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Nicholas (Celtic)
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Wright (St Johnstone)
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Coyne, Creaney (Celtic)
14
Crabbe (Hearts)
12
Jess (Aberdeen); Robertson (Hearts)
11
Jackson (Dundee Utd); Weir (Hibs)
10
Coyle (Airdrie); Collins (Celtic); Ferguson (Dundee U); Wright (Hibs)
9
McAllister, May (Falkirk); Curran (St Johnstone)
8
Kirkwood (Airdrie); McGinlay (Hibs); Torfason (St Mirren)
7
Mason (Aberdeen)
6
MIKHAILITCHENKO (RANGERS)
McStay (Celtic); Paatelainen (Dundee Utd); Baird, Millar (Hearts); Evans (Hibs); Arnott, Kirk (M'well)
5
GORDON, JOHNSTON, NISBET (RANGERS)
Gillhaus, Grant, Ten Caat (Aberdeen); Ferreyra (Dundee Utd); Stainrod (Falkirk); Nijholt (Motherwell); Arkins (St Johnstone); Charnley (St Mirren)
4
HUISTRA (RANGERS)
Booth, Irvine (Aberdeen); Lawrence, Watson (Airdrie); Cascarino (Celtic); Cleland, McKinnon, O'Neill (Dundee Utd); Leitch (Dunfermline); Baptie (Falkirk); McIntyre (Hibernian); O'Donnell (Motherwell)

HAT-TRICKS

2
HATELEY (RANGERS)
1
Wright (Hibs); Torfason (St Mirren)

DOUBLES

6
McCOIST (RANGERS)
5
HATELEY (RANGERS)
4
Nicholas (Celtic)
3
Creaney (Celtic)

PENALTY KICKS

	Scored	Conceded
St Johnstone	10/10	8
RANGERS	7/11	4
Airdrie	6/7	12
Dundee Utd	5/7	5
Hearts	5/6	5
Motherwell	5/5	3
Hibernian	3/5	3
St Mirren	3/3	7
Falkirk	2/2	7
Celtic	2/2	4
Aberdeen	1/5	2
Dunfermline	0/1	4

PENALTY GOALS

5
Nijholt (Motherwell)
4
HATELEY (RANGERS)
Kirkwood (Airdrie); Wright (St Johnstone)
3
Jackson (Dundee Utd); Crabbe (Hearts); McIntyre (Hibernian); Stewart (St Johnstone)
2
JOHNSTON (RANGERS)
Nicholas (Celtic); Robertson (Hearts); Treanor (St Johnstone); Torfason (St Mirren)

TEAM OFFENCES

	Red	Yellow
Airdrie	8	74
Hearts	7	62
St Mirren	7	61
St Johnstone	6	52
Hibernian	4	60
Aberdeen	4	41
Celtic	3	46
Motherwell	3	35
Falkirk	2	57
Dunfermline	2	45
Dundee Utd	2	43
RANGERS	1	43

RED CARDS

2
Van de Ven (Aberdeen); Inglis (St Johnstone); Aitken, Charnley (St Mirren)
1
Kuznetsov (Rangers)
Smith, Snelders (Aberdeen); Black, Boyle, Honor, Lawrence, Martin, Sandison, Smith, Stewart (Airdrie); Cascarino, Galloway, Gillespie (Celtic); Cleland, Narey (Dundee Utd); McWilliams, Wilson (Dunfermline); Hughes, Westwater (Falkirk); Baird, Hogg, Levein, Mackay, McKinlay, Millar (Hearts); Burridge, Farrell, Miller, Weir (Hibernian); Cooper, Cusack, Kirk (Motherwell); Curran, Davies, Hamilton, McGinnis (St Johnstone); Baillie, McWhirter, Manley (St Mirren)

YELLOW CARDS

11
Levein (Hearts)
10
Hughes (Falkirk)
8
Balfour, Black, Honor (Airdrie); Bowman (Dundee Utd); Crabbe (Hearts); Manley (St Mirren)
7
Boyle (Airdrie); Coyne, Galloway, Whyte (Celtic); McCathie (Dunfermline); McGinlay, Millar (Hearts); Hamilton, McIntrye (Hibernian); Turner (St Johnstone); Aitken (St Mirren)
6
McCall (Rangers)
Bett (Aberdeen); Coyle, Kidd, Sandison (Airdrie); Stainrod (Falkirk); Baird (Hearts); Nijholt (Motherwell); Grant (St Johnstone); Broddle (St Mirren)
5
Irvine (Aberdeen); Conn (Airdrie); Ferreyra (Dundee Utd); Sharp (Dunfermline); Baptie, Smith (Falkirk); D Ferguson, Robertson (Hearts); Evans, Hunter, Weir, Wright (Hibernian); Martin (Motherwell); Redford (St Johnstone); Baillie, Charnley (St Mirren)
4
Gordon, Hateley, Huistra, Kuznetsov, D Robertson (Rangers)
Gillhaus, McKimmie (Aberdeen); Ferguson, McInally (Dundee Utd); Moyes, Shannon (Dunfermline); McAllister, Oliver (Falkirk); Hogg, McLaren (Hearts); Miller (Hibernian); Cooper (Motherwell); Curran, Treanor (St Johnstone); McDowall, McGowne, Money, Torfason (St Mirren)

GOALKEEPING STATS

	Shut-outs	%	GA	GAA
Goram (Rangers)	18-38	47	27	0.71
Smith (Hearts)	17-38	45	32	0.84
Burridge (Hibernian)	14-32	43	30	0.94
Snelders (Aberdeen)	14-37	38	37	1.00
Marshall (Celtic)	12-20	60	13	0.65
Rhodes (Dunfermline)	11-40	27	71	1.78
Thomson (Motherwell)	10-38	26	51	1.34
Westwater (Falkirk)	9-38	24	60	1.58
Martin (Airdrie)	9-35	26	58	1.66
Hamilton (St Johnstone)	8-38	21	66	1.74
Money (St Mirren)	6-25	24	39	1.56
Main (Dundee Utd)	5-15	33	15	1.00
Van de Kamp (Dundee Utd)	5-25	20	31	1.24
Bonner (Celtic)	4-19	21	24	1.26
Reid (Hibernian)	2-7	28	8	1.14
Fridge (St Mirren)	2-13	15	26	2.00
Dykstra (Motherwell)	1-1	100	0	0.00
Kennedy (St Johnstone)	1-1	100	0	0.00
Watt (Aberdeen)	1-2	50	1	0.50
McCulloch (Airdrie)	0-1	0	1	1.00
McKnight (Airdrie)	0-2	0	5	2.50
MacDougall (Falkirk)	0-1	0	3	3.00

GA = goals allowed GAA = goals allowed average

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RANGERS	38	28	5	5	86	27	61
Celtic	39	24	8	7	81	37	56
Hearts	38	25	6	7	54	32	56
Dundee Utd	40	16	13	11	60	47	45
Aberdeen	39	16	11	12	51	38	43
Hibernian	39	14	15	10	46	38	43
Motherwell	39	10	14	15	40	51	34
St Johnstone	39	13	7	19	48	66	33
Falkirk	39	11	10	18	48	63	32
Airdrie	38	11	6	21	41	64	28
St Mirren	38	5	9	24	28	65	19
Dunfermline	40	3	10	27	16	71	16

All statistics for Premier Division matches only — up to and including Saturday, April 4, 1992.

RANGERS AT A GLANCE

	PREMIER			SKOL			SCOTTISH			EURO			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
ROBERTSON D	38	-	1	4	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	-	48	-	2
STEVENS	38	-	1	4	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	48	-	1
GORAM	38	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	48	-	-
SPACKMAN	37	-	-	4	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	-	47	-	1
McCOIST	31	1	26	1	3	1	4	-	3	2	-	-	38	4	30
McCALL	30	1	1	4	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	38	1	3
GOUGH	29	-	2	3	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	37	-	3
HATELEY	27	1	21	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	31	1	22
HUISTRA	22	5	4	3	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	28	7	4
NISBET	20	-	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	26	-	5
MIKHAILITCHENKO	20	2	6	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	24	2	8
GORDON	19	-	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	5
BROWN	14	7	3	1	-	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	20	8	3
FERGUSON	12	4	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	17	5	1
JOHNSTON	10	1	5	4	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	1	10
KUZNETSOV	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	14	2	-
DURRANT	4	3	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	8	5	1
SPENCER	4	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	5	1
RIDEOUT	4	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	3	1
MORROW	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
ROBERTSON S	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-
STEVEN	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
McGREGOR	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
McSWEGAN	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
VINNICOMBE	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

A: appearances S: appearances as substitute G: goals

ALL THE RANGERS FIRST TEAM LINE-UPS

IN SEASON 1991-92 — AT A GLANCE

Date	Opposition	Venue	Comp	Score	Crowd	G	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub
Aug 10	St Johnstone	H	PL	6-0	35,109	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	Steven	**Ferguson**	**Hateley 3**	**Johnston 2**	Huistra	S Robertson (8)	Spencer
Aug 13	Motherwell*	H	PL	2-0	35,322	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	**Steven**	Ferguson	Hateley	Johnston	Huistra	S Robertson	Spencer
Aug 17	Hearts	A	PL	0-1	22,154	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Ferguson	Hateley	Johnston	Huistra	S Robertson	Spencer (11)
Aug 20	Queen's Park	H	Skol	6-0	32,230	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	**Spackman**	Nisbet	McCall	**Johnston 4**	Spencer	**Durrant**	Huistra	S Robertson (7)	McCoist (11)
Aug 24	Dunfermline	H	PL	4-0	35,559	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	**Spencer**	**Johnston**	Durrant	**Huistra**	Ferguson (10)	**McCoist (9)**
Aug 28	Partick Thistle	A	Skol	2-0	12,587	Goram	Stevens	**D Robertson**	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Spencer	**Johnston**	Durrant	Huistra	Ferguson (2)	McCoist (10)
Aug 31	Celtic	A	PL	2-0	51,381	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Ferguson	**Hateley 2**	Johnston	Huistra	Mikhailitchenko	McCoist
Sept 4	Hearts	A	Skol	1-0	22,878	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Ferguson	Hateley	Johnston	**McCoist**	Huistra (11)	Mikhailitchenko
Sept 7	Falkirk	A	PL	2-0	13,088	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	**Nisbet**	McCoist	Ferguson	Hateley	Mikhailitchenko	**Huistra**	McCall (10)	Johnston
Sept 14	Dundee United	H	PL	1-1	36,347	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Kuznetsov	Spackman	Nisbet	**McCoist**	Ferguson	Hateley	Mikhailitchenko	Huistra	Durrant (10)	Spencer
Sept 18	Sparta Prague	A	EC	0-1	11,053	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Ferguson	Hateley	McCoist	Huistra	Durrant (8)	Brown (10)
											Other Substitutes — McKellar, S Robertson, Spencer							
Sept 21	St Mirren	A	PL	2-1	14,438	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	**Nisbet**	McCall	Durrant	Hateley	Johnston	**Huistra**	S Robertson	Spencer
Sept 25	Hibernian	Ham	Skol	0-1	40,901	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Brown	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Durrant	Hateley	Johnston	Huistra	S Robertson	McCoist (11)
Sept 28	Aberdeen	H	PL	0-2	36,330	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Brown	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	S Robertson	Hateley	Johnston	Mikhailitchenko	Spencer (9)	Huistra (11)
Oct 2	Sparta Prague	H	EC	2-1	34,260	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Brown	Spackman	Nisbet	Kuznetsov	**McCall 2**	McCoist	Johnston	Mikhailitchenko	Durrant (4)	Spencer (9)
	After extra-time; score after 90 minutes — 1-0, Aggregate Score — 2-2, Sparta Prague win on away goals:										Other Substitutes — McKellar, S Robertson, McSwegan							
Oct 5	Airdrie	A	PL	4-0	10,200	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Kuznetsov	Spackman	**Nisbet**	Mikhailitchenko	McCall	**McCoist 2**	**Johnston**	Huistra	S Robertson (11)	McSwegan
Oct 8	Hibernian*	H	PL	4-2	35,368	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Brown	Spackman	Nisbet	S Robertson	McCall	**McCoist 2**	Johnston	**Huistra**	Vinnicombe (8)	Spencer (4)
Oct 12	St Johnstone	A	PL	3-2	10,323	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	McGregor	Spackman	**Nisbet**	Morrow	McCall	**McCoist 2**	Durrant	Spencer	McSwegan (11)	Dodds
Oct 19	Hearts	H	PL	2-0	36,481	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	Morrow	McCall	**McCoist**	Hateley	**Mikhailitchenko**	Huistra	Johnston
Oct 26	Falkirk	H	PL	1-1	36,441	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	Morrow	McCall	McCoist	**Johnston**	Mikhailitchenko	Hateley (11)	Huistra (7)
Oct 29	Dundee United	A	PL	2-3	14,397	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Brown	Spackman	Nisbet	Ferguson	McCall	**McCoist 2**	Hateley	Huistra	Johnston (11)	Mikhailitchenko (7)
Nov 2	Celtic	H	PL	1-1	37,387	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Nisbet	McCall	Ferguson	**McCoist**	Hateley	Huistra	Johnston	Kuznetsov (8)
Nov 9	Dunfermline	A	PL	5-0	13,351	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	**Gough**	Spackman	Nisbet	**Gordon 2**	McCall	**McCoist**	**Hateley**	Huistra	Johnston	Brown (6)
Nov 16	Airdrie	H	PL	4-0	36,934	Goram	Stevens	**D Robertson**	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	**Hateley 2**	Huistra	Brown	McSwegan (9)
Nov 19	Hibernian	A	PL	3-0	16,653	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist 2**	**Hateley**	Huistra	Brown	McSwegan
Nov 23	St Mirren	H	PL	0-1	36,272	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	McCoist	Hateley	Huistra	Brown	McSwegan (11)
Nov 30	Motherwell	A	PL	2-0	15,350	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	**Gough**	Spackman	Kuznetsov	**Gordon**	McCall	McCoist	Hateley	Mikhailitchenko	Brown (2)	Huistra
Dec 4	Aberdeen	A	PL	3-2	22,000	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	**Hateley 2**	Mikhailitchenko	Brown (11)	Durrant
Dec 7	St Johnstone	H	PL	3-1	35,784	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	McCoist	**Hateley**	**Mikhailitchenko**	**Brown (11)**	Spencer (7)
Dec 14	Falkirk	A	PL	3-1	12,000	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	**McCall**	**McCoist**	**Hateley**	Mikhailitchenko	Brown	Huistra
Dec 21	Dundee United	H	PL	2-0	41,448	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist 2**	Hateley	Mikhailitchenko	Brown (6)	Huistra (7)
Dec 28	Dunfermline	H	PL	2-1	41,328	Goram	**Stevens**	D Robertson	Gough	Ferguson	Kuznetsov	**Gordon**	McCall	McCoist	Spencer	Mikhailitchenko	Brown (2)	Huistra
Jan 1	Celtic	A	PL	3-1	50,802	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	**Hateley**	Mikhailitchenko	**Brown (8)**	Huistra (11)
Jan 4	Airdrie	A	PL	0-0	10,209	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Kuznetsov	Gordon	Brown	McCoist	Huistra	Mikhailitchenko	Spencer	Ferguson
Jan 11	Hibernian	H	PL	2-0	40,616	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	**Gordon**	McCall	**McCoist**	**McCoist**	Rideout	Mikhailitchenko	Ferguson
Jan 18	Motherwell	H	PL	2-0	38,217	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	**McCoist**	Rideout	**Mikhailitchenko**	Ferguson (10)
Jan 22	Aberdeen	A	Scot	1-0	22,000	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	Ferguson	Mikhailitchenko	Nisbet	Huistra (10)
Feb 1	Hearts	A	PL	1-0	24,356	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	Rideout	Mikhailitchenko	Nisbet	McSwegan (7)
Feb 8	St Mirren	A	PL	2-1	16.638	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	Rideout	**Mikhailitchenko**	Huistra	McSwegan
Feb 15	Motherwell	H	Scot	2-1	38,444	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	Ferguson	McCoist	Rideout	**Mikhailitchenko 2**	Durrant	McSwegan (7)
Feb 25	Aberdeen	H	PL	0-0	38,513	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	Ferguson	McCoist	Hateley	Huistra	Rideout	Durrant (7)
Feb 29	Airdrie	H	PL	5-0	40,568	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	**Brown**	Gordon	Ferguson	McCoist	**Hateley 3**	Huistra	**Rideout (10)**	Durrant (5)
Mar 3	St Johnstone	A	Scot	3-0	10,107	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	**Gough**	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	Ferguson	**McCoist**	**Hateley**	Huistra	Rideout	Durrant
Mar 10	Hibernian	A	PL	3-1	13,019	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Nisbet	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	**Hateley 2**	Huistra	Ferguson (7)	Mikhailitchenko
Mar 14	Dunfermline	A	PL	3-1	12,274	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	**Nisbet**	Spackman	Brown	**Mikhailitchenko 2**	McCall	McCoist	Hateley	Huistra	Ferguson (8)	Kuznetsov
Mar 21	Celtic	H	PL	0-2	42,160	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Nisbet	Spackman	Brown	Ferguson	McCall	McCoist	Hateley	Mikhailitchenko	Huistra (11)	Kuznetsov (7)
Mar 28	St Johnstone	A	PL	2-1	9,697	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Spencer	Durrant	McCoist	**Hateley 2**	Huistra	Rideout (8)	Mikhailitchenko (11)
Mar 31	Celtic	Ham	Scot	1-0	45,191	Goram	Stevens	D Robertson	Gough	Spackman	Brown	Gordon	McCall	**McCoist**	Durrant	Huistra	Rideout (7)	Spencer
Apr 7	Falkirk	H	PL															
Apr 11	Dundee United	A	PL															
Apr 18	St Mirren	H	PL															
Apr 23	Motherwell	A	PL															
Apr 28	Hearts	H	PL															
May 2	Aberdeen	A	PL															
May 9	Scot Cup Final																	

GRID KEY

PL — Premier League
Skol — Skol Cup
EC — European Cup
Scot — Scottish Cup
*Own goal

BATTLE OF THE ALLY-MO



THIS WAY TO GOAL . . . says Mo Johnston

COLIN STEIN (1968-72, 1975-77)

VERY few players have made a more sensational and immediate impact at Ibrox than Colin Stein. Signed from Hibs for a Scottish record fee of £100,000 in October 1968, Stein blasted hat-tricks in his first two matches to become an instant idol with Rangers fans.

A good, old-fashioned centre-forward who was particularly strong in the air, Colin grabbed some invaluable goals, including the opener in the 1972 Cup Winners' Cup Final.

Later that year, Stein joined Coventry City, but he made a hero's return to Rangers in 1975 when he headed the goal against Hibs which clinched the Light Blues' first league title since 1964.

DEREK PARLANE (1970-80)

'PARLANE, Parlane — Born is the King of Ibrox Park' sang the Rangers fans as Derek banged in the goals that made him the Gers' leading marksman in four out of the five seasons between 1972 and 1977.

Originally a midfielder, Parlane's talent and strength allowed him to switch with ease into the striking position and his form on occasion was good enough to earn him international recognition.

In all, he spent 10 successful years at Ibrox before joining Leeds United for a fee of £160,000 in March 1980.

DEREK JOHNSTONE (1970-83, 1985-86)

ALTHOUGH Derek also played at centre-back and in midfield for Rangers, it was as a striker that he is best remembered.

He burst on to the Scottish Football scene at the tender age of 16 by scoring the only goal of the 1970 Old Firm League Cup Final, his powerful header that day typical of many of his goals.

DJ's best season at Ibrox was in 1977-78, when he netted 38 goals as the Gers stormed to another treble success under Jock Wallace.

ROBERT FLECK (1983-87)

MANY fans were sorry to see 'Fleckie' leave Ibrox in December 1987 — especially as his 19 goals had been a major contribution to the title triumph of 86-87.

He made his Rangers debut in 1984, but didn't establish himself until 1986 when he formed a lethal partnership with Ally McCoist.

NEXT WEEK — WINGERS

During the course of the amazing '86-87 season, Fleck hit four hat-tricks — including two in the space of four days against Clydebank and Finnish side Ilves Tampere.

Fleck was fast, powerful and brave and his departure — through his own choice — left a gap in the Ibrox striking armoury at the time.

ALLY McCOIST (1983-)

WHAT can you say about McCoist? The Darling of the Ibrox faithful, Ally has already written himself into the Ibrox history books with his goalscoring exploits.

Signed from Sunderland for £185,000 in 1983, McCoist battled through two difficult seasons to become Rangers' greatest post-war goalscorer.

Ally has all the qualities needed in a modern striker — he's sharp, two-footed and extremely brave when the need arises. And he has the knack of being in the right place at the right time.

Scoring records have tumbled with amazing regularity since Ally has been at Ibrox and the McCoist boots will surely prove a rich source of goals for both Rangers and Scotland for some time yet.

MO JOHNSTON (1989-91)

FOR some sections of the media, the signing of Maurice Johnston in July 1989 appeared to be as dramatic an event as the sinking of the Titanic or the crumbling of the Berlin Wall.

As a Catholic and a former Celtic player, Mo's signing didn't please all sections of the Rangers support, but he let his football do the talking and soon won over any unconvinced fans with some vital goals for the club.

In just over two years at Ibrox, Johnston showed himself to be a very good technical player and a goal-taker of the highest quality.

It's just possible that the high number of games played in Scotland took the edge off his game slightly and when he found himself on the bench earlier this season, Mo decided to move south to begin a new career with Everton.

Which one of them will top our goal poll?



DEREK JOHNSTONE



MARK HATELEY

MARK HATELEY (1990-)

MARK HATELEY has been a fantastic signing for Rangers, contributing so much to the Gers' attacking capability since signing from Monaco in the summer of 1990.

Like Mo Johnston, Hateley took a little while to win over the Ibrox supporters, but by the time his two goals in the final game of last season clinched the title, he was firmly established as a fans' favourite.

Tall, strong and skilful, Mark is the ideal man to lead a Premier League forward-line and his powerful presence is capable of causing problems for any defence at any level of football.



ALL SMILES . . . Ally McCoist knows how to celebrate

ALLY'S CHOSEN FEW

Bus v Dundee United leaves Greenhills 10.15pm, Murray 10.20pm, Crossroads Inn 10.30pm for visit to club. Tote nos 28 and 30 — 2 winners £145 each. All POY dance tickets to be paid.

ARDROSSAN & DALRY

Details have still to be arranged for game v Dundee United it will depend on the supply of tickets. Congratulations to the boys for a famous victory at Hampden now we can all have a good day on 09/05/92. For club details phone Harry on Ardrossan 601596.

BALLINGRY LOYAL

Bus to Tannadice v Dundee United leaves Dunfermline 11.30am, picking up at Cowdenbeath at 11.45pm and the Auld Shank, Ballingry at 12 noon. Non-members welcome. Names required v St Mirren and Motherwell. Thanks to Ayr & District RSC for taking one of our members to Ibrox recently. All enquiries please contact 860560.

BALLINMALLARD BLUES RSC — N. IRELAND

Annual trip to Ibrox on 18/04/92. Wishing to visit fellow supporters clubs in the Glasgow area, looking for a few nights entertainment plus entertainment on the Saturday prior to the match. Please contact Dee at 036581 8893 at any time of the day, leaving details of clubs interested in us visiting them for a bit of crack.

BELLSHILL CHOSEN FEW

Bus for Dundee United leaves the Coachouse at 1pm. Non-members welcome. Buses for the POY dance leave the Coachouse at 6.15pm. Any enquiries contact Gordon on 748306.

BUCKHAVEN & METHIL

Bus v Dundee United leaves Port Brae, Kirkcaldy at 1pm, usual pick-up points. Bus 14/04/92 leaves Golf Tavern at 4.45pm, usual midweek route.

CUMBERNAULD LOYAL

Bus Saturday v Dundee United leaves Town Centre 1pm. Seats non-members, possible ballot. For details phone Bill on 0236 730677 (no time-wasters). Thanks to Hampden 42 plus big Brian. Who is Gary Watson? Get well Jacky!

DUMBARTON LOYAL

Bus v Dundee United leaves Dumbarton 10.30am approximately. Uplifting at Alexandria (check with secretary for official time).

EAST KILBRIDE

Bus v Dundee United leaves Greenhills 10.30am, Westwood 10.35am, Murray 10.40am, St Leonards 10.45am, Calderwood 10.50am and Village 10.55am.

GOREBRIDGE & MAYFIELD LOYAL

Meeting in the Mayfield Inn tomorrow at 8pm. Dundee United tickets (if any) will be handed out.

■ Keep your members up to date with the free Rangers News CLUB CALL. Simply send us the info before Thursday each week and we'll do the rest. Write to us at the usual address, fax us on 041 427 0406 or phone 041 427 8844.



GERRY McNEE & BIG FAT SHUG RSC

Kinghorn & Burntisland recently had an EGM and the club changed their name and other members on the board. Here is the outcome: Shuggy is Secretary, Jim is Treasurer, Andy Adams in new Bus Driver (cos Andy took wrong road and we missed Celtic game). Gerry McNee's Club President and will have a fairytale spot in our section each week in your No. 1 *Rangers News*. Other appointments are Tam who will provide the drinks, Tommy the snacks (jam pieces) and Graham (Culross) will be the new choir leader on way to Celtic games. We want funnier comments in the *Rangers News* than the Linwood No. 1's Stormin Normin. Contact Jim on 890906.

INVERNESS TRUE BLUES

Names required for all remaining games and Cup final. All buses leave Struthers Lane 3pm for midweek games, 9.15am for Saturday games. Picking up between Tain and Inverness booking seats etc contact Roddie on 0463 231385 or Robert on 0463 238821.

IRVINE & DISTRICT

The above club's AGM is being held on 10/05/92 in the Orange Club, Kirkgate, Irvine at 10am sharp.

KINNING PARK LOYAL

Bus for Tannadice leaves Red Lion 11.15am. Seats non-members £4. If ballot required 11am. All club details phone Stuart on 041 429 5578.

LINWOOD NO. 1

Bus v Dundee United leaves Napier Street 10.30am prompt. Non-members welcome. Bus v Hearts 14/04/92 leaves Napier Street 7pm prompt. The committee hope all members and guests enjoy themselves at our annual dance on 18/04/92 in the Glynhill Hotel. Stormin Normin would like the members to know that there is more witch-hunting and cover ups in the LWRSC committee than the BCCI bank case. Wug is the witch-finder general. Stormin Normin. PS To Shuggie and Kinghorn & Burntisland RSC — Stormin Normin says "no contest".

PARTICK LOYAL

Bus v Dundee United leaves 12 noon, still some seats available for non-members. Next meeting Sunday 12/04/92. Names now being taken for Motherwell and Aberdeen. Congratulations to everybody on reaching the Cup final.

PETERSHILL LOYAL

No bus v Dundee United. Members note all cards to be in for St Mirren game.

PLEAN RSC

Bus for Dundee United leaves Airth 12.45pm, Plean 1pm, Cowie 1.05pm, Bannockburn 1.10pm and St Ninians 1.15pm. Tickets on bus. Non-members welcome. Names now being taken for Scottish Cup Final on Saturday 09/05/92 (unless BSkyB move this final to a Thursday or even a Monday!!!). If the nutcases who stoned our bus in Victoria Road after our magnificent semi-final victory would write to me giving their names and addresses we would be delighted to return their missiles personally!

RENFREW LOYAL

Bus v Dundee United (subject to ticket allocation) leaves Queen Street 11.30am. Phone J Begg on 885 2077 for confirmation. RWM stuck in the east once again.

SELKIRK LOYAL

Bus v Hearts 14/04/92 leaves Selkirk Marketplace 4pm. Members please hand raffle tickets back to any committee member ASAP. Club details phone Ewan 22212.

THORNLIEBANK TRUE BLUES

Bus v Dundee United leaves Main Street 11.30am. Non-members welcome.

TANNOCHSIDE

Bus v Dundee United will leave Bothwell Library at 11am and Uddingston Cross 11.05am and the Olde Club 11.15am. Non-members welcome.

TUDOR LOYAL

Travel arrangements for Tannadice to be arranged. Anyone with any enquiries phone Kenny on 884 7859.

UCS LOYAL

Names now being taken for Dundee United game. Anyone unable to attend must have a good excuse. Thanks to the Stirling Boys for their large turn out against Celtic.

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HAMPDEN HEROES — YOU HAVE YOUR SAY

WINNER WALTER



Dear Editor

★ I am writing to express my thoughts about the way John Spencer, above, was unfairly treated during the match at McDiarmid Park.

During the second half he was twice brought down and should have been awarded two penalty kicks. Instead it earned John a yellow card for what the ref thought was diving.

Myself and others were quite astonished by this decision and I think the player was too by the expression on his face when he was booked. On the television you could see quite clearly that the defender had caught Spencer when he was trying to beat him.

Surely referees and linesmen can tell when a player is diving?

Dawn Allan
Cathcart
GLASGOW

Dear Editor

★ I am writing on behalf of the 1st Greencastle Loyal RSC to ask if all the registered clubs in Northern Ireland would be interested in getting in touch with us regarding travelling to matches.

We have been discussing with various clubs, regarding the allocation of tickets to Northern Ireland supporters and we feel we are being let down on this matter.

We are thinking of having a meeting to discuss matters of travelling to matches — ie. sharing of buses, ticket allocations and boat fares, hoping to cut costs for all involved.

Any clubs interested, should get in touch with me to arrange a date.

R Martin
25 Mulderg Drive
Whitewell
COUNTY ANTRIM

★ **I HAVE followed this great club for 27 years and I've experienced many great occasions.**

Some of them come easily to mind — the Kai Johansen game in 1966, the 4-2 game at Parkhead in 1968, the Derek Johnstone game in 1970, the Centenary Cup Final of 1973, and so on.

Another can be added to that glorious list of memorable triumphs the Walter Smith semi-final of 1992.

While the players were all quite superb the manager had to cope with injuries to key players before the match, he made a courageous decision to play Ian Durrant, and then had to reorganise again after the sending-off.

In my view Walter Smith has shown great ability in crucial games to turn drastic situations into victory.

While I realise we still haven't won anything yet this season, I can't help feeling under Walter Smith our great club could be entering one of it most successful eras in its history.

Barry Dullaghan
Murano Street
MARYHILL



LEADING LIGHT . . . Walter Smith

WIN A £10 GIFT VOUCHER

The writer of the Star Letter each week will win a £10 gift voucher for the Rangers Shops. Send your letters to: The Editor, Rangers News, Argyle House, GLASGOW G51 2XD.

Dear Editor

★ As a Rangers supporter living in Reading I am unable to see the team as often as I would like.

I did however see the semi-final against Celtic on BSkyB and I would like to congratulate Rangers not only on their victory but in the manner in which it was achieved.

The display of courage, commitment and passion by all the players after David Robertson was sent off made me proud to be a Rangers supporter.

The players having taken unjust criticism after the league defeat by Celtic, made sure there was no repeat at Hampden.

Now we must hope they go on to win the Scottish Cup and end the 11-year 'hoodoo' that we are constantly reminded of.

Ross McKinnon
Stanhope Road
READING

Dear Editor

★ Could you please print this letter in the *Rangers News* to thank the Rangers players and Doddie the kitman for taking time out to sign my Easter egg for my birthday before they went on the bus for Perth on 27th March. I appreciated this very much.

Frank Coia
Castlemilk
GLASGOW

Dear Editor

★ It was great to see Ian Durrant back to his brilliant best in the semi-final.

His deft passing and composure on the ball was a delight to watch.

I hope his rewards are League Championship and Scottish Cup Winners medals, followed by a trip to the European Championship finals in Sweden.

Raymond Lee
Rosemount Square
ABERDEEN

Dear Editor

★ I am writing to you on behalf of Mrs Wendy Carmichael whose husband Robert was tragically killed in the recent helicopter crash in the north sea.

Robert was a bond holder at Ibrox and his family feel that it would give his wife Wendy a great deal of comfort and pride to see Robert's name mentioned in the *Rangers News*.

Robert was 40 years of age and resided in the Stepps area of Glasgow.

John Hendry
15 Kincath Avenue
HIGH BURNSIDE
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We need your votes to decide four categories in the Rangers News Readers Player of the Year Awards.

As usual, we need your choice of Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year and Goal of the Season. In addition, we have a new award — Best Newcomer — given to the player who made his first team debut during this season and who you think made the biggest impression of the newcomers.

There are several to choose from — David Robertson, Andy Goram, Alexei Mikhailitchenko, John Morrow, Dale Gordon, Stuart McCall and Paul Rideout.

Fill in this coupon or send your nominations on a piece of paper, along with your name and address to: Rangers News Awards, Argyle House, Ibrox Stadium, GLASGOW G51 2XD.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR _____

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR _____

GOAL OF THE SEASON _____

BEST NEWCOMER _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

HAZEL MARTIN, happy 18th birthday on April 9. All the best from your brother Robert and all the family!

LORNA PERRY, happy 7th birthday on April 13. Lots of love and kisses from Mummy, Daddy, Billy and Poppy.

GEMMA NELSON, happy 13th birthday on April 11. Love from Mum, Dad, brothers Jamie and Christopher.

CHARLES NELSON, happy birthday on April 14. Love and best wishes from all the family.

DANNY McINNESS, happy 42nd birthday on April 2. Love from Margaret, Ian, Sheryl, James, Kelly and Danny.

LORNA SHEA, happy 14th birthday on April 8. Love from Mum, Dad and Wendy.

DIANNE JOHNSTONE, happy 19th birthday on April 8. Best wishes from Mum and Dad.

DEREK SMITH, happy 14th birthday on April 4. Love from Mum, Dad, Lesley and all the family.

ELEANOR QUIGLEY, happy 7th birthday on April 9. With love from Mum, Dad, Andrew, Granny and Grandad.

STEWART McLEAN, happy 7th birthday on April 11. Love and best wishes from Mum and Dad.

CRAIG McLEARY, happy 12th birthday on April 9. Love from Mum, Dad, Stuart and Graeme.

KELLY WOODS, happy 7th birthday on April 13. Love from Dad, Mum, Marc, Johnathan and dog Bren.

MICHAEL TAYLOR, happy 32nd birthday on April 4. Love from wife Paula and sons Robert, Paul and Michael Jnr.

CHRISTOPHER HAGGERTY, happy 8th birthday on April 2. Love Linda. Best wishes from Ally and Mark Hateley.

ROSS HAGGERTY, happy birthday. Love Linda. Best wishes from from Ally and Richard Gough.

ROBERT BROWNLIE, happy 8th birthday on April 6. Love from Mum, Dad, wee sister Amanda, Gran, Grandas Lammond and Brownlie.

JACQUELINE McGRATH, happy 18th birthday. From Linda Tinney and family.

RICHARD KITSON, happy birthday on April 8. Love from Mum, Dad and sisters Lindsay and Emma.

P PAUL, happy 16th birthday on April 10. Love from Marie MM and Vicki V XXX.

JOHN 'GREG' LANG, happy 3rd birthday on April 10. Love from Fiona, Lindsay and Goldie.

JAMES CANNING, happy 11th birthday on April 7. Love Mum, Dad, Tommy, Maryann.

FIONA WEIR, happy 17th birthday on April 8. Love from Mum, Dad, Sandra, Billy, Elaine and Paul.

TWINKLE WEIR, happy 17th birthday on April 8. Love from TOF Grannie Tutu and Teabag.

KIRSTEEN ADRIAN, happy 18th birthday on April 10. Love from Dad, Mum, Nana, Tracy.

WILLIAM McDONALD, happy 13th birthday on April 10. Love from Mum, Dad, Emma, Sharon, Karen, Jean, Bobby and Tracey.

GEORGE JAMIESON, happy 20th birthday on April 10. Love from Mum, Dad, Karen and Tracey.

RICHARD GOUGH, happy birthday on April 5. Lots of love from Suzanne and 'Shaggy' from Scooby Doo!

ROSS MILNE, happy 1st birthday on April 12. Love and kisses from Mummy and Daddy.

KEVIN McMAHON, happy 11th birthday on April 11. Lots of love from Mam, Dad and Siobhan.

DEREK McCALL, happy 17th birthday on April 11. From Mum and Dad.

DEREK DUNCAN, happy 21st birthday on April 10. From all the family.

CRAIG DUNCAN, happy 13th birthday on April 26. From all the family.

SCOTT MICHE, happy 13th birthday on Arpil 26. Best wishes from classmate Craig.



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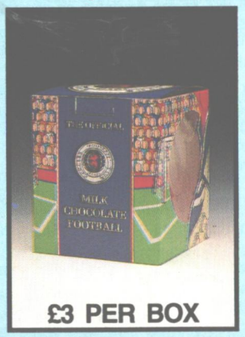
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EDMISTON CLUB SPOTLIGHT

AT the time of going to press a date had still to be decided for the annual Rangers News Player of the Year Awards Night.

The delay has come about because of the rescheduling of matches, and the difficulty in finding a date suitable for the players to attend.

The Awards Night, sponsored by Nightflight and Central Car Auctions, will follow their usual format.

Nightflight will sponsor the News Awards — Player of the year, Young Player of the Year, First Team Top Goalscorer and Second Team Top Goalscorer — while Central Car Auctions will sponsor the Readers Awards — see opposite page for categories and details of how to vote.

This is always a very popular night with supporters and a date WILL be announced in the Edmiston Club Spotlight in the *News* next week.

BERNARD MANNING

LARGER than life comic Bernard Manning, right, makes a swift return to the Edmiston Club this Monday evening.

Just two months after his last appearance, big Bernard is back by public demand, for another sell-out show. If you don't have a ticket, please stay away.



WIN FREE FLIGHTS WITH AIR UK

AirUK

ALISON GUNN, of Thornwood Avenue in Glasgow, is the latest winner in the free prize draw run in conjunction with Air UK.

Alison's form was plucked from the assembled entries and her prize is two free return flights to the Channel Islands.

This month's prize will take you a little further afield as two return flights to Paris.

Everyone who attends a cabaret night in the club can fill in a form at reception and the winning form will be drawn on the final cabaret night of the month.

CHRISTIAN

CHRISTIAN returns to the Edmiston Club on Friday, May 1, after an absence of almost two years.

Always a very popular and polished entertainer, tickets for his show, which are on sale at reception, are now being snapped up at a fair rate.

WEEKEND CABARET

HIGHLY-TALENED Eduardo Santos takes the stage at the Edmiston Club on Friday night.

The Portuguese-born singer, who was the first act other than the Drifters to appear for a weekend in the club and starred in the Xmas Party Nights, has proved himself to be a big favourite with the Edmiston audience.

Then on Saturday it is the turn of Comedy Vocalist Paul Phillips.

CABARET PROGRAMME

Friday, April 10
EDUARDO SANTOS
Male Vocalist

Saturday, April 11
PAUL PHILLIPS
Comedy Vocal

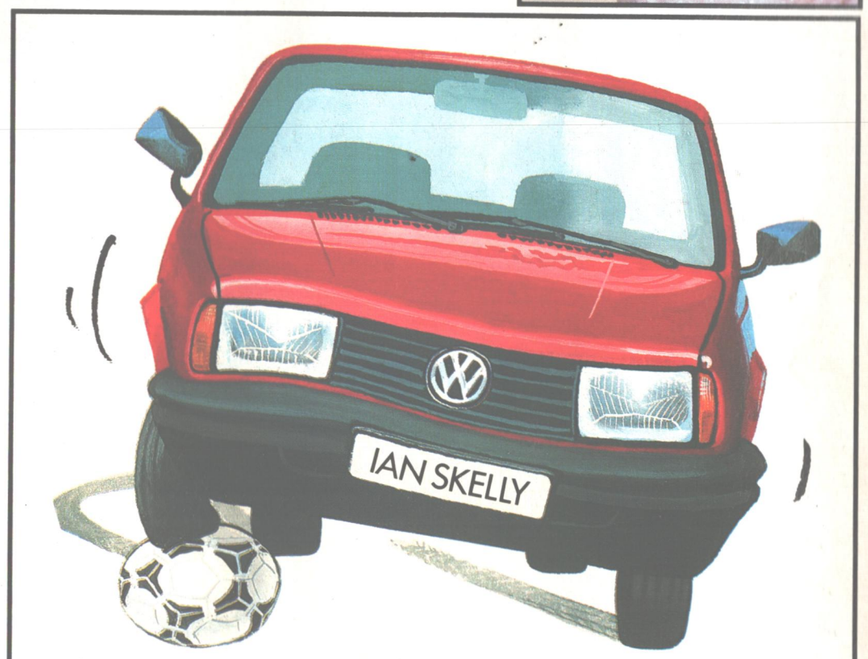
Friday, April 17
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Male Vocalist

Saturday, April 18
KAYE DEAN
Female Vocalist

Friday, April 24
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IBROX STARS OF THE FUTURE

KEVIN FOTHERINGHAM

Date of Birth: 13/8/75
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11st 1lb
Previous Club:
Hill of Beath Swifts
Position: Midfield

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