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CHRIS WOODS	1	IAN ANDREWS
GARY STEVENS	2	CHRIS MORRIS
STUART MUNRO	3	ANTON ROGAN
RICHARD GOUGH	4	ROY AITKEN
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DEREK FERGUSON	8	PAUL McSTAY
ALLY McCOIST	9	FRANK McAVENNIE
IAN DURRANT	10	ANDY WALKER
MARK WALTERS	11	MARK McGHEE
	12	JOE MILLER
	14	TOMMY BURNS

PREMIER MEETINGS

	IBROX		PARKHEAD	
1975/76	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
1976/77	0-1	2-2	2-2	0-1
1977/78	3-2	3-1	1-1	0-2
1978/79	1-1	1-0	1-3	2-4
1979/80	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-1
1980/81	3-0	0-1	2-1	1-3
1981/82	0-2	1-0	3-3	1-2
1982/83	1-2	2-4	2-3	0-0
1983/84	1-2	1-0	1-2	0-3
1984/85	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-1
1985/86	3-0	4-4	1-1	0-2
1986/87	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-3
1987/88	2-2	1-2	0-1	0-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	26	11	7	8	39	32	29
Away	26	1	10	15	22	45	12
Total	52	12	17	23	61	77	41

MATCH OFFICIALS

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Mr R.Henderson (Dumfries)

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1901, 1902, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1918, 1920,
1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929,
1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939,
1947, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1959,
1961, 1963, 1964, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1987.
*In 1891 the Championship was shared
with Dumbarton.

Scottish Cup Winners: (24) 1894, 1897,
1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935,
1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962,
1963, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1976, 1978, 1979,
1981.

League Cup Winners: (15) 1946/47,
1948/49, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1963/64,
1964/65, 1970/71, 1975/76, 1977/78,
1978/79, 1981/82, 1983/84, 1984/85,
1986/87, 1987/88.

TEAMTALK

WITH MANAGER GRAEME SOUNESS 311

Our game against Celtic does mean more than others

When I first came to Ibrox two seasons ago, I was at pains when these occasions came around to point out that playing Celtic was worth just two points, no more than any other game.

As we get ready for the first 'Old Firm' meeting of this season, I find myself admitting that these fixtures DO mean more than others.

Not that I would ever accept my players giving less than 100 per cent against any of the so-called smaller clubs in the Premier League.

But there's no doubt that they will need little motivation for today's match.

Celtic went a long way to winning the title last season by taking seven points from their four games against us and that hurt me.

However, it wasn't just against Celtic that we lost critical points - Hearts, Aberdeen and Dundee United, the other challengers, all took four or more points from.

So it's clear that this season we must be more consistent, especially at home, and from that point of view I was a very disappointed man last Saturday.

To have so much possession against Hibs yet fail miserably to turn it into goals was the first setback of our season and one that I found very frustrating.

All credit to Hibs for their tactical performance and perhaps people will now take my words about their challenge this season a little bit more seriously.

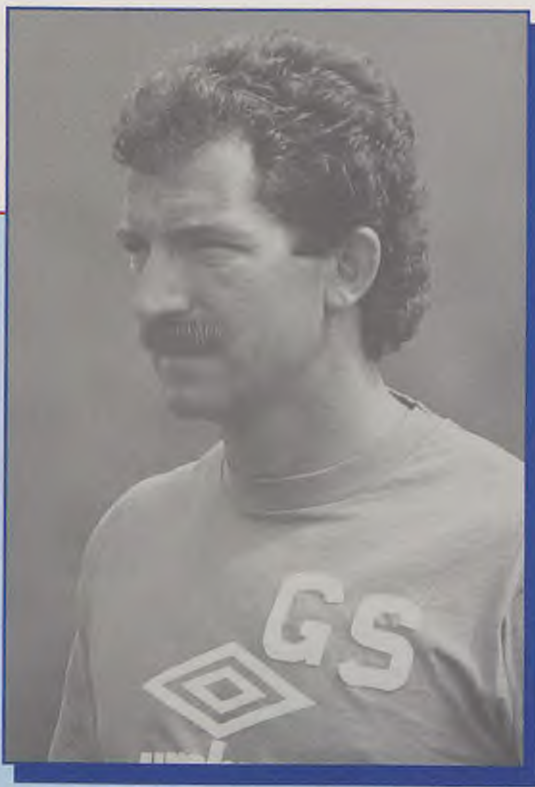
Having said that, we can have no excuses and on the day our midfield did not give our strikers the kind of service they need.

In last Saturday's matchday magazine, I explained to you that I would be remaining on the sidelines unless an emergency cropped up.

With Ian Ferguson failing to recover from his knock in time and Stuart Munro being injured on Saturday morning, I felt it necessary to name myself as a sub.

Even my intervention along with Davie Cooper in the final 20 minutes of the match couldn't help us achieve the breakthrough we needed.

We are going to face tight defences at Ibrox a whole lot more this season and the players are going to have to get used to breaking them down.



Many clubs regard a point at Ibrox as a victory and the way the Hibs players acclaimed their fans at the end of last Saturday's match showed that.

Today's opponents, of course, always regard anything less than victory as failure, an attitude I share and one I applaud.

You can be sure there will be plenty of goalmouth action this afternoon and I hope that most of it will be in the Celtic penalty-area.

Two points today would push us three clear of Celtic in the Premier League table and even at this early stage, that would be a nice cushion to have.

It would also give our players a real psychological boost and with a tough programme approaching in September, that would be ideal.

Finally, let me thank you as usual in anticipation of your support this afternoon.

Never forget your value to the team - I never do.

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NEVER ON A SUNDAY?

Win, lose or draw this afternoon, the Rangers players will almost certainly be back in at Ibrox tomorrow for extra training.

A new training programme, mapped out for the club by the FA's fitness experts at Lilleshall, has been put into operation by Graeme Souness.

It includes the players reporting for a kind of "warm-down" on a Sunday and the Ibrox manager is keen to do the "overtime" as often as possible.

He said: "Our players are good professionals and if we ask them to report for training on Sunday, they will accept it without any questions.

"It was pointed out by the people in Lilleshall, where we spent a day after our stint in Italy, that winding down the muscles the day immediately after a game was a sensible idea.

"It is something we will do this season whenever possible."

SORRY TO FANS

The number of supporters who turned out for Davie Cooper's Testimonial Match against Bordeaux took everyone by surprise.

Ibrox was filled to capacity with those wishing to pay tribute to the Rangers winger but sadly there were thousands of fans locked outside.

Both the club and Davie's testimonial committee regretted the situation but explained that there was no way it could have been avoided.

Ibrox secretary Campbell Ogilvie said: "Rangers agreed to let Davie's Testimonial Committee have the use of Ibrox for the night.

"It was their decision, in consultation with the police, to make the game pay-at-the-gate.

"They wanted to ensure that children and OAPs got in and that couldn't have been guaranteed with an all-ticket match.

"We, as a club, agreed with that decision and could have over-ruled them and made it all-ticket.

"In retrospect, we should have done but it was impossible to predict the situation which occurred.

"When we played Bayern Munich at the same stage of the 1986-87 season, we sold 35,000 tickets. At our own tournament last season, 27,000 tickets was the best figure for the two days.

"It's certainly the biggest lock-out I've seen in my time with the club and I'm just sorry we couldn't do anything about it."

Alan Ferguson, chairman of the Testimonial Committee added: "Davie and the committee would like to extend our sympathy to those who travelled, many from long distances, and were unable to get into the ground.

"The decision was taken in good faith and in conjunction with the police and no-one was quite prepared for the amazing number of fans who turned up."

TREBLE EX-RANGERS

Our reserves could have been excused for giving the ball away when they played Hamilton's second eleven at Ibrox a fortnight ago.

Included in the Accies line-up were no fewer than THREE former Rangers reserves players!

Alan Henderson, released by the club at the end of last season, was playing up front and forced Nicky Walker into making the save of the match.

Alan has just signed full-time for Hamilton while striking partner Jim Frith left Ibrox for Douglas Park last season.

Jim ended up top scorer for the Accies reserves last term with 19 goals and is pushing for first-team recognition.

Completing the trio is midfielder Gary Andrews who was on the substitutes bench two weeks ago.

'Spongie', as he is known to one and all at Ibrox, is part-time with Accies while working as a builder with Lawrence Construction.



SIXTY YEARS AT IBROX

One of Rangers' greatest ever strikers, Bob McPhail, has entered the best-sellers charts at the grand age of 82.

Mr McPhail, a regular at every game at Ibrox, has produced 'Legend - Sixty Years At Ibrox' with the help of 'People' sportswriter Allan Herron.

In the book, he recalls his great days with Airdrie, Rangers and Scotland when he was one of the most feared forwards in the British game.

His anecdotes and memories from the years gone past make absorbing reading, as do his thoughts on today's game and players.

'Legend' is available in bookshops now priced at £9.95.

Our 'Legends' picture shows (left to right) Jimmy Smith, Davie Kinnear, Bob McPhail, Willie Woodburn, and Jock Shaw

SOUNESS WELCOMES SUPER LEAGUE

Today's combatants, Rangers and Celtic, are two of the teams named in a proposed European Super League mooted in the press recently.

Juventus, Real Madrid, Barcelona and Dynamo Kiev are just four of the other names who would feature in the mouth-watering competition.

Whether UEFA will allow the proposed league to get off the ground is hard to tell, but Rangers boss Graeme Souness is definitely keen on the idea.

He said: "It's a thrilling prospect and there's no doubt that the fans would turn out to see the kind of games they are talking about.

"It's the kind of thing that will come about one day but the problem is how it will be incorporated into the domestic league schedules."

PROGRAMME FAIR

The highly-popular Scottish Programme Fair will take place for the 13th time on Sunday, September 4 at the McClellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

Kick-off is at 11am through to 4pm and admission, including your programme, is 40p.

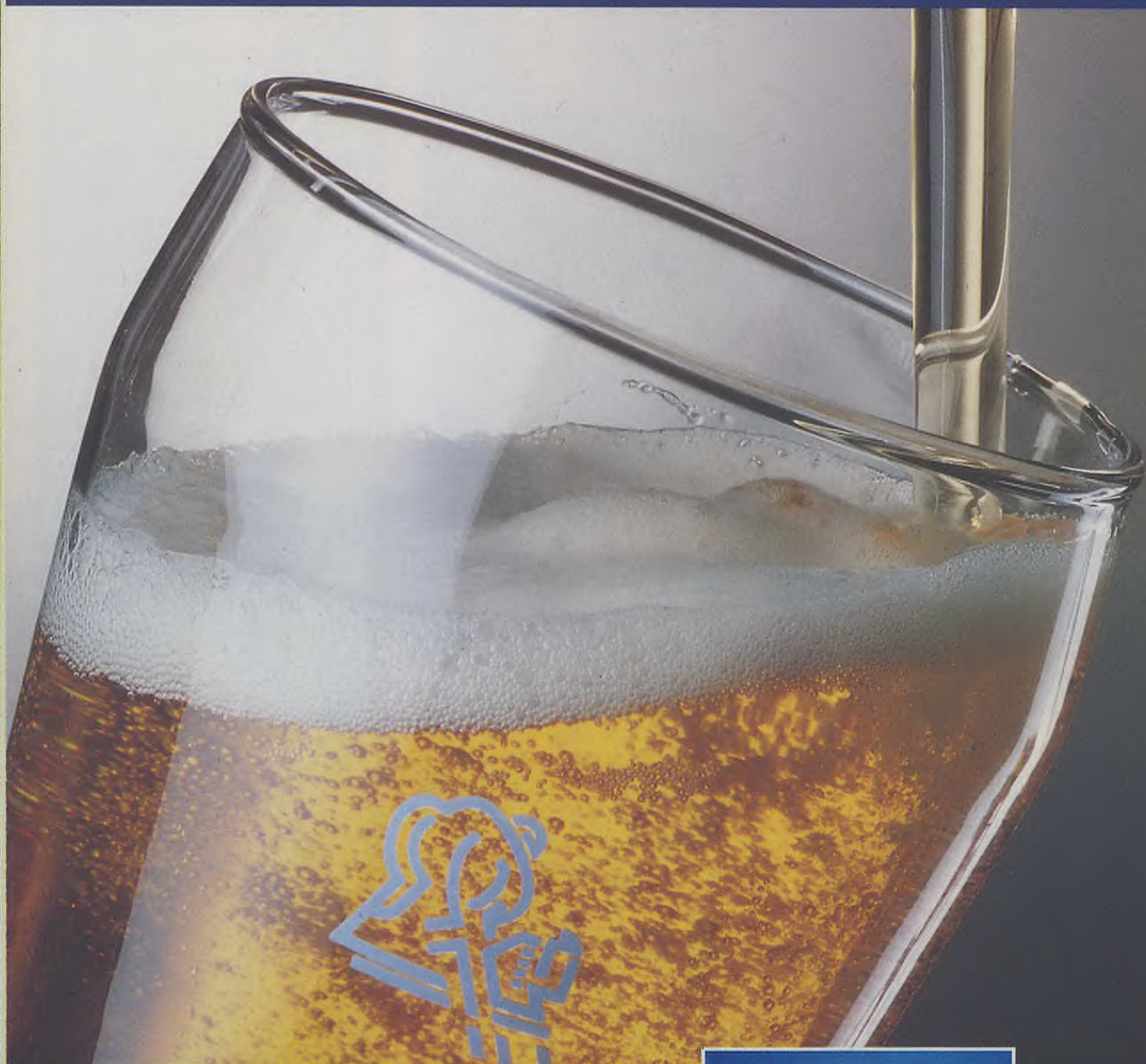
Sure to be of interest, among the thousands of programmes on sale, is an exhibition of of memorabilia including old and rare programmes together with football videos.

See if you can spot any old and rare Rangers programmes on your visit.

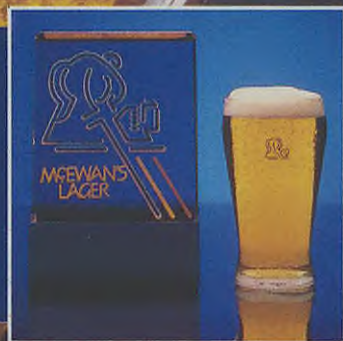
RANGERS FIXTURES 1988-89

Aug 13	Hamilton A.	A
Aug 17	Clyde (Skol 2)	A
Aug 20	Hibernian	H
Aug 24	Skol Cup 3rd Round	
Aug 27	Celtic	H
Aug 31	Skol Cup 4th Round	
Sept 3	Motherwell	A
Sept 7	Katowice (UEFA 1)	H
Sept 17	Hearts	A
Sept 21	Skol Cup Semi Finals	
Sept 24	St. Mirren	H
Sept 27	Dundee United	A
Oct 1	Dundee	H
Oct 5	Katowice (UEFA 1)	A
Oct 8	Aberdeen	A
Oct 12	Hibernian	A
Oct 22	Hamilton	H
Oct 23	Skol Cup Final	
Oct 26	UEFA Cup 2 1st Leg	
Oct 29	St. Mirren	A
Nov 1	Hearts	H
Nov 5	Motherwell	H
Nov 9	UEFA Cup 2 2nd Leg	
Nov 12	Celtic	A
Nov 19	Dundee	A
Nov 23	UEFA Cup 3 1st Leg	
Nov 26	Aberdeen	H
Dec 3	Dundee United	H
Dec 7	UEFA Cup 3 2nd Leg	
Dec 10	Hearts	A
Dec 17	Hibernian	H
Dec 31	Hamilton A.	A
Jan 3	Celtic	H
Jan 7	Motherwell	A
Jan 14	Aberdeen	A
Jan 21	Dundee	H
Jan 28	Scottish Cup 3	
Feb 11	Dundee United	A
Feb 18	Scottish Cup 4	
Feb 25	St. Mirren	H
Mar 1	UEFA O/F 1st Leg	
Mar 11	Hamilton A.	H
Mar 15	UEFA O/F 2nd Leg	
Mar 18	Scottish Cup 5	
Mar 25	Hibernian	A
Apr 1	Celtic	A
Apr 5	UEFA S/F 1st Leg	
Apr 8	Motherwell	H
Apr 15	Dundee United or (Scot Cup S/F)	H
Apr 19	UEFA S/F 2nd Leg	
Apr 22	St. Mirren	A
Apr 29	Hearts	H
May 3	UEFA Final 1st Leg	
May 6	Dundee	A
May 13	Aberdeen	H
May 17	UEFA Final 2nd Leg	
May 20	Scottish Cup Final	

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BEHIND THE SCENES

A REGULAR LOOK AT THE PEOPLE AND THEIR JOBS WORKING OFF THE PARK AT I BROX

Phil Boersma

At the age of 38, footballing nomad Phil Boersma at last feels he has a home.

The Rangers physiotherapist and trainer and his family have happily settled down to life in Scotland after a career which has seen them uprooted on more than one occasion.

Since being appointed club physio by Graeme Souness in 1986, Phil has firmly established himself as a dressing-room favourite with Rangers and is very much a part of the Ibrox 'family'.

But it hasn't always been so good for the local boy who made good with mighty Liverpool.

Phil signed amateur forms with the Anfield gians at the age of 16 after impressing Bill Shankly and his coaching staff while playing for Southport Amateurs.

He started his career as a defender but as he progressed through the 'B' and 'A' teams with Liverpool, he gradually became a striker.

Recalls Phil: "Ronnie Moran saw that I was always pushing forward and he first put me into midfield and then gave me a striker's role.

"I was happy to play anywhere and when I signed professional forms with Liverpool at the age of 19, it was the happiest day of my life.

"As a kid, I used to go down to the Melwood training ground and watch all the Liverpool players training. To be in the same squad as them was unbelievable."

Phil came onto the first-team scene just as the successful Liverpool side of the late 1960s, including Ron Yeats, Ian St John and Roger Hunt, was being broken up.

The team were struggling when he received a surprise call from Bill



Shankly to report for duty with first-team.

He says: "It was an away match with West Brom and the team had been getting a lot of stick for their failure to score goals.

"It was 1968 and I had started the season well for the reserves, scoring 10 goals in six games but to be called up was still a surprise.

"The game passed me by a bit and I didn't score in the 2-2 draw. But I must have done alright because that was me in the first-team picture from that moment."

Phil enjoyed many great moments at Anfield, winning a League Championship medal and playing a starring role in the club's UEFA Cup triumph of 1972-73.

His one big disappointment, though, came in the successful FA Cup campaign of 1973.

Says Phil: "I played in every round of the competition but then was left out of the 12 for the final

against Newcastle at Wembley.

"I couldn't believe it. John Toshack, who was injured, played in my place and didn't complete the game. The sub was Chris Lawler who had just recovered from a cartilage op and who hadn't played all season.

"I was so sick I went in to Anfield the following Tuesday to tell Bill Shankly that I was finished with the club. He told me he'd beaten me to it - he had resigned!"

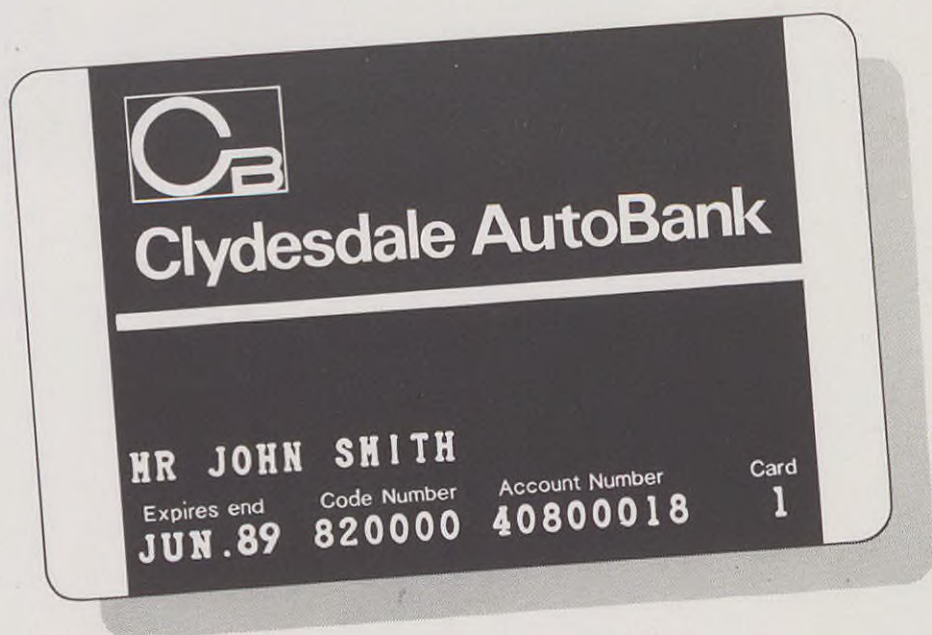
Bob Paisley took over the Liverpool hot-seat and, as Phil recalls, made it possible for him to stay at Anfield for two more seasons.

"Bob was totally different to Shanks. He had a quieter approach but was just as effective as Shanks who used to almost hypnotise his players into believing they were the greatest.

"I felt I was on the same wavelength as Bob and was pleased

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RESERVE REPORT

SECOND TEAM AND YOUTH RESULTS MATCH REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

A double from John Spencer and a treble from Gary McSwegan gave our reserves a 100 per cent start to the Premier Reserve League campaign.

We kicked off against Hamilton Accies at Ibrox on Saturday, August 13 and had to battle every inch of the way for our 2-0 win.

The performance delighted coach Jimmy Nicholl after some indifferent pre-season displays.

He said: "I was pleased with the overall team display and it's difficult to single anyone out for particular praise.

"Nicky Walker kept us in the game first half with a terrific save, Sandy Robertson and Shaun Rouse did really well in the centre of midfield and John Spencer worked hard for his goals.

"I'm just pleased that the boys responded to what was said after the defeat at Dumbarton and it was a first-class second half performance."

Hamilton player-coach was Danny McGrain and the ex-Celtic skipper relished a trip to Ibrox as much as ever.

He marshalled the Accies side, which also included Gerry McCabe, very well and they deserved to be level at half-time.

Rangers stepped up a gear after the break and in the 63rd minute they broke the deadlock.

Ally Edwards found time and space on the left and his cross saw John Spencer beat his marker to the ball to score.

The second goal arrived five minutes later with John McGregor starting the move with a terrific pass out of defence to Sandy Robertson.

Sandy struck the ball first time into the path of John Spencer and with the Accies defence wide open, he stuck the ball into the corner of the net.

RANGERS: WALKER, MCPHERSON, PHILLIPS, NISBET, MCGREGOR, ROBERTSON, ROUSE, SPENCER, MCSWEGAN, MCCALL, EDWARDS.
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On Friday, August 19 the second eleven travelled east to take on Hibs at Easter Road and returned with two more points.

Gary McSwegan grabbed all the goals in an impressive 3-0 win which again saw Jimmy Nicholl smiling.

He said: "It was an excellent performance and the only way we looked likely to lose a goal was through our own mistakes."

The first goal came after 35 minutes, Ian McCall providing the cross from the right and Gary McSwegan powering home a header.

Ten minutes into the second half, Rangers made it 2-0 with David Kirkwood this time creating the chance with a cross from the left which Gary tucked away.

The young striker completed the scoring and his hat-trick 20 minutes from time when Sandy Robertson and Davie Kirkwood combined to set up a simple close range chance.

RANGERS: WALKER, MCPHERSON, PHILLIPS, NICHOLL, MCGREGOR, NISBET, KIRKWOOD, ROBERTSON, MCSWEGAN, MCCALL, MACFARLANE.
SUBS: DUNN AND EDWARDS (NOT USED).

RESERVE TEAM RESULTS 1987-88

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Aug	8	A	1-4	Dundee Utd
	15	H	1-1	Aberdeen
	22	A	1-2	Falkirk
	29	H	2-2	Celtic
Sept	3	A	1-5	Dundee
	19	H	5-0	Motherwell
	22	A	2-0	Dunfermline
	26	A	4-3	Morton
Oct	3	H	1-4	Hearts
	7	A	3-2	St. Mirren
	10	H	2-3	Dundee Utd
	17	A	2-2	Celtic
	24	H	0-5	Dundee
	29	H	3-2	Dunfermline
Nov	6	A	2-0	Hibernian
	14	H	2-1	St. Mirren
	18	A	1-1	Aberdeen
	21	H	6-1	Falkirk
	24	H	1-0	Morton
	28	A	2-0	Hearts
Dec	12	H	3-0	Hibernian
Jan	14	A	0-0	Motherwell
Feb	27	H	1-2	Dundee Utd
Mar	5	H	1-1	Dunfermline
	12	A	6-1	Motherwell
	19	A	4-3	Celtic
	26	H	3-0	Dundee
Apr	9	H	3-0	Morton
	15	A	2-2	Hibernian
	19	A	0-2	Hearts
	23	H	1-1	St. Mirren
	26	H	2-0	Falkirk
	30	A	0-0	Aberdeen

SECOND XI CUP

Feb	24	H	4-1	Kilmarnock
Mar	22	H	2-0	Falkirk
May	3	A	2-1	Raith Rovers
	10	A	0-2	Dundee Utd

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP

Jan	23	A	0-1	St. Mirren
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GLASGOW CUP

Apr	13	A	2-1	Partick Th.
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OTHER MATCHES

Jul	21	H	2-2	St. Mirren
	23	A	6-0	Q'n of the Stn
	28	A	8-0	Deveronvale
	29	A	3-3	Inverness Th.
	31	A	2-2	St. Johnstone
Aug	2	A	1-1	Dalkeith Th.
	4	A	1-2	Falkirk
Sep	20	A	5-0	Maybole
Dec	14	A	2-0	Morton
	19	A	1-3	Falkirk
Jan	9	A	1-1	Albion Rovers
	12	A	1-2	Stirling Alb.
	30	A	0-1	Queens Park
Feb	20	A	0-2	Q'n of the Stn.
Mar	30	A	1-3	KR Reykjavik
Apr	10	A	4-3	Clachnacuddin

IBROX IDOLS

FAMOUS NAMES REMEMBER THEIR PLAYING DAYS WITH RANGERS



WILLIE WADDELL

Willie Waddell is a name synonymous with Rangers past and present. His influence on the club has been immense. And this weekend marks his half century as a Rangers star.

For it was 50 years ago that Deedle first appeared before the fans as a teenage winger with talent in both boots.

August 29th, 1938 was the date and the occasion was the annual pre-season Championship of Britain clash between the Light Blues and their then counterparts south of the border, those aristocrats from Highbury, Arsenal.

Willie remembered: "Rangers and Arsenal were the two biggest and most successful clubs in Britain at the time and there was a crowd of over 35,000 there. "I was just a seventeen year old and being in the team for such a game against all those Arsenal stars and with all the famous internationalists who were at Ibrox left me feeling a bit awe struck."

Awed Willie might have been but he didn't allow himself to become overawed.

For Rangers won the game 1-0 and the man who scored the vital goal was the young Waddell. A legend was in the making.

But that wasn't his first big game in 1938. For Willie had played at Hampden for Lanark Grammar School in the Scottish Schools Final.

He said: "I don't think anybody has ever played in a Schoolboy Final and for the Rangers first team all in the same year."

"And as far as the Arsenal game is concerned I was so stary eyed about it all that the only thing I remember about the whole match was scoring the goal."

There must have been more to Willie's game that day than just that goal because when the season started he became a regular feature in the first team ... at a time when few teenagers broke through into the top team ranks at Ibrox.

Willie said: "Teams didn't change very much in those days. You tended to be able to reel off the recognised first team for every club in the League. And when someone was injured there was just a straight swap with the reserve player in that position taking over. There was no such thing as first team squads of 18 or so players like there is today."

It was a Rangers team that was certainly settled during the war years with Waddell a lethal part of its ability to streak forward and attack with speed and purpose.

But all the time the right winger was learning... and building a supply of knowledge that was to take Rangers forward into the modern era as acknowledged trailblazers.

It was of course under the watchful eye of Bill Struth that Waddell grew to full maturity as a player and a man during the war years.

And Willie said: "The main thing you learned from him was pride in the club. And there was a code of conduct too which did not just apply on the field. Struth expected you to be able to meet certain standards off the field too."

"In so many ways he was the architect of this club. Yet he was never that when it came to the playing side of things. You learned your football from the older and more experienced players in the side."

"Sometimes you wouldn't even see him from one Saturday until the next. His attitude was that he was paying us to play football and not to be taught how to play it."

"You held your place in the team because of your own individual performance. Of course, the game was different then and there were more individual talents around than there are today."

It was a period of Waddell's life which formed many of his views ... and a host of his friendships.

He said: "Willie Thornton and I are like brothers and there were others at Ibrox like Bob McPhail, Willie Woodburn and Ian McColl who became lifelong friends."

"Willie, Bob and I are still at games together and we are also at Ibrox for reserve matches. I like to see the youngsters developing their talent."

"But it wasn't just then that there were greats at Ibrox. Rangers have always produced fellows who were outstanding. In my time as manager there were giants like John Greig, Colin Stein and Willie Johnston."

Despite his legendary exploits Willie was never a full timer at Ibrox until near the end of his career. Instead he trained as a journalist and played part time football.

That didn't stop him collecting an impressive haul of medals at Ibrox and Scottish caps on the international front.

He said: "When I knew I was nearing the end I decided to go full time in the hope that the extra work would give me one more season. As it was I got two more before I finally felt enough was enough."

"And after playing for Rangers for so long there is no way I wanted to go and turn out for anybody else so I hung up my boots and went back into sports journalism."

It wasn't long before the Waddell know-how

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was in demand and he was tempted back to take over as manager at Kilmarnock.

Willie remembered: "I had happy times at Rugby Park. Wolves and Sunderland both made me offers but I didn't want to leave Killie. We were runners up three times and appeared in a few cup finals before we finally won the Championship in 1965.

"I thought then it would be a good time to call it a day and I returned once more to newspapers. For four years I travelled the world watching all the big names and talking to all the top coaches."

The store of knowledge was building and Rangers tried to tempt him back.

Willie said: "The first time I was asked I said no but in 1969 I was asked again and I accepted the offer to take over as manager.

"In many ways it was because of my feelings of respect and admiration for the chairman at the time, John Lawrence."

It was not a good time for Rangers and the first thing the new manager had to do was get the club back on the rails on the field and capture an honour.

There had been barren years since the 1966 Scottish Cup win and many at Ibrox were looking to the magical name of Waddell to work some sort of overnight miracle.

Within a year the Follow Follow boys were back in full voice acclaiming Waddell and his team after the Light Blues had beaten the other half of the Old Firm at Hampden to capture the League Cup.

The way back was being clearly signposted and two years later, under Willie's guidance, Rangers marched to their finest hour outside of Scotland by winning the Cup Winners Cup.

The Waddell way however has been never to hang about and outlive your usefulness in any one field. As a player he went out when still a current internationalist. As Kilmarnock's boss he quit as the man in charge of the Scottish Champions.

Now, with Europe conquered, he was ready to move on and tackle a new and even greater challenge.

Willie said: "I moved away from the football side completely and took over as the club's general manager.

"It was no use getting things right on the field

with the team if the other problems off the field on the terraces were going to continue to haunt us.

"I turned my attention to that and made up my mind to demolish the old Ibrox with the exception of the main stand.

"An architect, a civil engineer and I travelled all over Europe looking at grounds and making plans before we were ready to move.

"What we took on was the biggest reconstruction job ever seen in British football. We spent £12m on spectator facilities.

"Rangers were taking the lead and what we were in fact doing was updating and upgrading the whole approach within football to the fans.

"I remember after we had the work completed I went to talk to a meeting of English Clubs held at Villa Park. I tried to explain to them that this was the way forward. I told them, then, that the way to control the crowd was to build more seated areas and get rid of terraces.

"They listened but nobody down there took any notice and to this day they are still having their problems."

A code of conduct off the field was a vital aspect of the Struth teachings in the thirties.

Waddell applied it well during the seventies and now Rangers are geared at the magnificent new Ibrox Stadium to move not only forward into the next decade but into the futuristic world of the 21st century, too.

The vision of Willie Waddell saw the future and planned for it in a way that makes the Stadium the finest and most up to date in Britain and on a par with the most splendid of the big guns on the continent of Europe.

But that is surely no real surprise. For the story of Deedle Dawdle and Rangers is that of an illustrious half century at a club he has served as man and boy.

For two decades the thundering Waddell runs down the right wing and the ability to cut in and let fly with either foot or speed down the touch-line and cross were among the most exciting features ever seen in the modern game.

If Willie's contribution to the club had ended with his playing days then he would have done more than enough to be ranked with the Light Blue immortals.

But he did more, returning as manager, then becoming general manager, before joining the board as a director and being named as managing director before finally becoming the club's vice chairman. Today he is an honorary director. And this weekend he will no doubt pause and ponder on an afternoon 50 years ago when he trotted out to score the winner against Arsenal and begin it all.

SNAPSHOTS

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STATISTICS

LAST SEASON'S ROUND UP

PREMIER DIVISION FINAL TABLE 1987/88

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L		F
1. Celtic	44	16	5	1	42	11	15	5	2	37	12	72
2. Hearts	44	13	8	1	37	17	10	8	4	37	15	62
3. Rangers	44	14	4	4	49	17	12	4	6	36	17	60
4. Aberdeen	44	11	7	4	27	11	10	10	2	29	14	59
5. Dundee Utd.	44	8	7	7	29	24	8	8	6	25	22	47
6. Hibernian	44	8	8	6	18	17	4	11	7	23	25	43
7. Dundee	44	9	5	8	31	25	8	2	12	39	39	41
8. Motherwell	44	10	2	10	25	31	3	7	12	12	25	36
9. St. Mirren	44	5	11	6	22	28	5	4	13	19	36	35
10. Falkirk	44	8	4	10	26	35	2	7	13	15	40	31
11. Dunfermline	44	6	6	10	23	35	2	4	16	18	49	26
12. Morton	44	3	7	12	19	47	0	3	19	8	53	16

APPEARANCES 1987/88

	LEAGUE		CUPS	
	App	Gls	App	Gls
Bartram	11	3	3	0
Brown	9	2	3	0
Butcher	11	1	7	1
Cohen	4 (3)	0	2 (3)	0
Cooper	21 (12)	1	9 (1)	1
Durrant	39 (1)	10	14	6
Falco	9 (5)	5	4 (1)	5
Ferguson D.	31 (1)	4	10 (1)	0
Ferguson I.	8	1	0	0
Fleck	15 (6)	7	3 (4)	2
Francis	8 (10)	0	3 (4)	0
Gough	31	5	5	1
Kirkwood	3 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
McCall	8 (4)	1	0	0
McCoist	40	31	13	11
McFarlane	1	0	0	0
McGregor	20 (5)	0	5 (2)	0
McSwegan	0 (1)	0	0	0
Munro	16 (1)	0	5	0
Nicholl	21 (1)	0	11	0
Nisbet	22 (3)	0	3 (1)	0
Phillips	19	0	8	0
Roberts	37	1	13	0
Souness	14 (4)	2	10 (2)	0
Walker	5	0	1	0
Walters	18	7	3	1
West	0 (1)	0	0	0
Wilkins	24	1	5	0
Woods	39	0	13	0
Own Goals	-	3	-	1

(Figures in brackets indicate appearances as substitute)

PREMIER STATISTICS 1987/88

Highest Attendance:

60,800 Celtic v Rangers, Aug 29 / Jan 2
60,800 Celtic v Dundee, Apr 23

Lowest Attendance:

2,500 Morton v Falkirk, 16 Feb

Highest Home Wins:

Rangers 7 Morton 0, Sept 26
Dunfermline 6 Dundee 1, Mar 19
Dundee 5 Dunfermline 0, Aug 29
Celtic 5 Dundee 0, Nov 4
Rangers 5 Morton 0, Jan 9
Dundee United 5 St. Mirren 1, Mar 30

Highest Away Wins:

Morton 1 Dundee 7, Dec 16
Falkirk 0 Dundee 6, Dec 12
St. Mirren 0 Hearts 6, Feb 6
Falkirk 0 Rangers 5, May 7
Falkirk 1 Hearts 5, Oct 10

Most Goals in a Match:

4 Tommy Coyne (Dundee) v
Dunfermline
4 Frank McAvennie (Celtic) v Morton
4 Mixu Paatelainen (Dundee Utd) v
Morton

Leading Scorers:

33 Tommy Coyne (Dundee)
31 Ally McCoist (Rangers)
26 John Robertson (Hearts)
26 Andy Walker (Celtic)
16 John Colquhoun (Hearts)
15 Frank McAvennie (Celtic)
14 Keith Wright (Dundee)
12 Craig Robertson (Dunfermline)
11 Iain Ferguson (Dundee United)
10 Jim Bell (Aberdeen)
10 Paul Chalmers (St. Mirren)
10 Ian Durrant (Rangers)
10 Paul Kane (Hibernian)

1987/88 RESULTS - ATTENDANCES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Date	Opposition	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 8	Dundee United	H 1-1	39,120	-	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	D. Ferguson	McGregor	Cohen	Kirkwood	Falco	McCoist1	Phillips	Cooper	Fleck(7)	Durrant(10)
Aug 12	Hibernian	A 0-1	22,000	-	Woods	McFarlane	Munro	Kirkwood	McGregor	Cohen	Fleck	Falco	McCoist	Durrant	Phillips	Nisbet(7)	West(6)
Aug 15	Aberdeen	A 0-2	22,500	10	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	McGregor	Butcher	Kirkwood	Souness	McCoist	Durrant	Phillips	Fleck(7)	Falco(3)
Aug 19	Stirling Albion (Skol 2)	A 2-1	13,000	-	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Kirkwood	Falco1	McCoist1	Durrant	Phillips	McGregor(7)	West
Aug 22	Falkirk	H 4-0	32,340	9	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	D. Ferguson	Falco1	McCoist3	Durrant	Cooper	McGregor(4)	Fleck(7)
Aug 26	Dunfermline A. (Skol 3)	A 4-1	18,070	-	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	D. Ferguson	Falco1	McCoist3	Durrant	Cooper	McGregor(5)	Fleck(7)
Aug 29	Celtic	A 0-1	60,800	9	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Souness	McGregor	D. Ferguson	Falco	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	McCall(11)	Cohen
Sept 2	Hearts (Skol 4)	H 4-1	39,303	-	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Phillips	McGregor	D. Ferguson	Fleck	McCoist2	Durrant2	Cooper	Cohen(7)	Falco
Sept 5	Dundee	H 2-1	38,302	7	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	McGregor	Durrant	Fleck1	McCoist1	McCall	Cooper	Cohen	Falco
Sept 12	Dunfermline Athletic	H 4-0	39,749	5	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	D. Ferguson	Butcher	Francis	Fleck	McCoist3	McCall	Durrant	Souness(11)	Cooper(9)
Sept 16	Dynamo Kiev (EC 1)	A 0-1	100,000	-	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	D. Ferguson	Cohen	McCoist	Durrant	McGregor	Kirkwood(8)	-
Sept 19	Motherwell	A 1-0†	19,480	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Francis	Fleck	McCoist	McCall	Durrant	McGregor(11)	Cooper(10)
Sept 23	Motherwell (Skol SF)	N 3-1†	45,938	-	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Francis	Fleck1	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	Cohen	Falco(11)†
Sept 26	Morton	H 7-0	35,843	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	McGregor	Butcher	Francis	Falco3	McCoist3	McCall	Durrant	Cohen(4)	Fleck(11)†
Sept 30	Dynamo Kiev (EC 1)	H 2-0	44,500	-	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Francis	Falco1	McCoist1	Durrant	Cohen	Kirkwood(11)	Fleck(7)
Oct 3	Hearts	A 0-0	29,000	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	McGregor	Munro	Butcher	Cooper	Falco	McCoist	McCall	Durrant	Fleck(8)	Francis(10)
Oct 6	St. Mirren	H 3-1	39,298	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	McGregor	Souness1	Butcher1	Francis	Falco1	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	McCall(3)	Fleck
Oct 10	Dundee United	A 0-1	18,214	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	McGregor	Souness1	Butcher1	Francis	Falco1	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	McCall(3)	Fleck
Oct 17	Celtic	H 2-2	44,000	4	Woods	Gough	Munro	Roberts	Cohen	Butcher	McGregor	Falco	McCoist	McCall	Nicholl	Francis(5)	Fleck(8)
Oct 21	Gornik Zabrze (EC 2)	H 3-1	41,366	-	Woods	Gough1	Phillips	Roberts	D. Ferguson	Butcher	Francis	Falco	McCoist1	Durrant	McGregor	Cooper(7)	Cohen(8)
Oct 25	Aberdeen (Skol Cup Final)	3-3*	71,961	-	Walker	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	D. Ferguson	Gough	McGregor	Fleck1	McCoist	Durrant1	Cooper1	Francis(5)	Cohen(7)
Oct 28	Dunfermline	A 4-0	18,000	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Gough	D. Ferguson	Butcher	Durrant2	Fleck	McCoist1	McCall1	Cooper	Cohen(6)	Falco(7)
Oct 31	Motherwell	H 1-0	36,583	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Gough	D. Ferguson	Butcher	Durrant2	Fleck	McCoist1	McCall1	Cooper	Cohen(6)	Falco(7)
Nov 4	Gornik Zabrze (EC 2)	A 1-1	23,000	-	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	McGregor	D. Ferguson	McCoist1	Durrant	Cooper	Cooper(7)	Falco(11)
Nov 7	Hibernian	H 1-0	37,571	3	Woods	Nicholl	McGregor	Roberts	Souness	Gough	D. Ferguson	Fleck1	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	Francis(5)	Falco
Nov 14	St. Mirren	A 2-2	20,469	3	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	McGregor	Gough	Durrant	Fleck	McCoist2	McCall	Cooper	Francis(10)	Falco
Nov 17	Aberdeen	H 0-1	41,371	4	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	D. Ferguson	Gough	Francis	Fleck	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	Munro(6)	Falco(7)
Nov 21	Falkirk	A 1-0	18,000	4	Woods	Nisbet	Phillips	Roberts	McGregor	Gough	D. Ferguson	Fleck1	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	Francis(11)	Falco(5)
Nov 24	Morton	A 3-0	16,500	4	Woods	Nisbet	Phillips	Roberts	McGregor	Gough	D. Ferguson1	Fleck1	McCoist1	Durrant	Cooper	Francis(11)	Falco(5)
Nov 28	Hearts	H 3-2†	43,557	4	Woods	Nisbet	Phillips	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	Fleck1	McCoist	Durrant1	Cooper	Francis(11)	McGregor(5)
Dec 5	Dundee United	H 1-0	41,159	4	Woods	Nisbet	Phillips	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	Francis	Fleck	McCoist1	Durrant	D. Ferguson	Cooper(7)	McGregor
Dec 12	Hibernian	A 2-0	21,000	4	Woods	Nisbet	McGregor	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough1	Cooper	Fleck1	McCoist	Durrant	D. Ferguson	Cooper(7)	Souness
Dec 15	Dunfermline Athletic	H 2-2	31,687	4	Woods	Nisbet	McGregor	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	Cooper	Fleck	McCoist1	Durrant	D. Ferguson1	Francis	Souness(11)
Dec 19	St. Mirren	A 2-0†	15,436	4	Woods	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	Cooper	Souness	McCoist1	Durrant	D. Ferguson	Francis	McGregor
Dec 26	Dundee	H 2-0	40,938	4	Woods	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	Cooper	Souness	McCoist2	Durrant	D. Ferguson	Francis(7)	McGregor
Jan 2	Celtic	A 0-2	60,800	4	Woods	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	Walters	Souness	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	Francis(11)	McGregor(1)
Jan 6	Dundee	A 1-0	17,400	4	Walker	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	McGregor	Souness	McCoist1	Durrant	Walters	Francis	Phillips
Jan 9	Morton	H 5-0	38,349	4	Walker	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	McGregor	McCoist3	Durrant2	Walters	Nisbet(2)	Francis(7)
Jan 16	Hearts	A 1-1	29,000	4	Walker	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	Souness	Brown	McCoist	Durrant1	Walters	Francis(10)	McGregor(8)
Jan 23	Falkirk	H 3-1	41,088	2	Walker	Nisbet	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	Brown1	McCoist	Durrant1	Walters	Cooper(4)	Souness
Feb 6	Aberdeen	A 2-1	22,500	2	Woods	Gough1	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Brown	D. Ferguson	McGregor	McCoist1	Durrant	Walters	Cooper(7)	Souness(8)
Feb 8	Raith Rovers (SC 3)	A 0-0	9,500	-	Woods	Nicholl	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Brown	Cooper	D. Ferguson	McCoist	Durrant	Walters	Souness(7)	Munro
Feb 10	Raith Rovers (SC 3 Rep)H	4-1	35,144	-	Woods	Gough	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Brown	Nisbet	D. Ferguson	McCoist1	Durrant2	Walters1	Souness(6)	Cooper(9)
Feb 13	St. Mirren	H 4-0	41,664	2	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins1	Gough1	Cooper1	D. Ferguson	Souness	Durrant	Walters1	McCall(8)	Nicholl(10)
Feb 20	Dunfermline A. (SC 4)	A 0-2	19,000	-	Woods	Gough	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Brown	Cooper	D. Ferguson	Souness	Durrant	Walters	Nisbet(7)	Francis(9)
Feb 27	Dundee United	A 1-1	20,846	2	Woods	Nicholl	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	I. Ferguson	Nisbet	Durrant	Walters1	Cooper(9)	Souness
Mar 2	S. Bucharest (EC Q/F)	A 0-2	30,000	-	Woods	Gough	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Nisbet	Nicholl	Souness	McCoist	Durrant	Cooper	D. Ferguson(6)	Francis(9)
Mar 5	Dunfermline	A 3-0	19,017	2	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough1	D. Ferguson	I. Ferguson	McCoist1	Durrant	Walters1	Cooper(9)	Nicholl
Mar 12	Motherwell	H 1-0	39,650	2	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	I. Ferguson	McCoist	Durrant1	Walters	Cooper(9)	Souness(3)
Mar 16	S. Bucharest (EC Q/F)	H 2-1	44,000	-	Woods	Nisbet	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough1	D. Ferguson	Souness	McCoist1	Durrant	Cooper	Francis(2)	-
Mar 20	Celtic	H 1-2	43,650	2	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram1	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	I. Ferguson	McCoist	Durrant	Walters	Munro	Souness
Mar 26	Dundee	A 3-2	14,879	2	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram	Roberts1	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	I. Ferguson	McCoist	Durrant1	Walters1	Cooper(9)	Munro
Apr 2	Hearts	H 1-2	41,125	3	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram1	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	I. Ferguson	Brown	Durrant	Walters	Phillips	Cooper
Apr 9	Morton	A 2-3	12,000	3	Woods	Nisbet	Bartram	Roberts	Wilkins	Brown	I. Ferguson1	Phillips	McCoist	Durrant1	Walters	D. Ferguson(4)	McCall(9)
Apr 16	Hibernian	H 1-1	32,218	3	Walker	Nicholl	Munro	Nisbet	Wilkins	Brown	D. Ferguson1	Bartram	I. Ferguson	Durrant	Walters	Cooper(6)	McSwegan(7)
Apr 23	St. Mirren	A 3-0	13,809	3	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	Walters1	McCoist1	Brown1	Cooper	Bartram	Nisbet
Apr 30	Aberdeen	H 0-1	36,010	3	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Wilkins	Gough	D. Ferguson	Walters	McCoist	Brown	Cooper	Nisbet(10)	Bartram
May 7	Falkirk	A 5-0	14,500	3	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Gough	Wilkins	Brown	D. Ferguson1	Nisbet	McCoist2	Phillips	Walters2	Kirkwood(8)</	



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SNAPSHOTS

KEVIN DRINKELL (TOP) AND MARK WALTERS PUT RANGERS INTO A 2-0 LEAD AT CLYDE



ANGLO REPORT

MEL HENDERSON REPORTS FROM SOUTH OF THE BORDER

It was a deal that didn't get off the ground that intrigued me most of all in a hectic close season of transfer activity down here.

Newly relegated Doncaster Rovers, managed by former Spurs, Derby and Scotland iron man **Dave Mackay**, failed in their efforts to persuade ex-Aberdeen and Chelsea defender **Doug Rougvie** to move from Brighton.

Rougvie, you will recall, had a bust-up with Brighton boss **Barry Lloyd** last season after being unable to regain his place in the side following a spell out of action through injury.

It would be no exaggeration to say that Doug blew a fuse and after demanding to go on the transfer list he was stripped of the club captaincy.

Even with the big man on the sidelines Brighton stormed to promotion courtesy of a magnificent late run and the summer was seen as a cooling off period for both club and player.

There was talk of a return to Scotland but by far the most definite move for the 32-year-old came from Doncaster, where Mackay was unable to avoid the drop after taking control when things were looking pretty bleak.

Rougvie would have been good for the Yorkshire outfit where Mackay had an end-of-season clearout to make way for the club's outstanding youngsters who reached the final of the FA Youth Cup last term before being outclassed by Arsenal.

His experience and strength - some say his tackles have to be measured on the Richter scale! - were seen by Mackay as ideal qualities to spearhead a promotion drive. But, sadly, the deal failed to materialise.

Instead, he joins a strong Scots colony at Shrewsbury, where he will be a key figure, not I fear in a promotion campaign, but a season in which his new club will once again set their sights no higher than to survive.

Rougvie, had no intention of accompanying his Brighton club-mates on their close season sortie to Portugal. Until, that is, he ended the stalemate with manager Lloyd and went home to pack his bags.

My spy on the south coast tells me Doug was an instant success following his move from Chelsea just over a year ago, and the Brighton fans would have loved him to stay put.

With central defender **Steve Gattin** injured, it looked as if Rougvie had suddenly emerged as a key figure to start a campaign the Seagulls hoped would take them back to the First Division.

That target may well be a little over-ambitious - but it's good to see the Brighton Rock is back in business, even if he has had to move in a £50,000 deal which I reckon will prove a bargain to the shrewd Shrews.

Still at Brighton, the enforced absence of striker **Kevin Bremner** is a real blow. The former Keith striker, brother of once-capped Des, played a crucial role in last season's promotion charge as he formed a potent strike force with leading marksman **Gary Nelson**.

It was a tremendous end to his first season at the Goldstone Ground and he couldn't wait to get going this time round.

Unfortunately, however, he sustained a depressed fracture of the cheekbone during the club's Portuguese tour and the most recent estimate was that he would be forced to sit out his



EDDIE THE BOSS

The managerial roundabout was also in full swing during the summer, with Eddie Gray an unexpected passenger.

Having got on at lowly Rochdale to revive a career that turned sour when he was dismissed by Leeds United, he was the surprise choice to replace Brian Horton, sacked by Hull City.

It's quite a leap for nice guy Eddie, whose sweet left foot was a joy to watch for Leeds and Scotland in the 70's. Hull are an ambitious outfit who looked to be in with a promotion chance last season until a late slump saw their hopes evaporate.

Previous boss Horton paid the ultimate price - but Eddie won't be worried after a survival stint at Rochdale that provided a stern test of his ability.

I recall bumping into him shortly after he'd taken charge at Spotland, when there was no denying the enormity of his task just to prevent the club crashing out of the League altogether.

Eddie managed it with a bit to spare and last season he led them to the dizzy heights of fourth from bottom. I wish him well at Hull.

side's first six Second Division fixtures.

Kevin first moved south eight years ago and after three seasons at Colchester he was eager to accept an invitation from Millwall, having spent three different loan spells at Birmingham City, Wrexham and Plymouth Argyle to underline his desire for a change of scenery.

He spent three reasonably successful campaigns with the Londoners before switching to Reading. Then, after two years, he was on the move again to Brighton.

On an even more tragic note, Kevin lost a brother on the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.

The re-appearance of Middlesbrough in the First Division is eagerly anticipated.

Bruce Rioch's workaholics made it two promotions on the trot when they squeezed past Bradford City and Chelsea in the end-of-season play-offs and they might just surprise a few people.

Thanks to their success, Boro now have the rare luxury of money in the bank. The Ayresome Park box office has been doing a roaring trade since promotion was secured, with fans anxious to snap up season tickets.

It's a remarkable transformation since the sad scenes two years ago when the club, crippled with debt, looked like going to the wall. Their gates were padlocked and only Hartlepool's generosity in lending them their ground enabled them to fulfil their fixture commitments.

That's all in the past, and Rioch leads a squad of all-sorts into the new season, including former Albion Rovers striker **Bernie**

Slaven, a key figure in the Boro attack.

It was probably significant that ex-Scotland skipper Rioch stayed at home, while coach **Colin Todd** was in charge of the touring party to Sweden.

Rioch, who signed midfield man **Mark Brennan** from Ipswich, was known to have other targets in mind and at least two Scottish-based players were mentioned as speculation mounted.

Having done well to retain the services of England new boy **Gary Pallister** and his defensive colleague, skipper **Tony Mowbray**, Rioch's moves to strengthen the squad indicate Boro will be no pushovers in the new campaign.

As I write, it's still not clear how much new boy Brennan will cost. But his move to Boro sparked off a row involving his former club, managed by ex-Dundee and Spurs striker **John Duncan**.

When Ipswich agreed to sell the former England Under-21 star prior to last season's deadline, Boro agreed to pay £275,000 with a further £75,000 after a stipulated number of games.

The deal was on until Brennan decided against the move. He spent the remainder of the season in the Portman Road reserves, shunned by manager Duncan, and it became clear he'd be departing when his contract expired.

Once he was a free agent, Brennan talked to a number of clubs before opting for Boro. This time, however, there was no agreement between the clubs.

Hardly surprising, since Ipswich suddenly decided his value had soared after a stint with the second team - to £650,000!

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CELTIC WERE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS LAST SEASON WITH THIS RECORD: P44 W31 D10 L3 F79 A23 PTS72

CELTIC visit Ibrox this afternoon discovering, as we did last season, that it's much harder to defend the Premier League title than to win it from someone else.

Last Saturday saw the Parkhead side lose by the only goal of the game at Tannadice to a Dundee United side determined to push their claims for the championship.

After the way they won the league and Cup double last term, it's a difficult case of 'Follow that' for **Billy McNeill's** men.

The former Manchester City and Aston Villa boss had a dream first season back at the club he regards as 'home' and has set himself very high standards to maintain.

McNeill's main ambitions for the current season are to retain the championship and to see his team mount a serious challenge in the European Cup.

Like us, Celtic travel behind the Iron Curtain in the first round of Euro competition, taking on Hungarian champions Honved.

A major problem for Celtic this season has been in the goal keeping department with a blow pre-season being the back injury to Irish international 'keeper **Pat Bonner**.

Bonner, who had a brilliant European Championship in West Germany, hopes to be fit again in six weeks time.

Until then, the first team spot is being fought for by **Ian Andrews** and **Alan Rough**, the former regarded as a future England

PREMIER MEETINGS FACTS & FIGURES

WINS AND DEFEATS

Highest home win: 3-0 (80/81 & 85/86)

Highest away win: 2-1 (80/81)

Highest home defeat: 2-4 (82/83)

Highest away defeat: 0-3 (83/84)

ATTENDANCES

Highest home: 69,000 (75/76)

Lowest home: 33,000 (80/81)

Highest away: 60,800 (86/87 & 87/88)

Lowest away: 40,079 (84/85)

No player has scored a hat-trick in an 'old firm'

Premier Division match

RANGERS SCORERS V CELTIC

8 Ally McCoist and Derek Johnstone

6 Derek Parlane

5 Davie Cooper

3 Jim Bett, John MacDonald and Gordon Smith

2 Sandy Clark, Alex MacDonald, Bobby Russell, Colin McAdam, Ian Durrant, Cammy Fraser and Robert Fleck

1 Quinton Young, John Greig, Alex Forsyth, Alex Miller, Gordon Dalziel, Robert Prytz, Kenny Black, Bobby Williamson, Ted McMinn, Jan Bartram and Richard Gough

'keeper and the latter an ex-Scotland number one. Andrews was signed from Leicester City last month for £300,000 and made a fine debut in the Premier League, keeping a clean sheet against Hearts.

A virus laid him low after that and in stepped 36-year-old Rough to return to top-class action in the Skol Cup against Ayr United.

The former Partick Thistle and Hibs star had been playing and coaching successfully in the United States with Orlando Lions but needed no persuasion to return and sign on at Parkhead.

The Celtic defence were among

the most secure in Britain last season and contains two full-backs who can both attack and defend.

Chris Morris, signed from Sheffield Wednesday, had a tremendous first season in Scottish football and was also a star for Eire in the European Championship Finals.

In the left-back role is **Anton Rogan**, a Northern Ireland international who is improving all the time and who figures largely in Billy Bingham's World Cup plans.

The central defence will be marshalled by inspirational skipper **Roy Aitken** whose never-say-die attitude won many games for Celtic in the latter stages last season. Roy missed the first two games of the season through suspension but returned at Tannadice last Saturday.

Youngster **Derek Whyte**, already a full Scottish international, and experienced **Mick McCarthy** should also be in the Celtic back division.

A likely midfield could contain **Paul McStay**, **Peter Grant** and **Joe Miller**.

McStay had an outstanding 1987-88 and was voted 'Player of the Year' by both his fellow professionals and the football writers.

Established as a firm fixture in the Scotland side, he is one of the men Andy Roxburgh is pinning his hopes on for Italy in 1990.

Grant is an under-21 international who hopes to force his way into the senior side in the season to come.



Left: Youngster **DERRK WHYTE**, already a full Scottish international

CELTIC 87-88 RECORD

	Home	Away
Aberdeen	2-2 0-0	1-0 1-0
Dundee	5-0 3-0	1-1 2-1
Dundee Utd	1-2 0-0	0-0 2-1
Dunfermline	4-0 1-0	1-2 4-0
Falkirk	3-2 2-0	1-0 2-0
Hearts	1-0 2-2	1-1 1-2
Hibernian	1-1 2-0	1-0 2-0
Morton	3-1 1-0	4-0 4-0
Motherwell	4-1 1-0	2-0 1-0
Rangers	1-0 2-0	2-2 2-1
St. Mirren	1-0 2-0	1-0 1-1

Appearances:

Aitken 43, Archdeacon 4(6), Baillie 12(1), Bonner 32, Burns 21(5), Grant 36(1), McAvennie 32, McCarthy 22, McCarrison 1, McGhee 15(7), McGugan 1(1), McGuire 0(1), McKnight 12, McStay 44, Miller 23(3), Morris 44, Rogan 25(7), Shepherd 0(6), Stark 34(3), Walker 42, Whyte 41.

Goalscorers:

Walker 26, McAvennie 15, Stark 8, McGhee 6, McStay 5, Miller 3, Morris 3, Whyte 3, Burns 2, Grant 2, Aitken 1, Archdeacon 1, Rogan 1, Shepherd 1, Own Goals 2.

Goal Times:

Minutes	Home	Away
0 - 15	9	3
16 - 30	3	3
31 - 45	9	8
46 - 60	4	6
61 - 75	5	9
76 - 90	12	8

and bagged many vital goals from midfield for the Parkhead men - including the winner in the first 'Old Firm' clash of 1987-88.

Up front, the likely pairing will be **Frank McAvennie** and **Andy Walker** who scored 41 of Celtic's league goals last season.

McAvennie cost a club record fee of £850,000 from West Ham but has proved his worth and scored the only goal on the opening day of the season against Hearts a fortnight ago.

Walker was snapped up from Motherwell for what must now seem a bargain price of £350,000 and he was the club's top scorer last season.

He scored the winner in the last 'Old Firm' meeting here in March.

A wholehearted player, he is fully committed to the Celtic cause. Injury kept him out of the closing stages of last season.

Miller is an old-fashioned winger who, on his day, is devastating with his pace and precision down either flank.

He was only a substitute at Tannadice but could figure in the starting line-up today.

Others competing for places in midfield are **Tommy Burns** and **Billy Stark**.

Burns is now in the veteran class but still has lots to offer and was recalled to the Scotland side for the Rous Cup match against England last May.

Stark proved a shrewd bargain buy from Aberdeen last season

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ON THE MEN AND BOYS PLAYING FOR THE LIGHT BLUES

KEVIN DRINKELL

Kevin Drinkell will play in his first derby match of any description this afternoon ... and at the same time renew acquaintance with an old adversary.

The former Grimsby and Norwich striker, whose £600,000 summer move to Ibrox is starting to look like a real bargain, is thoroughly looking forward to today's 'Old Firm' contest.

He says: "People haven't stopped talking about August 27 since I arrived at the club - so I've at least got some idea of how much it all means.

"I've never known such a hype to surround any fixture so I can't wait to sample it for myself.

"We never really had a local derby at Grimsby and when I was with Norwich, local rivals Ipswich were always in a different division.

"So it's my first derby - and I'm told I'm jumping right in at the deep end!"

The man in the Celtic ranks who is no stranger to Kevin is big Mick McCarthy, the Irish international centre-half.

'Drinks' has played against him for both Grimsby and Norwich while Mick was with Barnsley and Manchester City and always enjoyed the experience.

Says Kevin: "Actually, Mick and I go farther back than that as we played in the same area as youngsters and were often up against each other.

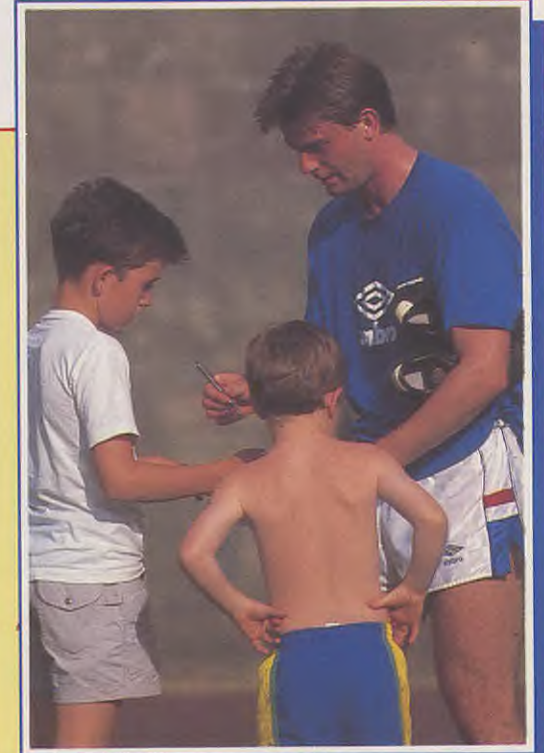
"He's a big lad who doesn't mess about but I'm looking forward to pitting my wits against him again. We'll shake hands at the end like we always do."

So just what does Kevin expect in front of the capacity crowd this afternoon?

"I'm not really sure," he admits, "although I've heard all about the noise and the intensity of the atmosphere.

"It's the most famous club game in the world and I can't really make a proper judgement until I've experienced it myself.

"I've been told that your first 'Old Firm' game seems to pass by in a flash but I'm going to try and make mine one to remember.



"I'm not promising that I'll score but I'm very confident that Rangers will get the result we want today."

One thing which really has made a big impression on Kevin so far is Ibrox Stadium itself.

He says: "I was taken aback when I saw it completely empty when I came up to Glasgow to sign for the club but then came my home debut in Davie Cooper's testimonial.

"The atmosphere that night was unbelievable and when Davie ran onto the pitch I really did feel my spine tingling.

"It's a great stage for any footballer and I feel lucky to be playing for this club right now.

"Getting a goal against Bordeaux was nice but I know that it's games like today's that count for the fans more than anything else."

Yes, Kevin, you're certainly learning fast!

BEHIND THE SCENES

CONTINUING THE INTERVIEW WITH PHIL BOERSMA FROM PAGE NINE

when I scored our goal in the 1974 Charity Shield match against Leeds at Wembley which we won."

Phil was happy again at Anfield but found his place under pressure from David Fairclough, so when Bob Paisley informed him that Middlesbrough had made an enquiry for him, he decided to move.

Says Phil: "Bob told me he would be happy for me to stay but that it was only fair he told me that Jack Charlton wanted me to go to Ayresome Park."

So off he went in December 1976 in a £75,000 deal and his first encounter with a certain Graeme Souness!

And, as Phil recounts, it was easy to see even then that the young midfielder was destined for great things.

"Graeme had it all going for him. I knew Liverpool had been watching him and told him that if he played his cards right, he could do it all by moving to Anfield. That was how it worked out."

For Phil, though, 18 months after joining Middlesbrough he was on the move again when Jack Charlton resigned and John Neal took over.

He sold Phil to Luton Town for #40,000 and that was a move which worked out well for him.

"Harry Haslam, who was boss at Kenilworth Road, had tried to sign me from Liverpool and gave me a free role in the team.

"I was top scorer for the club in my first season and really enjoyed my time at Luton."

When Haslam left to join Sheffield United at the start of the following season, David Pleat took over and soon Phil was packing his bags again.

Says Phil: "David first of all said he wanted me to stay but in the September he told me that John Toshack had been on the 'phone and wanted me to go to Swansea City.

"As Luton had just signed a striker called David Moss from Luton, I reckoned there was little point in staying so I decided to join up with Tosh."

The £35,000 deal went through and life seemed fine at the Vetch



Field until a fateful day which Phil will never forget.

On April 14, 1979, he was on the wrong end of a vicious tackle from Steve Hazelwood of Swindon Town.

He suffered a compound fracture and dislocation of his right ankle and was rushed to hospital for an emergency operation.

It was a year before Phil could play again but he never did return to first-team football.

He joined the coaching staff while still turning out for the reserves and Swansea managed some respectable performances.

In 1983-84, however, Phil's career took another dramatic twist when John Toshack resigned - then returned to the club and gave Phil the sack!

Says Phil: "To this day, I've never had an explanation from him. I've no idea why he gave me the elbow."

Luckily for Phil, Gordon Taylor of the PFA stepped in and put him in touch with John Pickering who had just taken over as manager of Lincoln.

Phil moved to Sincil Bank as John's assistant in 1984-85 but after a tremendous start, the team slumped to the bottom of the Third Division and

Pickering was fired.

Phil went with him but found a friend again in Dave Cusack, manager of Doncaster Rovers.

He was coach and physiotherapist at Belle Vue, having started to learn about the injury side of the game at courses at Lilleshall.

Then came the surprise call from Graeme Souness.

"I didn't have to think twice when Graeme asked me to join him and the past couple of years have been tremendous. The sky is the limit for Rangers and we have so much more to achieve.

"The passion in Scottish football took me aback at first and today's game, of course, is the most passionate of them all.

"Mind you, I would say the Merseyside derbies, especially at Anfield, were just as intense - mind you, I've never played in an 'Old Firm' game, unfortunately."

Phil is now living in Helensburgh with wife Eva-Louise, daughter Kelly-Louise (6) and three-year-old son Simon Erik.

He says: "We all love Scotland and I've never been happier. I hope I'm at Ibrox for a long time to come."

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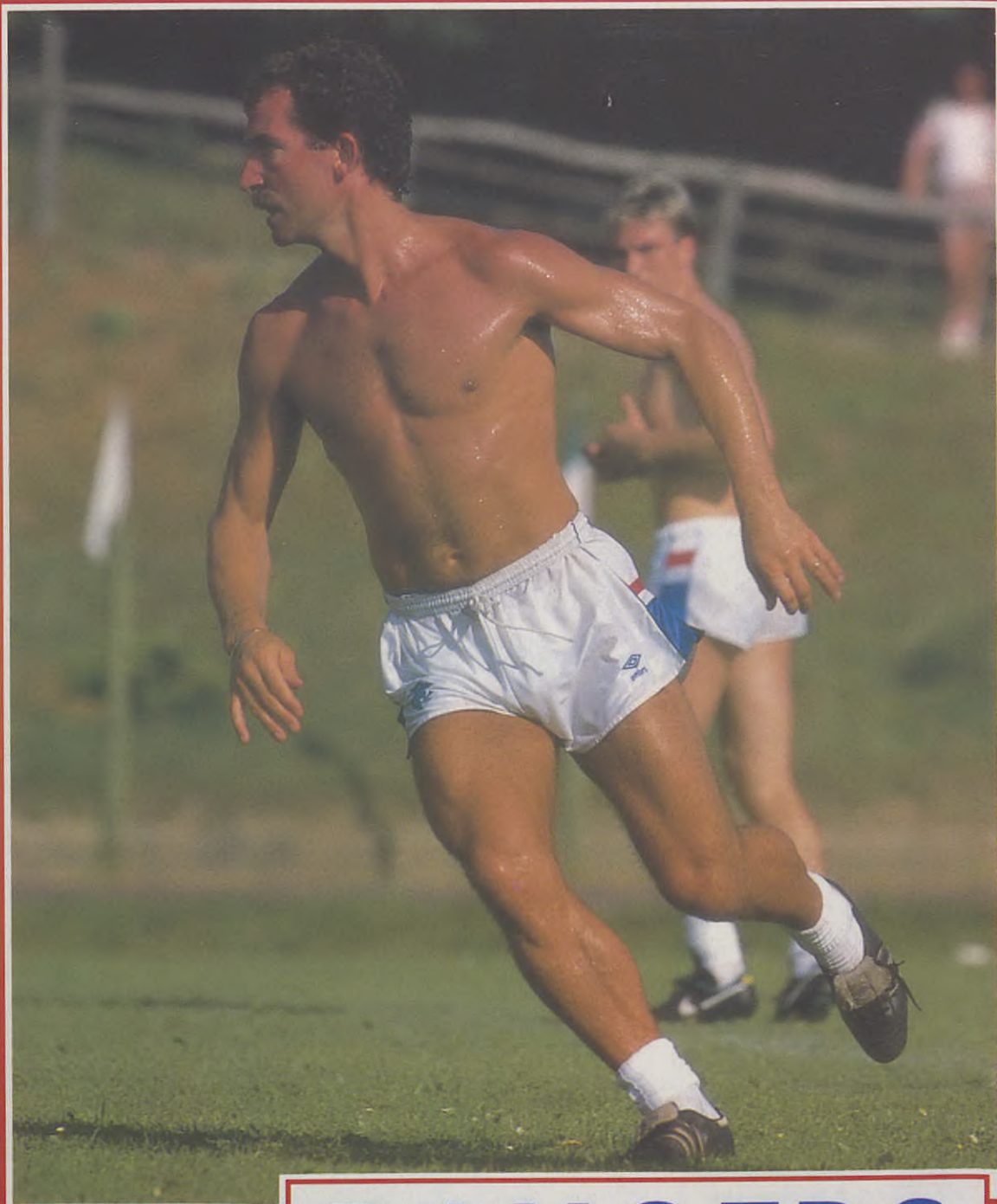


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