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- 4 Oleg KUZNETZOV
- 5 Anatoly DEMIANENKO
- 6 Vasily RATS
- 7 Pavel YAKOVENKO
- 8 Alexei MIKHAILICHENKO
- 9 Ivan YAREMCHUK
- 10 Vadim YEVTUSHENKO
- 11 Oleg BLOKHIN

SUBS

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Ulf Ericksson
Linesmen:
Karl-Eric Davidsson
and Bertil Andersson



SNAPSHOT

Trevor Francis gave a clue to the kind of job he can do for Rangers when he 'signed in' recently with a superb display in the four-goal win over Dunfermline.

There are few players in the modern game with Francis's credential on a world-wide scale. Apart from his multi-million pound moves from Birmingham City to Forest and on to Italy via Manchester City he has played for England in the World Cup and other competitions.

Also he spent a period on loan in the United States when soccer over there was still on the upgrade.

With his experience of European soccer he is a great asset in player-manager Graeme Souness's first-team squad.

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WITH GRAEME SOUNESS

● Rangers supporters have played an important part in many of the favourable results achieved in the comparatively short time that I have been at the club.

Tonight, however, your help has never been more crucial.

In saying this I wish to make a special appeal for PATIENCE on this occasion.

The crowd must not expect us to go charging in and looking for the early goal they will no doubt feel we need to square the 0-1 deficit from the first leg in Russia.

Of course we need goals to first of all level the scoreline and then go through. But these will not be achieved unless our play is sensible and patient.

The worst thing we could possibly do would be to show our hand straightaway. This would be just what they're looking for.

I said in the last issue that the trip to Russia was the easy part of the job. That was how I felt when the draw first came out, I felt it at the end of the game and I am repeating it now.

Ahead of us tonight is the hard part despite the fact that we have home advantage. Over there we needed ideally to get a lead or, at the very least, come back all square so that the onus was more on them to make the running.

In our situation in this second leg we have to carefully build-up our game to get the advantage from them but without giving anything away.

That's why we so badly need the understanding of the supporters in avoiding impatience.

Since the name of Dynamo Kiev is not one that springs to mind so readily in European competition as, say, Barcelona or Juventus the public may not always be aware of their strength.

If so fans may be surprised to know that I personally regard them as being at least the equal of any club team I have faced in all my years of playing in European football.



They are controlled and disciplined and they have ability and strength in all departments.

This is not to say that we are in any way over-awed by them. It's simply that we must recognise the extent of the task and ensure that we play to our best both collectively and individually.

We have to be at our peak to beat them and you, the supporters, can help us through.

Looking back to our victory over Motherwell in the Skol Cup Final at Hampden Park the reaction has to be one of satisfaction of being in another Final and in a position to defend the trophy we won a year ago.

Having said that I was far more impressed with the result than the performance because I did not think we were at our best. We won through. That's what matters in the end.

On a personal note I can only say how bitterly disappointed I am to have received the five-match suspension from the Scottish FA.

I'm sure the public will understand when I say that I do not wish here to make further comment on the subject.



ALIVE AND KICKING



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ON THE PARK



Former Ibrox man Bobby Russell finds himself the centre of attention with Robert Fleck and Graeme Souness in last week's Skol Cup semi-final. Above: Fleck is poised to move on to a through ball from Ian Durrant.



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INSIDE IBROX

BE PREPARED...

● **Rangers secretary Campbell Ogilvie and operations executive Alistair Hood played a major part in making sure that the European Cup trip to Dynamo Kiev went as painlessly as possible.**

A few weeks ago they made a "pathfinder" trip to Russia returning with a 10-page dossier on everything from flight times to meal times which must have made the players among the best prepared of European travellers.

Explained Mr Ogilvie: "We like to do this before every European tie. It's definitely worth while, especially to a place like Kiev, which is not one in which we are used to playing and where the customs and procedures are very different."

"We go into a lot of detail preparing for foreign matches and the idea is that once the players are there, they can go straight to their hotel rooms knowing everything is laid on for them."

"We take our own chef and our own food and each person in the group is given this 10-page document which will tell them about possible customs problems, how to fill in forms, when we are eating, what we are eating and that sort of thing."

"For instance, we had estimated two to three hours at the airport and it worked out at two hours and ten minutes."

"The secret is in doing the homework and the preparation so we can let players just get on with playing football. We told them everything about the hotel we had chosen and why it was chosen so the players knew exactly what was happening."

As well as travel details, Rangers took their own interpreter with them to overcome language difficulties. George Scanlon was the English Football Association's official interpreter for the 1966 World Cup and has been on trips to Russia with clubs like Aston Villa, Liverpool and Spurs in the

past.

The proof of the preparation, of course, is in how everything went on the trip. Mr Ogilvie's verdict: "It went fairly smoothly and there were no big problems."

He added: "At the end of the day, it's all about people. If you know who you are dealing with, it helps."

"And it would be the same whether it was the USSR, France, Portugal or wherever."

BIG-SCREEN BONUS

● **While the players were away, around 12,000 fans took the opportunity of watching the Kiev game live on huge screens at Ibrox thanks to a television link.**

And, considering it was the first time the club had tried such a venture since screening a match against Leeds United more than 20 years ago, officials were happy with the way things went despite a couple of technical hitches.

Some fans had difficulty seeing the action on one of the screens because of the sunlight and there was a problem on sound, but secretary Campbell Ogilvie believes both can be overcome if the venture is tried again.

"Overall it went very well and I think the fans enjoyed it," he said.

"It's the first time we have done this for a long time and it seemed to go well. Obviously there were some things we would like to tighten up on, but generally, it got a good reception."

AVID VIEWERS

● **Among the crowd watching the Dynamo Kiev match on the big screen at Ibrox were Davie Cooper and Stuart Munro, both ruled out of the trip because of suspension.**

ITALIAN ADVENTURE

● **Hats off to Rangers under-19s, who became the first British club to win the prestigious Casale Monferrato youth tournament in Italy in its 30-year history.**

And special congratulations to

young Scott Nisbet who took the player of the tournament award.

Nisbet, in fact, scored one of the goals in a 2-0 win over the host club which saw Rangers qualify from their group, John Spencer getting the other. Earlier, David Kirkwood scored in the 1-1 draw against Juventus.

Spence and Gary McSwegan got a couple each in the 4-0 demolition of Inter Milan in the semi-final and the strike twins shared the goals again in the 2-0 final victory over Italian youth champions Torino.

HI-TECH TALK IN

● **Ibrox stewards have been given the opportunity of seeing a special video aimed at improving standards in the stadium.**

The video, made by the Scottish Football Association, features a series of presentations by senior police officers on recent football tragedies at the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, Bradford and Birmingham, followed by a talk from a senior local officer giving advice on stewarding in the late 1980s.

Said operations executive Alistair Hood: "Stewards have got to be more professional in their activities than they were 20 to 25 years ago when people would turn up to steward and watch the game and maybe have a cup of Bovril and a pie."

Around 120 stewards — about half the Ibrox complement — watched the video, which will be screened again in the future.

"It was very successful and it's bound to have had an impact," said Mr Hood.

NOT WELCOME

● **Rangers make no apology for continuing to emphasise that trouble-makers have no place at Ibrox.**

Said Alistair Hood: "There are still one or two supporters being banned from Ibrox for misbehaviour and that policy will be maintained."

"If they can't come to an entertainment like football and behave themselves then they should stay away — and we will make sure they do."

BP IS AN RB

● **The initials BP (as everyone must know) stand for British**



SCOTT NISBET picked up the 'Player of the Tournament' award in Italy.

Petroleum. But what does RB stand for?

The answer is 'record-breaker' which means that the BP Scottish Youth Cup is reaching for new horizons in terms of size and importance.

Season 1987-88 is the fifth year that BP have been sponsors and the service that this does for the game is immeasurable.

A record number of 36 clubs have entered the under-18 competition and this situation necessitates a preliminary round for the first time, a sure sign of welcome growth.

Official seal of approval to the enlarged competition comes from Scotland's National Coach and Technical Director Andy Roxburgh who recently described the BP Youth Cup as a 'great platform' for young players.

He added: "It is developing the way we expected it to — on similar lines to the Scottish Cup but for the younger players. People now talk seriously about the importance of the competition and that includes the senior clubs."

There are five newcomers this season — Airdrie, Gala Fairydean, Whitehall Welfare, Civil Service Strollers and Cove Rangers, the Highland League club.

Holders Celtic, who beat Motherwell 2-1 in last season's final at Fir Park, have been drawn at home to Hamilton Accies in the first round. Rangers are at home to Wigtown and Bladnoch.

DIARY

DAY BY DAY

Sunday 13th September: Preparations begin for first European Cup trip, to Kiev for Wednesday's first round, first leg against Dynamo. Fortunately no new injuries after win over Dunfermline.

Monday 14th September: Squad ready for journey as player-manager Graeme Souness finalises his squad.

Tuesday 15th September: An early start to the three-day trip as party fly out for journey behind Iron Curtain.

Wednesday 16th September: Trevor Francis left out as Souness chooses strategic line-up. Rangers give fine display to contain Russians but lose 1-0 to disputed penalty. Back at Ibrox 12,000 watch game relayed back live to the stadium.

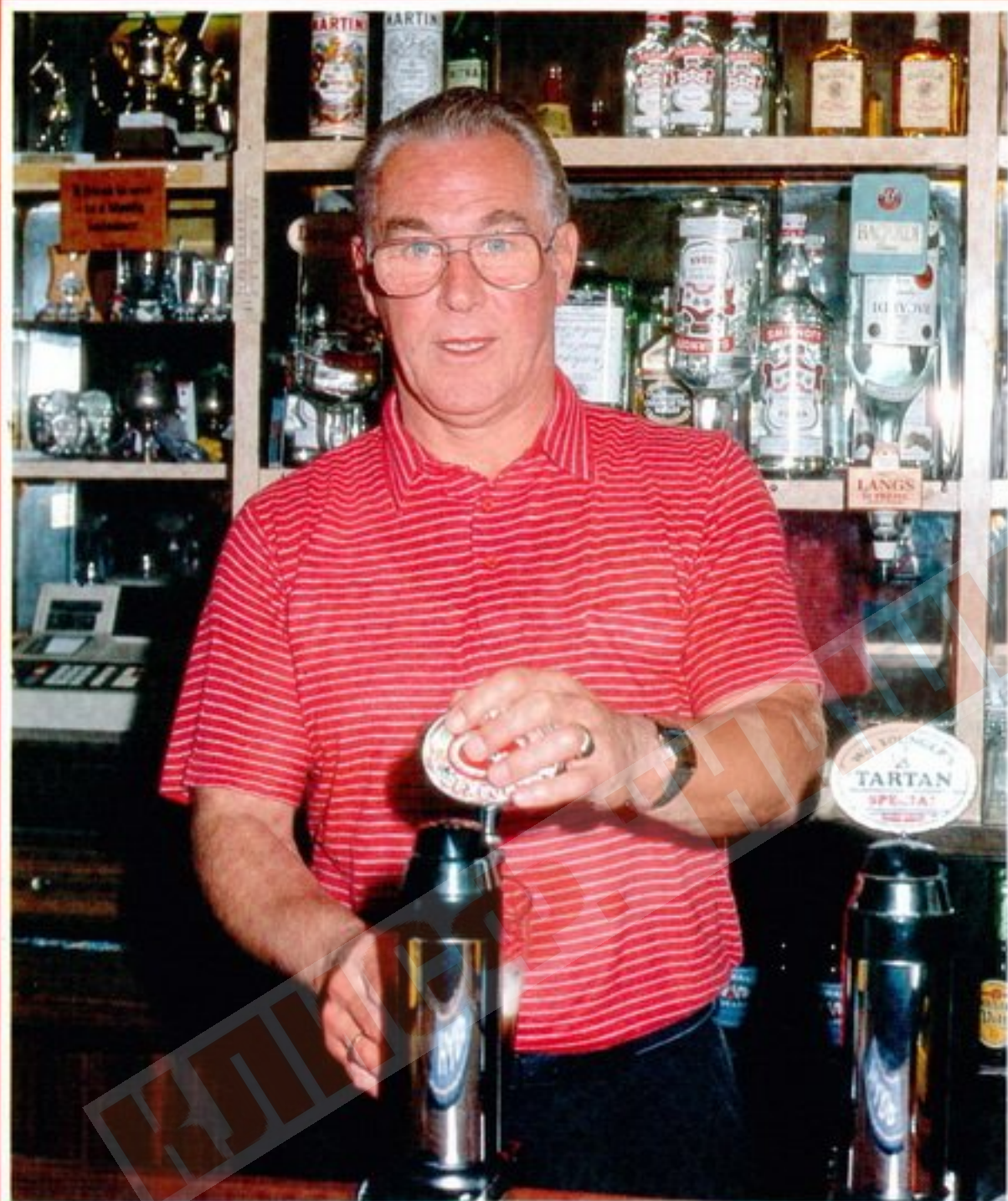
Thursday 17th September: A tiring journey back, fortunately with no serious injuries to add to problems of travel and shortage of time.

Friday 18th September: Brief training spell to flex muscles and prepare for away game with Motherwell as league takes over from European Cup prior to next week's Skol Cup semi-final.

Saturday 19th September: A 1-0 win at Motherwell is described by Souness as "satisfactory in the circumstances".

Sunday 20th September: Another important week's preparations commence with Skol Cup tie against Motherwell at Hampden Park on Wednesday and home game against Morton prior to return leg of European Cup.

IBROX IDOLS



JIMMY MILLAR

● Jimmy Millar was an up and at 'em centre forward of the old school. He was a battler with a lion heart and an unquenchable spirit. But Jimmy was more than that.

He was also a shrewd footballing brain who spent the later stages of his career carving out the openings for youngbloods the sort of openings others had once helped to carve for him.

And when you mention the name Millar another quickly springs to mind. That of Ralph Brand. For there was a glorious spell in the early sixties when almost every Saturday saw this pair of goal hungry predators linking to form the deadly M and B strike force.

Nowadays those years seem a long way off as Jimmy pulls pints behind the bar of his pub, the Dukes Head, in Duke St down at the end of Leith Walk.

The bar isn't adorned with memories of Jimmy's great playing career in the Light Blue. But his memories are still fresh of the times when he terrorised defences both at home and abroad.

It is now an incredible 32 years since Rangers stepped in to land Jimmy for a £5,000 transfer fee from Dunfermline.

And Jimmy lays one myth about that move. It is generally believed it was only much later that Rangers discovered the man they had signed from the Fifers was a centre forward and not an inside forward.

But Jimmy says: "Bobby Ancell was the Dunfermline manager and after I had played in various positions he tried me at centre forward. That's where I was playing when Rangers signed me."

However Jimmy's career at Ibrox got off to a strange start. He made his debut at inside left against Dundee and then turned out in the number nine shirt against Aberdeen.

But that was the last time he wore the Light Blue for two years. For the next couple of years Jimmy was in khaki as he was called up for National Service.

He said: "I think I was the only professional footballer who didn't get a posting where he could still play. I didn't kick a ball at all for two years."

But Jimmy still saw plenty of action. For he was sent to Malaya, then one of the world's worst trouble spots and from there he took part in the infamous Suez landings of 1956.

"It was a bit of a change," is how Jimmy puts it. "I had signed for Rangers at £16 a week and suddenly all I had was a National Serviceman's wage of 15/- a week."

For youngsters who can't go back to pre-decimal days that works out at just 75p a week in wages.

When Jimmy returned from his adventures overseas a gangly unorthodox lad by the name of Max Murray was scoring goals from the centre forward berth and Jimmy had to settle for a game in all sorts of positions.

Jimmy said: "A new team was being put together and for a while it didn't look as though I was going to be part of it."

But that changed in a big way when Rangers travelled to the then backward footballing country of Den-

mark in the summer of 1959 for an easy pre-season warm up tour.

And it was there, in the city of Copenhagen, that an Ibrox legend was born. Jimmy Millar was given a run out at centre forward and scored four goals.

That was it for him. Manager Scot Symon began the new season with Jimmy right there in the firing line and he was soon a firm favourite with the Ibrox legions.

He was certainly the stuff of which heroic centre forwards are made. Though at first glance Jimmy was hardly the most athletic sight. He was small and chunky and he didn't so much walk and run as waddle.

Soon he was nicknamed the Penguin. But it didn't take long until the fans came up with a new nickname to christen his fabled deeds of bravery. Jimmy became the Old Warhorse.

The rebuilding of the team meant that in the title, Rangers, the reigning champions, didn't exactly shine. But on the fields of Europe Rangers were involved in a stirring European Cup campaign:

Millar and his mates battled their way through to the semi final of the European Cup before they finally came unstuck against Eintracht Frankfurt. The second leg of that semi was lost 6-3 at Ibrox... just three days before the team was due to face Kilmarnock at Hampden in the Scottish Cup Final.

But if there were worries among the stunned follow follow boys they could soon put them to one side. For Jimmy Millar was a Hampden hero in his first cup final appearance.

He looked back and said: "Killie had a bit of bad luck when their centre half Willie Toner went over on his ankle and played on in some discomfort. That made it a bit easier for us."

But nothing can take a thing away from the Rangers performance on that Scottish Cup Final afternoon in April more than 27 years ago as the sun shone down on Hampden on a crowd of over 100,000.

And nothing can detract from the two goals scored by the inevitable head of Jimmy Millar leaping high above the scarlet clad Killie keeper Jimmy Brown.

Millar smiles and says: "Jimmy Brown was nearing the end of his days but in previous years when he was at Hearts he was a great favourite of mine. You see as a youngster I was a Hearts man."

It was at the beginning of the next season that the famous Millar-Brand combination was struck up. It was the perfect balance of Millar's grit, strength, jumping power and football brain, allied to Brand's darting runs, continual probing and hunger for work.

"Aye," says Jimmy, "We worked well together. And then there was Davy Wilson out on the left wing grabbing goals too. Do you know wee Davie never had a bad game."

"Or at least not according to him. I've said to him after a game that we weren't too clever and he would come back and tell me that might be true of me but he played well enough."

"He had that great Glasgow cockiness and it helped us as a team a lot."

With that combination up front chasing goals and

CONTINUED OVERLEAF

DYNAMO KIEV

• **Kiev Dynamo**, for more than a decade on the apparent threshold of becoming one of the all-time greats of European club football, have not found life so simple this year. It has even been suggested that the Ukraine's most famous footballers are in imminent danger of burning themselves out.

Although they won the Soviet cup earlier this year – beating Minsk Dynamo in a penalty shoot-out after a 3-3 draw – they have slipped to mid-table in the league (which ends in November) and were surprisingly beaten by eventual winners FC Porto in the semi-finals of last season's European Champions' Cup.

Experts put these failures down to the burden borne by the Kiev stars who must also double up as the backbone of the Soviet national team. And it was just that daunting challenge which tripped their over-worked predecessors of the mid-1970s. The players then grew stale from too much football and never fulfilled their enormous potential.

Towards the end of the last Soviet season (which runs from spring to autumn and which, in an unprecedented move, had been extended into December so Kiev could complete their punishing programme) – manager Valeri Lobanovsky admitted: "We are tired of football".

The significance of this remark was its source since Lobanovsky is not only the coach of Kiev, he doubles up too as boss of the national team. His warning proved prophetic this spring. Kiev began the new Soviet season with a 7-0 thrashing of Ararat Erevan, inspired by a hat-trick from Zavarov. But a couple of successive defeats and suddenly Kiev were next to bottom of the first division and facing a long, steady climb back to their present midtable respectability.

This hurricane lifestyle will have come as little surprise to veteran striker Oleg Blokhin, that star of all the Russias. He has known this sort of life for two decades, ever since Kiev first played in the European Cup when, in the autumn of 1967, they knocked out holders Celtic in the first round.

Kiev, founded in 1927, had been founder members of the Soviet first

division and have never been relegated. They finished runners-up that first year but had to wait until 1961 before they became the first club outside Moscow to land the title. Soon they were dominating the Soviet scene. They achieved the league and cup double five years later and went on to a record-equalling hat-trick of league titles.

In 1974 Kiev clinched the Soviet league and cup double and in May of 1975 they became the first Soviet team to win a European trophy when they beat Ferencvaros of Hungary by 3-0 in the Cup-winners' Cup final in Basel. Later that year they clinched the league title for the seventh time in 14 seasons.

It was then that the Soviet federation grew too demanding, saddling the Ukraine club en bloc with all the national team fixtures and, when the Olympic qualifying team began to falter, with their schedule as well.

It all proved too much. But that did not deter Lobanovsky from going back to square one and painstakingly developing another formidable team around Blokhin. And players such as Belanov, Zavarov, Kuznetsov, Yaremchuk and Yakovenko began to fulfil their promise in 1985, when Kiev stormed to another league and cup double. In May last year, shortly before Belanov and Co starred at the World Cup finals in Mexico, Kiev charmed their way to the Cup-winners' Cup as well, defeating Atletico Madrid 3-0.

Kiev, that night, looked unbeatable. But not even the great Real Madrid of the 1950s and early 1960s could maintain their invincible perfection indefinitely. It's the ultimate challenge in European club football. Evidence of how Kiev are equipped to respond is available at first hand tonight at Ibrox.

THE MANAGER

• **Valeri LOBANOVSKY**. Aged 50. Long-time coach to Kiev, an appointment he holds in conjunction with that of national team manager – having been rushed in to replace Eduard Malofeyev.

THE PLAYERS

• **Viktor CHANOV**. Goalkeeper. Aged 28 (born July 21, 1959)/5 caps. Chanov made his name with the miners' club, Shakhtyor Donetsk and

was the Soviet keeper at the 1979 World Youth Cup in Japan when the defending champions lost 3-1 to Argentina and Maradona.

• **Mikhail MIKHAILOV**. Goalkeeper. Aged 28. His fine form as a youngster persuaded Kiev they could afford to allow veteran Yevgeni Rudakov retire. But Mikhailov never quite fulfilled his potential, although a number of the other players prefer him as a keeper to Chanov because they say they like his cooler approach.

• **Anatoly KOVTUN**. Goalkeeper. Aged 19. Newcomer to the senior squad this year after the transfer away of another young keeper, Anatoly Brovarek.

• **Anatoly DEMIANENKO**. Full-back or midfield. Aged 28 (born Feb 19, 1959)/57 caps. Voted 1985 Footballer of the Year after providing much of the drive which led Kiev to the Soviet League title that autumn. Signed from Dnepr in 1978. Demianenko was originally a fullback but has shown in the past two years that he can also play in midfield and score some useful goals. Played in all five of the Soviet Union's matches in the 1982 World Cup finals and all four in Mexico.

• **Vadim KARATAYEV**. Defender. Aged 23. Brought into the senior squad four years ago.

• **Pavel KOLOKOLOV**. Defender. Aged 21.

• **Andrei BAL**. Centre back. Aged 29 (born Feb 16, 1958)/13 caps. Signed from Karpaty Lvov in 1975. Earned a surprising recall to the Soviet squad after Lobanovsky took over just before the last World Cup in Mexico.

• **Sergei BALTACHA**. Centre-back. Aged 28 (born Feb 17, 1959)/40 caps. Club captain who missed out at the last moment on a trip to Mexico for the 1986 World Cup finals when he aggravated a knee injury in the Cup-winners' Cup final victory over Atletico Madrid. Signed from Karkhov in 1977.

• **Anatoly DYULDIN**. Defender. Aged 21. Recent addition to the Kiev first-team squad.

• **Oleg KUZNETSOV**. Stopper. Aged 24 (born March 22, 1963)/19 caps. Another of the successful protégés being continually brought off the Ukraine talent conveyor belt by Kiev coach Lobanovski. Has quickly



KIEV COACH
VALERI LOBANOVSKY

become an invaluable member both of the Kiev team and of the national squad because of his defensive versatility. Played at the heart of the Soviet defence in all their four matches in the last World Cup finals.

• **Vladimir BESSONOV**. Sweeper or right back. Aged 29 (born March 5, 1958)/63 caps. Signed from Karkhov in 1976 and captained the Soviet Union to victory in the inaugural World Youth Cup in Tunisia a year later when he was voted the tournament's top player. Was originally a midfielder and had responsibility thrust upon him in 1980 after team-mate Alexander Berezhnoi was banned for life from football for persistent drunkenness.

• **Vladimir GORILY**. Fullback. Aged 22. Product of Kiev's youth schemes who has proved an able deputy in the past 18 months for Bessonov and Demianenko.

• **Sergei GLEBA**. Midfield. Aged 18. Promising recent addition to the squad.

• **Alexei MIKHAILICHENKO**. Midfield. Aged 24/4 caps. Forced his way into the team in the second half of the 1986 season with his goals when the World Cup men began to tire and established himself when Ivan Yaremchuk suffered a broken leg in a Spanish summer tournament match against Real Madrid. Mikhailichenko made such rapid strides that he was called up by Lobanovsky for his national team debut in the 2-0 win against East Germany in the European championship qualifiers in April.

• **Vasily YEVSEYEV**. Midfield or defender. Aged 26.

• **Alexander ZAVAROV**. Midfield.

Aged 26 (born April 24, 1961)/18 caps. One of the revelations of Kiev's victory over Atletico Madrid in the 1986 Cup-winners' Cup final. Zavarov, playing an attacking game out of the centre of midfield, not only 'conducted' one of the finest team displays in a European final for years, he also headed Kiev into the lead after only four minutes. His reward was to be voted domestic Footballer of the Year last December (ahead of European title-holder and team-mate Belanov) and to earn selection for the Rest of the World team which played in the English Football League centenary match at Wembley.

• **Ivan YAREMCHUK**. Midfield. Aged 25 (born March 19, 1962)/6 caps. Emerged in the first half of 1986 as another highly promising Soviet newcomer. Signed 2½ years ago from lower division neighbours SKA Kiev and was a member of Kiev's victorious Cup-winners' Cup side in 1986. Made his international debut in the 2-1 defeat by Rumania in Timisoara in April that same year and then went on to Mexico to play with great success in the World Cup finals. Now back in the side after recovering from a leg break suffered in Kiev's notable victory over hosts Real Madrid in the Santiago Bernabeu pre-season tournament.

• **Vasily RATS**. Midfield. Aged 26 (born April 25, 1961)/14 caps. Another Kiev star called up at the last minute by Lobanovsky on his World Cup appointment last year. Made his international debut in the 2-1 defeat by Rumania in the spring of 1986. Struck a brilliant 30-yard shot past French keeper Joel Bats in the World Cup first round match in Leon... then repeated

the trick in the 2-0 Soviet win in the European championship tie against France (and Bats) in Paris a year ago.

• **Pavel YAKOVENKO**. Midfield. Aged 22 (born December 19, 1964)/13 caps. Made his international debut in the awful goalless draw with Finland in Moscow in May 1986 and which turned out to be Malofeyev's last game as manager. Lobanovsky not only kept him in the squad but in the team and was rewarded when Yakovenko opened the scoring within two minutes of the start of the Soviets' opening World Cup tie in Mexico against Hungary.

• **Oleg BLOKHIN**. Winger/striker. Aged 34 (born November 5, 1952)/107 caps. Most famous of all current Soviet stars though he has been in and out of the national team since the 1982 World Cup. Was the 1975 European Footballer of the Year but in Spain he spent too much time moaning and not enough time playing – according to manager Konstantin Beskov. Blokhin is, even so, the Soviet league's all-time top scorer with more than 200 goals to his credit. Could have been a star sprinter if he had not favoured football and one of his friends is Valeri Borzov, the former Olympic double sprint gold medallist.

• **Vadim YEVTUSHENKO**. Forward. Aged 29/8 caps. On fringe of the Kiev squad for several years but only lately able to gain a regular place in the team. He scored Kiev's third goal in the Cup-winners' Cup final victory over Atletico Madrid. Made his international debut in a 2-0 win over Poland in the European championship qualifiers in October, 1983.

• **Igor BELANOV**. Forward. Aged 26 (born September 25, 1960)/15 caps. Current European Footballer of the Year, the third Soviet to achieve this honour after Lev Yashin and Blokhin. Belanov was another late choice for the World Cup finals in Mexico. Called up by Malofeyev originally, he played badly in the draw with Finland which was the Soviets' last pre-Mexico work-out and probably owed his place in the squad to Lobanovsky's arrival. Yet he turned out to be the outstanding Soviet player in the finals, scoring that superb, but luckless, second round hat-trick in the thrilling extra-time defeat by Belgium.

• **Oleg MOROZOV**. Forward. Aged 26. Signed early this year from relegated Chernomorets Odessa. Seen as a successor to Blokhin, having starred in attack for the Soviet Olympic and B teams.

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THE CHAMPIONS CUP

KIER RADNEDGE LOOKS AT THE EUROPEAN CUP FIRST ROUND MATCHES

• When the draw was made back in the summer for the first round of the European Cup one tie above all thrilled the continent. That was the head-on clash of Real Madrid with Diego Maradona's Napoli: the world's greatest all-time club against the world's greatest current player.

The confrontation — with the first leg being played behind closed doors in Madrid because of hooligan violence there last season — has possibly been worth up to £3 million... even allowing for the fact that no fans were allowed in at Madrid two weeks ago when Real forced a two-goal lead.

But while all the hyperbole had led up to that one match, it was another tie down in Latin Europe which has since occupied most of the column inches devoted to international football in the foreign media.

The meeting in Lisbon of famous Benfica with the little-known Albanians of Partizani from Tirana sent shock waves through the game since no fewer than FOUR Albanians were sent off in a 4-0 defeat in Lisbon's Stadium of Light. Now, in a major UEFA crackdown, all four have been suspended for long sentences and their club, Partizani, have been kicked out of this season's competition.

For Benfica, this controversial triumph served to distract attention from their worst start for years to the domestic season: they went into action against Partizani having just lost an unheard-of two successive home games under new Danish boss Ebbe Skovdahl. It even took a Partizani own goal, from defender Arjan Hametaj, to give the Portuguese champions the lead in the 35th minute.

Then suddenly, the Albanians lost their nerve.

Goalkeeper Perlat Musta, national team captain and footballer of the year, was sent off by Spanish referee Jose Donato Pes Perez for a vicious act of retaliation and retribution after being fouled by Benfica forward Rui Aguas. Defender Niko Frasherri was banished for protesting at Musta's expulsion!

Midfielder Tomori took over temporarily in goal and the angry Albanian Nine held out until, with only eight minutes remaining, Benfica's new Brazilian centre-back, Jos Mozer, headed a second goal.

Hametaj was sent off for a bad foul and with Partizani now reduced to eight men Aguas headed a third goal and then Ilir Lame, who had been booked earlier, was sent off in tears by Spanish referee Pes Perez for a further offence. In the tenth minute (!) of overtime Aguas scored No 4.

UEFA's control and disciplinary commission held an emergency meeting



CHAMPIONS' CUP —

First Round —
First Leg Results

Rapid Vienna 6
v Hamrun Spartans (Malta) 0
FC Porto (Portugal; holders) 3
v Vardar Skopje (Yug) 0
Kiev Dynamo (Soviet Union) 1
v RANGERS 0
Bordeaux (France) 2
v Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 0
Benfica (Portugal) 4
v Partizan Tirana (Albania) 0
Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 4
v CSKA Sredets (Bulgaria) 0
Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 4
v MTK Budapest (Hungary) 0
Malmö FF (Sweden) 0
v Anderlecht (Belgium) 1
Real Madrid (Spain) 2
v Napoli (Italy) 0
Neuchâtel Xamax (Switzerland) 5
v Kuusysi Lahti (Finland) 0
PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 3
v Galatasaray (Turkey) 0
Fram Reykjavik (Iceland) 0
v Sparta Praha (Czechoslovakia) 2
Olympiakos (Greece) 1
v Gornik Zabrze (Poland) 1
Shamrock Rovers (Eire) 0
v Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 1
Aarhus (Denmark) 4
v Jeunesse d'Esch (Luxembourg) 1
Lillestrom (Norway) 1
v Linfield (Northern Ireland) 1

the following Sunday and handed out instant punishment.

Partizani were expelled from the Champions' Cup so the return leg against Benfica in Tirana was cancelled. They were also banned from playing in the next European competition for which they qualify in the next five years. In a statement, UEFA described the conduct of the Albanians' officials, players and substitutes as "reprehensible".

Ironically a major factor in Partizani's Albanian championship triumph last season was the imposition by their domestic federation of points penalties on main rivals Dinamo, Nentori and Flamurtari for poor disciplinary records.

As for the four players: Musta was suspended from UEFA club competitions for five years, for "kicking a Benfica player in the stomach, insulting the referee and inciting his team-mates to revolt"; Frasherri and Lame were both suspended for four years for spitting at the referee; and Hametaj was banned for two years for throwing an ice cube at Pes Perez.

Coincidentally, the record for a UEFA disciplinary suspension is held by an Albanian: Astrit Ramadani, who was barred for ten years earlier this year for attacking an opponent in an under-21 game against Rumania.

But hooligans — on the pitch or those off it — did not steal the show entirely in the European Cup's first salvoes. There are plenty of threatening club names around. Bayern Munich, for instance, three times winners in the 1970s and runners-up last season, thrashed the awkward Bulgarians of CSKA Sofia by 4-0. New centre-forward discovery Jürgen Wegmann scored two of the goals.

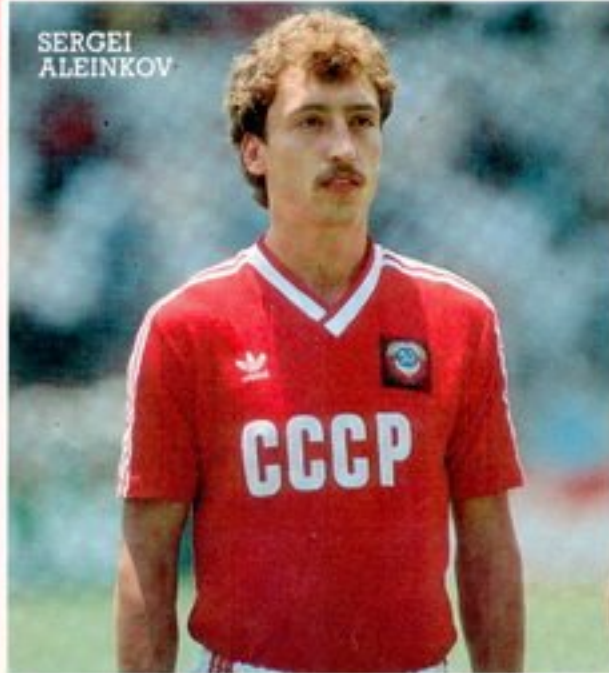
Another double fell to French World Cup midfielder Jean-Marc Ferreri in Bordeaux's 2-0 defeat of Dynamo Berlin, and yet another to the Algerian star of reigning champions, FC Porto, Rabah Madjer. He scored two opportunist goals in the 3-0 defeat of the hapless Yugoslavs from Vardar Skopje.

Porto may have lost star youngster Paolo Futre to Atletico Madrid. But Fernando Gomes, former European top-scoring award-winner, is fit again after a leg break last spring. And in defence the rock-like Brazilian Celso has been joined by a compatriot, Geraldão, who captained Brazil in the 1-1 draw against England at Wembley earlier this year.

Porto were surprise winners of the European Cup last term. Now, with their defence strengthened, they could turn out to be not only a team to watch, but THE team to watch.

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STATISTICS UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY 26th SEPT

FINE FARE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE 1987/88

		Home					Away					
	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Hearts	9	4	0	0	10	3	3	1	1	7	4	15
2. Celtic	9	3	1	0	8	3	3	1	1	7	2	14
3. Aberdeen	9	3	1	0	8	2	2	3	0	8	5	14
4. Rangers	9	4	1	0	18	2	1	0	3	1	4	11
5. Dundee	9	1	1	2	7	6	3	0	2	13	6	9
6. St. Mirren	9	2	2	1	6	4	1	1	2	4	5	9
7. Hibernian	9	2	1	2	3	7	1	2	1	8	8	9
8. Dundee United	9	2	2	1	8	4	0	2	2	3	8	8
9. Dunfermline	9	2	1	2	9	7	0	2	2	1	10	7
10. Motherwell	9	1	0	4	3	7	1	1	2	3	6	5
11. Falkirk	9	0	2	2	2	6	1	0	4	4	13	4
12. Morton	9	1	1	2	8	12	0	0	5	4	19	3

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	LEAGUE	CUPS
	App	Gls
Butcher	5	4
Cohen	2(1)	1
Cooper	4(1)	3(1)
Durant	8(1)	5
Falco	5(1)	4
Ferguson	4	3
Fleck	4(4)	2
Francis	3	1
Kirkwood	3	1(1)
McCall	4(1)	—
McCoist	9	11
McFarlane	1	—
McGregor	6(2)	—
Munro	4	2
Nicholl	8	5
Nisbet	—(1)	—
Phillips	8	5
Roberts	7	5
Souness	5(1)	1
West	—(1)	—
Woods	9	5
Own Goal	1	1

(Figures in brackets indicate appearances as substitute)



Derek Ferguson

PREMIER STATISTICS 1987/88

Highest Attendances:
60,800 Celtic v Rangers, 29 Aug
39,749 Rangers v Dunfermline, 12 Sept

Lowest Attendance:
2,656 Motherwell v Dundee, 26 Sept

Highest Home Wins:
Rangers 7 Morton 0, 26 Sept
Dundee 5 Dunfermline 0, 29 Aug

Highest Away Wins:
Morton 0 Celtic 4, 8 Aug
Hibernian 0 Dundee 4, 15 Aug

Most Goals in a Match:
4 Tommy Coyne (Dundee) v Dunfermline
3 Ally McCoist (Rangers) v Falkirk, Dunfermline & Morton
3 Mark Falco (Rangers) v Morton

Leading Scorers:
11 Ally McCoist (Rangers)
9 Tommy Coyne (Dundee)
7 John Robertson (Hearts)
6 John Colquhoun (Hearts)
5 Andy Walker (Celtic)
4 Davie Dodds (Aberdeen)
4 Mark Falco (Rangers)
4 Joe Miller (Aberdeen)
4 Billy Stark (Celtic)
3 Rowan Alexander (Morton)
3 John Brown (Dundee)
3 John Collins (Hibs)
3 Willie Falconer (Aberdeen)
3 Eric Ferguson (Dunfermline)
3 Paul Kane (Hibs)
3 Mark McGhee (Celtic)
3 Ian Redford (Dundee Utd)
3 Craig Robertson (Dunfermline)
3 Paul Sturrock (Dundee Utd)
3 Keith Wright (Dundee)

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	F.A.	Att.	Pts
Aug 8	Dundee United	H	1-1	39,120
Aug 12	Hibernian	A	0-1	22,000
Aug 15	Aberdeen	A	0-2	22,500
Aug 19	Stirling Albion (Skel2)	A	2-1	13,000
Aug 22	Falkirk	H	4-0	32,340
Aug 26	Dunfermline (Skel3)	A	4-1	18,070
Aug 29	Celtic	A	0-1	60,800
Sept 2	Hearts (Skel4)	H	4-1	39,303
Sept 5	Dundee	H	2-1	38,302
Sept 12	Dunfermline Athletic	H	4-0	39,749
Sept 16	Dynamo Kiev (EC 1)	A	0-1	100,000
Sept 19	Motherwell	A	1-0†	19,480
Sept 23	Motherwell (Skel SF) - Hampden	3-1†	45,938	
Sept 26	Morton	H	7-0	35,843
Sept 30	Dynamo Kiev (EC 1)	H		
Oct 3	Hearts	A		
Oct 6	St. Mirren	H		
Oct 10	Dundee United	A		
Oct 17	Celtic	H		
Oct 21	European Cup Rnd 2 (1st leg)			
Oct 25	Aberdeen (Skel Cup Final) - Hampden			
Oct 27	Dunfermline	A		
Oct 31	Motherwell	H		
Nov 4	European Cup Rnd 2 (2nd leg)			
Nov 7	Hibernian	H		
Nov 14	St. Mirren	A		
Nov 17	Aberdeen	H		
Nov 21	Falkirk	A		
Nov 24	Morton	A		
Nov 28	Hearts	H		
Dec 5	Dundee United	H		
Dec 12	Hibernian	A		
Dec 15	Dunfermline	H		
Dec 19	Motherwell	A		
Dec 26	Dundee	H		
Jan 2	Celtic	A		
Jan 9	Morton	H		
Jan 16	Hearts	A		
Jan 23	Falkirk	H		
Jan 30	Scottish Cup Rnd 3			
Feb 6	Aberdeen	A		
Feb 13	St. Mirren	H		
Feb 20	Scottish Cup Rnd 4			
Feb 27	Dundee United	A		
Mar 5	Dunfermline	A		
Mar 12	Motherwell (SC SF)	H		
Mar 19	Celtic	H		
Mar 26	Dundee	A		
Apr 2	Hearts	H		
Apr 9	Morton (SC S.F.)	A		
Apr 16	Hibernian	H		
Apr 23	St. Mirren	A		
Apr 30	Aberdeen	H		
May 7	Falkirk	A		
May 14	Scottish Cup Final			
TBA	Dundee	A		

1987/88 — RESULTS, ATTENDANCES, APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

Date	Opposition	F.A.	Att.	Pts	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	Ferguson	McGregor	Cohen	Kirkwood	Falco	McCoist	Phillips	Cooper	Fleck(7)	Durant(10)
Aug 12	Hibernian	A	0-1	22,000	Woods	McFarlane	Munro	Kirkwood	McGregor	Cohen	Fleck	Falco	McCoist	Durant	Phillips	Nisbet(7)	West(6)
Aug 15	Aberdeen	A	0-2	22,500	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	McGregor	Butcher	Kirkwood	Souness	McCoist	Durant	Phillips	Fleck(7)	Falco(3)
Aug 19	Stirling Albion (Skel2)	A	2-1	13,000	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Kirkwood	Falco	McCoist	Durant	Phillips	McGregor(7)	West
Aug 22	Falkirk	H	4-0	32,340	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Ferguson	Falco	McCoist	Durant	Cooper	McGregor(4)	Fleck(7)
Aug 26	Dunfermline (Skel3)	A	4-1	18,070	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	Butcher	Ferguson	Falco	McCoist	Durant	Cooper	McGregor(5)	Fleck(7)
Aug 29	Celtic	A	0-1	60,800	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Souness	McGregor	Ferguson	Falco	McCoist	Durant	Cooper	McCall(11)	Cohen
Sept 2	Hearts (Skel4)	H	4-1	39,303	Woods	Nicholl	Munro	Roberts	Phillips	McGregor	Ferguson	Fleck	McCoist	Durant	Cooper	Cohen(7)	Falco
Sept 5	Dundee	H	2-1	38,302	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Souness	McGregor	Durant	Fleck	McCoist	McCall	Cooper	Cohen	Falco
Sept 12	Dunfermline Athletic	H	4-0	39,749	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	Ferguson	Butcher	Francis	Fleck	McCoist	McCall	Durant	Souness(11)	Cooper(9)
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Sept 26	Morton	H	7-0	35,843	Woods	Nicholl	Phillips	Roberts	McGregor	Butcher	Francis	Falco	McCoist	McCall	Durant	Cohen(4)	Fleck(11)
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Robert Fleck nips in between two Motherwell defenders to direct a shot on goal.



Players names in bold type denote goalscorers. Figures in brackets after the substitutes names indicate the player replaced. † denotes opposition 'own goal'.

● The season couldn't have started better on the park for Ally McCoist.

Up to Saturday's game with Morton he had hit the net no fewer than sixteen times with September still not out – and that includes three hat-tricks and two goals for his country.

The hat-tricks came against Dunfermline, twice, and Falkirk, and the two against Hungary at Hampden broke a particularly barren spell for strikers in Scotland jerseys.

But ask him why the goals should be flowing so freely and he has to look hard for an answer.

"I can't really put my finger on it, I think it's just the way it has happened," he says.

The goals against Hungary, though, were as important for Scotland as they were for McCoist.

He has played seven times for his country – five full matches and two as substitute – and the brace at Hampden must have pleased national boss Andy Roxburgh who has been looking for more from his front men.

Says McCoist: "To be fair we have been playing reasonably well in the past few games without scoring, which I suppose isn't good enough.

"It was good to get the goals against Hungary and it

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ALLY McCOIST



was a bonus that they came from a forward."

Scotland's chance in the European Championship looks gone but McCoist believes there is still plenty to play for especially with the build up to the next World Cup to come.

Closer to home the twenty-five year old, (his birthday was last Thursday) is looking forward to helping Rangers retain the league title and more immediately winning the Skol Cup.

He sees no reason why the club shouldn't do both.

"This is certainly the best team I have played in in my four and a half years here. The wind ups are brilliant and the lads are as good off the field as they are on it.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can win the league again. It's going to be a very good league this year, but we are a very good team."

Even more pressing than October 25th's meeting with Aberdeen at Hampden is the little matter of a European Cup tie against Dynamo Kiev.

McCoist came so close to adding to his goals tally in the first leg after a brilliant first half run ended with the ball just running away from him yards from goal.

"I was sick, because after I had turned the defender for the second time I thought it was the goalkeeper's ball. But he just stayed on his line and I just had to stick my leg out and hope."

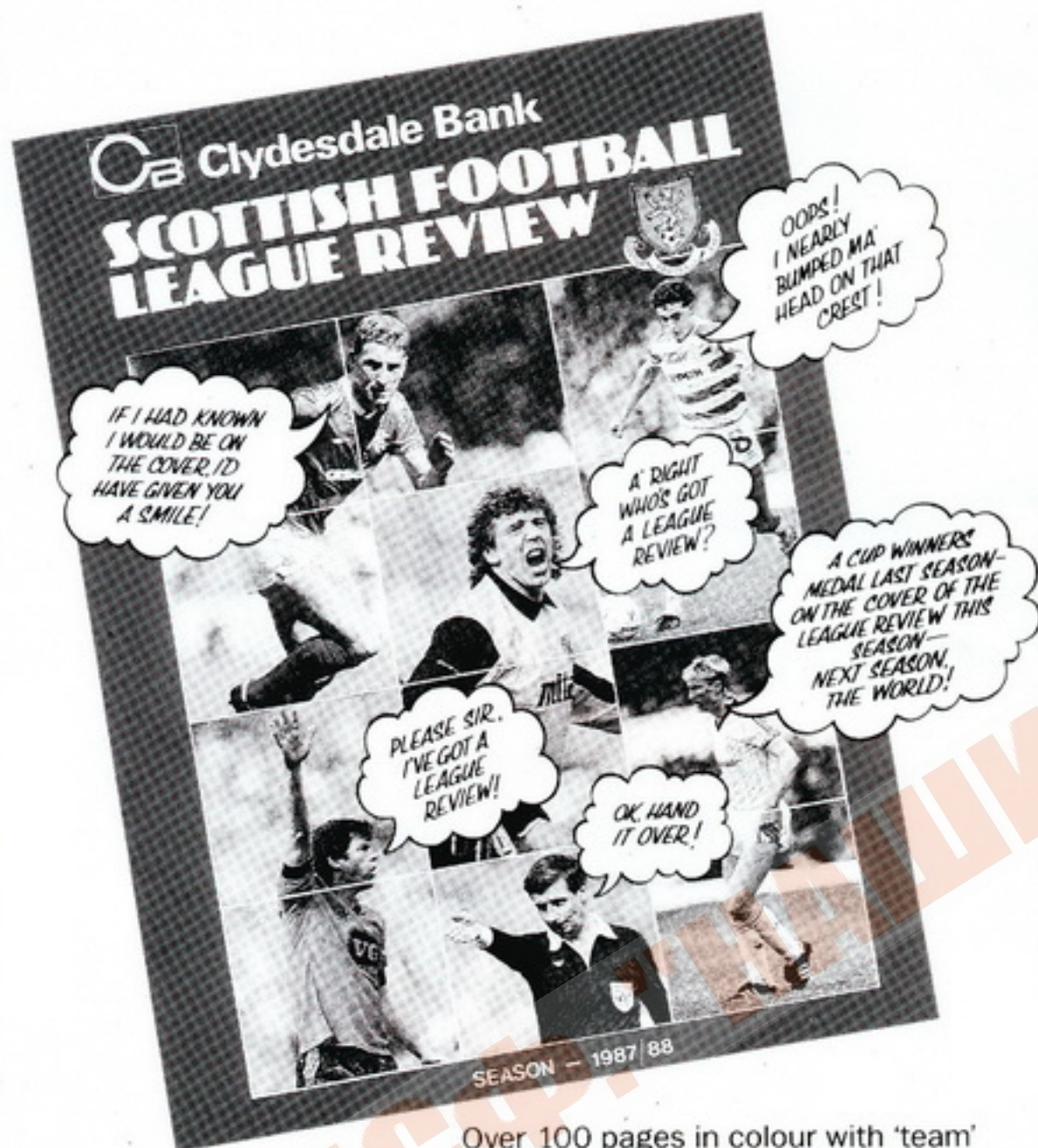
And while a single goal defeat was no mean achievement in the Soviet Union, McCoist is taking nothing for granted in tonight's home leg.

"I honestly think they could be more dangerous. We'll have to watch them very carefully.

"It's not going to be one way traffic because they'll be very good on the break and they've got some class players".

McCoist's not short of class himself and if anyone can find a way through to the Kiev goal tonight he can.





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RESERVE REPORT

● Our reserves slammed in 10 goals in two games in the space of 48 hours!

Saturday, September 19 saw Motherwell visit Ibrox and our second eleven recorded their first Premier Reserve League win of the season in convincing style.

We won 5-0 and coach Peter McCloy was naturally delighted with the performance.

John Spencer opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he shot home from 18-yards out and in the 33rd minute it was 2-0, Gary McSwegan firing home from close range after a Mark Falco shot had been parried by the 'Well keeper.

Falco himself got on the scoresheet a minute into the second half, following good work from McSwegan, to grab number three.

Gary scored his 10th goal of the season in the 65th minute to make it 4-0 after a lung-bursting run from one end of the field to the other by skipper Scott Nisbet.

The scoring was completed in the 80th minute when Stuart Munro crossed from the left and David MacFarlane rose to bullet in a header from eight yards.

RANGERS: Walker, Cohen, Trialist, Nisbet, Kirkwood, Thomson, McPherson, McSwegan, Falco, Spencer, Munro. Subs: MacFarlane (for McSwegan) and

Milligan (not used).

On the Sunday (September 20), it was down to Ayrshire to take part in a benefit match for Helen Strocki, the Scots girl whose foot was tragically blown off in a bomb blast in Tunisia.

We took on the junior side, Maybole, and recorded another 5-0 win in front of 3,500 appreciative fans.

Mark Falco and Jim Milligan gave us a 2-0 half-time lead and in the second half goals from John McGregor (penalty), John Spencer and Gary McSwegan completed the scoring.

Experienced lads like Mark Falco, Robert Fleck, Stuart Munro and John McGregor all volunteered to take part in what was a real family afternoon.

The team was: L. Hamilton, McPherson, Trialist, Nisbet, Kirkwood, MacFarlane, Milligan, Fleck, Falco, McPherson, Munro. Subs: Henderson (for Fleck), Spencer (for Falco), McSwegan (for Munro), Thomson (for McPherson) and P. Hamilton (for Milligan).

Our BP Youth Cup side were in action on Sunday (September 27) when they took on Wigtown at the Albion in a Preliminary Round tie.

We'll have full details of the match in our next report.



YOUNG GERS

No 8 -

ANGUS MCPHERSON

Date of birth: October 11, 1968

Birthplace: Glasgow

Height: 5ft 11ins

Weight: 10st 4lbs

● Angus signed schoolboy forms with Rangers at the age of 14 and is currently in the second year of a two-year contract which he hopes will lead to a new, fully professional deal at Ibrox.

A schoolboy and youth international, the Lenzie-based player started life as a midfielder although he has looked the part in defence since being switched to right-back by Peter McCloy.

Admitted himself that his form last season wasn't as good as he wanted, Angus has started this season well and was one of the key players in the under-19 team which won the Casale Monferrato Youth Tournament.

His biggest moment so far with Rangers came when he was a part of the side which won the Glasgow Cup at Parkhead last season and he's looking for more moments like that one.



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The Lone Ranger – Ally McCoist proves a handful for the Motherwell defence at Hampden.



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ANGLO REPORT

BY MEL HENDERSON

● I recall writing a glowing report on striker Duncan Shearer after I'd seen him in action last season.

It doesn't surprise me in the least, therefore, to hear that several clubs are keen to snap him up from Huddersfield, even if the £500,000 asking price is more than slightly over the top.

Leeds and Aberdeen have both been mentioned so far and it would be ironic if the red-haired forward returned north of the border after leaving Inverness Clachnacuddin four years ago for Chelsea as something of an unknown.

Huddersfield are not enjoying the best of luck in the Second Division, having only saved themselves from the drop with a late run last term that hauled them into 17th position. Shearer's contribution was vital - 21 goals from an ever-present 42 games.

He's been among the goals again the current campaign and Huddersfield will have to decide what they need most - Shearer's scoring ability or the money.

● The other footballing member of the Shearer clan, David, won himself a place in the record books recently.

The Gillingham striker made a two-goal contribution towards his side's biggest-ever victory - the 10-0 whitewash of Third Division rivals Chesterfield.

Just seven days earlier the Gills had slammed Southend 8-1 and after reaching the play-offs last season it seems they're determined to go one better this time round.

Spare a thought, however, for Chesterfield 'keeper Jim Brown, capped once by Scotland in 1975. He was at Sheffield United at the time after launching his career with Albion Rovers.

He suffered a pulled hamstring at Gillingham in the early stages - and must have had a sore back by the end, not to mention a hurt pride.

Incredible as it may seem, Chesterfield hadn't conceded a goal until their visit to Kent and were also above Gillingham in the table!

● I have an apology to make for being behind the times with a recent item concerning former Rangers player Phil Bonnyman.

I mentioned that Phil was assistant manager at Grimsby but in fact he occupies that role at Darlington, while at the same time continuing his playing career in the middle of the park.

Phil switched clubs recently to team up with former Grimsby boss Dave Booth, now in charge at Darlington, and I wouldn't be surprised if the Quakers, relegated from the Third Division last season, shake a few opponents in the months ahead.

● One of the reasons Sunderland seem likely to push for promotion from the Third Division this season is the presence of Scottish defender John MacPhail.

The former Dundee player, now 31, was a summer purchase from Bristol City where he spent just one season. He originally came south from Dens Park in 1978 to Sheffield United and four years later moved to York.

Sunderland's new manager, Denis Smith, was in charge at York before taking up the Roker Park challenge and he knew the effect MacPhail would have on his side.

It seems to be working and the big centre-half even managed to score twice in a game this season to emphasise his tremendous value to the side.



● The season may still be in its infancy but former Scotland striker Andy Gray (pictured above) is already with his third club.

Aston Villa's fearless forward spent the first month on loan to Notts County and then switched to West Bromwich Albion on a similar basis when Ron Atkinson resumed control at The Hawthorns.

He was on target twice on his Albion debut at Plymouth - the game ended 3-3 - but drew a blank in his second game when his temporary teammates slumped 2-0 at home to Villa.

It seems the bold Andy has no future at Villa, where new manager Graham Taylor's slow start gave him every excuse to give Andy a game.

Next stop Albion on a permanent basis?



TWO FACES OF ALLY McCOIST

Above: Determination, as he takes on the Motherwell backline. Below: Despair, as he watches his effort go narrowly wide. Former Ibrox man Craig Paterson is the relieved defender.



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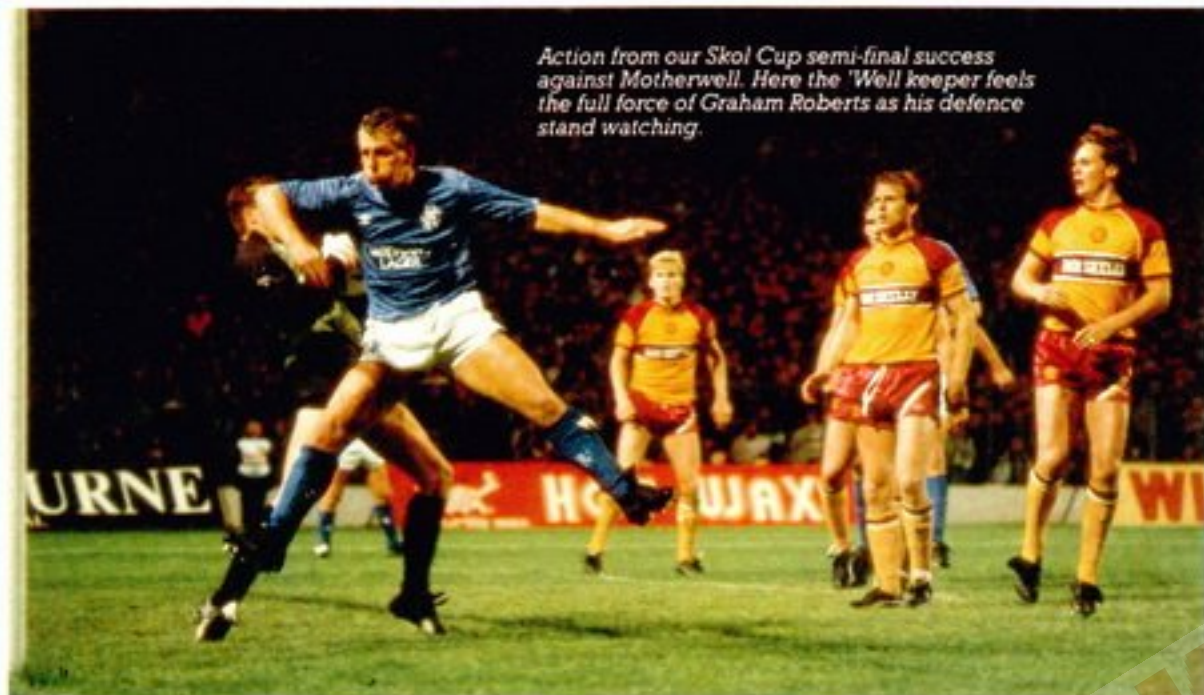
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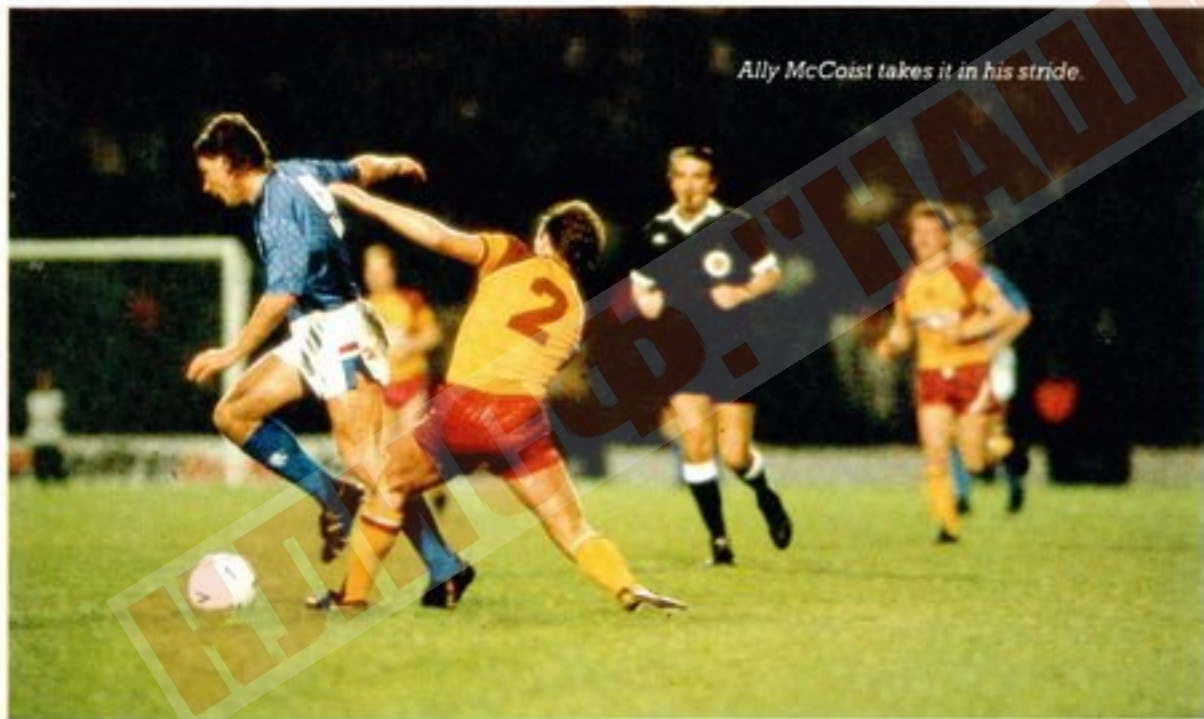
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Ally McCoist takes it in his stride.



Mark Falco clinches Rangers' place in the Final with his late goal...



...and it's celebration time.



Robert Fleck earlier had reason to celebrate. He put Rangers ahead just before half-time.

PERSONAL POINTS

No. 7 -

ROBERT FLECK

Name the player you most admire: My team-mate, Davie Cooper, he has such tremendous skill.

Best goal you've scored and how? An overhead kick against Hearts last season, a game we won 5-2.

Best goal you've seen scored? Davie Cooper's winner in the League Cup Semi-Final second against Hibernian.

Your best pals? I count all of my team-mates as good friends.

Your best sporting moment outside football? I had the honour of meeting up with snooker star Joe Johnson recently.

Any superstitions? I try to make sure that I'm last out of the tunnel when we go out onto the pitch.

What scares you? Nothing in particular.

What makes your blood boil? I try not to let anything get to me that much.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day? Motor racing ace Nigel Mansell.

Is there another job you would like to do? No, I love my football too much.

Your idea of a perfect holiday spot? Cyprus, it's so relaxing there.

What was your first car? A Ford Escort.



What car do you drive now? The same Ford Escort.

Your favourite possession? My League Championship medal.

Your best subject at school? PE.

The subject you hated most? I was never too keen on history.

Biggest risk you've taken in your life? Trying to teach my wife to drive.

Finally, if you could be a fly on the wall, where would you most like to be? In the manager's office when he's picking the team.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP FINALS

1956 in Paris	4	Stade Reims	3
1957 in Madrid	2	Florentina	0
1958 in Brussels	3	AC Milan	2
1959 in Stuttgart	2	Stade de Reims	0
1960 in Glasgow	7	Eintracht Frankfurt	3
1961 in Bern	3	Barcelona	2
1962 in Amsterdam	5	Real Madrid	2
1963 in London	2	Benfica	1
1964 in Vienna	3	Real Madrid	1
1965 in Milan	1	Benfica	0
1966 in Brussels	2	Partizan Belgrade	1
1967 in Lisbon	2	Inter Milan	1
1968 in London	4	Benfica	1
1969 in Madrid	4	Ajax	1
1970 in Milan	2	Celtic	1
1971 in London	2	Panathinaikos	0
1972 in Rotterdam	2	Inter Milan	0
1973 in Belgrade	1	Juventus	0
1974 in Brussels	4	Atletico Madrid	0
1975 in Paris	2	Leeds United	0
1976 in Glasgow	1	St. Etienne	0
1977 in Rome	3	Borussia M'bach	1
1978 in London	1	Bruges	0
1979 in Munich	1	Malmö	0
1980 in Madrid	1	SV Hamburg	0
1981 in Paris	1	Real Madrid	0
1982 in Rotterdam	1	Bayern Munich	0
1983 in Athens	1	Juventus	0
1984 in Rome	1	AS Roma	1
(Liverpool won on penalties)			
1985 in Brussels	1	Liverpool	0
1986 in Seville	0	Barcelona	0
(Bucharest won on penalties)			
1987 in Vienna	2	Bayern Munich	1
FC Porto			

TOPIC

A LOOK AT THE LIGHT BLUES EXPLOITS IN EUROPE

• Rangers go into tonight's match with Kiev knowing that they desperately need to win and go on to carve out a good run in the European Cup if they are to regain their former status in this Europe's number one competition.

For when it comes to taking part in the European Cup, Rangers record is not what it should be.

Yet when ranged alongside the stirring deeds of the Ibrox club's history in the European Cup Winners' Cup it makes strange reading. For in that competition nobody but nobody has a better record than Rangers.

When the Top Tens in the various European competitions were compiled for the latest edition of 'World Soccer' Rangers were right up there at the very top of the Cup Winners' Cup tree.

Rangers share the top spot as joint number ones in the Cup Winners' Cup with Barcelona. Both clubs have played an astonishing 54 matches in the competition. The Spaniards have won 32 games while Rangers have been victors 27 times. Barcelona have lost 13 games and Rangers gone under 16 times.

The team from the Nou Camp Stadium have won the trophy twice with Rangers taking it on one occasion.

It was back in 1960 that Rangers entered the first ever Cup Winners' Cup tourney and made their way right through to the final. On the way there the mighty Wolves, strongly tipped as the trophy winners, were beaten in the semi-finals.

However when Rangers faced up to Fiorentina of Italy in what was then a two legged final they came unstuck as a veteran of Sweden's World Cup team from 1958 called Kurt Hamrin took them apart and the Italians won 4-1 on aggregate.

In 1967, after beating holders Borussia Dortmund, Rangers were beaten 1-0 in extra time in the final by Bayern Munich.

Rangers had to wait until 1972 for revenge when it was Bayern they beat in the semi final to set up their never to be forgotten 3-2 final triumph over Moscow Dynamo in Barcelona.

But that was 15 years ago and

since then the fortunes of Rangers have had only one boost in the tough arena of European football.

That came under the guidance of John Greig in season 1978-79 and it was in the European Cup.

Nobody gave Rangers much of a chance when they were drawn to play star-studded Juventus in the first round and even after holding them to only 1-0 in Turin Rangers were not given much hope.

However at Ibrox an inspired performance and goals from Alex MacDonald and Gordon Smith brought victory.

In the next round PSV Eindhoven got the goalless draw at Ibrox which seemed to set them up for victory at their own ground in Holland where they were previously undefeated in Europe.

That victory seemed assured when they scored first. But Rangers were inspired and a mazy dribble and goal from Bobby Russell was the icing on the cake of a memorable 3-2 win.

It all ended so narrowly in defeat by Germans Cologne in the quarter finals. Since then the Rangers interest in Europe has been over and done with before Christmas.

Which is why there is no place for the Ibrox men in the all time top ten in the European Cup.

And no place either in the top ten which takes into account the records of teams playing in all competitions in Europe.

The number one club in the European Cup is hardly surprisingly Real Madrid with six European Cups. They are also top of the pops in all tourneys with a grand total of eight trophies.

In the UEFA Cup the top outfit is Cologne while Dundee United keep the Scottish flag flying in fourth spot.

But it is to the European Cup Rangers must look. And a victory tonight to carry them forward would be a great step towards restoring their image in a cup which once saw them reach the semi final.

But that was all of 27 years ago. If Rangers want to climb into that top ten then now is the hour.