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1923 TO 1934



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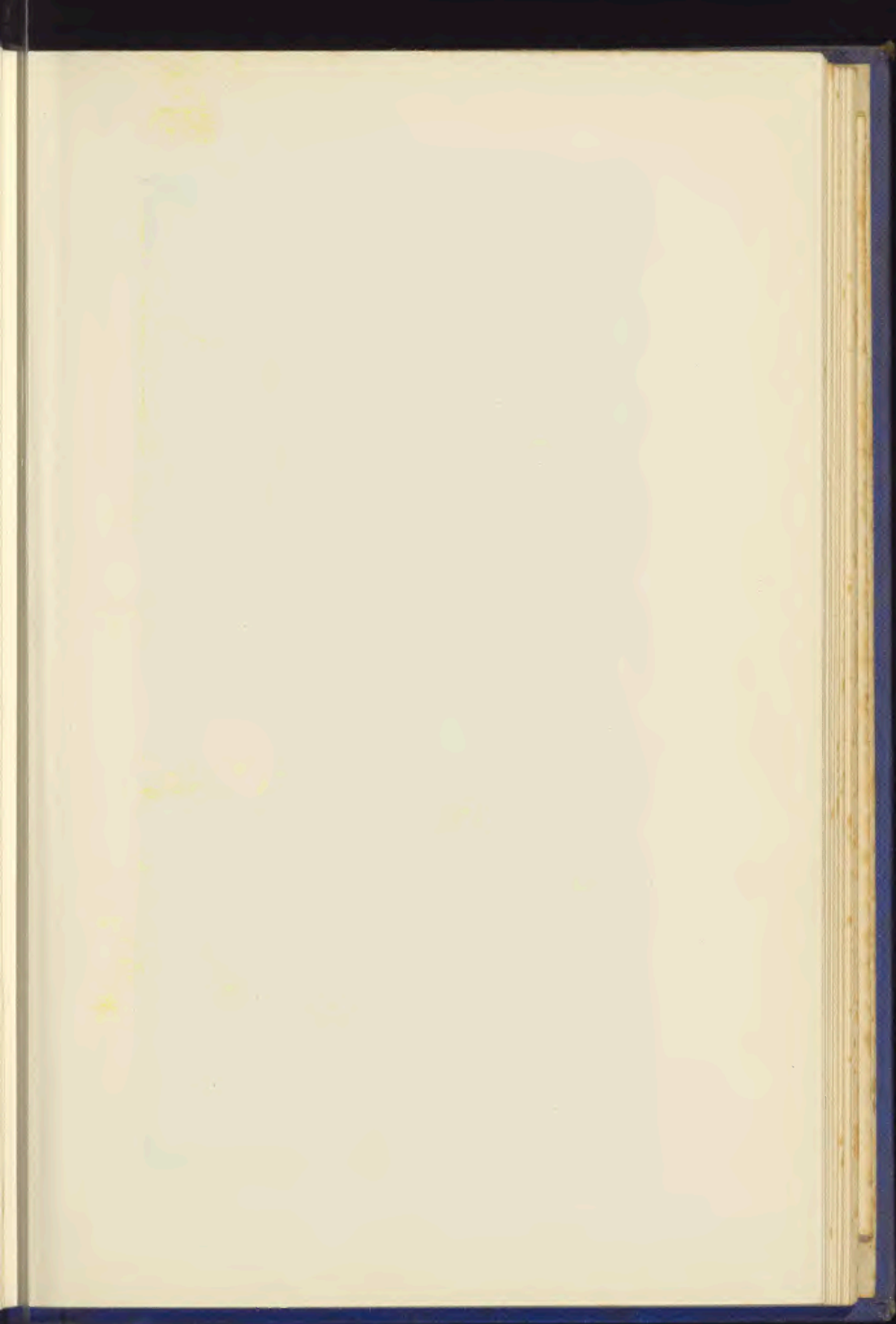
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W H Y ?

WHY has this story been written ? In 1923, when the Rangers were fifty years old, "The Story of the Rangers " was chronicled. Eleven years have passed. These have been wonderful years for the Rangers. I think facts will be found to justify the statement that, in the history of football, no club has achieved such wonderful things as stand to the credit of the Rangers over the period from 1923 to 1934. Miracles happen here no oftener than in other places, yet there is something almost miraculous in the supremely high level of accomplishment maintained in the span of these eleven seasons. On the mere balance of chance it would appear far beyond possibility. But it has all happened. That is why this story has been written. It is meant to serve as a compendium to the tale of The First Fifty Years, which, we have reason to know, has been absorbed by good Rangers men in all parts of the world.

Let us survey the achievements since the historic day, 61 years ago, when the band of Gareloch boys conferred together on Glasgow Green, and decided to form a football team to be named the Rangers. Up to the end of season 1933-34, the club had played in :—

17 Scottish Cup Finals,	- - Won	8
31 Glasgow Cup Finals,	- - „	21
33 Charity Cup Finals,	- - „	19

In the last eleven seasons Rangers have played in :—

5 Scottish Cup Finals,	- - Won	4
9 Glasgow Cup Finals,	- - „	6
10 Charity Cup Finals,	- - „	8

Rangers have won 21 Scottish League Championships, including one jointly with Dumbarton in 1890-91, the first season of the competition. In season 1904-5, they aggregated the same number of points as Celtic, and, under the present

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system of deciding by goal average, would have gained another flag. In a play-off, Celtic won. During the last eleven seasons, Rangers have been champions nine times. In season 1925-6, when practically every player in the team suffered at one time or other from injury, they took sixth position, the lowest in their career, while in 1931-2 they were second to Motherwell.

Here is a table which shows that only twice since the League began have Rangers occupied a position lower than fourth :—

Position.	Seasons.
Champions, - - - - -	21
Runners-up, - - - - -	9
Third, - - - - -	9
Fourth, - - - - -	3
Fifth, - - - - -	1
Sixth, - - - - -	1

From the 1,366 League matches played since the start, 2,075 points have been obtained, the greatest of any club. In season 1898-99, Rangers won every League match, a feat never equalled.

All these are wonderful figures, yet some might say the greatest achievements remain to be recorded, for did not the Rangers team of 1929-30 capture the League championship and the three cups ! and the team of 1933-34 emulate them, to create another record for Scotland ! Nor should we forget that in 1929-30 the second team won the Scottish Second Eleven Cup and the Scottish Alliance. Everything that could possibly be won, was won.

If Rangers have been fond of doing something for themselves, they have, likewise, been of service to their country. Upon Rangers players 550 International honours have been conferred. This is unique.

And now, what man has done, man may do. But who would dare to look for a repetition of these things ? Those who live will see. And so to the tale.

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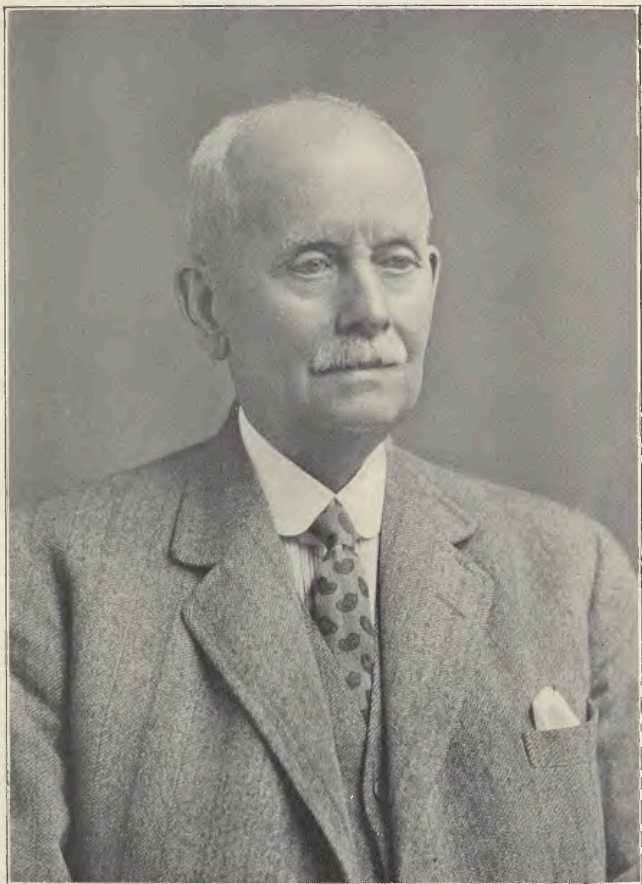
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EX-BAILIE DUNCAN GRAHAM, J.P., O.B.E.,

Appointed Chairman, 4th October, 1932.

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1923—1924

The League Again—Scottish Cup Hoodoo—Hibernian
the Slayers—Glasgow Cup Held—Big Tam and
“Tully” Craig—Valuable Service—The Reaper at
Work.

THIS was a good season and a bad season for the Rangers. The winning of the League Championship and the Glasgow Cup would have been considered pleasant picking by most clubs, but the Rangers were aiming at something bigger. They wanted that old Scottish Cup which, for so many years, had played will o' the wisp with them. And the old cup was at its tricks again. The hoodoo persisted. Rangers were romping the League when the Scottish Cup campaign opened. Immediately the light was focused on Ibrox. Would they do the great double at last? Of the merits of the team no one had any doubt, but, equally, everybody was aware of the tragic upsets which had pursued them in the Cup. Lochgelly United and St. Mirren were safely put out of the way in the first and second rounds. Then came Hibernian to Ibrox. Rangers had already won the League match at Easter Road, and had sustained only one League defeat—at Ayr—when Hibernian stepped on to the field at Ibrox. Everything looked rosy, and rosier still when the Rangers captain won the toss and booked a breeze.

But just another little tragedy. For forty-five minutes, almost continuously, the Rangers forwards hammered the Hibernian defence. Harper, their goalkeeper, played a valiant part, and by the interval had been beaten only once. Meiklejohn fired a fast, rising shot, and, with the sun in his eyes, Harper could not follow the flight of the ball. That goal seemed good enough to win, for, so far,

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the Hibernian forwards had been in chains. In the Press box the Edinburgh reporters talked of going home to avoid seeing a Hibernian debacle. They saw something different. There had been a consultation in the Hibernian dressing home. The wind was still blowing strongly. They would make an ally of it. And they did to some purpose.

Going up the old pavilion steps, Arthur Dixon said to Andrew Cunningham, "Andy, I don't like it. A goal lead is not enough in that gale." Willie Miller, the Hibernian centre-half, heard him. Once in the Hibernian dressing room, he told the team, "Boys, we have a big chance here. Get stuck into them and we can draw, and win at Easter Road." A refresher was handed round, and out came the teams for the second half.

Slap dash into it went the green shirts. The Rangers defence became hot and bothered, two vital mistakes were committed, and, while the big crowd looked on in consternation, first Walker and then Murray slipped one past Robb, and Rangers, once again, were out of the Cup. Coming off, Jimmy Dunn said to Tom Muirhead, "Hard lines, Tom; we had backed you to win the Cup." There were no hard lines about it. The tie was virtually thrown away. It was a shock, but there was nothing for it but to settle down and make certain of the League. By a coincidence, the championship was decided by a victory over Hibernian in the return match at Ibrox. Hibernian were a good team this season. They went through to the final, only to lose to Airdrieonians at Ibrox, the scene of their greatest triumph.

As indicative of the strength of the Rangers defence, only 22 goals were lost in 38 League games, while in the three cups, the total surrendered was six. In winning the Glasgow Cup, Queen's Park and Celtic were beaten without

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the loss of a goal. Third Lanark were met in the final, and defeated by 3-1. The teams were :—

Rangers.—Robb ; Manderson and M'Candless ; Meiklejohn, Dixon, and Muirhead ; Archibald, Cunningham, Henderson, Cairns, and Morton.

Third Lanark.—Jarvie ; M'Cormack and Orr ; Caldwell, Wilson, and J. Walker ; Reid, M'Inally, Christie, Frank Walker, and Hillhouse.

Henderson, Archibald, and Muirhead scored the Rangers goals, and M'Inally counted for Third Lanark. With the Glasgow and the League won, not to mention the capture of the Scottish Second Eleven Cup and Scottish Alliance by the second team, there remained the Charity Cup to keep at Ibrox. Rangers went into the final to meet Celtic, at Hampden, with the line-up :—

Rangers.—Robb ; Manderson and M'Candless ; Meiklejohn, Kirkwood and Muirhead ; Archibald, Craig, Henderson, Cairns and Morton.

Celtic.—Shaw ; M'Nair and Hilley ; J. M'Stay, W. M'Stay and M'Farlane ; Connolly, Gallagher, Cassidy, Thomson and M'Grory.

It was a breezy, open game which either could have won. Celtic got home with goals scored by Cassidy and Gallagher against one by Morton. So if the season was not so good as it could have been, neither was it so bad.

Of Association and League honours seventeen were conferred on Rangers players. Archibald, Cunningham, and Morton played in a drawn match with England at Wembley. These three and also Meiklejohn, Muirhead, and Cairns played against the English League, in another draw, Morton scoring the Scottish League's goal.

It was in this season that Tom Hamilton began a distinguished career as a Ranger, which came to a close at

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the end of 1933-4 when he was given a free transfer and the best of wishes by all who had been associated with him. Big Tam, as they affectionately called him at Ibrox, was a cheery companion, never effusive, but possessed of a pawky wit which never offended. His ready smile beamed the character of the man. If things went wrong at his end, he blamed nobody but himself. He was big in size and big in spirit, a rare colleague for those who could go out and trust him to do his allotted work. During his eleven seasons, he played in 399 matches of all kinds. He was the Rangers goalkeeper in five Scottish Cup finals, and four of them were won. He was in five Glasgow Cup finals and two were won. Of the six Charity Cup finals in which he played, all of them were won. In 1933-4, when illness compelled him to lay-off most of the time, he was called upon to take Jerry Dawson's place in the Scottish Cup final against St. Mirren and did not lose a goal. In his five Scottish Cup finals, which embraced seven games, two replays, he lost only four goals, being unbeaten in four of the seven. From the first day on which Big Tam stepped into the League team, he was as sure as iron. I have seen him make some wonderful saves, but I am certain that the greatest save he ever made was in the Scottish Cup final of 1928 against Celtic. Visualise the position. A mammoth crowd, no scoring, the atmosphere tense to breaking point. Connolly, the Celtic outside right races clear of the Rangers defence and unleashes a cross shot which swishes the ball at tremendous speed for the far corner of the net. It was going there for a certainty when Tom Hamilton made the effort of a lifetime. With a sideways spring, he got his right hand to the ball, and diverted it away from the net. A man with less strength of wrist and hand could only have directed it into the net. A mighty cheer arose. The crowd could

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see that the danger was not completely averted, for the ball went to Adam M'Lean, the Celtic outside left, but he hit the outside of the net. But even had M'Lean scored, Big Tam's supreme effort would have been acclaimed the same. That save was a vital incident in this eleven-years' story of Rangers achievement. It was a turning point in the match which Rangers went on to win by 4 goals to 0, and so break the long spell of Scottish Cup misfortune. I give you Tom Hamilton's record of appearances in first and second teams to show how consistently dependable he was:—

TOM HAMILTON.

Matches.			Matches.		
1923-24, -	-	30	1929-30, -	-	52
1924-25, -	-	32	1930-31, -	-	45
1925-26, -	-	37	1931-32, -	-	34
1926-27, -	-	48	1932-33, -	-	21
1927-28, -	-	47	1933-34, -	-	2
1928-29, -	-	51			
Total Matches, 399.					

In this same season there came to Ibrox another who was to make his mark. Tom ("Tully") Craig had seen service with Alloa and Celtic. When at Parkhead he played games at centre forward, but evidently did not come up to expectation. Rangers thought he was good enough for them. He was signed without any bother early in the season, played his first League game against Clyde, at Ibrox, on 24th September, and scored one of the two goals which won the match. From that day he became a regular either as a forward or half-back. The team was not right without him, for he knew how to open up the game when hard pressed, and send the ball away, either right or left, to the best advantage. He was in the 1928 Scottish Cup team, and in the 1930 Final against Partick Thistle he

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scored the winning goal. In 1933-4, when he was utilised principally to set an example to the youngsters in the second team, he was called upon, in emergency, for League and Cup games, and, showing all the old craft, helped materially in the winning of the championship and the "Scottish." Of a happy temperament, Tom Craig was never behind in repartee. When you saw his eyes twinkle, you could guess there was a wisecrack on the way, and, sure enough, he had the whole house laughing. Tom Craig received honours from Association and League, but he valued as much the appreciation of his club which was given in no small measure. He played once against England and Wales, three times against Ireland, and the English League and the Irish League. His service to the Rangers, as you will see from the following record, has been steady and sound :—

TOM CRAIG.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1923-24, -	37	14	1929-30, -	40	2
1924-25, -	28	2	1930-31, -	19	1
1925-26, -	40	2	1931-32, -	9	1
1926-27, -	40	3	1932-33, -	8	1
1927-28, -	45	3	1933-34, -	11	0
1928-29, -	45	9			
Matches, 322.			Goals, 38.		

Season 1923-4 found the Grim Reaper at work in Rangers ranks. Mr. William Craig, the chairman, died suddenly on 20th November, 1923; and Sir John Ure Primrose, who for many years had been a distinguished member of the Board of Directors, passed away on 29th June, 1924. To succeed Mr. Craig as chairman, Mr. Joseph Buchanan was unanimously appointed, and he served in that capacity until shortly before his death on 9th November, 1932. A misfortune of a minor kind was the leg injury

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to the vivacious little Dane, Carl Hansen, who had often delighted Ibrox adherents by the sparkle of his footwork. A leg broken while playing for the second team on 23rd February, 1924, ended his playing career in Scotland, but he recovered well in his native country, and has since represented Denmark in big matches. Hansen was a lovable fellow, popular with everybody. With great regret he severed his connection with Rangers for whom he retains the warmest affection, which is mutual.

And here we sum up the team's Cup doings and the honours gained:—

1923-24.

Scottish Cup.			Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.	
Lochgelly			Queen's Park (A),	3-0	Clyde,	3-0
United (H),			Celtic (H),	1-0	(Celtic Park)	
St. Mirren (A),			Third Lanark (H),	3-1	Partick	
Hibernian (H),					Thistle (H),	1-0
					Celtic	1-2
					(Hampden)	

v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.	v. English League.	v. Irish League.
A. Archibald.	D. Meiklejohn.	A. Cunningham.	D. Meiklejohn.	G. Henderson.
A. Cunningham.	T. Muirhead.	T. Cairns.	T. Muirhead.	
Alan Morton.	A. Archibald.	Alan Morton.	A. Archibald.	
	Alan Morton.		A. Cunningham.	
			T. Cairns.	
			Alan Morton.	

All told, Rangers players gained seventeen representative honours. The greater part of the Scottish League team against the English League was made up of Rangers men, and it was Alan Morton who scored the goal that enabled the Scots to make a good draw. The three who played for Scotland against England, at Wembley, in a team which had few admirers, but which made a valiant stand, contributed generously to a well-merited draw.

1924—1925

March 21.—What Befell—That was a Blow—
Compensations—League and Two Cups Won— George
Henderson's Goals—More Caps.

SOME of you may remember March 21, 1925. Some of us do not remember because we prefer to forget.

But we must face up to it. Castor oil and a beating are hard to take but they both do good at times. What happened on March 21? That was Scottish Cup semi-final day. Folk said Rangers were as good as in the final already. They were meeting Celtic at Hampden. It was easy. Rangers had beaten the old rival in the final of the Glasgow Cup by 4-1 at Parkhead, Captain Tom Cairns calling a halt to the scoring when it was realised the Cup was safe. The Rangers forwards could have gone on and scored as many goals as they liked, for the Celtic defence had gone all wrong. I wonder if Captain Cairns thought of his "no more" order when Celtic scored their fifth on March 21! In the League, also, Rangers had beaten Celtic at Parkhead by 1-0, and at Ibrox by 4-1. So you see why the folk had Rangers in the Scottish Cup final already. Something like 101,714 men, women and boys went out to Hampden to see the execution—and they saw it. But it was Celtic, and not Rangers, who acted executioner. The Scottish Cup hoodoo was on again. It was the only prize Rangers did not win. The rivals lined up thus:—

Rangers.—Robb; Manderson and M'Candless;
Meiklejohn, Dixon and Craig; Archibald, Cunningham,
Henderson, Cairns and Morton.

Celtic.—Shevlin; W. M'Stay and Hilley; Wilson,
J. M'Stay and M'Farlane; Connelly, Gallagher, M'Grory,
Thomson and M'Lean.

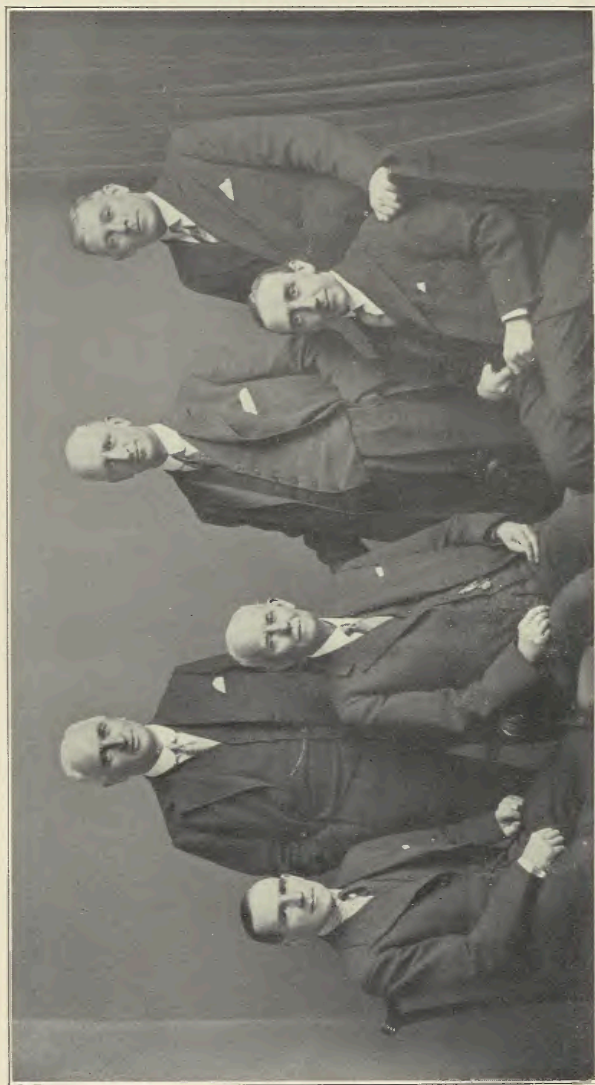
With a breeze behind them, Rangers should have had



THE LATE EX-BAILIE JOSEPH BUCHANAN,
Chairman, 1923-4 until 1932-3.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



Standing—R. G. Campbell, Wm. Rogers Simpson (*Secretary*), William Struth (*Manager*).

Sitting—A. I. Morton, Duncan Graham, J. P., O.B.E. (*Chairman*), James Bowie.

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the tie won in the first half hour. Theories galore were advanced for their failure to get goals when their forwards had a monopoly of the ball, but the plain fact is that they committed suicide by playing a cramped game down the left, and the more they persisted in it, the easier it became for the Celtic defence to counter. That began the day's chapter of incident. A finely-taken goal by M'Grory after half-an-hour carried on, and a series of bumbles in the defence, in the second half took the match to a tragic climax which had something, also, of the comical to it. Celtic won by 5 goals to 0, M'Lean, M'Grory, Thomson and M'Lean getting the other goals in that order. The world heard the news with amazement. Many simply refused to believe it until confirmed in print. But it was true. The Celtic team did their job well—and were probably as amazed as the rest. They went on to beat Dundee in the final and then to lose, at Parkhead, to Partick Thistle in the first round of the Charity Cup which Rangers won. All of which shows what this game of football is.

When Rangers and Celtic met in the Glasgow Cup final at Parkhead, in October, the teams were almost identical with the Scottish Cup tie line up. Rangers had Jamieson at left back, and Celtic had Shaw in goal. Celtic scored first, and then Rangers proceeded to eat them up pretty much as happened in reverse fashion at Hampden. It is true that everything comes to those who wait—and keep their pecker up. Rangers waited three more seasons to wipe out the memory of that day in March, 1925. We shall come to that later.

In the League, it was a running fight between Rangers and Airdrieonians who had their best team of all time. They defeated Rangers at Broomfield by 1-0, this being one of only three reverses sustained by Rangers in their 38 games. In the Broomfield match, M'Candless was injured

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and the doctor told him he might never play again, but Billy was not that sort. He was soon pulling a jersey over his head, and converting penalty kicks. The championship was not decided until the last day of the season when Rangers beat Ayr United, at Ibrox, by a goal scored by M'Candless from a free kick, and put the United into the Second Division. Rangers and Airdrieonians had the same number of League wins, but the Broomfield team lost six matches against Rangers' three defeats. I don't know that anyone would have grudged Airdrieonians a championship, for this was the third successive season in which they had finished second, and they had the same experience next season again. To be four times runners-up and never win the championship calls for sympathy, even from a rival. So good were Airdrieonians that, after beating Rangers at Broomfield, they came to Ibrox and drew 1-1 before a crowd of 40,000. Do they dream of those palmy days? I reckon they do.

To keep their end up the Rangers youngsters won the Scottish Second Eleven Cup. They had got hold of it the previous season and liked the look of it.

I must not quit this chapter without telling you that George Henderson harvested his record crop of goals. Of League games and Cup ties, all first eleven, he played 49 and scored 40 goals. He was getting great power behind his shots, with a swing on them something after the manner of R. C. Hamilton—Lord Provost of Elgin—a predecessor. George joined Rangers in season 1919-20, and was transferred to Darlington in January, 1927. Big and strong, and a loyal clubman, he put his whole heart into his play and never grumbled if things did not come off for him. He had a rare turn of speed, and he could use the shoulder, but his general conduct on the field was as clean as a hound's tooth. He left Ibrox before the Scottish Cup was won, but

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he had League championship, Glasgow Cup and Charity Cup medals, and there could be no more worthy wearer. George Henderson's first team record for Rangers was :—

GEORGE HENDERSON.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1919-20, -	8	3	1923-24, -	38	25
1920-21, -	35	26	1924-25, -	49	40
1921-22, -	36	27	1925-26, -	15	7
1922-23, -	36	29	1926-27, -	6	3
Matches, 223.			Goals, 160.		

Nowadays he is mine host in Dundee. If you feel like calling you will find George ready with a welcome.

It remains only to be said that financially the season was a good one, showing a profit of £5,168. So, in spite of March 21, everybody was happy by the time the curtain rang down.

Fifteen representative honours fell to Rangers players. Meiklejohn, Cairns and Morton played against England, at Hampden, in what was the first all-tartan eleven in thirty years. The same trio, and also Archibald, played for the Scottish League against the English League, at Liverpool, where Cairns and Morton gave a display of wing wizardry which put the English crowd in raptures, and which I have often since heard recalled in glowing terms. Our League was beaten by 4-3, the winning goal being scored from what will always be considered a wrong penalty kick award. And here's to finish :—

1924-25.

Scottish Cup.		Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.	
East Fife (A),	3-1	Clyde (A),	1-0	Third	
Montrose (A),	2-0	Partick Thistle (H),	0-0	Lanark (H),	4-1
Arbroath (H),	5-3	Partick Thistle (A),	2-0	Partick Thistle, 2-1	
Kilmarnock (A),	2-1	Celtic (A),	4-1	(Hampden)	
Celtic,	0-5			Clyde (H),	1-0
(Hampden)					
v. England.		v. Ireland.		v. Irish League.	
D. Meiklejohn.		D. Meiklejohn.		D. Meiklejohn.	
T. Cairns.		T. Cairns.		A. Archibald.	
Alan Morton.		Alan Morton.		T. Cairns.	
				Alan Morton.	
v. Wales.		v. English League.		v. Irish League.	
D. Meiklejohn.		D. Meiklejohn.		W. Robb.	
T. Cairns.		T. Cairns.		Alan Morton.	
Alan Morton.		Alan Morton.			

1925—1926

**Knocks and Cocks—Trouble all the Way—Sixth in
The League—The Worst Ever—Scottish Cup Bid—
Coming of D. Gray, J. Marshall and J. Fleming.**

RANGERS have been in the First Division of the League since it was begun in 1890. Only once in 44 seasons have they finished so far down as sixth. That was in 1925-26. In only two seasons have they run into double figures with matches lost. In season 1914-15 they lost eleven, and in this season of 1925-26, at which we have arrived, thirteen League reverses were sustained. Not a single senior trophy was won, but the reserves, for the third season in succession, kept hold of the Scottish Second Eleven Cup. The lads could crow loudly had they liked. What was the trouble? There were lashings of it. The season had no sooner opened than one player after another was crocked. It was a non-stop run of misfortune, and no human could stand up against it. The reserves whose services were freely utilised, came up to scratch, but they could not be expected to do all that the regulars would have accomplished. I find a succession of words like these in my results' records of the season: "Morton injured"; "Manderson, Cairns, Meiklejohn and Muirhead off"—that was against Partick Thistle at Firhill, and, just to keep things rolling, "Cunningham was badly lamed"; "Archibald lame"—and so on like that. By the end of the season it had become such a habit that manager and directors would not have believed it if you had informed them that "nobody was hurt to-day."

Looking back, one wonders how the team managed to hold together as well as it did. To get to the semi-final of the Scottish Cup was, in a way, wonderful, but just at that period things were a trifle brighter. A small matter such

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as the inability of Meiklejohn, Archibald and Cairns—three International men, mark you—to play in the semi-final tie against St. Mirren, at Parkhead was considered quite normal. St. Mirren won by a goal to nothing and so obtained the only Scottish Cup success they have ever gained against Rangers. St. Mirren had a well-balanced team. They played a good all-round game but were, I think it will be agreed, a little fortunate to win by a goal following a free kick foolishly conceded. The Cup went to Paisley, for, in the final, St. Mirren defeated Celtic, playing a much stronger game than they had done against Rangers.

The Glasgow Cup match with Celtic was a shining example of what the Rangers team had to go through. After a draw at Parkhead, in a rattling fine game, there was another draw at Ibrox, with Rangers short of Meiklejohn, M'Candless, Cairns and Morton. The third game was also played at Ibrox, and this time the Rangers broke under the strain. Meiklejohn, Muirhead, Cairns and Morton, all cripples, watch the play from the stand. Dougie Gray was asked to have a shot at outside left. Celtic had their chance and took it. They won by 2 goals to 0, and, to everybody's surprise, lost the final to Clyde, at Parkhead. It was Clyde, again, who gave Rangers a quick despatch from the Charity Cup, winning the first round tie at Ibrox by the odd goal in seven.

Well, it's as well to get all your troubles over in a bunch, and, in any case, the season had its cheerful side. It saw the arrival of Dougie Gray from Aberdeen Muggiemoss; James Marshall from Shettleston; and James Fleming from St. Johnstone. Both Gray and Marshall were signed in June, 1925. Fleming came in October from St. Johnstone, but he might have been a Ranger from the start, for the Ibrox directors had decided to ask him to put pen to paper when it emerged that he had given his promise to

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St. Johnstone. On the same day that Fleming was transferred to Rangers, the brothers David and Andrew Kirkwood along with John Jamieson changed over from Rangers to St. Johnstone. This bit of chess play was part of the bargain.

Fleming was only three days a Ranger when he made his debut in the League team against Dundee, at Ibrox, and scored the first of his 227 first-eleven goals—that was his total to the end of season 1933–34. That is a splendid record, especially when it is remembered that he played only 16 games in season 1930–31 and just 19 in 1933–34. A dashing type of raider, James Fleming could worry the strongest defence, for with his speed and athletic build he was a match for any man who played him fair. James M'Stay paid him the compliment of saying that he had not played against a centre forward more difficult to stop. Fleming got most of his goals as a centre, but he was not above shoving them through from outside right and outside left. It was all the same to him. He led the forward line in the successful Scottish Cup finals of 1928 and 1930, while in the 1932 final, which was also won, he was at outside left and a scorer. Capped against England in 1930, at Wembley, he scored Scotland's two goals and played so well that English people wondered why he never was thrown against them again. In his list of games and goals, I give below, only competition matches are included, but I would interpolate that one of the best games he ever played was against the Arsenal, at Highbury, in September, 1933, when he scored twice :—

J. FLEMING.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1925-26, -	26	17	1930-31, -	16	9
1926-27, -	37	26	1931-32, -	30	21
1927-28, -	45	47	1932-33, -	27	14
1928-29, -	45	40	1933-34, -	19	26
1929-30, -	45	27			
Matches, 290.			Goals, 227.		

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When Rangers signed Dougie Gray they beat a big field of chasers. There was scarcely a club north, south, east or west that did not have a try or would have liked to. Dougie chose the Rangers because he had always liked them. He gratified an ambition, and he has been gratifying Ibrox followers ever since the day he first put on light blue. Has there ever been a back more consistent in a standard of excellence? I cannot think of one. He is the despair of the newspaper gents who like to have something different to say about a player from time to time. Dougie has beaten them down to "Gray was just Gray"—four words that are as eloquent as a column.

Popularity goes hand in hand with his consistency. He is the sporting gentleman all the time, a defender against whom any forward should enjoy an exchange of wits and ability. With four Scottish Cup and eight League championship medals, not to mention seven Charity Cup and four Glasgow Cup trinklets, he has done well for a young man. And if you wish to know more about him, he has blue eyes that dance a bit, a sturdy, well-knit frame, a quiet manner, and a whole lot of hard determination. Here's his record:—

D. GRAY.

Matches.			Matches.		
1925-26,	-	27	1930-31,	-	46
1926-27,	-	37	1931-32,	-	48
1927-28,	-	48	1932-33,	-	47
1928-29,	-	45	1933-34,	-	49
1929-30,	-	46			
Total Matches, 393.					

If we could make schemes and realise them, wouldn't we all be happy! Some do, and they are the lucky ones. When Manager Struth called on the Marshall household and suggested that boy James would look well in Rangers rig, father said, "Yes, very good, but we plan to make

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James a doctor, and that comes first." "Right," replied the manager. "Let us see, now, how we can make it work out for both of us." Before that pow-wow had ended, the life plan of boy Marshall had been mapped out. The scheme went through without a flaw. James Marshall came into the team, carried on his medical studies, won everything that could be won on the playing fields, and is now Dr. James Marshall at your service.

Dr. James does not affect the more genteel manner of beating the other team. He puts his head down and goes. Fond of feeling the ball at his toes, he has sometimes erred in keeping it there when he could have drawn on the help of his colleagues, but he knows what he is after, and, without any doubt, has been a match-winner many and many a time. One of the biggest thrills an Ibrox crowd ever got was from him. It was in the 1927 Ne'erday match against Celtic. The usual high tension with the score standing 1-1 and only seconds to go. The ball went the way of W. M'Stay playing right back. He was so free to do what he cared with it that he dallied for a fatal fraction of a second. Marshall dashed in on him, nipped the ball away from his feet, and, with a quick turn and a low screamer of a shot, crashed on the winning goal. It was one of those luminous incidents which once seen never forgotten. From centre he moved to inside right, where he has played many useful games, although perhaps none better than that against the Hearts in the Scottish Cup semi-final of 1930. That day he was a match-winner again. And this is the story of:—

Dr. JAMES MARSHALL.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1925-26, -	5	7	1930-31, -	38	22
1926-27, -	27	21	1931-32, -	47	22
1927-28, -	5	6	1932-33, -	45	24
1928-29, -	22	11	1933-34, -	32	11
1929-30, -	36	14			
Matches, 257.			Goals, 138.		

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Had he been a football player, and nothing more, Dr. Marshall would probably have finished his career with Rangers. His profession of medicine man had to dictate his future. A valuable appointment in London presented itself, and what more natural than that he should find himself wearing the colours of Rangers' good friends, the Arsenal. A formal transfer was carried through on 24th July, 1934, and, with the good wishes of all his old colleagues, Dr. James Marshall took the Night Scot for the Metropolis.

So we come to the end of the chapter which can be epitomised snappily:—

1925-26.

Scottish Cup.		Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.	
Lochgelly		Celtic (A),	2-2	Clyde (H),	3-4
United (H),	3-0	Celtic (H),	1-1		
Stenhousemuir		Celtic (H),	0-2		
(H),	1-0				
Falkirk (A),	2-0				
Morton (A),	4-0				
St. Mirren					
(Celtic Park),	0-1				

v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.	v. English League.	v. Irish League.
A. Cunningham.	W. Robb.	A. Cunningham.	T. Craig. A. Cunningham. T. Cairns. Alan Morton.	T. Craig. R. M'Kay.

Before the new season opened the club had suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. John M'Pherson. As player and director, he had a record of service which was unequalled. He was a member of the Rangers team that first won the Scottish Cup in 1894, and he was one of the famous side that went through the League campaign of 1898-9 without losing a single point. As a tactician and schemer, there have been few who could compare with him. A full account of his playing career will be found in *The Story of the Rangers* which deals with the first fifty years of the club. On 31st July, 1926, he was watching the Clyde club's sports when he collapsed and died.

1926—1927

**The League Again—Hard Going—Falkirk's Bombshell
—Last of a Fine Trio—Bob M'Phail Arrives—His
Honours—Five Scottish Cup Medals.**

THE Day was coming nearer, but we had to wait yet another season for it. Only the League championship was won in 1926-27. Rangers had not held it for a season and that was long enough to be without it. This championship was the first of a string of five. Rangers would have liked to make it six, but, apart from the desire to equal a long-standing Celtic record, no one regretted the first championship success of Motherwell who broke the Rangers sequence.

This 1926-27 championship was one of the hardest to win in the experience of Rangers. In the first half of the season they actually were beaten four times, twice at home. In these games they did not look like a championship team, and it was only a great recovery which lasted from New Year's Day until the end of the campaign that enabled the boys to finish on top of Motherwell. It is a common saying that every League match the Rangers play is like a Cup tie. Every game played this season was like a Cup final. On that way of reasoning, Rangers had some share in Cup finals. They were in the last stage of the Glasgow Cup and Charity Cup and were defeated in both. A curious feature of the Glasgow Cup ties was that after Rangers had easily defeated Queen's Park in the semi-final, at Hampden, they lost the first subsequent League match which was against the amateurs at Ibrox. Almost exactly the same thing happened in 1931-32. Rangers, at Hampden, defeated Queen's Park with ease in the Glasgow Cup final, and, on the following Saturday, the amateurs came to Ibrox

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and won the League game by 1-0, as in 1926-27. Celtic were Rangers opponents in the 1926-27 final, and the teams faced each other in this way :—

Rangers.—Hamilton ; Purdon and M'Candless ; Craig, Shaw and Muirhead ; Archibald, M'Kay, Henderson, Cunningham and Fleming.

Celtic.—Shevlin ; M'Stay and Hilley ; Wilson, Donoghue and M'Farlane ; Connolly, Thomson, M'Grory, M'Inally and M'Lean.

It was a match packed with thrills, and the issue doubtful until M'Grory dashed through the Rangers defence to score the only goal. In four encounters, this was Celtic's only victory over Rangers, who won both League matches and defeated the Parkhead rival by 4-1 in the semi-final of the Charity Cup.

Before we come to the Charity Cup, let us relate the story of another Scottish Cup crash. Rangers had dismissed Leith Athletic, St. Mirren and Hamilton Academicals without having to break much sweat. The fourth round sent them to Falkirk, where they had a narrow escape, a penalty converted by M'Candless—he was still the demon converter—in the last few minutes giving them a replay at Ibrox. It was, in a sense, a lucky draw, but the defeat in the second game was just as unlucky. The facts are within easy recollection of most Rangers followers. So tremendous was the interest that the club officials were taken completely by surprise. The crowd was like an International, actually creating a mid-week record for a club match in Scotland. There were over 80,000 present. You must have the teams in this very remarkable replay :—

Rangers.—Hamilton ; Manderson and M'Candless ; Muirhead, Shaw and Craig ; Archibald, M'Millan, Fleming, Cunningham and Morton.

Falkirk.—Ferguson ; Scott and Thomson ; J. Kennedy, M'Ilwaine and Gowdy ; Mason, Gallagher, R. Kennedy, Hunter and Paterson.

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I question if a more exciting match has ever been played on Ibrox. Neither team could make anything of the other. It was cut and parry, slash and come again. The pace was terrific, and at the end of ninety minutes, not a goal. Breathless, the players prepared for an extra half-hour, the crowd humming all the time.

But the Rangers evil genius had shown his hand by then. Just on the whistle, M'Candless sprung a muscle. There never was a better plucked one than Billy. He would have stuck to his post had he been humanly able, but he was hopelessly crippled, and in the extra half-hour had to go to outside left. Andrew Cunningham stepped to left back, and the teams were at it again. There were only six minutes of the extra time to go when the blow fell.

Patsy Gallagher had told his colleagues, "Don't give me the ball till I ask for it. They'll be after me, and they'll get me. I'll be in at the death." Schemes do not always come off but this one did. Gallagher, fresh as paint in that extra half-hour, came into the running. He was an opponent, but a player and a strategist; Rangers followers can admire both whatever colours they wear. Well, with these six minutes to go, Gallagher shouted for the ball, got it, raced ahead, pushed it to Mason and shouted "Hit it." Mason, who had been more or less an obscure figure, hit it. The ball went soaring towards goal, in a failing light, and Tom Hamilton never had a chance.

Rangers were out of the old Scottish Cup again, and Falkirk had gained what to date is the second Cup victory over the Rangers. The next round was the semi-final, in which Falkirk fell to Celtic by a goal to nothing, but they were a good team, and there was no disgrace for Rangers in being beaten by them.

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After this reverse, Rangers lost only a single League match, won the championship, and went out to get the Charity Cup to keep it company. It was easy going against Queen's Park and Celtic, but when the day of the final arrived Hamilton, Muirhead, Craig, Archibald and Cunningham had left Scotland with the Scottish F.A. which had gone to tour Canada. Partick Thistle had qualified by ousting Third Lanark and Clyde, and the teams in the final were :—

Rangers.—Moyies; Gray and M'Candless; Meiklejohn, Ireland and Shaw; Hair, M'Millan, Fleming, M'Phail and Morton.

Partick Thistle.—Jackson; O'Hare and Calderwood; Richmond, Lambie and M'Leod; Ness, Grove, Hair, Boardman and Salisbury.

It was a swaying tussle with Rangers, at one time looking as safe as houses, but at the end of ninety minutes the score stood 3-3. In the extra half-hour, Hair, the Thistle centre, a lively spark on his day, scored three extra goals, which made his collection five for the match. When the "Canadians" came back, they didn't forget it, but the Thistle won because they deserved to, and that's all that need be said about it.

Three splendid Rangers men finished their Ibrox connection with the close of 1926-27, and one made his bow in light blue. The trio—Tom Cairns, Bert Manderson and Arthur Dixon. The debutant was Robert M'Phail. I have told you in the story of the first fifty years of the Rangers what a valiant man Tom Cairns was. The zest for battle was in his blood. He would fight like a lion. A match was never lost while he was there to save it. He knew no fear. He could express himself forcibly, but the motive was the

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interest of his club. Considered a veteran when he left Rangers to play for Bradford City, he showed the Yorkshiremen what a fighting Scot was worth to a team, and they talk of him yet as the man who could turn defeat into victory. His Rangers record speaks for itself:—

TOM CAIRNS.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1913-14, -	8	2	1920-21, -	48	15
1914-15, -	41	19	1921-22, -	54	13
1915-16, -	38	14	1922-23, -	45	12
1916-17, -	28	13	1923-24, -	40	9
1917-18, -	33	11	1924-25, -	42	12
1918-19, -	30	11	1925-26, -	20	4
1919-20, -	50	22	1926-27, -	16	3
Matches, 493.			Goals, 160.		

These are all first team matches. If you know of a finer record of service, say so.

Arthur Dixon was another of the type. He never knew when he was beaten. He came to Ibrox by way of Oldham Athletic and St. Mirren, took his place at centre half, and was one of the three best Englishmen who ever sported Ibrox colours. The others were Herbert Lock and the unparalleled Billy Hogg. Arthur Dixon's lint-locked head saved goals galore. He could bob up when everybody else seemed at the mercy of the enemy. It is a wonder the cranium stood the buffeting he gave it, but it did, or he wouldn't be where he is at present—rubbing down the moderns and telling them how we of the old brigade did things. Arthur was just a season too soon out of the Rangers team to get a Scottish Cup medal, but he has a collection of others which are good to look at. It was said of him that he would volunteer for service if he had only one leg.

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The manager had no trouble there. Look at his record and you will realise how dependable he was :—

ARTHUR DIXON.

Matches.			Matches.		
1917-18, -	-	38	1922-23, -	-	44
1918-19, -	-	41	1923-24, -	-	45
1919-20, -	-	41	1924-25, -	-	48
1920-21, -	-	52	1925-26, -	-	45
1921-22, -	-	56	1926-27, -	-	4
Total Matches, 414.					

When Bert Manderson came over from Ulster there was the liveliest speculation as to what sort of success he would be in Scottish first-class football. He set Rangers minds at ease right away. He came late in season 1914-15, played one match, and, in the following season, made the right back position his own. He and the other Ulsterman, Billy M'Candless, understood each other like brothers. They were the best second last line since the famous partnership of Nicol Smith and Jock Drummond, the one a rollicking, venturesome warrior and the other steady and reposeful.

Bert Manderson was never out of the team when he could be in it. He was a good Ranger. On 10th May, 1927, he joined Bradford, gave them good service and returned to Scotland to assume the highly congenial occupation of trainer with Queen's Park. His Rangers career is here set out :—

R. MANDERSON.

Matches.			Matches.		
1914-15, -	-	1	1921-22, -	-	52
1915-16, -	-	35	1922-23, -	-	36
1916-17, -	-	41	1923-24, -	-	39
1917-18, -	-	34	1924-25, -	-	46
1918-19, -	-	38	1925-26, -	-	20
1919-20, -	-	53	1926-27, -	-	15
1920-21, -	-	52			
Total Matches, 462.					

This season of 1926-27 had come almost to a close when the clamour for the signature of Robert M'Phail ended.

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He was transferred from Airdrieonians to Rangers—his own choice—on 18th April, 1927. He played his first match for the Alliance team against Helensburgh two days later, and made his debut for the first team in the Charity Cup first round against Queen's Park, at Ibrox, on 3rd May. He had been only twelve minutes a first-team player when he scored his first goal.

Before Bob M'Phail joined Rangers, he had won a Scottish Cup medal with Airdrieonians. As a Rangers player he has won four. In three of his five Scottish Cup finals for Rangers he was a scorer. Since he became a Rangers player they have won six League championships, the Scottish Cup four times, the Glasgow Cup four times and the Charity Cup seven times. His representative honours number thirteen, three of them against England who were defeated each time he played against them. His caps would have been greater in number had he been able to accept them. He has more to come, and his record to date is good to be going on with :—

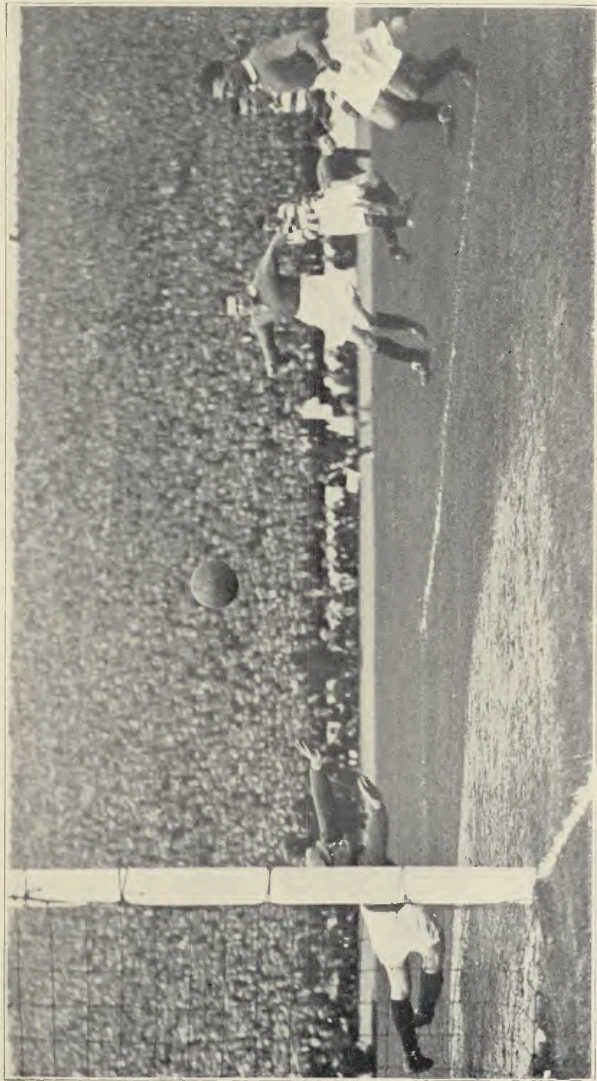
R. M'PHAIL.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1926-27, -	3	4	1930-31, -	41	23
1927-28, -	45	25	1931-32, -	49	29
1928-29, -	41	21	1932-33, -	38	33
1929-30, -	35	19	1933-34, -	35	25
Matches, 287.			Goals, 179.		

Here you have the compact story of the season :—

1926-27.

Scottish Cup.	Glasgow Cup.	Charity Cup.
Leith Athletic (A), 4-1	Third Lanark (H), 4-2	Queen's Park (H), 8-1
St. Mirren (H), 6-0	Queen's Park (H), 1-1	Celtic (A), 4-1
Hamilton Acas. (H), 4-0	Queen's Park (A), 3-1	*Partick Thistle (Hampden), 3-6
Falkirk (A), 2-2	Celtic (Hampden), 0-1	
Falkirk (H), 0-1		
* After extra time.		
v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.
A. Cunningham.	A. Cunningham.	T. Muirhead.
Alan Morton.		T. Craig.
		Alan Morton.
		v. English League.
		T. Craig.
		Alan Morton.
		v. Irish League.
		T. Craig.



THE SAVE THAT SAVED THE CUP!

Tom Hamilton stops the shot from Connolly, of Celtic, which seemed a sure scorer, in the 1928 Scottish Cup final. It was the save of a lifetime. No scoring had taken place when the save was made, but the Rangers afterwards won by 4-0.

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**The Cup at Last—Captain Meiklejohn's Ordeal—
Almost a Clean Sweep—Only One Cup Lost—The
League Again.**

AT 4-1 p.m. on Saturday, 14th April, 1928, David Meiklejohn, the captain of the Rangers, died a thousand deaths in sixty seconds. Here is the story. Once again Rangers had gone into the Scottish Cup final. Twenty-five years had passed since they had been acclaimed winners of football's most precious prize. They had been five times in the final, and always fate had decreed that they should not win. Now it remained to be seen if fate would relent and play fair. Celtic, the traditional rival, who had amazed the world by beating Rangers 5-0, in the semi-final of 1925, were on the field again to give challenge to the great Ibrox ambition. All Scotland was thrilled by the magnitude of the issue. Hampden held 120,000 people enthralled. Thousands were turned away. Until then it was a record crowd for any match in Britain. Picture the scene. Serried masses, cheering every move by one side or the other. A battle of Trojans, and all equal at the half-way mark.

It was anybody's game yet. "Who scores first, wins," was the comment that ran round the huge assembly. Then, just on eleven minutes after the restart, Morton flashed down the left wing, centred, and Fleming let go a scoring shot. Willie M'Stay, the Celtic right back, knew it was a scoring shot. He did what many another would have done under the circumstances—he pulled the ball down with his hand and conceded a penalty kick. Here was the crisis.

As captain, David Meiklejohn could not evade the

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responsibility of taking the kick. Everything hung on success or failure. The ball was placed on the white-chalked spot, and David Meiklejohn walked, with apparent calm, into position. Here is how he described his sensations during those fleeting sixty seconds :—

“ I saw, in a flash, the whole picture of our striving to win the Cup. I saw all the dire flicks of fortune which had beaten us when we should have won. That ball should have been in the net. It was on the penalty spot instead. Fate was against us again. If I scored we would win ; if I failed, we could be beaten. It was a moment of agony.”

The captain scored, and from that moment the Rangers team sprang into a game which carried them through to a victory which brought greater pleasure to Ibrox than any success which had ever gone before. It was the great turning point, and though the captain was dazed and groping after the reaction of the terrific strain he had undergone, the others took a lease of life, and went sailing. M'Phail got a second goal, and Archibald, going like a steam engine, slashed across two scoring shots which made the triumph complete.

So Rangers had put the Scottish Cup hoodoo to rest. Everybody was happy. The blight of twenty-five years had been ended for ever, and, as Captain Meiklejohn said at the celebration dinner, “ We have won it at last, we can do it again,” which, of course, they did.

In that 1928 final of historic memory, the teams were :—

Rangers.—T. Hamilton ; Gray and R. Hamilton ; Buchanan, Meiklejohn and Craig ; Archibald, Cunningham, Fleming, M'Phail and Morton.

Celtic.—J. Thomson ; W. M'Stay and Donoghue ; Wilson, J. M'Stay and M'Farlane ; Connolly, A. Thomson, M'Grory, M'Inally and M'Lean.

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That was the last meeting to date of Rangers and Celtic in the Scottish Cup, and so here it is appropriate to give the record of their encounters in the old Cup :—

RANGERS v. CELTIC.

1890-91,	FIRST ROUND, -	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 0	Celtic, 1
1891-92,	FOURTH ROUND,	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 3	Celtic, 5
1893-94,	FINAL, - -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 3	Celtic, 1
1898-99,	FINAL, - -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 0	Celtic, 2
†1899-00,	SEMI-FINAL, -	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 0	Celtic, 4
1900-01,	FIRST ROUND, -	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 0	Celtic, 1
1902-03,	THIRD ROUND,	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 3	Celtic, 0
1903-04,	FINAL, - -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 2	Celtic, 3
1904-05,	SEMI-FINAL, -	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 2	Celtic, 0
1906-07,	THIRD ROUND,	Ibrox Park, -	Rangers, 0	Celtic, 3
1907-08,	SECOND ROUND,	Ibrox Park, -	Rangers, 1	Celtic, 2
*1908-09,	FINAL, - -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 1	Celtic, 1
1919-20,	FOURTH ROUND,	Ibrox Park, -	Rangers, 1	Celtic, 0
1924-25,	SEMI-FINAL, -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 0	Celtic, 5
1927-28,	FINAL, - -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 4	Celtic, 0
			20	28

† After a draw, 2-2, at Ibrox.

* After a draw, 2-2, Cup withheld.

Season 1927-8 was nearly a clean sweep for Rangers. The only trophy they did not win was the Glasgow Cup in the final of which they were defeated, 2-1, by Celtic. But in the semi-final of the Charity Cup they defeated Celtic, 2-0, at Parkhead, and, in the final, beat Queen's Park, 3-1, also at Parkhead. In the League they had a stern fight with both Celtic and Motherwell, but a brilliant

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finish enabled them to decide the championship in the second last match of the season with the loss of only four games in 38, and a goal record of 109 for and 36 against.

The reserve team won the Scottish Second Eleven Cup and the Scottish Alliance. It was a good season and better to come.

1927-28.

Scottish Cup.	Glasgow Cup.	Charity Cup.
East Stirlingshire (A), 6-0	Clyde (H), 7-0	Celtic (A), 2-0
Cowdenbeath (H), 4-2	Celtic (Hampden), 1-2	Queen's Park (Celtic Park), 3-1
King's Park (H), 3-1		
Albion Rovers (A), 1-0		
Hibernians (Tynecastle), 3-0		
Celtic (Hampden), 4-0		

v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.	v. English League.	v. Irish League.
Alan Morton.	D. Meiklejohn. Alan Morton.	D. Meiklejohn. T. Muirhead. T. Craig. Alan Morton.	D. Gray. A. Cunningham.	D. Gray.

In this season James Fleming was the busy goal-getter. He scored 47 in first-eleven matches, incidentally equalling the then record of six goals by one man in one match. His half-dozen were harvested in the Glasgow Cup tie, semi-final, against Clyde, at Ibrox. Previous to Fleming's performance, R. S. M'Coll and Laurie M'Bain had each found a round half-dozen of goals for Queen's Park in a match, and David Brown had done it for Dundee. But four months after Fleming had got his six, M'Grory scored eight for Celtic in a League match against Dunfermline.

Shortly after the season had opened—that is, on August 25, 1927—Hugh Shaw was transferred to the Hearts after having made himself a warm favourite with everybody

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at Ibrox. On October 12, Arthur Dixon joined Cowdenbeath with a free transfer, and on December 22 John Buchanan was signed from Morton. These were not the only changes. Duncan Yuill, who had been doing great things in the Dumbarton goal, was brought to Ibrox shortly after the New Year. To everyone's regret, he did not manage to reproduce his Dumbarton standard, but there was a good deal of bad luck about the unfortunate start made by him in the League. It affected his nerve, and, as is so often the way, he found it difficult to recapture his old confidence.

If there were two specially proud men in the team that saw, at last, the Scottish Cup brought to Ibrox, these, surely, were the captain, David Meiklejohn and Sandy Archibald. Sandy, the long-service man of the club, joined in May, 1917, from Raith Rovers, but the Cup competition was suspended from 1914-15 to the beginning of 1919-20, and so he and captain Meiklejohn, who was brought from the junior Maryhill in August, 1919, began their Cup quest together. They shared the disappointments, and you may be sure, when the great Day arrived, and the Cup was being fondled, these two felt their hearts beat in unison. It was not only that the Cup was won, but more pleasurable to the occasion was the fact that each of them had played a man's part in the victory.

I can imagine Sandy Archibald's thoughts and feelings when he saw his captain walk up to take the penalty kick. If the captain was wracked with anxiety, would not his old comrade in arms participate in the same painful emotions! They had everything in common. So, when Davie sunk the penalty, the reaction on Sandy was such that he jumped away into his stride to put a pretty finish, with his two electrifying goals, to the vital success of his captain.

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Sandy Archibald has been an Ibrox landmark for seventeen seasons, a player of the hardy, always reliable school, and a priceless asset because of his cheerful temperament. He is as full of yarns as a knitting bag. If he can give the quip direct, he can take it, too, and never an offence either way. He has played in seventeen representative games, four of them against England. But whether playing or not, the authorities should have made a regular practice of making him a member of their International parties, and I'll warrant there would have been no cases of our players being unable to lace their boots on account of nerves.

On tour he was at his best. I have seen his audience with the tears running down their cheeks with laughing. Mine have. If it was a sleeping berth on the train to London or at a banquet near the Rocky Mountains—well, all the same to Sandy. On the Rangers' last tour in Canada, the Mayor and aldermen of a town 'way back entertained them to a magnificent spread. The mayor was on his feet. "Gentlemen," he said, "You have witnessed some magnificent scenery on your way here, but, to-morrow, you will see the finest sight in the world." A moment's impressive silence, and then a voice, "Except Aberdour." And I warn you that the man who says a word in dispraise of Aberdour has got to reckon with Alexander Archibald. Eloquent of his never-failing consistency are his figures of first-team matches played, which I append:—

A. ARCHIBALD.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1917-18, -	39	8	1926-27, -	38	12
1918-19, -	20	7	1927-28, -	48	22
1919-20, -	53	9	1928-29, -	41	15
1920-21, -	49	19	1929-30, -	48	11
1921-22, -	55	15	1930-31, -	33	5
1922-23, -	43	4	1931-32, -	32	7
1923-24, -	44	7	1932-33, -	35	4
1924-25, -	50	13	1933-34, -	15	2
1925-26, -	23	2			
Matches, 666.			Goals, 162.		

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Sandy helped to win thirteen League championships, the Scottish Cup three times, the Glasgow Cup nine times, and the Glasgow Charity Cup ten times.

Captains are born. Some people think the band would play just as well without the conductor, and that the team would go along just the same if there were no captain. But no captain means everyone a captain—and trouble. So a club is lucky when it finds in one man the good player and the good captain. Let me introduce you to David Meiklejohn. He is exactly what we are talking about. Being something of a philosopher, he won't object to me telling you that it is fourteen years since Manager Struth, then trainer, gave him his first rub-down at Ibrox. It was the place he ought to be in for he was born in Govan, as was the custom with Rangers' players once upon a time.

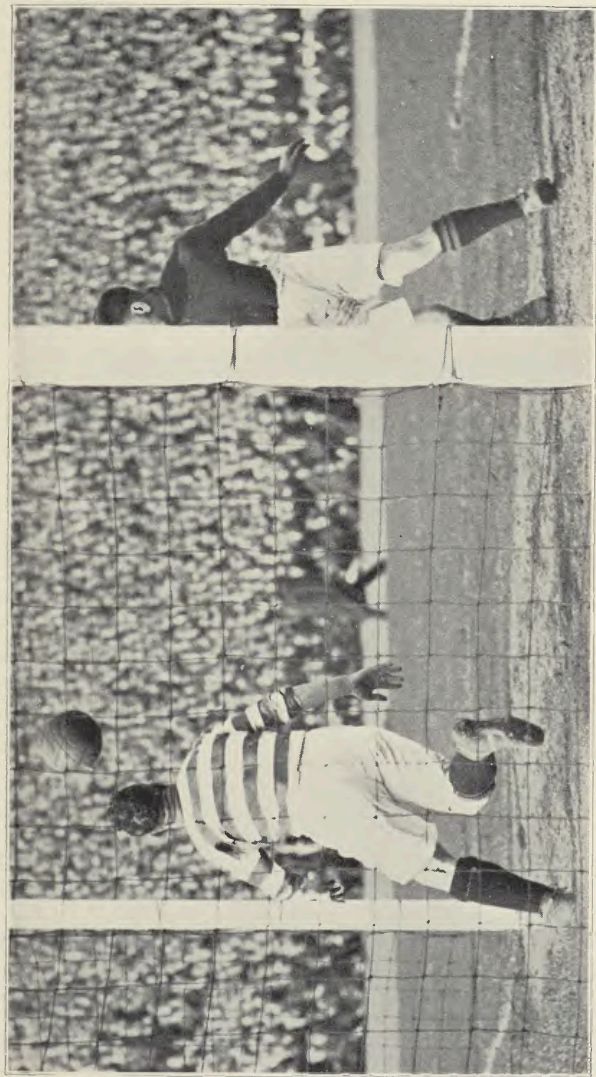
It is not easy to decide whether David Meiklejohn is a centre half or a right half. When he was centre half, he was the best playing. As a right half, he was the best we had. To be the country's best in two positions is a distinction no other player I can think of has attained. And it is not merely a distinction allotted him by Rangers' followers. Scotland's selectors thought the same. He was capped against England in both positions, was chosen when he didn't wish to be, and declined caps because he feared—which others did not—that he might not do himself or his country justice. He captained Scotland's teams, and was proud to do so, but an even greater source of gratification to him was his captaincy of four Rangers' teams which won the Scottish Cup. In season 1929-30 Tom Muirhead was the appointed captain, but in the Cup final, against Partick Thistle, he could not play, and David Meiklejohn was asked to resume a responsibility he had carried so well before.

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Well, with fifteen seasons of good Rangers service behind him, he may call himself an old campaigner, but he is not handing over the key of the old locker yet. David Meiklejohn was always the tactician. It was not enough that he should play out a game; according to his conception, it was an essential part of duty to calculate the strength and weakness of the opposition, and thus to throw the advantage on the side of his own team. In later years, his shrewdness in this respect was a source of immense benefit, and that is why his absence at any time from the team was regarded as a debit point.

He has played 572 first-eleven games for Rangers and 20 representative matches. It would be impossible to say in which ones he most excelled, but some of us would single out for special mention his display for Scotland against England, at Hampden, in 1931, when, as centre half, he was called upon to counter the dashing Dixie Dean, then at his very best. I asked him if he did not consider it as good as any game he ever played. His reply was, "It was our wing half-backs, M'Nab and Miller, who made it easy for me"—generous, no doubt, but something for the angels to mark up against him. When he had hoped that he was finished with representative games, his aid was invoked by the Scottish League for the match with the English League, at Manchester, in season 1932-33. He was not in the original selection. Massie of the Hearts was the chosen right half, but withdrew, unfit. David Meiklejohn obliged, and was the principal instrument in the winning of the match by 3-0. It was the tactical head that did it, as so often before.

With four Scottish Cup medals, twelve Scottish League championship emblems, eight Glasgow Cup and ten Glasgow Charity Cup gold plates, David Meiklejohn is



M'Say, the Celtic right back, averts a certain goal with his hands in the 1928 Scottish Cup final, and concedes a penalty kick, from which David Mencklejohn scored the first of Rangers' four goals.

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THE GREAT DAY OF 1928.



The men who brought back the Scottish Cup to Ibrox in 1928, after an absence of 25 years.

In the Final they beat Celtic by 4-0.

Back Row—Tom Craig, David Meiklejohn (*captain*), A. Cunningham, Alex. Archibald, Robt. Hamilton, Jas. Bowie (*Director*), Tom Hamilton, Jas. Fleming, Jas. Kerr (*trainer*), Jas. Marshall, and John Buchanan.

Front Row—D. Gray, Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Wm. Struth (*Manager*), T. Muirhead, A. L. Morton, and Robt. McPhail.

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personally satisfied. He has, of course, no objection to adding. Here is his little story:—

D. MEIKLEJOHN.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1919-20, -	14	2	1927-28, -	43	2
1920-21, -	46	5	1928-29, -	39	5
1921-22, -	45	5	1929-30, -	46	1
1922-23, -	40	1	1930-31, -	37	2
1923-24, -	45	8	1931-32, -	47	5
1924-25, -	46	5	1932-33, -	37	2
1925-26, -	12	0	1933-34, -	38	2
1926-27, -	37	2			
Matches, 572.			Goals, 47.		

Before the new season opened, the club had to mourn the death of two very old members, Mr. George Small and Mr. Walter Crichton. They had done pioneering work of a valuable kind, helping to lay the foundations of the Rangers football club as we have it to-day.

During May and June of 1928, the team made a wonderfully successful tour in America and Canada. Accompanying the players were Ex-Bailie Graham and Mr. James Bowie (directors), Mr. William Struth (manager), and James Kerr (trainer). While there was satisfaction in completing the programme of ten matches without suffering defeat, the greatest pleasure of the visit to Canada was to observe the delight of expatriated Scots with being able to come into intimate touch with those who had so lately left the Homeland. Players and officials were feted wherever they went. Of the ten matches played, seven were won and three drawn, while 46 goals were scored and seven lost. The third game of the tour was played against Fall River, who had some well-known Scots in their ranks. They were desperately keen to be the

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first to defeat a touring Rangers team. Rangers were just as determined not to be beaten. It was like a Cup final, and a goalless draw was a tribute to desperate, clever defence on both sides. After a few games in Canada, Rangers went back into America. For the last match, an American select eleven was whipped up to oppose them. The tourists were warned to look out for squalls, but they let themselves go in great style, and, playing their finest match of the ten, beat the American best by 6-0. And so Rangers could still boast, if they cared, that they had never been defeated outside of Great Britain.

The time came when they had to admit defeat on foreign soil, but they had carried on the good work for many years, upholding the prestige of Scottish football on the Continent and in America and Canada, and so comporting themselves that they were always assured of a hearty welcome when they returned. The Ibrox archives are full of congratulatory letters from abroad. Invitations galore have been received which could not, for various reasons, be accepted. Friendships made in foreign countries remain, thus binding our country with others in a close brotherhood of sport. Nor need it be doubted that these tours by the Rangers have been a factor in the advancement of the standard of play wherever they have gone. This has been attested over and over again by the good sporting people of the Continent. There is genuine satisfaction in that.

1928—1929

More Prizes—Only One League Defeat—Charity Cup
Held—A “Scottish” Surprise—Kilmarnock Come
Up—Contradictions—Andrew Cunningham Goes—
R. M'Donald Arrives.

SEASON 1928-29 was one which bristled with contradictions. For a third successive time, the Scottish League championship was won, the Charity Cup was retained, and the reserve team kept hold of both the Scottish Second Eleven Cup and the Scottish Alliance Championship. So far, so good. Now for the contradictions. In the first round of the Glasgow Cup, Celtic came to Ibrox with the chances apparently all against them. When Marshall opened the scoring for Rangers, they seemed like pulverising the opposition, but Celtic fought back well, and when a shot from Alec Thomson went into the net off Gray, they fought still better. But the balance of play was always in favour of the Rangers, only they could not finish off with a goal. The shooting was not up to the standard of the leading-up work—not nearly. In one of Celtic's recurring raids, M'Grory snapped a chance to register a winner, and that was the first prize of the season out of Rangers' reach.

To contradict the faithfulness of that result, Rangers shortly afterwards defeated Celtic in the League, at Parkhead, and, later, at Ibrox, on New Year's Day, the scores being 2-1 and 3-0 respectively. In the final of the Charity Cup the rivals met again and Rangers won by 4-2. In perspective, that Glasgow Cup defeat took on a puzzling complex. But there was more of the same sort of thing. In the League, Rangers twice defeated Kilmarnock, and so when the Scottish Cup final found them

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clashing for a third time, the holders of the Cup—that was Rangers—were promptly installed the warmest of favourites. Rangers had only one change from the eleven that won the 1928 final, Tom Muirhead being at inside right in place of Andrew Cunningham who, by this time, was playing for Newcastle United. The teams in final were:—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and R. Hamilton; Buchanan, Meiklejohn and Craig; Archibald, Muirhead, Fleming, M'Phail and Morton.

Kilmarnock.—Clemie; Robertson and Nibloe; Morton, M'Laren and M'Ewan; Connell, Smith, Cunningham, Williamson and Aitken.

There was a nice crowd of 115,000 at Hampden to see Kilmarnock make all Ayrshire happy by turning the tables on their very old friends and rivals, the Rangers. Had Tom Craig converted a penalty kick, everything would probably have gone right for Rangers. His failure gave Kilmarnock a new lease of life after they had been put through the mill, and they came along with such sprightly verve that goals by Aitken and Williamson were quite in order. It was a sound and merited victory for one of Scotland's oldest clubs, and they received no heartier or more sincere congratulations than those accorded them by their victims, the Rangers.

Rangers did not feel this defeat so keenly as they had felt some former ones, for they had put the Scottish Cup hoodoo to rest on the previous season and they knew they could come back and do the same again—which they did, as you shall see. Besides, they had won the League championship before the Cup final was played. They won it, in fact, without having lost a single League game, and they were bent upon going through to the finish without sustaining a defeat. But in the very next match after having made the championship secure, they went to Hamilton in mid-week, and the Academicals,

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playing what is sometimes called "daft" stuff, beat them handsomely by 3-1. It was Rangers' first League reverse in 39 consecutive League games, and the only one they suffered in this season's campaign. They had still eight matches to play when the flag was sealed for an Ibrox staff. I think it is correct and fair to the players to say that the pace maintained in the League had something to do with the lack of the necessary dash and sparkle in the Scottish Cup final.

Having lost the Scottish and Glasgow Cups, Rangers were bent on keeping the Charity Cup where it was—at Ibrox. They beat Partick Thistle and Third Lanark before meeting Celtic in the final in which the teams were:—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and M'Candless; Buchanan, Meiklejohn and Craig; Archibald, Marshall, Fleming, Muirhead and Morton.

Celtic.—J. Thomson; Geatons and M'Gonagle; Wilson, M'Stay and Donoghue; Connelly, A. Thomson, M'Grory, Scarff and Hughes.

Celtic, as usual, played a mettled game, but Rangers were on top and were always winning, which they did by 4-2, Marshall and Muirhead each getting two goals. The season's doings:—

1928-29.

Scottish Cup.		Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.
Edinburgh City		Celtic		Partick Thistle
(H), 11-1		(Ibrox Park), 1-2		(H), 2-1
Partick Thistle				*Third Lanark
(H), 5-1				(Firhill), 2-1
Clyde (A), 2-0				Celtic (H), 4-2
Dundee (H), -1				
St. Mirren				
(Hampden), 3-2				
Kilmarnock				* After extra time.
(Hampden), 0-2				

v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.	v. English League.	v. Irish League.
J. Buchanan.	D. Gray.	D. Gray.	D. Gray.	D. Gray.
D. Meiklejohn.	T. Muirhead.	T. Muirhead.	A. Archibald.	A. Archibald.
Alan Morton.	R. M'Phail.	D. Meiklejohn.	Alan Morton.	
	Alan Morton.	Alan Morton.		

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This was the last season with Rangers of a player who had been a striking personality in the forward line for thirteen seasons. Andrew Cunningham was secured from Kilmarnock in 1914-15. He played his last game in a light blue jersey on 26th January, 1929, and was transferred to Newcastle United on January 30. It was appropriate that he should be a scorer in a won match to make his farewell, for he had been a winner of matches on many occasions. His sweeping passes to right or left or through the centre were the delight of the connoisseur. His country was glad to have a player of his attainments to call upon, and he received 22 Association and League honours. For the Rangers his record in first-team matches was :—

ANDREW CUNNINGHAM.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1914-15, -	6	3	1922-23, -	44	16
1915-16, -	24	19	1923-24, -	33	14
1916-17, -	On Service.		1924-25, -	44	11
1917-18, -	4	4	1925-26, -	38	18
1918-19, -	20	4	1926-27, -	39	14
1919-20, -	51	31	1927-28, -	41	17
1920-21, -	52	29	1928-29, -	10	4
1921-22, -	41	17			
Matches, 447.			Goals, 201.		

But as they go, they come. When in Canada, the Rangers' officials had formed a high opinion of Robert M'Donald, who had played against them. He was invited across, convinced judge and jury that he was qualified to wear Rangers' colours, and there he is—one of the ever-ready kind, playing the game as a sportsman should, and earning the gratitude of every Rangers well-wisher for so efficiently solving a left-back difficulty when right half is his natural position. Those who know "Bob"

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M'Donald most intimately like him best. He is the gentleman off and on the field, reserved but frank, polite to all men. Born in Belfast, he has played for Ireland, though not as often as Ireland would have wished. In season 1933-4 he missed only one match of all the 50 played by the first-team. He took part in every League game, all the Glasgow Cup ties and Charity Cup ties, and was absent from only one Scottish Cup tie, that against Blairgowrie. It is on such consistency that a successful team is built up.

ROBERT M'DONALD.

	Matches.		Matches.
1928-29, - -	3	1931-32, - -	10
1929-30, - -	14	1932-33, - -	41
1930-31, - -	19	1933-34, - -	49
Total Matches, 136.			

And now we come to what, in some respects, is the most remarkable season in the Rangers' long history.

"The Story of the Rangers"

which deals with the First Fifty Years of the Club, and extends to 328 pages, can be obtained at Ibrox Park, price 4/-

1929—1930

**The Greatest Record—Everything Won—Four Cups,
League, and Alliance—Risks That Came Off—The
High Spots—Charity Cup Toss—A Wonderful Tour.**

LET us grant that for one club to win all the prizes is not the best thing that could happen. It is not, as the saying goes, for the good of the game. Very well, the remedy is in the hands of the others. In this season of 1929-30, Rangers won everything. The three senior cups and the League championship came to Ibrox along with the Scottish Second Eleven Cup and the Scottish Alliance championship. It was the world's greatest clean sweep. There was no luck about it, either. Merit told all the time. The going was strenuous from first to last, aye, even to the last kick of the season, which was in the final of the Charity Cup. And here let us touch on a point which created some perturbation among folk who would have preferred to see the Rangers fall short of a record none ever had equalled.

In the Charity Cup final with Celtic, Rangers were leading by 2-1 with only a minute or two to go when the late Peter Scarff bolted a very fine equaliser, helped by carelessness on the part of the other side. An extra half-hour had to be played. At the end of the first 90 minutes the teams stood level at two goals and four corners each. In the

ALL SMILES.



Tom Craig (left) scored the winning goal in the Scottish Cup replay of 1930, against Partick Thistle.
James Marshall (right) scored the first goal, Centre—David Meiklejohn, captain.

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SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS, 1929-30.



AFTER THE BATTLE.

Directors and players after the Scottish Cup final victory of 1930 over Partick Thistle.

Back Row—Tom Hamilton, John Buchanan, W. G. Nicholson, Jas. Marshall, Robt. McDonald, Robt. McPhail, T. Muirhead, and Ex-Ballie Duncun Graham, J.P., O.B.E. (*Vice-Chairman*).

Front Row—Jas. Fleming, Tom Craig, D. Gray, Alex. Archibald, Wm. Struth (*Manager*), Ex-Ballie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), David Meiklejohn (*captain*), Robt. Hamilton, A. L. Morton, and James Kerr (*trainer*).

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extra time, a corner became of priceless value. It was seen that the forwards on neither side could hope to beat down the defence, and so every attack which seemed likely to produce a corner was cheered to the echo. But when the extra half-hour was concluded, neither Rangers nor Celtic had added either a goal or a corner. The naming of the coin had to decide between record or no record. James M'Stay, the Celtic captain, threw up the penny. Captain David Meiklejohn said "Heads!" It was heads. The record of achievement was complete.

Tossing the coin in such circumstances was according to the rules. Rangers could do no more than conform to the rules. It was not the first time a Charity Cup tie had been so decided. If, as carping critics affirmed, Rangers were lucky to guess aright, equally true would it have been to say that they were unlucky had Captain Meiklejohn risked "Tails" instead of "Heads." The record stands, and, in any case, it was equalled again by Rangers in 1933-34, so far as the three senior cups and the League are concerned—and no tossing required.

But it is idle to quarrel over points of that kind. Football is a sport. We must treat it as a sport. The making of records has one good feature—it encourages the spirit of emulation, and sharpens the interest all round. Side by side with all that, the great thing is to keep the game healthy and clean. So long as that is done, everything is all right.

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Here let me present the results of this wonderful Rangers season and the appearance records of the men who achieved them :—

THE CLEAN SWEEP OF 1929-30.

Won Scottish Cup, Glasgow Cup, Glasgow Charity Cup, Scottish League, Scottish Second Eleven Cup, and Scottish Alliance.

LEAGUE RECORD.

Played 38. Won 28. Lost 6.
Drawn 4.

Motherwell (A),	-	2-0
Hibernian (H),	-	3-0
St. Johnstone (A),	-	1-0
Falkirk (H),	-	4-0
Queen's Park (H),	-	1-0
Aberdeen (A),	-	1-1
St. Mirren (H),	-	2-1
Kilmarnock (A),	-	0-1
Dundee United (H),	-	3-1
Hearts (A),	-	0-2
Partick Thistle (A),	-	1-0
Celtic (H),	-	1-0
Hamilton Acas. (H),	-	5-2
Ayr United (H),	-	9-0
Clyde (A),	-	3-3
Morton (A),	-	2-2
Dundee (H),	-	4-1
Airdrieonians (H),	-	2-0
Motherwell (H),	-	4-2
Hibernian (A),	-	2-0
Celtic (A),	-	2-1
Partick Thistle (H),	-	2-1
St. Johnstone (H),	-	6-1
Aberdeen (H),	-	3-1
Kilmarnock (H),	-	4-0
St. Mirren (A),	-	1-0
Dundee United (A),	-	1-0
Hearts (H),	-	1-3
Queen's Park (A),	-	3-1
Cowdenbeath (H),	-	5-0
Hamilton Acas. (A),	-	1-1
Ayr United (A),	-	3-0
Clyde (H),	-	3-0
Airdrieonians (A),	-	0-1
Morton (H),	-	3-0
Dundee (A),	-	3-1
Cowdenbeath (A),	-	2-3
Falkirk (A),	-	1-2

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SCOTTISH CUP.

First Round—Queen's Park (A),	-	1-0
Second Round—Cowdenbeath (H),	-	2-2
Replay—Cowdenbeath (A),	-	3-0
Third Round—Motherwell (A),	-	5-2
Fourth Round—Montrose (H),	-	3-0
Semi-Final—Hearts (Hampden),	-	4-1
Final—Partick Thistle (Hampden),	-	0-0
Replay—Partick Thistle (Hampden),	-	2-1
		20-6

GLASGOW CUP.

Semi-Final—Partick Thistle (A),	-	2-0
Final—Celtic (Hampden),	-	0-0
Replay—Celtic (Hampden),	-	4-0
		6-0

CHARITY CUP.

First Round—Partick Thistle (A),	-	2-1
Semi-Final—Third Lanark (H),	-	5-1
*Final—Celtic (Hampden),	-	2-2
		9-4

* Played extra time, and Rangers won the toss to win the Cup.

SECOND ELEVEN CUP.

Third Lanark (A),	-	-	-	12-1
St. Johnstone (A),	-	-	-	3-2
Aberdeen (A),	-	-	-	2-2
Aberdeen (H),	-	-	-	1-0
*Kilmarnock (H),	-	-	-	2-1
*Kilmarnock (A),	-	-	-	2-1
				22-7

* Home-and-Home Final.

FIRST TEAM.						Goals.	
	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Scottish League, -	38	28	6	4	94	32	60
Scottish Cup, -	8	6	0	2	20	6	—
Glasgow Cup, -	3	2	0	1	6	0	—
Charity Cup, -	3	2	0	1	9	4	—
	52	38	6	8	129	42	60

SECOND TEAM.							
Scottish Cup, -	6	5	0	1	22	7	—
Alliance, -	30	24	2	4	98	28	52
Friendlies, -	3	3	0	0	7	0	—
	39	32	2	5	127	35	52

GRAND TOTAL.

Played 91. Won 70. Lost 8. Drawn 13.
Goals for, 256. Against, 77.

1929-30.

Name.	League.	Scottish Cup.	Glasgow Cup.	Glasgow Charity Cup.	Total.
T. Hamilton, -	38	8	3	3	52
D. Gray, -	34	8	3	1	46
R. Hamilton, -	29	8	3	3	43
W. M'Candless, -	2	—	—	—	2
J. Osborne, -	1	—	—	—	1
T. Purdon, -	4	—	—	—	4
J. Buchanan, -	25	7	3	1	36
R. M'Donald, -	13	1	—	—	14
T. Muirhead, -	20	—	1	1	22
D. Meiklejohn, -	32	8	3	3	46
T. Craig, -	27	8	3	2	40
J. Simpson, -	7	—	—	1	8
T. Lockie, -	2	—	—	—	2
R. Ireland, -	1	—	—	—	1
A. Archibald, -	34	8	3	3	48
J. Marshall, -	26	4	3	3	36
G. Brown, -	17	5	—	3	25
J. Fleming, -	34	7	2	2	45
A. L. Morton, -	24	7	3	—	34
W. G. Nicholson, -	12	1	—	3	16
R. Main, -	1	—	—	—	1
G. M'Millan, -	5	—	—	—	5
J. Smith, -	1	—	—	1	2
A. M'Pherson, -	6	—	2	—	8
R. M'Phail, -	23	8	1	3	35
	418	88	33	33	572

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A remarkable feature of the success in the League was the winning of it against a swarm of difficulties. For instance, on the day when Celtic had to be met at Ibrox in October, seven of the regular team had to be substituted. Gray, Craig, Muirhead, and Morton were away at Cardiff helping Scotland to beat Wales. R. Hamilton, Meiklejohn, and Buchanan were injured and could not play. Rangers could have had the match with Celtic postponed had they applied to the League, but they elected to chance the hazard with their young reserves, and right well did they rise to what was asked of them. A stunning goal by Nicholson gave the points to Rangers, and the Ibrox party in Wales heard the news with surprise and delight. Two weeks later, George Brown played his first match in the League team against Ayr United, at Ibrox, on 16th November, and signalled his debut by scoring one of the nine goals. He was playing at inside right during this season, and in the New Year's day match against Celtic, at Parkhead, he snapped the winning goal when the result seemed a certain draw. Although Rangers had been coming up fast on Celtic in regard to the balance of League wins, this was their first New Year's day victory at Celtic Park since 1902.

The Hearts had the unusual experience of beating Rangers home and away, but on the day of the Ibrox match, Meiklejohn, Gray, Craig, and Morton were playing for Scotland, and R. Hamilton and M'Donald for Ireland, in the International at Celtic Park. Rangers took these risks fully conscious of what they implied, but they had the championship won on the last Saturday of March. Three of their defeats were incurred after that, when they were compelled again to play under strength. This was a fourth successive championship which caused Rangers to take a thought of equalling Celtic's six in a string. It was

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a bold conception, but it almost materialised as we shall see. Motherwell and Aberdeen made a good running fight for the flag but could not quite stay the pace set by Rangers who, from 19th October to 29th March, played 23 matches, 19 of which were won, the only one lost being that with the Hearts at Ibrox, when Rangers were, so to speak, only half a team.

So that was the championship added to the Glasgow Cup, in which Partick Thistle, at Firhill, were beaten in the semi-final and Celtic, at Hampden, in the final. Two games were played in the final and were watched by 116,000 people. The first game was drawn 0-0, after Rangers had seemed like winning. Captain Meiklejohn failed at a penalty kick which was at once taken to be ominous. But in the replay the Rangers forwards went on the rampage. Fleming whipped on three snappy goals and Archibald got one to make the total four, so that all Rangers folk would have liked to congratulate Captain Meiklejohn on having missed the penalty, although an old and famous Rangers half-back, Jacky Robertson, had declared that a player who missed a penalty under the altered rule should be sent to jail. The teams in the replayed final were :—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton ; Gray and R. Hamilton ; Buchanan, Meiklejohn and Craig ; Archibald, Marshall, Fleming, M'Pherson and Morton.

Celtic.—J. Thomson ; M'Callum and M'Gonagle ; Wilson, M'Stay and Robertson ; Connelly, A. Thomson, M'Grory, Scarff and Kavanagh.

Now the team set themselves to recover the Scottish Cup. The possibility of sweeping the boards had commenced to loom, but the magnitude of the task undoubtedly created a nervous tension which, of itself, threatened to

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foil the aim that caused it. In the first round was played the—shall we say?—notorious cat-and-mouse game with Queen's Park, at Hampden. Call it a bad game between teams who were so afraid to lose that they could not go out to win. Rangers got the only goal, but there was little genuine satisfaction about the tie from any angle.

Against Cowdenbeath, at Ibrox, in the second round, the tension was still evident. A 2-2 draw, with Lindsay coming near to getting a winner for the Fifers, did not look the least bit good for Rangers, but they found their game in the replay, won 3-0, and never looked back until they were in the final. One of their best exhibitions of the whole season was in the third round tie against Motherwell, at Fir Park. The Rangers team were on their toes right away. They never gave the good Motherwell team a chance to strike back. It was a case of Motherwell being out of the game before they realised they had been in it. Montrose, at Ibrox, offered a very creditable resistance, and were satisfied with losing three goals. We were getting nearer and nearer to the cup and a record. But now came the semi-final. It was the Hearts, at Hampden, and the Hearts, bear in mind, had beaten Rangers twice in the League. Over 92,000 went to Mount Florida in expectation of a desperate battle. They saw the Rangers team strike a game which the Hearts were helpless to counter. Fast ground passing by the forwards had the Hearts defence groping in the first half, and by the interval Rangers were high and dry into another final. Fleming scored three goals and M'Phail one, but the man who had the biggest effect in making the Hearts defence wilt was Marshall. That was one of the most telling games he ever played.

Rangers took a long breath and gathered themselves

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together for the final with Partick Thistle, remembering what had happened when previously they met in the last stage. It was to be doubles or quits. When the great day arrived, more than 107,000 rolled up to Hampden only to witness an indecisive contest without a goal being scored. A chance to Ness, late in the game, afforded him the opportunity of making a little bit of history, but he failed to take it, and back to Hampden went the rivals on the following Wednesday when 104,000 accompanied them. In the replay the teams lined up :—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton ; Gray and R. Hamilton ; M'Donald, Meiklejohn and Craig ; Archibald, Marshall, Fleming, M'Phail and Morton.

Partick Thistle.—Jackson ; Calderwood and Rae ; Elliot, Lambie and M'Leod ; Ness, Grove, Boardman, Ballantyne and Torbet.

Rangers made two changes on the team that played in the first game, M'Donald and Morton coming in for Buchanan and Nicholson. Both teams went out to win from the start, and a swinging, open game kept the great crowd on edge to the end. When the score was 1-1, Marshall and Torbet having scored, the issue remained as doubtful as ever, but, near the finish, Jackson, with the sun in his eyes, was puzzled by a lofted ball from Craig, and the Cup was won for Rangers. They had been in the final three years in succession and had won the Cup twice. The bogey was definitely interred.

There was only the Charity Cup to win, and I have told you about that. No sooner had Captain Meiklejohn guessed the coin than the players were hurrying into civies and being whisked down the Firth of Clyde to board the *Andania* en route for Canada and America.

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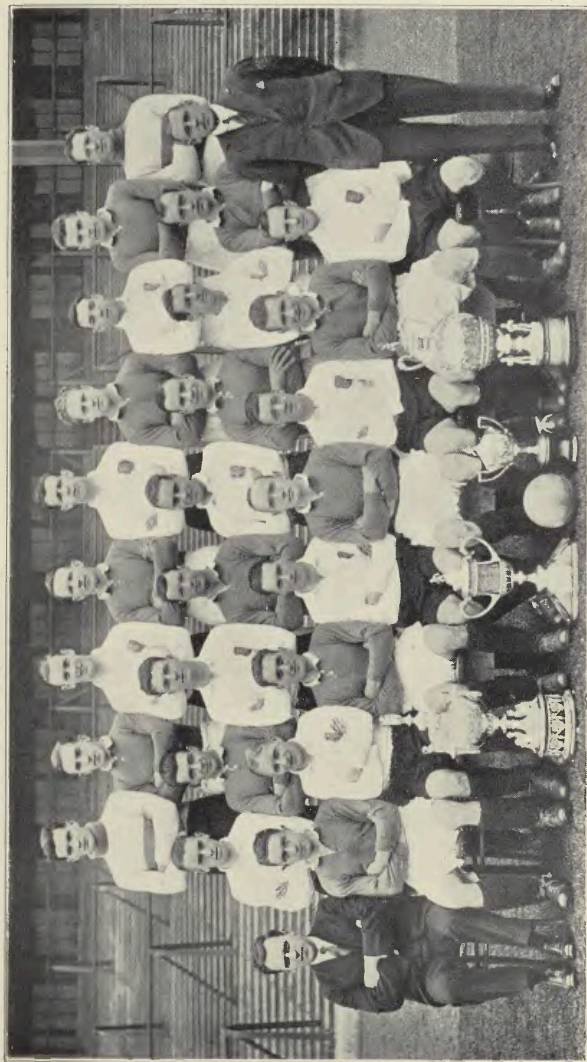
The cup record for the season and the honours gained by the players are here shown :—

1929-30.

Scottish Cup.	Glasgow Cup.	Charity Cup.
Queen's Park (A), 1-0	Partick Thistle (A), 2-0	Partick Thistle (A), 2-1
Cowdenbeath (H), 2-2	Celtic (Hampden), 0-0	Third Lanark (H), 5-1
Cowdenbeath (A), 3-0	Celtic (Hampden), 4-0	*Celtic (Hampden), 2-2
Motherwell (A), 5-2		
Montrose (H), 3-0		
Heart of Midlothian (Hampden), 4-1		
Partick Thistle (Hampden), 0-0		
Partick Thistle (Hampden), 2-1		
		* After extra time, the teams tossed for the cup. Rangers won.

v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.	v. English League.
D. Gray.	D. Gray.	D. Gray.	D. Gray.
J. Buchanan.	T. Craig.	D. Meiklejohn.	T. Craig.
D. Meiklejohn.	T. Muirhead.	T. Craig.	A. Archibald.
T. Craig.	Alan Morton.	Alan Morton.	T. Muirhead.
J. Fleming.			Alan Morton.
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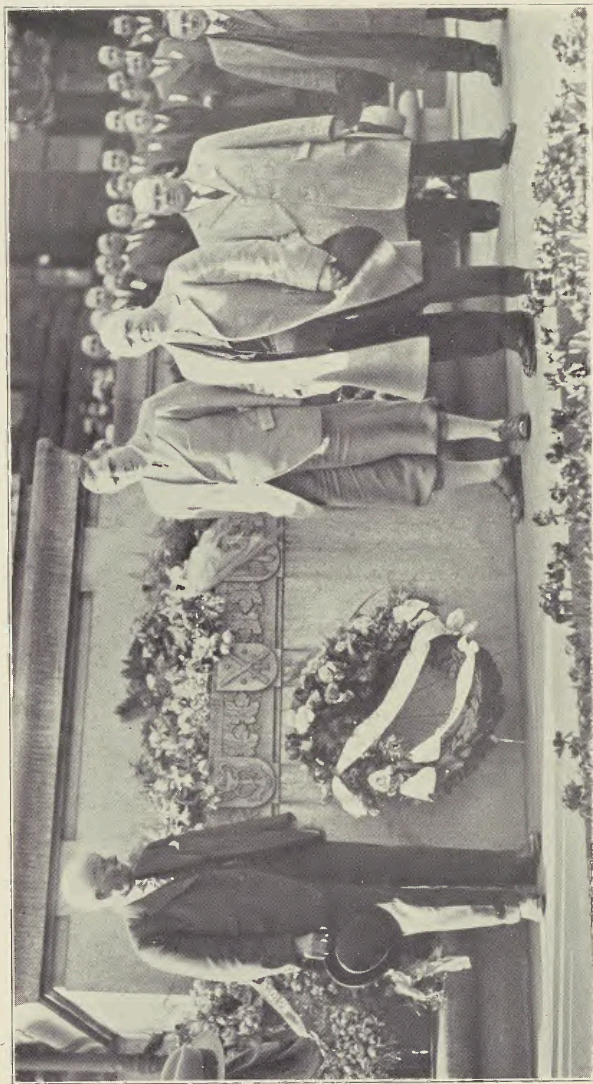
The 1930 summer tour in Canada and America was the direct outcome of the success of that of 1928. From both countries the request was insistent for a return visit, and the Rangers directors felt it something of a duty to consent, particularly out of deference to our own people in Canada, who had showered such lavish hospitality on the team on the occasion of the previous trip. In the course of the 1930 itinerary Canada was traversed from shore to shore. Many thousands of miles were covered. The beauties of the Dominion enthralled the tourists, and no place visited was left without a pang of regret. Far away in the West, Scots, young and old, travelled many miles merely to cast eyes on their countrymen who had brought the atmosphere of the Homeland to them. Tears were in their eyes as they hungrily stared into the faces of the



These are the men who won the Scottish League, the Scottish Cup, Glasgow Charity Cup, Scottish Second Eleven Cup, and Scottish Alliance in season 1929-30—a record never equalled.

Back Row—J. Dawson, Jas. Marshall, Jas. Purdon, John Buchanan, Jas. Smith, Robt. M'Donald, Geo. Conlin, Robert Hamilton, and Tom Hamilton.
Middle Row—Robt. Main, Alex. Archibald, Thos. Lockie, Robt. M'Phail, Jas. Simpson, Jas. Fleming, John Murray, and David Micklejohn.
Front Row—Jas. Kerr (*trainer*), W. G. Nicholson, Geo. Brown, Douglas Gray, Geo. M'Millan, Tom Muirhead (*captain*), Jas. Osborne, Tom Craig, A. L. Morton, and William Struth (*Manager*).

RANGERS IN TORONTO.



In presence of the Mayor and Aldermen of Toronto, Ex-Bailie Graham, accompanied by Mr. Struth, placed a wreath on the Cenotaph on the occasion of the Rangers team's visit to Canada in 1930.

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Rangers party. A hand would go out to touch the arm of a player as if actual contact would indeed bring them nearer to the Old Country. Scenes like these had their touch of pathos, but they made the Rangers feel that they had rendered a service of greater value than the winning of matches.

On the playing side, the tour was completely successful. All fourteen matches played were won, with an aggregate score of 68 goals against 20 lost. The closest game was against Fall River, at New Bedford, in the fourth engagement of the tour. Rangers won 3-2, after a gruelling struggle in which the Fall River team made no secret of their desire to accomplish what they had failed to do in 1928. From New Bedford the Rangers went into, and over, Canada, and then returned to America. The last match was the return with Fall River, which Rangers stipulated should be played in New York. Fall River had taken steps to strengthen their team for a final cut at Rangers' record of undefeated on foreign soil. The tourists were prepared, nursed themselves for the test, and getting away to a flying start, and never relaxing, won in a romp by 6-1. The details of this memorable tour are worth recording:—

Played 14. Won 14. Scored 68 goals. Lost 20.

May 21—At Toronto.	- Beat Ulster Un.,	-	4-3
May 24—At Hamilton.	- Beat Hamilton Thistle,	-	3-0
May 25—At New York.	- Beat New York Nationals,	-	5-4
May 30—At New Bedford.	Beat Fall River -	-	3-2
May 31—At Montreal.	- Beat Car Steel,	-	5-2
June 3—At Winnipeg.	- Beat Fort Rouge,	-	4-2
June 5—At Vancouver.	- Beat Edmonton,	-	5-0
June 7—At Vancouver.	- Beat St. Andrews,	-	7-1
June 9—At Victoria.	- Beat Victoria West,	-	8-1
June 11—At Calgary.	- Beat Calgary United,	-	8-1
June 15—At Chicago.	- Beat Sparta,	-	4-1
June 18—At Detroit.	- Beat Select Team,	-	3-1
June 20—At Cleveland, Ohio.	Beat Bruels,	-	3-1
June 22—At New York.	Beat Fall River,	-	6-1

Goal scorers:—J. Smith (18), J. Fleming (14), J. Marshall (9), R. M'Phail (7), G. Brown (5), A. L. Morton (5), A. Archibald (4), W. Nicholson (3), T. Muirhead (1), T. Craig (1), D. Meiklejohn (1).

Accompanying the players were Ex-Bailie Duncan

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Graham (director), Mr. Wm. Struth (manager), and James Kerr (trainer).

The season of 1929-30 witnessed the departure of two who had nobly played their part in maintaining the prestige of the Rangers club. Tom Muirhead, who had joined in May, 1917, from Hibernian, and William M'Candless, who signed in November, 1920, went with a free transfer, but both were satisfied with their share in the game, and content with their laurels. Tom Muirhead went into sporting journalism, and later accepted the offer of the post of manager of St. Johnstone, to prove himself as able in that capacity as he was a player. Billy M'Candless went home to Belfast, but returned to Scotland as manager of the Dundee club, everybody at Ibrox wishing him the best of luck. It could be said of Tom Muirhead that he could play anywhere. One foot was as good as the other. He was an inside right with Hibernian when Rangers signed him for the total cost of £20, and he got International honours as a left half-back. I would describe him as a *real* football player. There was intention behind every move, a pattern for any young man to watch and copy. His career with the Rangers is this:—

TOM MUIRHEAD.

	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1917-18, -	7	6	1924-25, -	14	0
1918-19, -	On Service.		1925-26, -	33	2
1919-20, -	42	19	1926-27, -	30	3
1920-21, -	23	4	1927-28, -	29	0
1921-22, -	48	0	1928-29, -	34	5
1922-23, -	35	5	1929-30, -	22	1
1923-24, -	35	4			
Matches, 352.			Goals, 49.		

As a back, Billy M'Candless was of the cool, calculating

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order. His judgment counterbalanced any moderation of speed, as it will always do when employed as he could employ it. He will always be remembered at Ibrox as one who gave of his best at all times, played the game like a true man, and took his rebuffs without flinching.

WILLIAM M'CANDLESS.

	Matches.		Matches.
1920-21, - -	36	1925-26, - -	7
1921-22, - -	53	1926-27, - -	32
1922-23, - -	29	1927-28, - -	18
1923-24, - -	43	1928-29, - -	2
1924-25, - -	43	1929-30, - -	2
Total Matches, 265.			

I would not like to close this chapter without reference to the wonderful send-off the supporters gave the players when they dashed from Hampden to St. Enoch station after the Charity Cup final. The team was bound for Canada and America. If cheering up was needed—which it scarcely was—these thousands of loyal Rangers folk who thronged the station hall provided it. It was a sight not soon to be forgotten. At every station on the line to Prince's Pier, it was the same—"Good old Rangers!" "Hip, hip, hurrah!" Hats waving, handkerchiefs fluttering, and all that. At Prince's Pier, more crowds were waiting the arrival of the team. They had literally to fight their way through to the landing stage to board the boat that took them out to the good ship *Andania*. And the players said, "We mustn't let these loyalists down." Nor did they, as you have seen.

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**The Codology Cup Tie—Never Again—Dundee's
Joke—Glasgow Cup Goes—The League Held—Fifth
in a Row—Charity Cup Again—Strenuous Finish.**

THIS was the season of what a picturesque writer described as the "codology" Scottish Cup tie.

Rangers were concerned in it—very much so. Briefly, they were beaten at Ibrox in the second round by Dundee, under conditions of playing pitch which made the word "football" merely a courtesy term. It was positively cruel to ask men to go through such an ordeal. The wonder is that no one had to be taken off by the ambulance attendants, though I can imagine they all felt fit for hospital at the finish. There is no use labouring the subject now. The referee declared the pitch "playable," but I am willing to predict that never again will a cup tie be permitted under such conditions. There were pools of water which practically swamped the ball. Two, sometimes three, hearty biffs of a strong man's boot were required to get it out. There would have been a joke to it had the issue not been so important. No doubt, Dundee could see the funny side of it at the finish. That was their luck. Had they lost, they would have stressed the absurdity of ever having been called upon to play the tie that day, just as Rangers followers stressed it.

Rangers had already lost the Glasgow Cup to Celtic, so that two of three trophies won in the previous season were away. Even the League championship seemed in danger of leaving Ibrox, for the team appeared to be pulling against the collar, probably the effect of the long, strenuous tour in America and Canada during the summer. Celtic and Motherwell chased Rangers all the way, and when the

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last Saturday of the season arrived, the championship hung on the games in which Celtic and Rangers were engaged. This was something like a championship contest, the sort of running struggle we should like to see every season. Rangers had to go to Methil to meet East Fife. A victory meant a fifth successive championship no matter what might happen to Celtic in their match with Leith Athletic. But defeat for Rangers would have left it possible for Celtic to tie on aggregate points, and so allow goal average to decide. Well, Rangers soon settled all doubts. They got a stranglehold on East Fife in the first half, scored four goals and held that lead to the end. It was a well-won championship, for the team had to make every post a winning post in the last three months of the season. They did not lose one of their last thirteen games, winning eleven and drawing two.

Going back to the Glasgow Cup final with Celtic, it has to be admitted that the Rangers team did not reveal a winning complex. Celtic got an early goal from Napier, and another from M'Grory, and though Smith counted for Rangers, they could not draw level although often near to doing it. There was too much feeling in the game from the first, and though more might be said, we shall let it go at that. The teams:—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and Buchanan; Brown, Meiklejohn and Craig; Archibald, Marshall, Smith, M'Phail and Morton.

Celtic.—J. Thomson; Cook and M'Gonagle; Geatons, M'Stay and Whitelaw; R. Thomson, A. Thomson, M'Grory, Scarff and Napier.

With the League championship held, there was left the Charity Cup to retain, and after the exacting League campaign, no one felt easy about it. As luck would have it, Rangers were pitted against Celtic in the first round, at Hampden. What a desperate tug-o'-war this was.

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All square after 90 minutes, the rivals had to go an extra half-hour, and even then it was corners that decided in Rangers favour. Almost as nippy was the semi-final tie with Partick Thistle at Ibrox, which Rangers won by a Smith goal—the only one. It was fated that Rangers should go through the mill to the finish, for, in the final with Queen's Park, on a sultry afternoon, the amateurs played them to a draw, 1-1, and only in the extra half-hour did Rangers get a winning goal. But even if Marshall had not scored that winner, Rangers were winning on corners, which would have been less satisfactory, of course. The teams were :—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and Macaulay; M'Donald, Meiklejohn and Craig; Archibald, Brown, Smith, Marshall and Morton.

Queen's Park.—R. G. C. Peden; T. K. Campbell and W. O. Walker; R. Grant, R. Gillespie and W. S. King; J. Crawford, L. Fitzgerald, D. M'Lelland, J. B. M'Alpine and G. D. M'Kenzie.

So that was that. The League and a Cup just to keep their hand in for the next season when the three cups were to be won again.

1930-31.

Scottish Cup.		Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.
Armada (A),	7-1	Third Lanark (H),	2-1	Celtic
Dundee (H),	1-2	Queen's Park (H),	1-0	(Hampden), 2-2
		Celtic (Hampden),	1-2	Rangers won by 3 corners to 1 after extra time.
				Partick Thistle (H), 1-0
				Queen's Park (Hampden), 2-1
				After extra time.
v. England.		v. Wales.		v. Ireland.
D. Meiklejohn.		D. Gray.		R. M'Phail.
A. Archibald.		G. Brown.		Alan Morton.
R. M'Phail.		Alan Morton.		
Alan Morton.				v. English League.
				D. Gray.

1931—1932

**The League Lost—Disappointment—Then Smiles—
Three Cups Won—Desperate Ties—Kilmarnock's
Bid—Twice Played Final.**

IT is a fine thing to be able to set a high standard in anything. Yes, but it has a disadvantage. You are expected to be able to keep up to it. What would be ranked a great performance on the part of a team not often "guilty" of excelling becomes a commonplace when accomplished by the team that has made a habit of doing big things. Rangers, during the last eleven seasons, have been so accustomed to striding ahead of the crowd that a failure causes more comment than a brilliant success. Season 1931-32 was remarkable because Rangers did not win the League. It is true they regained the Scottish Cup and Glasgow Cup, and won the Glasgow Charity Cup for a fifth successive time, in addition to which the second team captured the Scottish Alliance championship, also for a fifth time in succession. That was letting it rip with a vengeance, but, still, there was the fact that the League championship was lost to Motherwell. Among the very first telegrams of congratulation received by Motherwell was one from Ibrox, and there was no eyewash about it. But let us admit here and now that Rangers were disappointed that this particular championship was not won by themselves for one special reason. In the playful diversion of beating records right and left, they had set their hearts on at least getting level with Celtic's record of six successive championships. This would have been Rangers' sixth in a string, and it was wanted because of that. Had they succeeded, a new record would have been on the books by now, for the two succeeding champion-

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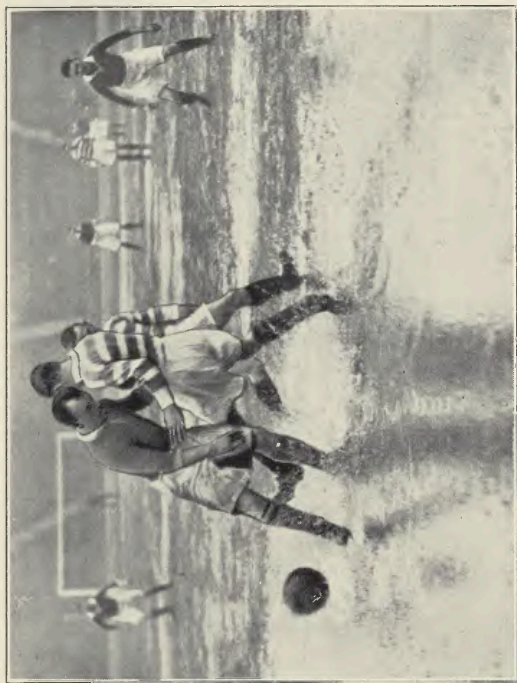
ships have come to Ibrox, and that would have meant eight in a row.

That said, let me hasten to add that Motherwell's success was merited up to the hilt. They were a better team in the League than were the Rangers, although they met their masters when they came to Ibrox to play a fourth-round Scottish Cup tie. Motherwell lost only two League matches, one of them to Rangers, at Ibrox, and the other to Kilmarnock, at Rugby Park, whereas Rangers lost five. In their 38 games only 31 goals were surrendered, whereas Rangers conceded 42.

For the first half of the season the race between the two teams was so neck-and-neck that both realised the merest slip would be fatal. Rangers made the slip against Queen's Park at Ibrox. I think there can be little doubt that their 0-1 defeat on 17th October was, to a large extent, traceable to their easy victory over the Amateurs on the Saturday previous in the final of the Glasgow Cup, at Hampden. Everybody knows the danger of a mentality which assumes a thing is done before it is begun. When the Rangers team realised that the League game was not working out according to Glasgow Cup final rules, they suffered from the reaction which takes place on such occasions. Morton and Marshall each missed a penalty kick. The goal with which Queen's Park won was a freak.

Rangers had already lost the League match at Motherwell, and they bargained to shed a point or two in other away games, but this Ibrox defeat by Queen's Park was not in the plan. Somehow, it seemed to hang heavily round the necks of the team until the end. On the spring holiday of 1932, Third Lanark beat them, at Cathkin, in a grand, stirring tussle. The players were worried when they came off, but Manager Struth said a few truthful words to them: "Boys, don't let that trouble you. You did not lose the

THE AQUATIC CUP TIE.



No? Yes, it's a Scottish Cup Tie.
 These are the photographs of the famous tie between Rangers and Dundee at Ibrox, in the second
 round of 1930-31. Water, water everywhere—and Dundee won by 2-1.

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SCOTTISH CUP VICTORS OF 1931-32.



The Happy Moment. The late Ex-Bailie Buchanan with the Scottish Cup in hand after the final victory against Kilmarnock in 1932. This was Rangers' seventh Scottish Cup victory.

Back Row—R. G. Campbell (*Director*), Robt. McPhail, Tom Hamilton, Jas. Simpson, Jas. Fleming, W. R. Simpson (*Secretary*), Alex. Archibald, Jas. Marshall, David Meiklejohn (*captain*), and Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E. (*Vice-Chairman*).
 Front Row—Jas. Kerr (*trainer*), Robt. Macaulay, D. Gray, Wm. Struth (*Manager*), Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, (*Chairman*), Geo. Brown, A. I. Morton, and Sam English.

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championship to-day; you lost it when Queen's Park beat you at Ibrox." The championship was not actually decided by the Cathkin result, but, virtually, it was. Motherwell were going steadily along, and from 26th December, when beaten at Ibrox by 1-0, they did not lose one of their remaining fourteen games. Thirteen were won and one drawn.

In the Glasgow Cup, Rangers and Celtic played three desperately hard games in the semi-final before Rangers could qualify for the final. In the third game, at Ibrox, Celtic were handicapped by having to make one or two changes, owing to injury. Rangers also made changes, but they were stronger in reserve power. The final teams were :—

Rangers.—Dawson; Gray and M'Aulay; Meiklejohn, Simpson and Brown; English, Marshall, Smith, M'Phail and Morton.

Queen's Park.—T. G. Smith; T. M. Harvey and H. M. Dickson; J. Gardiner, R. Gillespie and R. Grant; J. Crawford, L. Fitzgerald, D. M'Lelland, J. B. M'Alpine and G. D. M'Kenzie.

It was easy going for Rangers. Smith and M'Phail each scored, and Gillespie gave them another by diverting the ball into his own net.

When it became fairly evident that the League championship was going from Ibrox, a concentration of effort was made in order to recover the Scottish Cup. There were no cup nerves in the team now. The task was approached in cool but determined spirit, and eventually was accomplished in a clean, finished manner. Brechin City and Raith Rovers, in the first two rounds, gave little trouble, but the Hearts, at Tynecastle, were sterner mettle, and it was only after a terrific struggle that Rangers won by a Fleming goal. The pace had commenced to get hot. With the Hearts disposed of, Rangers found themselves

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set to tackle Motherwell at Ibrox. Already they had met twice in the League with Motherwell victors, at Fir Park by 4-2, and Rangers winners of the Ibrox return by 1-0. Motherwell had beaten Celtic in the third round and were doing so well in the League that their cup chances looked more than good. It was not to be their day, however. The Rangers team struck a rich vein, an early goal by James Murray, who had come in at inside right as reserve, sent them on a winning way. M'Phail smashed home a second goal soon after the restart, and Motherwell went down trying hard to the last. With a comfortable win in the semi-final over Hamilton Academicals at Parkhead, Rangers were into the final, there to face Kilmarnock who had conquered them three years previously in the last stage. Rangers had learned to respect, if not to fear, the facility with which their old Ayrshire rivals could rise to a big occasion. They had experienced it on many occasions, so they went into this final expecting to be hard pushed. They were not disappointed. A goal by Maxwell gave Kilmarnock a half-time lead, and it was with genuine relief that the Ibrox followers saw M'Phail equalise some minutes after the restart. Not another goal could either score. Defence held a mastery, although both Hamilton and Bell had to perform some clever saving to keep the scores level. Almost 112,000 witnessed their first game, and so dubious was the issue that at the replay, 106,000 rolled along to Hampden. In the second game, Fleming took the place of Morton in the Rangers team, and the sides were :—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and M'Aulay; Meiklejohn, Simpson and Brown; Archibald, Marshall, English, M'Phail and Fleming.

Kilmarnock.—Bell; Leslie and Nibloe; Morton, Smith and M'Ewan; Connell, Muir,¹ Maxwell, Duncan and Aitken.

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Everything, it would seem, depended on the first goal. The teams knew each other's strength to a fraction, and so it was felt that whoever got the lead could hold it on tactics. As it happened, Fleming, the incomer, sent Rangers ahead in the first half. They never looked back despite a plucky defence by Bell and his backs. The second half saw Rangers take a grip, and, with goals added by M'Phail and English, the Scottish Cup was won for the third time in five years. No hoodoo there.

There was nothing for it now but to go on and win the Charity Cup, and so become possessors of the three Cups in one season for the third time. It was done, and well done. Queen's Park could not repeat their Ibrox League win in the semi-final; they were beaten 3-1, and in the final, Third Lanark, sorely beset with mishaps, crashed to the tune of 6-1. I give the teams in the final as a matter of historical interest:—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and Simpson; Meiklejohn, M'Donald and Brown; Archibald, Marshall, English, M'Phail and Fleming.

Third Lanark.—Reford; Simpson and Warden; Clarke, Carabine and Blair; Brown, Jack, Dewar, M'Kenzie and Breslin.

So you see that in the Charity Cup Rangers achieved their success against two teams that had contributed to their failure in the League. In the final, Simpson was played at left back because, ten days previously, M'Aulay had been transferred to Chelsea. Simpson showed himself the versatile gentleman, just as when he had played inside right in a Scottish Cup against Hibernian. As for M'Aulay's transfer, some papers described it as "The Mystery," because news of it came out only in one quarter. There was no mystery to it. Chelsea and Rangers came to

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terms in the Ibrox pavilion near midnight. M'Aulay, going home, met a friend who, learning the latest, telephoned a certain newspaper which had what the newspaper man calls a scoop. The official intention was to circulate the information on the morning after the transfer had been completed.

A point I think should be mentioned is that Rangers played Dundee United in a League match when M'Aulay, Meiklejohn, Brown, M'Phail, and Morton were representing Scotland against Wales. Another point is that the Scottish Cup was won for the third time with James Kerr as trainer. But these three cups were only a small portion of the honours won by Rangers while he was on service at Ibrox. The season's record is here told:—

1931-32.

Scottish Cup.		Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.	
Brechin City		Third Lanark (H),	4-1	Queen's Park	
(H),	8-2	Celtic (A),	1-1	(H),	3-1
Raith Rovers		Celtic (H),	2-2	Third Lanark	
(A),	5-0	Celtic (H),	1-0	(Hampden),	6-1
Heart of		Queen's Park			
Midlothian (A),	1-0	(Hampden),	3-0		
Motherwell (H),	2-0				
Hamilton Acas.					
(Celtic Park),	5-2				
Kilmarnock					
(Hampden),	1-1				
Kilmarnock					
(Hampden),	3-0				

v. England.	v. Wales.	v. Ireland.	v. English League.
T. Hamilton.	R. M'Aulay.	R. M'Aulay.	D. Meiklejohn.
G. Brown.	D. Meiklejohn.	D. Meiklejohn.	G. Brown.
A. Archibald.	G. Brown.	G. Brown.	R. M'Phail.
J. Marshall.	R. M'Phail.	R. M'Phail.	Alan Morton.
Alan Morton.	Alan Morton.		

v. Irish League.	v. France.
J. Dawson.	R. M'Phail.
R. M'Aulay.	Alan Morton.

1932—1933

**Scottish Cup Lost—Every other Honour Won—
Eventful Season—Death of Ex-Bailie Buchanan—
Alan Morton—His Magic—First Defeat Abroad.**

CROWDED with events of various hues was this season of 1932-33. Of course for gratification there was plenty, but a cloud hung over Ibrox in November, for on the 9th of that month Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan passed away in a nursing home. Some weeks previously he had resigned the chairmanship. He felt he had come through the period of his greatest usefulness to the club as director and chairman, and that, in fairness to all, some one else should take the helm in hand. No one thought of a fatal termination to his illness, but on the 9th November it took a serious turn and he died peacefully. It was the day of the English League v. Scottish League match, at Manchester, and as four Rangers players were doing duty, he had shown his usual keenness to learn the result at the earliest possible. I had arranged to telephone to him as soon as it arrived. I put through the call only to be informed that the end had already come.

Joseph Buchanan was representative of the type of men who have made the Rangers club what it is to-day. By this I mean that he concentrated all his energy and enthusiasm on the supreme task of attaining success by aiding, so far as he could, in creating a spirit of ambition and loyalty among all those associated with the club. In games such as football, where all shades of opinion naturally demand a hearing, Joseph Buchanan could be looked to for a judgment which was more often right than wrong.

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There never lived one who was always right. He was a member of the Rangers club for nearly forty years, was elected to the Board of Directors in 1915, and became chairman in 1923.

Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E., succeeded to the chair. If it be a distinction of any value to sit at the head of the table in the Ibrox council chamber, surely no one could have been more worthy of that distinction than Duncan Graham. Like his predecessor, he has been an almost life-long member of the club with a splendid record of service behind him. Although, in later years, not always enjoying the best of health, nothing could daunt his quiet geniality or calm cheerfulness. In the long and trying tours over the Western Continent, his youthful spirit was an uplift to the players. He was the admirable travelling companion. At social functions his resourcefulness never failed. He had always something to say appropriate to the occasion. Such a man is a priceless boon. Everyone who knows Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham wishes him long life and a long tenure of office.

Before embarking upon the team's playing achievements, I shall deal with another notable event. This was the election to the Board of Directors of Alan Morton, the greatest outside left the world has ever seen. A big thing to say, you say? Well, leave it to the verdict of the grey-beards of either England or Scotland. You will find it the same. Alan Morton began the season as a player, but after playing six League games and a Glasgow Cup tie, he pulled the light blue jersey off his back for the last time. He was co-opted to the Board and his election confirmed at the annual meeting. The public announcement was hailed with satisfaction by all Rangers followers. Alan

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Morton had earned his promotion. For the Rangers he played in 495 matches, all first eleven, and scored 115 goals, as you see :—

ALAN MORTON.

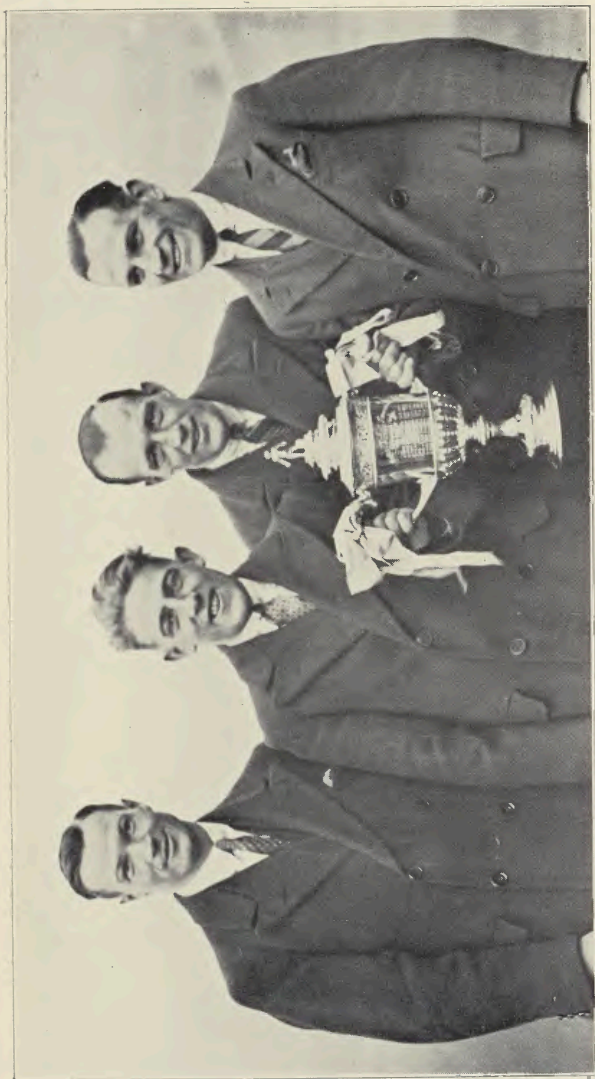
	Matches.	Goals.		Matches.	Goals.
1920-21, -	50	9	1927-28, -	44	15
1921-22, -	44	9	1928-29, -	47	20
1922-23, -	43	5	1929-30, -	34	5
1923-24, -	43	9	1930-31, -	39	9
1924-25, -	48	10	1931-32, -	21	0
1925-26, -	34	5	1932-33, -	7	3
1926-27, -	41	16			
Matches, 495.			Goals, 115.		

Alan Morton set for himself a high standard of excellence. He was judged by his own standard, not by that of anyone else. It might have been difficult for even an exceptional player to keep up to such a standard, but Alan Morton was rather more than merely exceptional. He was the super footballer whom no defence ever completely mastered when he was in his hey-day. Why one man should gain such pre-eminence is at once difficult and easy to say. Difficult, because the opportunities are open to all ; easy, because we know that Alan Morton took the pains, which not many do, to perfect himself in the craft. "As a boy," he told me, "I practised for hours at a stretch, with a ball, until I felt I was master of it. It was a source of enjoyment, so that the oftener, and the longer, I could be left to myself to play about with a ball, the happier I was." That will strike a familiar chord in the minds of many of those who have watched Alan Morton doing his tricks in serious football. He always seemed to be enjoying himself. Even in the most important Internationals, when other players were strung up with excitement, which often went

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far to wreck a reputation built on sound merit, Alan Morton was the cool, cheerful gentleman. He did not make an easy thing difficult, for the simple reason that his mind was always at work calculating the strength and the weakness of the opposition. Once he had found a vulnerable point in an opponent's defence, that unlucky wight had no chance against him. An Englishman, Ivan Sharpe, who was an amateur Internationalist, dubbed him "The Little Blue Devil." Another Englishman, one of the best writers on the game, said, "no Englishman has yet learned to play Morton." Sure enough, English half-backs and backs knew what a problem Alan Morton was. The English selectors cudgled their brains to find a man to grapple with him. Once in an International at Hampden, they thought to solve the problem by playing against him a right half of nearly his own size—he was just 5 ft. 4 ins. That poor little English half-back was driven to distraction. Alan Morton took his measure before the game had lasted many minutes, and there was no peace for him until the whistle sounded time up.

It would be idle to deny that Alan Morton was favoured with natural ability, but he himself insists that any success he achieved was mainly attributable to close application to practice, and a determination to improve. The proof of his natural talent was found in the recognition he received as a schoolboy. His honours as a full-grown senior attested the value of his studious practice. I give you a list of his honours, merely adding that they would have been more had he not been compelled, through injury, to decline others. His eleven caps against England equalled the record of the late Bobby Walker, but Alan Morton could have had two more had he been able to accept them.



The scorers in the Scottish Cup final replay of 1932 against Kilmarnock, along with David Meiklejohn, the captain. Left to right—Robert McPhail, Sam English, David Meiklejohn, and James Fleming.

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OFF TO CANADA.



A happy Rangers party on board the *Andania* setting out for Canada and America in 1930.
Every match, 14 in all, was won.

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ALAN MORTON'S HONOURS.

INTERNATIONALS.				MEDALS.			
England,	-	-	-	11	Airdrie Schools Cup,	-	2
Wales,	-	-	-	10	Stirlingshire Juvenile Cup,	-	1
Ireland,	-	-	-	9	Scottish Amateur League,	-	1
English League,	-	-	-	11	Ayrshire Charity Cup,	-	2
Irish League,	-	-	-	2	Belgian Relief Fund,	-	3
France,	-	-	-	1	Scottish Cup,	-	3
					Glasgow Cup,	-	7
					Glasgow Charity Cup,	-	8
					Scottish League		
					Championship,	-	9
					Lord Provost's Relief Fund,	-	1
					Scotland v. England (Scottish Engineering and		
					Munition Workers' Benevolent Association),	-	1
VICTORY INTERNATIONALS.							
England,	-	-	-	3			
Ireland,	-	-	-	1			
English League,	-	-	-	2			
Glasgow v. Sheffield,	-	-	-	3			
Rest of Scotland v. Glasgow,	-	-	-	1			
TOTAL,							
							92

This was also John Buchanan's last season with the Rangers. He was signed in season 1927-28, and played no small part in bringing the Scottish Cup to Ibrox, so gaining a second medal; he was one of the Morton team which defeated Rangers in the historic final of 1921-22. He was a staunch servant, gave of his best at all times, and, being of a versatile turn, was ever ready to answer heartily to an emergency call.

Now we shall say something about the team's successes which continued in a way that became more and more astonishing as the years passed by. The Scottish Cup was lost again in circumstances which I shall describe, but the League Championship, the Glasgow Cup, and the Charity Cup were all won. The reserves regained the Scottish Second Eleven Cup. Three ties were played in the Glasgow Cup. The first two were easy, but in the final Partick Thistle, who had beaten Celtic in the semi-final, put up a

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resistance which confirmed the merit of that performance. There was scarcely a pin's point between the teams in general ability, but Marshall, who was a scorer in all the ties, registered with one of his smashing right-footers, and that goal won the cup. The teams:—

Rangers.—Tom Hamilton; Gray and M'Donald; Meiklejohn, Simpson and Brown; Archibald, Marshall, English, M'Phail and Morton.

Partick Thistle.—Jackson; Calderwood and Cummings; Groves, M'Allister and M'Leod; Ness, M'Millan, Watson, Ballantyne and Torbet.

Meanwhile, Motherwell were making a bold challenge in the League. They had won the championship for the first time in the previous season, and they were bent on retaining it, if possible. Rangers opened with a defeat from St. Mirren, at Paisley, which seemed ominous, but they did not lose again until they went to Tynecastle on 22nd October, when the Hearts, through White, snatched a goal, the only one of the game, in the last few minutes. These were the only two defeats sustained by Rangers in the League, yet so well did Motherwell hang on that it was not until 25th April that their draw with Third Lanark, at Cathkin, definitely settled the championship race in favour of Rangers. Of the last 25 matches played by Rangers, 18 were won and seven drawn. That was good going again, but as the Scottish Cup had been lost in February, it was felt that a special effort had to be made to get back the championship.

There was nothing of a very cheering nature in the Scottish Cup campaign so long as it lasted for Rangers. Even against Arbroath, in the first round, the team shaped badly, but an excuse for that was the tremendously exacting match with the Sportklub Rapid team from

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Vienna, two days previously. This visit by the Rapid team was a memorable event. Over 50,000 spectators gave them a magnificent reception in return for which the Austrians delighted, in the first half, with an exhibition of clean, fast, clever football. The result was a draw, 3-3, which was satisfactory to everybody, although it was only superhuman goalkeeping by Raftl, the Rapid custodian, in the second half which prevented Rangers winning.

In the second round of the Cup, Rangers and Queen's Park played three of the sternest games these old rivals have ever contested. A 1-1 draw at Ibrox was followed by another of the same at Hampden, where extra time was played in a storm of rain. Rangers had the narrowest of escapes of being beaten. Queen's Park, who had the worst of the elements to contend with, made a great-hearted effort, were met by a desperate defence, and were a bit unlucky not to pull through. Rangers, it is but fair to assert, were not at their strongest in the second game, and for the third trial they were, as it appeared, even more greatly handicapped, for Gray could not play, and Brown, owing to scholastic duties, was still an absentee. The team, however, rose to the occasion this time, and, despite a continued courageous fight by Queen's Park, the tie was won. Then came the anti-climax. For the third-round tie, Kilmarnock had to be visited. The team gave their worst display of the season. It had not seemed that they could play so badly. There was no excuse for the 1-0 defeat. It was deserved. They meant to play well, but as Mattha Gemmell, Clyde's trainer, would say to his own boys when beaten, "Never mind ; if you aye played as well as you meant to, nobody else would have a chance."

Naturally the players were feeling knocked about by

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the time the Charity Cup ties came on, for the League battle had taken a lot out of them. They had two hard ties with Third Lanark and Partick Thistle before meeting Queen's Park in the final, which was won by another Marshall goal. He had developed a habit of coming in at the right time. As in the Glasgow Cup, he scored in all the Charity Cup ties. The final teams were :—

Rangers.—Dawson ; Gray and M'Donald ; Kennedy, Simpson and Brown ; Main, Marshall, Fleming, M'Phail and Nicholson.

Queen's Park.—T. G. Smith ; T. K. Campbell and J. C. Cooper ; J. Gardiner, R. Gillespie, and A. Hosie ; J. Crawford, A. Anderson, J. M. Dodds, T. H. Bremner and G. D. M'Kenzie.

So the season had ended not so badly. Four days after the Charity Cup final, the team was taken on a tour in Germany, where Rangers suffered their first defeat outside Britain. After winning their first four matches, they went on to Munich. An eleven of the best German players were selected to give challenge, and Rangers lost by 1-2, but there was no discredit in the reverse. The Germans themselves said Rangers were unlucky to lose. In any case, though defeat on foreign soil had come at last, it was realised that if Rangers were to continue touring foreign lands, they must inevitably have had to surrender sooner or later. The last game of the tour was against the Sportklub Rapid, in Vienna. It would have been better if this fixture had been taken first when the Rangers players were in fitter condition, but, though tired, they put forth a great effort and again were unfortunate to be beaten 3-4. The Austrians acclaimed them the best team that had visited Vienna from Britain. I give you the full results of the tour. It is historic, because it contains

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Rangers' first foreign reverse and they were the pioneers of tours abroad :—

May 17—At Berlin.	Won 5-1.	Smith 3, M'Phail 2.
May 21—At Hamburg.	Won 3-1.	Marshall 1, Smith 2.
May 25—At Bochum.	Won 5-0.	English 3, M'Phail 1, Fleming 1.
May 28—At Dresden.	Won 3-2.	Smith 3.
May 31—At Munich.	Lost 1-2.	M'Phail 1.
June 4—At Vienna.	Lost 3-4.	Brown 1, Marshall 1, M'Donald 1.

The League was won and the Cup record was :—

1932-33.

Scottish Cup.		Glasgow Cup.		Charity Cup.	
Arbroath (H),	3-1	Queen's Park (A),	6-2	*Third Lanark	
Queen's Park		Third Lanark (H),	4-0	(H),	3-1
(H),	1-1	Partick Thistle		Partick Thistle	
(A),	1-1	(Hampden),	1-0	(H),	2-0
Queen's Park				Queen's Park	
(A),	3-1			(Hampden),	1-0
Kilmarnock (A),	0-1				
				* After extra time.	
v. England.		v. Wales.		v. Ireland.	
G. Brown.		D. Gray.		D. Gray.	
J. Marshall.				R. M'Phail.	
R. M'Phail.					
v. English League.		v. English League.		v. English League.	
D. Meiklejohn.		D. Meiklejohn.		D. Meiklejohn.	
A. Archibald.		A. Archibald.		A. Archibald.	
J. Marshall.		J. Marshall.		J. Marshall.	
R. M'Phail.		R. M'Phail.		R. M'Phail.	

Brown, Marshall and M'Phail assisted Scotland to register a victory over England, at Hampden. All three played an important part in the Scottish success. The four Rangers men who played for the Scottish League against the English League, at Manchester, were generous contributors to a 3-0 victory. David Meiklejohn was acclaimed the hero of the day—and he had gone into the team as a second choice.

1933—1934

**Another Clean Sweep—League and Three Cups Won—
Two Defeats in Fifty Matches—Difficulties Overcome—
Season's Greatest Thrills—The Highbury Triumph.**

AND so we come to what, in many respects, must be written down one of the most distinguished seasons in the records of the club. The first team won everything. In 1929-30, as we have seen, a similar feat had been accomplished, but in this last season of the present chronicle, adverse circumstances seemed, in anticipation, to render the cumulative achievement beyond the realm even of surmise. The team did not begin impressively, although acquiring points in the earlier matches, and, in fact, sustaining only the one defeat at Motherwell in the first sixteen League games played. There was, for a long time, a sense of strain apparent, due directly to the frequent absence of key men such as Meiklejohn, Simpson, Marshall, and M'Phail. But whether at strength, or with a leaven of reserves, the team, at all times, revealed the right battling spirit which overcame all difficulties, and ended in the creation of one of the finest records that stand to the credit of any club.

Of League and Cup tie matches combined, 50 were played, and only two were lost! It seems incredible, yet figures, in this case, dare not lie. But that is not the sum of the season's riches. I doubt if any victory gave, or should have afforded, deeper satisfaction than the two splendid sporting wins against the Arsenal at Ibrox, and at Highbury. Many of you witnessed the keenly-contested duel at Ibrox. It paled by comparison with the long thrill provided by the second contest in London. Than on that September evening, when London Scots thronged the

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Arsenal ground, a Rangers team never rose more splendidly to the occasion. Both sides acknowledged themselves the custodiers of the prestige of their respective countries. They proved themselves worthy to champion such a cause.

I was with the players of both teams before and after the match ; I sat beside the two managers, the late Herbert Chapman and William Struth, during these hectic ninety minutes of sweeping attack and daring defence, and I can vouch for it that all accepted the result as deciding, for the time being, the supremacy, not of one team over another, but of one country over another.

The good London sporting crowd stood to a man and cheered the victorious Rangers team as they came off the field. London Scots made a gala night of it, and the Ibrox postbag weighed heavy for days afterwards with congratulatory messages from Scots in the Metropolis.

The Rangers had done something to keep football Scotland on the map, and they came home happy and contented. They had done their job.

With the Glasgow Cup safely won, the next task was to hold on to the League. It was a stern struggle, but the team held firm, and in the last twenty-two matches not one was lost. In the Glasgow Cup, two semi-final games were played with Celtic, the second resulting in a good win for Rangers, at Ibrox. The final against Clyde was not a game to remember. Better things were to come with the advent of the Scottish Cup, but I may as well put on record the teams that played the Glasgow Cup final at Hampden, where Rangers won a one-sided game by 2 goals to 0 :—

Rangers.—Dawson ; Gray and M'Donald ; Meiklejohn, Simpson and Brown ; Archibald, Marshall, Gillick, M'Phail and Main.

Clyde.—Stevenson ; Summers and M'Ritchie ; Robertson, Wood and Mayes ; Carroll, King, Boyd, Howieson and M'Culloch.

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Even the Glasgow Cup had its hazards. In the three ties, sixteen players participated, and it is not necessary to state that changes do not consolidate a team. It was the same in the Scottish Cup. Injuries threatened to knock some well-laid schemes to smithereens, but always the men thrown into the breach came up smiling. It was a way they had in this season of 1933-34—none were more determined than the deputies to see the thing through. The services of seventeen players were utilised in the Scottish Cup ties, in which five First Division teams were opposed and defeated. In the second round, at Cathkin, Third Lanark offered a stubborn resistance, and, although beaten by three goals, came out of a gruelling test with a fair proportion of the honours. When the Hearts shared in a goalless draw at Ibrox in the third round, danger loomed. Those who saw the replay, at Tynecastle, will not soon forget it. A lot went to see it and never got in, for the gates had to be closed. Tom Hyslop, one of the great old Rangers, and a member of the Three-Cup team of 1896-7, offered a policeman a ten shilling note to be passed through, but an Edinburgh guardian of the law is beyond corruption. Tom, like many more, had to be satisfied with hearing the huzzahs and the news that Rangers had won by 2 goals to 1. But it was a narrow squeak. At one stage of the struggle, which never sagged, the Hearts looked to have the winning of it, but the Rangers defence, in which tall James Simpson was a dominating figure, withstood the strain, and in a final burst by the forwards, the winning goal was clapped on to the accompaniment of a thunderous cheer. I think it is due to the Hearts to record that they contributed to two of the most thrilling games in which the Rangers took part on Scottish soil. One was the Scottish Cup replay, the other was the League match at Tynecastle, played later on. Rangers won both, but, on the standard of play

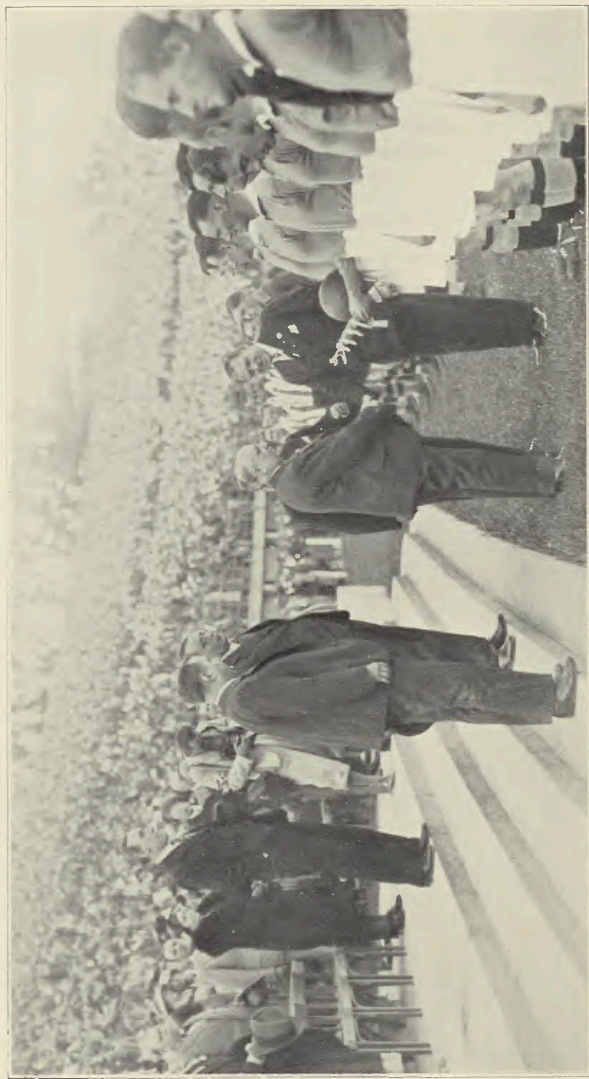


A MEMORY OF A HAPPY OUTING.

Mr. William Struth, the Rangers manager, and the late Mr. Herbert Chapman, manager of the Arsenal, on the first tee at Turnberry Golf Course, in September, 1933, when the Arsenal team came north to play the Rangers at Ibrox.

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RANGERS IN VIENNA.



The Rangers team being presented to the President of the Austrian Republic, before the game, in the Vienna Stadium, where the Sportklub Rapid team won by 4-3, in June, 1933.

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exhibited by the Hearts, they should have been hot in quest of the championship.

To date, the Scottish Cup-tie clashes between Rangers and Hearts have had the following result :—

RANGERS v. HEARTS.

1894-95,	FIRST ROUND, -	Ibrox Park, -	Rangers, 1	Hearts, 2
1898-99,	FIRST ROUND, -	Ibrox Park, -	Rangers, 4	Hearts, 1
*1902-03,	FINAL, - - -	Celtic Park, -	Rangers, 2	Hearts, 0
1903-04,	FIRST ROUND, -	Ibrox Park, -	Rangers, 3	Hearts, 2
1921-22,	THIRD ROUND,	Tynecastle, -	Rangers, 4	Hearts, 0
1929-30,	SEMI-FINAL, -	Hampden Park,	Rangers, 4	Hearts, 1
1931-32,	THIRD ROUND,	Tynecastle, -	Rangers, 1	Hearts, 0
†1933-34,	THIRD ROUND,	Tynecastle, -	Rangers, 2	Hearts, 1
			21	7

* After two draws, 1-1, and 0-0, at Celtic Park.

† After draw, 0-0, at Ibrox Park.

After the Tynecastle tie, Aberdeen and St. Johnstone were disposed of, each by a goal to nothing, and there were hopes of a great final with St. Mirren, who had jumped into fame by wiping out first Celtic and then Motherwell. Disappointment! The Rangers team was in full panoply again, but, unknown to those outside the inner circle, Simpson and M'Phail were in condition which gave rise to secret fears of a breakdown. Both stood the test, and the team, giving one of the finest exhibitions of the season—the best since the Highbury match—gained a victory by a score, 5-0, which was a record for the competition. Something less would have satisfied, but it was St. Mirren's bad luck to meet Rangers on a day when they would have beaten anything in football boots. A circumstance that

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told against St. Mirren was having to play against the wind in the first half. It sapped their strength. The teams in the final were :—

Rangers.—Hamilton ; Gray and M'Donald ; Meiklejohn, Simpson and Brown ; Main, Marshall, Smith, M'Phail and Nicholson.

St. Mirren.—M'Cloy ; Hay and Ancell ; Gebbie, Wilson and Miller ; Knox, Latimer, M'Gregor, M'Cabe and Phillips.

Nicholson scored two of the goals, and M'Phail, Main, and Smith each one.

Was it to be another clean sweep ? The League, the Glasgow Cup, and Scottish Cup were already in the Ibrox grasp. It remained only to keep hold of the Charity Cup. After past nervous tension which was now coming to a climax, all concerned realised that the crucial test was at hand. Partick Thistle, fresh and eager, came to Ibrox, in the semi-final, ran the Rangers to a draw on goals and were beaten only after extra time on corners. Now for Celtic in the final, at Hampden, a Celtic desperately keen to prevent a record of their own being excelled. No one will deny them credit for a brave attempt. Well was it for Rangers that the defence held together throughout the first half. When the forwards unleashed themselves after the interval, the aspect changed. Over came a ball from the left. Main met it on the drop, took quick aim, and, with an unerring shot, scored the goal that completed a memorable season's achievements. The teams in the Glasgow Charity Cup final :—

Rangers.—Dawson ; Gray and M'Donald ; Meiklejohn, Simpson and Brown ; Main, Marshall, Smith, M'Phail and Nicholson.

Celtic.—Kennaway ; Hogg and M'Gonagle ; Morrison, Geatons and Hughes ; Crum, M'Donald, F. O'Donnell, Divers and H. O'Donnell.

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Here follows in detail the results of League and Cup games, and the number of appearances of players which show how the changes had to be rung :—

THE CLEAN SWEEP OF 1933-34.

Won Scottish Cup, Glasgow Cup, Glasgow Charity Cup, and
Scottish League.

LEAGUE RECORD.

Played 38. Won 30. Lost 2.
Drawn 6.

Airdrieonians (H),	-	5-1
Ayr United (H),	-	9-1
Hibernian (A),	-	0-0
Clyde (A),	-	6-1
Cowdenbeath (H),	-	3-1
Motherwell (A),	-	1-2
Celtic (H),	-	2-2
Queen of the South (H),	-	5-1
Ayr United (A),	-	2-0
Dundee (H),	-	1-0
Partick Thistle (A),	-	4-3
St. Mirren (H),	-	3-0
Hearts (H),	-	3-1
Kilmarnock (A),	-	3-1
Clyde (H),	-	3-1
Queen of the South (A),	-	4-0
St. Johnstone (A),	-	1-3
Falkirk (H),	-	3-1
Aberdeen (A),	-	2-1
Queen's Park (H),	-	4-0
Airdrieonians (A),	-	7-2
Hibernian (H),	-	6-0
Celtic (A),	-	2-2
Partick Thistle (H),	-	2-2
Cowdenbeath (A),	-	4-3
Motherwell (H),	-	4-2
Dundee (A),	-	6-0
St. Mirren (A),	-	2-1
Hearts (A),	-	2-1
Hamilton Acas. (A),	-	2-1
Kilmarnock (H),	-	2-2
Third Lanark (H),	-	1-0
St. Johnstone (H),	-	3-0
Third Lanark (A),	-	1-0
Aberdeen (H),	-	2-1
Falkirk (A),	-	3-1
Hamilton Acas. (H),	-	4-2
Queen's Park (A),	-	1-1

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SCOTTISH CUP.

First Round—Blairgowrie (H),	-	14-2
Second Round—Third Lanark (A),	3-0	
Third Round—Hearts (H),	-	0-0
Replay—Hearts (A),	-	2-1
Fourth Round—Aberdeen (H),	-	1-0
Semi-Final—St. Johnstone (Hampden),	-	1-0
Final—St. Mirren (Hampden),	-	5-0
		26-3

GLASGOW CUP.

Semi-Final—Celtic (A),	-	1-1
Replay—Celtic (H),	-	2-1
Final—Clyde (Hampden),	-	2-0
		5-2

CHARITY CUP.

Semi-Final—Partick Thistle (H),	-	1-1
(after extra time, Rangers won by 7 corners to 4.)		
Final—Celtic (Hampden),	-	1-0
		2-1

GRAND TOTAL.

Played 50. Won 40. Lost 2. Drawn 8.
Goals for, 151. Against, 47.

ELEVEN GREAT YEARS.

1933-34.

Name.	League.	Scottish Cup.	Glasgow Cup.	Glasgow Charity Cup.	Total.
J. Dawson, -	30	6	3	2	41
T. Hamilton, -	1	1	—	—	2
G. Jenkins, -	7	—	—	—	7
D. Gray, -	37	7	3	2	49
R. M'Donald,	38	6	3	2	49
W. A. Cheyne,	3	—	—	—	3
T. Russell, -	3	1	—	—	4
G. Brown, -	35	6	3	2	46
J. Simpson, -	29	7	3	2	41
D. Meiklejohn,	29	5	2	2	38
T. Craig, -	8	3	—	—	11
J. Kennedy, -	7	—	1	—	8
C. Mason, -	1	—	—	—	1
A. Archibald,	15	—	1	—	16
J. Fleming, -	13	5	1	—	19
T. Gillick, -	2	—	1	—	3
A. Macaulay, -	5	1	—	—	6
R. M'Phail, -	25	6	3	1	35
R. Main, -	25	6	3	2	36
J. Marshall, -	21	7	2	2	32
W. G. Nicholson,	26	3	1	2	32
J. Smith, -	32	6	1	2	41
A. Stevenson,	11	—	2	—	13
A. Venters, -	15	1	—	1	17
	418	77	33	22	550
<i>v. England.</i>	<i>v. Ireland.</i>	<i>v. English League.</i>	<i>v. Irish League.</i>	<i>v. Austria.</i>	
J. Marshall.	R. M'Phail.	J. Simpson. G. Brown. R. Main. J. Fleming. R. M'Phail. W. Nicholson.	A. Archibald.	D. Meiklejohn. G. Brown. R. M'Phail.	

THE MEN AND THE GROUNDS.

SIXTY-ONE years ago, in 1873, the Rangers club was born on the Fleshers' Haugh, an open space on Glasgow Green. Eleven players and a football constituted the full equipment, plus an unbounded store of enthusiasm. There are two of the original band still alive—Tom Vallance and Moses M'Neil. Tom Vallance tells of how the spirit of emulation kept urging the young men on to higher heights. "Something better" was the alluring motto, and it has been so ever since. So, to-day, Rangers possess a home which is one of the show places visited by sportsmen of all grades who come to Glasgow. The process towards this palatial enclosure has been one of wise and far-seeing development. From the Fleshers' Haugh to their first private ground at Burnbank (1875-6), then to dear old Kinning Park, which was vacated in March, 1887, for First Ibrox. The Ibrox Park of to-day is a vastly different thing from that of 1887. It comprises over fifteen acres, with measured accommodation for 136,940 spectators. There are tip-up seats under cover on the grand stand for 10,294 persons. The finance associated with the steady advance in ground equipment vividly portrays the adventurous impulse behind the ambition of the club officials. The present grand stand cost £63,696 ; the administrative block, £17,993. These are figures which represent "high finance," but, in the hands of Mr. William Rogers Simpson, the secretary, they are merely items of ordinary significance.

I cannot close the story without paying a tribute to the men in whose keeping is placed the destinies of the old club. They are loyal men every one, true in their conception of what the Ibrox tradition seeks from them.

ELEVEN GREAT YEARS.

Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham at the top of the table, with James Bowie, R. G. Campbell, and Alan Morton around him. These three have been through the fires of the football field. They know what are the pleasures and disappointments of the men who carry the colours. And, "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

Then the manager, William Struth. Who will estimate the value of his contribution towards the triumphs of these past eleven seasons? As a disciplinarian, ruling with a rod of velvet, the softish feel of which is sufficient to make all who serve him determined not to let the manager down. A priceless asset, surely, to have a bond of friendship between manager and players. With it, hand in hand, goes harmony, and harmony's nearest relative, Success. That is how things have evolved.

It would be an omission if I did not refer to Manager Struth's triumphs as a sports organiser. He has given us some of the finest athletic treats witnessed in Britain, and the sports-loving public are indebted to him for it. In America, France, and Finland, the name of the Rangers club is held in high esteem by athletes of these countries who have come to compete at Ibrox.

Another tribute, and one which is more than due, we must accord the Eastwood Section of St. Andrew's Ambulance Corps which, since 1907, has been on duty at Ibrox Park, in charge of Commandant W. Macrae. It is voluntary work and, as such, merits the greater commendation.

Nor must we forget the purveyors of music. Many a lively lilt and stirring march by the Govan Burgh Band, under the leadership of Lieut. G. Grant, have given added pleasure to attendance at matches. The Band is an Ibrox institution now, and is looked forward to, as providing a special treat, by all regular visitors to the ground.

RANGERS' VICTORY YEARS.

Scottish Cup.	Glasgow Cup.	Charity Cup.	Scottish League.	Scottish 2nd XI Cup.	Alliance C'pionships
—	—	1878-79	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	1889-90	—
—	—	—	1890-91*	—	—
—	1892-93	—	—	—	—
1893-94	1893-94	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	1894-95
1896-97	1896-97	1896-97	—	—	—
1897-98	1897-98	—	—	1897-98	—
—	—	—	1898-99	1898-99	1898-99
—	1899-1900	1899-1900	1899-1900	—	—
—	1900-01	—	1900-01	—	—
—	1901-02†	—	1901-02	—	—
1902-03	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	1903-04	—	—	—
—	—	1905-06	—	—	1905-06
—	—	1906-07	—	1906-07	—
—	—	1908-09	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	1909-10
—	1910-11	1910-11	1910-11	—	1910-11
—	1911-12	—	1911-12	1911-12	1911-12
—	1912-13	—	1912-13	1912-13	1912-13
—	1913-14	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	1914-15
—	1917-18	—	1917-18	—	—
—	1918-19	1918-19	—	—	—
—	—	—	1919-20	—	—
—	—	—	1920-21	—	—
—	1921-22	1921-22	—	—	—
—	1922-23	1922-23	1922-23	—	—
—	1923-24	—	1923-24	1923-24	1923-24
—	1924-25	1924-25	1924-25	1924-25	—
—	—	—	—	1925-26	—
—	—	—	1926-27	—	—
1927-28	—	1927-28	1927-28	1927-28	1927-28
—	—	1928-29	1928-29	1928-29	1928-29
1929-30	1929-30	1929-30	1929-30	1929-30	1929-30
—	—	1930-31	1930-31	1930-31	1930-31
1931-32	1931-32	1931-32	—	—	1931-32
—	1932-33	1932-33	1932-33	1932-33	—
1933-34	1933-34	1933-34	1933-34	—	—
Eight	Twenty-one	Nineteen	Twenty-one	Fourteen	Fourteen

* Joint Champions with Dumbarton.

† Celtic scratched.

RANGERS' SCOTTISH CUP RECORD.

1923-24.

Round.	Opponents.	Ground.
FIRST ROUND.	4 ; Lochgelly United, -	1 Ibrox Park.
SECOND ROUND.	1 ; St. Mirren, -	0 Paisley.
THIRD ROUND.	1 ; Hibernians, -	2 Ibrox Park.

1924-25.

FIRST ROUND.	3 ; East Fife, -	1 Methil.
SECOND ROUND.	2 ; Montrose, -	0 Montrose.
THIRD ROUND.	5 ; Arbroath, -	3 Ibrox Park.
FOURTH ROUND.	2 ; Kilmarnock, -	1 Kilmarnock.
SEMI-FINAL.	0 ; Celtic, -	5 Hampden Park.

1925-26.

FIRST ROUND.	3 ; Lochgelly United,	0 Ibrox Park.
SECOND ROUND.	1 ; Stenhousemuir, -	0 Ibrox Park.
THIRD ROUND.	2 ; Falkirk, -	0 Falkirk.
FOURTH ROUND.	4 ; Morton, -	0 Greenock.
SEMI-FINAL.	0 ; St. Mirren, -	1 Celtic Park.

1926-27.

FIRST ROUND.	4 ; Leith Athletic, -	1 Leith.
SECOND ROUND.	6 ; St. Mirren, -	0 Ibrox Park.
THIRD ROUND.	4 ; Hamilton Acas., -	0 Ibrox Park.
FOURTH ROUND.	2 ; Falkirk, -	2 Falkirk.
REPLAY,*	0 ; Falkirk, -	1 Ibrox Park.

* After extra time. M'Candless went lame just at the end of 90 minutes and changed to outside left. Cunningham went to left back.

1927-28.

FIRST ROUND.	6 ; East Stirlingshire, -	0 Falkirk.
SECOND ROUND.	4 ; Cowdenbeath, -	2 Ibrox Park.
THIRD ROUND.	3 ; King's Park, -	1 Ibrox Park.
FOURTH ROUND.	1 ; Albion Rovers, -	0 Coatbridge.
SEMI-FINAL,	3 ; Hibernian, -	0 Tynecastle.
Final.	4 ; Celtic, -	0 Hampden Park.

1928-29.

FIRST ROUND.	11 ; Edinburgh City, -	1 Ibrox Park.
SECOND ROUND.	5 ; Partick Thistle, -	1 Ibrox Park.
THIRD ROUND.	2 ; Clyde, -	0 Shawfield Park.
FOURTH ROUND.	3 ; Dundee United, -	1 Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	3 ; St. Mirren, -	2 Hampden Park.
Final.	0 ; Kilmarnock, -	2 Hampden Park.

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS OF 1933-34.



Standing (left to right)—Arthur Dixon (trainer), R. G. Campbell (Director), Tom Hamilton, Jas. Simpson, Jas. Smith, Jerry Dawson, Jas. Fleming, Robert McDonald, David Melkie John (captain), Robt. McPhail, Tom Craie, Alex. Archibald and Wm. Struth (Manager).

Sitting—A. L. Morton (Director), George Brown, W. G. Nicholson, Robert Main, Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E. (Chairman), Douglas Gray, Jas. Marshall and James Bowie (Director).

See page 62.



SCOTTISH CUP RECORD.

1929-30.

Round.	Opponents.	Ground.
FIRST ROUND.	1 ; Queen's Park, - 0	Hampden Park.
SECOND ROUND.	2 ; Cowdenbeath, - 2	Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	3 ; Cowdenbeath, - 0	Cowdenbeath.
THIRD ROUND.	5 ; Motherwell, - 2	Motherwell.
FOURTH ROUND.	3 ; Montrose, - 0	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	4 ; Heart of Midlothian, 1	Hampden Park.
Final.	0 ; Partick Thistle, - 0	Hampden Park.
Replay.	2 ; Partick Thistle, - 1	Hampden Park.

1930-31.

FIRST ROUND.	7 ; Armadale, - - 1	Armadale.
SECOND ROUND.	1 ; Dundee, - - 2	Ibrox Park.

1931-32.

FIRST ROUND.	8 ; Brechin City, - 2	Ibrox Park.
SECOND ROUND.	5 ; Raith Rovers, - 0	Kirkcaldy.
THIRD ROUND.	1 ; Heart of Midlothian, 0	Tynecastle.
FOURTH ROUND.	2 ; Motherwell, - 0	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	5 ; Hamilton Acas., - 2	Celtic Park.
Final.	1 ; Kilmarnock, - 1	Hampden Park.
Replay.	3 ; Kilmarnock, - 0	Hampden Park.

1932-33.

FIRST ROUND.	3 ; Arbroath, - - 1	Ibrox Park.
SECOND ROUND.	1 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	1 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Hampden Park.
REPLAY.	3 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Hampden Park.
THIRD ROUND.	0 ; Kilmarnock, - 1	Kilmarnock.

1933-34.

FIRST ROUND.	14 ; Blairgowrie, - - 2	Ibrox Park.
SECOND ROUND.	3 ; Third Lanark, - 0	Cathkin Park.
THIRD ROUND.	0 ; Heart of Midlothian, 0	Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	2 ; Heart of Midlothian, 1	Tynecastle.
FOURTH ROUND.	1 ; Aberdeen, - - 0	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; St. Johnstone, - 0	Hampden Park.
Final.	5 ; St. Mirren, - - 0	Hampden Park.

ANALYSIS OF SCOTTISH CUP RESULTS.

Only the undernoted Clubs have defeated Rangers
in the Competition.

CLUB.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Goals.	
				For.	Agst.
CELTIC, - - -	14	5	9	19	27*
DUMBARTON, - -	8	5	3	15	11
MORTON, - - -	8	7	1	29	5
CLYDE, - - -	9	5	4	27	9
PARTICK THISTLE, -	9	7	2	27	10
QUEEN'S PARK, -	8	6	2	15	11
THIRD LANARK, -	6	4	2	11	6
HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN,	8	7	1	21	7
HIBERNIAN, - -	7	3	4	12	10
FALKIRK, - - -	7	5	2	15	8
VALE OF LEVEN, -	4	0	4	4	14†
ST. BERNARDS, - -	3	2	1	10	4
DUNDEE, - - -	4	2	2	7	4
ALBION ROVERS, -	4	3	1	9	3
CAMBUSLANG, - -	2	1	1	5	3
RENTON, - - -	1	0	1	3	5
PORT-GLASGOW ATH.,	1	0	1	0	1
AYR UNITED, - -	1	0	1	0	2
ST. MIRREN, - -	9	8	1	25	2

* In 1908-09 the Cup was withheld after Rangers and Celtic had played two drawn games in the Final. That match is not included.

† In 1878-79 the Cup was awarded Vale of Leven after a drawn match in the Final, which Rangers claimed to have won. That result is not included.

GLASGOW CUP RECORD.

1923-24.

Round.	Opponents.	Ground.
FIRST ROUND.	3 ; Queen's Park,	- 0 Hampden Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 0 Ibrox Park.
Final.	3 ; Third Lanark,	- 1 Ibrox Park.

1924-25.

FIRST ROUND.	1 ; Clyde, - -	- 0 Shawfield Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	0 ; Partick Thistle,	- 0 Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	2 ; Partick Thistle,	- 0 Firhill Park.
Final.	4 ; Celtic, - -	- 1 Celtic Park.

1925-26.

FIRST ROUND.	2 ; Celtic, - -	- 2 Celtic Park.
REPLAY.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 1 Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	0 ; Celtic, - -	- 2 Ibrox Park.

1926-27.

FIRST ROUND.	4 ; Third Lanark,	- 2 Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Queen's Park,	- 1 Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	3 ; Queen's Park,	- 1 Hampden Park.
Final.	0 ; Celtic, - -	- 1 Hampden Park.

1927-28.

SEMI-FINAL,	7 ; Clyde, - -	- 0 Ibrox Park.
Final.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 2 Hampden Park.

1928-29.

FIRST ROUND.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 2 Ibrox Park.
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GLASGOW CUP RECORD.

1929-30.

Round.	Opponents.	Ground.
SEMI-FINAL.	2 ; Partick Thistle,	- 0 Firhill Park.
Final.	0 ; Celtic, - -	- 0 Hampden Park.
Replay.	4 ; Celtic, - -	- 0 Hampden Park.

1930-31.

FIRST ROUND.	2 ; Third Lanark,	- 1 Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Queen's Park,	- 0 Ibrox Park.
Final.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 2 Hampden Park.

1931-32.

FIRST ROUND.	4 ; Third Lanark,	- 1 Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 1 Celtic Park.
REPLAY.	2 ; Celtic, - -	- 2 Ibrox Park.
REPLAY.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 0 Ibrox Park.
Final.	3 ; Queen's Park,	- 0 Hampden Park.

1932-33.

FIRST ROUND.	6 ; Queen's Park,	- 2 Hampden Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	4 ; Third Lanark,	- 0 Ibrox Park.
Final.	1 ; Partick Thistle,	- 0 Hampden Park.

1933-34.

SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Celtic, - -	- 1 Celtic Park.
REPLAY.	2 ; Celtic, - -	- 1 Ibrox Park.
Final.	2 ; Clyde, - -	- 0 Hampden Park.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP RECORD.

1923-24.

Round.	Opponents.	Ground.
FIRST ROUND.	3 ; Clyde, - - - 0	Celtic Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Partick Thistle, - 0	Ibrox Park.
Final.	1 ; Celtic, - - - 2	Hampden Park.

1924-25.

FIRST ROUND.	4 ; Third Lanark, - 1	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	2 ; Partick Thistle, - 1	Hampden Park.
Final.	1 ; Clyde, - - - 0	Ibrox Park.

1925-26.

FIRST ROUND.	3 ; Clyde, - - - 4	Ibrox Park.
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1926-27.

FIRST ROUND.	8 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	4 ; Celtic, - - - 1	Celtic Park.
Final.	3 ; Partick Thistle, - 6	Hampden Park.

1927-28.

SEMI-FINAL.	2 ; Celtic, - - - 0	Celtic Park.
Final.	3 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Celtic Park.

1928-29.

FIRST ROUND.	2 ; Partick Thistle, - 1	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	2 ; Third Lanark, - 1	Firhill Park.
After extra time.		
Final.	4 ; Celtic, - - - 2	Ibrox Park.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP RECORD.

1929-30.

Round.	Opponents.	Ground.
FIRST ROUND.	2 ; Partick Thistle, - 1	Firhill Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	5 ; Third Lanark, - 1	Ibrox Park.
Final.	2 ; Celtic, - - - 2	Hampden Park.

The game was still drawn after extra time. The clubs then tossed, and Rangers won.

1930-31.

FIRST ROUND.	2 ; Celtic, - - - 2	Hampden Park.
After extra time Rangers won by three corners to two.		
SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Partick Thistle, - 0	Ibrox Park.
Final.	2 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Hampden Park.

After extra time.

1931-32.

SEMI-FINAL.	3 ; Queen's Park, - 1	Ibrox Park.
Final.	6 ; Third Lanark, - 1	Hampden Park.

1932-33.

FIRST ROUND.	3 ; Third Lanark, - 1	Ibrox Park.
SEMI-FINAL.	2 ; Partick Thistle, - 0	Ibrox Park.
Final.	1 ; Queen's Park, - 0	Hampden Park.

1933-34.

SEMI-FINAL.	1 ; Partick Thistle, - 1	Ibrox Park.
After extra time, Rangers won by 7 corners to 4.		
Final.	1 ; Celtic, - - - 0	Hampden Park.

RANGERS FROM 1923 to 1934.

"VICTORY" INTERNATIONALS, 1919.

Victory International matches, two each against England, Ireland, and the English League, were played in the spring of 1919. They are not included in the official records, and are consequently omitted from the foregoing list. Rangers players who took part in the Victory matches are :—

	E.	I.	E.L.
J. E. Gordon, -	2	2	2
Jas. Bowie, -	2	1	1
Jas. Blair, -	2	1	—
T. Cairns, -	—	1	—
A. Archibald, -	—	—	2

RANGERS.

In the following synopsis of the number of International honours awarded Rangers players up to the end of season 1933-34, the Victory Internationals for 1919 are not included. Scotland played Canada only once in 1891. The Scottish League met the Southern League five times, the latter body being from 1911 to 1915 independent of the Football League of England. The combined figures are unequalled among Scottish clubs :—

England, - - - - -	117
Wales, - - - - -	110
Ireland, - - - - -	112
English League, - - - - -	142
Irish League, - - - - -	50
Southern League, - - - - -	13
Canada, - - - - -	1
Austria, - - - - -	3
France, - - - - -	2
GRAND TOTAL, -	550

ANALYSIS OF RANGERS' LEAGUE RESULTS.

(Compiled to end of Season 1933-1934.)

CLUB.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals.		Points.	
					For.	Agst.	For.	Agst.
CELTIC, - - -	88	30	26	32	129	124	92	84
HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN,	88	52	20	16	170	107	120	56
THIRD LANARK, -	78	52	14	12	188	93	116	40
ST. MIRREN, - -	88	56	10	22	245	102	134	42
DUNDEE, - - -	78	50	15	13	193	88	113	43
HIBERNIAN, - -	74	51	11	12	174	74	114	34
CLYDE, - - -	68	50	5	13	199	61	113	23
PARTICK THISTLE, -	70	50	8	12	174	61	112	28
KILMARNOCK, - -	70	54	6	10	191	56	118	22
MORTON, - - -	62	45	9	8	160	58	98	26
QUEEN'S PARK, -	66	51	7	8	177	55	110	22
MOTHERWELL, - -	62	41	10	11	134	64	93	31
AIRDRIEONIANS, -	62	37	16	9	143	81	83	41
FALKIRK, - - -	58	35	12	11	127	64	81	35
HAMILTON ACAS., -	56	42	6	8	147	52	92	20
ABERDEEN, - -	54	33	6	15	105	45	81	27
DUMBARTON, - -	30	20	6	4	73	40	44	16
RAITH ROVERS, -	32	25	5	2	82	23	52	12
AYR UNITED, - -	36	25	4	7	105	34	57	15
PORT-GLASGOW ATH.,	16	13	1	2	62	11	28	4
ST. BERNARDS, - -	14	11	2	1	45	21	23	5

ANALYSIS OF RANGERS' LEAGUE RESULTS—continued.

CLUB.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals.		Points.	
					For.	Agst.	For.	Agst.
CLYDEBANK, - -	14	10	1	3	39	11	23	5
ABERCORN, - -	8	7	0	1	33	9	15	1
LEITH ATHLETIC, -	12	10	1	1	37	18	21	3
RENTON, - - -	6	5	0	1	20	9	11	1
ALBION ROVERS, -	8	6	1	1	22	7	13	3
VALE OF LEVEN, -	4	4	0	0	20	2	8	0
CAMBUSLANG, - -	4	4	0	0	16	4	8	0
COWLAIRS, - - -	2	1	0	1	3	1	3	1
ALLOA, - - -	2	2	0	0	4	0	4	0
ST. JOHNSTONE, -	16	13	3	0	47	13	26	6
COWDENBEATH, - -	20	16	2	2	68	23	34	6
DUNDEE UNITED, -	8	6	2	0	19	6	12	4
DUNFERMLINE ATH., -	4	4	0	0	14	1	8	0
BO'NESS, - - -	2	1	0	1	4	2	3	1
EAST FIFE, - -	2	2	0	0	8	0	4	0
EAST STIRLINGSHIRE,	2	2	0	0	7	2	4	0
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH,	2	2	0	0	9	1	4	0
Totals, -	1366	918	209	239	3393	1423	2075	657

SUMMARY OF LEAGUE RESULTS.

(Compiled to end of Season 1933-34.)

SEASON.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	GOALS.		POINTS.
					For.	Agst.	
1890-91, -	18	13	2	3	58	25	29†
1891-92, -	22	11	9	2	59	46	24
1892-93, -	18	12	2	4	41	27	28
1893-94, -	18	8	6	4	44	30	20
1894-95, -	18	10	6	2	41	26	22
1895-96, -	18	11	3	4	57	39	26
1896-97, -	18	11	4	3	64	30	25
1897-98, -	18	13	2	3	71	15	29
1898-99, -	18	18	0	0	79	18	36*
1899-1900, -	18	15	1	2	69	27	32*
1900-01, -	20	17	2	1	60	25	35*
1901-02, -	18	13	3	2	43	29	28*
1902-03, -	22	12	5	5	56	30	29
1903-04, -	26	16	4	6	80	33	38
1904-05, -	26	19	4	3	83	28	41‡
1905-06, -	30	15	8	7	58	48	37
1906-07, -	34	19	8	7	69	33	45
1907-08, -	34	21	5	8	74	40	50
1908-09, -	34	19	8	7	91	38	45
1909-10, -	34	20	8	6	70	35	46
1910-11, -	34	23	5	6	90	34	52*

* Champions.

† Joint Champions with Dumbarton.

‡ Tied for Championship with Celtic and lost the Deciding Match.

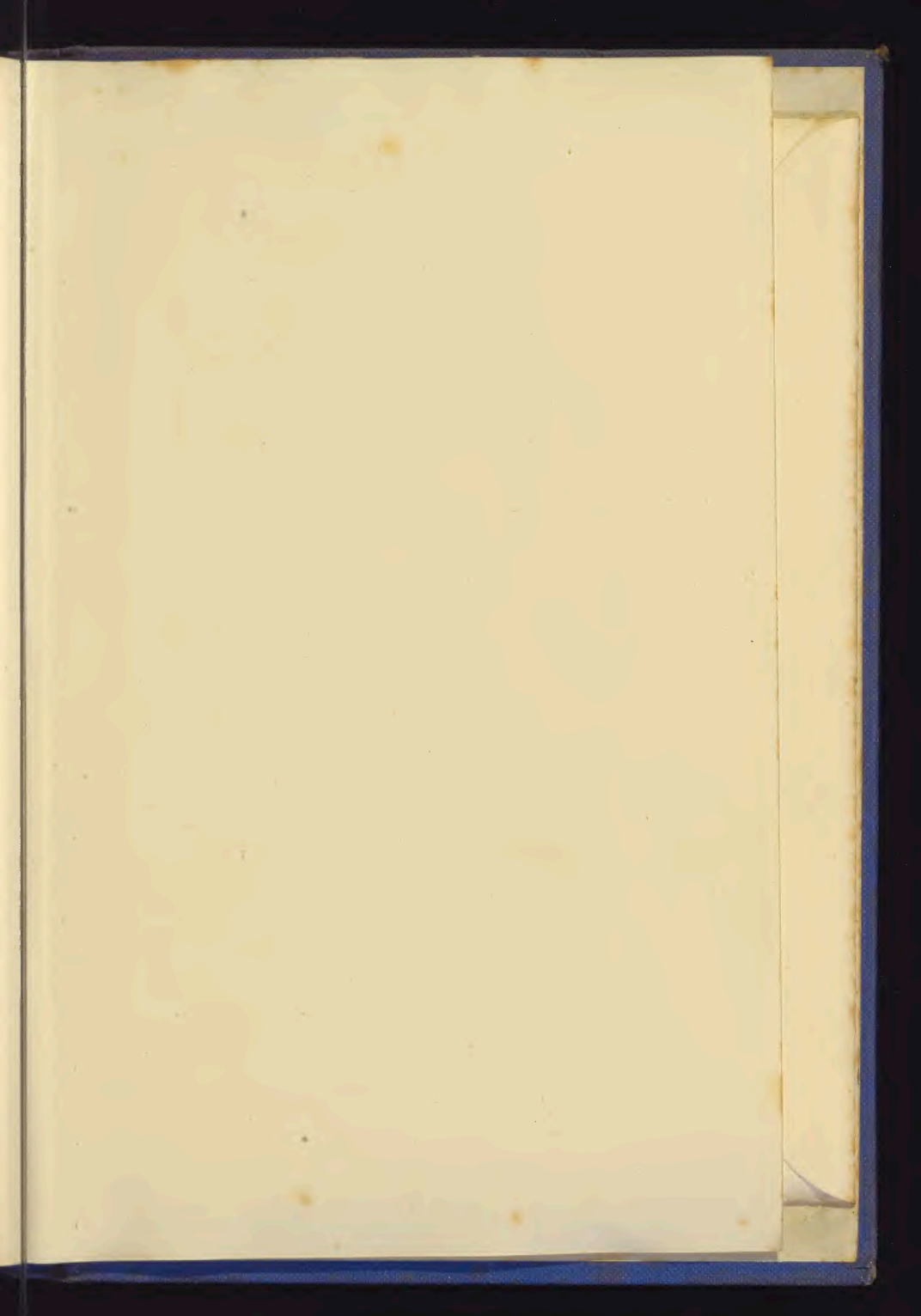
SUMMARY OF LEAGUE RESULTS—continued.

SEASON.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	GOALS.		POINTS.
					For.	Agst.	
1911-12, -	34	24	7	3	86	34	51*
1912-13, -	34	24	5	5	76	41	53*
1913-14, -	38	27	6	5	79	31	59
1914-15, -	38	23	11	4	74	47	50
1915-16, -	38	25	7	6	87	39	56
1916-17, -	38	24	9	5	68	32	53
1917-18, -	34	25	3	6	66	24	56*
1918-19, -	34	26	3	5	86	16	57
1919-20, -	42	31	2	9	106	25	71*
1920-21, -	42	35	1	6	91	24	76*
1921-22, -	42	28	4	10	83	26	66
1922-23, -	38	23	6	9	67	29	55*
1923-24, -	38	25	4	9	72	22	59*
1924-25, -	38	25	3	10	76	26	60*
1925-26, -	38	19	13	6	79	55	44
1926-27, -	38	23	5	10	85	41	56*
1927-28, -	38	26	4	8	109	36	60*
1928-29, -	38	30	1	7	107	32	67*
1929-30, -	38	28	6	4	94	32	60*
1930-31, -	38	27	5	6	96	29	60*
1931-32, -	38	28	5	5	118	42	61
1932-33, -	38	26	2	10	113	43	62*
1933-34, -	38	30	2	6	118	41	66*
Totals, -	1366	918	209	239	3393	1423	2075

* Champions.

DIRECTORS.

- 1923-24—William Craig, J.P. (*Chairman*); Sir John Ure Primrose, Bart., LL.D.; Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P.; Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; John MacPherson, and George Small.
- 1924-25—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; John MacPherson, and George Small.
- 1925-26—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; John MacPherson, George Small, and James Bowie.
- 1926-27—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; John MacPherson, George Small, and James Bowie.
- 1927-28—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; George Small, James Bowie, and R. G. Campbell.
- 1928-29—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; James Bowie, and R. G. Campbell.
- 1929-30—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; James Bowie, and R. G. Campbell.
- 1930-31—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; James Bowie, and R. G. Campbell.
- 1931-32—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; James Bowie, and R. G. Campbell.
- 1932-33—Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P. (*Chairman*), Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E.; James Bowie, and R. G. Campbell.
- Ex-Bailie Joseph Buchanan, J.P., died Wednesday, 9th November, 1932.
- 1933-34—Ex-Bailie Duncan Graham, J.P., O.B.E. (*Chairman*), James Bowie, R. G. Campbell, and Alan Morton.





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