

## RANGERS WIN CUP

114,000 almost filled Hampden Park in the early evening and the sun shone as Aberdeen came on to the historic arena for the second time in 5-days. Even louder cheers greeted George Young, leading the Rangers in the replay attempt to win the Cup for the 14th time.

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Young won the toss again and all was set for another classic struggle between two well matched teams. Buckley kicked off. The 90-minute drama had opened, and history began to repeat itself. Just as the Dons had most of the first half play on Saturday, so they did again. It's many a long day since Rangers iron defence has been so bombarded as it was in the last sunlight of this big day. Hather's well-placed corner might have earned in goal in the first two minutes.

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Hather was prominent again, in sparkling form on the left wing. His centre led to a quick succession of miraculous escapes that made every Rangers fan miss a heartbeat.

Niven must have thanked his stars when he was spared that time. His ear showed signs of the Saturday accident, but there was no sign in his play. He was as cool as the average iceberg, only a lot quicker. But even he must have breathed more easily as he saw Waddell and Greerson in a Rangers' attack.

(2 aft crowd) Back came the Dons. Young couldn't clear completely. A goal seemed inevitable..... It looked as though the ball really was in the net this time. Actually it went outside. Another escape for Rangers.

(aft crowd) There was just no stopping Aberdeen. If only their finishing had been on a par with the rest of their play they could have been 4 goals up by now.

(aft crowd) Outside-left Hubbard took a corner for Rangers. It came to nothing.

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4-minutes from half time, right against all the run of the play, Rangers got the only goal of the match. The ball went to Simpson. The centre-forward made no mistake.

At half time nobody in that great crowd could more than guess the result, but on Rangers that fortunate goal and the interval had had a wonderful effect. They were an altogether different team in the second half, as much the better side as the Dons were in the first period. The Aberdeen defence was under pressure, but Martin, Mitchell and Shaw stood up to it like heroes. Not that it was all Rangers by a long way. The Aberdeen forwards got within shooting distance several times. For all the advantage they could take of it they might as well have been still in the granite City.

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(5 out, 2 aft crowd)

Niven had nothing very dangerous to cope with and as the ball went from end to end Martin was called upon to clear.

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Rangers  
was penalised for a dubious tackle but no free kick awarded to Aberdeen paid any dividend.

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Time was running out. Neither side could get the ball into the net. <sup>So</sup> By one rather fortunate goal just before the interval Rangers won the match. Big Georgie Young received the Cup. It was the 14th time the trophy had gone to Rangers and the fourth final in which this great back had been on the winning side. And what a <sup>wonderful</sup> great team Rangers are.

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The 14th time! It's almost becoming monotonous.