

RANGERS DO IT AGAIN - FOR THE 13th TIME

Up for the Cup come those soccer stalwarts Jock Shaw and Willie Laird, as darkshirted Rangers and East Fife battle it out in the 65th Scottish Cup Final. 120,000 pack Hampden Park to see the Rangers (attacking the goal to your left) make all the running. Soccer critics had been calling the Ibrox boys an old team - considering their forwards to be too slow. If they ever were, they are making up for it now. For with only 40 seconds gone, Rutherford's centre is headed home by Willie Findlay.

One up in record time, Rangers go all out to clinch the Cup - with Willie Thornton, No. 9 - the brain in that fast-moving forward line. This time, the Fifers' defence holds firm - the early shock hasn't upset the men from Methill.

Henry Morris, No. 9 - and winger Black, No. 7 - link up in a fine passing duet to put East Fife back on the attack. The ball's up in the Rangers goalmouth and the two Browns go for it together - it looks dangerous! But Bobby Brown gets there first, to clear.

Into the second half and though Rangers look good, the Cup isn't on the Ibrox shelf yet. If George Young - here in a spell-binding back display - has anything to do with it, it won't be long now. Young is at his brilliant best, as he sends the Ibrox attack away again. Bat, hold it! Duncanson is fouled near the danger zone. It's a free kick on the edge of the area.

Sammy Box takes the kick and Young Gordon Hanson brings off the save of the day. A third-team goalkeeper, he's been playing like a veteran. It would have taken three goalies to keep out that rampant Rangers attack. Here they are again, with Willie Thornton putting them two up.

And there is still more to come. Perfect in defence, slick-moving in attack, Rangers are now in unstoppable mood. Eddie Rutherford, No. 7 - leads the way goalwards. One of the Ibrox veterans, he has played a sparkling game. It is his centre to Findlay that gives Willie Thornton goal No. 3.

The Cup is home again - back with Skipper Shaw and his gallant band of Rangers. Back at Ibrox for the 13th time. It wasn't to be the Fifers day, but to be beaten by a team like Rangers is no disgrace, for Jock Shaw and his men are once again Scotland's team of the year.