

RAITH ROVERS v. HIBERNIANS

At Kirkcaldy, volunteers helped to shift three inches of snow in good time for Raith Rovers to play their first-round cup-tie against the Hibernians, at Starks Park. Smith of Hibs. - that's him juggling with the ball - won the toss - and with some throaty encouragement, the Rovers (in dark jerseys) kicked off. It was a light and lively ball and a slippery field. Here's Smith starting a Hibs movement. He passes out to Combe ... but Combe's centre was easily collected by Johnstone and cleared. When Raith settled down the League leaders found they had a hard tussle on their hands.

Raith looked dangerous when Copland raced through, but Younger just beat him to it. It was all-out out-and-thrust football, with plenty of thrills and excitements; fine heartening football for a cold afternoon. Here was another grand Hibs move, started when Govan robbed Kelly. The right-back started to run through till he'd got his men positioned, then passed to Johnstone.

Johnstone to Combe.

Combe to Turnbull - and a grand close-up of good football ends as Turnbull centres.

Then from a corner there was a hot moment round Hibs. goal - in fact goalie Younger had quite a busy afternoon.

At half-time there was no score. In the second-half Hibs. tried hard to get a goal.

Raith had a narrow escape when McLure kicked almost off the goal-line.

But on balance it was Raith's match, and the Hibernians goal was often in danger. Here's another Raith attack. McEwan centres, Copland heads - but straight into Younger's arms.

The match ended in a goal-less draw but there'll be many more cup-ties with more goals but far fewer thrills.