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The skirl of the pipes indicated a great occasion at Hampden Park, the final of the Scottish Cup.

And here are Rangers, fourteen times Cup winners ready to do battle against Kilmarnock, whose jockey-capped skipper Jimmy Brown won the team.

Rangers kicked off. On a glorious afternoon, 104,000 almost capacity-filled the great stadium. Next to the recent game against England, this was the match of the year, north of the Border. It looked dangerous when Rangers centred the ball and, yes, Davie Wilson had it in Kilmarnock's goal. But the referee whistled a foul on a Ranger's forward. Goal disallowed. Again Ranger's attacked. Miller headed in.

Davie Wilson tried to get another for Rangers, but shot wide.

At half-time Rangers led one-nil, though playing much better than the score indicated. Their defence was sound. Away on the right Alex Scott was fouled by Kilmarnock left-back Matt Watson. The referee awarded Rangers a penalty.

Skipper Eric Caldow's kick went over the bar.

Time and again Kilmarnock were saved by the brilliant goal-keeping of Jimmy Brown (and when Scott headed wide) by a piece of luck. Foul against Rangers. Stevenson's free kick found Miller. Another goal for Rangers.

Now Kilmarnock counter-attacked. With a bit of good fortune they might have scored; but Mights don't count in football. Certainly not against Rangers, playing as only they can on their day. Niven was safe as a rock in goal. He kept Kilmarnock out. When the referee blew full-time, Rangers had won the Cup by two goals to nil.

What a Club these Rangers are. Cup winners for the 15th, time, five times since the war.