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When it comes to a crowd Hampden Park ham puts everything else in the shade. 135,000 roared welcome

to Aberdeen as the Dons came on to the arena to
face those doughty cup winners of the past Rangers. Referee

J.A. Mowat of Burnside greeted Davie Shaw and that King

of full-backs George Young. Big Georgie won the toss so Rangers

played with a breeze behind them when the whistle blew and

Pat Buckley, in centre for Aberdeen, kicked off. Emngers

have won the cup 13 times, Aberdeen only once.

It certainly looked as though/Ibrox Park heroes were on the way to another victory, for in the 8th minute McColl passed

to Hubbard, he to Prentice and the inside-left scored.

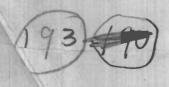


The Dons came back in great style. They might have scored three or four had they taken their chances. In the 27th minute there was near-tragedy for Rangers. Aberdeen centre Buckley collided with Niven and the Rangers goal-keeper was knocked out.

Niven was taken off with a badly cut ear.

and kept goal like a master till the interval. Against ten men the Dons failed to make decisive impression.

So at half time Rangers were one up. Niven resumed when the game selection, though he was reported to be feeling anything but on top of the world.



5-minutes after the re-start Rangers followers almost let out a Hampden roar. Paton got the ball in the Aberdeen net, only to be judged off side.

(aft crowd) Aberdeen piled on the pressure and did every thing but score,

Aberdeen

With only ten minutes to go it still looked like a Rangers victory. Then/inside-right Yorston passed to left-winer Hather. He returned it. Yorston's header beat Niven all the way.

275) A grand, struggle, drawn 1-1.