

RANGERS BEAT SPARTA.

Rangers began well by winning the toss, and 35,000 at Highbury saw Sparta (the Rotterdam team), kick off in the European Cup Quarter Final replay. Sparta in white shirts. Rangers had an early shock, conceding a corner in the first six minutes. The wall placed kick met Verhoeven's head. Goal for Sparta.

That shock the great Glasgow side out of any belief that they had a walk over. From now on it was serious football. Hopes rose when Scott took a corner and centre-forward Millar got his head to it. That was a bit more like the real Rangers. But these Dutch part-time footballers were no gift to the Scots. Niven saved, but it was a corner. Later Wilson's free kick found Sammy Baird, and off a defender he scored.

When the whistle blew for half time it was one-all; and for ten minutes after the resumption neither side could pierce the other's defence, though Van Dijk was kept fairly busy.

Sparta had an uncomfortable moment when Baird took a free kick and Dave Wilson got his head to it.

At the other end Niven was tested, and Rangers were fortunate to stay in the clear.

Twenty minutes later Rangers had taken the lead a long kick by Macmillan was put by Van Der Lee into his own goal 3-1 to Rangers. But Sparta never lost heart. Van Ede looked like going through; he was sandwiched; penalty:

Bosselaar gave Niven no chance with the kick.

Winning 3-2 Rangers go into the Semi-Final of the European Cup.