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## Heckingbottom slams ref over phone call to say sorry to Gerrard

By BRIAN MARJORIBANKS

HIBS boss Paul Heckingbottom last night branded referee Steven McLean 'foolish' after he apologised to Steven Gerrard for missing a foul in the build-up to the Edinburgh side's equaliser against Rangers last Friday night.

The match official failed to penalise Stephane Omeonga when he impeded Ibrox captain James Tavernier in the move that saw Florian Kamberi rescue a 1-1 draw for the home side at Easter Road.

After seeing his side drop two vital points in the title race, a fuming Gerrard had said: 'It's a blatant foul... it's impossible to support a referee if he can't give a foul five yards away.'

After studying the television footage, McLean contacted the Ibrox boss to admit that he had got it wrong.

But Heckingbottom was left staggered by that development, insisting McLean has created a 'crazy' precedent by phoning the

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Feline good: Aubameyang in a Black Panther mask after making it 3-0



## MASKED MARVEL

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## Next season is Gerrard's acid test, says Miller

EXCLUSIVE  
By GEORGE BOND

KENNY MILLER last night insisted Rangers winning major silverware next season is the 'acid test' over whether Steven Gerrard survives as Ibrox boss.

The former Old Firm forward is backing under-fire ex-Liverpool and England captain Gerrard to remain in his post despite recording a 'failed' first campaign in charge of the Glasgow giant.

Without a major domestic trophy since 2011, Rangers invested heavily to land Gerrard last summer and for him to overhaul the squad

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## Judy's warning shot on legacy

By JOE GARDNER

JUDY MURRAY has warned that it's 'now or never' for Scotland to create a lasting legacy for her tennis hero sons, Andy and Jamie. With the Grand Slam-winning brothers now into their 30s, and Andy potentially on the brink of retirement, Judy fears that if the Scottish Government and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) don't

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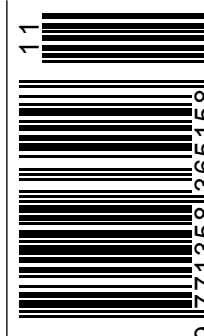
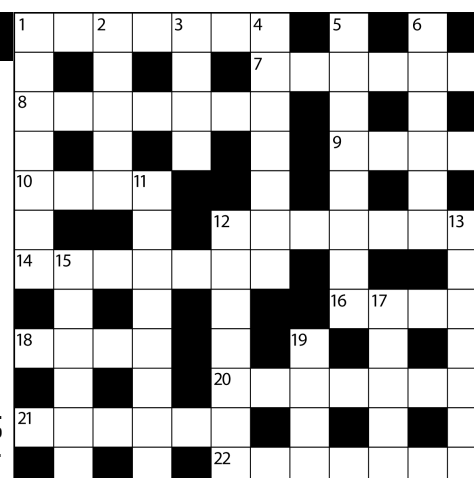
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