

55,000 SEE WALES LOSE

When England and Wales came on to the field before a record crowd at Ninian Park no Welshmen imagined, as the Principality kicked off, that Wales would be three goals down inside

~~the first ten minutes. Wales of England's brilliant start~~

fifteen minutes. England owed much of their ^{great} brilliant start to their number seven, the brilliant Stanley Matthews, playing his 51st international. ~~In great form too was centre-forward Tommy Lawton.~~

~~Wales~~

~~and the game was a rout~~

(Lawton)

~~But~~ The game was only six minutes old when the ball was ^{put} over to Finney and the outside-left found the net.

(crowd)

Five minutes later Matthews resisted the attentions of left-back Burnes.... The outside right passed to Mortenson.... England were two-up.

~~One typical effort by Matthews came to nothing.~~

(Man grin) Three down at half time Wales might have been excused for going to pieces. Instead they played with all the dash and fire of true Welshmen, but just could not find the net. Inside right Powell had cruel luck with a shot that ~~was~~ missed by inches.

(All over)

Sidney Thomas took a corner close on time. Though luck still eluded Wales the crowd left the ground satisfied with a wonderful feast of Soccer.