

SCOTS FORCE DRAW WITH ENGLAND

Wembley

A capacity crowd ~~at Wembley~~ and Defence Minister Lord Alexander welcomed the cream of Scottish and English soccer. Billy Wright introduced the Englishmen and the stage was set for the high class international the players served up. Wright beat Big Georgie, as right-back Young is affectionately called North of the border, so it was Lawrie Reilly, that prince of centre-forwards, who set the game going. Scotland always show to advantage at Wembley, where England haven't beaten them since 1934 in a full International. Victory today would have given ^{Scotland} ~~them~~ the Championship. When Tommy Wright of Sunderland took the ball near the danger zone Scotland hoped for that early goal which means so much. ~~However,~~

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~~no tam-o-shanters were thrown~~ ^{But} into the air at this stage. The English goal ~~remained~~ remained in tact. In fact England were destined to score first.

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After 19-minutes Finney cleverly beat Steel, Cowie and Cox, and passed inside for Broadis to score.

George Young took a free kick. Merrick mishandled and only desperate goal-line efforts by Barrass and Lionel Smith kept the ball out.

(TV) (next)- So rather against the run of the play England *led* 1-nil at half-time. Soon after Lofthouse had kicked off in the second half, and despite the occasional cleverness of Finney, it was evident that Scotland had come out fighting.

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After 10-minutes play Hibs inside-right Bobby Johnstone hit the crossbar. Reilly scored on the rebound.

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On one of the few occasions that Jack Froggatt got clear of Young on the left ~~rest of the~~ ~~the/Scottish~~ defence *Yarm* came to the rescue.

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20-minutes from time England again took the lead. Finney eluded Sammy Cox, again passed to Broadis and the inside-right again scored.... Unnoticed for a few seconds amid the cheering Sammy ^{Cox} lay on the ground, apparently in some pain.

The injured man had to be taken off. For the remaining 20-minutes Scotland played with 10-men. It would have been a thousand pities if they had lost. Instead they bombarded Merrick. ~~allowing for injuries the game went two-minutes beyond the 90.~~ In the last 15-seconds, as the referee drew breath to blow the final whistle, Reilly banged home the equaliser. ~~Dramatic end to a grand game.~~