

WALES' CHANCE OF PLACE IN WORLD CUP

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MUST WIN TO-DAY. AT HAMPDEN

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In the tense atmosphere of Hampden Park, Glasgow's great Soccer jousting ground, Wales this afternoon face their last chance of qualifying for the final stages of the World Cup in Switzerland next summer.

Unluckily beaten by England at Cardiff, they are at the moment pointless. But victory this afternoon—and I do not think it beyond their powers to beat Scotland—would put them on the same mark as Scotland and England, with two points.

Assuming this happens and that England beat Ireland next week, England are virtual certainties for Switzerland. But by beating Ireland in March, and with Scotland falling to England, also at Hampden, Wales could qualify to join England in the World Cup. The top pair in the International Tournament qualify.

Even without Trevor Ford to-day, Wales have a fine chance of scoring a decisive victory, particularly if they

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THE TEAMS

SCOTLAND: Farm (Blackpool); Young (Rangers) (capt.); Cox (Rangers); Evans (Celtic); Telfer (St. Mirren); Cowie (Dundee); McKenzie (Partick Thistle); Johnstone (Hibernian); Reilly (Hibernian); Brown (Blackpool); Liddell (Liverpool).

WALES: Howells (Cardiff); Barnes (Arsenal) (capt.); Sherwood (Cardiff); Paul (Manchester C.); Daniel (Sunderland); Burgess (Spurs); Foulkes (Newcastle); Davies (Newcastle); Charles (Leeds); Allchurch, I. (Swansea); Clarke (Manchester C.).

Referee: Mr. T. Mitchell (Ireland).

play as they did against England recently until full-back Sherwood was injured.

The photographers at either end should have a picture harvest with the two best centre-forwards in Britain in action. They are an interesting contrast in styles.

John Charles, 6ft. 2in. 134 stone, yet beautifully balanced and almost gentle in movement, and almost of a guided ball since Lawton played for England, has as his opposite number Lawrie Reilly, quick, alert, a much smaller man, but equally dangerous.

I admire the Scottish selectors' courage in replacing the entire Scottish forward line which lumbered through against Ireland recently. It cannot often have happened that the whole five forwards have been dropped after winning 3-1.

But even so, I do not think this new quintet capable of over-extending the Welsh defence, unless the powerful Liddell can master Barnes and endanger the Welsh right flank.

STARLETS AT NEWCASTLE

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, young England stage their own "international" in miniature, when the Army, containing nine teen-agers, meet a very strong side of up-and-coming stars chosen by the England "B" team Selection Committee.

The F.A. side has been well chosen, and who knows how many of them will be in the party for Switzerland next summer. Milburn, appointed skipper of a representative team for the first time, is by no means out of the international argument.

Byrne, of Manchester United, and Bradford, idol of the West Country, who has secured six hat-tricks in various grades of football this season, are sure to be noted for further reference.

The bright young men of the Army include England's Quixall, Finney of Sheffield Wednesday and Hines, the powerful young Leicester City centre-forward.