

BEATEN AT LAST
HUNGARY BEAT ENGLAND

The red-shirted Olympic Champions, Hungary, came on to the field at Wembley confident of breaking the oldest of all soccer records by beating England on English soil.

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The Earl of Athlone greeted them and then Hidegkuti kicked off. All the football writers said England would win and it took Hungary best part of a minute-and-a-half to show that they might be wrong. ~~X~~ Puskas and Budai bewildered the defence, slipped the white ball to Hidegkuti. The centre-forward beat Merrick from 16-yards out.

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What a start! But a goal down inside two minutes might happen to anybody, ~~so England were not unsettled yet~~ ~~awhile. They began to show that as ball players they~~ ~~could equal~~ ^{better} the best Continentals. ~~X~~ Centre-half Johnston passed to Mortensen. The centre-forward found Sewell and the spectators leapt for joy when the Sheffield Wednesday inside-left equalized.

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Hungary now had an inspired spell. From a melee in the English goal-mouth Hidegkuti gave ~~England~~ ^{them} the lead again. Merrick knew by this time he was up against ~~the~~ sharpshooters. The man to beat him now was Hungary's captain, Puskas. ~~Two minutes later goalkeeper Grosics was jumping for joy again; Puskas had scored goal number four.~~

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~~through the net. The man marking him all the time, after three, he was England's only forward in the visitors' class. For a ~~short~~ ~~spell~~ ~~England~~ ~~took~~ ~~command~~ Perhaps the game could ~~never~~ ~~be~~ ~~pulled~~ ~~out~~ ~~again~~.~~

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Five minutes before half-time ~~England~~ ~~took~~ ~~command~~ Mortensen forced his way through to score England's second goal.

