

Football Germany versus Britain in Berlin

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On Saturday, the football-game Germany versus Britain took place in the Olympiad-Stadium. A crowd of 100.000 attended the game, among them 1000 British soldiers.

The British team was playing the same system as the German world - champions but the Britains played with more pace, more intensity.

In the first half, already in the 22nd minute, the British half-back Edwards scored the first goal. The German team who had first a good start, now lost their chances more and more, as the defence played unconcentratedly, and as the kicks of the half-backs to the forwards missed their way. In the 38th minute, when the German Max Morlock - standing 3 metres before the British goal - missed it, he was supplied by Pfaff. The German world-champion-team picked up courage, but the British goal-keeper Matthews demonstrated his ability and his speed. - There was the good will of the German team - but a little bit of luck was missing.

The second half began with no interesting combinations. In the 62nd minute, the 2nd goal of the British team was scored by Grainger. The German team now attacked with rage, but the Britains opposed with coolness and calm. The German auditory was very disappointed, when the fate of the German team was sealed by the 3rd goal of Britain. - In the 85th minute, however, Fritz Walter scored the "goal of honour" for the German team.

The final result: 3:1 for Britain.

Though each of the German team had been in best condition, there is no doubt, that they had failed as team.

The British team:

Matthews - Hall - Byrne - Clayton - Wright - Edwards - Astall - Haynes - Taylor, - Wilshaw - Graininger

The German team:

Herkenrath - Retter - Juskowiak - Schlienz - Wevers - Mai - Waldner - Morlock (~~Morlock~~) (F.Walter) O.Walter - F.Walter (Pfaff) - Schäfer