

Seventy thousand fans at Goodison Park - where England met Ireland before tackling Hungary - who style themselves "Champions of Europe"

Ireland's McMichael won the toss - and ~~then~~ England (in white) kicked off. Soon after, a right-wing movement by Ireland ~~was~~ broken up - and then Hassall came through. A long-range shot, and Smyth fumbled it. A first-minute goal for England.

But more shocks were to come. ~~England~~ <sup>Ireland</sup> (far from being downhearted) proceeded to get on top.

Attack followed attack. Lothart to Simpson. On to McMorran.... The middle is wide open - but fortunately, Merrick is an England-class goalkeeper. *but Merrick saved*

England had their chances, too, especially when Hassall delayed his shot. Then Smyth <sup>Smith</sup> saved the day.

The second half - Ireland still one-down.. A real travesty of justice for the team that had dictated the game. But soon after, they got a well-deserved equaliser, when McMorran's header just got home.

Then, perhaps in despair - Matthews fired home a shot that Smyth did well to save..

But Matthews began the move that led to Hassall heading home England's second goal

Then - already limping - Lofthouse headed the third - before he collapsed with a badly-cut head. Lofthouse is ~~assisted~~ <sup>helped</sup> off - and we realised that

England forwards ~~are certainly not lacking in courage~~ <sup>are certainly not lacking in courage</sup>... And the Irish, too, as goalkeeper Smyth leaves soon after with a ~~bruise~~ <sup>broken jaw</sup> - ~~after~~ <sup>following</sup> a collision.

Ireland were still attacking when the end came. <sup>but</sup> England had won three-one.

But their hopes against Hungary seem to rest with those team selectors..