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Arsenal V Aston Villa 11th Jan. 1954

The great day is here. The "big guns" of Soccer set their sights on Wembley. Among them, the Arsenal, their fans expecting more sharpshooting from the Gunners...

A cheer, too, for Aston Villa - those renowned cup-fighters - the pride of Birmingham fans, with six Final victories.

A big job for little Jimmy Logie to skipper Arsenal; but Frank Moss wins the toss.

So, to a roar from fifty thousand throats - the Arsenal kick off - the Third Round battle is on. In last week's League rehearsal - Arsenal scored three quick goals. Here comes a repeat, an explosive shot by Roper, and the Gunners are on target.

A first-minute goal for Arsenal; but Villa are hitting back. Kelsey makes a fine save.

Arsenal again. Holton heads across to Milton and that's No. Two.

Holton put Arsenal three up in nine minutes, then Villa took a turn - McParland bangs one home.

Half-time - Arsenal leading three-one.- And now we show these exclusive pictures of how the Londeners take that much-discussed refreshment - a whiff of oxygen.

Out on the terraces - a fan takes his refreshment in solid form - as the Villa set about repairing their battered fortunes.

But the Gunner's opening spell had won the day, and Logie lobbed in No. 4 LATER, Don Roper added another. Arsenal won by five goals to one - to be rewarded by, yes, another home draw.