

Belfast: At Windsor Park, sixty thousand fans cheered in the home international season...

Ireland kicked off - and for white-shirted England, this was <sup>perhaps</sup> the start of the long road back to world soccer supremacy.

And that ageless genius, Stan Matthews was soon showing the way - bringing Uprichard down to save.

Yet England, with seven new caps, were disappointing. Only the "Old Firm" of Billy Wright in defence...and Matthews and Lofthouse combining nicely in attack - were the high ~~spots~~ spots.

Ireland (playing with their usual courage and fervour), looked the better side - so it came as a real shock when Haynes scored for England, with fifteen minutes to go.

Then came some real English soccer - capped by Haynes laying on a picture goal for Don Revie. So England won two-nil; but Ireland were unlucky to lose...