

~~London~~ Under the Highbury floodlights - Arsenal played ~~maxxx~~ ^{host} to the Moscow Spartak Club, ~~and~~. And while the visitors limbered up, Manager Tom Whittaker was giving last-minute advice to his famous Gunners. In the centre circle - there's no mistaking the understanding and goodwill as wee Jimmy Logie exchanges souvenirs with the Spartak Skipper... (.)

The difficulty comes with the spin of the coin. How do you say "Heads or tails" in Russian?.. /

But we finally knew that Arsenal had won the toss when Spartak kicked off. Arsenal attacking now - and playing in white shirts - having conceded their famous ~~colours~~ ^{red shirts}, red, to their guests... /

~~Defence probing raids~~ - ~~Now~~ ^{the} Russians sweep down; but Jack Kelsey is not troubled...to save... /

A more determined onslaught by the visitors. But man-for-man marking and quick tackling by the Gunners is the order of the day...and the ball is cleared... /

Then - after thirty-six minutes - Lishman passes to Logie... ^{and} ~~and watch this picture goal for Arsenal score!~~ /

The Gunners one-up. But far from down-hearted, the Russians sally forward in attack. Non-stops raids now. A shot at goal. Kelsey does well ~~to get to it~~ ^{to punch away}; but Paramonov is there - to slam it home. /

Arsenal one - Spartak one... Then - early in the second half, the Russians take the lead. Tatouchine crosses the ball from the right wing and Skipper Simonian heads it home.. /

Arsenal fighting back now... ~~matching skill and fitness with that matches fighting spirit.~~ ~~and~~ when Milton is brought down in the area - the penalty

claims are interpreted by the Russian referee as "free-kick!" / Still Arsenal ~~are battling~~ ^{battle on} for the equaliser - but Pirsey ^{goalkeeper} keeps them out.

And at the final whistle - it's Arsenal one - Spartak two. Victory for the Russians ~~whose next date is with the~~ ^{whose next date is with the} goal-hungry "Wolves!"