

- Goal - 2206

In the North East

A capacity crowd at ~~Pittodrie~~ Park for the "plum" of the round - the great battle between Aberdeen - the League Leaders - and those ~~great~~ feared cupfighters - the Rangers.

In the treacherous underfoot conditions (the snow had been left to cover the frozen ground) the Rangers had the better of the early play.

But after ~~nine~~ seven minutes - the "Dons" took the lead - Buckley put Hather away - and the left-winger made no mistake. Aberdeen one-up - in last year's semi-final - Aberdeen ~~had~~ routed their ~~city~~ Glasgow rivals six-nothing - ~~but this time~~ but this time - the Rangers were fighting back.

And five minutes later - ~~they were level when~~ THEY SCORED THROUGH NEILLANDS - ~~Neillands~~ - who gave Martin no chance..

Unusual figure in the Aberdeen goal was keeper Martin - Scotland's "A" team goalkeeper - who was again wearing his track suit trousers.

~~The second half~~ - Still tough even football - THOUGH IT WAS BOREDOM THIS PERIOD THAT WISHART PUT ABERDEEN AHEAD - then came the goal of the match - Hamilton crossed an accurate ball - and Wishart headed it home.

Ending

Rangers fighting ~~desperately~~ now - but Aberdeen held out - though both defences dominated the final exchanges.

So Aberdeen won two-one....and after being beaten in the Final for the past two seasons - THEIR FANS - ~~this time~~ - Northern fans are hoping that it's third time lucky.