

Manchester City V Sunderland

29th March 1955

Loyal fans braved a soaking at Villa Park when Manchester City, (in white shorts) kicked off against Sunderland - on a rain-drenched pitch that made them feel right at home.

From the start, the City went into attack - keeping the ball close. They had to - it just wouldn't roll in the mud - and goalkeeper Fraser was soon in action for the Wearsiders

Sunderland now - sweeping upfield to pen the Lancashire side in their own goal area. Finally, the relentless Sunderland pressure is relieved - as Trautman darts out and clears upfield

Then, in the 58th minute, the Lancashire side break away / Hayes puts across a fine centre - and Clarke is there to head it home.

Manchester one-up - the signal for an all-out Sunderland offensive - that's marred by poor finishing

So Manchester City won one-nothing. Villa Park belongs to the lads of Lancashire. The City are Wembley-bound - for their fifth Cup Final.

Hayes.

Clarke.