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Before this semi-final battle at Hampden Park, Celtic fans were right on their toes, when Skipper Jock Stein won the toss. But not for long. Right from the kick-off, Airdrie went straight for goal, - ~~A~~ lightning move and Reid fired the ball home - a score that rocked those Celtic fans right back on their heels.

Airdrie, the "B" Division side, had gained that vital early lead; but Celtic, the cupholders (in the hops) were soon fighting back.

Relentless Celtic pressure now ^{WALSH} a ~~weak~~ shot is beaten out - but Fernie is there to nod the ball home.

The second half - the score still one-all. Then Reid flashes into the game - a shot that hits the post and Bonnar thankfully grabs the rebound.

After ten minutes - fine work by Fernie gives Walsh a chance - and the Glasgow side were leading two-one.

But those Airdrie part-timers came fighting back and a Walsh equaliser triumph. kept alive their hopes of repeating that great 1924 cup ~~triumph~~.