

Wales V England

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Veterans of many an international encounter, Alf Sherwood spins the coin, and Billy Wright wins the opening skirmish at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

Then, to an encouraging roar from the sixty thousand crowd, Wales set to work on their first post-war victory over white-shirted England.

The experienced English attack was soon heading for goal - but courageous Jack Kelsey barred their way.

So the pattern was set - and even the skill of a Matthews - couldn't stem the mounting tide of Celtic enthusiasm. For Wales - attack was their password to victory - and their reward was a two-goal blitz - launched by tireless Derek Tapscott.

A landmark for Stanley Matthews - ~~it~~ He made his international debut 21 years ago.

The second half. Two goals up - Wales kept on attacking - keeping the visiting defence at full stretch.

And when goal chances did fall to England - they were smothered by Jack Kelsey.

In mid-field, the "men in white" were the undoubted masters; but matches are won by goals - and a tragic mistake by John Charles gave England their only point.

So Wales won by two goals to one - and happy fans celebrated the first victory over England for 17 years.