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England V ~~Wales~~ IRELAND

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Only sixty thousand fans at Wembley; but they loudly supported Skipper Billy Wright's cordial welcome to the Irish visitors - on their first international appearance at the Stadium.

This signal recognition marks the 75th anniversary of the Irish F.A. and the "men in green" kicked off ~~with a flourish after that great victory~~

But soon those Irish defenders ^{were} being rattled by the direct methods of new cap Bill Perry.

Perry takes the kick. A bad one; but here's a second chance. And the centre is cleared - Ireland on the attack.

England back again - Jezzard bursts through ~~rounds the goalkeeper and~~
~~scoring!~~ Graham saves right on the line. STET

In this first half - England - (with Johnny Haynes, the midfield general) were launching devastating attacks - only to find Uprichard in top form. The white-shirted England forwards are still pressing - but the brilliant Uprichard again clears his lines ~~away on a boot~~

No score at half-time. ~~and the Irish are~~
Then came England's purple patch. Wilshaw fastens on to a ~~short~~ Haynes pass - and he scores..

All-out England pressure now. A Finney corner is partially cleared. Back to Finney. A long ball to Perry. The South African winger lobs the ball into the goalmouth. And the goal-hungry Wilshaw heads it backwards... into the empty net. England Two Ireland nil.

Then - in the closing minutes... a flash of the real Tom Finney. ~~xxxxxxxx~~
A brilliant solo effort to crown a workmanlike England victory by three goals to nil.

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