

Soccer history at Roker Park when Sunderland kicked off against white-shirted Moscow Dynamo - the first Russian team to visit the North-East. In the first-half, Sunderland pulled out their own brand of top-of-the-league soccer.

Dynamo, the Russian League champions, made an equally-skilful reply. ~~This time, Fraser saved the day.~~

Then Shackleton laid on a pass for Fleming to score: but Referee ~~Griffiths~~ Griffiths ruled off-side.

The Russians soon recovered their attacking poise and just before the interval, Ilyin rounded off a fine movement.

Again, the goal was disallowed. And, (for once), a firm "NO" seemed to annoy the Russians.

No score at half-time - and then, ^{the Dynamos} ~~the Dynamos~~ launched a series of all-out attacks. Once or twice they looked dangerous: but they couldn't get the ball past Fraser.

For Sunderland, Shackleton, ("the Joker of Roker") was pulling out all the aces in his pack, trying to get his line moving - but they, too, suffered from poor finishing.

Then, when the game looked "a treble-chance certainty", Ilyin steered the ball past Fraser - so send Dynamo home with a final one-nothing victory.