

The Sixth Round Cup Battle brought its own "big squeeze" to Highbury. The gates were closed to stop this kind of inflation...too many fans chasing too little room ~~at Highbury~~.
 Londoner Len Boyd won the toss for Birmingham City and with a cup-tie roar from sixty-seven thousand fans - the Arsenal (in white sleeves) kicked off.

Right from the start, this young and eager Arsenal side were storming down in spirited attacks. But when experienced Birmingham held that opening thrust - they had found the key to victory.

After half-an-hour, the Midlanders were one-up - through winger Astall. Ten minutes later, Astall centred hard and low - and Murphy crashed the ball home.

Two goals up at half-time, Birmingham went further ahead, when a brilliant movement found Brown unmarked - a few yards out.

A third goal, ^{operation} enough, surely, to knock the heart out of any side.

But ~~then~~ young Arsenal showed they'd been reared on that renowned team spirit. They launched a fighting come-back and Charlton scored their only goal. Worthy three-one winners, Birmingham are confident that this is their Cup year.