

Raith Rovers v. Hearts26th March 1956

Cup Semi-final clash at Easter Road, Edinburgh, with soccer fans from both sides of the Forth in ^{excellent} good voice.

Both teams are led by veteran skippers - and the early luck favours Edinburgh.

All set - ~~and~~ Raith Rovers kick off - determined to crack that much-vaunted Hearts defence ^{AND} so reach their second final. ~~A~~ Fierce early ~~raids~~ ^{RAIDS} had the Tynecastle men rattled.

But gradually, Hearts settle down - their talented football paving the way to goal - and Stewart comes into the ~~picture~~ picture.

Raith again - trying to master a defence that has yet to concede a goal in this Cup Competition.

Both teams are shining in mid-field play: but around the goals - the defences are on top.

The second half - - and still the way to goal is barred, as both teams struggled manfully to crown their good approach-work.

Hearts attacking now. After winning the League Cup last season - they're all out to reach their first Scottish Cup Final for 49 years.

The Kirkcaldy boys come sweeping back - pressing home a determined attack that brings a fearless save from goalkeeper Duff.

So the honours went to our defenders ^{IN} a goalless draw, and both teams meet again, for the right to carry Eastern hopes to Hampden Park on Final Day...

Not the spin of a coin but the luck of the draw brought last year's finalists, Clyde and Celtic, back to Hampden Park - for this Cup ~~competition~~ Semi-Final.

Celtic (in their familiar hoops) kicked off - and swept down for a sensational first-minute goal. Goalkeeper Watson loses possession and Sharkey bangs the ball into an empty net.

Celtic one-up. But far from rattled, Clyde (the Cupholders) come storming back - and this time, ~~the~~ Luck favoured Celtic.

A Celtic raid develops down the left-wing. Fernie gets away - and then - the fans yell - as he's brought down.

A penalty for Celtic - and Haughney rams it home.

Celtic Two, Clyde nil. and though McPheail nuffed this chance - he later reduced the arrears for Clyde.

Resuming with the strong breeze now at their backs, Celtic kept up almost continuous pressure.

But a lightning Clyde raid nearly pays dividends. A grand header

looks a goal all the way - until full-back Fallon clears off the line.

Thrills, too, at the other end, with Keogh ^{AS} ~~with~~ ^{MAKES} making a goalline clearance...

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CELTIC'S 2-1 victory

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