

The Cup Final season opened at Wembley with the showpiece of the Amateur Game.

Making their first Final appearance, Corinthian-Casuals (in white shirts) kicked off against the ~~fantastic~~ ^{fancied} Northern giants, Bishop Auckland, (the holders), ^{They} who were soon right into their Wembley stride and heading for goal.

Eight times winners of the coveted trophy, the "Bishops" kept attacking: but here, a timely interception sends the Casuals away.

And a power drive by Jack Leybourne almost has goalkeeper Sherratt in trouble.

~~But~~ Back came the Northern boys - trying to find a way past that Casuals defence ~~that evoked~~ ^{reviving} memories of those Corinthians of old - a famous name in Amateur soccer.

The second half - and from the kick-off - watch this sample of the Bishop Auckland attacking strategy that took them continually into goal-range. But the forwards had all left their shooting boots at home. Then - as so often happens. The Casuals scored. An Insole corner - and a flying header did the trick.

Following the doubts, ^{about that} let's slow down the play to try and find out what really did happen. Kerruish was the official scorer. ~~before it was headed away.~~

One down, the "Bishops" came fighting back and deserved their equaliser. ^{when it came} ~~scored by McKenna~~ - after ^{AMM} Ahm had saved from Lewin.

Now came the battle for the "winner" which went into extra time. But though it was all Bishop Auckland, that resolute defence plus one slice of luck, earned the Casuals a replay.

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