

THE IRISH F.F.

In Glasgow - Scotland and Ireland came out for their 62nd International meeting - amid a typical Hampden ~~welcome~~ welcome.

The visitors won the toss, so Lawrie Reilly set the ball rolling for Scotland. And right from the off - the Scots (in darker ^{shirts} ~~jerseys~~) slipped into top gear...eager to revenge last year's defeat in Belfast.

And they nearly took a sensational early lead.

But before long - Peter Doherty's "boys in green" were hitting back - showing the form that so nearly humbled England - last month.

Then came the injury to Scotland's Douglas Cowie - just when the game was developing into a soccer-classic.

Although a man short, Scotland kept up the pressure, and minutes later, Alec Scott celebrated his first cap - with a great goal.

The second half opened with mounting Irish attacks. But those ten men of Scotland clung ~~to~~ to their slender lead - ~~not~~ helped by the poor finishing of their rivals.

But there were loud ~~groans~~ groans from the Hampden fans when a Scottish forward missed a gilt-edged chance.

Now - the four Scottish forwards were hitting hard and often - but Scott hits this one...too high.

IRELAND NEARLY EQUALISED WHEN
An ~~old-time~~ ~~nearly~~ ~~came~~ ~~off~~ ~~when~~ Casey slammed in a free kick: but

Younger made a great save.

Desperate Irish attacks now - but those ten Scottish heroes held on - for a hard-earned one-nothing victory.

