

From Birmingham - a city divided by Cup hopes - 55,000 fans watched
~~ASTON VILLA~~ ^{ASTON VILLA} kick
~~West Bromwich Albion (in the stripes)~~ ^{West Bromwich ALBION - (in the stripes)} kicked off against near-neighbours
~~Aston Villa, at ~~Wolverhampton~~~~ ^{Aston Villa, at ~~Wolverhampton~~}

And inside two minutes - Whitehouse had scored. ^{For the Albion.}

A shock goal that rocked the Villa - but they soon came fighting back...

And that Albion goal had ^{more} ~~some~~ narrow escapes ^{THEN} ~~before~~ Irish

International McParland levelled the scores with a brilliant long-range header.

All through - the Albion had the edge in attack but this goalline clearance by Lynn, ~~far~~ clearly showed the Villa's strong point.

Starting the second half with a two-one lead, West Bromwich decided that non-stop attack was the way to Wembley.

But with only minutes to go - the quicksilver McParland scored a great equaliser. So it ended in a two-all draw - and these great rivals meet

~~again~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~second~~ ~~time~~ ~~at~~ ~~Wembley~~ ~~to~~ ~~decide~~ ~~the~~ ~~winner~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~FA~~ ~~Cup~~ ~~Final~~ ~~at~~ ~~Wembley~~ ~~Stadium~~ ~~on~~ ~~Monday~~ ~~the~~ ~~24th~~ ~~March~~ ~~1957~~
again - in the battle for Final honours.