

~~Manchester United v Real Madrid~~
~~at Old Trafford~~
~~on Wednesday 26th April 1957~~
 62,000 fans were packing the ~~stadium~~ ^{GROUND,} ~~at~~ ^{OLD TRAFFORD,} ~~when~~ ^{WHEN} ~~Real Madrid's~~ Skipper Munoz won the toss.
 So the United (in dark shirts) ⁷ kicked off - conceding a two goal handicap in this European Cup semi-final. They had lost the first match to Real Madrid, the holders, three-one. ¹⁴ ~~4~~

And soon the Spanish champions forged further ahead when Kopa scored in grand style. ⁴ ~~6~~

The white-clad Madrid forwards were proving as elusive as any Spanish matador - and when Rial scored goal number two - ~~United~~ ^{United} were fighting a lost cause. ⁷ ~~4~~

But loyal Manchester fans bobbed up - full of optimism - and the League Champions came fighting back. First Tommy Taylor forced the ball home ⁶ ~~6~~

And four minutes from time, Charlton made it two goals each: but on aggregate, United were still losing five-three. ⁵ ~~5~~

A two-goal lead with minutes to go. ^{TWEN} ~~TEN~~ Torres ^{GOES DOWN} ~~decides to play~~

~~goes down injured.~~
~~He is~~ ~~carried off;~~ APPARENTLY INJURED; ⁸
 but as play resumes - he makes a double-quick recovery.

So the two-all draw put Real Madrid ~~back~~ into the European Cup Final - while Manchester United re-set their sights....for Wembley. ¹⁴ ~~5~~

