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With renewed hopes of Final victory, soccer fans from East and West came crowding back into Hampden Park. And loud Ayrshire cheers signalled that Willie Toner had won the toss for Kilmarnock - in the "big match" replay.

So Falkirk (in the dark shirts) kicked off. The "Bairns" are still threatened by relegation. But now league-worries are forgotten - great fighting football had brought them their chance of top soccer honours. Right from the start, two sound defences limit the scoring opportunities. ~~Kilmarnock said look promising; but he never kept his top down.~~  
~~the ball was up over the bar.~~

Expectant hush from Falkirk fans greets a corner. It's a good one: But Kilmarnock boasts the best defence in Scottish football.

Playing the more skilful soccer, Kilmarnock's attack looks the more dangerous - and there are some anxious moments for Bert Slater.

Then, after 25 minutes, came the cheer that could almost be heard in Stirlingshire: Merchant meets a hard Murray centre - and, it's there! Falkirk leading one-nil. But soon ~~their~~ they're defending desperately... and good defensive covering saves a certain goal.

### ~~Extra time~~

The second half now - and to preserve their slender lead, Falkirk decide that attack is the best defence.

But finally, they're penned in, as Kilmarnock stage attack after attack - striving to save the game.

Only twelve minutes between Falkirk and victory, and then, Curlett gets that vital goal. Kilmarnock fans breathe again.

Into extra time: both teams driving on tired legs. And Duggie Moran gets the goal that turned Falkirk's relegation ~~nightmare into~~ nightmare into a wonderful cup dream... ~~Falkirk's~~

After 54 years - the Cup goes back to Brockville Park...

Well Done, Falkirk!!!