

Crowds arriving on foot --- and crowds who have already arrived and parked their cars add up to a total of a hundred thousand inside Wembley Stadium to while away the time of waiting for the kick-off with song.

It's Ast on Villa on the left, in stripes --- and on the right Manchester United in white.

R [ And Queen Elizabeth, Patron of the Football Association, comes in to the royal box accompanied by Prince Philip, who goes down to meet the teams; first, Aston Villa, appearing in their ninth Cup Final.

Then Manchester United. It's their third Cup Final; they last won it in 1948.

The rival captains, Roger Byrne and Johnny Dixon shake hands --- and Dixon wins the toss for Villa. So it's Tommy Taylor kicking off for Manchester United and hoping to bring off the great double of Championship and F.A. Cup. But on this sunny afternoon the shadow of a disaster was looming up.

And here it comes. Villa attacking. *see flash*

R [ The ball goes out to McParland at outside left --- he heads it. Manchester goalie gathers it and they crash together.

Here's exactly how the unhappy accident happened with the action slowed up.

Both were hurt --- but Ray Wood, the Manchester goalie, received a bad face-injury that kept him off the field for the next twenty-five minutes.

Jackie Blanchflower took over the job in goal and the ten men of Manchester made a terrific effort to score quickly--- No. 7 is outside right ~~Byrne~~ Berry --- he beats Villa's No. 6 --- that's Seward --- and sends the ball up to Tommy Taylor; but Sims takes it right off his boot.

R [ Now it's the stripe-shirted Villa men on the attack; they're tough and workmanlike, ~~and~~ they're tackling hard, and they have a great chance here to put themselves in the lead.

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But Jackie Blanchflower, deputising in Manchester's goal, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is grabbing the ball and the glory with both hands and feet and giving the crowd double the value in thrills. **NO SCORE AT HALF-TIME.**

~~Even with their man short, every Manchester attack was looking dangerous; there's no doubt they were playing better football. Here goes the ball out to Pegg.....~~

~~Pegg sends it in and it's a chance of a goal --- but no score at half time!~~

When Aston Villa kicked off for the second half they were playing against ten men once again. Wood had come back on to the field at the end of the first half and played ~~it~~ on the right wing. Blanchflower continued in the Manchester goal --- and continued to keep the ball out of it. **Down**

Now Sewell centres and McParland sends in a header --- but it hits the post and it's cleared. /

~~And now~~ after sixty-seven minutes' play comes the first goal of the match --- and it's a goal for Villa. A centre from Dixon --- and a lovely header by McParland. /

Now on the Villa's right wing, Smith has the ball. /

He passes to ~~Smith~~ <sup>CROWTHER</sup> who centres. /

And another Villa shot crashes the crossbar, and on the rebound it's McParland again! .....! /

And it's two goals up for Villa. /

Manchester must have been exhausted after playing nearly half the game a man short --- but they still have the fire to attack again and again. /

A header from Taylor is only just tipped over the bar. /

And from the corner by Pegg, now Taylor heads a beauty. / Villa 2 --- Manchester United 1. **And that was it!** /

~~But that was all --- and at the last final whistle it was congratulations by Manchester for victorious Aston Villa. --- And the F.A. Cup was presented by the Queen to Villa's captain Johnny Dixon.~~ /

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R. { So Aston Villa have made sup football history, with a record total of seven victories in the F.A. Cup Final. ~~Well done, Villa!~~  
~~Tough luck for Manchester United --- but they're still League Champions --- and they played a brilliant game~~