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The attendance, 56,000, hardly did justice to the importance of the occasion at Hampden Park.

Once the traditional exchange of ~~ceremonies~~ ^{courtesies} was over - Scotland were battling for a World Cup pass-port...to Sweden.

So they kicked off (in the white shorts) with the ~~millstone~~ ^{millstone} "nothing less than victory would do!" No wonder the Scottish football was laboured and tinged with anxiety.

But they attacked readily enough and ~~scored a fine goal~~ ^{took the lead -} when Doherty split the Swiss defence - and Robertson ~~scored the pass~~ ^{scored!}.

Ten minutes later, Switzerland were level. Riva equalised with another good goal.

Now those home defenders really got the jitters..only Tommy Younger saved the day.

~~Just before half-time~~

But Scotland settled down and nearly took the lead ^{again} From a corner - a header hit the bar.

During half-time, the Scots must have seen some travel-folders of Sweden, for Mudie soon scored.

And Scott made it three-one

That knocked the heart out of the plucky Swiss. They ~~fought back to~~ ^{LOST THREE-TWO.}

~~two~~. But another display like this and Sweden won't recognise Scottish football - despite those pass-ports.