

THE CUP FINAL

From the Pathe aeroplane, Wembley Stadium looks packed to capacity with a six figure "up-for-the-cup" crowd as Derby County and Charlton Athletic wait to be presented to His Majesty the King. Introducing his team is Derby's skipper Jack Nicholas, first soccer Captain to have the honour since the cup-final tumults last turned in 1939. Presenting the Charlton side is six-foot skipper Don Welsh.

Charlton's fans hadn't far to travel but Derby had sent a grand contingent to give the local boys a cheer. Charlton's Don Welsh won the toss from white shirted Derby skipper Nicholas, but the real battle of the game didn't start till the second half. There was no score at the turn round but after it, things really began to hum. With a hatfull of missed chances behind them, Derby got down to a winner-hust drive - watching them do it was Princess Elizabeth.

Here comes goal number one. Bally Duncan miskicks and Charlton's Bert Turner kicks through his own goal. A stroke of luck for Derby, it sent the crowd goal-crazy.

With a One-Hill lead the Derby white shirts piled on the pressure, but within a minute Charlton hit back and Bert Turner wiped off his slip-up with a free-kick equalizer. This time a Derby player knocked the ball into his own net. One all and five minutes to go, and are the customers glad they get a ticket. Both sides played magnificent soccer, here's Derby's Reg Harrison away in a grand burst. But Charlton's left-half Johnson has him marked for a fine tackle and clearance.

End of time and it's one all. And there's 30 minutes extra play and Derby gets away to an all-out left-to-right assault on the Charlton goal. The King and Queen and the Earl of Athlone, watch a great Cup Final - and here's Derby's Second - a picture goal by red-headed inside-left Peter Beeky. Once in front, these boys take some stopping, and they're putting out the flags in Derby already.

With a two-one lead it's a new kind of Derby Day and here's another. Centre-forward Stamp nets Derby's number 3 - and does it get applause.

For the second half of extra time Charlton defend the left hand goal and it's in again with goalie Sam Bartman beaten after a grand dive. And every Derby hat goes in the air for a four-one victory. Beaten in 3 Cup Finals, Derby County notch their first win and Skipper Jack Nicholas gets a royal handshake and the coveted silver trophy.

A great game, and a great team won it in football's best-ever comeback to peace time Cup Finals.