

WALES V ENGLAND

Skipper Billy Hughes of Birmingham leads the Welsh side out at Maine Road, Manchester. England followed and while we're waiting for the kick-off, here's a few notes on the game. Each side had a star missing. Tom Finney of Preston took Stanley Matthews place; and for Wales, Ivor Powell was inside left instead of Bryn Jones. That started the argument and the critics haven't finished with it yet. I'm here to pick the two men out, show you their work, and let you decide. First Ivor Powell. He's number 10, in dark jersey. Sports writers said he wasn't up to Bryn Jones' standard. But if you watch number 10 in these pictures you'll see he put up a good show.

Here's England's first goal. Scorer, Munnion of Middlesbrough.

It was one of 3, with no reply from Wales but the crowd were more interested in the display Preston-star Tom Finney. Here's a spot of general play before I spotlight Finney.

The second half began it. Here's Finney coming up now. He's number 7. Critics say he was just a decoy and not in Matthews' class. I don't agree. Finney's work, as the Pathe cameras show it, was fast, clever and as good as it could have been against strong Welsh defence.

Here's a true Matthews touch, with Welshman Ivor Powell holding the dummy. Throughout this half, Tom Finney was in the picture and stayed there.

Well, that was it. England won three nothing. They were a better side. But the 60,000 crowd still had a problem. Was Tom Finney good - or wasn't he? What's your opinion?