

THE CUP FINAL

Wembley Stadium and the 66th Cup Final. Charlton Athletic in white shirts and Burnley kick off. Football critics prophesied a battle of the defences and that is the way it turned out. Burnley's half-back line, with skipper Alan Brown outstanding, holds fast against all Charlton's attacks. Now watch Burnley's Jackie Shaw, No. 7 break away, but left-back Shreeve, No. 3 is there to tackle him. The ball goes upfield to Chris Duffy, No. 11, Charlton outside-left. And here he is in a neat little ballet number with Burnley back Arthur Woodruffe.

But Charlton are pressing hard. Watch Burnley goalkeeper Strong in this spectacular head-on picture taken from the other end of the field.

This is Charlton's fourth Wembley appearance in five years. Twelve months ago the first peace-time final saw them lost to Derby County. So Charlton are not suffering from any Wembley nerves. Five of their boys were here last year.

Duffy has the ball again - he passes to Dan Welsh - No. 13. He shoots but Strong is there to save.

The second half and both teams put on the pressure. But the defences are still way on top.

Billy Morris No. 8 has a bang at goal but Sam Bartram is safe. And now the Charlton attack is off again. Hurst, No. 7, has the ball. But Burnley got it away.

And again it's goalkeeper Bartram - this time with a save from Burnley's Harrison. The Lancashire forwards just couldn't get the ball past the Charlton keeper.

With no score after 90 minutes, extra time is played. Last year at the Charlton-Derby final the same thing happened. An hour and a half of gruelling, fast moving football in brilliant sunshine has taken it out of the players. Duffy still has plenty of energy but this time Woodruffe beats the winger to it.

Second half of extra time and still no score. It looks like a replay with only four minutes to go.

The ball is in the Burnley half. There's a goalmouth scramble for the ball. Duffy gets to it and slams it into the net.

Slow motion sees the cannon-ball goal this way.

And that was the end. A one-nil victory snatched in the last few minutes of extra time gives the Cup to Charlton Athletic. Welsh gets the trophy from the Duke of Gloucester. With Bartram carrying the plinth the London team follow their leader. Not so long ago they were in the third Division. They made headlines in a two-season climb into Division One. Now they've netched one more Club record by winning their first F.A.Cup. And that's the way it went at this year's Cup Final.