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### ENGLAND BEAT WALES

England take the field at Birmingham before a 70,000 crowd to meet a reshuffled Welsh eleven, who stern to the attack from the word go. With goalie Swift well below form, the home team seems in for a beating and things indeed look black for them, when in a sliding tackle, right-back Laurrie Scott is badly hurt and has to be carried off. But there is worse to come. Wales - quick to exploit their advantage - throw all their weight into the attack and this time big Frank Swift is hurt. Luckily, the Manchester giant is alright, only momentarily stunned.

Playing with ten men inspires England and Tom Finney gives Jackie Milburn a golden chance to score, only the Newcastle man misses it.

Star of the England team, once again, is Stanley Matthews. Fifty times an international, the Blackpool winger gives Alf Sherwood a thorough run-around. Combining well with team-mate Stan Mortensen, he paves the way for the first goal - Mortensen netting from Milburn's rebound - only for the goal to be disallowed for offside.

Matthews, deprived of his inside partner - pops up everywhere. Here he sends Mortensen away and the Blackpool man bursts through the Welsh defence like a human dynamo - but goalie Hughes turns his shot for a corner.

The Welsh defence - with Tom Jones, No. 5 and Roy Paul, No. 4, outstanding - hold England's night at bay. It is difficult to criticise a 10-man team, but one thing's certain, without Mortensen, No. 8, and his club-mate Stan Matthews, an England team is unthinkable. Their work leads up to England's goal. Milburn is tripped in the penalty area, and the ball rolls to Finney, who slams it in for the goal of the match.