

ENGLAND BEAT ARGENTINA

In the first festival international, England tackle Argentina and the mid-week record full-house at Wembley sits back to look for sparks. The blue-and-white striped Argentinians are eager to be the first foreign side to beat England at home - and none more so than Rugile, the goalie with the dead-pan face. And here's a chance for him as Jackie Milburn fires in a beauty.

Back come England on the attack as skipper Billy Wright sends a pass through to Metcalfe. The Huddersfield winger (brought in to replace Matthews) centres. Mortensen runs in but his header goes over the bar and leaves Rugile hanging high and dry.

Metcalfe's corner-kick beats Rugile but there's no Englishman there and the ball sails past the goal right out to Loustan, who starts an Argentine attack. He beats Spurs right-back Ramsay, runs on and sends over a centre. Inside-left Labruna follows up. Williams comes out but Labruna beats him and lobs a centre. Boye runs in to head and Argentina are one up.

One down at half-time, England resume full of fire. They've been holding on a fraction too long, allowing the Argentine funnel-defence to pack up against them. But here's an infringement. Referee Griffiths tries to make the Argentine defenders go back 10 feet, but they won't budge!

Now Metcalfe tries to split that packed defence. He passes but a forest of legs blocks Milburn's shot. Finney runs in from the wing but his shot is charged down for England's 14th corner. There's only 11 minutes to go and so far Rugile is still unbeaten. Tom Finney's kick is a beauty. Hassell heads and Stan Mortensen beats Rugile to equalise for England.

Now England have their tails up, all out for the winner. But this Rugile is good (only, now, he doesn't feel so good). However, it's nothing serious. Four minutes from the end, a free kick is awarded to England. Ramsay takes it. Over it comes. Mortensen heads down to Milburn and Jackie glides in the winner!

The thoughtful Mr. Rugile offers his congratulations as England retire from the field their record still intact - but only just!