

ENGLAND V. WALES FOOTBALL

At Ninian Park, Cardiff, referee Gerrard has a lot of good-luck-for-Wales to shift before the game can start. England (playing in white) nearly lost to France, so they're out to make a good show today to make up for that nasty shock, as new-cap Thompson of the Villa gets an attack going.

Barely three minutes gone and there's a free kick for Wales. Paul takes the kick - it's a good 'un. He's dropped it right in the goal-mouth. Foulkes pounces and slams past Williams to put Wales ahead with his first kick in an international.

Burgess intercepts; passes - and runs on to set Wales on the attack again. They're not letting England settle down. Ford follows up but Williams beats him to the ball.

It's a record gate and even a heavy shower can't damp their spirits. Now England are on the move. The ball goes to Tom Finney. He draws the defence and passes to Medley. The Spurs winger sends over a beauty. Bailey gets his head to it and England are level.

It's turning into a battle of the defences. Daniel is hard-pressed. He passes back to Short but Dickenson nearly intercepts. At half-time it's still one all.

Resuming, Wales turn on the pressure. They're all over England. Here's a fierce scramble in the English goal-mouth, with both Smith and Williams down, but Thompson drops back and clears.

Wales keep up the pressure, but somehow England manage to keep them out, and with no further score the first home international ends with England luck to draw.