

MOTHERWELL v. RANGERS

At Ibrox, Willie Kilmarnock won the toss for Motherwell playing in their familiar hoops and Rangers kicked off towards the city goal. A hard fight seemed in prospect and that's how it went. After an early fright, Rangers got going. Now here's a Waddell move down the wing. He centres but keeper Johnston punches clear and skipper Kilmarnock completes the clearance. The heavy pitch deadened the ball every time it struck the ground but after only seven minutes Rangers took the lead. Sweeping onto a long drive, Willie Thornton evaded Johnston's dive and side-footed into the net.

The 90,000 crowd now looked for sparks from Motherwell but it was Rangers pressing again, and as Brown cleared, George Young nearly did a loop. Again and again Rangers attacked ... and here's another Waddell beauty to test Johnston.

Thanks largely to their wing-halves, Rangers were on top and here goes Willie Thornton again. But Kilmarnock brings him down, and just look at Willie telling him his fortune.

Waddell took the free kick but nothing came of it.

Now a Motherwell attack as Sloan centres. Goalie Brown disappeared under the crowd but there was no score and at half time it was Rangers one Motherwell nil.

Resulting one down, Motherwell began to show up better. There were a number of free kicks - thanks to the cup-tie tension - and the game went from end to end ... Thornton again.

Back to the other end, and Motherwell attacking. Sloan slices across the goal - there's a shot but the ball's diverted for a corner.

Over comes the ball. Watson heads. Brown dives and the ball goes out to Cox but his shot is blocked. Then Humphries had a chance but without success. Referee Mitchell ended the strain when he whistled up a free kick for Motherwell.

Now Motherwell were really pressing. There was not much time left and they'd missed a number of chances.

Three minutes to go. Aitkenhead to Slean ... a header - and the game was saved!

A final Motherwell burst to snatch a win. Brown dived to Kelly's feet to save and before you could say Replay there was a bit of a schlemmle but it all blew over with no damage done.