

WELSH CUP FINAL

At Ninian Park, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, in dark shorts, take the field against Rhyl in the Welsh Cup Final. It's Rhyl's fourth appearance in a final but they've yet to win the Cup. Rhyl win the toss and it's the cup-holders Merthyr to kick off. They're favourites but football is a funny game and anything can happen. And here's Rhyl threatening and forcing Merthyr to kick into touch.

He's starting a bit early! But here's Merthyr sweeping into the attack. First goal means a lot in a final.

The ball comes to Reynolds. He shoots and it's a goal to put Merthyr one up.

Merthyr again. And they look dangerous. But he's down and the Ref's whistled up for a free kick.

Powell takes the kick.

Scales saves but Reynolds nets and Merthyr are two up, inside fifteen minutes.

Now Rhyl fight back and it's an anxious moment round the Merthyr goal.

Back come Rhyl. Stafford shoots but Bert Sellick saves. The ball goes back to Stafford and this time he's scored and it's two-one.

That's roused Merthyr, and here they come to stop the nonsense. Goalie Scales has trouble with a bouncing ball but robs Reynolds just as he was about to shoot.

But it's Rhyl who score next, and here's Spendlove making it all square at half-time.

Resuming, Rhyl shock the experts again. Watch this. McKillep centres. Spendlove shoots and Rhyl have taken the lead!

Merthyr can't take that lying down and back they come to give George Scales a sticky moment!

And with Rhyl just as keen to hold on to their lead, the match turns into a real sizzler!

Stafford cuts in for Rhyl but Sellick gathers an awkward ball and saves.

Now Ferguson breaks up a Merthyr attack. This is the kind of football to rouse the fans! Now it's Marsden getting Rhyl going. Spendlove passes to Stafford.

And Stafford has scored to make it Rhyl 4: Merthyr 2! A real turn-up!

With defeat staring them in the face, the cup-holders pull out a bit more, and Jarman scores to make it 4-3, but that's the end and Rhyl win the Welsh Cup Final at their fourth attempt.

Mr. Edwin Morgan, Vice-President of the Welsh F.A. hands the handsome trophy to skipper Tom McKillop. It's a big moment for the Rhyl team who confounded the experts. For Merthyr, the runners-up prize. It was the most remarkable cup final in years. Rhyl won because they kept coming back when they looked like losing. Well done Rhyl!