

CUP FINAL

Here they come! Newcastle and Arsenal to battle for the Cup. It's the big North-South final everyone would have picked for a real tussle and that's how it turned out. It's a hundred-thousand full house with a lot of Geordies to cheer skipper Joe Harvey and the Magpies to keep the Cup they won last year. They look to Jackie Milburn to do the trick again. Mr. Churchill represents the Queen who is in mourning. For Newcastle George Robledo has scored five Cup Tie goals. Now veteran Joe Mercer introduces the Gunners. Injuries gave them a lot of worries but they're fighting fit now, including Ray Daniels with his plastered arm. It's good to see the Premier fit again after his chill. Now Newcastle break away eager to get started. Mr. Churchill goes to his box where Mr. Attlee greets him and the scene is set for the 1952 Cup Final as Newcastle kick off. They're trying to win the Cup two years running which hasn't been done in sixty years. But watch what happens now. Holton throws in for the Arsenal.

Lishman, with his back to the goal, gets the ball and kicks over his head ... and it only just misses!! Tough luck for a sensational try that would have shaken Newcastle. Now Newcastle attack. Walker gets the ball. Looks like the Geordies are moving now. Jackie can't get through - Arsenal are giving him no rope. A back-pass to Foulkes, who first-times into the centre but skipper Joe Mercer is there to cope.

Now it's Arsenal attacking. They're feeling experts who said the Magpies would walk it. Lishman passes to Holton who's making his first cup appearance but Brennan rebuffs him and clears.

Back come Newcastle. It's turning into a real thriller. Hullo! Daniels has taken a knock on his broken wrist but he nods o.k. Just as well. Arsenal also have right-back Wally Barnes injured but here's a lovely movement and it's Lishman again.

Joe Harvey and Ted Robledo, brother of famous George, complete the clearance. It's a terrific game. You don't expect this good stuff in Cup Finals: there's too much at stake. Away go Arsenal again. Haven't seen much of Cox so far but here goes a centre and Simpson has to dive to foil an Arsenal rush.

At the other end, Walker gives Swindin something to worry about.

Again he's beaten but the ball's headed off the line and at half-time there's no score.

After such a sizzling first half, sympathy swings to Arsenal as they resume without Wally Barnes. But this is the Cup and Newcastle attack as Milburn beats Forbes and Joe Mercer, but his pass is intercepted by Don Roper who now partners Lionel Smith at back. Soon, to the surprise of all, it's Arsenal attacking, though they're a man short. This is one of the greatest finals in memory. Beautiful football, plenty of punch and thrills at both ends. Milburn to Robledo but George can't get there and the ball just misses.

And here's another terrific moment in front of the Arsenal goal. Just look at them all on the ground! It looks like a battlefield but nobody's badly hurt. They're putting every ounce into it and it's a good clean game, a credit to two grand teams.

Now Ted Robledo sends Mitchell away. Watch this run of Mitchell's.

But he's held it just too long and the way's blocked. Arsenal's tackling and covering has been a sight to see. They're playing a wonderful game - especially the cast-iron defence, even without Barnes. Along comes Don Roper to clear and away go the forwards again to worry Simpson.

Even Newcastle supporters are surprised. Now Mitchell gets a chance but Swindin saves just under the bar. We'll be talking about this final for a long time. Only six minutes to go and it looks as though they'll need extra time. Away go Newcastle for another try.

Looks like business this time. Mitchell draws the defence and lobs over. George Robledo heads - and Newcastle have won the Cup for the second year running!

Arsenal are first to congratulate their conquerors on a great triumph. There's a huge cheer as they walk up for the Cup, and another for the gallant losers. But now it's skipper Joe Harvey receiving the Cup from Mr. Churchill - who for once doesn't seem to know the drill.

Here they come! They had a much tougher game than they expected, but the Cup is on its way back to Newcastle ... and here's the picture the whole North's waited to see. Well done, Newcastle - you've done it again!