

ITALY vs. ENGLAND (1:1)

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FLORENCE, May 18 - Florence has brought to the exceptional event the brightest sunniest frame one could imagine at the local municipal Stadium, before a crowd of 90,000 vociferous fans.

Italy opposes to the masterly English team, one which has been called "the National Team for a Single Day", because, in fact, it has been assembled for this very occasion and its leadership confided to 38 years old champion Piola.

Here is the English team:

Pearson - Froggatt - Loftohouse - Garrett - Finney - Broadis - Ramsey - Elliott - Dickinson - goalkeeper Merrick, captain Wright.

The Italians:

✓ Mari - ✓ Cappello - ✓ Ferrario - ✓ Amadei - ✓ Pandolfini - ✓ Moro - ✓ Boniperti - ✓ Piola - ✓ Giovannini - ✓ Piccinini.

Since the very beginning, the old Italian captain demonstrates how good he still is.

After the first demonstrative actions by the English team, Piccinini starts at the centre. From Cappello to Piola.... a shoot... goal?! No! the head of Cappello sent astray the ball!

Now the English side score their point at the fourth minute of the first period, with Inside Right Broadis on an action engineered by Inside Left Pearson.

Italian goalkeeper Moro looks quite out of temper.

The Italians attack again, but with less fire than before. Piola chivalrously avoid to touch Merrick.

At the tenth minute, the most brilliant English exploit of the day, but Moro is able to parry the conclusive shoot by Wright.

32nd minute: Boniperti manoeuvres against Garrett, but his low shoot will easily be checked by Merrick.

Two minutes later, on a centre shoot by Pandolfini, the same Boniperti fails to score, and immediately after, the same misfortune applies to Piola.

At the second half, we see an action by Pandolfini Amadei and Piola, parried by Merrick.

Finney makes a fool of Manente, but Giovannini remedies in corner and detains Elliott.

Piola again, but Froggatt and Ramsey have him sandwiched.

At last, at the 15th minute of the second half, the Italian are able to tie up with Inside Left Amadei.

The whole Stadium is on fire!

Amadei is again focussing the attention.

Hands by Ramsey. But Austrian referee Beraneck has not seen it and nullifies the penalty.

An un fortunate shoot by Boniperti follows.

Now the English team are attacking again. The quick Broadis proves very embarrassing to Italian goalkeeper Moro.

Immediately after we see Piola twisted by pain having been kicked by Froggatt.

The English attack but are prevented first by Moro and afterwards by Ferrario.

After 10 minutes, Piola comes back and, though handicapped, will do his best again.

In the whole the Italian team can be proud of having tied up with English champions and they certainly are proud of their captain who has gallantly played his farewell to football.

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