

WALES V. ENGLAND - CARDIFF.

England, in white shirts, come out alongside their Welsh rivals at Ninian Park, Cardiff, before a bumper crowd. The toss-up over, and it's England who take the kick-off. Added interest to this international is the promise that the winners and runners-up of the home tournaments will fight in the world championships next June.

Now Welsh winger Clarke lines up to the centre.

Charles gets it and his shot sends Merrick down to save. Could well have been a Welsh goal that time. Now Merrick gets the ball away upfield and young Albert Quixall takes over. Cool as a cucumber, he waits for the right moment, and a cross-field pass finds Mullen, whose first-time slam gives goalus Howells an anxious moment or two.

Reg Davis, who was brought in when Trevor Ford's injury kept him out of the team, joins-up with John Charles. They get the ball to Allchurch who bangs it home to make the score Wales 1, England nil!

Back with a vengeance come the Englishmen. The comes tragedy for Wales. Alf Sherwood takes a nasty kick on the head, and has to retire for quite a time - a bad blow for the Welshmen. And here's another one. Quixall takes a free kick, Willshaw jumps to head - and England have scored.

It's still one all at half time. Play resumes with Wales going hammer and tongs on the offensive. Billy Foulkes centres - Luck just isn't with the Welsh side today. Now the Englishmen advance on their opponent's goal. Jimmy Mullen, has already helped to give England a second goal - and here come their number three. Nat Lofthouse finishes the job with a header. England three, Wales One!

It's not all over yet, Dickinson has it for England. A perfect pass finds Mullen. The great little winger, sends over a high one that beats Howells and its lofthouse again who heads it home. England four, Wales one. And that's how it stands right up to the end. The Welshmen, playing most of the match with only ten men, go down fighting to the last.