

FOOTBALL: ENGLAND VS. YUGOSLAVIA.

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Rightaway Yugoslavia are putting on a dazzling display of accurate, quick passing. But its soon obvious that England's defenders are in top form. Full-backs Sta niforth and Byrne, and half-backs Wright, Owen and Dickinson play a magnificent game. Here comes the Yugoslav left wing again, and this time they catch their rival's defence out of position.

England, shaken but full of fight, try an attack. But their forwards, (with the exception of Ivor Broadis No.8 who works like a trojan) just aren't up to scratch. Billy Wright helps out and sends Broadis off again.

Bobek tries to draw the English defence, but they won't fall for it. They're playing a thoughtful, solid game that puts them in a very different class to their shaky forward line.

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The ref says "no goal". Local supporters shout to their defence as England move upfield. Billy Wright lends a hand. Then Ronnie Allen takes over. Up into the goal area, but his shot is wide of the mark. There's still no work for the scoreboard by half-time. 60,000 Yugoslavs work themselves into a frenzy as their idols attack.

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