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FOOTBALL: BELFAST. ENGLAND 2 IRELAND 0.

The English eleven, including seven new caps, take the field at Windsor Park, Belfast to meet dark-shirted Ireland. Right from the start it's obvious this isn't exactly the perfect English team. Only Wood, the goalie seems to shine, but in the first half he's got all his work cut out to keep the attacking Irishmen at bay.

McIlroy gets it for Ireland but again Wood keeps the net clear. The home team haven't get one past him at half-time, so with no score on the board the second half gets under way, and Ireland are still on the offensive. A treat for the 60,000 crowd is the neat, baffling football of McParland, Ireland's outside left.

McParland centres, but Wood is there. About a quarter of an hour to go, and England attack. Haynes receives, and a low shot puts England one up.

Two minutes later and Lofthouse heels to Matthews. The maestro sends Dickson the wrong way as he sends over a pass to Johnny Haynes. Haynes now to Don Revie, who runs onto it, and smacks it home past Sprichard. England two, Ireland nil is the final score - a result that flatters and Englishmen who'll have to gull their socks up before they meet Germany in December.