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ARSENAL V. SPARTAK

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Kelsey parries that one, but its still dangerous. Now it's Piraev's turn to get to work. The gloomy Goalie, (as he's called) takes it easy until Lishman moves in. Then, with 35 minutes of play gone, the ball comes to Jimmy Logie,.. and there it is! Arsenal have scored!

But hardly has the almost frenzied cheering died down before Spartak are out for revenge. Up they come towards the Gunner's goal. Outside right Tatouchine has it. He shoots, Kelsey parries, but Paramenev scores!

One-all is the half-time score. Tatouchine takes a corner for the Russians about ten minutes after resumption. He gets the ball again almost at once. Now a centre to Simonyan who uses his head to put another into the Arsenal net! 2-1, and this could be the start of a landslide, for its predicted that the Gunners will tire first. But not yet - they're off again.

Milton has it, but down he goes as Sedov charges him. Everyone but the Russian ref seems to think it should be a penalty but an indirect free kick is the verdict. There'll be arguments about this for a long time to come.

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