

THE CUP FINAL.

The highlight of the Soccer Year - the F.A. Cup Final - finds Manchester City taking the field at Wembley against cup specialists Newcastle United. A hundred thousand have come to watch, including Her Majesty the Queen who is greeted by the Duchess and Earl of Athlone.

Manchester's skipper Roy Paul spins and Jimmy Scoular wins the toss to give Newcastle the best of no slight breeze. The City, in white shorts, kick off and the game of the year is on! Among those playing in the Cup Final - the first German to do so - is Burt Trautmann in City's goal.

Newcastle press quickly and inside right Jackie Milburn forces City's left back Little to give a corner..All he could do!!

Newcastle's outside right takes it and the ball sails goalwards; Milburn heads, and its a goal! A beautiful timed header and within one minute from the start Newcastle are one up.

The City fight back as soon as play settles down again after that dramatic start, but Goalie Simpson runs out to lift it from Fagan's head and foil the raid.

Newcastle now, and their forwards switch positions as they attack down the right wing. Centre forward Keeble, now outside, sends in a nice through pass - White chases; but Paul beats him and slides it back to Trautmann.

Princess Margaret is there to watch the worst moment of the match. City's right back Jimmy Meadows is having a tough time marking winger Mitchell, he slips and tears a ligament, he beats the ground with pain as City fans realise that this is no slight injury and that for the rest of the match their team will have to play with one man short.

But now those men intend to play! In a spirited attack, Paddy Fagan sends a long "cross field pass" to Revie. Back to goes to Barnes as the halves follow up in support. The right half promptly sends it on to Revie again but now the Newcastle defence have closed in and the raid fails as Simpson gets it and clears.

For a while Newcastle get well on top and Trautmann has to leap for it.

Now he has to dive for it! Trautmann owes his place in British football to the fact that he came here as a P.O.W. He's certainly playing a great game today!

A sudden reverse and the City get the ball upfield to the delight of their fans, but Johnson delays his shot and Simpson gets there.

The 10 men press and Hayes crosses for Johnson's equaliser. There was no delay in that flying header. He certainly made amends for his loss at that open goal. One each at half time.

City are in trouble in the second half - with Trautmann leaping to it again!

When they do get the play, the City show the effect of a man off. The well-drilled Newcastle defence have little trouble in sending Secular away with it again.

While Trautmann gets ready, White centres and the ever dangerous Mitchell whips in to receive. He runs it on and scores from an almost impossible angle!

So Newcastle have the lead again - two one.

A pity they're playing a depleted team, for Newcastle are showing up very well. Stekee passes to Casey who carries on working it up-field as the Newcastle forwards sweep down on the City goal.

On the attack the Newcastle forwards find those open spaces. Mitchell shows superb ball control as he manoeuvres into position. His play is worthy of Matthews himself as he prepares for his shot at goal. Fingertips deflect it, but Hannah crashes it home!

Three one! In a match like this, that could be a decisive lead. It was Hannah's goal but Mitchell made it possible.

As 10 men Arsenal did three years ago, the City fight back. Casey colliding with Revie, is injured and he's on the ground as the battle for the ball goes on - but he recovers later.

Back in the City half, Mitchell is on the ball again..Critics call him the man of the match. He centres but Trautmann runs out and collects - a levaly piece of anticipation.

Still Newcastle and just before the end a last shot at goal has Trautmann diving - but it goes wide.

In the hands of the Queen - "The Cup" - the most coveted trephy of them all - as Scoular leads his 3-1 winners up to the Royal Box. A great moment for the Newcastle fans!

As Scoular said afterwards, the Newcastle team were proud to have won, but sympathised with Manchester in losing one of their players. In return, City captain Paul said "We were unlucky, but the better team won"

Cup winners five times before, Newcastle United have done it again. A fine team - they deserve it!

