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MANCHESTER UNITED v. BIRMINGHAM:

But there's no doubt at all about the other semi-final, over at Sheffield where Birmingham (in hooped stockings) are battling it out with the favourites, Manchester United. Birmingham open with a swift attack, but the Babes are quite unruffled - and very soon it's Birmingham's Gil Merrick who has to worry!

John Barry receives, and makes for the penalty area - he beats Ken Green - everyone expects him to pass, but he feels them all and shoots!

Manchester fans are wild with joy - but there's more to come! Outside left David Pegg is on the move straight from the restart, Jeff Hall blocks him, but he retrieves it and tries again. Over to Bobby Charlton, who slams it home!

Two goals within two minutes of each other - a shattering blow to Birmingham's hopes! To make things worse, a splendid chance from a corner is muffed in the goalmouth.

Another corner gives Ray Wood a few nasty seconds - and a very lucky escape for Manchester. By half-time, the excitement's too much for some of the fans. But Busby's Babes start the second half in cracking form, with that slippery winger David Pegg on the move again, and passing to Billy Whelan.

Whelan beats Merrick - but it hits the post!

And another try - but it's wide!

From a free kick, Birmingham make a plucky last-minute attempt to chalk up at least one for the book - but their luck is out, and by two goals to nil, it's Manchester for Wembley!