

IRELAND v. ITALY:

Ireland, in the white collars, are at home to Italy at Belfast in the world Cup series - a chance to redeem the not-so-friendly "friendly" of their last meeting. And it is redeemed, for this game is a sportsmanlike and fast-moving affair from the start. Uprichard saves the home goal from an early attack. But the Italians waste no time - they're soon back to worry him again.

Uprichard blocks the shot, and it's headed for a corner.

Willie Cunningham takes the ball from Da Costa - and now Ireland are on the move.

Outside right Bingham is blocked - right back Vincenzi tries to clear - but Simpson runs in and pushes it across for Jimmy McIlroy to bang it home!

Another goal soon puts Ireland two up - and now their brilliant switching from defence to attack has the Italians really worried.

A tussle in the Italian goalmouth - and that's a near thing!

Ireland kick off for the second half, and the visitor's goal is soon under fire again. There's almost a spot of bother when Billy Cush worries the goal, which is something Continentals don't like - but it passes, and within minutes Italy nearly score. But not quite.

The Italians are fighting back now - out to the right, where Montuori grabs it and crosses - Da Costa gets his head to it - Uprichard tries to juggle, but Da Costa bustles it in!

Ireland 2, Italy 1. And now the only incident, when Italy's Chiggia is ordered off in spite of Alf McMichael's appeal. That seems to take the heart out of the Italians, and the Irish, almost with embarrassment, start pushing forward again.

A lovely pass by Billy Simpson spells danger for the Italian goal. The ball crosses the field and is pushed back to Simpson he shoots - but it's ruled offside! But it doesn't affect the result. Ireland have won, and for the first time every they go to the final round of the World Cup!