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VILLA BEAT PRESTON.

Aston Villa came out full of confidence to begin their Quarter Final against polished Preston North End at Villa Park. Villa kicking from right to left. The top dangerman of their powerful attack, the dynamic outside left Peter Macparland bore down on the Preston goal, but Else cleared his charge.

Villa fans didn't have to wait long. That solid defender Neal cleared upfield, and Gerry Hitchens put the ball in the net.

In the Villa goal Nigel Sims had an injured shoulder, but it stood up to the work.

There was more purpose about Villa's play. They well deserved their half-time lead of one-nil. However, if they couldn't increase it the match was still open.

Preston hopes rose and Villa had an anxious moment here till Crowe cleared, switching the attack to the North-End goal. Else deserved a gold medal here for keeping Villa out.

Villa pressure increased. Fans were saying they had the Wembley look already. Preston defence stood up this time and not till 13 minutes from the end, did Macparland crash Villa's second goal past Else. So Villa won. They'll play Wolves in the Semi-Final.