

ENGLAND COME BACK.

As England kicked off, 80-odd thousand at Wembley sensed the feeling of revival for the Home Country in the International field. And after only a minute's play a centre from Smith to Graves - and it was a goal.

What a shock for the brilliant Di Stefano and the supposedly invincible Spaniards. The ground was rain-soaked, but less so than when they beat us in Madrid. Spain on the attack now. Del Sol crashed the ball into the net.

So perhaps England's early confidence wasn't justified. The Spaniards were level, and threatening. Swann headed clear.

But back it came for Springett to get it away this time.

The English defence came safely through their only shaky period of the game. A header by Douglas put England in the lead again a few minutes before half-time.

2-1 isn't a winning lead, so England began the second-half determined to increase the score. Jimmy Greaves and all the other forwards made it impossible for Ramallets to relax for a minute.

It's speaks volumes for the skill of the Spaniards that the great Di Stefano and his team mates showed, even on this sodden pitch, the brilliant ball-play for which they are world famous. Bobby Charlton was in terrific form on the left, but so at inside right, was the Spaniard Del Sol.

Centre half Swann couldn't stop his pass to Suarez - the inside-left equalised - two-all.

Then Charlton's shot was well saved by Ramallets.

Back came Charlton. A centre and Bobby Smith headed England's third.

Now leading 3-2, England dominated the play. Another goal might have come their way but for the alert Ramallets.

Eight minutes before the end Smith calmly lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper's head. Another for England.

Spain were a beaten side. England winning four-two, a wonderful tonic for football, are back in world-class.