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SPURS V. BENFICA

At White Hart Lane, Benfica, holders of the European Cup. Jose Aguas, out in the centre, met the officials and Danny Blanchflower, who lost the toss. Could Spurs pull it off? That was the question 64,000 fans asked themselves as the white shirted Tottenham heroes stormed the Portuguese goal area. Jimmy Greaves gave goalkeeper Pereira his first touch of the ball. Already two goals down, in the semi final first leg at Lisbon, Spurs needed to win this match by a margin of three to be in the Final. Anxious moments, here, but Joao kicked clear. Narrow escape for Benfica. And play moved quickly to the other end. Great believers, this famous team, in a goal in the early minutes.

Simoes centres; Aguas nets; goal to Benfica.

Spurs attack on the right. They have to score three goals now to draw level on aggregate. Greaves tries to reach the ball but Pereira saves.

A pass from Bobby Smith finds Greaves. It's in;

What a tragedy for Spurs, The goal disallowed, offside.

But they're fighters, these Spurs, every one of them. Surely sustained attack must bring a goal.

And after 23 minutes reward comes. White gives a perfect pass to Smith. Goal.

Back comes Benfica, and somehow Spurs' Goal survives.

At half time each side has scored one goal. Spurs now have only 45 minutes to draw level on aggregate. But they come out fighting. And this is their own ground, with their own crowd. They're still full of hope.

Coluna fouls John White - penalty.

The kick's taken by Blanchflower. Goal:

So Spurs are really back in the game. Another goal and they're level.

A free kick. White takes it.

Now an escape for Spurs. Benfica have the ball in the net. This time it's their turn to have it disallowed.

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From now on, Spurs can do everything but score. For Benfica it's sheer nightmare.

In the closing minutes Henry puts the ball in the centre. MacKay heads. It hits the crossbar. The Spuds have lost.