

WALES v. IRELAND SOCCER.

Wales kick off against Ireland at Ninian Park, Cardiff, you can spot the Welsh by the stripes on their shorts - and it's a vitally important game for the Irish, because if they win they'll have made certain of the international championship for the first time since 1914. They're soon hammering at the Welsh goal, but the home defence holds.

Ireland again, down the left wing...

But it's over the line for a corner, which is taken by Bingham.

Danny Blanchflower's nearly brought down - and Jack Kelsey collects easily.

Now it's Wales' turn to attack - but Medwin's beaten and it rolls to right back Cunningham. Ireland sweep up to the far end - right winger Bingham has it - he shoots - but there's a brilliant save by Kelsey!

Medwin trying again. But Bingham's dropped back into defence, and once more he takes it away. So it's half time and still no score; but in the second half Wales rally their forces and start hammering away at the Irish defence. Here's Ivor Allchurch wriggling his way in - now he passes to his brother Len.

Now it's Ron Hewitt - back to Len Allchurch, who shoots - but it's wide!

Len Allchurch again, in a tussle with the Irish defence.

And here's McIlroy and Billy Simpson leading an Irish attack. The ball goes to inside right Wilbur Cush, whose centre goes behind. Ireland keep up the pressure - and Simpson heads a beauty!

Now Ireland are cock-a-hoop - not many minutes to go, and if they can hold their own the championship's in the bag! But nothing is ever in the bag till the whistle blows, and there's disappointment in store for the Irish. Just watch this - a Welsh attack that did not look like coming off.

Ron Hewitt tries a shot - a chance deflection, and Harry Gregg's left standing! So it's a draw - hard luck, Ireland - but these things do happen!