

They came out together to settle the question --- are Russian footballers unbeatable? --- Spartak v Wolves, before a capacity crowd on the Molineux ground at Wolverhampton. The home team won the toss up --- and so it fell to ~~Spartak~~ the men from Moscow to kick off. Spartak in white shorts; Wolves in black.

In the opening phases, the Russian side made many attacks; but Wolves' defence remained steady.

In reply, there were several corners forced by the home ~~team~~ side; but here the Spartak goalie was a tower of strength.

Now --- a raid by Spartak --- saved by Williams. [^] No score at half-time.

In the second half, Wolves took the lead --- Willshaw ~~xxxx~~ scored after a free kick.

No further score until within a few minutes of time --- then little Hancocks got No. 2 for ~~the~~ Wolves.

Spartak rallied --- but their attack was well beaten by Williams in goal. Then Swinbourne got the Wolves' No. 3.

And to make sure of victory --- with only sixty seconds to go --- Hancocks scored again, to make it Wolves 4 --- Spartak nil.

A great game --- by two great teams. Proving that English football is not finished after all. Well done, ~~Wolverhampton!~~