

The Cup Final season opened at Wembley, with Wycombe Wanderers (the team of local boys who made good) kicking off against the Amateur Cup holders Bishop Auckland (in the white shirts).

~~Turner~~ their sixth final in eight seasons, the "Bishops" soon settled down - and Russell scored after thirteen minutes.

But the Buckinghamshire boys came back fighting - and Smith crashed home a great equaliser.

Two minutes later, Northern hopes of a Wembley hat-trick soared again when Lewin scored from close range.

From then on, craft and skill proved too much for honest endeavour.

Bradley scored goal number three for the Northern giants.

So Bishop Auckland won three-one - their third successive Amateur Cup triumph. ~~rounding off a great career in amateur football.~~

In Spain, 135,000 fans watched the holders, Real Madrid (in white) meet the challenge of Manchester United (dashing led by Tommy Taylor) in the first match of the European Cup semi-final.

No score at half-time - then inside-left Rial scored with a grand header...and Spanish hopes fluttered in the stands..

The United were two goals down before they really hit top form. Then they battered that Spanish goal before Taylor's header crossed the line.

At ^{THIS} ~~that~~ stage, Manchester's hope of final victory looked rosy...

But near the end, Mateos scored for Madrid - and then invited the applause.

So Real Madrid won three-one - ~~Manchester United were~~. But all Britain will be cheering Manchester United at Old Trafford....