

BELFASTENGLAND BEAT IRELAND

As the captains meet for the toss at Windsor Park, the 50-thousand crowd sits up as McMorran kicks off for Ireland. At centre-half for his first cap, Chilton beats McMorran for the ball and passes to Captain Billy Wright, who turns it back to Bailey. At left-back for Ireland McMichael is up against Wilf Mannion. Earning his cap, Chilton allows McMorran (Irish hero of the match) no rope. England's first goal comes as Mannion works through and back-passes for Billy Wright to kick forward, and Bailey slams it into the net to put England one up.

Leading one-nil at half-time, England increase when Mannion starts a movement and Lee runs through and passes. Bailey's return pass is deflected upwards and Lee "heads in" with Goalkeeper Kelly far from home.

Two down, Ireland fight back as inside-right Crossan beats Dickenson and passes to Blancheflower who kicks ahead. McMorran sees a chance and lobs over Williams to score for Ireland. And then even the Mountains of Mourne came down to see the greens press hard to equalise. But it's not to be and in the last four minutes England pile up the score. After a Wright goal Matthews for once gets the ball and passes via Mannion to Langton who kicks overhead for Bailey to score his second goal and England's fourth. A win for England, but on balance, honours to Ireland.