

IRELAND v. ENGLAND.

Danny Blanchflower and Billy Wright skipper the teams, and Stan Matthews wears an England shirt yet again, when Ireland's at home to England for the first of the season's big internationals. In the first few moments it looks as though England - in the white shirts - are going to dominate the game.

Taylor to Revie, at inside right - Revie to Stan Matthews - and the old maestro bangs it home!

Only three minutes gone, and England are one up. They try to repeat the dose - Granger tussles with Jacky Blanchflower - he's beaten him - but gaolic Gregg saves it beautifully!

Ireland have found their feet - and a few minutes later Jimmy McIlroy scores the equaliser!

From now on the Irishmen are on top of the game, with Stanley Matthews fighting almost a lone game for England - but his team-mates can't press it home, and Ireland's defence is as steady as a rock. Encouraged, the home forwards carry the battle into the English half.

McAdams shoots - Reg Matthews saves - a near thing, that! It goes for a corner.

Reg Matthews beats centre forward Jones - but only just.

Another Irish attack - left winger McFarland heads and gaolic Reg Matthews has the closest shave of the game.

England breathe again - and the Irish fans are still praying for that deciding goal - but it never comes, and lucky England manage to hold the Irishmen to a draw - by the skin of their teeth!