

At Wembley Stadium, Earl Mountbatten met the Republic of Ireland first when they came to do battle against England in the qualifying round of the World Cup. Then the English side, captained as usual by Billy Wright.

England lost the toss and kicked off --- and at once the customary white shirts swung down the field into the attack. The ball went to famous Stanley Matthews from Matthews to centre-forward Tommy Taylor --- and Taylor scored the first goal.

Eight minutes later, Taylor scored the second.

Next it was Atyeo heading England's third.

And before half-time --- yet another from Tommy Taylor.

So Ireland were four goals to nil down for the second half --- but here is a spirited attempt to pull the match out of the fire --- keeping the defence busy.

Hedgkinson scored the solitary goal for Ireland --- and here it comes. Result --- England five --- Ireland one.