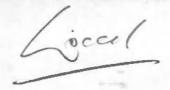
Sunderland V Bimmingham



19th March 1956

Soccer fans from the North-Rast and the Midlands kept a semi-final date at Sheffield - to cheer their team to Wembley.

A Wearside roar for Sunderland (in their familiar stripes) ; a team of shining stars hoping to carry on where Newcastle left off.

And Birmingham cheers for the "Blues" - the team whose great cup run has been based on team-work and determination.

second Wembley final.

Kinsey forced it home

Sunderland came storming back into the fray - with Shackleton inspiring his talented team-mates. During this period - it was all Sunderland - and only the state of Gill Merrick, in goal, kept them out.

But all-out attack leaves dangerous gaps - and that's how Brown laid on goal number two - for Astall.

Two goals down - But Sunderland were not beaten. And how they fought:
Yet, with every man wairi inspired by Gill Merrick - Birmingham
weathered the figure North-Eastern blast.

Then, inxtheximax - Brown rounded off a great day with a solo goal. So City won three-nil and Birmingham fans are hoping that a new name will be engraved on the F.A. CUP.