

FRANCE NEARLY BEAT ENGLAND

It's the first international of the season as England in white kick off against France at Highbury. Stanley Matthews isn't playing but it's a goal-studded front line, and here's Medley of the Spurs slamming in a shot, but Vignal saves and clears.

Now Tom Finney passes forward. Nobody's there, but Firoud's back-pass beats Vignal and it's a gift goal for England!

England press on ... but - oh! Hassall's missed a golden chance to put England two up. Jackie Milburn says "Hard Luck" but almost rightaway France are on the attack, and Doye's scored a beauty, to make it one all.

France attack again. Alpsteig pretends to centre but shoots and it's in the net, and France take the lead.

England kick off, with their "unbeaten-at-home" record in danger. Tom Finney dribbles down the wing and passes. Mannion first-time to Hassall - but Hassall just couldn't reach it. England aren't playing anywhere near form, and they're letting certs go by. But here's another chance ... the ball works through to Medley. He shoots and it's all square - two all - at half-time.

It's a grim second half. England's doing everything but score and France trying desperately to be the first foreign team to beat them in England, but Williams saves Grumellen's "last-second" shot and the match ends in a draw with the honours going to France.