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HANOVER - DESERT RATS XI. v AFRIKA KORPS XI.

The stadium at Hanover is the centre of this year's rally for ex-Afrika Korps veterans. Alongside a German band, British bandsmen strike up, for the theme of the rally is Angle-German friendship. In the stadium crowd is Frau Rommel, widow of the man who opposed Monty in the Western Desert. Ex-enemies meet for the highspot of the rally: a football match between the Desert Rats and the Afrika Korps. Field Marshal Kesselring and Major-General Jones get set to cheer on their respective teams.

The Afrika Korps (in light shirts) kick off - and the match is on. In the crowd are about 750 men of the 7th Armoured Division (the original Desert Rats) who see their team draw first blood!

A narrow squeak for the Rats! But they haven't forgotten their battle tactics yet - there's goal number two!

The German team, composed of leading amateur and professional players, soon balance things up with a couple of goals, though, that's not one of them. Two all is how it stays right up to the final whistle there couldn't have been a more tactful result!