

SOCCER - HIGHLY CLASH RECALLS  
1927 FINAL

At the Football Association Headquarters a few weeks ago the traditional ritual took place to decide who meets whom in the third round of the cup. By chance Arsenal are at home to Cardiff. [It will be the first time the two teams have met in a cup match since 1927 when those pictures were taken. The setting then was Wembley, for this was the Cup Final. King George the Fifth was introduced to the Arsenal team by Charlie Buchan, their captain, who has since become a leading football journalist. Thus began a match that was to make history.

In the Arsenal team were names that will stand for ever in the golden book of soccer; men like Joe Hulme, Jimmy Brain, Tom Parker, Billy Blythe and Bob John. Cardiff too had their heroes; Hughie Ferguson, Len Davis and the great Fred Keenor. And there's Billy Hardy keeping the Welshmen out of danger.

In the second half, Ferguson shot at Arsenal's goal. And he'd scored! Goalie Dan Lewis had let it slip through his fingers. Lloyd George and his daughter Megan acclaimed Cardiff. The slow-motion camera records those fateful seconds. Watch how Lewis gets a firm hold of the ball, and then by a touch of the elbow puts it into his own net. Did it slip on his jersey? Was he too eager to collect? It's a goal that's been argued about ever since. Anyway one thing's certain - it was, Cardiff the cup. In the third round of the 1955 Cup, Arsenal and Cardiff meet again. This time, say Arsenal, there'll be no mistakes.]