

ENGLAND VS. IRELAND.

England Captain Ron Clayton spun the coin: Danny Blanchflower guessed wrong, so 60,000 at Wembley saw Ireland kick off, and the big game was under way. England, in white shirts, were a team on trial, hoping that the new man and the return of Haynes would give them a real international look at last.

In the centre for Ireland, Cosh of Leeds, set the evergreen Bingham on the goal path. Springett was alert to deal with danger from the right, deflecting Bingham's header, and looking like the custodian England have been searching for. After seven minutes, a sensation. England outside-right John Connolly banged the ball in the net. Disallowed for offside.

Joe Baker, England Centre, have a chance to Haynes, but not quite a scoring chance. Then, cool as a veteran, Joe put England one goal up.

Near Half-time, Jimmy McIlroy was brought down unfairly. It was a penalty kick against England.

McIlroy took the kick himself. A poor effort, and Springett saved. So England led one-nil at half-time.

After the Interval, Ireland were soon on the warpath. Twice McIlroy almost had the ball in the net. Another shot was headed clear by Flowers. England attacked. Gregg cleared but a second shot - by Connolly - forced the goalkeeper to concede a corner.

England's new star, Joe Baker, sent Holliday away. The winger's shot nearly scored. Not till nearly the end did Ireland equalise. The ball was almost over the line when Bingham turned it into goal.

Full of fire now, Ireland pressed again.

Now England attacked. The game was in extra time for injuries. Young Baker calmly passed to Parry and the inside-left got the winning goal.