



ENGLAND REACH LAST EIGHT IN WORLD CUP

The 1962 World Cup, held in Santiago de Chile, saw England reach the final eight for only the second time. Johnny Haynes and his men were beaten 3-1 by Brazil, who went on to beat Czechoslovakia by a similar score in the final on June 17th. On paper, England just about achieved the most that was expected from them.

Except in the 3-1 win over Argentina, the team appeared to have too great a defensive mentality. One wondered why goalkeeper Ron Springett, whose confidence was destroyed by the light, erratic ball, was not replaced.

Bobby Moore, a late selection for the touring party, was too similar in style to Ron Flowers to be a perfect cog in the machine. Either Robson, Anderson or Adamson might have been more effective than the promising but immature Moore.

It might have been conceivable that these changes would have tipped the scales against Brazil for the holders were a far less potent force than in Sweden four years previous. In addition they were without Pele, the outstanding forward, after the first match.

Another surprise was the defeat of Russia, one of the most fancied sides, by Chile, the host country who also prevented Italy from qualifying by winning a stormy match in Santiago. Hungary and Yugoslavia, who also appeared to have a strong chance, were both beaten by the Czechs.

Of England's team, only Flowers and Charlton, back to his best form, really appeared to be of world stature. Left-back Wilson had a good tour and Haynes, out of form early on, played with a more authentic note in the quarter-finals.

The team at least gave a maximum effort in every game. It was a pity that so much endeavour was so frequently channelled into so tortuous a tactical web.

WORLD CUP RESULTS

SCOTLAND 3, CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2
at Hampden Park, September 26, 1961

SCOTLAND: Brown (Tottenham); Mackay (Celtic), Caldwell (Rangers) (Celtic), McNeill (Celtic), Baxter (Rangers); Scott (Rangers) (Tottenham), St. John (Liverpool), Law (Torino), W (Rangers).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Schroif; Bomba, Novak; Bubernik, Popl Masopust; Pospischal, Scherer, Kadraha, Kvasnak, Masek.

GOALS: Scotland: St. John, Law 2. Czechoslovakia: Kvasnak, Sch ATTENDANCE: 51,590

ENGLAND 4, LUXEMBOURG 1
at Highbury, September 28, 1961

ENGLAND: Springett (Sheff. Wed.); Armfield (Blackpool), Mc (Middlesbrough); Robson (W.B.A.), Swan (Sheff. Wed.), Flo (Wolves); Douglas (Blackburn), Fantham (Sheff. Wed.), Poi (Burnley), Viollet (Man. Utd.), Charlton (Man. Utd.).

LUXEMBOURG: Steffen; Brenner, Hoffman, J.; Zambon, Bro. Konter; Dimmer, Cirelli, Hoffman, N., Schneider, Schmidt.

GOALS: England: Pointer, Viollet, Charlton 2. Luxembourg: Dim ATTENDANCE: 33,409

EIRE 1, CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3
at Dublin, October 8, 1961

EIRE: Dwyer (Swansea); Kelly (Wolves), Cantwell (Man. Utd.); N (Shamrock), Hurley (Sunderland), McGrath (Blackburn); Fitzg (Chester), Fogarty (Sunderland), O'Neill (Shamrock), Giles (N Utd.), Havery (Blackburn).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Schroif; Hledik, Tichy; Pluskal, Popl Masopust; Pospischal, Scherer, Kucera, Kvasnak, Masek.

GOALS: Eire: Giles. Czechoslovakia: Scherer, Kvasnak 2. ATTENDANCE: 30,000

NORTHERN IRELAND 2 GREECE 0
at Belfast, October 17, 1961

NORTHERN IRELAND: Gregg (Man. Utd.); Magill (Arsenal), El (Burnley); Blanchflower (Tottenham), Neill (Arsenal), Nicholson (M Utd.); Bingham (Everton), McIlroy (Burnley), McAdams (Bolt Cuth (Portadown), McLaughlin (Shrewsbury).

GREECE: Vallianos; Kamaras, Vassiliou; Polychroniou, Stefanah Papaloudis; Mastrakoulis, Sideris, Domazos, Papaemanuel, Poside

GOALS: Northern Ireland: McLaughlin 2. ATTENDANCE: 38,000