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League football may be the bread-and-butter, but it's the Cup that supplies the cream. Liverpool kicked off against Manchester City, before seventy-thousand fans at Maine Road - who paid over £9,400 in gate money. On a treacherous pitch, both teams tried manfully to overcome the conditions: but generally, the defences were on top. In an early ~~raid~~^{raid}, Liverpool ~~found~~^{forced} a corner that led to a period of hectic pressure on the City goal. The home defenders were packing their lines and finally - amid great excitement - the final shot went wide.

Though these Lancashire rivals have fought out many a thrilling league match - (with recent results favouring Liverpool) - this is ~~not~~, their first Cup meeting.

A Manchester attack breaks down - that experimental forward-line is not coming off.

Now the second-division-side sweeps down in another spell of pressure: but again, a promising position is ruined by poor shooting - ~~and that~~, no doubt, ~~is~~ largely through the icy conditions.

Then, three minutes before half-time - Liddell broke through and banged the ball past Bert Trautman - but the score was disallowed...much to the relief of City fans.

During the second half, Manchester (who ~~are~~^{are} hoping to reach Wembley for the second year running) got down to business. ~~but these tireless~~ ~~Anfield~~ half-backs effectively screened the defence.

So to the final minutes - with Liverpool belying their Second Division status - as they battered away for the winner. ~~but~~^{but} the result was a goalless draw - and the replay brings a further prize - the right to entertain ~~Manchester City~~ Everton in Round Six.