

THE FOURTH ROUND

It was Lancashire's day in the cup-ties. Manchester United, Blackpool and Preston all won, and at Maine Road, Manchester City make it a quartet by a 2-nil victory over dark-shirted Chelsea. Frank Swift, City's England goal-keeper is the stumbling block to all the Londoners' attacks.

From a clearance by Chelsea-goalie Harry Medhurst, the ball goes to Bobby Campbell. His shot finds six-footer Swift in England form.

With no score at half time, Chelsea's forwards move up for a breakaway. Tommy Lawton's successor, Ken Armstrong, comes off top in an encounter with Swift.

From the referee's disputed decision, Chelsea gain little. After 90 minutes there's still no score. In extra time, Ken Armstrong again clashes with Frank Swift. And this time, Manchester's goalie is hurt.

His injury sets his team moving and Billy Linacre opens their score.

In the fading light, Chelsea's fate is sealed with a Smith goal that gives Manchester a two-nil win.

And now to Essex - for the fourth round's giant-killers. Non-League Colchester, make soccer history by beating second-division Bradford. Bob Gurry's winning of the toss, is a good omen for Colchester's stripe-shirted eleven.

But it's Bradford who attack first. Only timely action by goalie Harry Wright stops centre-forward Ainsley from scoring.

The Yorkshiremen are away again. A long shot by left-winger Bill Elliott - (whose goal beat Arsenal) - finds the back of Colchester's net.

The Southern League team hit back and Bob Gurry scores a brilliant equaliser.

After two weeks of headlines about Colchester's master plan, it's their tenacity and keenness, (with a little cup-tie luck) that bring them victory. Bob Gurry - No. 10 - starts a mid-field movement that leads to Colchester's goal No. 2.

In a goalmouth scramble, Gurry turns-up to score with a hard drive.

Bradford are in fighting mood now. The Yorkshire team's equaliser comes through an Ainsley header.

In the heat of battle, all thoughts of the Fenton plan are forgotten. Second half sees Colchester going all out for that vital goal. Fred Cutting - a market gardener - scores the winner with a first-time shot.

Wembley is Colchester's goal now. But, to win their tie with Blackpool, the Essex eleven will need at least the Marshall plan.