

F.A. CUP - SEMI-FINALS

Derby County v. Manchester United

Cup tie excitement captures Britain's sportsmen as 70,000 fans jam Sheffield's Hillsborough ground to see the Wembley favourites, Manchester United, meet white-shirted Derby County. For the soccer world this is the classic of the season. And here are the game's highlights.

In a Derby goalmouth-scramble Stan Pearson heads in to put Manchester one up.

The Lancashire team, finding their match-winning rhythm, can't be held. Scottish winger Delaney ships over a centre, goalie Wallace runs out of position, and Pearson nods in No. 2.

But the Derby stars (inspired by little Billy Steele, No. 10) are not beaten ... yet.

Manchester's defence slips up, and Steele drives it into the back of the net. Final score: Manchester 3, Derby 1.

Blackpool v. SPURS

And at Birmingham's Aston Villa ground another 70,000 enthusiasts pack in to see Stanley Matthews - Blackpool's right winger - runs rings round a shaky Spurs defence. The little man in the ever-long shorts opens up his usual brilliant partnership with England-colleague Stanley Mortensen, No. 8. Tottenham defenders are left in a daze as Blackpool's right-wing go into action.

From a forward pass by wing-half Ludford, Spurs centre-forward Duquesin fastens on to the ball, but his shot goes wide.

With the Spurs having scored in a sudden attack, Matthews comes back to dazzle the defence, and centre, for Mortensen to score the equaliser.

Extra time sees winger Rickett centre, for Mortensen to put Blackpool ahead.

In best International style, Matthews dribbles through again, and from his pass Mortensen completes his hat-trick. So Blackpool and Manchester will make it an all-Lancashire Cup Final.