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The Newcastle team, complete with F.A. Cup, joins the 8-thousand Express Hall crowd for the Empire Featherweight title fight. Sponsored by the "Star," in association with Draitman and Ezra Promotions, with proceeds going to help the Victory Ex-Services Club at Marble Arch, it's over fifteen rounds between Blackpool's Ronnie Clayton and the "Black Flash," Roy Ankarah. And rightaway the Gold Coast boy comes in with his famous whirlwind attack. Clayton usually takes a round or two to warm up but the "Black Flash" can't wait. Ronnie's doing his best to oblige: but this stuff's much too fast for me to try to describe.

A second-round cut below Clayton's eye won't help. Ankarah's just leaving this fight. And here comes another lightning two-fisted barrage. He's fairly going all out. Must be trying for the short-cut road to victory. Hullo! That looked like a butt - yes, the ref's stopped the fight to warn him.

Bar a knock-out, it's Ankarah's fight as they start the last round. Clayton's fighting as gamely as we expect but the "Black Flash" seems to be all arms. This is the grandest scrap we've seen for some time. Only seconds to go, but look at Clayton there!

Well, that's the end and Roy Ankarah is the new Empire featherweight champion - the first Gold Coast boy to win an Empire title.