

F.A. CUP 4th ROUNDSOUTHEND v. BRISTOL ROVERS

Last year's Cup giant-killer Bristol Rovers take the field at the Stadium against Southend in the Fourth Round; and the Rovers kick off, left to right. Odds slightly favour the Rovers but Southend are tough at home, and it's anybody's game. Bamford beats Stubbs in the air, back to Grant and here's a nice Southend wing-to-wing movement building up. McAlinden to French and the right-half sets Sibley off on the wing.

Wakefield chases the return. Beats Warren and passes, but goalie Hoyle gets there first. Stubbs comes in again. It's a heavy tackle - and the whistle has gone for a free kick to Bristol.

At the other end, Bristol have a chance but it's easily stopped and cleared, and at half-time there's no score.

Second-half, Southend kick off. The first goal might easily be the decider, and it might come here. Hoyle just gets to a back pass. They're crowding him but he finally clears. Only two minutes gone and plenty of action. Rovers might get away here. They're on their way. Roost to Bradford - and Bradford has scored to put Bristol Rovers one up!

Rovers again. Roost collides with Sheard and the Bristol "inside" is down. Looks as though he's hurt.

Yes, they're carrying him off. Tough luck on the Rovers.

Southend are fighting back - and here's some grand passing.

Here's a chance for Stubbs - and he's equalized!

Back come the Rovers. Bradford hits the post ... and the ball runs a long the line and sticks - there's a wonderful chance here, but Scannell manages to scramble the ball away, and clear ... Phew! That's the kind of thrill to make your hair curl!

The ball's half cleared, but McAlinden boots it back. It comes through to Jack French and the right-half seizes his chance to net the winner and put Southend through into the Fifth Round.