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F.A. CUP - 5th ROUND

Blackpool v. Southampton

Blackpool kick off against stripe-shirted Southampton at Bloomfield Road. An easy victory over the Saints is forecast for the Blackpool boys. Now the little wizard himself, Stanley Matthews, gets the ball and sends over a centre.

Time and again Southampton go all-out for a quick goal, but the Blackpool defense, led by goalie Fafa, keeps them from scoring.

At half-time, there's still no score from either team. A free kick to Blackpool soon after resumption brings them no reward, thanks to goalkeeper Christie, who's playing a great game.

Horton heads out of danger, but Blackpool's forwards are there to keep up the threat to Southampton's goal.

Once again it's Christie who saves the situation and clears upfield. Johnston is there to send the ball back to the Saints' end again. But a solid defence keeps Blackpool at bay.

A forward movement gets the ball to Perry. He has a slam and it's in the Southampton net!

There's only five minutes of play left and it looks like Southampton have had it as far as the Cup's concerned. But from a free kick, centre-half Horton leaps to head - and there's the equaliser! Southampton and Blackpool meet again!

Rotherham v. Aston Villa

Rotherham United (in striped shirts) kick off against Aston Villa on an icy pitch at Millmoor. Rotherham go into an attack but goalie Parsons saves a shot and clears out of danger. Now it's the Villa's turn, with Goffin leading a raid. But the ice (and the defence) foil the movement.

Roberts sends the ball over to Goffin who bangs it in to put the Villa ahead in the first twenty minutes.

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Rotherham try to even things up almost at once. The ball goes to Edwards who runs in and shoots. It beats the goalie, but hits the crossbar. Off the rebound, Shaw slams it in the net. Rotherham and Aston Villa are one-all.

Back come Aston Villa again. Walsh gets it and has a go! It hits the upright but on the rebound he makes no doubt about it. At half-time the score's still Rotherham one, Aston Villa two. Now Rotherham attack again.

The ball goes to Guest, who thinks he's offside and puts in into the side netting. Rotherham can hardly afford missed chances like that. Aston Villa swing into the attack again.

From the Villa left wing, the ball goes to Webb. He shoots - and it's in the net.

Right up to the whistle, Rotherham keep plugging away, trying to break down the Villa's guard. But the strong defence, plus a lot of luck, keep the score at Villa three, Rotherham one, and on go Aston Villa to the sixth round.