

6th ROUND F.A. CUP

ARSENAL v. BLACKPOOL (FOR LONDON AND CARDIFF TERRITORIES)

Arsenal don unfamiliar striped shirts for their 6th Round tussle with Blackpool at Highbury. Blackpool beat Arsenal only a week ago in their league match and, as they kick off, they seem determined to do the same again.

Legis gets it for Arsenal - a pass to Goring who puts it back to Roper. He shoots, but goalie Farn is there to clear away upfield. Now Blackpool begin an attack.

At last Stanley Matthews gets the ball, and the great wizard shows the sort of class that still keeps him at the top.

Matthews centres and the Arsenal goal seems to be in danger. But Perry slices his shot - and the Gunners breathe again.

Blackpool have having most of the game. Now the ball goes to their biggest star, Allan Brown. But centre-half Daniel beats him this time and starts another Arsenal movement.

Lishman sends over a centre. Up comes Holten to help out and bundles Farn away. The ball goes loose, but Johnston clears on the line. There's still no score at half time. Arsenal certainly aren't showing the form we expect of them. But here's a movement that's got some of their old sparkle.

Over goes the ball, and it's a corner to Arsenal - outside left Roper takes it.

Farn punches clear and the situation is saved. Racing upfield Allan Brown leads an attack.

Brown to Ernie Taylor. He shoots - and it's in the net! Blackpool are one up!

There's not much more time left, so Arsenal pull out all the stops to even things up. The Blackpool defence try to clear out of danger but the Arsenal lob it back.

Lishman bowls over goalie Farn, and Legie is there to slam it home for Arsenal! Blackpool and Arsenal are "one all" with only a few minutes left for play.

Back come Blackpool. Allan Brown dashes through, goalie Kelsey dives at his feet and down comes Brown. Yes, it's a goal. But Brown is badly hurt. His left leg is broken from that collision. It's a tragic ending to a great performance. Thanks to Brown, Blackpool have won by two goals to one - but now comes the question: can they win through to Wembley without him?

BIRMINGHAM v. SPURS

(FOR BIRMINGHAM AND LEEDS TERRITORIES)

A big crowd of fans greet Tottenham Hotspurs as they take the field at Birmingham. They've a tough game ahead of them with the local boys, but anyway, they know they'll get their fair measure of support. The scene is set and the game is on! Birmingham in white shorts on the attack, showing their speed and vigour right from the start.

The ball comes in from the left wing. Medley heads, but over it goes to a Birmingham man. A few anxious seconds before the Spurs clear upfield and begin an attack.

Walters gets it and passes to Bennett. But Green of Birmingham is there to intercept.

Spurs keep plugging away at their opponent's goal, but Merrick is there to save.

Almost at once, Stewart starts a movement towards the Spurs' goal again. Wardle receives and shoots. It hits the post, but it's a goal! Birmingham have drawn first blood.

With the half time score still Birmingham one, Spurs nil, the local lads put on the pressure again. They've been playing really attacking football so far, play that keeps the Spurs on their toes.

Wardle gets it for Birmingham and puts on quite a display.

Wardle to Boyd who kicks forward. Outside right Stewart is there. He races towards the goal and shoots, but Ditchburn takes it, and Birmingham's raid comes to nothing.