

F.A. CUP SEMI-FINALSBlackpool v. Spurs

Blackpool, playing in dark shirts, take on Tottenham Hotspurs at Villa Park. Five years ago the two teams met in a Cup semi-final on the same ground and Blackpool were the winners. Stanley Matthews goes all out to get a quick one that will help them do the same again, but Clark is there to head clear.

Back come Blackpool again and they force a corner this time. As the ball swings in, Perry takes a header - and it's a goal!

Now Spurs get a free kick, but it's headed onto the bar and Penton is quick to clear out of danger. The score stays at Blackpool one, Spurs nil until half-time. But Spurs are soon after the equaliser. Bennett sends in a centre. Duquesmin takes a slam - and Spurs and Blackpool are one all!

Spurs have had most of the second half play, but Stanley Matthews is still their biggest danger, giving a brilliant display that confounds the defence.

Out comes Ditchburn to smother Matthews' centre and Spurs breathe again. Only a few minutes to go and Blackpool attack, but the ball goes over to Ramsey. But Ramsey fumbles a back pass to Ditchburn! Mudie runs in and shoots - and it's in the net! In the last fifteen seconds of the match, Blackpool have made the score two-one, and on they go to the final at Wembley.

Bolton v. Everton

Everton, in dark shirts, kick off against Bolton Wanderers at Maine Road, Manchester. Yes, it's the "Trotters" versus the "Toffee-men" - a real all Lancashire affair. Langton takes a corner for Bolton.

Everton survive the attack, but the "Toffees" supporters get worried again as Bolton keep up their forcing tactics. Holden's got it.

Holden beats Lindsay, he shoots - and it's in the net. Bolton are one up in the first nine minutes. Bolton's fans have hardly settled down before the "Trotters" swing into action again. Inside right Willie Moir has it, he shoots - and Bolton are two up!

Bolton continue to keep up the pressure. The ball goes to centre-forward Nat Lofthouse. He has a slam - and it's a goal! Bolton certainly seem to be right on top.

Everton aren't faring so well, but there's a penalty against Bolton! Looks like their chance of evening things up a bit. Tommy Clinton takes the kick --- but he misses and down go Everton's hopes. At half-time they're really in a spot. Bolton have four in the bag. Lofthouse tries to break through the "Trotters" defence again - but this time it's no go ... and play swings to the Bolton end.

Everton's Ted Buckle takes a corner. John Parker is there - he has a go and there it is. Everton have got one at last.

At the Everton end, Lofthouse makes a lone attack. He beats the goalie, but it hits the post. Bad luck on Lofthouse, who's giving this game everything he's got.

Everton get another chance when they're awarded a free kick. This could be the turning point.

Farrell's got it - he shoots - and there's another one. Everton are really in their stride now. This is the sort of football to pull the game out of the fire. Here they go again on another attack.

A free kick's awarded against Bolton. John Parker's again the man who puts it in the net with a neat header. But Bolton hang on to their four-three lead and go onto meet Blackpool at Wembley.