

BLACKPOOL WELCOMES THE CUP

Eleven men come back to Blackpool to one of the greatest welcomes ever accorded a football team. Yes, they're the Blackpool boys who won the match of the century at Wembley again Bolton Wanderers.

Heading towards the tower, the procession continues its triumphal journey. 100,000 loyal fans give a cup winner's reception to Harry Johnston and his team - but there's a special cheer for man-of-the-match Stanley Matthews. The coach arrives at Blackpool's town hall and fifteen thousand people surge forward for a closer glimpse of their heroes.

Harry Johnston, complete with cup, with followed by Matthews and the rest of the gallant eleven to the gaily decorated town hall where the Mayor makes an official speech of welcome and congratulates the team on their magnificent achievement.

The crowd roars for Matthews - at long last a holder of a cup winner's medal. Modestly he replies:

"Mr. Mayor, ladies and gentlemen, I like my name to be associated with Harry and I do want to say what a wonderful reception you've given us and I also want to say that I'm told by one or two people that I was a match winner - I don't believe that, we have here eleven match winners."

Already the team has vowed to do their darnedest next year to keep the Cup in Blackpool.