

BOLTON - V - BLACKBURN:

Second-Division Blackburn Rovers (in the striped shirts) meet First Division Bolton Wanderers for an all-Lancashire Semi-Final. Rovers face a strong wind, but they're off to a fine start, passing neatly and carrying the game into the Bolton half. Their left wing is especially dangerous - but goalie Eddie Hopkinson saves handsomely, and the threat's averted.

But Rovers keep pressing - a corner kick by McLeod goes to Peter Debing - and Blackburn are one up!

So far it's Blackburn all the way - and encouraged by their lead, they battle hard to make it bigger, showing teamwork and speed that would do credit to any First-Division side. But the Wanderers aren't going to be robbed of their tickets to Wembley as easily as that. A swift move gives the ball to Ralph Gubbins - who scores while Blackburn are still wondering if it was offside!

Thirty seconds later, Tommy Banks takes a free kick for Bolton - and the amazing Gubbins does it again.

So in less than a minute, against the run of the play, the game's been transformed! Rovers throw in everything they've got, worrying goalie Hopkinson - but every time Bolton manage to get it away. After that early fright, Wanderers are beginning to find their feet.

Ray Stephenson gives Blackburn another chance for the equaliser - but Hopkinson wins again, clearing the ball and urging his comrades on. Blackburn's hopes are fading fast - they keep on trying, but Bolton hang grimly on to that one-goal lead till the end. So for the Wanderers, it's next stop Wembley!