York V. Bolton

27th January 1958

This fourth-round cup-tie battle began in the early hours, at Bootham ground Crescent, with the struggle to get the makes fit for play. And in giving the O.K. - Referee Griffiths deserved the biggest cheer of the day from the 23,000 fans that packed the tiny ground. But there was a cheer for Skipper Phillips when he won the toss for York. So Bolton (three times Cup winners) kicked off. But York (in the bissek

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shorts) have won fame as Cup giantkillers - and the waterlogged pitch possible set the stage for a/shock result.

From the start, Bolton showed their First Division status. But gallant York countered class and skill with courage and determination - launching raids in the difficult conditions that created gealseoring chances. But accurate shooting at speed proved well-nigh impossible With no score at half-time, it became a match in which one mistake one half-chance could win the day. A heavy responsibility for those York defenders as they faced a star-studded attack....

Occasionally, a lightning raid brought York into range - but then -

In one determined attack, Nat Lofthouse turned the ball home - and all Yorkshire heard the sigh of relief ... Off-side.

A goalless draw and a Well Done for both teams in such heartbreaking conditions.