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THE CUP FINAL

The All-Lancashire finalists take the field at Wembley. Manchester United in dark shirts, Blackpool in white. It's the North's big day. Sunshine warms the Stadium and a hundred thousand spectators settle themselves for an afternoon's enjoyment as the King greets the players with a friendly handshake.

Manchester kick off. Renowned slow starters, their match-winning attack seems to have lost the rhythm that has brought them along the road to Wembley.

A close duel between Manchester's Johnny Carey and Blackpool's Walter Ricket, No. 11, is highlight No. 1 in a thrill-packed match.

Highlight No. 2 comes when Stan Mortensen is tripped in the penalty area and Referee Barrick awards Blackpool a spot kick. As the crowds rise to cheer, Eddie Shimwell drives it home to give the Seaside's the lead.

Manchester's Jack Rowley, walking the ball into the net to equalize, provides Highlight No. 3.

Blackpool, settling down quicker than Manchester, are overcoming their Wembley nerves. From a free kick and a seemingly impossible angle, Stanley Mortensen whips in a goal to give Blackpool the half time lead.

Blackpool kick off, confidently hoping that their 2-1 lead will bring them Football's most coveted prize. Just to make sure, their skipper - Harry Johnson, No. 4 - tries a long shot that doesn't come off and the ball trickles out.

But now, Manchester's attack, which has scored 95 goals this season, swings into its best style. From Johnny Morris' well placed free kick, the fans cheer Jack Rowley's headed equalizer.

With the score at two all, Blackpool are again on the attack. Stanley Matthews, who has been shut out effectively, beats Manchester's Johnny Aston, but the seaside's finishing is poor. Charlie Mitten, No. 11, starts off United's winning attack, and from Rowley's pass, Stan Pearson scores the goal that gives Manchester the Cup.

The King hands the silver trophy to skipper Johnny Carey. Their 4-2 victory (snatched in the last few minutes) gives Manchester United the reward they richly deserve.