

This goal saved the Cup holders



Stan Mortensen goes sprawling as he scores the equaliser. Streten Luton 'keeper, leaps over him.

I WASN'T OFFSIDE, SAYS MORTY

STAN MORTENSEN popped his head into the Luton dressing room after the 1-1 draw at Blackpool. "Thanks for a good, clean game, lads," he said. "See you on Wednesday."

"Thank you, Stan," said the Luton players. But when he had gone, Sid Owen, the Luton centre half, had the last word. "It was nice of him," said Sid. "But we should not be seeing him again all season. His goal was off-side."

First for Weeks

Should that 82nd-minute goal—Morty's first for Blackpool for nine weeks—have counted?

"Yes," said Stan firmly. "When Eddie Shimwell made that long

clearance I had a couple of men between me and the Luton goal, and when I played the ball I was onside."

It was, nevertheless, an escape for Blackpool who were one down from the seventh minute when George Cummins scored.

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In the first half the Second Division men played as if they had never heard of Blackpool's seven internationals.

Then the forwards faded and but for 'keeper Bernard Streten Blackpool would have won by the length of the promenade.