

BLACKPOOL ANOTHER REPRIEVE

n Prolonged Cup Battle

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remarkable tribute to the power of both defences is that in 330 minutes of stern cup football in this tie that is not the merest fraction of a goal was scored and, consequently,

the other hand, this could be taken as a reflection on the finishing of both forward lines, who have not

shown sufficient capacity for snapping up their scoring chances. Had either been able to do so, there would not be the necessity for yet another hard struggle at Wolverhampton on Monday.

Although he was worried sometimes by the speed and punch of Perry, Jones played his part well, and the covering of the defence as a whole was excellent.

or one thing they will claim vehemently as did the Town on the legitimacy of Morten's equaliser in the first tie, they scored in the first half, and also point to the handicap

YET, it was their captain, hobbling painfully, though not a complete passenger, at centre-forward, who gave them the fight to a fourth attempt to

KEPT IN TITLE RACE

Swansea Forced To Yield Point

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In the middle of all the Cup-

As things turned out, it was a taken policy on the Town's part to concentrate on holding the last 10 minutes of the quarter advantage they had but a match of this character, the adaptation to play "safe" is

By a great margin the Town made the fullest use of their superior skill in attack by turning it into the goals that should have come. Although they went into this match with no illusions about the tough test that faced them, the Town could scarcely have

As the ball came over, Mudie deflected it and it went to JOHN-ON, who from point-blank range, blazed it just the diving yeten, with the rush of Town renders a fraction too late to

Afterwards, Streten said that if he had not dived and obscured the view of Jones, the right-back, who was standing on the goal-line, might well have been able to chest the ball away. As it was, it brushed his side on its path to Town's penalty area too high for Owen to get his head to it.

Jones (B.) lobbed it over to MEDWIN, who was in an open space, and he gave Streten absolutely no chance.

After a somewhat unsettled period, particularly in defence,

The Town regained the stride they had found in the first minute and gave Swansea's defence some nasty moments. Anxiety for the Town came mainly through fast breakaway in which Jones (C.), Medwin and

Both the Town's goals against Altfurch have been obtained by JACKMINS and the one he netted in this match was a deftly timed affair when he fastened on a beautiful through pass by Horton.

close up to him so he got the ball under control, was far, but he blithely side-stepped the goalkeeper, before smashing the ball to the roof of the net with his left foot to put the Town ahead after exactly half-an-hour.

Blackpool were threatening to take command though, earlier. Town, playing fast, open football in attack, had been near to using the downfall of the Blackpool defence and both Turpin and Mitchell had missed pos-

Somehow or another, fulfilment never came, though there were several occasions when it looked inevitable, as when Turner took a shrewd pass from Cummins, beat Kiley cleverly, and then blazed straight at King from the region of the penalty

me when Matthews shot some-
thing unexpectedly and the ball
popped out of Streten's hands
over the line, so Blackpool
timed.

Not that there was much chance
anyone to estimate whether the
ball had crossed or not, for Jones

spot.

Swansea had their moments in
attack, none more exciting than
when Ivor Allchurch made a
terrific drive that Streten punched
over in first-class style, but
although they had more of the
play later, their scoring was

Right on half-time, Mitchell could have increased the lead and battle went on through the second half with Blackwood suffering from a bad cold. Blackwood badly needing a guiding hand, lacked the craft to find gaps in a Town defence that was well up to its highest standard after the interval.

As a whole, the forwards were

After this, the town were on a hard-working lot, who failed only in the matter of producing the goal that would have finished Blackpool's Cup hopes completely and then came the Seagulls' final rally, the equaliser and rather gruelling half an hour that tested the stamina of every player.

Both teams had the chances at various times during this match to clinch the issue, Blackpool's coming mostly from their close pressing which was in marked contrast to much of the open football that the Town played.

Although much of their approach was good and made the backpool defence, without Johnson in the middle this time, look solid than at Luton, their lack of finishing power was disappointing.

Both Swansea's young wingers were largely played out of the name by Jones and Abernethy who

aging and is most harassing and dangerous when he breaks through on the wings, sufficient scoring is not coming from the centre-forward position, and there is less than there should have been from the line as a whole because Turner was unable to

the form he has been showing in recent matches. Forward honours were shared by the industrious, clever Cummins and Davies, who was always willing to chase anything and kept the net fully occupied.

There was no somewhat patchy display from Mitchell, who could still have been the match-winner if he made the most of his chances and exploited to the full speed against Shimwell.

From the defence there was
 other heroic showing that once
 again cut down the effectiveness
 of this star-studded Blackpool
 back.
 For their work they deserved to
 keep a clean sheet, and it must

Owen was in the form that earned him representative honours last season, and, with at least one England selector among the onlookers, even

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