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Manchester United of Fulham? ^{70,000} ~~70,000~~ fans at Villa Park were ready to cheer their favourites to Wembley.

The pre-match luck favoured Fulham, Skipper Haynes winning the toss. So Manchester United (in dark shirts) kicked off - eager to add the final chapter to their story of courage and resolution.

Carrying the hopes of the South, Second Division Fulham set the early pace.

But, as so often happens, the first real United raid brought a goal. Bobby Charlton slammed the ball home.

And ^{thanks to} a minute later, Fulham were level, ~~thanks to~~ ^{thanks to} veteran Arthur Stevens ~~back on substitute duty.~~

Fulham on top now. Jimmy Hill chases a long through pass - and it's there! Fulham two. United one.

^{Now} ~~Almost as quickly,~~ Fulham's soaring hopes sink to zero. Full-back Jim Langley is carried off, ^{but}

~~A real blow~~ ^{acting} United's ~~stand~~ Manager Jimmy Murphy still looks worried.

^{Then -} ~~Fulham reorganise their defence~~ and just on half-time, Bobby Charlton (the Munich survivor) gets a great equaliser.

Forcing corner after corner, Fulham resumed, full of spirit. ~~Langley was now limping on the wing.~~

Time and time again, Fulham nearly got the decisive goal that would have put them in their first Final. United, too, were just as determined. So a two-all draw meant another battle, at Highbury.

Now ^{for} the highlights of that all-Lancashire clash at Maine Road, Manchester.

Blackburn scored first. ^{with a header from GUBBINS.} ~~From a McLeod corner, Debing headed the ball home~~ Bolton (the team that cost only £110 to build) soon hit back. Gubbins ^{scored} ~~scoring~~ the equaliser...

Then, just one minute later, Ralph Gubbins, ^{scored again.} ~~scored again,~~ (The man who ^{scored again.} ~~had put Bolton into~~ their seventh Cup Final. Result: Bolton Two. Blackburn one.

A 2-1 victory for Bolton, putting them into their 7th Cup Final.