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Dave King in action at Old Trafford with Andy Pucill in background

THE

PREMIERSHIP FINAL

In a little over 10 months since the club was taken out of administration, they have made great strides - quarter-final of the Silk-Cup Challenge Cup, third in the League and the club has raised its average attendance by 50% to just under 3000 per game. Just when we thought the season was over, marvellous performances against Rochdale Hornets. (Home). 36-10 and Batley. (Away). 13-6 swept Fartown to the Premiership final at Old Trafford. Their first major final for 33 years. A sure sign that the good times are returning for this once great club.

The day at Old Trafford was a marvellous affair. The atmosphere in one of the country's great Stadiums was electric. Fans from all clubs sitting together eating, drinking and generally enjoying the fine fare of Rugby served up in the three finals.

It was disappointing that Manchester United has started the rebuilding programme a week earlier thus reducing the capacity and unfortunately Fartown only received 1,000 tickets for the match. Therefore many fans were disappointed in missing the final.

Even more disappointing was the fact that Keighley emerged victors 26-6 adding the Premiership Trophy to their League Championship Trophy, which they had received earlier in the month. Given Fartowns performances against the Cougars 30-0 win in

the Challenge Cup and 22-22 in the league at Keighley, and a narrow 15-10 defeat at the McAlpine, more was expected but unfortunately not forthcoming. Still, after 33 years, I suppose the most important thing was actually getting to the Final, and it does give George Fairbairn and the lads a foundation to build upon.

Players acknowledge the crowd after Fartowns disappointing defeat in the Premiership Final

