

Busy Sanchez



THAT'S TWO: Herrera finishes off a breakaway while Sanchez, below, breaks through



MANCHESTER UNITED fans were in seventh heaven in Yeovil last night after a man-of-the-match display by debutant Alexis Sanchez saw them safely through to the fifth round.

George Best, Bryan Robson, David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo have graced the No7 shirt that the Chile international wore for the first time last night.

After an hour United fans were already singing, 'If Sanchez scores, we're on the pitch', so perhaps out of deference to plucky Yeovil he restricted himself to two assists before calling it a night in the 72nd minute.

Sanchez's only two games so far in 2018 had both been against Chelsea, so the chance to make his United debut against the team fourth from bottom of League Two would have had him chomping at the bit all the way to Somerset.

"He was not in his best condition but we think the best way for him to adapt and recover his normal



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fitness is to play," said Mourinho ahead of kick-off. "He loves to play and wants to play."

Two FA Cup winners' medals are all he has to show from the three and a half years at Arsenal which ended this week - a trip to a 9,565-capacity Huish Park beginning to look a bit tired after its construction in 1990 was very much at the working end of the competition.

United had been here recently - securing a comfortable-enough 2-0 win when they visited in 2015 with a much-weakened team - and from the moment United landed at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton, one of

the busiest military airfields in the country, Mourinho's face suggested that after their recent Carabao Cup upset defeat by nearby Bristol City, this time they were on a mission.

Again, it was anything but the A team - Sanchez, Juan Mata, Michael Carrick, Ander Herrera and Marcus Rashford adding a sprinkling of celebrity to a starting line-up that also included Scott McTominay and Sergio Romero.

An army marches on its stomach, of course, and courtesy of the Italian restaurant that sponsors one of the stands here, Yeovil had dined royally on a selection of chicken, pasta, porridge or scrambled eggs.

And it was clear from the opening stages that they still had plenty of appetite for an upset, skipper Francois Zoko crashing into Marcos Rojo to earn a booking.

Coming into the game it had been 504 minutes since Manchester United conceded a goal, but within seven minutes Jordan Green had already tested keeper Romero with a low shot which he saved with his foot. Slowly Sanchez and Rashford

began to build their understanding but it was McTominay who had the first real chance for United with a low shot that was deflected just wide.

For all his lack of match time, Sanchez was determined to be busy, operating mainly on the left side of the three deployed by Mourinho to support Rashford.

The boos from the Yeovil fans every time he touched the ball - Sanchez's reported salary would cover Yeovil's annual wage bill in three weeks - did not deter him and one particularly sharp turn on the half-hour left three home defenders on the ground.

Sanchez started paying back the first slice of his package in the 41st minute, picking out Rashford who skipped through the heart of the Yeovil defence to open the scoring.

The assist, though, should really go to Yeovil's Tom James, who tried to shepherd the ball back to his keeper only for Rashford to nip in to convert a ball he had lost.

His determination earned him his 10th goal of the season. And Rashford went close again five