

Manchester United's Marcus Rashford, second right, scores his side's first goal during last night's Emirates FA Cup fourth-round match against Yeovil Town at Huish Park

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# Sanchez heads star cast as ruthless United shatter Glovers' dream of an FA Cup upset

YEovil TOWN 0  
MANCHESTER UNITED 4

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Debutant Alexis Sanchez helped steer Manchester United into the FA Cup fifth round with two assists as Jose Mourinho's men eased past Yeovil 4-0.

The Chile forward laid on goals for Marcus Rashford and Ander Herrera, with Jesse Lingard and Romelu Lukaku glossing the score late on at Huish Park.

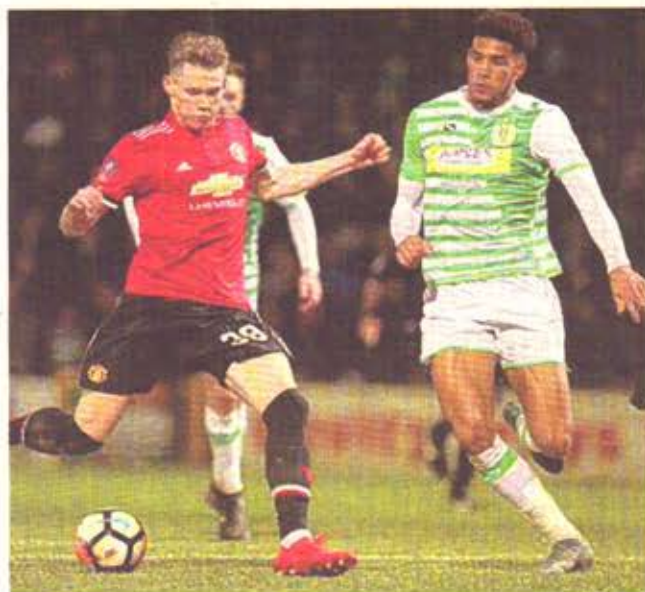
Sanchez's former club Arsenal spent the day assuming responsibility for the 29-year-old inadvertently missing a drugs test on Monday, as he dealt with the logistics of his United transfer.

The striker himself ended the night by ensuring manager Jose Mourinho tasted victory on his 55th birthday and the occasion of his 100th match at the United helm.

Sanchez dropped deep too often and conceded possession cheaply too frequently in a mixed first half, but still posed United's chief threat on his Red Devils debut.

That spark generated the wholly-dominant visitors' first two goals on a night where Darren Way's Yeovil had precious few opportunities to upset the odds.

United coasted through a low-key first half, where Yeovil



From above, clockwise: United's Scott McTominay, left, and Yeovil's Omar Sowunmi battle for the ball; United's Alexis Sanchez gives his new club a scare, holding his leg in discomfort after falling to the ground; general view of the action with the crowd behind the goal

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missed two solid chances. First Jordan Green had a shot rebuffed after sneaking through on the inside left, before the unmarked Omar Sowunmi headed straight at Sergio Romero from a free-kick.

Eventually the visitors found something approaching fluency, with Herrera losing the ball cheaply in the Yeovil box from a promising attack.

Sanchez threaded a fine ball

to Scott McTominay, but the young midfielder saw his low effort turned around the post by Artur Krysiak. When United finally did move in front, the Red Devils pounced on Thomas James' misstep.

The defender thought he was free to clear after the ball escaped Rashford in the Yeovil box. The England forward had not given up the ghost however, and nipped in before dinking



the ball over the onrushing Krysiak for the lead.

Sanchez had fed Rashford in a smart pass in the build-up to the opener, finally conjuring an incisive ball after a sequence of misplaced passes.

And so United took a 1-0 lead into the break, barely breaking sweat in the process.

United killed the game on the hour with a clinical break, Juan Mata feeding Sanchez

and the Chile forward playing in Herrera, who fired home without issue.

Mata had the ball in the net just minutes later, but the tap-in was ruled out for offside.

United were already home and dry by the time Lingard raced through and drilled the third, as Yeovil fell off the pace at the death.

Substitute Lukaku tapped in the fourth into an empty net, as

United finished off the hosts in style.

Afterwards, United manager Mourinho told the BBC: "These matches are difficult if the attitude is not correct. In the first half they gave us a difficult time, pressing and aggressive on the ball and on the shinpads. I could hear Darren Way on the touchline, he knew what he was saying, they were organised."

"But in the second half we had control of the game and had more space and more quality, we killed the game. Alexis Sanchez is a fantastic addition."

Glovers boss Darren Way said afterwards that he was proud of the players for their efforts but he admitted that Manchester United's opening goal proved a killer blow.

Yeovil's players were given a standing ovation by the crowd as they left the pitch.

Score Yeovil (0) 0 Man Utd (1) 4

Yeovil: Krysiak, James, Sowunmi, Nathan Smith, Dickson, Gray, Wing (Connor Smith 83), Bird (Browne 56), Green (Fisher 69), Sumridge, Zoko.

Subs Not Used: Maddison, Goben, Whelan, Santos. Booked: Zoko, Nathan Smith, Sowunmi.

Man Utd: Romero, Darmian, Lindelof, Rojo, Shaw, Ander Herrera, Camack, McTominay, Mata (Lukaku 65), Rashford (Gomes 88), Sanchez (Lingard 77)

Subs Not Used: Smalling, Young, Matic, Joel Pereira. Booked: McTominay.

Goals: Rashford 41, Ander Herrera 61, Lingard 89, Lukaku 90.  
Att: 9,195  
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