



United too strong for Yeovil in cup contest

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YEOVIL Town's FA Cup dreams are over after they bravely succumbed to a 4-0 defeat to Manchester United, a result that perhaps flattered the Premier League visitors.

Goals from Marcus Rashford, Ander Herrera, Jesse Lingard and Romelu Lukaku proved to be the difference at Huish Park, but United didn't have it all their own way like the scoreline suggests.

The first half was probably shaded by Yeovil with Sergio Romero called into action early.

Jordan Green was proving a big threat for the Glovers and he managed to break into the box as early as the seventh minute, but his shot was saved by Romero's feet.

The Argentine was again called into action minutes later when Thomas Ince got in

Yeovil Town	0
Man United	4
Rashford 41; Herrera 61; Lingard 69; Lukaku 90	
Yeovil Town: Krysiak, James, Sowunmi, N Smith, Dickson, Bird (Browne 56), Wing (C Smith 83), Gray, Green, Zoko (c), Surridge, Green (C Smith 76), James Unused subs: Maddison, Whelan, Santos, Gohern.	
Booked: Zoko, N Smith, Sowunmi.	
Manchester United: Romero, Darmian, Lindelof, Rojo, Shaw, Carrick, Herrera, McTominay, Mata (Lukaku 65), Sanchez (Lingard 72), Rashford (Gomes 88) Unused subs: Pereira, Smalling, Young, Matic.	
Booked: McTominay.	
Referee: Paul Tierney.	
Attendance: 9,195 (2,176 away).	

couldn't keep the ball in.

McTominay came close to breaking the deadlock but Krysiak saved smartly for a corner. He then saved a Sanchez free-kick down low as the Chilean began to get on the ball more and dictate the play a little bit.

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A lot of the news pre-match was the debut for Alexis Sanchez but a misplaced pass from the Chilean saw Green intercept, get past Matteo Darmian down and the right to force a corner, which United managed to scramble away.

Green again proved too hard for Darmian to handle and was brought down for a free-kick. It was taken by Jake Gray and found the head of Omar Sowunmi who headed straight at Romero.

It took until 20 minutes for United to get a foothold in the game with Rashford looking the most lively. He broke through the defence before being crowded out and then went closer minutes later when he rounded Artur Krysiak but

was cleared by Romero, after Lewis Wing had been fouled by Michael Carrick.

The game would change though four minutes from half-time, when you thought Yeovil would look okay going into the second half level. After Sanchez played Rashford through, he looked to be crowded out by James and Nathan Smith before they both failed to deal with it and James left it for Krysiak to come out, which he didn't, allowing Rashford to steal in and slot home.

In the second half, United hit the bar five minutes from a corner after Rashford almost doubled his tally.

Yeovil had a chance when Ryan Dickson crossed for Sam Surridge, but his header was

well cleared and the game was all but over on the hour mark.

Francois Zoko forced a corner after strong play against Marcos Rojo, but United cleared and countered with pace. Juan Mata played it to Sanchez who fed Herrera in to make two goals in two appearances at Huish Park.

The second goal really took the sting out of the game. Zoko almost got a shot away on the turn, a la Dennis Bergkamp, but it trickled to Romero.

Mata thought he had made it 3-0 from Darmian's cross after good play between Sanchez and McTominay, but it was ruled out for offside.

Alex Fisher would come on for his debut, having only been signed that afternoon after making the journey from Scotland.

Wing managed to get a shot off with 14 minutes remaining, after more good play from Dickson but again it was straight at

Chesterfield.

A long-range James free-kick was easily saved from Romero as the game entered into the final ten minutes.

Rashford again came close to scoring his second, rounding Krysiak but again running out of pitch. Young Angel Gomes almost made immediate impact from the bench, twisting and turning into the box with his first touches before shooting into the side netting.

Substitute Lingard made it three in the final minute of normal time, firing low into the bottom corner, and the scoring was complete in injury time when another United counter attack ended with Rojo crossing for substitute Lukaku to volley home.



Omar Sowunmi using all of his height and strength to try and force Romelu Lukaku off the ball Picture by Phil Mingo/PPAUK

Yeovil Town FC fixtures

AUGUST: 5 Luton A 2-8, 8 Wolves A 0-1 (Carabao Cup R1), 12 Accrington H 3-2, 19 Forest Green A 3-4, 26 Coventry H 2-0, 29 Exeter A 3-1 (Checkatrade Trophy).

SEPTEMBER: 2 Crawley A 0-2, 9 Cheltenham H 0-0, 12 Morecambe H 2-2, 16 Grimsby A 1-2, 23 Port Vale H 1-1, 26 Chesterfield A 3-2, 30 Colchester H 0-1.

OCTOBER: 7 Newport A 0-2, 14 Crewe H 2-0, 17 Cambridge A 1-2, 21 Barnet A 1-1, 25 Chelsea Academy H (Checkatrade Trophy) 1-1 (5-3pens), 28 Stevenage H 3-0.

NOVEMBER: 4 Southend H (FA Cup R1) 1-0, 11 Carlisle A 0-4, 18 Swindon H 1-2, 21 Notts County H 1-1, 25 Wycombe A 1-2, 28 Plymouth H (Checkatrade Trophy) 2-1.

DECEMBER: 2 Port Vale A (FA Cup R2) 1-1, 5 AFC Wimbledon H (Checkatrade Trophy R2) 2-0, 9 Lincoln H 0-2, 12 Port Vale (FA Cup R2) 3-2, 16 Mansfield A 0-0, 23 Exeter H 3-1, 26 Cheltenham A 2-0, 29 Morecambe A 3-4.

JANUARY: 1 Crawley H 1-2, 6 Bradford City H (FA Cup R3) 2-0, 9 Forest Green H (Checkatrade Trophy R3) 2-0, 13 Port

Vale A 1-1, 20 Chesterfield H 1-2, 26 Manchester United H (FA Cup R4) 0-4, 30 Grimsby H 3-0.

FEBRUARY: 3 Cambridge H, 6 Fleetwood H (Checkatrade Trophy QF) 10 Crewe A, 13 Barnet H, 17 Stevenage A, 24 Carlisle H.

MARCH: 3 Swindon A, 10 Newport H, 13 Exeter A, 17 Colchester A, 24 Accrington A, 30 Forest Green H.

APRIL: 2 Coventry A, 7 Luton H, 14 Wycombe H, 21 Notts County A, 28 Mansfield H.

MAY: 5 Lincoln A.

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Red Devils sell-out not as high as last visit

IT may have been a sell-out crowd at Huish Park on Friday, but it will only go down as Glovers' fourth highest attendance.

9,195 packed themselves into the South Somerset League Two ground, but that was still 69 less than when Manchester United visited for the FA Cup third round tie in 2015.

The highest recorded attendance at Huish Park still stands at 9,527 when Leeds United travelled down in the 2007/08 season of the Coca-Cola League One, with the Whites trying to curtail their downward spiral and Yeovil cementing their place in the division following their loss in the play-off final the season before.

It turned out to be the win that secured Leeds' place in the play-offs, despite playing with ten men from the fourth minute after seeing Alan Sheehan sent-off. Dougie Freedman netted the only goal of the game on 65 minutes.

Yeovil's 2-0 defeat to Liver-

pool in the third round of the FA Cup in 2004 is the second highest attendance. 9,348 witnessed substitute Emile Heskey and a Danny Murphy penalty, in the 70th and 77th minute respectively, secure Liverpool's progress.

They would lose to Portsmouth 1-0 in a replay in the fifth round before Manchester United lifted the trophy at the hands of Millwall.

Five other matches have seen more than 9,000 walk through the turnstiles at Huish Park. Both visits by the Bristol teams in 2005 saw a bumper crowd.

On New Year's Eve of that year, Bristol City's visit brought 9,178 to Huish Park to witness a 1-1 draw in the Coca-Cola League One. David Poole's third minute goal was cancelled out by the Robins' Matthew Heywood five minutes into the second half.

Earlier in League Two in February, Phil Jevons' hat-trick in a 4-2 win over Bris-

tol Rovers was watched by 9,153 people.

Bartosz Tarachulski scored the other Glovers goal with Craig Disley and Christian Edwards netting for the Pirates.

In their only Championship season, Yeovil's 1-0 defeat to QPR saw 9,108 fans in the stadium.

A Charlie Austin second half penalty, who's now plying his trade with Southampton in the Premier League, was all that separated the sides.

The final two 9,000 plus crowds both came in League One with Nottingham Forest's visit in 2005 bringing 9,072 to the gate with another Bristol City visit, this time in 2006, bringing 9,009.

Jevons bagged a brace in the 3-0 victory over Forest. Bristol was also on target in Bristol City game, but actually scoring for the Robins from the spot in injury time after Arron Davies and Wayne Gray had put Yeovil 2-0 in front.