



Alexis Sanchez could make his debut for Manchester United in tonight's FA Cup fourth-round tie against Yeovil Town at Huish Park.

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Sanchez in line for United debut at Glovers as Mourinho pens new deal

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Alexis Sanchez's Manchester United debut could come in Somerset after Jose Mourinho said the man he rates as "one of the best attacking players in the world" will be in his squad to face Yeovil tonight.

United's new number seven completed his move to Old Trafford on Monday in a straight swap deal with Arsenal that saw £35 million-rated midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan head in the opposite direction.

Sanchez, 29, will now be part of the group Mourinho takes to Huish Park for a fourth-round tie with the Glovers.

Mourinho, who yesterday signed a new contract at the

club that runs until 2020 with the option for a further year, said of Sanchez: "In the Premier League, he has shown already the quality he has. We got one of the best attacking players in the world."

"I think he's very important for us because we want to have the best possible players."

Should he feature at Yeovil, Mourinho may consider Sanchez for a number of different attacking roles having been impressed by his versatility for Italian side Udinese and Spanish giants Barcelona.

"Our careers are almost made in the same countries simultaneously, so I know him very, very well," added former Inter Milan and Real Madrid boss Mourinho. "I saw him

play on the right, on the left, as a striker, behind the striker, these are Alexis' positions."

"I saw him play in different tactical systems, with different philosophies of different managers, I saw him (be) successful in every country, with every manager, with every system, in every position."

Having just pulled off one significant coup in the transfer market, Mourinho dismissed the possibility of making another seismic move by bringing Cristiano Ronaldo back to Old Trafford from Real Madrid. The 32-year-old has again been linked with a return to United, the club he left to join Madrid in a then world-record deal in 2009.

Ronaldo and his Madrid

team-mates are experiencing an unhappy campaign in Spain as they trail LaLiga leaders Barcelona by 19 points.

"I think with the moment Real Madrid is having now, I think I should be the last one to add some fuel to the fire," Mourinho said.

"Madrid is on fire, the results are not good and it's a club where I worked (for) three years, I care about the club."

"I am the last one to add fire so to put some water on the fire, I would say Cristiano is the kind of player that every manager, club wants but only one manager, club can have - (Zinedine) Zidane and Real Madrid, that's my feeling."

On his own new deal, the Portuguese added: "We have

set very high standards - winning three trophies in one season - but those are the standards I expect my teams to aim for. We are creating the conditions for a brilliant and successful future for Manchester United."

Should he remain at United for the duration of his new contract, Mourinho's stay would be the longest of his managerial career.

"I am really honoured and proud to be Manchester United manager," he added. "I would like to say a big thank you to the owners and to Mr (Ed) Woodward for the recognition of my hard work and dedication. I am delighted they feel and trust that I am the right manager for this great club."

Odds were stacked against Green - but just look at him now

Four years ago, Yeovil Town winger Jordan Green was working night shifts at a London supermarket, stacking shelves while playing part-time for Banbury United in the seventh-tier Southern League Premier Division.

Now the 22-year-old is preparing to face the likes of Paul Pogba and Juan Mata - something that seemed just a distant dream six years ago after being released by Fulham at 16 for being too short.

Green stood barely five feet tall when let go, but has played a key role in Yeovil's best FA Cup run for four years after a

roller-coaster career which has seen him play for nothing for Southern Counties East League side Holmesdale to landing a contract at Premier League Bournemouth.

"I wasn't getting paid at Holmesdale, but playing for them made me see the fun in football again," said Green.

"I went on to Banbury and my career took off. I was going from night shifts at Waitrose to playing a few hours later. It was a struggle, but I ended up with a trial at Bournemouth and a contract with their under-21 side."

Green played in the same



Jordan Green, left, in action for Yeovil Town

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Cherries team as defender Jack Simpson, who has gone on to play in the Premier League, and travelled with the first team to Chelsea when Glenn Murray scored the winner at Stamford Bridge in December 2015.

He left Bournemouth without playing a senior match, but now hopes to propel Yeovil to a shock win over Manchester United.

Since joining the Glovers in August, Green has scored two FA Cup goals - including an 89th-minute equaliser at Port Vale in the second round as a substitute.