

Manchester United restore lead in Premiership

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was gushing with praise for his players after they hammered Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 and restored their six-point lead over Chelsea at the top of the English Premiership.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Nemanja Vidic, Paul Scholes and Ryan Giggs scored the goals after Edwin van der Sar broke his nose Sunday.

'Ronaldo was fantastic,' Ferguson said.

'The boy has come up great, he's got courage to play and always wants the ball. In the early part of the match I thought he was a bit careless but he got more of the ball and was more comfortable.'

Ronaldo was at the heart of most good things about United and the Portugal winger put them 1-0 up just before half-time from the penalty spot after he was fouled.

United ran riot in the second half as Vidic headed the second, Paul Scholes side-footed from less than a yard after Ronaldo's cross and Giggs scored the pick of the four with a neat finish after a fine move.

Ferguson confirmed that Van der Sar broke his nose and also said that Wayne Rooney could miss England's friendly with Spain in midweek.

'Wayne was injured in a challenge, he was limping about for a bit so I had to take him off. We'll assess him in the morning but he may be doubtful for Wednesday.'

Scholes said it had been an excellent team performance.

'The score said everything,' Scholes said.

'To win 4-0 away from home at a tough place like this is a great result for us. We won it going forward. We knew at the back we could exploit them with pace and strength up front so we wanted to get the ball forward and we managed to do that.'

'It was such a big result for us. We thought Chelsea would win yesterday so this weekend we had the more difficult game so to come and win is a big result for us.'

'We'll keep plugging away and hopefully at the end of the season we'll get our just rewards.'

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