



KEANE: Busy

Keane show

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...-eree had shown the same courage as at Anfield on Saturday he could have done so."

Sheffield manager Bassett was equally unimpressed by Cowan's actions and said: "I'm not happy with Cowan and I do not like seeing players go down like that."

"I like my players to be men."

Meanwhile, Ferguson was delighted by the performance of Keane and stressed: "We saw tonight exactly what we have bought."

"He makes runs at the right time, the kind of runs that Bryan Robson still makes from time to time."

"What's more, he's got great stamina, he's a good passer — and he's tough."

Five Sheffield men — Jamie Hoyland, John Pemberton, Kevin Gage, Dane Whitehouse and David Tuttle — went into the book along with Keane and Paul Parker as this clash threatened to boil over.

Rating

But nothing could stop the new Robson of the nineties, nor the rest of Manchester United's side who looked well worth their rating as 5-4 favourites to retain their title.

Keane's classic display apart, Mark Hughes also showed he is as hungry as ever with a superb late finish, while Ryan Giggs shivered the bar and Denis Irwin smashed a shot against a post.

Keane collected the first of his devastating strikes after Paul Ince forced the ball into the Sheffield half with an overhead kick which was flicked on by Giggs.

Moments before half-time Keane was at it again with another super strike and Hughes added a third.

A Frying shame!

SOUTHEND boss Barry Fry slammed his players after their shock 2-0 defeat by his old club Barnet in the Coca-Cola Cup first round first leg.

After his side were sunk by Tony Lynch and Alan Walker goals Fry raged: "We were awful and played without any passion. More displays like this and I could be looking for a new job by Christmas."

RUSH TO



VICTORY SALUTE!

IAN RUSH takes the acclaim after leading his revitalised Liverpool to glory against QPR at Loftus Road last night. Pictures by ARNOLD SLATER

MICK'S A MARVEL!



HARFORD: Winner

Coventry 2, Newcastle 1

By HUGH JAMIESON

MICK Harford last night launched his Coventry career with a dramatic winner at Highfield Road.

Harford, a shock £200,000 summer signing from Sunderland, struck six minutes from the end to leave ten-men Newcastle shattered.

The 34-year-old striker, jumped off the subs' bench to replace Tony Sheridan in the 73rd minute, and pinpoint a perfect far post header past substitute goalkeeper Tommy Wright. Yet Newcastle had ev-

ery right to feel disappointed, especially after they had lost Czech goalkeeper Pavel Srnicek in the 37th minute — even though Sky Blues' striker Peter Ndlovu had smashed a superb 57th minute equaliser. Srnicek got his marching orders from Norfolk referee Jim Borrett after tripping Sky Blues' striker Roy Wegerle.

Micky Quinn hammered the spot kick over the bar. Newcastle scored with an own goal from Peter Atherton.

Sheff W 0, Villa 0

By JOHN EDWARDS

BIG-spending Trevor Francis' £8million strike force drew another blank at Hillsborough last night.

The Sheffield Wednesday boss is happy that he's got a side to take on champions Manchester United after finally landing £2.7m QPR winger Andy Sinton.

But the formation up front still isn't firing on all cylinders after a 2-0 defeat at Liverpool and goalless stalemate with Villa.

David Hirst looked out of sorts and was substituted by Mark Bright five minutes from time, while Paul Warhurst was des-

perately out of luck again. The defender-turned striker twice carved out openings in the first half only to be foiled by wayward finishing then a last ditch goalline clearance.

And when he turned provider for partner in the 57th minute, Hirst sliced the best chance of the night wide.

It could have been worst for Wednesday — they lost left-back Phil King with a cut above the eye and nearly gave the game away when Dalian Atkinson set up Dean Saunders.



KING: Bloodied

