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Ferguson brands Suarez a disgrace

Jonathan Northcroft at Old Trafford

SIR ALEX FERGUSON described Luis Suarez as a disgrace and said Liverpool should get rid of him after the player refused to shake Patrice Evra's hand before Manchester United's bad-tempered 2-1 win.

He should not be allowed to play for Liverpool again.

"I couldn't believe Suarez refused Evra's handshake. You saw the referee [Phil Dowd]. He didn't know what to do. It created a terrible atmosphere.



Suarez: refused handshake

United's manager said Evra "kept his dignity" by offering to shake Suarez's hand, though he criticised the Frenchman's post-match celebrations,

"Evra shouldn't have jumped in front of Suarez in celebration at the end," Ferguson added.

Kenny Dalglish mounted yet another defence of his player. "I didn't know he [Suarez] refused to shake his hand. It's contrary to what I was told," the Liverpool manager said.

Police seized thousands of copies of a United fanzine with a "potentially offensive image". Red Issue allegedly included a poster of a Ku Klux Klan hood with the words "LFC" and "Suarez is Innocent".

Match report, p7

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