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Tottenham thrash Man United 6-1

Mourinho humiliates former club Man U; Arsenal edge Blades



MANCHESTER: Tottenham Hotspur's French midfielder Tanguy Ndombele (left) shoots to score his team's first goal past Manchester United's Spanish goalkeeper David de Gea (right) to equalize during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur yesterday. — AFP

LONDON: Jose Mourinho humiliated his former club Manchester United as Tottenham swept to a stunning 6-1 win at Old Trafford, while Arsenal moved into the Premier League's top four with a 2-1 victory against Sheffield United yesterday. Tottenham boss Mourinho was sacked by United in 2018 after a turbulent reign, but it was his successor Ole Gunnar Solskjaer who was left red faced after a shambolic display from the hosts. Despite taking the lead through Bruno Fernandes' second minute penalty, United collapsed as they conceded four goals in the first half of a league match for the first time since 1957.

Tanguy Ndombele equalized in the fourth minute after dismal defending from Harry Maguire and South Korea forward Son Heung-min made it two from Harry Kane's seventh minute quick free-kick. United were reduced to 10 men when Anthony Martial was harshly sent off in the 28th minute for his reaction to a push from Erik Lamela. That opened the floodgates as United surrendered, with

Kane grabbing Tottenham's third in the 31st minute after stealing Eric Bailly's weak pass. United were in disarray and Serge Aurier crossed for Son's close-range finish in the 37th minute.

Aurier drilled home in the 51st minute and Kane made it six with a 79th minute penalty. It was just the third time United had conceded six goals in the Premier League era started in 1992. Solskjaer's team have lost their first two home games for the first time since 1986 and sit just two places above the relegation zone after their heaviest home defeat since Manchester City beat them 6-1 in 2011. Tottenham are up to fifth place after their second league win this term, ending a run of four games in eight days that included knocking Chelsea, another of Mourinho's old clubs, out of the League Cup on Tuesday.

Saka shines

Arsenal have taken nine points from their opening four

mark, five minutes after Uruguayan defender Diego Godin had pulled Cagliari level on his debut since moving from Inter Milan. Mario Pasalic and Duvan Zapata also scored in a five-minute spell before the break. Joao Pedro reduced the deficit for the Sardinians after the break but Sam Lammers marked his first home game with an impressive solo effort with nine minutes to go.

Atalanta have the maximum nine points, two ahead of Sassuolo and Inter. In Rome, Lautaro Martinez gave Antonio Conte's side the advantage after half an hour off a deflected Ivan Perisic effort but Sergej Milinkovic-Savic headed in the equalizer ten minutes into the second half. Immobile was sent off after 69 minutes for hitting out at Arturo Vidal with Inter's Stefano Sensi also seeing red with minutes to go. Hellas Verona fell to their first defeat of the season with Jasmin Kurtic scoring after just one minute to give Parma a first win this campaign.

Napoli risk forfeit

In Turin, confusion reigned over whether Napoli would line out, after midfielder Eljif Elmas and Poland international Piotr Zielinski contracted the virus. The team have not left Naples because of measures of regional health authorities, despite the Lega Serie A insisting conditions were safe. "The protocol provides... rules, which allow the playing of league matches even in the event of a positive tests, fielding the players who tested negative," Serie A said. These measures are "applicable to the situation of Napoli, which has two positive players for Covid-19," the Liga Serie A added. — AFP

games as they look to return to Champions League football for the first time in five years next season. But the Gunners were fortunate to take all three points at the Emirates as they had an early escape when David Luiz escaped a red card for a pull on Oli Burke. Mikel Arteta's men got going after the break and a fine team move opened the scoring on the hour mark when Bukayo Saka headed home Hector Bellerin's cross at the far post. Bellerin was the provider again moments later as Nicolas Pepe drove forward to curl the ball in off the far post. David McGoldrick halved the deficit seven minutes from time with the Blades first league goal of the season, but they remain without a point.

Leicester rocked

Leicester's perfect start came to a shuddering halt with a 3-0 defeat at home to West Ham, just a week after the Foxes thrashed Manchester City 5-2. Liverpool can now

leapfrog Leicester to move joint top of the table alongside Merseyside rivals Everton if they win at Aston Villa later. West Ham manager David Moyes was again taking charge from home after testing positive for coronavirus. But just as in a 4-0 win over Wolves last weekend, the Hammers did not miss his presence as goals from Michael Antonio, Pablo Fornals and Jarrod Bowen gave the visitors a full deserved three points.

At St Mary's, Southampton won their second successive game by seeing off lowly West Brom 2-0. Ralph Hasenhuttl's side dominated throughout but had to wait until the 41st minute to open the scoring when Moussa Djenebo's clever drag-back eluded Jake Livermore before the winger stroked his finish into the bottom corner. Oriol Romeu met Stuart Armstrong's cross with a brilliant volley from the edge of the area in the 69th minute. Wolves beat Fulham 1-0 at Molineux as Pedro Neto's 56th minute goal clinched their second league win of the season. — AFP

Atalanta cruise and Inter held in Serie A

MILAN: Papu Gomez extended his scoring streak to give high-flying Atalanta a third consecutive win 5-2 against Cagliari yesterday as title rivals Inter Milan were stalled 1-1 in a bad-tempered game against Lazio in Rome where both teams finished a man down. Champions Juventus's clash against Napoli later was in doubt with the southerners having not travelled to Turin because of two coronavirus cases. "No, everything is like Saturday," a Napoli spokesman told AFP asked about a possible departure for Turin, hours before kickoff. The Lega Serie A insisted all the health protocols were in place for the match to safely go ahead as scheduled for Turin at 1845 GMT.

In Bergamo, Atalanta struck hard in their first home game this season, bringing their tally to 13 goals in three games played, to sit top of the Serie A table. But Inter dropped points for the first time this campaign despite playing 20 minutes with a player more after Lazio's Ciro Immobile was sent off. "The score could have been much bigger," said Atalanta Gian Piero Gasperini. "Now the (international) break interrupts this momentum. Hopefully we'll pick up where we left off."

Gasperini's side were four goals up at the break with Luis Muriel opening after seven minute. Gomez blasted in the second from a distance just before the half hour

Real Madrid gather momentum after Levante victory

MADRID: Real Madrid moved to the top of La Liga yesterday as Vinicius Junior and Karim Benzama both scored in a 2-0 win over Levante. Vinicius, who had proved decisive in Madrid's win over Real Valladolid on Wednesday, looked set to see off Levante as well, before Benzama notched his first goal of the season late on. Madrid have now recorded three clean sheets from their four opening games, although a draw away at Real Sociedad has given an early advantage to Barcelona, who played away at Sevilla later.

Madrid and Barca had earlier played out the first ever women's Clasico after Madrid finally launched their female team this season. Yet Barcelona showed their superiority in a 4-0 rout. But the men's team have become something of a defensive juggernaut under Zidane after their solidity and resilience formed the basis of their successful title bid last term. They have 10 points from 12 available, after three consecutive wins. Levante, meanwhile, have managed only one victory from first four matches and this defeat means they drop into the relegation places. Vinicius gave Madrid the lead after 16 minutes when Levante failed to clear a corner and the Brazilian calmly curled in for his second



VILA-REAL: Real Madrid's Spanish defender Sergio Ramos (right) vies with Levante's Portuguese defender Ruben Vezo (2nd left) during the Spanish League football match between Levante UD and Real Madrid CF yesterday. — AFP

goal in two games.

He could have made it two but overhit a pass intended for Benzama and then Levante hit the crossbar, Nikola Vuckevic at the back post almost capitalizing on some hesitation from Thibaut Courtois. Levante found it difficult to cope with Madrid's pressing and Benzama and Vinicius both should scored when twice they won the ball back in dangerous positions. Sergio Ramos also had a headed goal ruled out for offside but Levante went close to a late equaliser as Clerc and Enis Bardhi both tested Courtois. But Benzama tore away on the break in injury-time and finished to complete a convincing win. — AFP