

Sports

Newcastle stunned, Liverpool held on day of FA Cup surprises

LONDON: Premier League high-flyers Newcastle suffered a shock FA Cup exit against Sheffield Wednesday and holders Liverpool rode their luck in a draw with Wolves, while Nottingham Forest and Bournemouth crashed out on a day of third round surprises. Elsewhere on an enthralling afternoon of FA Cup action, Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney, the Hollywood actors who co-own Wrexham, led the celebrations on social media after their non-league side's surprise 4-3 victory at second tier Coventry.

But it was Wednesday, second in League One, who stole the show on Saturday with their impressive 2-1 victory at Hillsborough against a Newcastle team sitting third in the Premier League. Eddie Howe's side were unbeaten in 15 games, but Wednesday have now gone undefeated in 10 matches after Josh Windass's double stunned the Magpies. Wednesday went ahead in the 52nd minute when Windass, who looked in an offside position, diverted Dennis Adeniran's ball across from close-range.

Windass scored his second 13 minutes later, coolly converting after being put through by Michael Smith. Newcastle reduced the deficit in the 68th minute when Bruno Guimaraes poked home from close-range, but Chris Wood squandered a golden opportunity to equalise as he fired over from 10 yards. "It was a disappointing result for us. We are aware that we don't have the deepest squad of any team in the Premier League," Howe said.

At Anfield, a difficult week for Liverpool that started with a Premier League loss at Brentford, concluded with a fortuitous 2-2 draw against Wolves. Liverpool keeper Alisson Becker was guilty of a woeful error when his pass was intercepted by Goncalo Guedes, who slotted Wolves' 26th minute opener. Darwin Nunez cushioned a superb volley

past Matija Sarkic to equalize on the stroke of half-time and Mohamed Salah's deft finish in the 52nd minute put Liverpool ahead.

But the Reds, who gave a debut to Netherlands forward Cody Gakpo after his move from PSV Eindhoven, were pegged back in the 57th minute through Hwang Hee-chan's composed effort. It could have been even worse for Liverpool, as Toti's goal was disallowed for offside in the final minutes as the Reds survived for a replay. "The first goal should not happen, but we all know how often Ali saves our backsides," Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp said. "I'm not sure about their disallowed goal. We have one picture where it may look offside, but I can understand why they are angry about it."

Wolves manager Julen Lopetegui was furious with the decision and also claimed Salah's strike should have been ruled out. "We have seen it, the offside doesn't exist, I'm sorry. It's impossible. The decision is wrong," he said. "Then Mohamed Salah was offside before Toti touched the ball, so he got an advantage."

'Great chapter'

Sam Dalby, Elliot Lee, Thomas O'Connor and Paul Mullin scored for National League side Wrexham as they swept into a 4-1 lead at Coventry. Despite a late fightback from 10-man Coventry, Wrexham reached the fourth round for the first time since 2000, sparking a celebratory Instagram post from Reynolds laced with profanity. "It's a great chapter in the story of Wrexham since the new owners have come in and I'm sure they will be overjoyed with what they've seen today," Wrexham boss Phil Parkinson said.

Forest boss Steve Cooper named an entirely different starting team for the match at Blackpool after his side's midweek win against Southampton, which lifted



SHEFFIELD: Sheffield Wednesday's English defender Dominic Iorfa vies with Newcastle United's English midfielder Jacob Murphy at Hillsborough Stadium on Jan 7, 2023. — AFP

them out of the Premier League relegation zone. The plan backfired badly as the Championship team won 4-1 at Bloomfield Road, with goals from Marvin Ekpiteta, Ian Poveda, CJ Hamilton and Jerry Yates.

Two goals each from Anass Zaroury and Manuel Benson put Championship leaders Burnley on course for a 4-2 win at Bournemouth. Harry Kane

moved closer to becoming Tottenham's all-time record goalscorer as he netted in the 50th minute of a 1-0 win against Portsmouth. Kane, with four goals in four matches since missing the penalty against France that led to England's elimination at the World Cup, has 265 goals for Spurs - just one behind the club's all-time record scorer, Jimmy Greaves. — AFP

Fatat remain on top of league

KUWAIT: Kuwait women's futsal team put an end to Fatat's winning streak after drawing 1-1 in



the 8th round of the URC women futsal league. Kuwait now have 3 points and are in third place, while Fatat remain on top with 19 points. In the second match, Tadhamon defeated Fatayat Al-Oyoun 6-0, raising their point total to 18 to go second, while Fatayat Al-Oyoun remain pointless in last place.



Danilo honors Vialli by firing Juve second, Inter slip at Monza

MILAN: Danilo made sure that Juventus paid the perfect tribute to deceased former captain Gianluca Vialli by netting the only goal in Saturday's 1-0 win over Udinese which fired the Turin giants second in Serie A. Massimiliano Allegri's team jumped one point above AC Milan and to within just four of league leaders Napoli thanks to a beautifully-constructed goal finished off by the Brazilian defender four minutes from the end at the Allianz Stadium.

Danilo extended Juve's league winning streak to eight games, a run in which they haven't conceded a goal, after Federico Chiesa controlled fellow substitute Leandro Paredes' delicate chip and then played a perfect pass across goal. That was one of the few clear-cut chances Juve created against eighth-placed Udinese, who were missing their talisman Gerard Deulofeu and are winless in nine matches.

On Friday, Juve travel to Napoli, who on Sunday are in action at Sampdoria, where former Italy forward Vialli - a victim of pancreatic cancer - played most of his football and may be mourned the most. "After the win our first thoughts go to Gianluca Vialli. He was a great guy, I was lucky

enough to have had him in my life," said Italy forward Chiesa. The 25-year-old was part of the Italy team which won Euro 2020, and hailed Vialli's role in that triumph despite him not having a coaching role with the Azzurri set-up. "You could speak for hours and hours about what a great man he was," Chiesa added.

Champions Milan will move back into second if they beat Roma in Sunday's late match, and sit two points ahead of Inter Milan after Denzel Dumfries' stoppage-time own goal led to them drawing 2-2 at Monza. Spirited Monza are nine points clear of the relegation zone in their first ever Serie A season thanks to Dumfries deflecting former Inter youth player Luca Caldirola's header into his own net.

However Inter coach Simone Inzaghi was livid that a Francesco Acerbi strike had not been given 10 minutes earlier because referee Juan Luca Sacchi blew for a non-existent foul before the ball went in, leaving VAR powerless to intervene. "We're very angry, because it's a clear mistake. After five years of VAR... Everyone knows to wait and see what happens," said Inzaghi to Sky.

It was an emotional day for many Juve fans, who will remember Vialli as the last captain to lead their team to a major European honour more than a quarter of a century ago. Fans brought jerseys emblazoned with the former Italy striker's name, while one flag in the Allianz Stadium stands depicted the moment he lifted the Champions League trophy in 1996. — AFP



Athletes shine at Special Olympics

By Abdellatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: Kuwait Special Olympics held an athletics competition for the mentally challenged under the patronage of the Public Authority for Sport (PAS), with 67 athletes representing 14 different clubs, schools and establishments over two days at Kuwait athletics club's track. Competitions of the closing day were held in the presence of Deputy Director General of PAS for sports for all sectors Hamid Al-Hazeem, Chairwoman of Kuwait Special Olympics Hanaa Al-Zawawi, Deputy Chairwoman of Tomooh Club Huda Al-Khaldi, Secretary Sadeeqa Al-Ansari and board member Fahad Al-Sahly.

Hazeem appreciated the organization and technical level of the events, as well as the efforts of Kuwait Special Olympics to improve the sports level of the mentally challenged in all competitions, as this expanded the base of participants who had many achievements regionally and internationally. Zawawi said the Special Olympics is keen on organizing such events to give children the opportunity to practice sports and discover outstanding athletes to include them in the national team and prepare them for participating in the world games to be held in Berlin in June.

The competitions were held according to international rules using the Game Management System (GMS) for the first time in running the competition and athlete rankings, as well as results of the 50m and 100m races and shotput for men and women. In the 50m men's race, first place went to Hussein Karam from Kuwait Educational Academy, Yousef Al-Joudar from Guidance Education Establishment and Abdelaziz Nasrallah from Al-Resalah School.

The women's race was won by Noor Al-Ibrahim from Kuwait Society and Ahmadi and Ayat Al-Tulaibi from Integrated Care Establishment.

In the 100m women's race, Mariam Al-Hindi from Tomooh club won. In the 100m men's race, Ziyad Al-Maatouq from Kuwait Academy, Nasser Al-Hashimi and Mohammad Al-Hinnawi from Tomooh Club won. Shotput women: Zahraa Sarkhouh from Al-Ikhlash Establishment and Aysha Mahdy from Integrated Care Establishment won. Shotput men: Mejib Mejib and Othman Yaqoub from Autism Center, Ali Dashti from Al-Resalah School and Ali Al-Shirazi from Integrated Care won.

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