

# SPORT

## City honour Liverpool and hammer them 4-0

REUTERS, Manchester

Manchester City generously applauded new champions Liverpool onto the field before their Premier League match on Thursday -- and promptly showed no mercy by thrashing them 4-0 at the Etihad stadium.

With the title secured a week ago, there was little at stake for Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool side who showed far from their usual levels of intensity but the loss, just their second of the league campaign, was an emphatic reminder that City will be desperate to regain their crown next season.

Klopp was quick to defend his team's attitude, rejecting any suggestion they had taken the game lightly.

"I saw a brilliant attitude. I saw fight. We didn't behave like somebody who became champions a week ago. We lacked fluidity. And in some 50-50 situations they were quicker than us," he said.

"Man City are incredible. I saw their season, they didn't play a bad game even when they lost," he said.

After the guard of honour, which included City manager Pep Guardiola, the visitors started brightly and Ederson had to be alert to keep out a fourth-minute effort from Mohamed Salah.

Salah then struck the post after a clever pass from Roberto Firmino, whose hair was coloured red, but if Liverpool thought they were in for another night of festivities, they were in for a rude awakening.

Joe Gomez could not cope with Raheem Sterling's twisting and turning in the box, pulling him to the ground before Kevin De Bruyne converted the penalty in the 25th



Manchester City forward Raheem Sterling celebrates his goal against former club Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium on Thursday. The Citizens comfortably won the match 4-0 and put a damper on the Reds' title celebrations.

PHOTO: MANCHESTER CITY FC

minute. Sterling doubled the lead 10 minutes later when after a swift break, Phil Foden found him inside the box and the ex-Liverpool forward cut inside Gomez and slid the ball home.

The 20-year-old Foden made it 3-0, firing past Alisson after a swift exchange with Kevin De Bruyne.

City were showing an unusual willingness to play long balls

and after Rodri launched a pass deep to De Bruyne, the Belgian found Sterling inside the box and he slipped the ball goalwards, with substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's outstretched touch only turning it into his own net.

It could have been even worse for Liverpool with Riyad Mahrez's fine solo effort in the final moments but VAR spotted a handball by Foden in the build-up.

"We beat the champions, an extraordinary team," Guardiola said.

"We tried to play football, take risks against the best team I have ever faced in my life at high pressing," he added.

"They drank a lot of beers this week but they arrived here with no beers in their blood which is why I give us a lot of credit."

## ZIDANE WANTS MESSI TO STAY IN SPAIN

Lionel Messi was reported on Thursday to be planning to leave Barcelona in 2021, but Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane was hoping the Argentine maestro will stay in Spain. Messi's current contract expires next year and he has halted negotiations due to frustrations with the direction of the club, said Spanish radio station Cadena Ser. Barca sit second in La Liga with five games left, four points behind Real Madrid, who edged past Getafe 1-0 on Thursday to put the title within their grasp. "I don't know what will happen but we hope not because he is in this league and we want the best in this league," said Real coach Zidane afterwards, when asked about the possibility of Messi leaving.



REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said his side used their team spirit to finally break down and beat a resolute Getafe side 1-0 at home on Thursday to inch ever closer to winning their first La Liga title for three years.

The league leaders created scant chances but finally got the goal when captain Sergio Ramos converted a late penalty, sending Real four points clear of title rivals Barcelona with five games left.

"We can be very happy today because we did an incredible job today against a side who caused us loads of problems, but we got the victory because of our team spirit," Zidane told a virtual news conference after

his side won their sixth game in a row.

"Me and the players have been suffering a lot because we have had to work so hard in all of these matches. It's not easy to do what we are doing. You can't achieve anything without suffering."

"The coach's message after the break was that we had 11 finals left and we had to try and pick up all 33 points. We're on the way to doing that," Carvajal said.

"It was clear that this was not like any other game and we had the most of Barca's slip-up. Today was like a final for us and we treated it like one."

"Getafe put us under a lot of pressure but we produced a serious performance and proved we are a real team."

## Messi's exit imminent?

REUTERS, Barcelona

Barcelona captain Lionel Messi has called off negotiations over renewing his contract with the club and is ready to leave the Catalans when his current deal expires in 2021, according to a report by Spanish radio station Cadena Ser on Friday.

The report said Messi and his father had begun discussing renewing his last deal with the club but that he no longer wishes to stay at the Camp Nou. The report added that Messi is angry about leaked reports that appeared to make him responsible for events at the club, such as the sacking of coach Ernesto Valverde, and that he is frustrated about the squad's lack of quality.

Messi, who turned 33 last month, scored his 700th career goal on Tuesday against Atletico Madrid, but the strike ended in disappointment as Barca drew 2-2 in the latest blow to their bid to retain the Spanish title. Barca trail Real Madrid by four points in the title race with five games remaining after Real beat Getafe 1-0 on Thursday.

Previously known for his shy personality off the pitch, Messi has become more vocal in his criticism of the club in the last year.

In January he hit out at sporting director Eric Abidal, who he said had implied players had led to Valverde being sacked.

In a February interview with newspaper Mundo Deportivo, he declared the team were not good enough to win this season's Champions League. Then in April he criticised the board for implying players were not willing to accept a pay-cut to help the team's financial difficulties during the coronavirus pandemic.



BABY WILLIAMS IS READY FOR THE GAME: 23-time Grand Slam winner Serena Williams yesterday posted pictures on her Instagram account of herself with her two-year-old daughter Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr. taking the court, kitted out in matching outfits.

PHOTO: SERENA WILLIAMS' INSTAGRAM

## 'Legislation needed to fight racism'

REUTERS

Taking a knee is not enough and legislative change is required to battle racism in society, according to West Indies all-rounder Carlos Brathwaite.

The gesture, first popularised among athletes by American football quarterback Colin Kaepernick, has become widely adopted by many people to protest racial injustice following the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis on May 25.

"Taking a knee in isolation or wearing a badge in isolation is not enough," Brathwaite told BBC's 'Stumped' programme. "For me it's just cosmetic - that may ruffle a few feathers."

England will join West Indies in wearing a "Black Lives Matter" logo on their shirts during the three-match test series beginning in Southampton on Wednesday.

"The biggest change needs to be legislative and needs to be the reprogramming of the wider society," he said.

West Indies captain Jason Holder has demanded racism be treated as seriously as doping and match-fixing in cricket.

Former captains Darren Sammy and Chris Gayle said last month they have experienced racist abuse and threw their weight behind the Black Lives Matters campaign.

### WHAT TO WATCH

- FACEBOOK LA LIGA**  
Celta Vigo v Real Betis  
Live from 9:00pm  
Real Valladolid v Alaves  
Live from 11:30pm  
Granada v Valencia  
Live from 2:00am (Sunday)
- ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**STAR SPORTS SELECT 1**  
Norwich City v Brighton  
Live from 5:30pm  
Man United v Bournemouth  
Live from 8:00pm  
Wolves v Arsenal  
Live from 10:30pm  
Chelsea v Watford  
Live from 1:00am (Sunday)
- STAR SPORTS SELECT 2**  
Leicester City v Crystal Palace  
Live from 8:00pm
- TEN 2**  
**SERIE A**  
Juventus v Torino  
Live from 9:00pm  
Sassuolo v Lecce  
Live from 11:30pm  
Lazio v AC Milan  
Live from 1:45am (Sunday)

## SL drops WC fixing probe

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan police on Friday dropped a match-fixing investigation into the 2011 World Cup final, saying they found no evidence of Sri Lankan players letting India win.

Former chief selector Aravinda de Silva, ex-skipper Kumar Sangakkara and opening batsman Upul Tharanga were questioned this week over suspicions that have dogged the match for years.

"We are satisfied with their explanation," a top police official told AFP. "The inquiry is now closed."

"They had reasonable explanations about the changes that were made to the final squad," the officer added. "We found no evidence of any wrongdoing."

Sri Lanka made four changes to the team for the final that lost to India at Mumbai's Wankhede stadium.

The sudden decision to end the investigation came after the 2011 team's vice captain Mahela Jayawardena arrived at the office of the Special Investigation Unit to give a statement.

"We will give our maximum cooperation," Jayawardena told reporters before leaving the SIU when officers refused to accept his testimony. Jayawardena was called in after Sangakkara was grilled for nearly 10

hours by detectives on Thursday.

The investigation was triggered after Mahindananda Aluthgamage, who was sports minister in 2011, alleged that the finals was thrown by Sri Lanka to ensure an Indian victory.



Former Sri Lanka batsman Mahela Jayawardena arrives at the Special Investigation Unit of police in Colombo on Friday to testify on allegations of match-fixing in the 2011 World Cup final. Later in the day, police said the investigation had been dropped due to a lack of evidence.

PHOTO: AFP

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১	প্যাকেজের নাম	৪	আপার্নী (২০২০-২০২১) অর্থ বছরে ক্রোমোগ্যার্ক টেক্সচারের আওতাধীন অফিস সামগ্রী, প্রশিক্ষণ উপকরণ, মূল্য ও বিধাই, বেলাখুলা সামগ্রী, আসবাবপত্র এবং অনুষ্ঠান/উৎসবাবাদি (জিআর-৪) সরবরাহ প্রসঙ্গে।	
২	অর্থের উৎস	৪	রাজস্ব বাজেট (পত্র)।	
৩	ক্রম পদ্ধতি	৪	উনুত্তর দরপত্র; ফ্রেমওয়ার্ক।	
৪	দরপত্র নং ও তারিখ	৪	প্রশাসন/জিআর/প্রকিউরমেন্ট/৪৮-২০২০/৩৩৪(৫); তাঃ ০২/০৭/২০২০খ্রিঃ।	
৫	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	৪	দরদাতার (ক) হালনাগাদ ক্রেতা লাইসেন্স ও ভাটি সনদপত্র (খ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদপত্র (গ) বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের তফসিলভুক্ত যে কোন বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক হতে ইস্যুকৃত আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতার সনদপত্র (ঘ) সার্ভিস বিধানে কমপক্ষে পাঁচ (০৫) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র ইত্যাদি থাকতে হবে। বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টে উল্লেখ থাকবে।	
৬	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	৪	২০৬নং কক্ষ (নতুন বিডিং), লজিস্টিকস শাখা (২য় তলা), সিআইডি সদর দপ্তর, মালিবাগ, ঢাকা।	
৭	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	৪	বিশেষ পুলিশ সুপার (প্রশাসন), বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, সিআইডি, ঢাকার অফিস কক্ষ (২য় তলা) সংলগ্ন করিডোরে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাগ।	
৮	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	৪	০৫/০৭/২০২০খ্রিঃ এর পূর্বে।	
৯	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	৪	২১/০৭/২০২০খ্রিঃ অফিস সন্ধ্যাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।	
১০	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার তারিখ ও সময়	৪	২২/০৭/২০২০খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।	
১১	দরপত্র খোলার সময় ও তারিখ	৪	২২/০৭/২০২০খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।	
১২	প্যাকেজের সর্বোচ্চ বিবরণ	৪	বিস্তারিত বিবরণ সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।	
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৩।	মূল্য ও বিধাই	৩০০/-	২০,০০০/-	ঐ
৪।	বেলাখুলা সামগ্রী	৩০০/-	২০,০০০/-	ঐ
৫।	আসবাবপত্র	১,০০০/-	৩,০০,০০০/-	ঐ
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(খ) উক্ত টেন্ডারটি আইটেম-বাই-আইটেম অনুসারে মূল্যায়ন করা হবে।				
(গ) একক মূল্যের ভিত্তিতে চুক্তি সম্পাদন করা হবে; ত্রুটিসমূহের চাহিদা মোতাবেক যে কোন সংখ্যক মালামাল সরবরাহ করতে হবে।				
(ঘ) কোন কারণে দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার তারিখ ও সময় বা খোলার সময় সরকারি ছুটি থাকলে পরবর্তী কর্মদিবসে দরপত্র জমা দিতে হবে এবং ঐ দিনই পূর্ব নির্ধারিত সময়ে খোলা হবে।				
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