



Burnley defender Graham Alexander (L) scores the opening goal from a penalty during their Premier League encounter against Sunderland at Turf Moor on Saturday.

## Clarets stun Black Cats

AFP, Burnley



Burnley striker David Nugent marked his home debut with his first goals since February to give the Clarets a 3-1 win over Sunderland on Saturday.

Nugent joined Owen Coyle's team in a six-month loan from Portsmouth on transfer deadline day and the England international made an immediate impact on his first appearance at Turf Moor.

The former Preston star hadn't found the back of the net since scoring for Portsmouth against Liverpool last season, but he finally ended the drought in his 16th game since then to give Burnley a third home win in three attempts.

Coyle's side, promoted via the play-offs last season, had taken the lead through a Graham Alexander penalty, but Darren Bent levelled before the break.

Then Nugent came off the bench just after the hour and turned the course of the game with two fine finishes.

Sunderland striker Fraizer Campbell caused early panic in the Burnley defence with an incisive run and cross which was parried by Brian Jensen and hacked clear by Wade Elliott.

Steven Fletcher had Burnley's first chance when he took Clarke Carlisle's pass and drove a powerful shot over the bar from the edge of the box.

The Clarets were on the front foot again in the 12th minute and this time they got the breakthrough.

Anton Ferdinand needlessly tripped Elliott, who was running away from goal in the right corner of the penalty area and referee Chris Foy pointed to the spot.

Burnley captain Alexander stepped up to lash the penalty past Craig Gordon to open the scoring.

Steve Bruce's team mounted an impressive response to that

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## Wolfsburg bounce back

AFP, Berlin

German champions Wolfsburg ended a run of three straight league defeats on Friday with a 2-1 win at Schalke, the team coached by Felix Magath who led them to the Bundesliga title last season.

Magath's new team started the match in third place, three points behind leaders Hamburg, but they were outclassed by a Wolfsburg side buoyed by a mid-week Champions League debut win over CSKA Moscow.

Wolfsburg are now up to fifth place.

Their Bosnian striker Edin Dzeko opened the scoring in the 55th minute with a superb header before Turkish international Halil Altintop wasted a chance to equalise in the 70th minute when his effort was saved by Andre Lenz, standing in for the suspended Diego Benaglio in the Wolfsburg goal.

Ten minutes later, Benedikt Howedes did level with a close-range header but Schalke's joy was shortlived as Dzeko grabbed the winner in the 81st minute.

## City to fight Ade charge

AFP, Manchester

Manchester City will fight the Football Association's improper conduct charge against Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor after his goal celebration against his former club Arsenal last weekend.

After scoring in City's 4-2 win over the Gunners, Adebayor sprinted the length of the Eastlands pitch to the far end of the stadium where Arsenal's supporters were massed and slid to his knees with his arms out-stretched, sparking volatile scenes as the visiting fans threw missiles at him.

However, City manager Mark Hughes confirmed on Friday that the club would be contesting the charge.

Adebayor is already starting a three-match ban after accepting a violent conduct charge for a stamp on Arsenal's Robin van Persie.

"We have time to construct our arguments. We have a view and a period of time to make our feelings known," Hughes said.

"It is important you do not take the emotion out of the game. It is part and parcel of what football is about and why it is such a huge sport worldwide.

"The circumstances of the game and the amount of criticism and vitriol Ade had to take was not nice. It was a difficult situation for him coming up against former team-mates.

"Some of those former team-mates felt they could not even shake his hand before the game. All these things can perhaps affect someone's emotional state. The celebration was an outpouring of that.

"I also feel there are comparisons to be made with Ade's celebration and the reaction of van Persie when he scored."

## Fergie warns Tevez

AFP, Manchester



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has warned former Old Trafford favourite Carlos Tevez to expect a hostile reception from the supporters who used to adore him if he features for Manchester City in Sunday's derby showdown.

Tevez is expected to win his fight to recover from a knee injury in time to line up against his former United team-mates on his first return to the club he left to join City in a 24 million pounds (26 million euros) deal during the close-season.

Ferguson might have preferred to have kept Tevez, but if he did he has done a good job of hiding that feeling amid the war of words between both camps ahead of this derby.

The Scot admits he couldn't care less if Tevez plays or not, claimed Emmanuel Adebayor is City's best player and hinted that the Argentinian might be on the receiving end of some abuse from United supporters.

Ferguson said: "We offered what they asked for (for Tevez) at the beginning, when he joined us it was 24 million pounds but he had obviously made his mind up.

"He may be surprised (at his reception). It is a different culture nowadays. Very emotional.

"United and Leeds players back in the 1960s had a full scrap, 22 players, and Denis Law got his strip ripped off him. The fans were just watching it. There was no emotion at all. But today it is a different world."

Ferguson has been quick to stick the boot into City at every opportunity and took his chance again when asked if he could ever imagine a time when City would start one of these games as favourites to win.

He said: "What time is it? I think it is time for me to leave. Not in my life-time."

Ferguson still has great respect for opposite number Mark Hughes, however and believes the City manager appreciates the size of his task

at Eastlands as well as the soaring expectations.

Ferguson, who could be without Rio Ferdinand due to a groin problem while Paul Scholes is suspended, added: "Winning is the name of the game, I am afraid.

"That's the horrible part for some of our managers. You have to win. I am sure he (Hughes) realises what is entailed in this game.

"He did a great job at Blackburn, under limited resources, and he obviously knew the time was right for him to leave for a club with a far bigger profile and history than Blackburn Rovers, and now that they have spent this money, he will have a sense of possible achievement."

Hughes has spoken to City's legal experts and revealed the club will challenge any ban handed out to Adebayor for his goal celebration against Arsenal last weekend.

Adebayor has been charged with improper conduct and could face a two game ban to go with the three game ban given to him by the FA for stamping on Robin Van Persie's face in the same game.

Hughes said: "We have had time to construct our arguments and I think we have a view and with a longer period of time to make our feelings known in that respect.

"I think it is important not to take the emotion out of the game and that is part and parcel as to why it is such a huge game worldwide.

"But the circumstances of the game and the amount of criticism and vitriol that Ade had to take was not nice. It was a difficult situation for him, the first time he has come up against former team-mates and some of those team-mates prior to the game felt like they could not shake his hand.

"All these things maybe affect somebody's emotional state in the game and I just think the celebration was an outpouring of that.

"I have to say he did not leave the field of play, he slid on his knees which is his normal celebration."

## Ancelotti unflustered

AFP, London



If Carlo Ancelotti has been left shaken by the upheavals at Chelsea

during his few ten weeks in charge, he is doing a very good job of disguising the fact.

The Blues coach has given the impression it is business as usual as he prepares his side for a meeting with London rivals Tottenham at Stamford Bridge on Sunday that could extend Chelsea's perfect start to the Premier League campaign.

Five successive wins have already positioned the Italian's side at the head of the table and laid down an early marker in their title battle with Manchester United.

And he has remained unflustered by FIFA's imposition of a 16-month transfer ban on the club and the sudden departure of chief executive Peter Kenyon.

Ancelotti insists his focus remains solely on team affairs even though he could never have imagined he would find himself fending off questions about the club's internal affairs when he moved to England from AC Milan in July.

And his main concern is negotiating his first major London derby against Harry Redknapp's Tottenham, who impressively won their first four league games before

suffering a 3-1 defeat at the hands of United in their last outing.

"I know the rivalry between the two teams and how important this match is for the fans," Ancelotti said. "We have to pay attention to this and we want to win.

"I saw Tottenham's last games and they have started very well. For me it was a surprise, they played very well against Liverpool and Manchester United.

"They lost that game but they have good style and quality players. In attack, Jermain Defoe is a very dangerous striker and Aaron Lennon is a very quick player.

And he added: "I have never seen an unbeatable team, and Chelsea are not unbeatable. But we are doing very well at the moment."

Spurs can draw strength from the fact they beat Chelsea last February at White Hart Lane, although it is 19 years since they last won at Stamford Bridge.

"We haven't taken too many points off them at Stamford Bridge in my memory, so for that reason alone, this is going to be another tough game," said Tottenham captain Ledley King.

"We know Chelsea's players well enough and we've all seen their quality. It's always a tough game against them," he said.

"But we have done well

against them in recent games and they will be aware of our qualities as well.

"However, we take one season and one game at a time. This is no doubt one they will want to win, being at home.

And he added: "Four wins from five games is a good start for us. We're disappointed with the last result, but Sunday is a chance for us to strike back in the best possible way against another top team."

Ancelotti will resist the temptation to bring back England international Joe Cole for a game that would pit the midfielder against the manager who gave him his first break at West Ham.

Cole has been a long-term casualty with a knee problem but, like Portugal defender Paulo Ferreira and midfielder Yuri Zhirkov, he will be eased back into action against QPR in next week's League Cup tie.

But Didier Drogha and Jose Bosingwa, both suspended from the mid-week Champions League victory over Porto, will return for the Blues.

Redknapp faces a decision over whether to recall keeper Heurelho Gomes in place of former Chelsea shot-stopper Carlo Cudicini, while captain Robbie Keane will either fill the left flank position or partner Defoe up front.

### IN BRIEF

#### Italian taxman seizes Diego's earrings

AFP, Rome

Italian police on Friday seized a pair of earrings from holidaying Argentina coach Diego Maradona, who owes 36 million euros to the Italian taxman, the Ansa news agency reported.

The value of the earrings was estimated at 4,000 euros.

Maradona is currently staying at a spa in the town of Merano in north-eastern Italy.

In 2006, while he was staying near Naples prior to a charity match, Italian authorities took two watches from Maradona reportedly worth 11,000 euros.

The previous year, the Supreme Court had ordered the former Napoli star to pay 36 million euros in unpaid taxes.

During his seven-year stay in Italy between 1984 and 1991, Maradona frequently failed to pay income tax.

According to the association of Italian taxpayers, Maradona still has 22.4 million euros to pay.

Maradona abruptly left Buenos Aires on Monday after four defeats in five matches left Argentina's hopes of qualifying for the 2010 World Cup in the balance.

#### Adidas, Puma to settle feud on pitch

AFP, Berlin

German sportswear giants Adidas and Puma are to settle on the football pitch a feud kicked off over 60 years ago by their founding brothers, a joint statement from the two rival firms said Friday.

The two companies were formed in 1948 after Rudolf and Adolf Dassler fell out during World War II and split up their business -- once a provider of shoes to legendary US sprinter Jesse Owens.

The rivalry even divided the firms' home town of Herzogenaurach, a small town of 23,000 people in southern Germany, where Adidas and Puma have rival factories on opposite sides of the river.

But the bosses of both companies are hoping that the time-honoured tradition of a handshake and a game of football will heal the wounds from the rift in the former Gebrueder Dassler Schuhfabrik (Dassler Brothers' Shoe Factory).

Herbert Hainer, chief executive officer of Adidas, by far the bigger of the two companies said: "We are strongly convinced that sport can bring people together."

The match will take place between workers from both companies on Monday within the framework of the "Peace One Day" initiative, an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence.

## Unforgettable derbies

AFP, Manchester



A look at some classic meetings between Manchester United and Manchester City, prior to the first Manchester derby of the Premier League season at Old Trafford on Sunday.

**MANCHESTER CITY 3 MANCHESTER UNITED 3**

First Division, 1971-72

Manchester United's fans have grown used to lauding it over their neighbours in recent years, but the two sides went into this November 1971 clash with City trailing league leaders United by just three points.

A City side featuring club legend Francis Lee twice fought back, from 2-0 and then 3-2 down, to secure a thrilling draw, and City went on to finish four places above United in the end-of-season standings.

**MANCHESTER UNITED 0 MANCHESTER CITY 1**

First Division, 1973-74

Scottish striker Denis Law scored 237 goals in the red of United, but perhaps the most famous goal he ever scored at Old Trafford was an instinctive backheel in City blue that accompanied United's relegation to Division Two.

United went into the match in April 1974 three points from safety and desperate for victory, but Law's goal - and a win for 17th-placed Birmingham at home to Norwich - sent his former club down.

Law left the field immediately, in tears, and it was to prove his last touch in league football.



Shakhtar Donetsk coach Mircea Lucescu touches a giant replica of the UEFA Cup set as a monument in Donetsk on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP