



Chelsea striker Didier Drogba celebrates one of his two goals against Arsenal during their Premier League encounter at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Drogba torments Arsenal

AFP, London

John Terry ended a miserable week on a high as Chelsea striker Didier Drogba tormented Arsenal again to inspire his team to a 2-0 win that sent the Blues back to the top of the Premier League on Sunday.

Terry showed no signs of being affected as he returned to the spotlight just 48 hours after being stripped of the England captaincy in response to allegations that he had an affair with the ex-girlfriend of international colleague Wayne Bridge.

The Blues skipper received a warm welcome from Chelsea's fans at Stamford Bridge and ignored the jibes of Arsenal's travelling supporters to set up Drogba's first half opener and give a commanding performance.

Drogba, so often a thorn in Arsenal's side, capped a clinical counter-attack with a blistering finish to increase Chelsea's lead before half-time.

That was enough to ensure Carlo Ancelotti's team moved two points clear of Manchester United and left Arsenal, now nine points behind the leaders, looking like also-rans in the title race.

Last weekend's chastening loss against Manchester United had left Arsene Wenger's side with little margin for error and the Gunners boss knew it would take a significant improvement if

Arsenal were to end their woeful run of just two wins in 15 matches against Chelsea.

When Ancelotti's men thumped the Gunners 3-0 in November, it was Drogba who took centre-stage with a match-winning double. This time all the focus was on Terry but once again Drogba reduced Arsenal to rubble.

Terry's name was cheered to the rafters before kick-off by Chelsea supporters who responded to Arsenal taunts of "you're not captain anymore" with chants of "there's only one England captain".

He didn't look bothered by his unwanted role as pantomime villain and played a major part as Chelsea took the lead in the eighth minute.

When Florent Malouda curled over a corner, Terry rose above Abou Diaby to glance a header towards the far post, where Drogba was lurking to volley home his 11th goal in 12 appearances against Arsenal.

Wenger's team regrouped and caused panic in the Chelsea defence twice in quick succession.

Samir Nasri measured his run onto Cesc Fabregas's long ball in time to round Petr Cech, forcing the goalkeeper to scramble his shot away for a corner.

While that was only half a chance, Andrey Arshavin had a glorious opportunity to equalise when he volleyed Fabregas's cross straight at Cech from close-range.

It proved a costly miss as Chelsea

punished Arsenal's weakness against the counter-attack in the 23rd minute.

In a near-replica of Wayne Rooney's goal at the Emirates Stadium seven days ago, Frank Lampard sprinted clear when Arsenal's intricate passing broke down on the edge of the penalty area and picked out Drogba on the right wing.

Drogba powered past Gael Clichy with a clever flick and the Ivorian had time to pick his spot and lash a ferocious strike past Manuel Almunia.

It was the perfect response to Wenger's claim after the teams' last meeting that Drogba doesn't contribute much to Chelsea's play.

Ashley Cole almost added a third goal before the break but the left-back's first touch let him down and Almunia was able to block his shot.

While Arsenal enjoyed plenty of possession after half-time they lacked the cutting edge that a player like Drogba provides.

Drogba caused more problems for the visitors when he lofted over a deep cross. Malouda found Lampard and the England midfielder saw his flick pushed out by Almunia.

Fabregas's low free-kick forced a fine save from Cech, but Wenger's frustration boiled over when he argued with Chelsea assistant Ray Wilkins on the touchline in the closing stages.

There was still time for Drogba to strike the bar with a free-kick as Chelsea gave Terry a reason to be cheerful at last.

Alves, Toure injured

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona right-back Dani Alves and midfielder Yaya Toure will be out for three and two weeks respectively after sustaining injuries in the 2-1 win over Getafe, the club announced on Monday.

Brazil international Alves picked up a muscle tear in his right leg and Ivory Coast star Toure sustained a similar injury to his left leg, the club said.

Centre-backs Gerard Pique and Rafael Marquez will both be suspended after being sent off against Getafe on Saturday, meaning that Barca are looking light defensively ahead of their trip to Atletico Madrid on Sunday.

Coach Pep Guardiola may also have to do without captain Carles Puyol, Pique's regular partner at the heart of the Catalan side's defence, as he is a doubt for the trip to the capital.

Del Bosque warns of complacency

AFP, Madrid

Spain national coach Vicente del Bosque said he was relatively happy with the draw for the 2012 European championships but added the holders would not be taking anything for granted in Group I.

Euro 2008 victors Spain were grouped with the Czech Republic, Scotland, Lithuania and minnows Liechtenstein following Saturday's draw and will start as strong favourites to win the group.

"Liechtenstein look the easiest opponent but we have to be wary of the other three," said del Bosque. "It is true that there are some teams that haven't qualified for the World Cup but we can't get complacent as nowadays there is not as much difference between the teams."

"For now, our first thought is the World Cup and as soon as we know the match-ups we will have to prepare ourselves to start working on these games from September onwards."

Chamakh eyes Gunners switch

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Bordeaux striker Marouane Chamakh has confirmed he wants to join Arsenal on a free transfer in the summer.

Chamakh, 26, is out of contract in June and has already signalled his intention to move to England, but Liverpool are also thought to have been in contact and some reports had suggested a deal was already tied up.

However, Arsenal remain long-term admirers and Chamakh has suggested he hopes to announce a move to Emirates Stadium in the near future.

"My future? Well, I hold all the cards," he said. "I have no reason to be under pressure but, every day passing by, I am a little less a Bordeaux player."

"My choice is to join a Premier League club and, if I could choose, I will go to Arsenal. Bordeaux have brought me so much. I will soon clearly state things so the club can prepare to find my replacement peacefully."



Inter Milan striker Diego Milito (up) is slide-tackled by Cagliari defender Michele Canini during their Serie A clash at San Siro on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Inter march towards title

AFP, Rome

Inter Milan continued their inexorable march towards a fifth straight Serie A title as they crushed Cagliari 3-0 at the San Siro while AC Milan were held to a 0-0 draw at Bologna on Sunday.

That allowed AS Roma to leapfrog Milan into second as they extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to 19 games with a crucial 1-0 success at Fiorentina.

Although Inter's lead was pegged back to eight points, they have a game in hand over the Roma and are 10 points ahead of third-placed Milan.

Ahead of the Milan derby two weeks ago the Serie A title race seemed to be alive and kicking with Milan knowing a victory would have left them three points behind and with a game in hand.

But they lost that and have drawn their next two leaving the champions to creep over the hill and out of sight.

Goals from Goran Pandev, Walter Samuel and Diego Milito earned Jose Mourinho's men the three points that give them a seemingly unassailable lead.

There was an ominous feel to the game when Inter took the lead after just six minutes.

Captain Javier Zanetti made a typically purposeful burst down the right flank, breaking into the box and pulling the ball back for Samuel Eto'o, playing his first game since returning from African Nations Cup duty.

However, the Cameroon hitman's poor shot hit two defenders before falling invitingly into Pandev's path, the Macedonian slotting home at the near post.

On 20 minutes it seemed to be game, set and match as centre-back Samuel rose in the box to head home a Maicon corner for 2-0.

And yet Cagliari could, and possibly should, have gone into the break level.

Alessandro Matri had a goal wrongly disallowed on 34 minutes when, although he was marginally offside as the ball was played through to him, television replays showed that it was Inter full-back Davide Santon's touch which sent him in on Julio Cesar.

And two minutes later it was Julio Cesar who stunningly kept Cagliari off the scoresheet as he made a reaction save from Brazilian countryman Nene's acrobatic volley from close range.

Any hopes Cagliari had

were wiped out two minutes after the restart following a brilliant goal from Inter that saw Pandev feed Eto'o on the edge of the Sardinians' box, take the return pass and slip in Milito, who took a touch and then slid the ball low into the corner.

Roma's Mirko Vucinic scored the only goal of the game eight minutes from time as Claudio Ranieri's men took their recent run to 16 wins and three draws in their last 19.

Only twice before have Roma teams been on longer unbeaten runs with Fabio Capello's 2003-04 team managing 20 games while the record of 35 matches dates from the early 1980s when Nils Liedholm was in charge.

Milan laboured to a draw in Bologna with loan signing

Sevilla slip to fifth

AFP, Madrid



Spanish international striker Alvaro Negredo had a night to forget scoring an own goal and being sent off for violent conduct as nine-man Sevilla crashed to a 2-1 defeat at lowly Real Zaragoza on Sunday to slip out of the top four.

Negredo, a club record summer signing at 15 million euros, headed into his own net for what proved Zaragoza's winning goal on 40 minutes and got a straight red on 81 minutes for kicking out at Matteo Contini.

It was a seventh league defeat of the season for Sevilla who slip to fifth with Real Mallorca a point ahead in fourth after an impressive 10th consecutive home win as they beat Villarreal 1-0 at the Ono Stadium on Sunday.

The latest Sevilla defeat will crank up the pressure on coach Manolo Jimenez who set a top three finish and title challenge as the pre-season target.

Sevilla must pick themselves up for Wednesday's Kings Cup semifinal second leg at Getafe and they begin as favourites holding a comfortable 2-0 lead from the first leg.

Zaragoza move out of the bottom three after recording a second consecutive league win for the first time this season with Valladolid slipping

into the relegation zone.

Mallorca's Portuguese centre-back Jose Nunes netted on 81 minutes to maintain Mallorca's flawless home record as new Villarreal coach Juan Carlos Garrido tasted a 1-0 defeat in his first match in charge.

Mallorca move into the Champions League spots and have a perfect 30 points at home conceding just three goals in the process.

Elsewhere Atletico Madrid and Racing Santander shared the spoils in a heated 1-1 draw and prepare to meet for the third time in a week on Thursday in the second leg of the Kings Cup semi-final.

Racing trail 4-0 from the first leg and hoped to avenge the cup loss in the league but Atletico took a 24th minute lead through Diego Forlan before Atletico old boy Gonzalo Colsa equalised for Racing 12 minutes later.

Atletico stay down in 12th a point behind Racing but still have a chance to rescue their season in the Kings Cup.

In other matches, Deportivo La Coruna fell two points behind Mallorca in sixth after a 0-0 draw at Malaga on Sunday.

Athletic Bilbao closed to within two points of Depor with a 3-2 comeback win over Xerez on Sunday thanks to a brace from Spanish international Fernando Llorente.

Xerez prop up the table, as they have done for virtually the whole season, and are seven points from safety.

Kaka promises more

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid's Brazilian superstar Kaka believes he is yet to show his best form since his 68.5-million-euro move from AC Milan after scoring for the first time in three months in his side's 3-0 home win over Espanyol on Saturday.

Kaka, 27, was a prolific scorer with AC Milan but has found goals hard to come by since joining Real in the summer with the goal against Espanyol only his fourth league strike of the season and his first since he netted in the 3-2 derby win over Atletico Madrid back on November 7.

Kaka had his season interrupted by five weeks out with a groin injury picked up before Christmas, but the Brazilian international believes he is starting to get match sharpness back.

"I am feeling better and better and you can see that on the pitch," said Kaka. "First of all I had the groin injury that stopped me playing like I wanted to but now I am better and feeling good."

"It is always important to score and, besides helping the team, it gives you confidence."

Kaka scored Real's second goal on 29 minutes following up after Raul's initial shot was saved and could have had another in the second half only to be denied by the post.

"After a month and a half out it is difficult to

ask for more (from Kaka)," said Real coach Manuel Pellegrini. "He will get back to his top level soon and is a very important player for us."

Cristiano Ronaldo completed his two-match suspension against Espanyol and Kaka said that while Ronaldo is an important part of the side, Madrid were far from a one-man team.

"Cristiano is a key player but the team can't depend on one player," added the Brazilian. "We are playing better with each game and we want to continue in this vein."

"We can't drop any points and we just have to keep winning and hope Barcelona drop points."

Unbeaten leaders Barcelona stayed five points ahead of Real after beating Getafe 2-0 on Saturday despite playing 65 minutes with ten men.

Along with the form of Kaka, Real were boosted by the return to fitness of Argentine forward Gonzalo Higuain, who made his first appearance after three weeks out with a leg injury.

Higuain scored in the final minute to make it 3-0 with his 12th goal of the season and believes Barca could drop points with some difficult games coming up notably next weekend at Atletico Madrid who beat them 4-3 at the Vicente Calderon last season.

"Last year Barcelona slipped up there (at Atletico Madrid) and dropped points," said Higuain. "Up until now they have not lost a single match but now the tricky games are coming up and we will see what happens."

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