



Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez (L) heads in the equalising goal during their Premier League encounter against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

# Thriller at the Bridge

AFP, London



Manchester United staged a stunning fightback from three goals down as Javier Hernandez's late equaliser rescued a dramatic 3-3 draw against Chelsea in one of the games of the season at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Sir Alex Ferguson's team seemed to be heading for a heavy defeat as an own goal from United defender Jonny Evans gave Chelsea the lead late in the first half before Juan Mata and David Luiz added further goals for the Blues soon after the interval.

But Wayne Rooney finally sparked United into life with two penalties midway through the second half and the champions' frenzied pressure was rewarded when Mexican striker Hernandez headed home from a Ryan Giggs cross with six minutes left.

The draw leaves second-placed United two points behind leaders Manchester City, but the manner of their remarkable revival should provide a massive confidence boost as they try to overhaul their local rivals.

Chelsea forward Daniel Sturridge was the catalyst as his side took the lead in the 36th minute. His neat piece of skill took him past Patrice Evra on the left side of the United penalty area and he drove in a low cross that clipped David de Gea's foot before deflecting off Evans into the unguarded goal.

## RESULTS

Chelsea 3 (Evans 36-og, Mata 46, Luiz 50) Manchester United 3 (Rooney 58-pen, 69-pen, Hernandez 84)  
**Newcastle 2** (Ba 30, Cisse 71)  
Aston Villa 1 (Keane 45)  
**SATURDAY**  
**Arsenal 7** (Van Persie 2, 38, 62, Oxlade-Chamberlain 40, 54, Arteta 51, Henry 90) Blackburn 1 (Pedersen 31)  
**Manchester City 3** (Aguero 10-pen, Baird 30-og, Dzeko 72) Fulham 0  
**Norwich 2** (Surman 70, Pilkington 85) Bolton 0  
QPR 1 (Zamora 16) **Wolves 2** (Jarvis 46, Doyle 71)  
Stoke 0 **Sunderland 1** (McClean 60)  
West Brom 1 (Fortune 54) **Swansea 2** (Sigurdsson 55, Graham 59)  
Wigan 1 (Neville 76-og) Everton 1 (Anichebe 83)

## FA summons Capello

AFP, London

England manager Fabio Capello was set for talks about his own future with the Football Association on Monday after publicly condemning their decision to strip John Terry of the England captaincy.

Terry, 31, was relieved of his duties on Thursday due to an ongoing court case in which he is accused of racially abusing Queens Park Rangers centre-back Anton Ferdinand during a match last year.

However, the Chelsea centre-back remains available for England selection.

But a former FA insider said Capello, by trying to prevent Terry retiring from international football before this year's European Championships in Poland and the Ukraine, had put his own job in jeopardy.

## Atletico held at home

AFP, Madrid



Atletico Madrid and third placed Valencia played out a 0-0 draw in a freezing Vicente Calderon stadium in the Spanish capital on Sunday night.

Adrian Lopez had the first chance for Atletico on eight minutes forcing a save from Diego Alves in the Valencia goal with a header from a Juanfran cross.

Pablo Piatti tested Thibaut Courtois, on loan from Chelsea in the Atletico goal, with a long range shot and then Radamel Falcao headed over at the other end after good work from Adrian.

Atletico continued to create the best chances with Gabriel Fernandez volleying wide a minute into the second period and Falcao having a shot blocked on the line by Adil Rami on 65 minutes.

Jordi Alba had Valencia's best chance when he shot just wide on 74 minutes and Diego Alves saved 'Los Che' again on 80 minutes when he turned a Diego Ribes shot out for a corner.

Falcao had the last attempt to grab the three points Atletico perhaps deserved but steered a header wide in the last minute.

Earlier on Sunday Javi Camunas grabbed the winner to give Villarreal a 2-1 win at Sevilla that keeps his side out of the relegation zone at the bottom of La Liga.

Former Real Madrid and West Brom midfielder Borja Valero opened for Villarreal on 22 minutes when he met an Angel Lopez cross in the area with a clever left footed volley to guide the ball home.

Sevilla were quick to react and when Jesus Navas hit a low cross into the area 12 minutes later all defender Bruno Soriano could do was turn the ball into his own net for the equaliser.

In the second half the match switched from end to end with both teams failing to take chances to go ahead.

Argentine centre-half Mateo Muscachio hit the post for Villarreal on the hour mark after a penetrating run from Cani and Alvaro Negredo had a close range header well saved by Diego Lopez in the Villarreal goal on 71 minutes.

A Navas shot on 78 minutes brought another save from Lopez before Camunas hit the winner three minutes later to keeps his side one point above the drop zone.

Rayo Vallecano came from behind to win 2-1 away at bottom club Zaragoza who remain rooted to the bottom, now 10 points from safety.

Seven points above Zaragoza are Sporting Gijon who drew 1-1 at home to Osasuna, a result that leaves them second from bottom and three points from safety.

On Saturday Real Madrid won 1-0 away at Getafe with a Sergio Ramos header to stay seven points above Barcelona who also won 2-1 at home to Real Sociedad thanks to goals from Cristian Tello and Lionel Messi.

## Contador banned for 2 years

AFP, Paris

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Monday suspended Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador for two years for a doping offence he committed during the 2010 Tour de France, officials said.

The suspension, which runs through to August 6, 2012, means that Contador is stripped of his victory in the race that year and will be unable to take part in this year's edition.

Contador tested positive for the banned anabolic agent clenbuterol during the 2010 Tour de France, but he was subsequently cleared by the Spanish Cycling Federation (RFEC) in February 2011, prompting the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and International Cycling Union (UCI) to appeal the decision to CAS.

The 29-year-old Spaniard claimed he had ingested the banned substance by eating a contaminated steak, an explanation which satisfied the RFEC but which failed to pass muster with the International Cycling Union (UCI) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

## It's tight at the top

AFP, Rome



Juventus and AC Milan were held to draws to keep things tight at the Serie A summit as only one of the top seven teams managed to win on Sunday.

Sixth-placed Roma's 4-0 thrashing of fifth-placed Inter Milan was the lone success for the leading teams.

Leaders Juve were held 0-0 at home to lowly Siena while second-placed Milan shared a goalless stalemate with seventh-placed Napoli.

Udinese, in third, and Lazio, fourth, both lost in a terrible day for the country's top brass, although it wasn't a great day for entertainment either with four scoreless stalemates.

At the San Siro, Milan had Zlatan Ibrahimovic sent-off for violent conduct but still came closest to winning.

Robinho wasted a glorious chance to give Milan the lead from Ibrahimovic's flick when he was through one-on-one with goalkeeper Morgan De Sanctis but he screwed his effort wide of the upright.

Midway through the second half Ibrahimovic was shown his marching orders for petulantly and needlessly slapping Salvatore Aronica, who responded, almost comically, by slapping Antonio Nocerino, behind whom the big Swede had been standing when he launched the initial assault.

Aronica, however, escaped punishment. Playing against 10-men Napoli created a great chance when Ezequiel Lavezzi picked out Edinson Cavani at the back post but his header was woeful.

But Milan suddenly proved more dangerous on the counter and Urby Emanuelson set up Robinho only for De Sanctis to deny the Brazilian.

Juve dominated throughout against Siena in Turin but it was the visitors who should have won it when Gianluigi Buffon made amends for spilling Reginaldo's shot by somehow keeping out Alessandro Gazzi's follow-up from five yards out.

It may be a missed opportunity for the leaders but they still have a point advantage on Milan and with a game in hand.

Roma kept themselves in the Champions League hunt by hammering Inter Milan 4-0 at the Stadio Olimpico.

It was a miserable return to the Italian capital for Inter boss Claudio Ranieri, who resigned from Roma a year ago.

His side have now picked up only one point from three games following a run of seven straight wins.

Juan opened the scoring on 13 minutes with a towering header from a Francesco Totti corner.

Fabio Borini doubled the lead four minutes before the break as he ran onto Miralem Pjanic's flick, cut inside Walter Samuel and then shot through Julio Cesar's legs.

## RESULTS

Cesena v Catania -- postponed  
Chievo 1 (Thereau 50) **Parma 2** (Giovino 46, Luciano 69-og)  
**Fiorentina 3** (Jovetic 39-pen, 84-pen, Cassani 56) Udinese 2 (Di Natale 14, Torje 90)  
**Genoa 3** (Palacio 9, Jankovic 24, 46) Lazio 2 (Ledesma 54-pen, Gonzalez 90)  
Juventus 0 Siena 0  
Lecce 0 Bologna 0  
AC Milan 0 Napoli 0  
Novara 0 Cagliari 0  
**Palermo 2** (Miccoli 29-pen, Budan 49) Atalanta 1 (Morales 56)  
**Roma 4** (Juan 13, Borini 41, 49, Bojan 89) Inter Milan 0

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Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Bangladesh Championship League

Agrani Bank v Victoria Sporting

Time: 3:15pm

Venue: Kamalapur Stadium



AS Roma forward Fabio Borini (L) scores one of his two goals against Inter Milan during their Serie A clash at the Olympic Stadium in Rome on Sunday.

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