

### EUROPA LEAGUE RESULTS

**Anzhi Makhachkala (RUS) 2** (Eto'o 62-pen, 90) Young Boys (SUI) 0  
Liverpool (ENG) 2 (Shelvey 23, Suarez 75) **Udinese (ITA) 3** (Di Natale 46, Coates 70-og, Pasquale 72)  
Coimbra (POR) 1 (Cisse 47) Hapoel Tel-Aviv (ISR) 1 (Damari 90+2)  
**Atletico Madrid (ESP) 1** (Rodriguez 90+3) Viktoria Plzen (CZE) 0  
**Marseille (FRA) 5** (Fanni 42, Mendes 61, Remy 76, 90+3 Gignac 90) AEL Limassol (CYP) 1 (Ouon 22)  
Moenchengladbach (GER) 2 (L. de Jong 18, de Camargo 74) **Fenerbahce (TUR) 4** (Cristian 25, 87, Raul Meireles 40, Kuyt 71)  
**Club Bruges (BEL) 2** (Bacca 57, Vlemincx 71) Maritimo (POR) 0  
**Newcastle (ENG) 3** (Ameobi 16, Henrique 40-og, Cisse 49)  
Bordeaux (FRA) 0  
**Molde (NOR) 2** (Berget 58, Chima 88) VfB Stuttgart (GER) 0  
**Steaua Bucharest (ROM) 1** (Nikolic 83) FC Copenhagen (DEN) 0  
AIK Solna (SWE) 2 (Danielsson 5, Goitom 45+1) **Dniproproetvorsk (UKR) 3** (Kalinic 41, Mandzuik 74, Seleznyov 83)  
**PSV Eindhoven (NED) 3** (Lens 19, Mertens 41, Marcelo 52) Napoli (ITA) 0  
FC Basel (SUI) 2 (Streller 71-pen, 85) Genk (BEL) 2 (De Ceulaer 10, Vossen 38)  
**Videoton (HUN) 3** (Vincius 15, F. Oliveira 21, Nikolic 35) Sporting Lisbon 0  
Neftci PFK (AZE) 1 (Canales 53) Inter **Milan (ITA) 3** (Coutinho 10, Obi 30, Livaja 42)  
**Rubin Kazan (RUS) 2** (Karadeniz 45, Ryzantsev 48) Partizan Belgrade (SRB) 0  
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona (ISR) 3 (Shimon Abu Hazeia 7, 66-pen, Levi 51) **Lyon (FRA) 4** (Fofana 17, 90+2, Monzon 22, Reveliere 31)  
**Sparta Prague (CZE) 3** (Zapotocny 26, Balaj 40, Husbauer 56-pen) Athletic Bilbao (ESP) 1 (De Marcos 73)  
**Lazio (ITA) 1** (Ederson 62) Maribor (SLO) 0  
Panathinaikos (GRE) 1 (Toche 77)  
Tottenham (ENG) 1 (Dawson 35)  
**Kharkov (UKR) 2** (Edmar 66, Xavier 80) Rapid Vienna (AUT) 0  
Rosenborg (NOR) 0 **Bayer Leverkusen (GER) 1** (Kießling 76)  
**Hanover (GER) 2** (Huszt 21-pen, Ya Konan 49) Levante (ESP) 1

### Dinamo's bid to fill stands

AFP, Zagreb

In a bid to fill empty stands players for Croatian champions Dinamo Zagreb pooled to reward one fan who will attend the Champions League match against French side Paris Saint Germain with one million kunas (134,000 euros, \$174,000).

The idea was launched by young midfielder Mateo Kovacic who posted a video 'One Million for a Full Stadium' where he explains the idea to his teammates, on his Facebook page.

"Dear fans ... we are sad that you did not come at the stadium but I think that you will come now," the 18-year-old Kovacic says directly into the camera. He then takes the camera into the locker room to ask his teammates what they think about the plan.

"Whatever you say, if only it will fill the stadium," defender Josip Simunic says.

"It's really bad to play in front of empty stands. This (the reward) is fine. No problem," echoes midfielder Sammir while holding a mobile phone.



What to WATCH

ESPN

English Premiership

Man City v Sunderland

Live from 6:00pm

Chelsea v Norwich City

Live from 8:00pm

West Ham v Arsenal

Live from 10:30pm

STAR Sports

English Premiership

West Bromwich v QPR

Live from 8:30pm

Primera Liga

Real Zaragoza v Getafe

Live from 10:30pm

Real Betis v Real Sociedad

DAY'S EVENT

GP Federation Cup

Arambagh v Soccer Club, Feni

Time: 3:30pm

Muktijoddha v Noakhali Football Academy

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Bangabandhu National



Newcastle striker Papiss Cisse (R) celebrates his goal against Bordeaux with Shola Ameobi during their Europa League Group D match in Newcastle on Thursday.

## Newcastle cruise No derby fever in Milan

AFP, Paris



Liverpool crumbled to a 3-2 Europa League defeat to Udinese at Anfield on Thursday as their roller-coaster season continued while Premier League rivals Newcastle cruised past Bordeaux 3-0.

Liverpool had been good value for a half-time lead after Jonjo Shelvey headed them in front in the 23rd minute.

But veteran striker Antonio Di Natale levelled for the Italians just after the interval before Sebastian Coates put through his own goal in the 70th minute and Giovanni Pasquale added a third two minutes later.

Uruguay star Luis Suarez curled in a free-kick with 75 minutes to go to reduce the deficit but Liverpool were unable to make a further breakthrough.

They will next face Russian side Anzhi Makhachkala who defeated Young Boys of Switzerland 2-0 to lead Group A with Samuel Eto'o scoring two second-half goals.

Shola Ameobi, with his 13th European goal, Henrique and Senegal international Papiss Cisse were all on target in Newcastle's comfortable win over French side Bordeaux.

Newcastle lead Group D with four points from two games.

Tottenham, fresh from upstaging Manchester United at Old Trafford, were held to a frustrating 1-1 draw by Panathinaikos in Athens.

Spurs were in control of their Group J fixture against a side reeling from the sacking of their captain Kostas Katsouranis after Michael Dawson's first half header.

But their Greek hosts battled back to scrape an unlikely draw after the break courtesy of Spanish striker Toche.

With Lazio beating Slovenian outfit Maribor 1-0, missing a penalty in the process, Spurs slipped to third place behind their Serie A rivals who had Ederson to thank for their win.

Champions Atletico Madrid are one of just three teams still to have a 100 per cent record after Cristian Rodriguez scored in the last minute to secure a 1-0 win over Viktoria Plzen in Group B.

English exile Joey Barton featured for Marseille in the French league leaders' 5-1 mauling of AEL Limassol while fellow French side Lyon prevailed in a seven-goal thriller in Israel against Hapoel Kiryat Shmona, Guedia Fofana bagging the injury time winner to earn a breathless 4-3 win.

REUTERS, Rome



The Milan derby is traditionally one of Serie A's biggest matches but this weekend the fixture could be played in a half-empty stadium due to AC Milan's poor start to the season.

Milan go into the clash with their arch-rivals in 11th place on seven points, five behind third-placed Inter and nine adrift of leaders Juventus.

With top players Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Thiago Silva sold to Paris Saint-Germain, the fans have stayed away from the San Siro in their droves.

As of Wednesday only 55,000 tickets had been sold for Sunday evening's clash (1845 GMT), including 23,700 season ticket holders, an unthinkable low number for such an important game.

Only 28,000 people showed up last week to see their team win their first home game of the season, 2-0 against Cagliari.

Last season a crowd of 79,612 watched Milan beaten 1-0 by a Diego Milito goal, while the previous year 80,000 raised the roof as they destroyed Inter 3-0 on their march to the Serie A title.

The crisis has prompted the club to act, releasing an unprecedented video on their website in which captain Massimo Ambrosini and striker Stephan El Shaarawy plead with fans to show up for the match and Ambrosini saying "a derby without you makes no sense."

They hope the midweek 3-2 Champions League win at Zenit St Petersburg could revive interest, after the team showed grit to win a match they could have easily have lost.

"It's the newspapers who say we're in crisis," said manager Massimiliano Allegri who has been under-fire since the start of the season.

"We come into the derby off the back of a great win... we know that the derby is strange game, a game of its own, a great game to take part in and which we will play to our best."

He will most likely start with a similar line-up to what finished the game in Russia, with Giampaolo Pazzini replacing Bojan Krkic up front alongside the impressive El Shaarawy, who scored a magnificent solo goal against Zenit.

Inter are in a healthier position, nicely tucked in third place alongside Lazio, and despite being without the injured Wesley Sneijder, strikers Antonio Cassano and Milito should give Andrea Stramaccioni's side the edge.

At least Serie A in general is shaping up to be one of the most closely contested for years with promoted Sampdoria and Torino in the top six despite suffering points deductions.

Napoli, Inter and Lazio are hot on the heels of Antonio Conte's Juve who are away at Siena on Sunday (1300GMT).

Juve look far from unbeatable this year and Walter Mazzari's Napoli, who take on Udinese at the same time as the Milan derby, look best-placed to push the champions all the way.

### FIXTURES

(all times GMT)

#### Saturday

Chievo v Sampdoria (1600), Genoa v Palermo (1845)

#### Sunday

Roma v Atalanta (1030), Torino v Cagliari, Catania v Parma, Fiorentina v Bologna, Pescara v Lazio, Siena v Juventus (all 1300), Milan v Inter,

## Black Cats await City

AFP, London



Joe Hart admits Manchester City could be destined for a season of failure unless they come to terms with their new status as a prize scalp for the rest of the Premier League.

Roberto Mancini's side kicked off the new campaign full of confidence after winning the club's first English title for 44 years in dramatic fashion on the final day of last season.

But that optimism is beginning to fade after a disappointing run of just three wins from their first nine games in all competitions.

England international Hart, who underlined his reputation as one of the best goal-keepers in the world with a superb display in Wednesday's 1-1 draw against Borussia Dortmund, believes his team-mates are finding it hard to deal with the increased expectations that come with being Premier League champions and also the extra desire opponents now have to beat them.

They face another test of their mental strength on Saturday as Martin O'Neill's unbeaten Sunderland -- the only team to take a home point off City in the league last season -- visit Eastlands looking to spring a shock.

It is exactly the sort of fixture that City, who are already four points behind leaders Chelsea, must win if they are to retain the title and Hart said: "I don't know if it is a learning curve, we are in with the big boys now."

"There is no place to hide. There is no point learning if you are not going to win."

"We were pretty open but it allows us to play forward. Hopefully we can shore it up again and be the force that we are."

If City don't win this weekend they are in danger of falling way behind Chelsea, who are heavily favoured to beat struggling Norwich at Stamford Bridge.

Roberto Di Matteo's side may not have reached their full potential yet, but they have still been good enough to win five of their six league games.

While new signings Eden Hazard and

Oscar have earned plenty of plaudits after their impressive early performances, it is Spanish midfielder Juan Mata who remains at the heart of their best moments.

Mata underlined his class with two goals in Tuesday's Champions League win over Nordsjaelland, but he feels both he and the team have plenty of room for improvement.

"Maybe this was one of the best weeks for me at Chelsea. I'm feeling very well but I still want to do better," Mata said.

"Last year we won the Champions League and FA Cup. Now I think we can do it better as well."

Manchester United, four points behind Chelsea in third place, travel to Newcastle on Sunday as Sir Alex Ferguson's side look to bounce back after last weekend's 3-2 home defeat against Tottenham.

United's inconsistent start to the season -- they have already lost twice in the league --

- and the goals of new striker Robin van Persie have made Japan midfielder Shinji Kagawa something of a forgotten man since his pre-season move from Dortmund.

But United team-mate Tom Cleverley revealed Kagawa has made a big impact on the squad.

"We all know what Robin van Persie is about, but I've really enjoyed playing with Shinji," Cleverley said.

"He's really on my wavelength when it comes to playing one and two-touch football."

Arsenal will also be in the spotlight on Saturday as the Gunners, who dropped to eighth after their first defeat of the season against Chelsea last weekend, travel to inform London rivals West Ham.

However, Gunners left-back Kieran Gibbs is convinced his side's midweek win over Olympiakos in the Champions League proved there is no hangover from the Chelsea setback.

"It was important for the players especially. We wanted to shake off a few doubts in our mind that we had. We certainly did that and we're back on the front foot now," Gibbs said.

"This is what we have to keep doing and keep pushing on from here."