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# Red-faced Red Devils

AFP, London



Manchester City thrashed Manchester United 4-1 in an extraordinary derby match as Arsenal went top of the Premier League on Sunday. In what was a first Manchester derby for both City manager Manuel Pellegrini and United counterpart David Moyes, Sergio Agüero scored twice at Eastlands with Yaya Touré and Samir Nasri also on target for the hosts.

The first match between the two clubs since Alex Ferguson retired as manager of English champions United at the end of last season saw Agüero open the scoring in the 16th minute when he flicked in Aleksandar Kolarov's cross despite the ball being behind him.

Touré made it 2-0 on the stroke of half-time when he turned in Alvaro Negredo's header from a corner.

Whatever Moyes said at the interval to a United team missing injured striker Robin van Persie had little effect as within five minutes of the re-start City were 4-0 up.

Negredo saw his lofted cross to the far post volleyed in by the unmarked Agüero.

And, in another example of poor United defending, Jesus Navas went unchallenged down the right before his cross was struck home by Nasri.

Wayne Rooney pulled one back for United when he beat fellow England international Joe Hart with a free-kick three minutes from time that gave the striker a record 11th goal in Manchester derbies.

"It's too early to say it's a defining game. You make a statement over the course of the season," said Vincent Kompany.

Arsenal went top with a 3-1 win over Stoke at the Emirates Stadium and remained there goal difference after north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur joined them on 12 points following a 1-0 win away to Cardiff.

## RESULTS

**Arsenal 3** (Ramsey 5, Mertesacker 36, Sagna 72) **Stoke 1** (Cameron 26) **Cardiff 0 Tottenham 1** (Paulinho 90) **Crystal Palace 0 Swansea 2** (Michu 2, Dyer 48) **Manchester City 4** (Agüero 16, 47, Touré 45, Nasri 50) **Manchester United 1** (Rooney 87)

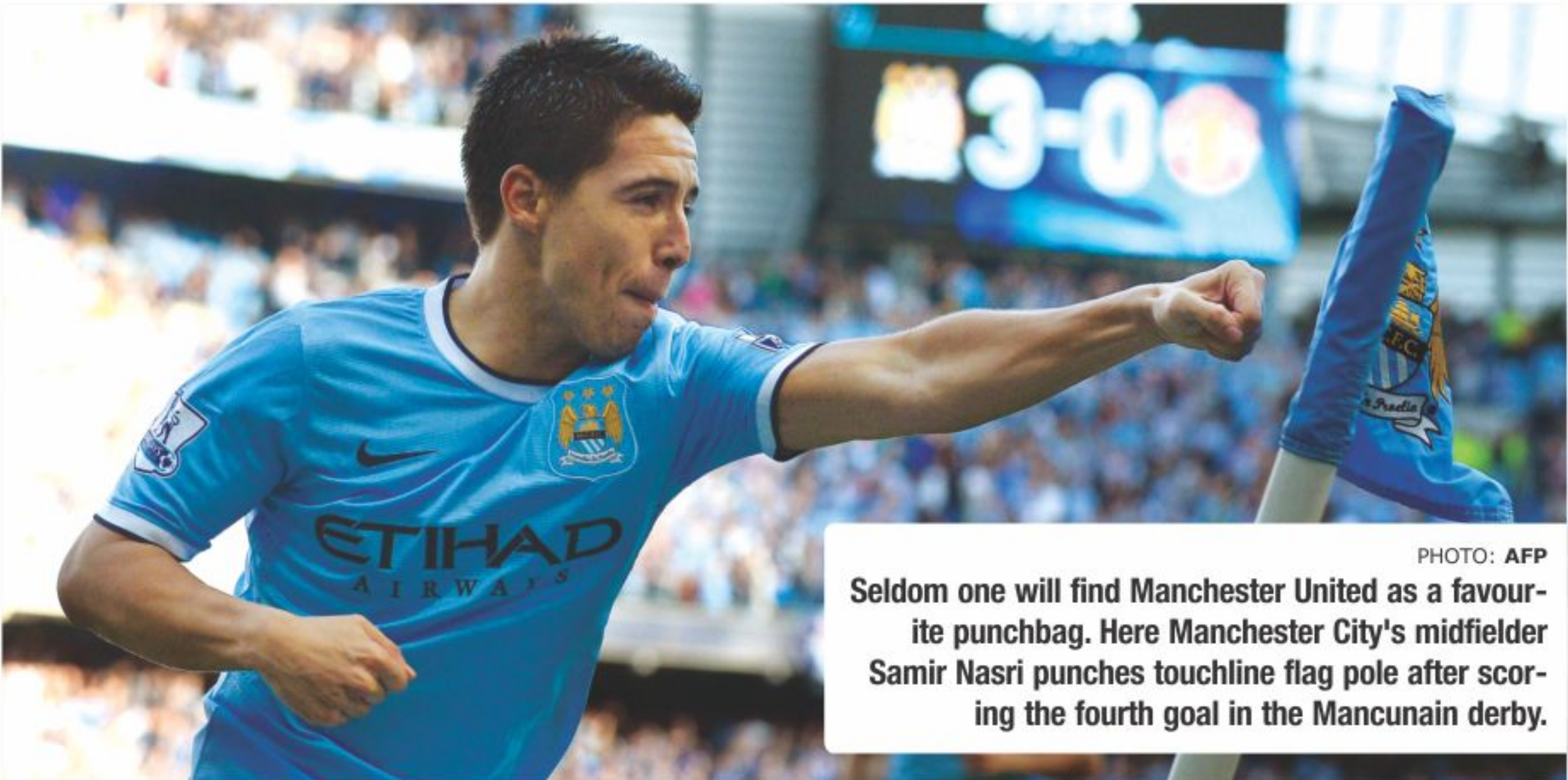


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Seldom one will find Manchester United as a favourite punchbag. Here Manchester City's midfielder Samir Nasri punches touchline flag pole after scoring the fourth goal in the Mancunian derby.

# Barca ride on Pedro treble

AFP, Madrid



Pedro Rodríguez scored a hat-trick as Barcelona maintained their 100 percent start to the La Liga season with a comfortable 4-0 win over Rayo Vallecano on Saturday.

The Spanish international rewarded the visitors' bright start when he slotted from after some brilliant play by Lionel Messi on the half-hour mark.

However, just as in recent weeks, Barca were thankful to goalkeeper Victor Valdes for keeping them in front as he saved his second penalty in as many games when he palmed away Roberto Trashorras' effort 10 minutes before half-time.

That was to be the turning point as Pedro added a second barely two minutes into the second-half before sealing his hat-trick 13 minutes from time.

Cesc Fabregas rounded off a fine evening for Gerardo Martino's men with a thumping finish two minutes later.

Rayo had conceded 14 goals in their last three games and 12 in their previous two meetings at home to Barca, but they had the first clear chance of the game on three minutes as Johan Mojica's cross was met by the unmarked Alberto Perea and Valdes was forced into a fine save.

Seconds later Barca ought to have taken the lead as a sensational touch by Lionel Messi took him beyond two Rayo defenders on the edge of the area, but he overran the ball as he rounded goalkeeper Ruben Martinez

## RESULTS

**Real Betis 0 Granada 0** **Saturday** **Real Sociedad 0 Malaga 0** **Almeria 2** (Verza 45+3-pen, Suso 51) **Levante 2** (Nabil El Zhar 55-pen, Diop 60) **Rayo Vallecano 0 Barcelona 4** (Pedro 33, 47, 72, Fabregas 79) **Valladolid 0 Atletico Madrid 2** (Raul Garcia 56, Diego Costa 72)

and Anaitz Arbilla cleared.

Neymar then had two great chances to score his first league goal for Barca, but he was denied by a goalline clearance from Tito and then fired wide following a great turn and pass by Messi.



AS Roma left-back Federico Balzaretti (C) is the toast of his teammates after his goal paved way for a 2-0 victory over city rivals Lazio at the Olympic Stadium in Rome yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Roma end long wait

REUTERS, Rome



Federico Balzaretti and Adem Ljajic, from a penalty, scored for Roma while Lazio, last beaten by their neighbours in March 2011, had substitute Andre Dias sent off only three minutes after coming onto the pitch.

Spaniard Fernando Llorente scored his first goal for Juventus to give the titleholders a 2-1 win over Verona. Fabrizio Cacciatore put Verona ahead before Carlos Tevez equalised and then saw another effort hit one post, roll along the touchline and hit the other post.

Giuseppe Rossi continued his scoring run with the second goal in Fiorentina's 2-0 win at Atalanta which left them on 10 points, level with Juventus and Inter Milan who won 7-0 at Sassuolo with Diego Milito scoring twice on his long-awaited return from injury.

Argentinian striker Milito has been sidelined for the past seven months after suffering a horrific knee injury at the start of the year.

But a week after making Walter Mazzarri's squad for a 1-1 draw at home to Juventus, Milito made his first appearance since damaging his anterior cruciate ligament on February 14 when he replaced Rodrigo Palacio nine minutes into the second half.

## RESULTS

**Sassuolo 0 Inter 7** (Palacio 7, Taider 23, Pucino 33-og, Alvarez 53, Milito 63, 83, Cambiasso 75) **Atalanta 0 Fiorentina 2** (Mati 41, Rossi 69) **Bologna 1** (Natali 29) **Torino 2** (D'Ambrosio 2, Cerci 45+1-pen) **Catania 0 Parma 0** **Juventus 2** (Tevez 40, Llorente 45+3) **Verona 1** (Cacciatore 36) **Roma 2** (Balzaretti 63, Ljajic 90+4-pen) **Lazio 0**

Fellow Argentinian Palacio got Inter off the mark after only seven minutes at the Mapei stadium when he slid Yuto Nagatomo's perfect cross from the left flank past outstretched keeper Alberto Pomini.

Midfielder Saphir Taider then grabbed his maiden goal for Inter, firing a loose ball past Pomini in the 23rd minute.

And the French-born Algerian played a pivotal role in Inter's third when his header came off Raffaele Pucino for an own goal barely 10 minutes later.

Sassuolo showed brief promise after the break when former Inter midfielder Ezequiel Schelotto whipped in an inviting cross which flew past the boot of unmarked striker Simone Missiroli.

However Inter were soon back on the rampage. Three minutes later a Palacio drive was blocked by Pomini and Ricardo Alvarez was on hand to poke him Inter's fourth.

Esteban Cambiasso added to Sassuolo's woes when he fired a superb drive past the flailing home keeper from the edge of the penalty area in the 75th minute.

# Possession kings no more

REUTERS, Madrid

Possession-kings Barcelona had less than 50 percent of the ball for the first time in five years when they won 4-0 at Rayo Vallecano in La Liga on Saturday.

The Spanish champions always take pride in their technical ability and the amount of possession they enjoy but Barca have been undergoing something of a change in strategy under new coach Gerardo Martino.

The Argentine has been encouraging the team to mix up their playing style to avoid predictability and the sight of goalkeeper Victor Valdes and his defenders drilling long passes from the back has become more common this season.

Against lowly Rayo, who also value possession highly under coach Paco Jemez and who have the second highest percentage figures behind Barca in La Liga, the champions finally met their match.

Rayo edged them 51 to 49 percent on Saturday to end a run of 316 games where Barca have controlled possession, according to the sports and media company Infostrada.

The last team to register higher possession figures in a match against Barca were arch-rivals Real Madrid.

Real triumphed 4-1 in a 'Clasico' at the Bernabeu in May 2008, just before possession guru Pep Guardiola took the helm at the Nou Camp for four trophy-laden years with the club.

Guardiola, now leading the German and European champions Bayern Munich, however continues to preach the famed tiki-taka style in the Bundesliga where his side are enjoying 70 percent possession in most matches.

# Bayern hit Schalke 4

AFP, Berlin



Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund dropped their first points of the season on Saturday with a 1-1 draw at Nuremberg, while Bayern Munich earned a 4-0 win at Schalke.

Pep Guardiola's Bayern remain second in the table, but are now level with Dortmund on both goal difference and points after their win in Gelsenkirchen.

"That was our best performance so far in the Bundesliga, we dominated against one of the best teams in Germany," said Guardiola after his side enjoyed 70 per-cent ball possession against Schalke.

"We did very well over the 90 minutes which pleased me.

"In Germany, you have to limit your opponents' ability to counter-attack and we cut down their chances and controlled the game."

Despite making a bright start, Jens Keller's Schalke undid all their good work as first Munich vice-captain Bastian Schweinsteiger, then striker Mario Mandzukic were left unmarked in the area to head home.

Schweinsteiger, back in the starting side after straining ankle ligaments last month, smashed home Arjen Robben's corner on 21 minutes and 60 seconds later, Mandzukic converted David Alaba's cross.

France winger Franck Ribery and then replacement striker Claudio Pizarro added late goals as Schalke's four-match winning run came to an abrupt halt.

Bayern have now gone 31 games without losing a Bundesliga match and have recorded 26 league wins and five draws since losing 2-1 loss to Leverkusen in October 2012.

## RESULTS

**Hanover 2** (Sobiech 60, Huszti 89-pen) **Augsburg 1** (Verhaegh 51-pen) **Wolfsburg 2** (Olic 44, 48) **Hoffenheim 1** (Modeste 15) **Nuremberg 1** (Nilsson 50) **Borussia Dortmund 1** (Schmelzer 37) **Mainz 05 1** (Malli 82) **Bayer Leverkusen 4** (Kruse 19, 45+1, Kiessling 59, Bender 38) **Hamburg 0 Werder Bremen 2** (Petersen 32, 90+4) **Schalke 04 0 Bayern Munich 4** (Schweinsteiger 21, Mandzukic 22, Ribery 75, Pizarro 84)

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