

Live from 12:00am (Tues-Napoli v Genoa Live from 2:00am (Tuesday) STAR Sports 2 Primera Liga Espanyol v Villarreal

Liverpool tightened their grip on fourth

place in the Premier League after Daniel

Sturridge and Jordan Henderson each

scored twice in a jittery 4-3 win over

Swansea City on Sunday.

points of leaders Chelsea.

City later on Sunday.

Henderson.

Liverpool's lead

was deflected into his path.

Swansea hit back to level from 2-0 and 3-2 down at

Anfield, before Henderson finally killed off their resistance

in the 74th minute to take Liverpool back to within four

It was a 10th consecutive home league win for Liverpool

and gave Brendan Rodgers's side a provisional six-point

lead over fifth-place Tottenham Hotspur, who visit Norwich

Liverpool needed less than three minutes to take the

lead, with Sturridge collecting Raheem Sterling's pass and

rounding Swansea goalkeeper Michel Vorm to score after

Sturridge has now scored in eight consecutive Premier

League games and he set up his side's second goal in the

20th minute with a lay-off that was curled home by

Two goals in four minutes brought Swansea level, how-

ever, with former Liverpool midfielder Jonjo Shelvey

smashing home via the crossbar before Wilfried Bony

Anfield was anxious but Liverpool resilient and by the

36th minute they were back in front after a long and patient

build-up around the edge of the area. Sturridge restored

Bony equalised from the penalty spot early in the second

, converting a cross from Luis Suarez with his head, but

It had been a ramshackle performance by Liverpool, but

they finally secured victory with 16 minutes remaining

when Henderson bundled the ball home after Suarez's shot

In the day's other game, Loic Remy marked his return to

the Newcastle United team after suspension by smashing

home an injury-time winner in a 1-0 victory over Aston

The French striker collected a deflected effort by Luuk de

Jong and beat Villa goalkeeper Brad Guzan in the 92nd

minute to give Newcastle a first home win in five league

Liverpool 4 (Sturridge 3, 36, Henderson 20, 74) Swansea City 3 (Shelvey

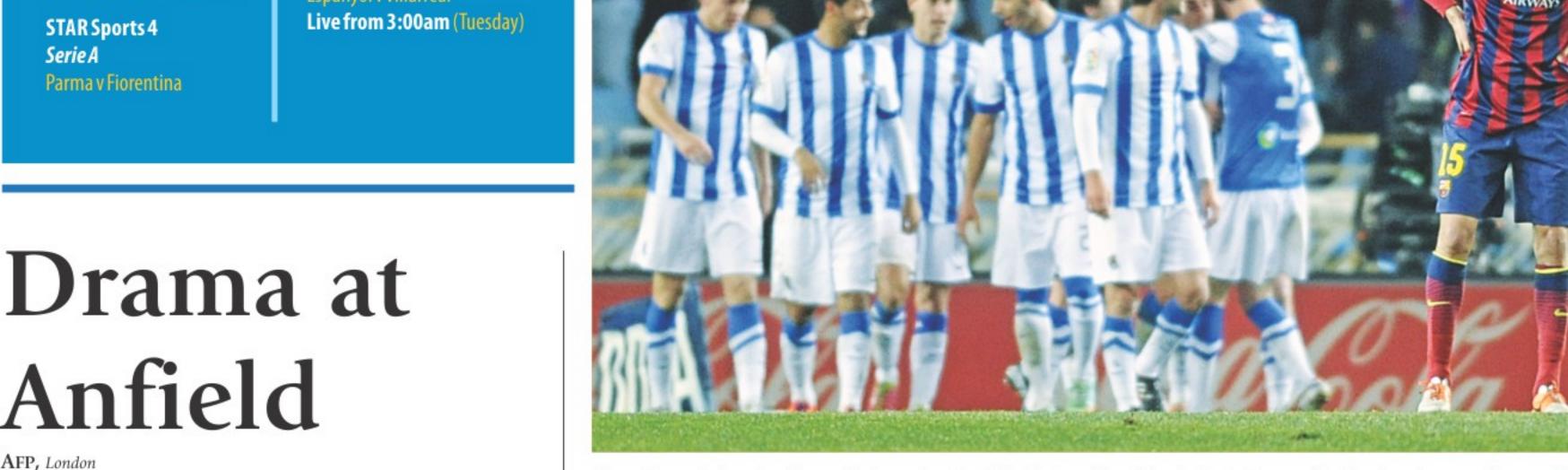
Angel Rangel had lost possession in midfield.

headed home via a deflection off Martin Skrtel.

half after he had been pulled back by Skrtel.

games after a run of four straight defeats.

Newcastle United 1 (Remy 90+2) Aston Villa 0



Barcelona defender Marc Bartra stands dejected as Real Sociedad players (in the background) celebrate a goal at Anoeta Stadium in San Sebastian on Saturday.

РНОТО:

Barcelona stumble as Bale lifts Real

REUTERS



Real Madrid 3 (Illarramendi 34, Bale 71, Isco three points clear at the top of La Liga after they beat Elche 3-0 on Saturday and Barcelona slumped to a 3-1 defeat at Real Sociedad.

Asier Illarramendi gave Real the lead before the break but it took them until the 72nd minute to score again with a rocket of a long-range drive by Gareth Bale. Isco added a third goal with nine minutes left.

Barca were cut open again and again on the counter-attack by a Sociedad side intent on avenging their recent King's Cup exit at the hands of the Catalans.

Fifth-placed Sociedad went ahead through an Alex Song own goal before Lionel Messi equalised. Antoine Griezmann and David Zurutuza then struck after the break to send Barca to defeat.

It could have been worse for the champions as Carlos Vela hit the woodwork late on.

"We didn't feel comfortable and hold possession which is our strength. This meant that they had openings," Barca defender Gerard Pique told reporters.

"Now we have a break for a week and we can consider what went wrong. We are only three points behind so it isn't worrying."

Barca, who also had coach

80) Elche 0

Celta Vigo 1 (Rafinha 59) Getafe 1 (Lafita 21) Real Sociedad 3 (Song 32-og, Griezmann 54, Zurutuza 59) Barcelona 1 (Messi 35) Almeria 0 Malaga 0

Gerardo Martino dismissed at halftime for complaining to the referee, have 60 points from 25 matches.

Real lead the way on 63 points but Atletico Madrid can draw level with them by winning at Osasuna on Sunday.

Illarramendi, replacing suspended midfielder Luka Modric, broke the deadlock for Real with a shot that clipped Manu del Moral and wrongfooted goalkeeper Manu Herrera after 34 minutes. Real were without Cristiano

Ronaldo, serving the final game of his three-match ban, and without the Portugal forward they lacked spark in front of goal against an Elche side that defended solidly. Karim Benzema forced Herrera

into an early save and the France striker, along with Angel Di Maria, looked dangerous for Real but they needed a slice of fortune with Illarramendi's strike.

Wales winger Bale, having a quiet game on the right, exploded into life with a powerful shot that went in off

the crossbar to give Real a 2-0 lead. With 13th-placed Elche's resistance broken, substitute Isco slotted home the third goal.

"Bale didn't have confidence before scoring his great goal and after that he was totally different," Real coach Carlo Ancelotti told a news conference.

"I am satisfied because we didn't concede. Our play could have been better but at this stage of the season we need to be solid and we were.

"In tight games Modric gives us more options but Illarramendi did very well," the Italian added.

In San Sebastian, Barcelona found it difficult to break down an organised Sociedad team.

Vela shot over before the hosts

took the lead in the 32nd minute

when a cross by Sergio Canales went in off Song who was under pressure from Gorka Elustondo. Barca levelled four minutes later after Sergio Busquets dummied a

Martin Montoya pass and the ball found Messi who finished clinically. Sociedad continued to open up a

static Barca at the back and Vela scampered clear to cross for Griezmann to make it 2-1 early in the second period.

Zurutuza then sprang the offside trap before steering home a Griezmann pass.

Elsewhere, Rafinha earned Celta Vigo a 1-1 draw with Getafe after Angel Lafita had put the visitors ahead while Almeria drew 0-0 with fellow strugglers Malaga.

Milan secure crucial win

AFP, Rome



Adel Taarabt and Adil Rami scored either side of half-time to secure a precious 2-0 win for AC Milan away to 10-man Sampdoria on Sunday and keep the struggling Serie A giants' resurgence on track.

Milan, who replaced former coach Massimiliano Allegri with Clarence Seedorf following a 4-3 defeat by Sassuolo in early January, have now lost only once in the league under the 37-year-old Dutchman.

Milan's second win on the trot, following a 3-1 reverse to Napoli two weeks ago, was all the sweeter for the red and black half of Milan as city rivals Inter were held to a 1-1 draw by struggling Cagliari at the San Siro.

It was the Nerazzurri's 10th draw this season, a largely unenvied feat shared only by Cagliari. Elsewhere, Antonio Di Natale scored a 71st minute pen-

alty to secure a share of the points for Udinese in a 1-1 draw with visiting Atalanta, who opened the scoring through Davide Brivio in the 24th minute.

Verona moved back to within sight of the Europa League places with a cagey 3-2 win away to Livorno, while Chievo claimed a deserved 2-0 home win over fellow strugglers Catania. Leaders Juventus host Torino in the city derby later

Sunday looking to restore their nine-point lead over second-placed Roma, who beat Bologna 1-0 away on Saturday, although the Giallorossi still have a game in hand. Napoli, in third at 13 points off the leaders' pace, host

Genoa in one of two matches programmed on Monday. Milan travelled to the Luigi Ferraris stadium only days

after a strenuous 1-1 draw at home to Champions League last 16 opponents Atletico Madrid, and wary of Sampdoria's resurgence under new coach Sinisa Mihajlovic.

However, Taarabt settled nerves in the 12th minute at the second time of asking after Angelo Da Costa had blocked the Moroccan's powerful header following a cross from the right.

France defender Rami headed Milan's second just before the hour, although there were protests after Giampaolo Pazzini rose to challenge Da Costa from a corner and left the keeper on the ground.

Milan were handed a boost when Sampdoria striker Maxi Lopez saw red on 72 minutes after receiving two bookings in quick succession.

Livorno 2 (Paulinho 72, Greco 73) Verona 3 (Jankovic 33, Romulo 43, Toni 45+1)Chievo 2 (Thereau 37-pen, Rigoni 68) Catania 0

Inter Milan 1 (Rolando 51) Cagliari 1 (Pinilla 40-pen) Sampdoria 0 AC Milan 2 (Taarabt 12, Rami 58) Udinese 1 (Di Natale 71-pen) Atalanta 1 (Brivio 24)

St Gregory's, Sunny Dale h'ball champs

SPORTS REPORTER

RESULTS

23, Bony 27, 47-pen)

St Gregory's High and Sunny Dale emerged champions in the boys' and girls' sections respectively in the Milk Man Mini Handball Tournament at the Shaheed captain M Mansur Ali Handball Stadium yesterday.

St. Gregory's High School defeated Dhaka Residential School by 23-15 goals in the boys' final while Sunny Dale beat Scholastica by 4-2 goals in the girls' final. BAF Shahin School &

College became third in boys' group with a 20-13 win over Sunny Dale while Green Herald finished third beating Vigarunnisa Noon School & College 3-2.

Rafa in final

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

World number one Rafael Nadal survived two match points in a three-set victory over fellow Spaniard Pablo Andujar on Saturday to reach the final of the Rio Open tennis tournament.

Nadal reached his third final in three ATP tournaments this year with a 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (12/10) triumph.

Proteas draw level

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth



Dale Steyn produced a ferocious spell of fast bowling to inspire South Africa to a crushing 231-run victory over Australia in fading light on day four of the second Test on Sunday.

With rain predicted for Monday, Steyn

charged in and took four wickets, including the key scalp of Australia captain Michael Clarke, as the tourists lost 10 wickets for 90 runs having looked comfortable at 126 without loss chasing a record 448 for victory. Only opener Chris Rogers showed any real resistance with a

fine 107, this third ton in four Tests, as he shared a century opening stand with David Warner (66), but for the remainder it was a procession as none of the other batsmen reached double figures. The result left the three-match series level at 1-1 with the

third Test starting in Cape Town on Saturday. After JP Duminy had removed Warner and Morne Morkel

grabbed the wicket of Alex Doolan (five), Shaun Marsh picked up a pair in the match and now has six ducks in his last 11 Test innings. He was lbw to Vernon Philander.

Then began the Steyn onslaught as Clarke (one) was brilliantly caught by Faf du Plessis at second slip and Steve Smith trapped lbw first ball.

That wicket showed evidence of reverse swing and Steyn produced more as he clattered into the middle stump of Brad Haddin (one) for the second time in the match.

Mitchell Johnson was the fourth lbw victim of the innings when he was struck on the pads by Philander.

Ryan Harris (six) was also trapped in front of his stumps but the key moment came when, with just seven minutes remaining in the day's play, Rogers was run out trying to take a quick single to substitute fielder Alviro Peterson.

Nathan Lyon (zero) was the final wicket to fall, lbw to Dean Elgar and although replays showed he had hit the ball, Australia had used up their reviews.

South Africa earlier declared their second innings on 270 for five as Hashim Amla plundered an unbeaten 127, his 21st test century to move joint third on South Africa's alltime list with Gary Kirsten, still behind Graeme Smith (27) and Jacques Kallis (45).

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 423 AUSTRALIA: First innings 246 SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 192-4) Smith b Johnson Elgar c Haddin b Siddle Amla not out 127 Du Plessis c Haddin b Siddle 24 De Villiers c Haddin b Johnson 29 34 De Kock c Clarke b Lyon Duminy not out Extras: (b-2, lb-6) Total: (For 5 wkts decl in 64 overs) 270 Did not bat: Parnell, Philander, Steyn, Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-42, 3-112, 4-167, 5-

Bowler Johnson 74 Lyon 48 19 2 89 **AUSTRALIA:** Second innings 107 Rogers run out Warner Ibw b Duminy Doolan c Smith b Morkel Marsh Ibw b Philander Clarke c Du Plessis b Steyn Smith Ibw b Steyn Haddin b Steyn Johnson Ibw b Philander Harris Ibw b Steyn Siddle not out Lyon Ibw b Elgar Extras: (b-2, lb-17, w-2) Total: (All out 73.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-126, 2-152, 3-153, 4-156,

5-156, 6-166, 7-197, 8-209, 9-214. Bowler Steyn Philander Morkel Duminy 24 Result: South Africa won by 231 runs. Player-of-the-match: JP Duminy

আমাদের পণ্য





Keeps Natural Freshness

ফ্রিজ কেনার সময় ফ্রিজার পার্টে মাইনাস 18°C এর অধিক তাপমাত্রা নিশ্চিত হয়ে কিনুন। যা আমাদের দেশের আবহাওয়া ও পরিবেশের জন্য খুবই জরুরী।

facebook.com/waltonbd



Davids v Goliaths in Euro qualifiers

The 2016 European Championship qualifying draw made in Nice on Sunday: (Hosts France, already qualified, will complete the group I but their results will not count)

The top two teams in each group will qualify for the finals in France along with the best third-placed side, The remaining eight third-placed teams will play off in November 2015 for the final four berths. Euro 2016 Championship will be held in France from June 10-July 10, 2016

GROUP E:

GROUP B: GROUP A: Netherlands, Czech Republic Turkey, Latvia, Iceland, Kazakhstan

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belgium, Israel, Wales, Cyprus, Andorra

Spain, Ukraine, Slovakia, Belarus, Macedonia, Luxembourg,

GROUP C:

Germany, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Georgia, Gibraltar

GROUP D:

England, Switzerland Slovenia, Estonia, Lithuania, San Marino

GROUP F: **GROUP G:** Greece, Russia, Hungary, Sweden, Romania, Austria, Finland, N Montenegro, Ireland, Faroe Moldova, Islands, Liechtenstein,

Italy, Croatia, Norway, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Malta,

GROUP H:

Portugal, Denmark, Serbia, Armenia, Albania

GROUP I: