

MU Martial Saints

AFP, London

Teenage striker Anthony Martial further endeared himself to Manchester United's supporters with a nerveless brace as his side came from behind to win 3-2 at Southampton on Sunday.

Scorer of a memorable solo goal in last weekend's 3-1 win over Liverpool, 19-year-old Martial struck either side of half-time at St Mary's after Graziano Pelle had given Southampton a 13th-minute lead.

Juan Mata added a third in the 68th minute and despite Pelle scoring again, United held on for a victory that propelled Louis van Gaal's side up to second place in the Premier League table, two points below leaders Manchester City, who lost 2-1 at home to West Ham United on Saturday.

"Anthony Martial is already special because we paid a lot of money for him," Van Gaal told the BBC.

"A lot of people are thinking he is a great star, but he is a boy of 19. In three matches he has shown a lot.

"I am very happy with him, but we and he have to keep our feet on the ground."

Martial, who signed from Monaco on transfer deadline day for a reported initial fee of £36 million (\$55 million, 49 million euros), started up front alongside Wayne Rooney, who returned following a hamstring injury.

Southampton went ahead when Pelle followed in to score after Sadio Mane's shot from James Ward-Prowse's inviting right-wing cross had been parried by visiting goalkeeper David de Gea.

Pelle hit the post moments later, but Martial equalised in the 34th minute, throwing Virgil van Dijk off balance with a neat Cruyff turn inside the box and slipping a shot beneath Maarten Stekelenburg.

He put United ahead five minutes into

the second half, seizing on a woeful Maya Yoshida back-pass and coolly beating Stekelenburg, before Mata slammed home after Memphis Depay's shot came back off the post following a hypnotic 44-pass move.

While Martial again stole the headlines, United were also indebted to De Gea, who produced a jaw-dropping one-handed save to claw a Jose Fonte header off the line when the score was 2-1.

Pelle converted a cross from Mane with a well-placed header four minutes from time, but United survived.

United's old rivals Liverpool continue to struggle, having seen their run of league games without victory extended to four following a 1-1 draw at home to Norwich City.

Daniel Sturridge made his first appear-

RESULTS			
Liverpool (Ings 48)	1	-	1 Norwich (Martin 61)
Southampton (Pelle 13, 86)	2	-	3 Manchester United (Martial 34, 50, Mata 68)
Tottenham	1	-	0 Crystal Palace

ance since April after hip surgery and his side went ahead in the 48th minute when Danny Ings, a half-time replacement for Christian Benteke, drilled home his first Liverpool goal.

But Norwich equalised 13 minutes later courtesy of a deft lob by centre-back Russell Martin, whose preparations for the game were disrupted by the birth of his son the previous night.

The result left Brendan Rodgers's Liverpool in 13th place, seven points below City, but a point above defending champions Chelsea, who beat Arsenal 2-0 on Saturday in a game that saw Gabriel and Santi Cazorla sent off for Arsene Wenger's side.

Earlier, Son Heung-min's first Premier League goal earned Tottenham Hotspur victory over Crystal Palace.



Manchester United's teenage striker Anthony Martial is about to score his first of two goals in his side's pulsating 3-2 win against Southampton yesterday.

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Allardyce gone for good?

AGENCIES, London

Former West Ham United manager Sam Allardyce has admitted that he may never manage again if he is out of a job for too long.

The 60-year-old left the Hammers in the summer after the club decided not to renew his contract, and Allardyce is wary that other managers have been forgotten in the past.

The Englishman told London's Daily Star, "The hunger to work again will kick in but I do not know when that will be - that's why I am not saying when I am coming back."

"It might never happen. I hope it does but there will be a time when it does not. It has happened to my mates down the years, where you are so quickly forgotten."

"There is a certain period of time when you can have a rest and a time when it is right to get back in because if you wait too long you get forgotten."

Allardyce has managed Bolton Wanderers, Newcastle United, Blackburn Rovers and West Ham.

Beckham's son lets him down

AGENCIES, London



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David Beckham has confessed he was heartbroken after learning one of his sons was reluctant to commit to football because of the added pressure.

The former England captain said he wanted his children to play for enjoyment and not constantly compare themselves to him.

"One of my boys turned around to me the other day, he said, 'Daddy, you know, I'm not sure I want to play football all the time,'" Beckham told ABC News.

"It broke my heart a little bit. He said, 'Every time that I step onto the field, I know people are saying, you know, 'This is David Beckham's son,' and if I'm not as good as you, then it's not good enough.'"

"I said, 'Okay, stop right there... You play because you want to play.' It was not revealed which of his sons he was referring to.

Brooklyn Beckham was promoted into the Arsenal U-18 squad earlier in 2015 aged just 15, with Romeo Beckham also featuring in Arsenal's academy. Beckham's four-year-old daughter Harper has also reportedly expressed an interest in playing football.

Dortmund march on

AFP, Berlin



Borussia Dortmund regained top spot in the Bundesliga from Bayern Munich with a 3-0 win over Bayer Leverkusen to preserve their 100 percent record after five straight wins.

The hosts doubled their lead when left-winger Henrikh Mkhitaryan's pass put Shinji Kagawa in behind the defence to slot past Leno on 58 minutes.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang netted Dortmund's third and his six of the season to match Bayern's Thomas Mueller's tally as the league's joint top scorer.

Augsburg picked up their first win of the season with a 2-0 victory at Hanover 96 thanks to goals by right-winger Alexander Esswein and Dutch defender Paul Verhaegh.

Earlier, Schalke's Leroy Sane underlined his status as one of Germany's rising junior stars with his club's second-half winner to seal their 1-0 victory at VfB Stuttgart to leave the Royal Blues fourth.

RESULTS			
VfB Stuttgart	0	-	1 Schalke 04 (Sane 53)
Borussia Dortmund 3	-	0	Bayer Leverkusen (Hofmann 19, Kagawa 58, Aubameyang 74-pen)
Augsburg	2	-	0 Hanover (Esswein 29, Verhaegh 32-pen)

Sevilla's misery continues

AFP, Madrid



Europa League holders Sevilla's terrible start to their La Liga season continued as Celta Vigo climbed into second place with a 2-1 win at the Sanchez Pizjuan on Sunday.

Celta's bright start to the campaign had been aided by their three previous opponents having a man sent-off early on, but they needed no such help in Andalusia as a brilliant first-half display put them on course for victory.

Nolito added to his burgeoning reputation as one of Spain's top strikers with a sweet finish from a narrow angle to open the scoring before Daniel Wass pounced on some shambolic Sevilla defending to fire in the second.

RESULTS			
Sevilla (Llorente 54)	1	-	2 Celta Vigo (Molito 15, Wass 26)
Valencia	0	-	0 Real Betis
Eibar	0	-	2 Atletico Madrid (Correa 62, Torres 78)
Real Sociedad	2	-	3 Espanyol

Koke injured

AGENCIES, Madrid

Atletico Madrid midfielder Koke could miss the his side's derby clash with Real Madrid in two weeks' time after picking up a hamstring injury in Atletico's 2-0 win at Eibar.

The Spanish international was substituted with an hour played in the Basque country on Saturday and tests on Sunday revealed an injury that may also sideline him for Spain's final two Euro 2016 qualifiers against Luxembourg and Ukraine next month.

"He suffered a grade 1-2 hamstring injury," Atletico said in a statement.

Juve win at last

AFP, Milan



Paul Pogba created one goal and scored another as Juventus finally claimed their first Serie A win of the season, while Francesco Totti hit his 300th goal for Roma in a 2-2 draw with Sassuolo.

After their worst start to the season in several decades, Juventus travelled to Genoa hoping to build on an impressive 2-1 Champions League victory over Manchester City in midweek.

Pogba helped break the deadlock in the 37th minute when he got on the end of Roberto Pereyra's cross at the back post to fire a volley off the bar and into the net after the ball bounced off goalkeeper Eugenio Lamanna.

Juventus were given a boost when Armando Izzo saw red on the stroke of half-time after being cautioned for a second time when he pulled Juan Cuadrado to the ground.

But it took a penalty decision to see Juventus ease towards safety, Pogba stepping up to beat Lamanna on the hour after defender Giorgio Chiellini had been impeded by Diogo Figueiras.

Juve's first league win of the season came at the fourth attempt but the champions are still eight points adrift of early pacesetters Inter, who had Mauro Icardi's first-half winner -- the Argentinian's first goal of the season -- to thank for a patchy 1-0 win at Chievo.

Inter will remain top for at least another week, with a two-point cushion on Torino, who saw Juventus reject Fabio Quagliarella hit the net twice in a precious 2-0 home win over hapless Sampdoria.

Roma are third, a further point adrift after a frustrating display by Rudi Garcia's scudetto challengers only days after they battled to a commendable 1-1 Champions League draw with defending champions Barcelona.

Garcia rested several first team regulars with Edin Dzeko notably starting on the bench in favour of Totti, who on Sunday started in the league for the first time this season.

their extra midweek exertions, Sassuolo made a lightning start and Gregoire Defrel flashed just wide of Morgan De Sanctis's post from a corner on the quarter hour.

Defrel's pace was causing problems and minutes later the Frenchman stunned the hosts with a fine daisy-cutter from 25 metres that left De Sanctis rooted to the spot.

Roma pulled level shortly after, although a suspicion of offside accompanied Totti's goal after he latched on to Miralem Pjanic's midfield pass to beat Andrea Consigli with a bobbling shot from the edge of the area.

It was far from spectacular, but the goal took Totti's tally to 300 in all competitions for the club for whom he made his debut in March 1993.

Totti almost turned provider minutes later, setting Mohamed Salah up with a

RESULTS			
Chievo	0	-	1 Inter Milan (Icardi 42)
Roma (Totti 36, Salah 49)	2	-	2 Sassuolo (Defrel 22, Politano 45)
Torino (Quagliarella 18, 24)	2	-	0 Sampdoria
Atalanta (Moralez 89)	1	-	1 Verona (Pisano 90+6)
Bologna (Mounier 27)	1	-	0 Frosinone
Genoa	0	-	2 Juventus

delightful chip inside the area only for the Egyptian to drag his shot wide of the far post.

The miss proved costly, Sassuolo restoring their lead on the stroke of half-time when Matteo Politano beat De Sanctis with an angled drive the 'keeper really should have saved.

Salah pulled Roma level with his maiden league goal for the club four minutes after the restart, but afterwards Roma had little to offer.

Salah produced a great curling effort a minute from the final whistle that looked to be heading for the top corner until Consigli produced a fine save to secure a share of the spoils.

PSG stay on top

AGENCIES, Paris

Edinson Cavani came off the bench to save Paris Saint-Germain's blushes and maintain their Ligue 1 unbeaten run as the champions retained top spot with a 1-1 draw at plucky Reims on Saturday.

The result means PSG will finish the weekend top of Ligue 1 on 14 points ahead of Rennes, who drew with Lille on Friday, on 13 while Caen are third on 12 after a 2-1 win over Montpellier.

All eyes, however, will be on Marseille on Sunday night as they host Lyon in the pick of the weekend games.

At Reims, the two goals came within a minute of each other as home defender Jordan Saibatcheu took advantage of some hapless defending to give his side an 83rd minute lead, which would have been enough to carry his side level with the Parisians at the top.

But PSG responded in style as Argentine playmaker Javier Pastore played a peach of a through-ball and Cavani rushed into the area to clip a slick shot past goalkeeper Kossi Agassa.

It was his fifth league strike of the season.

"It would have been an injustice if we had lost this match, but we're disappointed with the result," said PSG coach Laurent Blanc.

"Because we should also have scored more goals. We just were not nasty enough, in the good sense of the word."



Francesco Totti (L) celebrates his 300th goal for AS Roma during a Serie A match against Sassuolo at the Olympic stadium in Rome yesterday.

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