

What to WATCH

STAR SPORTS 1

India v West Indies
2nd T20
Live from 8:00pm

STAR SPORTS 4

English Premiership
West Brom v Middlesbrough
Live from 6:30pm

Man City v West Ham

Live from 9:00pm
SONY ESPN
Serie A

Inter Milan v Palermo

Live from 10:00pm
Cagliari v Roma
Live from 12:30am (Monday)

SONY ESPN HD

Serie A
Fiorentina v Chievo
Live from 12:30am (Monday)

SONY SIX

La Liga
Las Palmas v Granada
Live from 10:30pm

Athletic Bilbao v Barcelona

Live from 12:30am (Monday)
Villarreal v Sevilla
Live from 2:30am (Monday)

SONY SIX HD

La Liga
Alaves v Sporting Gijon
Live from 10:00pm

TEN 1 HD

Australia v Sri Lanka
3rd ODI
Live from 3:00pm

TEN 2

New Zealand v South Africa
2nd Test, Day 2
Live from 2:00pm

Chelsea take pole

AFP, London



Chelsea swept to the top of the Premier League with a 3-0 victory over Burnley, while Arsenal won 3-1 at Watford to ease the pressure on Arsene Wenger on Saturday.

After a dismal title defence last season, Chelsea look revitalised under new manager Antonio Conte and the Italian was able to celebrate his third successive win after the most emphatic display of his brief reign.

Second-placed Manchester United are behind Chelsea only on goals scored after Marcus Rashford struck deep into second-half stoppage time to snatch a 1-0 win at Hull City.

So disappointing last term, Eden Hazard has made a vibrant start to the new campaign and the Belgium midfielder put Chelsea ahead with a superb run and clinical finish from the edge of the penalty area in the ninth minute at Stamford Bridge.

Willian was back for Chelsea after recovering from a calf injury and the Brazil winger doubled their lead in the 41st minute before Nigeria's Victor Moses came off the bench to net the hosts' third in the 89th minute.

At Vicarage Road, Arsenal's first victory of the season, after losing to Liverpool and drawing with Leicester City, should silence Wenger's critics at least temporarily.

Failing to win their first two matches while struggling to make an impact in the transfer market had prompted some Arsenal fans to turn on Wenger again after many protested against him last season.

But there were no complaints as Arsenal took the lead in the ninth minute when Santi Cazorla stroked home a penalty after Nordin Amrabat elbowed Alexis Sanchez.

Chile forward Sanchez increased Arsenal's advantage five minutes before half-time with a deft touch over Watford goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes.

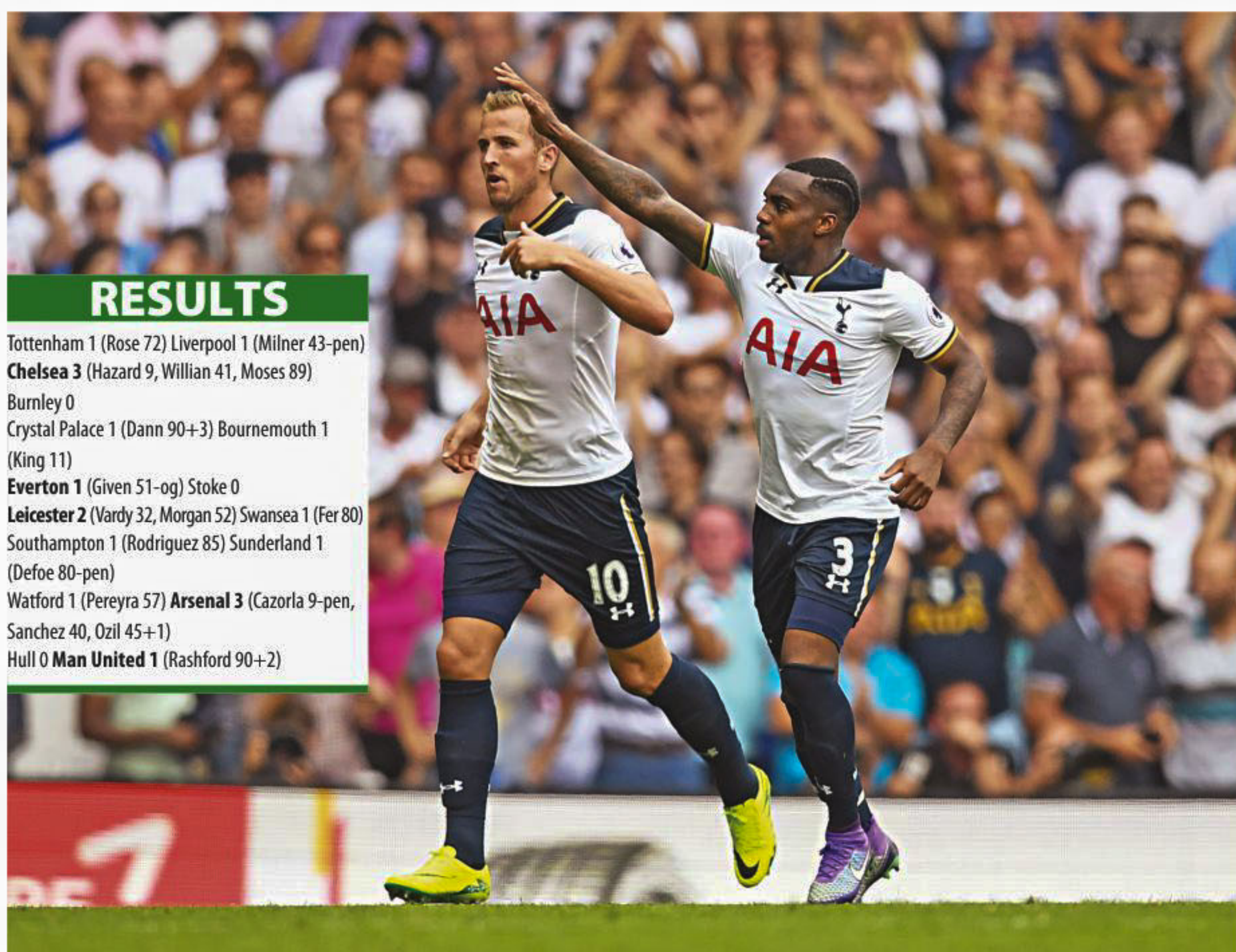
Mesut Ozil was making his first start of the season after being rested following Euro 2016 and Arsenal's German playmaker made up for lost time with a headed goal in first-half stoppage time.

Watford's Roberto Pereyra reduced the deficit in the 57th minute, but the Hornets remain winless.

At the KCOM Stadium, United secured their third successive win under Mourinho as teenage striker Rashford finally turned their pressure into a tangible reward.

Frustrated by a resolute Hull defence, United won it in the second minute of stoppage time when substitute Rashford bagged his first goal of the season with a tap in from Wayne Rooney's low cross.

Leicester finally secured the first win of their title defence with a 2-1 success against Swansea City at the King Power Stadium.



Tottenham Hotspur defender Danny Rose (R) celebrates his equalising goal against Liverpool during their Premier League encounter at White Hart Lane yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

RESULTS

Tottenham 1 (Rose 72) Liverpool 1 (Milner 43-pen)
Chelsea 3 (Hazard 9, Willian 41, Moses 89)
Burnley 0
Crystal Palace 1 (Dann 90+3) Bournemouth 1 (King 11)
Everton 1 (Given 51-og) Stoke 0
Leicester 2 (Vardy 32, Morgan 52) Swansea 1 (Fer 80)
Southampton 1 (Rodriguez 85) Sunderland 1 (Defoe 80-pen)
Watford 1 (Pereyra 57) Arsenal 3 (Cazorla 9-pen, Sanchez 40, Ozil 45+1)
Hull 0 Man United 1 (Rashford 90+2)

South Africa take control

AFP, Centurion

South Africa's top four batsmen all made half-centuries as New Zealand's decision to bowl first failed to pay off on the first day of the series-deciding second Test at SuperSport Park on Saturday.

South Africa were 283 for three at the end of a day when New Zealand were on the wrong end of no fewer than five leg before wicket decisions, while seam bowler Doug Bracewell limped off late in the day with what appeared to be a hamstring injury.

Stephen Cook (56) and Quinton de Kock (82) gave South Africa a strong start with an opening partnership of 133.

Hashim Amla and JP Duminy followed up with innings of 58 and 67 not out respectively.

Cook, Amla and Duminy all survived close calls from the umpires.

New Zealand unsuccessfully called for a review when Cook was given not out against Trent Boult by umpire Paul Reiffel when he was on one.

Umpire Ian Gould was then involved in four decisions, giving Amla and Duminy out but seeing both overturned on review.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: 182 for 2 (de Kock 82, Cook 56, Amla 58, Duminy 67 not out; Wagner 2-51)

Inter poised to sign Gabigol



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Inter are poised to complete a major transfer coup by signing both Gabigol and Joao Mario. The Nerazzurri have endured a difficult summer, with Roberto Mancini being replaced by Frank de Boer as head coach shortly before the start of the season, before losing 2-0 away at Chievo on the opening day.

However, De Boer has acted quickly to bolster his squad and Goal can reveal the pair will put pen to paper to commit their futures to the club.

Gabigol was part of the victorious Brazil Olympic squad and has been branded as the 'next Neymar'. The 19-year-old Santos attacker has already turned out for his nation's senior team, scoring twice in four outings.

Sporting midfielder Joao Mario, meanwhile, is more experienced at 23 and also tasted glory on the international scene when he helped Portugal win Euro 2016 in the summer.

Inter offered a €25m package, plus bonuses for Gabigol. This was key, as Gabriel's economic rights were split three ways: Santos possessed 40 per cent, the player another 40% and Doyent Sports Group the remaining 20%. The matter was complicated further by the presence of a clause that stated that Santos would allow Gabriel to leave for €18m if he waived his economic rights.

However, Inter guaranteed Santos that very sum as part of their offer, thus paving the way for the player to agree a January move to Milan (If the Nerazzurri want him right away, they will have to hand over an additional €2.5m). Of course, the question now is whether he will prove worth the money and the wait.

West Indies beat India by 1 run

AFP, Fort Lauderdale

West Indies defeated India by one run in a record run-laden Twenty20 clash on Saturday after piling up the third highest ever total in the game's shortest format.

Set 246 to win, India needed two runs off the last ball for a famous victory in the Florida sunshine.

But skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni could only scoop a Dwayne Bravo delivery into the hands of Marlon Samuels at short third man to leave India agonisingly on 244-4.

Rahul was unbeaten for India on 110 in just his fourth T20 match, hitting 12 fours and five sixes.

West Indies' total of 245-6 was just short of Australia's 248 against England in Southampton in 2013 while Sri Lanka's 260 against Kenya at Johannesburg in 2007 remains the highest ever international T20 total.

Evin Lewis smashed an impressive 100 and Johnson Charles hit 79 as the West Indies laid the foundations to mark Carlos Brathwaite's first game as skipper with a victory.

SCORES IN BRIEF

WEST INDIES: 245 for 6 in 20 overs (Charles 79, Lewis 100; Bumrah 2-47)

INDIA: 244 for 4 in 20 overs (Sharma 62, Rahul 110, Dhoni 43; Bravo 2-37)

Result: WI won by 1 run.

Veratti back for Italy

AFP, Milan

AC Milan goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma and Torino forward Andrea Belotti were handed maiden call-ups for Italy, after being named in Giampiero Ventura's 26-man squad for next week's friendly with France.

Ventura, who succeeded new Chelsea coach Antonio Conte following the Azzurri's quarterfinal exit from Euro 2016, also notably called up Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti following his recovery from a hernia operation.

The former Torino coach also handed first call-ups to AC Milan defender Alessio Romagnoli as well as Genoa striker Luca Pavoletti.

Ventura, 68, will take charge of his first Italy game in the southern town of Bari on Thursday.

SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS
Gianluigi Buffon (Juventus), Gianluigi Donnarumma (AC Milan), Federico Marchetti (Lazio)

DEFENDERS
Luca Antonelli (AC Milan), Davide Astori (Fiorentina), Andrea Barzagli (Juventus), Leonardo Bonucci (Juventus), Giorgio Chiellini (Juventus), Mattia De Sciglio (AC Milan), Angelo Ogbonna (West Ham United/ENG), Alessio Romagnoli (AC Milan), Daniele Rugani (Juventus)

MIDFIELDERS
Federico Bernardeschi (Fiorentina), Giacomo Bonaventura (AC Milan), Antonio Candreva (Inter Milan), Daniele De Rossi (Roma), Alessandro Florenzi (Roma), Riccardo Montolivo (AC Milan), Marco Parolo (Lazio), Marco Verratti (Paris Saint-Germain/FRA)

FORWARDS
Andrea Belotti (Torino), Eder Citadin Martins (Inter Milan), Manolo Gabbiadini (Napoli), Ciro Immobile (Lazio), Leonardo Pavoletti (Genoa), Graziano Pelle (Shandong Luneng/CHN)

Conte taking a break

AFP, London



Antonio Conte will head to the beach next week as the frazzled Chelsea manager gets some well deserved rest after battling in vain to land his top transfer targets.

Although Conte has hit the ground running with three successive wins to start his Chelsea reign, the Italian has endured a frustrating time in the transfer market since taking charge at Stamford Bridge in July.

Chelsea have made only three signings and Conte has been unable to land the centre-back and striker he regards as essential to add quality and

depth to a squad that went stale last season.

With the transfer window closing on Wednesday, many of Conte's fellow Premier League managers will be chained to their desks while the final deals are pushed through.

But Conte plans to get away from it all by taking advantage of next week's international break to head home to Italy for some quality time with his wife Elisabetta and daughter Vittoria.

Conte will keep his phone handy as the deadline draws nearer, but he is happy to leave Chelsea's last ditch recruitment drive to technical director Michael Emenalo and owner Roman Abramovich's senior adviser Marina Granovskaia.

"I'm thinking to go back to Italy. Three months now I worked every day. It's very tough," Conte told reporters on Friday.

"If I have a bit of rest for four days, it's good for me, good for the team and good for the club. I deserve a rest.

"I will stay with my family in Italy, go to the beach for a couple of days to rest and switch off my mind.

"My mind is very full of football for the last few months with Italy and then starting immediately with Chelsea."

While Conte leaves west London for some fun in the sun following Chelsea's Premier League clash with Burnley on Saturday, the former Italy and Juventus coach will hope to return to find some new signings to work with.

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