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City cruise back to top

Huddersfield relegated, MU return to top four

REUTERS, London



Premier with a swagger from the international break on

Saturday, resuming their quest for four trophies with another dominant 2-0 win at Fulham that thrust them back to the top of the Premier League. On the afternoon that Huddersfield Town

were relegated and Manchester United celebrated the full-time managerial appointment of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer with a 2-1 win over Watford, City again demonstrated why they remain the league's benchmark.

Bernardo Silva scored for the third game in a row and Sergio Aguero extended his league-leading tally to 19 in a dazzling early spell, allowing the champions to ease to a seventh straight league victory while never hitting the heights.

It restored City's advantage at the top, one point ahead of Liverpool on 77 points with both sides having played 31 games, but Juergen Klopp's men could return to the summit with a win over third-placed Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday.

Still, City, who have won the League Cup and are in the FA Cup semi-finals and Champions League quarter-finals, moved closer to an unprecedented, if still unlikely, feat with 14 matches left.

Without seemingly having broken stride, Manchester City's cosmopolitan crew reconvened after the international break and looked as if they had never been apart as soon as Bernardo Silva arrowed in a leftfooted strike within five minutes.

For manager Pep Guardiola, the lunchtime stroll at Craven Cottage, featuring the return of key players like Kevin de Bruyne and Fernandinho after injury, felt like the most perfect return with the pressure immediately back on Liverpool.

"The first 15, 20 minutes was incredible with the way we played," he told the BBC.

"After the international break, you usually miss a bit with your rhythm. This game was tricky -- 12:30 on a Saturday, a sunny day. That is unusual, and that is why I am so satisfied."

He was again, though, not about to play up the prospects of the quadruple.

"We are going to do everything to win ... We don't think too much about what people say about the quadruple. What Liverpool and Manchester City have done in the Premier League both deserve credit. That's why we are (both) here."

Manchester United moved into fourth place, level with Tottenham Hotspur on 61 points having played a game more, as Solskjaer got his permanent reign off to a winning start with victory over unfortunate Watford.

Goals from Marcus Rashford and Antony Martial secured United's win, even though this was far from their most convincing performance under the Norwegian as Watford deserved more for their enterprise than a late Abdoulaye Doucoure consolation.



Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero (C) scores the second goal against Fulham during their Premier League encounter at Craven Cottage yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Federer schools Shapovalov

AFP, Miami

Roger Federer is gearing up for a Miami Open final shootout with John Isner on Sunday after blowing away young-gun Denis Shapovalov in straight sets.

Federer produced a 6-2, 6-4 masterclass at Hard Rock Stadium to leave up-andcoming star Shapovalov, who grew up idolizing the Swiss, chasing shadows during a difficult first set.

The Swiss was superb in dismantling the 19 year-old's game, but knows with huge serving Isner lying in wait in what will be the former world number one's 50th ATP Masters final, the key will be to defuse the reigning Miami Open champion's monster service game.

Isner used it to great effect in his 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/4) win over Shapovalov's friend and compatriot Felix Auger-Aliassime earlier in the day, smashing down 21 aces. He'll be looking for more of the same against 20 time Grand Slam champion Federer.

"Playing a big server like John is like being in a penalty shootout in soccer, but I enjoy it," said number four seed Federer who coped brilliantly with Kevin Anderson's dangerous serve in the quarterfinals, winning the first set to love.

Messi on the double Delhi win super

AFP, Madrid



The visitors gave their city rivals a tough game at the Camp Nou, but Messi's chipped free-kick with 19 minutes to play and a late second sent the reigning champions 13 points clear at the top ahead of second-placed Atletico Madrid's game at Alaves later on Saturday.

Messi has now netted eight times in his last four games for Barca, and leads the way in the La Liga scoring charts with 31 goals, 13 ahead of teammate Luis Suarez.

Ernesto Valverde's men struggled to break down Espanyol early on, with half-chances in the first period.

Barcelona saw a penalty appeal waved away by both the referee and VAR on the stroke of half-time, and Malcom was denied just after the hour mark by away goalkeeper Diego Lopez as the Catalan giants grew frustrated.

But Messi has been consistently unplayable this season, and he dinked in a wonderful effort from a set-piece despite Victor Sanchez's best efforts to clear on the line.

The points were sealed in the 89th minute as Malcom ran clear on the breakaway, before cutting the ball across for Messi to sweep a trademark finish low into the bottom corner.

Barcelona next visit Villarreal on Tuesday with a second successive title looking even more like a mere formality after a sixth straight victory extended their unbeaten league run to 17 matches.





Lionel Messi continued his remarkable run of form with a second-half double as Barcelona continued their march towards the La Liga title on Saturday with a 2-0 win over Espanyol.

Messi, Suarez and Ivan Rakitic all wasting

over thriller

STAR SPORT DESK



Delhi Capitals beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 3 runs in the Super Over. Chasing 185 for victory Delhi managed 185 to tie the match. In the

super over Delhi successfully defended 11 runs bowled by Rabada.

Earlier, Kings XI Punjab rode on the back of M Ashwin's legbreaks and googlies, and then delivered a combined performance from their batsmen to win their fourthstraight game in Mohali. In what was a bold move to bowl first on a day game, the hosts recovered from a difficult position to restrict Mumbai Indians to 176. After that they paced their innings to near perfection.

KL Rahul overcame a difficult period of batting to collect his maiden fifty of the season, while Chris Gayle and Mayank Super Over

4 David Miller was unbeaten on 15.

Gayle began Kings XI's chase slowly. However, by the time the third over started, Gayle had blocked enough. He struck consecutive sixes - one off a short ball that Gayle now expects in the Powerplay - and off a pitched-up cutter that easily cleared long-off. SCORES IN BRIEF

MUMBAI INDIANS: 176 for 7 (Rohit 32, De Kock 60, Hardik 31; Ashwin 2-25, Viljoen 2-40, Shami 2-42)

KINGS XI PUNJAB: 177 for 2 (Rahul 71 not out, Gayle 40, Agarwal 43, Krunal 2-43) Result: Kings XI Punjab won by 8 wickets Player of the match: Mayank Agarwal KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 185 for 8 (Karthik 50, Russell 62; Patel 2-40) DELHI CAPITALS: 185 for 6 (Shaw 99, Iyer 43; Yadav 2-41)

Result: Delhi Capitals won by 3 runs in Agarwal chipped in with crucial forties. No. Player of the match: Prithvi Shaw

Ronaldo may miss quarters AFP, Rome

Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri confirmed on Friday Cristiano Ronaldo is an injury doubt for the Champions League quarterfinal first leg against Ajax on April 10.

Ronaldo left the field with a thigh problem captaining Portugal in Monday's draw against Serbia.

"He's already started to move but he won't return to training until he feels fit. There is a risk he'll miss the first leg against Ajax," Allegri said.





Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi celebrates his second goal against Espanyol during their La Liga match at the Nou Camp yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

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Sala pilot not authorised to fly at night

AFP, London

The pilot of a small plane that plunged into the English Channel with newly-signed Premier League striker Emiliano Sala on board was not authorised to fly at night, the BBC reported on Saturday.

The report said the pilot, David Ibbotson, was colour blind, which would have automatically disqualified him from night flights.

Contacted by AFP, Britain's Civil Aviation Authority did not confirm the report, saying only that an investigation was still under way.

The Air Accident Investigations Branch said: "Licensing continues to be a focus of the AAIB's safety investigation, but matters of legality are an issue for the regulator."



