

Premier League

Big win for 4-1 West Ham

London

Manuel Lanzini fired a second-half double as West Ham won 4-1 at Huddersfield for their biggest win of the season.

Lanzini scored twice in five minutes during an impressive second period for the Hammers, who climbed above Huddersfield in the Premier League table.

Mark Noble's opener for the London side was cancelled out before the interval by Huddersfield midfielder Joe Lolley, but the outstanding Marko Arnautovic struck within 30 seconds of the restart and then provided assists for both Lanzini's efforts.

Huddersfield started the day

two points and four places above West Ham in the standings, but the visitors have lost only one of their last eight league games under David Moyes, who registered his 200th top-flight win as a manager.

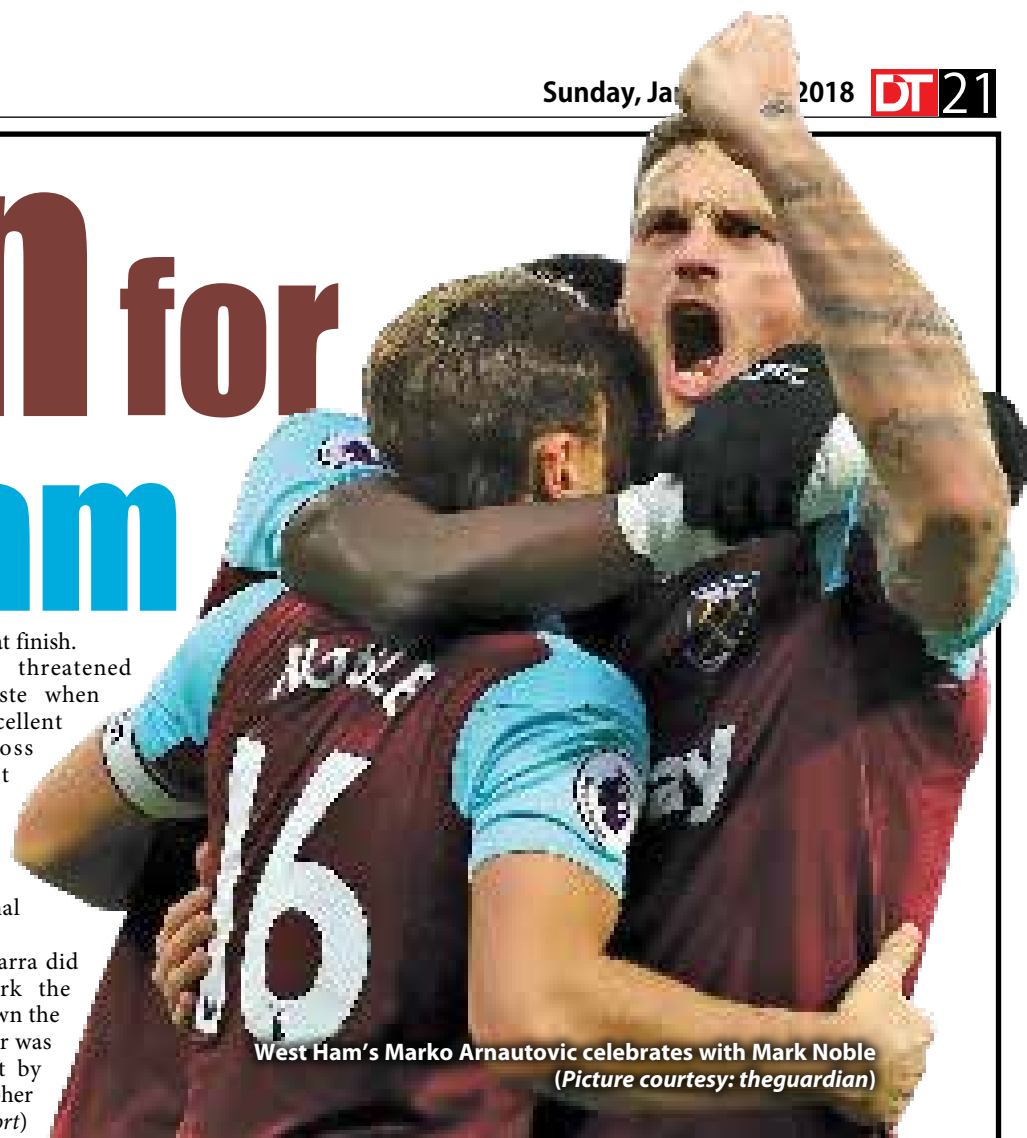
The Terriers had plenty of first-half possession, but struggled to create any openings against the visitors' well-drilled rearguard and found themselves a goal down after their defensive mix-up in the 25th minute.

Home goalkeeper Jonas Loss did Lolley no favours when playing a short pass to him out of his penalty area. The latter was dispossessed by Arnautovic and, when the ball broke clear into the box, Noble

curled home a neat finish.

Huddersfield threatened an instant riposte when Tom Ince's excellent whipped cross evaded Laurent Depoitre's lunge, but otherwise David Wagner's side lacked menace in the final third.

Rajiv van La Parra did his best to spark the hosts into life down the left and his corner was headed off target by defender Christopher Schindler. (PA Sport)



West Ham's Marko Arnautovic celebrates with Mark Noble
(Picture courtesy: theguardian)



Chelsea's Álvaro Morata tries to beat Kasper Schmeichel but to no avail (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

Chelsea 0-0 Leicester City

London

Chelsea endured a third successive goalless draw in an enthralling encounter against excellent 10-man Leicester.

Antonio Conte had been wary of the Foxes and his concern proved well founded as the movement and energy of Riyad Mahrez, Jamie Vardy and Shinji Okazaki troubled Chelsea.

Leicester were relentless, playing

like champions, with the intensity of their pressing forcing mistakes.

Ben Chilwell was sent off for two bookable offences in quick succession, leaving the visitors down to 10 men with 22 minutes remaining.

Yet still Chelsea could not break the Foxes down as the Blues followed stalemates with Norwich and Arsenal with a third in a week.

Conte tinkered with his defence for the visit of Chelsea's predecessors as champions.

David Luiz was Conte's first choice in the centre of his back three in last season's title-winning campaign.

Now the Brazilian is apparently not even second choice as Gary Cahill was deployed in the central role, with Andreas Christensen rested on the bench alongside Luiz. (PA Sport)

Pablo Fornals scores late winner
(Picture courtesy: AFP)

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Madrid

Villarreal piled the pressure on under-fire Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane as they snatched a 1-0 win over the struggling LaLiga champions at the Bernabeu.

Real reached the quarter-finals of the Copa del Rey - where they will face Leganes - in midweek, but started the day 16 points behind rivals Barcelona in the league.

And that massive gap remains in tact after a sublime finish from Pablo Fornals finished off an 87th-minute counter-attack from the Yellow Submarine, who had goalkeeper Sergio Asenjo to thank for a number of vital saves.

The visitors threatened to break the deadlock after 11 minutes when Samu Castillejo tried to find Carlos Bacca with a precise pass, only for Raphael Varane to read the danger and produce a vital interception.

That prompted a prolonged

spell of pressure from Real, who thought they had opened the scoring when Cristiano Ronaldo headed a Toni Kroos corner to Gareth Bale to nod home from close range, only for the Welshman to be correctly flagged for offside.

Marcelo's thunderous left-footed drive from 30 yards then drew a brilliant save from Asenjo, who was soon called into action again to tip a swerving free-kick from Ronaldo on to the crossbar.

Villarreal still looked dangerous on their rare forays into the opposition half and Nacho did well to deny Bacca a clean shot on target with a well-timed block.

But Real were quick to respond in an entertaining contest and Luka Modric set Ronaldo clear on the right-hand side of the area, only for the Portuguese star to lift the ball over the onrushing Asenjo and wide of the far post. (thesun.co.uk)



Arda Turan (file pic)

Barcelona's Turan returns to Turkey

London

Barcelona have loaned former Turkey international Arda Turan to Istanbul Basaksehir for the rest of this season and two more, the Liga leaders said in a statement yesterday.

Turan joined the club from Atletico Madrid for 34 million euros (\$41.46 million) plus add ons in July 2015, winning six trophies but only making 55 appearances and scoring 15 goals.

Spanish newspaper Sport

last week estimated it cost Barca one million euros for each appearance made by Turan, taking into account an annual salary reported to be 8 million euros a year.

"During this period Barca reserve the right to transfer the player to a club belonging to UEFA, and will receive a variable fee according to his performances," said the Barca statement.

"Meanwhile, Istanbul Basaksehir will reserve the right to buy the player from Barcelona." (Reuters)