

Alfie Mawson of Swansea City makes a late block to deny Adam Lallana of Liverpool after Roberto Firmino hit the post for Liverpool (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

# Swansea stun Liverpool

## London

**Swansea produced** one of the shock results of the season as Virgil van Dijk's Premier League debut for Liverpool turned into a nightmare.

Alfie Mawson struck the 40th-minute winner for bottom club Swansea, pouncing on a poor Van Dijk clearance from a corner that Liverpool's £75million record signing possibly should not have conceded.

Liverpool came into this contest unbeaten in 18 games and on a high after ending the unbeaten record of league leaders Manchester City, so few saw this 1-0 defeat coming. It was a frustrating night

for Liverpool but they almost rescued a point in stoppage time when Roberto Firmino's header, from a Van Dijk cross, came back off a post.

Jurgen Klopp's side dominated possession and territory throughout, but their usual invention and spark were badly missing, with 24-goal man Mohamed Salah suffering a rare off-night.

Swansea remain bottom of the league -- albeit on goal difference from West Brom -- but it is now only one defeat in six games under new manager Carlos Carvalhal.

The Portuguese has instilled a real sense of belief that his new charges can avoid

relegation, ever since Swansea suffered a 5-0 humiliation at Liverpool on Boxing Day.

It was no surprise that Liverpool set up camp in the Swansea half, with the hosts content to soak up pressure and break on the counter-attack.

But there was a lack of intensity about much of Liverpool's play, even if Swansea goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski had to bravely block at the feet of Sadio Mane in the eighth minute.

Swansea did break the stranglehold for Jordan Ayew to race onto Sam Clucas' pass and find the Liverpool net, but referee Neil Swarbrick

had correctly ruled that the ball had crossed the line and awarded a corner.

With so little defending to do, Van Dijk's presence was felt at the other end and he almost repeated his FA Cup goal against Everton when he glanced Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's corner narrowly wide.

Van Dijk then released Salah with a delicious ball over the top, but the Egyptian could not control his difficult volley.

Oxlade-Chamberlain tested Fabianski after some intricate Liverpool passing, but Jurgen Klopp's were stunned five minutes before the break. (PA Sport)

# Bangladesh cruise to easy victory

## Dhaka

**Opener Tamim Iqbal** and all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan continued their rich vein of form as Bangladesh maintained its winning-streak in the tri-nation One-day tournament yesterday, recording a 91-run win against Zimbabwe.

Tamim posted his third successive half-century and Shakib made his second in succession to help Bangladesh to 216-9 on a tricky wicket before the latter finished with 3-34 to dismiss Zimbabwe for just 125 in 36.3 overs.

Tamim scored 76 off 105 balls, including six fours, while Shakib contributed with an 80 ball-51 alongside his three wickets. Pace bowlers Mustafizur Rahman, Mashrafe Mortaza and left-arm spinner Sunzamul Islam picked up two apiece.

Zimbabwe needed to win the

## BRIEF SCORE

**Bangladesh 216 for 9 (Tamim 76, Shakib 51, Cremer 4-32, Jarvis 3-42) beat Zimbabwe 125 (Raza 39, Shakib 3-32, Mustafizur 2-16, Sunzamul 2-28) by 91 runs**

match to keep an advantage over the third team in the tournament Sri Lanka but failed to deal with Shakib's spin and Mashrafe Mortaza's pace in the first powerplay.

Together they removed the top order, leaving the African team on 34-4 in 9.2 overs before Sikandar Raza and Peter Moor offered some resistance.

Pace bowler Mustafizur Rahman kept up the pressure, delivering three straight maiden overs, which worked well for left arm spinner Sunzamul Islam. (AP)



Tamim Iqbal and Shakib Al Hasan bump fists during their partnership (Picture courtesy: AFP)

# Ayrton Senna's final Monaco winning car up for auction

## London

**The McLaren MP4/8A** driven by Ayrton Senna to his final Monaco Grand Prix win in the 1993 Formula 1 season is to be auctioned by Bonhams in May.

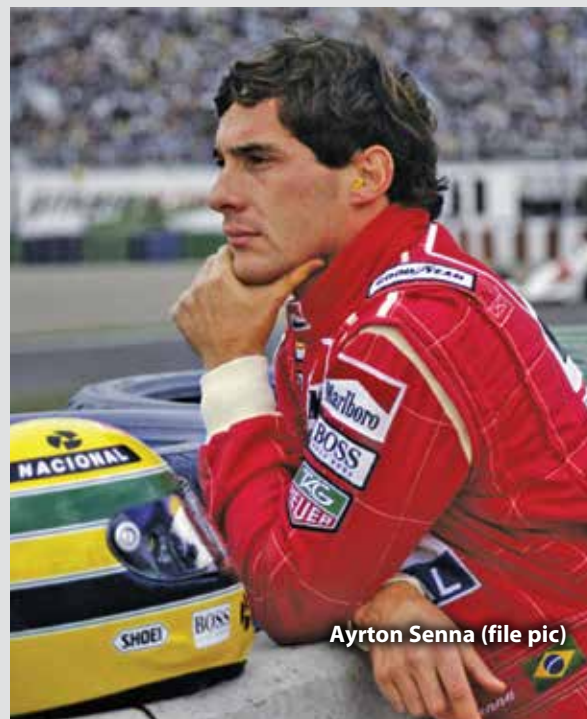
Senna used this car - chassis number six - to claim his sixth and last victory in Monaco, a record that still stands 25 years on.

He also drove the car in a further seven races that year, finishing second behind eventual champion Alain Prost on the chassis' debut at the fifth round in Spain.

Following its final race at the Italian GP, where Senna retired after contact with Damon Hill and then Martin Brundle, chassis six was used as a spare car for the final two events in Japan and Australia - both of which Senna won.

The Ford-powered MP4/8A is listed by Bonhams as being "startlingly well-preserved" and in "running order". Although Bonhams will not quote an exact estimate, it expects the McLaren to fetch a high seven-figure sum when it goes up for auction on May 11 at the Monaco Sale.

In November last year Michael Schumacher's final Monaco Grand Prix-winning 2001 Ferrari sold for \$7.5million, making it the most valuable modern era F1 car ever sold at auction. (Autosport)



Ayrton Senna (file pic)



Romain Grosjean (file pic)

## 'I could race in F1 until I'm 40'

## London

**Romain Grosjean** feels like he could race in Formula 1 until he turns 40.

The 31-year-old has completed six full seasons in F1, following a short stint with Renault, and has a contract to continue with Haas for a third season in 2018.

It remains unclear whether the former Lotus driver will stay on at Haas for a fourth season or pursue a move elsewhere on the grid.

"I still have a long way to go to the end," he told Autosport.

"I started when I was 27 really in Formula 1, so I feel like I can go a long way, maybe 40, or just before 40.

"I still believe I've got eight, nine seasons ahead, so I'm pretty good."

Grosjean has said he would like to eventually return to Enstone and race for the Renault works team again.

The Frenchman said he still has hopes of making a move back, but added he still has ambitions to be successful with Haas.

"It would be nice, especially as Renault is going up with better and better cars," he said. (Autosport)