

Newcastle denied at death

Willy Boly scored a last-gasp equaliser to leave Newcastle a point above the bottom three despite a spirited effort at Molineux

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Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Dubravka damaged his side's bid to avoid relegation for the second successive match as his late howler gifted Wolves a 1-1 draw on Monday.

Rafael Benitez's side were seconds away from a valuable victory after Isaac Hayden's first goal since 2017 put them ahead in the second half at Molineux.

Hayden's goal had come via a weak attempted save from Wolves keeper Rui Patricio.

But it was Dubravka's clanger at the other end that stole the headlines when the Slovakian allowed a cross to slip through his grasp as Willy Boly headed home deep into stoppage-time.

Dubravka will be public enemy No.1 on Tyneside after his latest gaffe, which came just days after he let Son Heung-min's shot squirm through his legs to give Tottenham a late winner.

With controversial Newcastle owner Mike Ashley watching from the stands, it was a bitter pill to swallow for Benitez, who refused to protect Dubravka when asked about the equaliser.

"We could do better. These kind of balls you can do a little bit better, punch the ball and it's finished," he said.

Asked if he thought Boly had pushed his keeper, Benitez added: "It was not very clear watching the replay. Still, it's something we have to defend better. He (Dubravka) has to be strong enough.

"I was not happy with some decisions, but overall I think the referee was fine. You cannot



Willy Boly of Wolverhampton Wanderers scores an equaliser for his side (1-1) in the last minute

complain about that."

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Back from a warm-weather break for a training camp in Marbella, seventh placed Wolves looked like they were still on the beach when Newcastle's Salomon Rondon was granted too much space for a low shot away that forced Patricio into action.

Wolves eventually hit their stride and made a vigorous appeal for a penalty when Christian Atsu challenged Raul Jimenez, only for referee Graham Scott to wave play on, with replays suggesting he made the right decision.

Jimenez needed just one goal to become just the second Mexican player to reach double figures in a Premier League campaign after Javier Hernandez.

He was close to making that milestone when he cut in from

the left and unleashed a powerful strike that Dubravka pushed away.

Sprawling to keep out Jonny's effort soon after, Dubravka was doing his best to redeem himself after his mistake against Tottenham.

Against the run of play, Newcastle snatched the lead in the

56th minute.

Hayden was played in by Fabian Schar, but his shot should have been saved by Patricio, who was beaten at his near post after weakly palming the ball into the net.

Wolves tried to mount an immediate response and Diogo Jota's low strike was well saved by Dubravka, who also kept out Leander Dendoncker's header soon after.

Paraguay midfielder Miguel Almiron came on for his Newcastle debut in the 72nd minute following his club record £20 million from Atlanta United last month.

And it seemed Wolves' pressure would be in vain, until Dubravka ended up as the villain yet again in the 95th minute. Adama Traore's high cross hung in the air for an age, but Dubravka reacted hesitantly, allowing the ball to fall through his arms and hit Boly in the face before rolling into the net for a farcical equaliser.



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Shaikha Hayat bint Abul Aziz Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Table Tennis Association (BTTA), Member of the Supreme Council for Youth & Sports and Member of the Bahrain Olympic Committee presents a memento to Cherian Mathews, Managing Director of Phoenix Marketing & Creations, for the support extended to the success of 10th Bahrain International Open Table Tennis Championship for Juniors & Cadets held in the Kingdom from 7th to 11 February



Students of New Millennium School, DPS-Bahrain participate in various sporting events organized as part of Bahrain Sports Day. The highlight of the event was a football match

BOC celebrates sports day



Women engage in a game to mark Bahrain Sports Day

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On the occasion of the Third Bahrain Sports Day, the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) staff gathered at the Bahrain Olympic Academy's premises, located at Manama Club in Juffair yesterday, to mark the occasion, which was celebrated all over the Kingdom.

The 2019 Bahrain Sports Day, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee, was created to promote sports and health-enhancing physical activities in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

BOC was delighted to lead the country-wide initiative with a morning of sports ac-

tivities at Manama Club sports hall, which boasts excellent facilities, including all weather and grass playing fields.

This two-hour programme was run by academy's director Dr Nabeel Taha, Saeed Al Aradi and executive coordinator Mahmood Yateem and senior coaching and development specialist Ali Qamber, who prepared a set of outdoor and indoor exercises for the committee's staff.

Among the activities were badminton, basketball, walking race, balls throw, tennis and some mental and heritage contests, in addition to a dedicated section for measuring physical fitness and fat levels, height, weight and oxygen.



Students of Bahrain Indian School - BHAVANS participate in activities conducted to promote physical fitness on Bahrain Sports Day. BIS celebrated the day by starting with a mass drill followed by various games for different classes. Principal Saji Jacob highlighted the importance of adopting healthy lifestyle and stressed on the need of being sportive in every sphere of life



Al Noor International School students during Bahrain Sports Day celebration. The school ensured that half of the school time was spent productively in Sports Day activities. The School's Scouts and Girls Guide troop participated in a walk at Sitra Park. Students also participated in the Sports Day celebrations organized by the Capital Governorate at Al Najma Club