

City dominate United in derby rout

Haaland scores twice as City cruise to 3-0 victory in Manchester derby

- Haaland scores second-half double
- Foden opens scoring with header
- Donnarumma makes stunning debut save
- United's fourth loss in five games

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Erling Haaland struck twice as Manchester City inflicted another damaging defeat on Manchester United boss Ruben Amorim with a comprehensive 3-0 win yesterday.

Phil Foden opened the scoring before Haaland took centre stage with a second-half double, either side of an incredible miss from the Norwegian, as City bounced back from two consecutive Premier League defeats.

United went into a derby ahead of City in the table for the first time in five years.

But that owed more to City's early season struggles than signs of progress for Amorim's men, who have taken just four points from their opening four games and been dumped out of the League Cup by fourth-tier Grimsby.

To cap a fine City display, goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma



Manchester City's Norwegian striker #09 Erling Haaland controls the ball

marked his debut with a stunning save from Bryan Mbeumo to deny United a foothold in the game at 2-0.

City remain six points adrift of leaders Liverpool, but victory is a huge confidence boost for Pep Guardiola's side ahead of facing Serie A champions Napoli and Premier League title rivals Arsenal next week.

Before kick-off, both sets of fans put rivalry aside to pay

tribute to boxing legend Ricky Hatton, who died yesterday at the age of 46.

A massive City fan, Hatton's face was displayed on big screens during a minute's applause.

Foden, a fellow boyhood City supporter, said before kick-off the news gave the home side extra motivation to win in Hatton's honour.

And the England international was central to a much-needed

victory after a difficult start to the campaign for Foden and City.

The 25-year-old was the Premier League player of the season in the 2023/24 campaign, but his form dipped drastically last season.

Fitness issues meant he had not started a game this season until yesterday, but took just 18 minutes to make his mark.

United's defence allowed Jeremy Doku to bundle his way

to the by-line and the Belgian's cross picked out Foden, completely unmarked, to head in the opening goal.

Both goalkeepers were under the spotlight as Ruben Amorim kept faith with Altay Bayindir over new signing Senne Lammens.

Donnarumma decisive

Tijjani Reijnders fired straight at Bayindir when presented with the chance to quickly double City's advantage.

Doku was the creator once more when City did double their lead on 53 minutes.

Haaland showed his power, pace and incredible precision to dink the ball over the onrushing Bayindir.

City's number nine went from the sublime to the ridiculous moments later when he missed an open goal with the chance to double his tally.

United were architects of their own danger as Matthijs de Ligt's poor pass set up a City counter-attack.

Reijnders' dummy set Haaland clear on goal, but after rounding Bayindir, he could only hit the post on the stretch.

Moments later Donnarumma produced his moment of magic to prevent what could have been a turning point.

Mbeumo's sweetly-struck volley was arrowing into the bottom corner until the Italian reached out a giant right hand to turn it behind.



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What could have been 2-1 was soon 3-0 thanks to another United gift.

Harry Maguire this time gave away possession to Bernardo Silva, who set Haaland racing away into the vacant United half and he kept his cool to score for the eighth time in nine appearances against United.

Reijnders should have rubbed further salt in the Red Devils' wounds when the Dutch international slotted wide with just Bayindir to beat.

But that did not stop the City fans goading Amorim with chants of "sacked in the morning".

The Portuguese is not in danger of an immediate dismissal, but his Premier League record now reads a dismal eight wins in 31 games.

Salah scores last-gasp penalty as Liverpool stay perfect



Virgil van Dijk of Liverpool heads the ball clear during the match

AFP | London

Mohamed Salah scored a last-gasp penalty against Burnley yesterday as Liverpool maintained their perfect record to climb back to the top of the Premier League.

Newly-promoted Burnley had kept the champions at bay but a handball from Hannibal Mejbri deep into stoppage time gave Salah a chance to win the match and he made no mistake.

Liverpool have now won all four of their Premier League matches this season after the 80th minute.

They are three points clear of Arsenal, who went top of the Premier League with a 3-0 win against Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

The visitors dominated pos-

session against Scott Parker's men but failed to break the deadlock.

Slot left new signing Alexander Isak out of his squad altogether after warning he would ease the forward into action gradually.

But he could still field an impressive attacking line-up including Salah, Cody Gakpo, Florian Wirtz and Hugo Ekitike.

Liverpool dominated from the start, with Gakpo having an early sight of goal.

Burnley sought to break quickly when they won possession and Jaidon Anthony fired over in the seventh minute. Ibrahima Konate had a chance to give Liverpool the lead but headed Gakpo's corner over the bar from close range.

Marc Marquez nears seventh MotoGP title after San Marino triumph

AFP | Misano Adriatico

Marc Marquez is on the verge of winning his seventh MotoGP world title after triumphing in yesterday's San Marino Grand Prix and breaking the sport's all-time record for championship points.

Ducati rider Marc Marquez is on a whopping 512 points with six race weekends remaining and needs to earn three more than his brother Alex Marquez, who finished third, at the Japan MotoGP later this month to draw level with his great rival and motorcycling icon Valentino Rossi.

It would be his first championship victory since 2019 and crown a comeback from an injury nightmare which began when he broke his right arm at the start of the 2020 season.

He claimed a career 99th GP win across MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3 from fourth on the starting grid, winning a brilliant battle with Aprilia's pole sitter Marco Bezzecchi who won Saturday's sprint after Marc Marquez crashed while in the lead.

"I gave everything I had, the mistake from yesterday gave me extra concentration, extra power, extra energy," said Marc Marquez.

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Ducati Lenovo Team's Spanish MotoGP rider Marc Marquez (R) leads Aprilia Racing team's Italian MotoGP rider Marco Bezzecchi (L)

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"Super important for Ducati. I felt the pressure this weekend that for them it was super important to win both the Italian GPs, in Mugello and here. We did it so happy for all the Ducatisti (fans)."

Just as during Saturday's sprint race Marc Marquez charged past Fabio Quartararo and his brother Alex Marquez at the green light to nestle in

behind Italian Bezzecchi.

Marquez dominance

But unlike on Saturday, when the Spaniard slid off the track after overtaking Bezzecchi, he made no such mistake once he snuck into the race lead during lap 12.

He pounced on a slip from Bezzecchi who went wide on a corner during lap 12 and from there rode expertly to seal his 11th GP win of a phenomenal season in which he has also won 14 of 16 sprints.



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It was a shame for Bezzecchi who previously rode for Rossi's VR46 team and was hunting a second win of the season, but he is closing in on third place in the championship standings after Marc Marquez's teammate Francesco Bagnaia crashed out.

"I think that besides the victory this is maybe the best race of my life because I was super competitive all the weekend with the pole position, the sprint, second place but close to Mark who is at the moment the strongest of the grid," said Bezzecchi.

"I gave my all. I'm destroyed to try to give the fans the best show that I could."