

Spurs get Frank off to flier

Sunderland win on Premier League return

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Richarlison scored twice to give Tottenham manager Thomas Frank a dream home debut with a 3-0 win over Burnley yesterday, while Sunderland shocked West Ham 3-0 on their return to the Premier League.

Frank was seconds away from launching his era in charge with a trophy until a late Paris Saint-Germain revival won the UEFA Super Cup on Wednesday.

The former Brentford boss replaced Ange Postecoglou despite the Australian ending Spurs' 17-year trophy drought by lifting the Europa League.

However, Postecoglou was undone by a mis-

English Premier League results:

Aston Villa 0 Newcastle 0
Brighton 1 (O'Riley 55-pen) Fulham 1 (Muniz 90+6)
Sunderland 3 (Mayenda 61, Ballard 73, Isidor 90+2) West Ham 0
Tottenham 3 (Richarlison 10, 60, Johnson 66) Burnley 0
Playing later:
Wolves v Man City (1630 GMT)
Sunday
Nottingham Forest v Brentford, Chelsea v Crystal Palace (1300), Man Utd, Arsenal (1530)
Monday
Leeds v Everton (1900)
Played Friday
Liverpool 4 (Ekitike 37, Gakpo 49, Chiesa 88, Salah 90+4) Bournemouth 2 (Semenyo 64, 76)

return of six home league wins last season as Tottenham finished just above the relegation zone in 17th.

Richarlison made the most of the faith shown in him by Frank as the Brazilian turned in Mohammed Kudus' cross to open the scoring.

The pair combined again on

the hour in more spectacular fashion as Richarlison's bicycle kick crashed in the Ghanaian's delivery from the right.

Brennan Johnson was Tottenham's hero of the Europa League final with the only goal against Manchester United and he began the new season by racing clear to slot in the third.

Burnley racked up 100 points in their Championship promotion campaign last season but did little to suggest they will buck the trend of sides being relegated straight back to the second tier.

For the past two seasons, all three promoted teams have gone down.

However, big-spending Sunderland enjoyed a dream return to the top-flight with a second-half demolition of West Ham.

Former Arsenal and Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Granit Xhaka is among pool of new



The Premier League is the most-watched football league in the world, broadcast in over 200 countries and reaching an estimated 4.7 billion people. Matches are available in nearly every corner of the globe, making it one of the most influential sporting competitions internationally.

Black Cats lift off on the hour mark.

Centre-back Dan Ballard headed in the second before Wilson Isidor rounded off a huge win in stoppage time.

Newcastle miss Isak

Newcastle missed the unsettle Alexander Isak as they failed to find the breakthrough against 10-man Aston Villa in a 0-0 draw at Villa Park.

The Magpies were the dominant side even before Ezri Konsa's red card for bringing down Antony Gordon 24 minutes from time. Isak had not been involved during Newcastle's pre-season as he appears determined to force through a move to Liverpool, who reportedly saw a £110 million (\$149 million) offer for the Swedish striker rejected.

The two clubs face off in their next league match at St. James' Park on August 25.

Newcastle manager Eddie Howe said he wants an end to the saga one way or another.

"From my perspective, you want a resolution quickly. It's taking away the focus of the players and the supporters," said Howe

"We want to be united together. We'd like a resolution, but we're not in control of that."

Fulham's Rodrigo Muniz struck in the 96th minute to salvage a 1-1 draw at Brighton after Matt O'Riley's penalty put the Seagulls in front.

Manchester City begin their campaign away to Wolves later on Saturday, hoping to bounce back into contenders for the title after a season to forget in 2024/25.

Arsenal are not in action until Sunday when they travel to face a transformed Manchester United attack.



Burnley's English manager Scott Parker

Richarlison (R) controls the ball under challenge from Burnley's Peruvian defender #22 Oliver Sonne (L)

Burnley's Dutch defender #03 Quilindschy Hartman

Thompson eclipses Lyles and Hodgkinson makes stellar comeback

AFP | Chorzów, Poland

Kishane Thompson eclipsed Olympic 100m champion Noah Lyles at the Silesia Diamond League meet on Saturday and Keely Hodgkinson made an impressive comeback over 800m a year since winning gold at the Paris Games.

A host of world and Olympic champions headlined by the likes of Karsten Warholm -- with an incredible performance in the 400m hurdles -- Armand Duplantis, Faith Kipyegon and Femke Bol shone in hot and humid conditions in front of more than 40,000 fans in the Polish city of Chorzow.

In their first meeting since Lyles won Olympic gold by just five-thousandths of a second in Paris last year, Thompson made an electric start and led from gun to tape for victory in 9.87sec.

Lyles had to be content with

second in 9.90sec as the athletes fine-tune preparations for the September 13-21 world championships in Tokyo.

There was a timely return for Hodgkinson as the 23-year-old Briton showed no sign of the lingering hamstring problems that had sidelined her for months as she clocked 1min 54.74sec, the fastest in the world this year.

Kenya's serial world record breaker Kipyegon missed out on the long-standing world record in the wom-

en's 3,000m.

Six weeks after improving her own world 1,500m record in Eugene, Kipyegon clocked 8:07.04 over the non-Olympic distance, falling just short of the 8:06.11 world record set by China's Wang Junxia in 1993.

Blistering Warholm

Warholm looked in astonishing form in the 400m hurdles after a two-month training block at home in Norway, timing a world-leading time of 46.28sec.

It was the third fastest time ever run over the distance, topped only by the Norwegian's own world record of 45.94sec and American Rai Benjamin's 46.19sec.

Dutch star Femke Bol comfortably extended her six-race win streak in the women's 400m hurdles this year with victory in 51.91sec -- another world-leading time.

Duplantis, fresh from setting his 13th pole vault world record with 6.29m in Budapest on Tuesday,

failed to hit those heights but secured victory in 6.10m, having failed three attempts at 6.20.

World leader Melissa Jefferson-Wooden equalled Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce's meet record when she clocked 10.66sec for an impressive victory in the women's 100m.

World champion Sha'Carri Richardson could only finish sixth after a troubled few weeks following her arrest for a violent altercation with her partner.

Jamaica's t w o -

time world champion Shericka Jackson claimed the honours in the 200m in 22.17sec as she powers back to form.

Cordell Tinch left it late, but the in-form American powered past three-time world champion Grant Holloway for a third victory this season in the 110m hurdles in 13.03sec.

Olympic champion Masai Russell came out on top of a stacked field in the 100m hurdles in a Diamond League record of 12.19sec ahead of American teammate Tonea Marshall.

"This win is very important to me because these are the women I'm going to be racing against at the world champs," said Russell.

Marileidy Paulino of the Dominican Republic edged Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser for victory in 49.18sec in the women's 400m and Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay outpaced Kenya's Beatrice Chebet for the win in the women's 1500m in 3:50.62.



Athletes celebrate during the winners' ceremony of the Silesia Diamond League athletics meeting in the Stadion Slaski in Chorzow, Poland