

‘Outstanding’ Ferguson stars for Kolkata in super-over IPL win



Lockie Ferguson of Kolkata Knight Riders celebrates a wicket

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Sensational bowling from New Zealand quick Lockie Ferguson in his first outing this Indian Premier League season helped Kolkata Knight Riders edge out Sunrisers Hyderabad in a super over yesterday.

Ferguson returned figures of 3-15 in the Hyderabad innings and then claimed two wickets including Hyderabad skipper David Warner in the one-over eliminator in Abu Dhabi.

Warner became the fastest to 5000 IPL runs in 135 innings as he hit an unbeaten 47 but Hyderabad could only equal Kolkata's score of 163 and the match ended in a tie.

Ferguson then bowled a superb super over to send Warner back on the first ball and took another wicket to keep down Hyderabad to two, a score Eoin Morgan's Kolkata surpassed in four balls.

"For Lockie to come in and perform in both phases was outstanding," Morgan said.

"We've been sort of striving to get wins out of the last couple of games, it didn't happen against Mumbai (Indians); today we were competitive."

Ferguson praised Morgan for staying calm and guiding the team, which is paced fourth in the eight-team table, to a crucial win as the Twenty20 tournament moves towards the business end.

"It's great having Morgs (Morgan) at the top off the mark with his calmness and of course I had my plan which was working throughout the game," said Ferguson.

"Look we'll take this win and enjoy tonight, it was a very good win on a tough wicket."

In another match, Kings XI Punjab registered an enthralling win over Mumbai Indians as their clash witnessed two Super Overs.

Both teams scored 176 runs in the allotted 20 overs which took the match into the Super Over. Punjab scored five runs off the Super Over, bowled by Jasprit Bumrah. However, Mohammed Shami too bowled brilliantly as he managed to restrict Mumbai Indians to five runs as well.

During the second Super Over, Mumbai Indians batted first and scored 11 runs. From Punjab, Chris Gayle and Mayank Agarwal came out to bat and easily took the side over the line on the fourth delivery.

Spurs rocked on Bale's return, Mitrovic suffers penalty misery

Lanzini's late gem completes stunning West Ham fightback against Tottenham

● Fulham's Mitrovic endures penalty nightmare as Blades rescue point

AFP | London

West Ham ruined Gareth Bale's Tottenham return with a stunning late fightback from three goals down to rescue a thrilling 3-3 draw, while Fulham's Aleksandar Mitrovic endured a penalty nightmare in a 1-1 draw at Sheffield United yesterday.

Tottenham were leading 3-0 when Bale came on as a 72nd minute substitute for his first appearance since joining on a season-long loan from Real Madrid.

But Bale suffered a debut to forget as Tottenham capitulated in astonishing fashion.

The Wales star was one of the main Tottenham culprits as he missed a golden opportunity to wrap up the points before West Ham's Manuel Lanzini snatched a stoppage-time equaliser.

Tottenham took the lead with just 45 seconds gone when Son Heung-min and Harry Kane combined to create a goal for the seventh time this season.

Kane was the catalyst, dropping deep into midfield before unfurling a majestic long pass that found Son, who cut into the West Ham area and curled his



Tottenham Hotspur players look dejected as Manuel Lanzini of West Ham United celebrates with teammates after scoring his team's third goal

shot into the far corner.

It was Kane's turn to get on the scoresheet in the eighth minute as he nutmegged Declan Rice and fired into the bottom corner from the edge of the area.

Tottenham's sizzling start featured a third goal in the 16th minute, with England captain Kane heading in from Sergio Reguilon's pin-point cross for his 10th goal of the season.

Having crushed Manchester United 6-1 in their last game before the international break, Jose Mourinho's side looked odds on for another emphatic victory.

Back at Tottenham seven years after leaving for Real in a then world record deal, Bale hopes to prove he is still a world-class talent despite a long spell out of favour with Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane.

But it was West Ham who were the dominant force after Bale's introduction to replace Steven Bergwijn.

Fabian Balbuena nodded in from Aaron Cresswell's cross after 82 minutes and Davinson Sanchez's headed own goal from Vladimir Coufal's delivery three minutes later left Tottenham panicking.

Bale should have scored in stoppage-time, but he shot wide after bursting into the area and Lanzini made him pay with a brilliant 25-yard blast into the top corner.

It was just the third time in Premier League history that a side has avoided defeat despite trailing by at least three goals going into the 80th minute.

Mitrovic misery

At Bramall Lane, Fulham's



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Mitrovic fired over with his second half penalty after Jack Robinson handled.

On-loan Leipzig winger Ademola Lookman put Fulham ahead in the 77th minute with a superb solo effort, beating two men before firing into the roof of the net.

But Serbia international Mitrovic was penalised for a high foot on Robinson in the 85th minute following a VAR check and Billy Sharp made him pay as he drove his penalty down the middle.

Mitrovic is the first player to commit the unwanted penalty double in the same Premier League game since Mikel Arteta for Arsenal against Fulham in 2012.

Fulham at least moved off the bottom of the table after taking their first point at the fifth attempt, following last season's promotion from the Championship.

Rins wins Aragon MotoGP as Mir takes championship lead

AFP | Budapest

Alex Rins held off compatriot Alex Marquez to win the Aragon MotoGP yesterday with another Spaniard Joan Mir finishing third to take the championship lead from Fabio Quartararo.

Suzuki's Rins became the eighth winner in this season's ten races as the vacuum created by the early season injury to reigning champion Marc Marquez has created a volatile and unpredictable title race.

This is the third victory for the 24-year-old Rins who won twice last year but was injured at the beginning of this season.

He sliced through the field after starting 10th on the grid.

"I had a very good start," he said.

The other Suzuki factory rider Mir takes over the championship lead even though he has not won a MotoGP race.

He has 121 points in the championship ahead of Quartararo (115), Spaniard Maverick Vinales (109) and Italian Andrea Dovizioso (106).

"I'm trying to be as consistent as I can," Mir said. "I'm happy



Suzuki Ecstar's Spanish rider Alex Rins rides ahead of Repsol Honda Team's Spanish rider Alex Marquez



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Frenchman Quartararo, who started from pole, struggled and finished down in 18th place.

One of the riders attempting

to fill the void left by Marquez is his younger brother and Honda teammate Alex Marquez who, after a slow start to his rookie season, has finished second in two straight races.

"It's a pleasure to be on podium with a second second place," said Marquez. "Next week we will try harder."

Six-time champion Marc Marquez was overjoyed.

"I am the brother of Alex Marquez," he tweeted in Spanish

Colombia's Dumar Roa signs long-term deal with BRAVE CF

TDI | Manama

Dumar "Corazón de León" Roa made waves last year as he shocked the world with a first-round knockout of former Lightweight world champion Abdul-Kareem Al-Selwady. And he has been rewarded with a new exclusive deal with BRAVE Combat Federation for his efforts.

After starting out his career on a short-notice bout against Felipe Silva at Lightweight, Dumar earned the biggest win of his career against Al-Selwady in his natural weight class of Featherweight. The knockout took place in Roa's first fight in Bahrain, at BRAVE CF 29, in November of 2019.

"Corazón de León" (Lion

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Dumar Roa reacts after a victory

Heart) stood out in the regional scene and has benefitted from BRAVE CF's aggressive approach in South America, being scouted in affiliation with LFC (Latin Fighters Championship), BRAVE CF's partner in Colombia. It was the perfect birthday gift for the Colombian sensation, who turned 30 one day before signing the new deal.

With a 14-8 record, Roa is known for his exciting style, which translates into knockout victories - eight of his 14 career wins have come by stoppage due to KO or TKO. He will now have the opportunity to compete again on the international stage with a long-term contract under the fastest-growing MMA organization in the world.