

# Man City gain Spurs revenge

● Phil Foden heads Manchester City top of the Premier League again

● The victory comes three days after Spurs eliminated City from the Champions League

AFP | Manchester

Manchester City exacted some measure of revenge on Tottenham for their Champions League exit as Phil Foden's first Premier League goal earned a 1-0 win to move them back top of the table yesterday.

Pep Guardiola's men edge one point ahead of Liverpool once more with four games of a titanic title race left for both sides.

For all their Champions League heroics to get to the semi-finals this season, Tottenham still have much to do to qualify for the competition next season as they could easily end the Easter weekend outside the top four should Arsenal and Chelsea beat Crystal Palace and Burnley at home respectively.

City's quest for an unprecedented quadruple of trophies was ended by defeat on away goals to Spurs on Wednesday, despite winning a thrilling quarter-final, second leg 4-3.

However, they remain on course for a first ever treble of domestic trophies in England as they survived a nervy finale thanks to another blistering start.

City have made a habit of firing out of the blocks this season and just like in midweek to kick-start a kamikaze encounter, they struck within five minutes.



Phil Foden heads home the only goal of the game for Manchester City

Foden was making just his second Premier League start and immediately justified Guardiola's faith in the 19-year-old by heading home Sergio Aguero's nodded pass across goal from Bernardo Silva's cross.

However, history could easily have repeated itself as after four goals were shared in the opening 11 minutes on Wednesday, Spurs had numerous chances to strike back.

Son Heung-min had already forced Ederson in a smart save from a narrow angle before City scored and the Brazilian goalkeeper had to rush from his goal once more to deny Christian Eriksen an equaliser on 15 minutes.

Two minutes later the Dane played provider with a glorious ball to free Son in behind the City defence.

However, the South Korean, who scored twice in midweek to end City's European dreams for another season, was caught up just in time by Aymeric Laporte,



**Manchester City's quest for an unprecedented quadruple of trophies was ended by defeat on away goals to Spurs on Wednesday, despite winning a thrilling quarter-final, second leg 4-3**

who made a perfectly timed last-ditch tackle.

Despite Tottenham's chances on the break, it was the hosts who were still dominating territory and possession with Bernardo Silva a constant threat.

The Portuguese's outstand-

ing season was rewarded as he was named alongside teammates Aguero and Raheem Sterling in the six-man shortlist for the PFA Player of the Year award and Jan Vertonghen was fortunate to escape without conceding a penalty when he appeared to trip Silva inside the area.

Spurs were without captain Hugo Lloris through injury and his understudy Paulo Gazzaniga looked nervous early on, but the Argentine goalkeeper got down to save Silva's next effort.

Guardiola's decision to leave Kevin de Bruyne out for the first leg of the Champions League quarter-final between the sides was doubly questioned after the Belgian bagged a brilliant hat-trick of assists in midweek.

However, Guardiola's reasoning for being cautious with his playmaker after an injury-plagued season was understandable as De Bruyne limped off again just before the break and may well now miss the rest of the campaign.

## English Premier League

Manchester City	1	0	Tottenham Hotspur
Bournemouth	0	1	Fulham
Huddersfield Town	1	2	Watford
West Ham United	2	2	Leicester City
Wolverhampton	0	0	Brighton

## Italian Serie A

Parma	1	1	Milan
Bologna	3	0	Sampdoria
Cagliari	1	0	Frosinone
Empoli	2	4	SPAL
Genoa	0	1	Torino
Lazio	1	2	Chievo
Udinese	1	1	Sassuolo
Juventus	2	1	Fiorentina

## German Bundesliga

1. FSV Mainz 05	3	1	Fortuna Düsseldorf
Bayer 04 Leverkusen	2	0	1. FC Nürnberg
FC Augsburg	6	0	VfB Stuttgart
Bayern Munich	1	0	SV Werder Bremen

## Spanish La Liga

Celta de Vigo	2	1	Girona
Eibar	0	1	Atletico Madrid

## French Ligue 1

Guingamp	1	3	Marseille
----------	---	---	-----------

\*Scores as of closing

Both sides suffered from their midweek exertions and the blazing sun as the second-half meandered along at a much more subdued pace.

Spurs had a big penalty appeal of their own turned down when Kyle Walker handled inside the area against his former club.

Sterling briefly thought he had completed a hat-trick in stoppage time on Wednesday with the goal that would have sent City through to the Champions League last four until VAR ruled

the goal out for offside.

And the England international could not believe his misfortune once more when Gazzaniga stuck out an outstretched leg to prevent Sterling sealing a vital three points from Leroy Sané's cut-back.

Instead, City had to suffer through the closing stages knowing one mistake could cost them the title.

But they held on as Spurs suffered an eighth straight away defeat to English opposition.

## Bahrain conquers world of MMA with Brave title win

TDI | Manama

Brave Combat Federation's new Super Lightweight champion Eldar Eldarov flew the flag of Bahrain to the highest place, last Friday (19), as he took a unanimous decision victory over Mounir Lazzez in the co-main event of Brave 23: Pride and Honour, held in Amman, Jordan.

Eldarov made history for Bahrain, by becoming the first-ever world champion from the Kingdom, and he also wrote his name in one of MMA's most iconic moments. As he had the

belt wrapped around his waist by Brave CF president Mohammed Shahid, Eldar became the first-ever world champion at the newly-formed Super Lightweight division.

The new weight class was approved by several commissions around the world, but Brave has been the only truly global promotion to install the weight class, providing fighters with more options to fight at their optimal body weight.

"We made history together. Since I was a little kid, training and grinding away, I've envisioned this moment. I've

### Brave 23: Pride and Honour results:

#### Main card

Welterweight: Abdoul Abdouraguimov defeated Jarrah Al-Selawe by split decision  
 Super Lightweight: Eldar Eldarov def. Mounir Lazzez by unanimous decision  
 Lightweight: Luan Santiago def. Abdul-Kareem Al-Selwady by Knockout - Round 1  
 Catchweight: Hashem Arkhagha def. Jeremy Smith by Knockout - Round 1  
 Welterweight: Khamzat Chimaev def. Ikram Aliskerov by Knockout - Round 1  
 Flyweight: Jose Torres def. Amir Albazi by unanimous decision

#### Preliminary card

Bantamweight: Aidan James def. Jalal Al Daaja by TKO - Round 3  
 Lightweight: Anas Siraj Mounir vs Alex Martinez ends in No Contest (accidental low blow by Martinez on Mounir)  
 Bantamweight: Ali Qaisi def. Georges Bardawil by unanimous decision  
 Featherweight: Akhmed Magomedov def. Steven Gonçalves by unanimous decision  
 Lightweight: Ahmed Amir and Sam Patterson fought to a split draw  
 Featherweight: Hassan Talal def. Mohammad Aly by TKO - Round 2

always wanted to be a martial arts world champion. I was very close to achieve that in combat sambo but I lost in the finals. Now, I fulfil that vision. Thank you to His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for this honour", said Eldarov after the fight.

Aside from the Bahrain representative, two other new world champions were crowned in the biggest night in Brave CF history. Abdoul Abdouraguimov survived a late rally from previous titleholder Jarrah Al-Selawe to maintain his undefeated record

and become the new Welterweight world champion, while Luan Santiago knocked out Abdul-Kareem Al-Selwady in the first round to claim Lightweight gold.

In other important fights, two incredible knockouts for Hashem Arkhagha and Khamzat Chimaev, who put the lights out on Jeremy Smith and Ikram Aliskerov, respectively. Flyweight superstar Jose Torres had a winning Brave debut taking home a unanimous decision over a game Amir Albazi.

## Parma draw stalls AC Milan's Champions League push

AFP | Milan

Bruno Alves grabbed a point for Parma to pile the pressure on AC Milan's Champions League ambitions with a 1-1 draw in Emilia-Romagna yesterday.

Samu Castillejo nodded Milan ahead after 69 minutes but Alves pulled the sides level with a curling free-kick three minutes from time.

AC Milan remain fourth on 56 points but Roma were two points behind in fifth before they played third-

placed Inter Milan at the San Siro later yesterday.

Atalanta, sixth, can pull level with Milan on points when they travel to second-placed Napoli on Monday.

Lazio were also lurking four points behind ahead of their game against relegated Chievo yesterday with Torino seven points adrift of the Champions League places before travelling to Genoa.

Castillejo came off the bench after 66 minutes and had an immediate impact when he headed in a Suso cross three minutes later.

Patrick Cutrone had a goal ruled out for offside minutes later but Alves snatched a point for promoted Parma with a free kick that left returning Milan goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma helpless.

Parma move up to 13th place, seven points above the relegation zone with five games left.

"It wasn't a great performance," said Milan coach Gennaro Gattuso.



Eldar Eldarov celebrates his victory over Mounir Lazzez



AC Milan's Samu Castillejo