

Chelsea deny United

Mourinho furious as Chelsea salvage unbeaten record

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Jose Mourinho described conceding a 96th minute equaliser to draw 2-2 at Chelsea as an "awful result" for Manchester United, but played down a melee involving players and staff from both sides after Ross Barkley's late strike.

Mourinho had to be restrained by stewards when one of Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri's backroom staff, Marco Ianni, ran in front of the Portuguese to celebrate as the hosts salvaged their unbeaten start under the Italian.

The United manager then also gestured with three fingers towards the Chelsea fans in reference to the three Premier League titles he won for the club in two spells in charge.

"I did not get respect back from Chelsea (fans) but that is not my responsibility," said Mourinho.

Sarri said he had gone with Ianni after the match to offer his apologies to Mourinho.

"After the match I have spoken with Jose and I understood that we were wrong," said Sarri. "I (have) spoken immediately with the member of my staff and then I bring him to speak with Mourinho and to say sorry to Mourinho."

Mourinho accepted that apology. But his frustration at blowing what could have been a huge



Manchester United's French striker Anthony Martial (C) jumps for the ball with Chelsea's German defender Antonio Rudiger

win in the context of a stuttering season was obvious.

Martial delivers

Mourinho's decision to hand Anthony Martial a start in an attack-minded line-up came good as the Frenchman scored twice in 18 second-half minutes after Antonio Rudiger headed Chelsea into an early lead.

The German defender easily peeled away from Paul Pogba

to plant a powerful header past the helpless David de Gea from Willian's corner.

That was the fourth time United have conceded from a corner in the league this season, having also done so in defeats to Brighton, Tottenham and West Ham.

"Players make mistakes and I prefer to focus on the global performance and again my midfield was very good," added Mourinho on Pogba's error.

It wasn't so costly this time as Chelsea paid for a lack of killer instinct despite dominating possession for the rest of the first-half.

"I am happy with the performance of the team for 60 minutes because for 60 minutes we played our football," said Sarri.

"Then after the goal of 1-1 we haven't played our football. We only played the long ball and we are not organised to go on the second ball.

English Premier League

Chelsea	2	2	Manchester United
Bournemouth	0	0	Southampton
Cardiff City	4	2	Fulham
Manchester City	5	0	Burnley
Newcastle United	0	1	Brighton and Hove Albion
West Ham United	0	1	Tottenham Hotspur
Wolverhampton	0	2	Watford
Huddersfield Town	0	1	Liverpool

English Championship

Blackburn Rovers	2	1	Leeds United
Aston Villa	1	0	Swansea City
Brentford	0	1	Bristol City
Hull City	1	1	Preston North End
Ipswich Town	0	2	Queens Park Rangers
Nottingham Forest	1	2	Norwich City
Reading	3	1	Millwall
Rotherham United	1	1	Bolton Wanderers
Stoke City	0	1	Birmingham City
Wigan Athletic	1	0	West Bromwich Albion
Derby County	2	1	Sheffield United

Italian Serie A

Roma	0	2	SPAL
Juventus	1	1	Genoa
Udinese	0	1	Napoli

German Bundesliga

1. FC Nürnberg	1	3	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim
Bayer 04 Leverkusen	2	2	Hannover 96
FC Augsburg	0	0	RB Leipzig
VfB Stuttgart	0	4	Borussia Dortmund
VfL Wolfsburg	1	3	FC Bayern München
FC Schalke 04	0	2	SV Werder Bremen

Spanish La Liga

Real Madrid	1	2	Levante
Valencia CF	1	1	Leganés
Villarreal	1	1	Atlético de Madrid
Barcelona	2	0	Sevilla

French Ligue 1

Paris Saint-Germain	5	0	Amiens
Caen	0	0	Guingamp
Dijon	0	2	Lille
Nantes	4	0	Toulouse
Reims	1	1	Angers
Strasbourg	1	0	Monaco

*Scores as of closing

Man City turn on style



Leroy Sane scores Manchester City's fifth against Burnley at the Etihad Stadium

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Manchester City brushed aside Burnley 5-0 to pull clear at the top of the Premier League yesterday.

City's win gives them a two-point cushion over Chelsea and Tottenham -- 1-0 winners at West Ham -- but Liverpool will join them on 23 points if they beat Huddersfield in the

from nine league games as Burnley goalkeeper Joe Hart endured a miserable return to his former club at the Etihad.

Sergio Aguero opened the scoring in the 17th minute before second-half goals rained in from Bernardo Silva, Fernandinho, Riyad Mahrez and Leroy Sane.

With the defending champions slipping ominously into

Pressure mounts on Lopetegui as Madrid beaten by Levante

● Real Madrid set unwanted club record for goalless run

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Real Madrid failed to ease the pressure on coach Julen Lopetegui and instead set the record for the longest goal-drought in the club's history during a surprise 2-1 defeat by Levante yesterday.

Madrid have now gone five games without a victory and by the time Marcelo gave them hope of a comeback at the Santiago Bernabeu, they had gone 481 minutes without a goal too.

The club's previous worst run had been 464 minutes, in 1985.

For a team that prides itself



(From L) Levante's forward Jason Remeseiro, Real Madrid's midfielder Casemiro, Levante's defender Sergio Postigo, Real Madrid's forward Mariano and Real Madrid's defender Sergio Ramos jump for the ball

later on Saturday, with a 'Clasico' to come next weekend at the Camp Nou.

Asked about his future, Lopetegui said: "It is the last thing

Raphael Varane handing Levante a two-goal lead here after just 13 minutes. Jose Luis Morales and Roger Marti, from the penalty spot, were the ben-

481
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He had left Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema on the bench, perhaps due to fitness issues, and the gamble backfired, despite both making a difference when brought on in the second half.

Lopetegui had cited a lack of luck in recent weeks and Madrid were not blessed with it here. They hit the crossbar twice and the post once. They