

# Liverpool's perfect start ended by Crystal Palace

Man Utd beaten at Brentford

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Liverpool's perfect Premier League start came undone in a 2-1 defeat at Crystal Palace on Saturday as Manchester United suffered another setback in losing 3-1 at Brentford.

Palace are now the only undefeated team in the Premier League after extending their club record run to 18 games in all competitions without losing, including three games against Liverpool.

"These are the moments why we love football. The fans will have a great Saturday evening now," said Palace boss Oliver Glasner.

"We deserved it. Great performance, great game, great win." The English champions were finally made to pay for another disjointed performance after being bailed out by a series of late goals in winning their opening five league games.

Ismaila Sarr fired the FA Cup winners into an early lead after Liverpool failed to deal with a corner.

Liverpool looked set to be rescued by another late goal when Federico Chiesa swept home a loose ball in the box to equalise on 87 minutes.

This time the Reds were on the other end of a late winner.

Nketiah produced a composed finish in a packed penalty area with almost the last kick of the game.

Victory takes Palace

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

## English Premier League results

Brentford 3 (Thiago 8, 20, Jensen 90+5) Manchester United 1 (Sesko 26)
Chelsea 1 (Fernandez 24) Brighton 3 (Welbeck 77, 90+10, De Cuyper 90+2)
Crystal Palace 2 (Sarr 9, Nketiah 90+8) Liverpool 1 (Chiesa 87)
Leeds 2 (Rodon 37, Longstaff 54) Bournemouth 2 (Semenyo 26, Kroupi 90+3)
Manchester City 5 (Esteve 12-og, 65-og, Nunes 61, Haaland 90, 90+3) Burnley 1 (Anthony 38)

up to second and within three points of Liverpool at the top of the table.

Arsenal can move back into second and cut the gap on their title rivals to two points when they travel to Newcastle on Sunday.

Brentford bully Man Utd

United boss Ruben Amorim's wait for back-to-back Premier League wins goes on, nearly a year into his reign, after a disastrous defensive display at Brentford.

The Bees had previously won just once since Keith Andrews replaced Tottenham boss Thomas Frank, but the visitors were unable to deal with Brentford's physical approach.

Harry Maguire's attempt to play offside cost United the opening goal as Igor Thiago ran clear to smash home.

Thiago was the beneficiary of another United error on 20 minutes when he powered into an empty net from goalkeeper Altay Bayindir's punch back into the danger area.

Benjamin Sesko's first United goal was the only positive note for Amorim's men as the Slovenian fired in at the third attempt before half-time.

Manchester City needed some help from Burnley defender Maxime Esteve, who scored two own goals, in a 5-1 win for Pep Guardiola's men.

Esteve turned into his own net under pressure from Phil Foden after Jeremy Doku's effort was saved.

Against the run of play, Burnley hit back through Jadon Anthony to level before half-time.

City were growing frustrated until Matheus Nunes blasted in from Erling Haaland's knock-down.

## Chelsea beaten by Brighton

For the second consecutive weekend, Chelsea were undone by a red card in a 3-1 defeat to Brighton.

The Blues deservedly led at half-time through Enzo Fernandez's header.

However, the game changed when Trevoh Chalobah was sent-off on 53 minutes after a VAR review for chopping down Diego Gomez who was racing clear on goal.

Brighton made the man advantage count as Danny Welbeck headed in to level before Maxim De Cuyper and Welbeck secured victory in stoppage time.

# Budaiya hit four, Al Ahli fight back

● Ahli finally earn first point

● Budaiya ruthless in front

● Bahrain SC rooted bottom

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Al Ahli finally found assistance in the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League, holding A'ali to a 1-1 draw at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa Stadium. It was their first point of the season after defeats to Muharraq and Al Khaldiya. A'ali, who beat Al Najma last time out, remain steady with four points.

Diego Cardoso struck first in the 38th minute, capitalising on Ali Sahwan's misjudged header. His namesake Jordão Cardoso unselfishly squared the ball, leaving Diego to finish from close range.

But the moment of the night belonged to substitute Faisal Hassan. In the 73rd minute, a half-cleared corner fell invitingly and Hassan unleashed a thunderous half-volley from distance. The ball whistled past everyone before crashing into the corner, salvaging a point for Al Ahli.

## Budaiya too strong

If Ahli's point provided relief, Budaiya's emphatic

4-1 win over Bahrain SC at Khalifa Sports City Stadium sent a statement. After a draw and a narrow defeat in their opening two games, this was a resounding response.

Captain Clement opened the scoring inside three minutes after fine wing play from Asante, who wriggled past two defenders before Abdulaziz Al-Shaikh arrived in support to square for his skipper. Bahrain SC briefly levelled when Budaiya failed to clear their lines, Gabriel Oliveira pouncing to feed Gabriel Monteiro, who made no mistake with the finish.

Budaiya, though, regained control before the break. Kaplan released Clement wide on the left and his dangerous cross took a deflection, falling perfectly for Asante to stoop low and head in clinically.

The second half belonged to the hosts. Kaplan curled a left-footed free-kick from just outside the area into the top corner at the near post, a strike of real quality. And the victory was complete late on when Asante's persistence kept a long ball alive, turning smartly to find substitute Abdulla Al Bahraini, who swept home first time.

## Early Season Picture

Al Ahli remain 11th with one point, Bahrain SC are rock bottom without any. Budaiya leap to sixth on four points, level with A'ali in eighth.

The Nasser bin Hamad Premier League now pauses and resumes with matchday four on October 3.

## Traditional rowing race



Bahraini team Samoom, led by Captain Ahmed Nasser Al-Bousmait, claimed first place in the traditional rowing race - Heritage heat - at the eighth and largest edition of the Nasser bin Hamad Marine Heritage Sports Season 2025. The team completed the 3,000-metre race in 12:55:30 minutes, finishing ahead of 18 competitors in a spirited contest. Oman's Al-Dhahab team, captained by Hamid Salem Al-Huraibi, secured second place with 13:04:41 minutes, while Shabab Sohar from Oman, led by Captain Ibrahim Saleh Al-Bugheiti, came third with 13:10:57 minutes. Nearly 300 rowers representing 19 teams from Bahrain, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates took part in the race, which began near Khalifa bin Salman Park in Hidd and ended at the waters opposite the Bahrain National Museum.