

sunday — (all times are kuwait local)

14:00 getafe vs valladolid bein sports 3hd
 14:00 verona vs torino/soccer bein sports 4hd
 16:00 celta vs mallorca/soccer bein sports 3hd
 17:00 juve vs udinese/soccer sports 4hd
 17:00 bordeaux vs strasbourg/soccer .. bein sports 6hd
 19:00 lyon vs rennes/soccer bein sports 6hd
 22:45 fiorentina vs inter/soccer bein sports 4hd
 23:00 valencia vs real/soccer bein sports 3hd

Sports

Latest sports scores at — <http://sports.arabtimesonline.com>

Liverpool extend lead as Leicester held

Chelsea's EPL slump continues with loss to Bournemouth

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec 14, (AP): Mo Salah scored twice as Liverpool kept up its relentless Premier League title charge with a 2-0 win over last-place Watford on Saturday, extending the team's lead to 10 points.

Liverpool looked shaky defensively at times but Salah finished off a lightning counterattack to give the host the lead in the 38th minute at Anfield and then made sure of the victory with a cheeky backheel from a tight angle in injury time.

The win widened the gap to closest challenger Leicester even further after Brendan Rodgers' team was held to a 1-1 home draw by Norwich. The Reds have won 16 of 17 league games so far, with one draw.

"The most important thing that you have to show in this period of the season is resilience, and that's what we showed again," Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp said. "They had their chances, but we scored our goals."

Liverpool entered this game as a massive favorite against the team at

Wolves vs Tottenham beIN SPORTS 1HD

17:00 local

Man Utd vs Everton beIN SPORTS 2HD

11HD

17:00 local

Arsenal vs Man City beIN SPORTS 2HD

11HD

19:30 local

Palace vs Brighton beIN SPORTS 2HD

11HD

22:45 local (Monday)



Leicester City's Jamie Vardy (right), and Norwich City's Max Aarons during their English Premier League soccer match at King Power Stadium in Leicester, England on Dec 14. (AP)

the bottom of the standings, but only poor finishing prevented Watford from taking at least a point in Nigel Pearson's first game in charge.

Watford striker Troy Deeney missed a chance from eight yards in the sixth minute when he went with the wrong foot in trying to convert a cross from Ismailia Sarr. Will Hughes then skimmed a shot wide with three teammates in close proximity before both Abdoulaye Doucoure and Sarr had embarrassing mis-kicks in front of goal.

Salah, though, was as clinical as ever with his second double in four days after also netting twice in the Champions League in midweek.

Liverpool's opener came when they broke from a corner, with Sadio Mané playing Salah through one-on-one with Kiko Femenia. The Egypt international cut back onto his right foot before curling a shot up and over Ben Foster and into the far corner.

Salah then made the game safe after substitute Divock Origi mishit an attempted shot on target and the ball trickled over to the Egyptian, who used his first touch to backheel it into the net.

Leicester 1 Norwich 1

Leicester's eight-game winning streak in the Premier League ended Saturday with a 1-1 draw against Norwich.

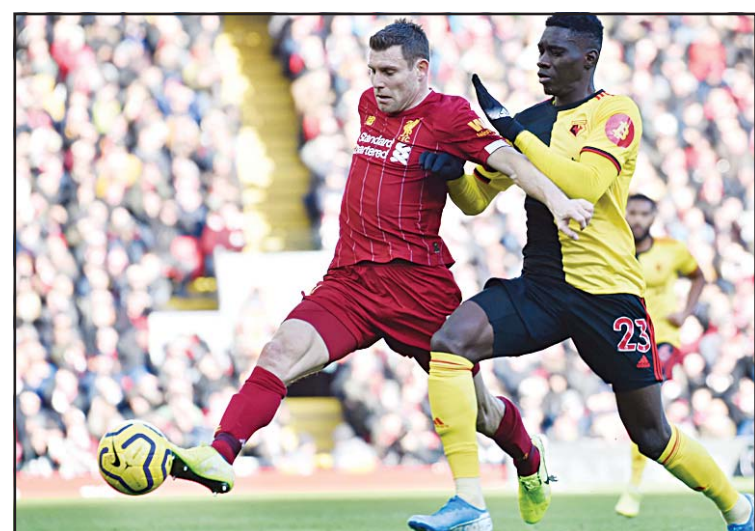
Jamie Vardy's streak of scoring in eight straight league games also ended after his header from a corner was ruled an own goal by Norwich goalkeeper Tim Krul, who directed the ball into the net with his hand.

That goal equalized for Leicester in the 38th minute after Norwich striker Teemu Pukki had given the visitors a surprising lead in the 26th.

Pukki ran onto a defense-splitting through ball and calmly slotted a low finish past Kasper Schmeichel for his ninth league goal of the season.

Vardy had a chance to score early in the second half when he rounded Krul, but rolled the ball onto the outside of the post from a tight angle.

Leicester have surprisingly emerged as Liverpool's closest ti-



Watford's Ismailia Sarr, (right), challenges Liverpool's James Milner during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Watford at Anfield Stadium in Liverpool, England, Dec 14. (AP)

Barca 'held' by Real Sociedad

MADRID, Dec 14, (AP): Barcelona were held by Real Sociedad to a 2-2 draw on Saturday, giving Real Madrid a chance to take the outright lead in the Spanish league before next week's "clásico" between the rivals.

Real Madrid can enter Wednesday's match at Camp Nou Stadium with a two-point lead over Barcelona if they beat Valencia on Sunday.

Spanish powerhouses Madrid and Barcelona will meet for the first time this season in a match postponed from October because of a separatist rally in the Catalan capital.

Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde didn't rest any of his top players, using Lionel Messi, Luis Suárez and Antoine Griezmann in the attack.

Barcelona, which had won nine of its last 10 league games, were outplayed during most of the match at Reale Arena, with fourth-place Sociedad creating most of the scoring chances and restraining Barcelona.

Mikel Oyarzabal opened the scoring for the hosts by converting a 12th-minute penalty kick after Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets was caught grabbing Real Sociedad defender Diego Llorente inside the area.

Barcelona recovered with two fast breakaways, one late in the first half and another soon after the break.

tle challengers after a run of eight straight wins since a loss at Anfield in October. But this draw means the



Barcelona's Carles Alena jumps for the ball with Real Sociedad's Diego Llorente, (left), during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Sociedad and Barcelona, at Anoeta Stadium, in San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 14. (AP)

hopes of catching Jurgen Klopp's team look slim at best.

Norwich remained in 19th place but is now three points from safety.

Bournemouth 1 Chelsea 0

Dan Gosling's late goal gave Bournemouth a 1-0 win at Chelsea as Frank Lampard's team fell to their fourth loss in five Premier League matches.

Gosling scored an 84th-minute winner when he flicked the ball over Kepa Arrizabalaga and into the net despite standing with his back to goal, ending Bournemouth's run of five successive league losses.

Chelsea looked toothless in attack throughout the game, but striker Tammy

Eddie Howe's Bournemouth headed into the game missing eight injured players and had not won in the league since beating Manchester United 1-0 at home on Nov 2. But the visitors kept their shape throughout and rebuffed Chelsea's late charge after after Lampard threw on Michy Batshuayi as a second striker.

Mason Mount spurned Chelsea's best chance in the first half when he drew a save from Bournemouth goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale.

Emerson Palmieri then headed straight at Ramsdale from point-blank range in the second half after being set up by substitute Callum Hudson-Odoi.

Instead it was Gosling who conjured an improbable lob to stun Kepa, with Cesar Azpilicueta unable to clear off the line.

Chelsea remained in fourth place but Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers both have a chance to pull within two points of Lampard's

Dortmund rout Mainz

Bayern bounce back to rout Bremen

BERLIN, Dec 14, (AP): Philippe Coutinho scored a hat trick and set up two more goals as Bayern Munich came from behind to rout Werder Bremen 6-1 and end a two-game losing run in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Robert Lewandowski scored two and substitute Thomas Müller grabbed the other as Bayern bounced

Wolfsburg vs M'gladbach beIN SPORTS

5HD

17:30 local

Schalke vs Frankfurt beIN SPORTS 5HD

20:00 local



Bremen's Nuri Sahin (left), and Bayern's Benjamin Pavard (right), challenge for the ball during the German Bundesliga soccer match between FC Bayern Munich and SV Werder Bremen in Munich, Germany, on Dec 14. (AP)

back from successive 2-1 defeats to Borussia Mönchengladbach and Bayer Leverkusen.

Bremen's visit came just at the right time for the seven-time defending champions. Bremen had lost their previous 20 competitive games against Bayern, 17 in the league and three in the German Cup.

But Florian Kohfeldt's team gave the home side an early scare when Milot Rashica opened the scoring by rifling a shot from outside the penalty area past Manuel Neuer in the 24th minute.

Jiri Pavlenka denied Lewandowski in the 40th, when the Poland star only had the goalkeeper to beat, and then saved Coutinho's effort from the rebound.

But the Bremen 'keeper was beaten twice before the break. Serge Gnabry gave Coutinho a

team on Sunday.

Burnley 1 Newcastle 0

Chris Wood scored his seventh goal of the season as Burnley ended a run of three successive losses with a 1-0 win against an injury-hit Newcastle in the Premier League on Saturday.

Wood's 58th-minute header was enough to separate the midtable teams in what was overall a poor contest at Turf Moor, giving Sean Dyche's side their fifth league win at home this season, all without conceding.

On a bitter Lancashire afternoon, the first half was mostly played at a relatively pedestrian pace.

Without the pace of Allan Saint-Maximin and Miguel Almiron, Newcastle manager Steve Bruce handed Andy Carroll only his second start since a free move from West Ham in the summer, as well as the captain's armband for the first time.

tap-in in the 45th and the Brazilian set up Lewandowski to break his

two-game scoring drought in first-half injury time. Lewandowski had scored in the first 12 games of the season, a record, before an unexpected dry spell.

Coutinho's second goal in the 63rd all but sealed the win, but the goals kept coming with Lewandowski grabbing his second in the 72nd, Coutinho setting up Thomas Müller in the 75th and completing his hat trick in the 78th.

Goals from Marco Reus, Jadon Sancho, Thorgan Hazard and Nico Schulz gave third-place Borussia

Dortmund a 4-0 win in Mainz — their fourth consecutive win since their Champions League loss in Barcelona.

Jürgen Klinsmann claimed his first win in charge of Hertha Berlin thanks to Vladimir Darida's rocket inside the left post for a 1-0 home victory over high-flying Freiburg.

Darida let fly from outside the penalty area to decide a lackluster game in the 53rd. It was Hertha's first win in six league games.

Cologne defeated nine-man Bayer Leverkusen 2-0 in the Rhine derby and Union Berlin were held to a 1-1 draw at Paderborn.

After an uneventful first half, Fleck put the hosts ahead in the 50th minute by steering home an assist by John Lundstram. Fleck added the second by finishing off a move he started himself in the 73rd, getting on the end of a flick by David McGoldrick and drilling the ball confidently past Tom Heaton.

Villa had a chance to get back in the game after VAR awarded a penalty for handball by John Egan, but Jack Grealish belted the resulting spot kick against the crossbar.

Sheffield leapfrogged Manchester United, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Tottenham into fifth place in the standings, although all three of those teams have a chance to overtake Chris Wilder's side on Sunday.

Relegation-threatened Aston Villa have 15 points from 17 games.

Results/Standings on Page 26