



Tottenham's Harry Kane (second left), scores his side's second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London on July 19. (AP)

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Hamilton equals Schumacher record

British wins 8th Hungarian GP to take championship lead

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 20, (AP): Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton won the Hungarian Grand Prix for the eighth time to equal Michael Schumacher's single-venue record and take the championship lead.

Hamilton's latest victory from pole position was as comfortable as the nearly 9-second margin over second-place Max Verstappen suggested. The British driver's 86th GP win moved him just five behind the German great Schumacher's F1 record of 91.

"It would have been so far-fetched to believe that could possibly come true. I remember watching Michael on TV win all his races," Hamilton said. "Now I'm getting closer to the amount of wins he has, it just reminds me of the dominance and excellence he showed for so long. I can understand the position he was in and I can understand the pressures he had. It's pretty remarkable."

Schumacher won the French GP eight times when it was held at Magny-

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Cours. Hamilton first won here in 2007 and his first success with Mercedes also came at the Hungaroring track in 2013, the year after replacing Schumacher on the Silver Arrows team.

Verstappen drove superbly to hold off Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, who finished less than one second behind him in third to relinquish the championship lead after three races.

Hamilton took a record-extending 90th career pole on Saturday to match Schumacher's record for seven poles on the 4.4-kilometer (2.7-mile) track nestled among rolling hills outside of Budapest.

He made a clean start but Bottas made a poor one from second and was overtaken by Lance Stroll starting third; the Ferraris of Sebastian Vettel and Charles Leclerc; and Verstappen from seventh.

Red Bull only just managed to get Verstappen's car on the grid. About 20 minutes earlier, he damaged the front wing when going over a kerb and sliding into the barriers on a warmup lap.

Team principal Christian Horner looked on anxiously as mechanics replaced it and repaired the suspension, working frantically to get his car ready with the clock ticking down.

"The mechanics did an amazing job. I don't know how they did it but they were incredible ... Just on time," a jubilant Verstappen said. "To be able to split the two Mercedes cars was great for us. I thought I was not going to race so to be second was like a victory today."

In a demoralizing sign of the times for Ferrari, both cars were lapped by Hamilton.

Stroll placed fourth ahead of Red Bull's Alexander Albon, with Vettel sixth and Leclerc out of the points in 11th.

Hamilton and most drivers again took the knee against racism before the start.

Shortly after the start, drivers changed onto the slick tires for damp conditions, causing a flurry of activity. But Hamilton had already streaked eight seconds ahead of Verstappen by lap 6 of 70.

It took Bottas 11 more laps to pass the Ferraris and Haas drivers Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen to move into fourth behind Stroll.

Haas surprisingly found itself up the leaderboard because the team astutely changed tires before the others. Pierre Gasly's race ended at this point, when his AlphaTauri limped into the pits.

Halfway through, Hamilton was 20 seconds clear of Verstappen. Bottas moved ahead of Stroll's Racing Point and within six seconds of Verstappen, after all moved onto quicker medium tires.

That left Bottas with 32 laps to catch Verstappen — a long time for most, but most drivers don't have Verstappen's nerve and composure.

Bottas got to within half a second of him, but the Dutch driver held firm and forced Bottas to gamble on a third tire change with 20 laps remaining. He soon got a point for the fastest lap, but Hamilton even took that off him too as he moved ahead 63-58 in the title race.

"It was a really bad race for me to be honest. I lost it at the start, a light on my dash (board) went off. I don't know what it was," Bottas said. "I lost places and it made the race very difficult (and) it was very difficult with Max."

Verstappen is third overall with 33, but would be closer had he not broken down in the first race in Austria.

Bottas won that, and Hamilton the next two with a double-header at the British GP to follow, starting Aug 2.



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain (from right), Racing Point driver Lance Stroll of Canada and Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany, start at the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix race at the Hungaroring racetrack in Mogyorod, Hungary on July 19. (Inset): Hamilton celebrates on the podium after winning the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix. (AP)

Leicester risk dropping out of top four

Chelsea set up all-London FA Cup final with Arsenal

LONDON, July 20, (AP): At least David De Gea was spared having a crowd inside Wembley to witness his latest mistakes in the Manchester United goal.

Gifted goals to beat United 3-1, Chelsea will be returning to the national stadium on Aug 1 to face in an all-London FA Cup final.

De Gea's first mistake came in the 11th minute of first-half stoppage time. Olivier Giroud's close-range deft touch from Cesar Azpilicueta's cross was pushed into his own goal by De Gea.

United, which were rocked by Eric Bailly being hospitalized with a first-half head injury, returned to the field early for the start of the second half but was just as sloppy.

Diving to his left, De Gea let Mason Mount's long-range strike go through his gloves. There was shared United culpability for the 46th-minute goal since Brandon Williams gave the ball away around the halfway line with a misplaced pass that Mount seized on.

"David knows he should have saved the second goal but that's done now," United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said. "It's hard for a keeper to make amends, apart from David making two or three fantastic saves after."

"But you see Brandon ... probably feels a bit responsible and the rest of the half he was absolutely outstanding." It summed up United's misfortune that the third goal in the 74th came from captain Harry Maguire accidentally turning the ball past De Gea at the near post when under pressure from Chelsea's Antonio Rudiger.

Usually Sergio Romero plays in goal for United in the FA Cup. De Gea hadn't played in the competition since the 2018 final when Chelsea beat United.

With three years remaining on De Gea's contract, United have a quandary over the future of one of their highest-paid players who was once considered one of the world's top goalkeepers.

United can so often rely on winning a penalty. But even earning a 19th spot kick of the season — converted by Bruno Fernandes in the 85th after Anthony Martial was fouled by Callum Hudson-Odoi — could not spark a late comeback.

It means Frank Lampard's first season as Chelsea manager will end with a cup final. It will be a harder route to a second final in August, with Chelsea trailing 3-0 to Bayern Munich in the Champions League Round of 16.

"We don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves," said Lampard, who won the FA Cup four times as a Chelsea player. "But we can certainly enjoy the performance and the result." In this pandemic-delayed conclusion to the season, which prevents fans attending games, Solskjaer is also chasing continental glory through the Europa League with United.

Chelsea and United will be hoping to secure Champions League spots in the upcoming final week of the Premier League season — and not be relying on winning continental competitions to

qualify. Leicester's 3-0 loss at Tottenham in the Premier League means the 2016 champions risk dropping out of the top four after being there since September.

Fifth-place United remain only behind Leicester on goal difference and have a game in hand against West Ham on Wednesday before playing Brendan Rodgers' side on Sunday.

Chelsea are a point ahead of Leicester going into Wednesday's game at

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newly crowned champions Liverpool and Sunday's finale against Wolverhampton.

Tottenham's victory over Leicester was secured by Harry Kane setting up the opener before netting twice to take his tally to 23 goals in this injury-restricted season.

Tottenham, which moved up to sixth place in their pursuit of a Europa League place, took the lead in the sixth minute after Son Heung-min ran onto Kane's pass before sending in a shot that was deflected in by James Justin.

Lucas Moura played in Kane for a low finish in the 37th and the Brazilian set up the striker again three minutes later for a shot curled into the far corner.

Bournemouth are in relegation trouble after being beaten 2-0 by Southampton, remaining in next-from-last place.

Bournemouth are three points below 17th-place Watford, with an inferior goal difference and having played a game more ahead of next weekend's season finale at Everton.

Trailing to Danny Ings' opener, Bournemouth thought they had secured a point in second-half stoppage when



Southampton's Che Adams (right), celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Bournemouth and Southampton at Vitality Stadium in Bournemouth, England on July 19. (AP)

But Sam Surridge's goal was ruled out by VAR for offside against Callum Wilson.

And Bournemouth's frustration was compounded in the ninth minute of stoppage time by Southampton substitute Che Adams scoring a second.

Meanwhile, Watford fired manager Nigel Pearson with only two games remaining this season as the team try to stay in the Premier League.

The surprise move saw Watford announce internal promotions with Hayden Mullins taking charge for the remaining games, assisted by Graham Stack.

Pearson was hired in December until the end of the season. The Hornets were bottom of the table when he took over, and Pearson won seven of his 23 games.



Leicester's Youri Tielemans, left, challenges Tottenham's Giovani Lo Celso during the English Premier League soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City, at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, Sunday, July 19, 2020. (AP)

Back-to-back wins over Norwich and Newcastle gave Watford breathing space over the bottom three but Watford lost 3-1 at relegation rival West Ham on Friday, conceding three goals in the first half.

Watford are immediately above the drop zone and three points in front of Bournemouth, which lost 2-0 to Southampton on Sunday and has played a game more than Watford with an inferior goal difference.

Watford's remaining league games are at home to Manchester City on Tuesday and away to Arsenal next Sunday, when Bournemouth goes to Everton.

Pearson helped Leicester to escape relegation from the Premier League in 2014-15. Leicester famously went on to win the title in the next season.

Bavarians begin CL preparations

MUNICH, July 20, (AP): Bayern Munich's short vacation is over. Hansi Flick's team got back to work Monday to prepare for the postponed Champions League after 13 days off.

Bayern have already won the Bundesliga and German Cup and are bidding to repeat its 2013 treble-winning season. The Champions League is set to conclude in Lisbon between Aug 12-23. Bayern must first host Chelsea in the second leg of their last-16 tie on Aug 8. The game was postponed from March 18 due to the coronavirus. Bayern lead 3-0 from the first leg in London.

After undergoing tests for the virus on Monday, Bayern's players will start with online training sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, before work in small groups begins Thursday. Team training is due to start Sunday.

New signings Leroy Sané (from Manchester City), Tanguy Nianzou (Paris Saint-Germain) and Alexander Nübel (Schalke) will train with their new teammates for the first time, though they are not eligible for the outstanding games in the Champions League.

Borussia Dortmund have signed promising 17-year-old English midfielder Jude Bellingham from second-division club Birmingham, the German club said Monday.

Dortmund finally confirmed the expected deal two days before Birmingham's final league game of the season — a potential relegation decider against Derby.

Dortmund said Bellingham signed a "long-term deal" and will wear the No. 22 jersey.

"I'm incredibly excited to have joined one of Europe's biggest clubs," Bellingham told Birmingham's website. "The direction they are heading in and how much they help to improve

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young players made it an easy decision for myself and my family."

Bellingham follows in the footsteps of England forward Jadon Sancho, who was 17 when he made the move from Manchester City to Dortmund three years ago. Sancho has since become one of the Bundesliga's most valuable attacking players with 17 goals and 17 assists this season.

Bellingham made his debut for Birmingham last August, aged 16 and 138 days. That made him the youngest player in the club's history. He went on to score four goals in 40 league appearances.

Bellingham has also played for England at the Under-17 level.



Chelsea goalkeeper Willy Caballero makes a save during the English FA Cup semifinal soccer match between Chelsea and Manchester United at Wembley Stadium in London, England on July 19. (AP)