



In this Nov 22 file photo, Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert throws a pass against the New York Jets during the first half of an NFL football game in Inglewood, Calif. Buffalo's Josh Allen and the AFC East-leading Bills prepare to host the rookie Justin Herbert-led Chargers on Sunday in a showdown of the NFL's two leaders in yards passing. (AP)

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Dortmund beaten at home

Bayern extend lead in Bundesliga

BERLIN, Nov 28, (AP) — Borussia Dortmund lost at home to Cologne 2-1 and Bayern Munich survived a scare at Stuttgart to open a two-point lead in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Robert Lewandowski scored again in Bayern's 3-1 win, taking his tally to 12 in eight games and lifting the defending champions four points clear of Dortmund.

Bayern are two points ahead of Leipzig, who moved to second after beating Arminia Bielefeld 2-1.

Cologne held on in Dortmund to end their 18-game run without a win in the league. Erling Haaland and Mats

Hummels missed late chances for Dortmund.

Max Kruse's brilliant strike from distance rescued a 3-3 draw for Union Berlin against Eintracht Frankfurt.

Kruse's penalty put Union two goals up after just six minutes, but the home side failed to take further chances and Frankfurt fought their way back.

Augsburg drew with Freiburg 1-1.

Atlético Madrid defeated Valencia 1-0 with a late own-goal to extend their winning streak to six matches in the Spanish league.

The own-goal by Valencia defender Toni Lato in the 79th minute left Atlético tied with Real Sociedad at the top of the standings with a game in hand. Sociedad host third-placed Villarreal on Sunday.

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The goal came after the ball hit Lato's leg following a low cross by Atlético midfielder Yannick Carrasco from the left flank. The ball ricocheted backward and struck the post before going in.

"Luck also plays a role sometimes," said Carrasco, who came into the match in the second half. "It's always hard to play here, so we are happy to have won the match."

Atlético are yet to trail in the league and remain the only unbeaten team. They have not lost in the league in 25 matches, going back to last season.

Diego Simeone's team have a decisive match against Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday.

"Everyone knows that we only think about our next match," Simeone said. "We have a huge one in front of us and we obviously need a good result."



Cologne's Jan Thielmann (right), jumps for a header with Dortmund's Manuel Akanji during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and 1.FC Cologne in Dortmund, Germany on Nov 28. (AP)

Liverpool go top as City thrash Burnley

VAR frustrates reigning champs, Brighton earn late equaliser

BRIGHTON, England, Nov 28, (AP) — Liverpool conceded a stoppage-time penalty to draw 1-1 at Brighton in the Premier League on Saturday, with the contentious call incurring the wrath of Jurgen Klopp as he made his frustration clear to match officials.

Diogo Jota's eighth goal in his last eight games for Liverpool looked like it would be leading the champions to victory at the Amex Stadium, only for Andrew Robertson to kick the outstretched foot of Brighton forward Danny Welbeck after the first of five minutes of added-on time.

The penalty was awarded only after the referee checked the incident on the pitch-side monitor — it looked much worse after being replayed in slow motion — and Pascal Gross converted Brighton's second spot kick of the game, after one was missed by Neal Maupay in the first half.

Klopp, who came into the game unhappy at Liverpool being scheduled to play on Saturday lunchtime after

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a game on Wednesday night in the Champions League, showed his disgust at the decision by sarcastically applauding the assistant referee after Gross scored. Klopp then spoke to officials coming off the field after the game.

Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson said "four or five" Brighton players told him the penalty should not have been given.

"For me, to overturn the decision, it has to be clear and obvious," Henderson said. "Is that a clear and obvious penalty?"

"You'd rather get beaten by two or three (goals) than draw a game like that."

On a day when Liverpool lost another player — James Milner — to injury, Jota continued the brilliant start to his career at the club since his move from Wolverhampton by taking on a short pass from Mohamed Salah, cutting across the area and shooting low into the corner in the 60th minute.

The draw ensured Liverpool will finish Saturday back on top of the standings, with Tottenham able to reclaim first place by avoiding defeat at Chelsea on Sunday.

Liverpool had two goals disallowed by VAR, a first-half effort by Salah after he was played through by Roberto Firmino — the replay put the Egypt forward millimeters offside — and a header by substitute Sadio Mane that proved to be a much clearer offside.

Brighton will have their own regrets, with Maupay missing a penalty in the 20th minute before going off with a suspected hamstring injury moments later. Milner and Adam Lallana — a former Liverpool player now at Brighton — also went off injured, adding to the increasing number of muscle problems being picked up in a packed schedule.

Klopp ended up playing three players at right back in the match. Neco Williams, who gave away the penalty for a foul on Aaron Connolly, started there but was substituted at halftime and replaced in the full-back role by Milner.

Milner's injury meant Curtis Jones came on to play there for the final minutes.

Salah, who recently returned to action after spending time in self-isolation after contracting the coronavirus, was substituted in the 63rd minute and didn't hide his unhappiness.

Man City 5, Burnley 0

Riyad Mahrez netted a hat trick as Manchester City regained their scor-



Burnley goalkeeper Bailey Peacock-Farrell (left), makes a save in front of Manchester City's Gabriel Jesus during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester City and Burnley at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England, on Nov 28. (AP)

ing touch by thrashing Burnley 5-0 at home for the third straight season in the English Premier League.

Benjamin Mendy and Ferran Torres also scored as City racked up more goals than they had in the team's three previous league games at Etihad Stadium this season.

Mahrez cut in from the right to score twice in the opening 22 minutes, and Kevin De Bruyne crossed for Mendy to volley in the third goal in the 41st.

Torres slotted in from close range in the 66th for his first Premier League goal before Mahrez completed his first hat trick for City, heading in a cross from substitute Phil Foden three minutes later.

De Bruyne later struck the post with a fierce effort and Gabriel Jesus had a goal ruled out by VAR for offside.

It was only City's fourth win in nine league matches, a poor return for supposed title contenders. A total of 10 goals from their first eight games was also disappointing for City, who might be turning the corner ahead of upcoming home matches against three of the weakest teams in the league — Fulham, West Bromwich Albion and Newcastle.

Newcastle 2, Palace 0

Callum Wilson and Joelinton scored late as Newcastle beat Crystal Palace 2-0.

Back in the team after a hamstring injury, Wilson gave Newcastle the lead in the 88th minute at Selhurst Park by running onto a pass from strike partner Joelinton and sliding a finish through the legs of goalkeeper Vicente Guaita.

Joelinton then broke clear in the 90th, cut onto his left foot and sent in a shot that deflected in off sliding Palace center back Gary Cahill.

Newcastle came into the match having lost two straight games, and the win took Steve Bruce's team to 10th place.

The absence of Wilfried Zaha again proved telling for Palace, whose star attacker was also missing in the 1-0 loss at Burnley on Monday after contracting the coronavirus.

F1 champion sets record at Bahrain GP

Hamilton takes 98th career pole position

SAKHIR, Bahrain, Nov 28, (AP) — Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton set a track record at the Bahrain Grand Prix on his way to a record-extending 98th career pole position on Saturday.

The seven-time F1 champion looked in total control as he set a time of 1 minute, 27.264 seconds under the floodlights.

"We did some really good work overnight. I was really happy with the car from the get-go," the veteran British driver said. "I just didn't make any mistakes."

He finished about .3 seconds ahead of his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas and around .4 clear of Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

Bottas thought he was closer to Hamilton's time.

"I was quite surprised when I saw the gap," the Finnish driver said. "I definitely have the speed but I haven't quite got it all together yet."

Verstappen, however, is resigned to being in Mercedes' shadow.

"You always want more but it's important to stay realistic. I'm just pushing as hard as I can with the material I have," Verstappen said. "We'll see what we can do tomorrow, it's quite aggressive on the tires here."

Verstappen's teammate Alexander Albon was in fourth place and a full second behind Hamilton, who will bid for

his record-extending 95th F1 win on Sunday.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc took the first of his seven pole positions last season in Bahrain, but this year the team has struggled badly and he starts from 12th place behind teammate Sebastian Vettel.

Former champion Kimi Raikkonen was among the five drivers eliminated from Q1 while Carlos Sainz Jr went out of Q2 after his rear tires blocked and his McLaren stalled on the track.

Qualifying was halted for a few minutes while his car was removed.

Earlier, Verstappen beat Hamilton's leading time to go fastest in the final practice. The Dutchman was .26 ahead of Hamilton and .37 ahead of Bottas.

Hamilton was quickest in both practice runs on Friday and looked set to make it a hat-trick when he overtook Verstappen and then Bottas with about 10 minutes left in the hour-long session. But Verstappen came back out and returned to the top of the leader-board.

Albon's car was fitted with a new chassis after he crashed heavily following a mistake on the last turn in the second practice.

Hamilton and other drivers have been complaining about the new Pirelli tires, which they are testing ahead of 2021, saying they are too heavy and Vettel calling them even worse than before.

"(It's) three kilos heavier and it's about one second slower per lap," Hamilton said. "If that's the best they can do (it's) better we stick with this (current) tire."

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The four-time F1 champion Vettel agreed with Hamilton to keep the 2020 tire for next year, rather than switch to the unpopular 2021 model. "It will make the problems we struggle with now worse," he said.

Because of the lack of grip on the new range of tires, Verstappen joked that the championship could become "a drift challenge" if manufacturer Pirelli uses the 2021 tires as planned.

"I hope they listen a bit to the drivers," Verstappen said. "I hope we will not use them."

This is the 15th of 17 races in the coronavirus-shortened season, with another race to follow in Bahrain next Sunday before the campaign concludes in Abu Dhabi.

Inter bounce back

Ahly win African Champs League

CAIRO, Nov 28, (AP) — Al Ahly beat Zamalek 2-1 in an all-Egyptian African Champions League final, with a fabulous late goal from Mohamed Magdy clinching Ahly's record-extending ninth title and a sweet victory over their fierce Cairo rivals.

Magdy's goal was fitting to win Africa's top club competition as he controlled the ball with his knee and volleyed in from outside the area with two minutes of regulation time to go.

It settled the first African Champions League final contested by clubs from the same country, and arguably Africa's two biggest clubs. Zamalek won the competition five times.

Al Ahly substitutes and coaching staff flooded the field at the final whistle in a near-empty Cairo International Stadium because of the coronavirus. Ahly's South African coach, Pitso Mosimane, pumped his fist at a small group of dignitaries that sat behind the dugouts and was then hoisted onto the shoulders of an Al Ahly official who, in a sign of the times, was wearing a plastic

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medical gown, mask and gloves.

Mosimane took over at Al Ahly only in September in a highly surprising appointment but has his hands on the big prize already.

Confederation of African Football President Ahmad Ahmad wasn't present to award the trophy after being banned from all soccer for five years this week for financial misconduct. Ahly didn't care and goalkeeper and captain Mohamed el-Shenawy lifted the cup.

Ahly led through an early header by Amr el-Solia but Zamalek leveled before halftime with another top-drawer goal. Zamalek captain Shikabala burst down the right, beat two defenders, drifted inside and sent a powerful left-foot shot home.

Zamalek were dominant for stages in the second half and nearly went ahead in the 65th minute when Zizo's shot from way out thudded off the left-hand post with el-Shenawy grasping at air.

Magdy's winner also gave Al Ahly, the newly crowned Egyptian champions, a place at the Club World Cup in February.

Inter Milan recorded a confidence-boosting 3-0 win at Sassuolo on Saturday to end the home side's unbeaten start in Serie A.

Alexis Sánchez scored early on and a Vlad Chiriches own goal shortly after doubled Inter's lead. Roberto Gagliardini scored in the second half as Inter recorded only their second win in their past seven matches.

Inter played with the ferocity coach Antonio Conte had been demanding and Sassuolo barely had a sight of goal apart from a curled effort from Filip Đuričić that hit the outside of the right post.

The Nerazzurri were looking to bounce back from a midweek home defeat to Real Madrid in the Champions League.