

Resurgent Man United back on top

Sheff Utd finally earn 1st Premier League win

LONDON, Jan 13, (AP): It's been a long, expensive and often turbulent journey, but Manchester United is back in a place it used to know so well.

Top of the Premier League. A 1-0 win at Burnley, secured by a deflected volley from Paul Pogba, lifted United above great rival Liverpool to the summit of England's top division after 17 games, approaching the halfway point of the season.

"We are exactly where we belong," United midfielder Nemanja Matic said.

The great Alex Ferguson was still in charge the last time United led the standings this deep into a league campaign. That was in the 2012-13 season and Ferguson would go on to lead United to the title in what proved to be his final season as a manager.

Can Ole Gunnar Solskjaer do the same?

The Norwegian said this week that "no one remembers the January league tables" but it didn't stop him having a look of satisfaction at the final whistle. Quite justifiably, too, given the criticism he has faced in his two years in charge, mostly from those who believe he isn't qualified to be a manager at this level.

Yet he has done something David Moyes, Louis van Gaal and Jose Mourinho, his three predecessors following Ferguson's retirement, were unable to do - at least this far into a season. United was briefly top in



Manchester United's Paul Pogba tries to control the ball during the English Premier League soccer match between Burnley and Manchester United in Burnley, England, on Jan 12. (AP)

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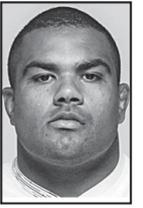
England prop banned: England prop Kyle Sinckler will miss the team's opening match of the Six Nations against Scotland on Feb 6 after receiving a two-week ban on Wednesday for swearing at a referee in a club game.

The incident took place when Sinckler was playing for Bristol Bears in a Premiership match against Exeter on Saturday. He used bad language as he questioned a referee's decision not to award a penalty.

Sinckler was cited and appeared before an online independent disciplinary hearing, which upheld a charge that he failed to respect the authority of a referee.

The 27-year-old Sinckler is free to play again on Feb 9, making him available for the match against Italy at Twickenham in round two.

He apologized for the outburst straight after Saturday's game, saying it was "not the example I want to be setting". (AP)



Sinckler

US team out: The United States men's handball team has been forced to withdraw from the world championships in Egypt after a coronavirus outbreak.

The International Handball Federation said there were "several positive results after the obligatory COVID-19 tests" found on the US team before the squad planned to travel to Egypt.

United States coach Robert Hedt told Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet on Tuesday that 18 people in the squad, including players and staff members, had tested positive for the coronavirus.

The United States is the second team ruled out by coronavirus cases, following the Czech Republic. The IHF named Switzerland and North Macedonia as late replacements for the championships.

The U.S. men's team was due to play in its first world championships since 2001 and was drawn to face Austria, France and Norway in the preliminary round. The Americans have already failed to qualify for this year's postponed Tokyo Olympics.

The tournament in four cities in Egypt begins Wednesday and is being played without spectators. (AP)

Cyclist found guilty: An Austrian cyclist who won a stage at the Spanish Vuelta was found guilty of fraud in connection with a doping scheme.

The Austria Press Agency reported Stefan Denifl received a two-year sentence with 16 months of that time suspended after being accused of doping from 2014 to 2018.

It was not immediately clear whether Denifl, who can appeal the ruling, would serve any time in prison. He has the option to apply to serve the time while living at home under certain conditions including monitoring with an electronic ankle tag.

Denifl admitted being involved in a blood doping ring allegedly run from neighboring Germany, but denied he earned money fraudulently by doping. APA reported.

Another Austrian cyclist, Georg Preidler, was given a 12-month suspended sentence in Austria last year.

Denifl won a Vuelta stage and the Tour of Austria, both in 2017, but was stripped of those accomplishments last year when he was banned from sports for four years by the Austrian National Anti-Doping Organization. (AP)

Canada loses appeal: Canada's equestrian team lost its appeal to regain a place in the Tokyo Olympics jumping lineup on Tuesday in a doping case involving traces of cocaine in South American tea.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said its judges gave an urgent ruling dismissing appeals by Nicole Walker and the Canadian equestrian federation against her disqualification from the 2019 Pan American Games team jumping competition in Peru.

Without Walker's scores in Lima, the Canadians slipped out of the final Olympic qualification place, which instead went to Argentina.

Walker tested positive for metabolites of cocaine believed to have come from drinking coca tea, which is popular in South America. (AP)

SOCCER

September 2017, while a season-opening win over Leicester in August 2018 put the team in first place for one day in what proved to be a false position.

United moved into a three-point lead over Liverpool that could immediately be wiped out, with Solskjaer's side heading to Anfield on Sunday.

"We're ready, we're excited, we're hungry for it," Solskjaer said, "and it's a test of character and quality again. We're in a good position going into it."

It was a slog against Burnley, as it often is at Turf Moor, with the hosts defending diligently before being undone by a cruel piece of fortune in the 71st minute.

Pogba met a cross from Marcus Rashford with a first-time volley from the edge of the area that struck the outstretched leg of Burnley right back Matt Lowton and ricocheted through the legs of goalkeeper Nick Pope.

The final whistle was met with roars from United players - especially from Pogba - as it was inside an empty Bramall Lane a few hours earlier after Sheffield United ended the longest winless start to a Premier League season.

After 18 league games, Sheffield United finally has a victory.

A 1-0 victory over 10-man Newcastle was secured by Billy Sharp's 73rd-minute penalty and came as a huge relief for Chris Wilder's side, which is still in last place - on just five points and nine points from

safety - but at least has a glimmer of hope of staying up now.

Last season, the team that was challenging for the European positions until late in the campaign.

"I thought we were in control and confident on the ball and it was a deserved win. It looked like we got our identity back," Wilder said.

Newcastle's chances of getting back into the game after conceding the penalty were remote considering the team was down to 10 men at that point following the 45th-minute sending-off of winger Ryan Fraser for two yellow cards.

The last time Everton visited Wolverhampton, it lost 3-0 in July to drop to 11th place in the league and prompt a furious response from manager Carlo Ancelotti, who questioned his players' spirit in what he described as an "unacceptable" display.

Six months later, they returned to Molineux and won 2-1 to climb into fourth place - the final Champions League qualification spot - and make it five victories from six games.

Michael Keane's 77th-minute header clinched victory, after Wolves midfielder Ruben Neves' volley in the 14th canceled out Alex Iwobi's first league goal for 17 months.

Everton won despite being without 14-goal top scorer Dominic Calvert-Lewin and fellow forward Richarlison because of injury.

Radford, Virginia Tech hold off Duke 74-67

No. 7 Michigan remains unbeaten

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, Jan 13, (AP) Mike Smith had 16 points and six assists, and No. 7 Michigan remained unbeaten with another dominant performance, routing No. 9 Wisconsin 77-54.

The Wolverines (11-0, 6-0) turned this Big Ten showdown into a blowout with a 43-6 run that spanned parts of both halves. It was another masterpiece for coach Juwan Howard's team, which became the first in college basketball history to beat three ranked opponents in a row by at least 19 points.

Wagner had 15 points and 10 rebounds. D'Mitrik Trice led Wisconsin with 20 points.

Virginia Tech 74, Duke 67
In Blacksburg, Va., Tyrece Radford had 18 points and 12 rebounds to lift No. 20 Virginia Tech over No. 19 Duke 74-67.

The double-double was the first of the season for Radford, who helped the Hokies (10-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) jump to an 18-point, first-half lead and hold off Duke's second-half rally to win for the sixth time in seven games.

BASKETBALL

Keve Aluma added 17 points and seven rebounds, and Jalen Cone finished with 14 points for Virginia Tech. Jeremy Roach led Duke (5-3, 3-1) with a game-high 22 points.

Grambling 79, Alcorn St 74
In Grambling, La., Cameron Christon tied his career high with 24 points as Grambling narrowly defeated Alcorn State 79-74.

Terreon Randolph had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Grambling (4-6, 2-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference). Reyhan Cobb added 10 points and eight rebounds. Trevell Cunningham distributed 11 of Grambling's season-high 20 assists.

Grambling State scored a season-high 44 points after intermission.

Kurk Lee had 20 points and six assists for the Braves (0-6, 0-1). Troy-main Crosby added 18 points and Tyree Corbett 15.

USC 67, UC Riverside 62, OT
In Los Angeles, Evan Mobley scored 20 points with 11 rebounds and Isaiah



Wisconsin forward Micah Potter (11) attempts a layup during the first half of the team's NCAA college basketball game against Michigan on Jan 12, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. (AP)

Mobley scored 16 with 12 and Southern California escaped an upset bid by UC Riverside, beating the Highlanders 67-62 in overtime.

Evan Mobley's dunk with 4:05 left in the extra session gave the Trojans (9-2) the lead for good but they never created safe distance from the Highlanders (4-3).

Peterson scored 12 points and Tahj Eaddy 10.

Marquette 79, Providence 69
In Milwaukee, Dawson Garcia tied his season high with 20 points as Marquette topped Providence 79-69.

Koby McEwen had 17 points, eight rebounds and six assists for Marquette (7-6, 3-4 Big East Conference). D.J. Carton added 13 points. Jamal Cain had 12 points.

Nate Watson had 18 points for the Friars (7-6, 3-4). David Duke added 17 points and nine assists. A.J. Reeves had 12 points.

N. Carolina 81, Syracuse 75
In Chapel Hill, N.C., Garrison Brooks and Armando Bacot each had a double-double, and North Carolina pulled away in the last three minutes to beat Syracuse 81-75.

The Tar Heels (8-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) became the first men's basketball program to play 1,000 regular-season ACC games. The Tar

Heels are 708-292 and have the most wins in ACC history.

Quincy Guerrier had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Syracuse (7-3, 1-2). Buddy Boeheim added 18 points and Alan Griffin had 16.

Alabama 85, Kentucky 65

In Lexington, Ky., John Petty Jr. scored 23 points, including four of Alabama's 14 3-pointers, Jaden Shackelford added 18 points and Alabama never trailed Kentucky to earn an 85-65 rout in a matchup of the Southeastern Conference's top two unbeaten teams.

The Crimson Tide (10-3, 5-0 SEC) won their fifth consecutive game to remain atop the conference. They never trailed, and after the second-place Wildcats tied the game at 17-all, soon answered with consecutive 3s by Shackelford, Petty and Alex Reese (eight points) to regain the lead for good. The Tide led 67-47 with 6:49 remaining.

Isaiah Jackson had 14 points off the bench, Devin Askew 12 points and Keion Brooks Jr for Kentucky (4-7, 3-1), which had won its previous three contests.

Davidson 80, Saint Joseph 66
In Davidson, N.C., Kellan Grady had 21 points as Davidson topped Saint Joseph's 80-66.

Sam Mennenga had 15 points and nine rebounds for Davidson (7-5, 3-2 Atlantic 10 Conference). Hyunjung Lee added 14 points and seven rebounds. Luka Brajkovic had 12 points.

Saint Joseph's totaled a season-low 26 points in the first half.

Taylor Funk and Jack Forrest had 19 points apiece for the Hawks (1-9, 0-4). Jordan Hall had 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Ball State 88, Bowling Green 64

In Bowling Green, Ohio, Ishmael El-Amin had 20 points as Ball State easily defeated Bowling Green 88-64.

Brachen Hazen had 14 points and eight rebounds for Ball State (5-5, 3-2 Mid-American Conference). K.J. Walton added 14 points and nine rebounds. Teemu Suokas had 11 points.

Both teams set season records for scoring in the second half. Ball State scored 45 second-half points, a season best, while the 28 points in the second half for Bowling Green were its lowest of the season.



Sheffield United's Jayden Bogle heads the ball between Newcastle's Paul Dummett, left, and Ciaran Clark during the English Premier League soccer match between Sheffield United and Newcastle United at the Bramall Lane stadium in Sheffield, England, on Jan 12. (AP)

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