



Juventus' Alvaro Morata, right, and Sampdoria's Bartosz Bereszynski fight for the ball during the Italian Serie A soccer match between Juventus and Sampdoria, in Turin, Italy, on Sept. 26. (AP)

Dybala off injured

Juve labor to win over Samp

MILAN, Sept. 26, (AP) — Paulo Dybala left the field in tears shortly after scoring to set Juventus on the way to a 3-2 victory over Sampdoria in Serie A on Sunday.

Dybala has endured a number of muscular injuries over the years and it appeared as if he had suffered another one after pulling up suddenly. The Juventus forward was able to walk off and was consoled by his teammates as he did so but it is unlikely he will be able to feature in Wednesday's Champions League match against Chelsea.

Leonardo Bonucci converted a penalty and Manuel Locatelli scored his

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first goal for Juventus. Maya Yoshida and Antonio Candreva kept the match alive for Sampdoria.

It was an unconvincing win for Juve and only its second of the season.

In Turin, Juventus was keen to build on its first win midweek and it started brightly.

Dybala gave it the lead with a delightful strike into the bottom right corner from outside the area in the 10th minute and the Bianconeri could have extended their lead before the 27-year-old was forced off after pulling up injured, clutching the back of his leg.

The tempo fell after that but Bonucci drilled a powerful penalty into the bottom left corner two minutes from the break to double Juve's lead after a handball from Nicola Murru. It was a first penalty in Serie A for Bonucci, who has taken spotkicks for Italy.

But Sampdoria pulled one back a minute later. Mattia Perin did well to parry Fabio Quagliarella's effort but the resulting corner was taken short and Candreva whipped in a cross for Yoshida to head into the far side of the net.

Alaphilippe defends world road race title

LEUVEN, Belgium, Sept. 26, (AP) — Julian Alaphilippe confirmed his reputation as one of cycling's greatest showmen with another bold display of attacking flair that helped him win a second straight gold medal at the road world championship on Sunday.

On a challenging course, the 29-year-old Frenchman relentlessly attacked and made his decisive move on a sharp climb to escape from a breakaway group with 17 kilometers (10.5 miles) to go.

Alaphilippe then took all the risks in the technical bends and short downhill scattered across the finale to retain the world champion's rainbow jersey he claimed last year in Italy.

Alaphilippe ruined the Belgian fans' hopes of seeing hot favorite Wout van Aert winning on home soil and received a few boos as he dashed toward

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the finish line. A few insults were also hurled his way.

Dutch rider Dylan Van Baarle finished runner-up, 32 seconds off the pace, ahead of Michael Valgren of Denmark.

The 268.3-kilometer course starting in Antwerp and finishing in Leuven took riders across the cycling-mad Flanders region of Belgium, with thousands of fans lining the roads. The route switched multiple times between two circuits featuring a myriad of punchy short climbs and several cobbled sectors suiting one-day classics specialists.

The Belgians were the pre-race favorites with a team featuring the versatile van Aert and rising star Remco Evenepoel alongside experienced all-rounders used to the attritional classic races held in Belgium every year.

Known as "The Tractor" for his huge power input, Belgian Tim Declercq and teammate Yves Lampaert prepared the ground for van Aert, taking turns at the front in a bid to create splits and drop as many rivals as possible. The strategy paid off as a long list of top riders pulled out and the main pack was reduced to 17 contenders in the finale.

The race was marred by a crash involving a trio of top riders in its early stages when Matteo Trentin of Italy, former world champion Mads Pedersen and Italian Davide Ballerini hit the ground with 186 kilometers left. Pedersen was looking behind his back to call his team car when Ballerini and Trentin collided and could not avoid their crash.

The three riders were all able to resume racing but later abandoned.

Hamilton wins 100th F1 race to take lead over Verstappen

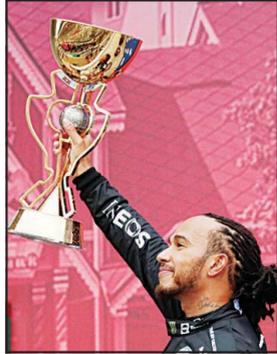
Sainz finishes 3rd

SOCHI, Russia, Sept. 26, (AP) — Lewis Hamilton became the first Formula One driver to win 100 races with victory in the Russian Grand Prix on Sunday to retake the championship lead from Max Verstappen.

Hamilton dropped to seventh place when he was boxed in at the first corner but fought back and passed Lando Norris for the win when the McLaren driver stayed out on slick tires in late rain and slid off the track.

"It's taken a long time to get to 100 and at times, I wasn't sure it would come," Hamilton said. It was Hamilton's fifth win of the season and his first since the British Grand Prix in July.

"It's a magical moment," Hamilton said. "I could only have dreamed of still being here and having this opportunity to win these races and get to drive with such phenomenal talents



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain holds a trophy after winning the Russian Formula One Grand Prix at the Sochi Autodrom circuit, in Sochi, Russia, on Sept. 26. (AP)

this late in my career."

Hamilton turned Verstappen's five-point championship lead into a two-point lead of his own after the Dutch driver finished second after a dramatic drive from last on the grid. Carlos

Sainz led the race early on and finished third for Ferrari.

After his tough start, Hamilton started moving up with a tough overtake around the outside of Fernando Alonso, a duel with echoes of their season as teammates when Hamilton was a rookie in 2007.

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Verstappen started last after a penalty for an engine change in his Red Bull but sliced through the field and had Hamilton in sight by the halfway stage. Hamilton's Mercedes worked better on the hard tires in the second half of the race and Verstappen's charge seemed to have stalled when he was overtaken by the Alpine of Alonso and stuck in seventh.

But then the rain came and Verstappen switched to intermediate tires early, allowing him to claim an unexpected podium finish and limit the damage to his hopes of a first title.

"We didn't lose so many points today, so that's really, really good," Verstappen told his team over the radio. One key question for the rest of the season is whether Hamilton too will need to use an

extra engine and take a penalty.

It doesn't take much rain to make a difference in Sochi, where the flat track means water is slow to drain away.

Norris trailed in seventh after his failed gamble to stay on dry tires despite warnings from his team about how slippery the track was becoming. If not for the rain, Hamilton said, "it would have been tough to get past Lando. He had great pace." Norris had been aiming to give McLaren back-to-back wins after Daniel Ricciardo took victory at the last race in Italy when Hamilton and Verstappen collided.

Hamilton has now won the Russian Grand Prix on five of eight occasions, and his victory Sunday continues a clean sweep of victories in Russia for Mercedes cars.

Ricciardo narrowly missed the podium for McLaren in fourth and Hamilton's teammate Valtteri Bottas was fifth after an eventful race for the Finn. Mercedes' decision to swap the engine in Bottas' car and take a penalty prompted speculation the team was deploying Bottas to hold up Verstappen, something the team denied. Regardless, it didn't take long for Verstappen to swoop past Bottas.

Williams, No. 1 Alabama sprint by Southern Mississippi 63-14

NC State topples No. 9 Clemson in 2OT; Tigers' 2nd loss

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 26, (AP) — North Carolina State forced D.J. Uiagalelei into a fourth-down incompletion in the second overtime to beat ninth-ranked Clemson 27-21, an outcome that shakes up the Atlantic Coast Conference race and deals a huge blow to the Tigers' College Football Playoff hopes.

Uiagalelei slightly overthrew Justyn Ross near the goal line to end it. Red-clad fans poured onto the field to celebrate N.C. State's first win in the series in a decade.

Devin Leary threw for four touchdowns, including the winning 22-yard pass to Devin Carter to start the second OT.

It was a brutal day for the Tigers (2-2, 1-1), who now have a second loss to make it an unlikely climb to make the playoff.

Alabama 63, Southern Miss. 14
In Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jameson Williams opened the game with a 100-yard kickoff return, then added an 81-yard touchdown catch and another 83-yard runback in Alabama's rout.

Williams and the Crimson Tide (4-0) needed just 14 seconds to put to rest any worries of a letdown against Southern Miss (1-3) after a close win over No. 11 Florida and with No. 13 Mississippi on deck. Bryce Young was nearly flawless in throwing for five touchdowns while completing 20 of 22 passes for 313 yards.

Southern Miss freshman Ty Keyes made his second straight start in place of an injured Trey Lowe. Keyes passed for 131 yards and two touchdowns with an interception. He also led the Golden Eagles with 41 rushing yards.

Georgia 62, Vanderbilt 0
In Nashville, Tenn., JT Daniels threw for 121 yards and two touchdowns while playing only the first quarter as Georgia posted its biggest win in a series that started in 1893.

The game was effectively over when Georgia (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) led 35-0 after the first quarter. The Bulldogs started three of four drives in Vandy territory. They recovered a fumble on a kickoff to set up one TD, then Christopher Smith intercepted a pass to set up a second TD less than 30 seconds later.

Oregon 41, Arizona 19
In Eugene, Ore., Anthony Brown threw for 206 yards and three touchdowns, and Oregon handed Arizona its 16th straight loss, the longest current skid in FBS.

Oregon (4-0, 1-0 Pac-12) extended its winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 15 games.

Despite being winless this season, the Wildcats (0-4, 0-1) closed to



North Carolina State's Devin Carter (88) is tied up by Clemson's Tyler Venables (12) and Clemson's Tre Williams (8) during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Raleigh, N.C., on Sept. 25. (AP)

within 24-19 late in the third quarter before Oregon extended its lead with a 43-yard field goal and 18-yard scoring pass from Brown to Spencer Ward.

Oklahoma 16, West Virginia 13
In Norman, Okla., Gabe Brkic's 30-yard field goal as time expired lifted Oklahoma over West Virginia.

Oklahoma started its final possession at its 8-yard line with 3:39 remaining. Quarterback Spencer Rattler completed all six of his passes for 54 yards on the final drive to get the Sooners into scoring range. The final drive was 14 plays and 80 yards.

Rattler passed for 256 yards and a

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touchdown. Mike Woods caught eight passes for 86 yards for the Sooners (4-0, 1-0 Big 12), who won their third game by seven or fewer points this season.

Iowa 24, Colorado St. 14
In Iowa City, Iowa, Spencer Petras threw for 224 yards and two touchdowns as the Hawkeyes needed a second-half comeback to stay unbeaten.

The Hawkeyes (4-0) won their 10th consecutive game and have a 15-game nonconference winning streak, the longest current streak in the nation. Colorado State (1-3) led 14-7 at halftime, but the Hawkeyes scored touchdowns on back-to-back possessions that took a combined four plays in the third quarter.

Penn State 38, Villanova 17
In State College, Pa., Sean Clifford passed for four touchdowns and a career-high 401 yards as Penn State showcased its speed against its in-state

FCS opponent.

Clifford completed 19 of 26 passes, finding Parker Washington for two TDs and Jahan Dotson and KeAndre Lambert-Smith for one apiece. Tyler Warren rushed for a touchdown and Jordan Stout kicked a field goal for the Nittany Lions (4-0), who led 17-3 at the break in their eighth straight win.

Ohio State 59, Akron 7
In Columbus, Ohio, True freshman quarterback Kyle McCord overcame early jitters to throw for 319 yards and two touchdowns, freshman Trevon Henderson ran for 93 yards and two scores in the first half, and Ohio State routed Akron.

McCord got the nod in place of C.J. Stroud, a freshman who started the first three games but has a sore shoulder and got a breather against the seven-touchdown underdog. McCord was 13 for 18.

Master Teague III rushed for two second-half touchdowns, and Evan Pryor added another one late for Ohio State (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten).

Florida 38, Tennessee 14
In Gainesville, Fla., Emory Jones had two touchdown passes to go with a career-high 144 yards rushing, extending Florida's nearly two decades of dominance in the series.

The Gators (3-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) won their fifth straight and 16th in 17 years in a series that used to go a long way toward deciding the Eastern Division.

The Gators bounced back from a gut-wrenching loss against top-ranked Alabama in the Swamp a week ago and scored on consecutive drives in the third quarter to turn a three-point game

Lawler stops Diaz at UFC 266

Volkanovski, Shevchenko defend titles

LAS VEGAS, Sept. 26, (AP) — Alexander Volkanovski defended his featherweight title with a bloody, tumultuous unanimous decision over Brian Ortega, and Valentina Shevchenko defended her flyweight belt with a fourth-round stoppage of Lauren Murphy at UFC 266.

Nick Diaz also lost his first mixed martial arts fight in nearly seven years, declining to go on after Robbie Lawler knocked him down with punches early in the third round on an entertaining

show at T-Mobile Arena.

Volkanovski (23-1) dominated the scorecards — 49-46, 50-45 and 50-44 — in his 20th consecutive victory, but the Australian still had to survive an extraordinary challenge from Ortega (15-2), who was relentless despite a bloodied face and a clearly damaged nose. Volkanovski survived a spectacular third round in which both fighters appeared to be moments from finishing the other.

"I thought I was in his head, and then

he came back even stronger," Volkanovski said. "Credit to him. ... It's just preparation. I'm a normal human being. Hard work got me to where I am. Everyone can do what I've done."

Volkanovski largely controlled the first two rounds with his usual impressive work rate and striking, but a bloodied Ortega knocked him down dramatically with a left hand in the third round.

Ortega pounced and nearly finished the champ with a guillotine choke, but Volkanovski willed his way out of it and got back on top — only for Ortega to escape and to trap Volkanovski in a triangle choke that the champ also barely escaped.

Ortega was allowed to continue after a visit from the ringside doctor despite his apparently broken nose. In the

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fourth, Ortega got another takedown and nearly landed another choke, but Volkanovski gave a thumbs-up to the referee before escaping and finishing the round raining blows down on a prone Ortega, whose face was bloodied again.

Both fighters received multiple standing ovations after the final bell. Ortega was taken to a hospital after the fight.

Shevchenko (22-3) cemented her status as one of MMA's most dominant champions with her eighth consecutive victory over the last four years, including six stoppages.

The champion from Kyrgyzstan steadily wore down Murphy (15-5) over the first three rounds before stunning Murphy with a right hook and then battering her across the cage and onto the canvas, where she finished with punches and elbows on the ground.

Shevchenko said she won't set goals for consecutive victories or title defenses, instead only seeking to learn "how far I can go. To discover what is my limit as a human. What is my limit as a martial artist."

The 38-year-old Murphy had won five straight bouts since July 2018 to earn the first UFC title shot of her late-blooming MMA career. Yet she was little more than a tough sparring match for Shevchenko, who hasn't lost to anyone in the past 11 years except two-belt champion Amanda Nunes.



Alexander Volkanovski, left, lands a punch against Brian Ortega during a featherweight mixed martial arts title bout at UFC 266, on Sept. 25, in Las Vegas. (AP)

into comfortable lead.

BYU 35, South Florida 27

In Provo, Utah, Baylor Romney threw for a career-high 305 yards and three touchdowns as BYU won its sixth straight game dating to last season.

Tyler Allgeier ran for 81 yards and a pair of touchdowns for the Cougars. Gunner Romney and Puka Nacua each finished with more than 100 receiving yards, combining for 221 yards and a touchdown on nine catches.

BYU (4-0) turned in a dominant offensive performance, totaling 443 yards while averaging 8.9 yards per play.

Arkansas 20, Texas A&M 10

In Arlington, Texas, KJ Jefferson threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns as the Razorbacks held on for their first win in the series in their 10

seasons as Southeastern Conference foes.

Arkansas has won its first four games for the first time since 2003. Texas A&M (3-1, 0-1 SEC) had its overall 11-game winning streak snapped.

The Aggies hadn't allowed a passing touchdown this season until Jefferson's 85-yard score to Treyton Burks for a 10-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Notre Dame 41, Wisconsin 13

In Chicago, Chris Tyree returned a kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown and Drew Pyne threw a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter in relief of an injured Jack Coan to pace the Irish.

Brian Kelly became the winningest coach in Notre Dame history with victory No. 105, surpassing Knute Rockne in his 12th season with the Irish (4-0).