

Bournemouth shock Liverpool

Liverpool revival ended by Bournemouth, Kane double lifts Tottenham

● Salah misses penalty for Liverpool

● Kai Havertz' exquisite goal helped Chelsea to a third straight win

● Tottenham sink Nottingham Forest to boost Conte and tighten grip on fourth

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Liverpool's Egyptian striker Mohamed Salah hits this penalty kick

Liverpool's resurgence proved short-lived after a 1-0 defeat at Bournemouth yesterday as Tottenham took advantage in the race for a top-four finish by beating Nottingham Forest 3-1.

Jürgen Klopp's men inflicted a historic 7-0 thrashing on Manchester United last weekend to equal the Red Devils record defeat.

But Liverpool suffered another setback in a frustrating season as Mohamed Salah fired a second half penalty wide.

Philip Billing scored the only goal on 28 minutes as Bournemouth's first home win since

November lifted the Cherries out of the bottom three.

"The game was pretty much the opposite of what we wanted to show and to do today. I think we played for pretty much 95 minutes the game Bournemouth wanted to play," said Klopp.

"This game was a massive knock and how it is with knocks, you have to take them, you have to have a look how big the scars are and then you go from there."

Fifth-placed Liverpool are now six points adrift of the

Champions League places after Harry Kane ensured a tough week for Spurs ended on a high.

The England captain's future has been a source of speculation after Tottenham crashed out of both the FA Cup and Champions League in the space a week.

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Kane then coolly slotted home his first penalty since missing a crucial spot-kick in England's

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World Cup quarter-final exit to France.

Conte named Richarlison in the starting line-up despite the Brazilian's criticism of his coach after exiting Europe to AC Milan in midweek.

Richarlison made amends by teeing up Son Heung-min to fire in Spurs' third.

Joe Worrall pulled a goal back for Forest, who then also had a stoppage time penalty from Andre Ayew saved by Fraser Forster.

Lineker sees Leicester lose

Gary Lineker made the most of his absence from the BBC's flagship football highlights programme Match of the Day to

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watch his beloved Leicester lose 3-1 against Chelsea.

Lineker was forced to "step back" from his presenting duties after comparing the UK government's rhetoric towards refugees this week to Nazi-era Germany.

Leicester remain rooted in the relegation battle, just one point above the drop zone after a fifth consecutive defeat.

Ben Chilwell put Chelsea ahead early on against his former club before Patson Daka levelled.

But a sensational pass from

Enzo Fernandez and finish from Kai Havertz put Chelsea back in front and Mateo Kovacic's strike secured a third consecutive win for the Blues, who continue to lift the pressure on Graham Potter.

Everton moved out of the bottom three and up to 15th thanks to a third 1-0 win in four home games under Sean Dyche.

Dwight McNeil smashed in the only goal inside the first minute to end Brentford's 12-game unbeaten run in the Premier League.

Leeds remain second from bottom but closed to within a point of safety after twice coming from behind to draw 2-2 at home to high-flying Brighton.

Alexis Mac Allister put the Seagulls in front before Patrick Bamford levelled before the break.

Jack Harrison then scored at both ends in the second half to leave Brighton still nine points off the top four, albeit with three games in hand.

Manchester City can close to within two points of leaders Arsenal later when they travel to Crystal Palace.

Arsenal are not in action until Sunday when they face Fulham.

Muharraq escape with narrow win over Al Hala

● Hassan Albossta registers 43-point triple-double to spearhead Al Ettihad in rout of Sitra

TDI | Manama

Muharraq escaped with a hard-earned 66-64 victory over Al Hala last night in their week 21 game of the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Bader Abdulla Malabes buried two free-throws with 38.9 seconds remaining to give Muharraq a four-point cushion, and then Tony Farmer quickly replied with a lay-up to bring Hala back to within a single possession.

But after Malabes missed a three-point attempt on the other end, Farmer could not bury a potential game-winner as time expired.

Malik Wineglass finished with 22 points to lead Muharraq in the win, while Malabes had



Al Ettihad's Hassan Albossta appears to be fouled as he drives to the basket against Sitra last night

16. Farmer scored 31 for Hala, while Alwatheq Ali chipped in with 12.

Muharraq improved to a 15-4

win-loss record to tie defending champions Manama at the top of the standings. Hala dropped to a 9-10 mark.

Standings

	P	W	L	Pts
Manama	19	15	4	34
Muharraq	19	15	4	34
Al Ahli	18	14	4	32
Al Ettihad	19	13	6	32
Al Najma	18	12	6	30
Bahrain Club	19	9	10	28
Al Hala	19	9	10	28
Nuwaidrat	19	8	11	27
Sitra	18	4	14	22
Isa Town	19	2	17	21
Samaheej	19	2	17	21

Meanwhile, in yesterday's other game, Hassan Albossta poured in 43 points while registering a triple-double to help lift Al Ettihad to a 136-83 romp of Sitra.

Albossta also took down 16 rebounds and dished out 12 assists in the big win, in which Ettihad led by as many as 56 points. All 12 of their players scored at least four points in the game.

Abbas Fadhel Jassim had 17 to pace Sitra in the loss.

Ettihad improved to a 13-6 record while Sitra dropped to a 4-14 mark.

Mitchell and Tickner lead New Zealand fightback against Sri Lanka



Daryl Mitchell gestures after bringing up his century

AFP | Christchurch

A stubborn century from Daryl Mitchell, a blazing 72 from Matt Henry and three wickets to Blair Tickner swung the momentum New Zealand's way in the first Test against Sri Lanka yesterday.

Sri Lanka had claimed the initiative on the first two days of the Christchurch Test but were 83 for three in their second innings at stumps on day three, a lead of 65 runs.

Angelo Mathews was not out 20, with Prabath Jayasuriya also at the crease on two.

New Zealand had recovered from 151 for five to be all out for 373, an 18-run lead, after a dogged 102 from Mitchell. Henry's swashbuckling performance included 58 runs from

It's always nice to get a hundred for your country and to do it in a situation in which we needed it was cool. It was nice to put a team score on the board and for the boys to bowl the way they did tonight was awesome

DARYL MITCHELL

boundaries.

Tickner claimed the wickets of captain Dimuth Karunaratne for 17, Oshada Fernando for 28 and Kusal Mendis for 14 in the 38 overs before stumps to finish with three wickets for 28 runs off 10 overs.

Sri Lanka, who need to sweep the two-Test series to keep their hopes of making the World Test Championship final alive, had ripped through the New Zealand top order.

But Mitchell, who has so often been New Zealand's saviour in his 17-Test career, refused to give in as he toiled through 193 deliveries for his eighth century.

Mitchell continued to play the steadying hand with a half century in three hours and a century – his fifth and first against Sri Lanka – from 187 balls

Madrid cut Liga gap on Barca with Espanyol comeback

AFP | Madrid

Vinicius Junior scored a fine solo goal as Real Madrid came from behind to beat Espanyol 3-1 and cut Barcelona's lead to six points at the top of La Liga yesterday.

Joselu had sent the visitors ahead early on at the Santiago Bernabeu but Vinicius produced a surging run and lethal finish to pull the champions level.

Eder Militao's header completed the turnaround and Madrid could have added more goals in the second half, with Rodrygo hitting the crossbar



Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior (C) vies with Espanyol's Ruben Sanchez (L)

from a free-kick. Eventually Marco Asensio tucked away the third in stoppage time after a fine run and pass from defender Nacho Fernandez.

Barcelona visit Athletic Bilbao on Sunday night to try and restore their advantage, ahead of the Clasico at Camp Nou on March 19.

With Karim Benzema out with an ankle issue, although poised to return for the Champions League last 16 second leg clash with Liverpool on Wednesday, Carlo Ancelotti selected Rodrygo up front in his place.