

Sports

In-form Kane scores two more, Tottenham beats Huddersfield 4-0

Kane underlined again why he is Europe's hottest properties

HUDDERSFIELD: A Harry Kane masterclass ensured Tottenham cruised to a 4-0 victory against Huddersfield yesterday. Tottenham beat Cypriot champions APOEL Nicosia 3-0 courtesy of a brilliant Kane hat-trick on Tuesday and he was just as impressive in West Yorkshire, killing off Huddersfield inside the opening 20 minutes with two superbly taken goals.

Ben Davies got Tottenham's second and substitute Moussa Sissoko added a late fourth as the London side blew away David Wagner's men. The early kick-off gave Tottenham a chance to keep in touch with the Premier League leaders and they gleefully took that opportunity against a Huddersfield team with plenty of heart but little real quality. Asked if he has ever had a better spell, Kane said: "Probably not. If you look at the goals to games it's probably the best month I've had. "It's nice. I feel confident. When these boys are up the pitch putting in good crosses and through balls, I'm just there to put them away." Huddersfield have proven to be surprisingly durable in defence this term, keeping four clean sheets in their opening six league matches, but that was long forgotten during a 90 minutes they will want to forget. They were more than a match for Spurs early on as Tommy Smith had one fine long-range effort palmed away by Hugo Lloris and Rajiv van la Parra also saw Eric Dier block another opportunity.

However, Kane underlined again why he is one of Europe's hottest properties and why almost every major side in the world would love to have him. After nine minutes, Huddersfield's Chris Lowe was caught napping at the back, the England striker raced through

on goal and calmly slotted past Jonas Lossl to put Spurs ahead. It was the kind of cool and clinical finish that Premier League fans have come to expect from the 24-year-old. Wagner's side remained lively but the visitors moved the ball very quickly and it was not long before Davies had doubled their lead as Huddersfield's defence again failed to deal with Spurs' forward forays. After seven one-touch passes, the ball bobbed loose to Davies 16 yards out and he had all the time in the world to clip a shot past Lossl.

WONDERFUL

Spurs were fortunate not to concede a penalty shortly after their second goal as Davinson Sanchez clumsily barged Elias Kachunga inside the area. But any hopes Huddersfield could get back into the contest were extinguished after 23 minutes when Kane scored a goal so good that even Huddersfield's fans applauded. Kane, with his back to goal and two defenders nearby, shrugged off their attention, swivelled and hit a wonderful curling effort past Lossl from 25 yards.

The strike was Kane's 13th in September alone and meant Spurs had scored three goals in three consecutive away performances. Huddersfield kept running but were fairly shell-shocked by the scoreline and Dele Alli could have made it four after 30 minutes but his close-range toe-poke hit the post from a tight angle.

Just before the break, Laurent Depoitre smashed an effort against the Spurs crossbar. Huddersfield certainly did not give up but they lacked the class needed to get back into the contest. Spurs took their foot off the accelerator after the restart and the entire game took a



HUDDERSFIELD: Tottenham Hotspur's Moussa Sissoko scores his side's fourth goal of the game during the English Premier League soccer match between Huddersfield Town and Tottenham Hotspur at the John Smith's Stadium, Huddersfield, England, yesterday. — AP

dip in quality as a result.

Dier and Christian Eriksen continued to harass Huddersfield but their impact was limited and Kane failed to see enough of the ball to cause further trou-

ble. Spurs took Eriksen off towards the end and his replacement Sissoko blasted one low effort straight at Lossl but then did better in stoppage-time, bundling home to seal the victory. —AFP



Matches on TV (Local Timings)

| ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE | | |
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| Arsenal v Brighton & Hove Albion | beIN SPORTS HD 2 | 14:00 |
| Everton v Burnley | beIN SPORTS HD 2 | 16:15 |
| Newcastle United v Liverpool | beIN SPORTS HD 2 | 18:30 |
| SPANISH LEAGUE | | |
| Real Sociedad v Real Betis | beIN SPORTS HD 3 | 13:00 |
| Barcelona v Las Palmas | beIN SPORTS HD 3 | 17:15 |
| Valencia v Athletic de Bilbao | beIN SPORTS HD 3 | 19:30 |
| Villarreal v Eibar | beIN SPORTS HD 12 EN | 19:30 |
| Real Madrid v Espanyol | beIN SPORTS HD 3 | 21:45 |
| ITALIAN CALCIO LEAGUE | | |
| Napoli v Cagliari Calcio | beIN SPORTS HD 4 | 13:30 |
| Lazio v Sassuolo Calcio | beIN SPORTS | 16:00 |
| Chievo Verona v Fiorentina | beIN SPORTS HD 8 | 16:00 |
| Torino v Hellas Verona | beIN SPORTS | 16:00 |
| Benevento v Internazionale Milano | beIN SPORTS HD 4 | 16:00 |
| spal v Crotone | beIN SPORTS | 16:00 |
| Milan v Roma | beIN SPORTS HD 4 | 19:00 |
| Atalanta v Juventus | beIN SPORTS HD 4 | 21:45 |
| GERMAN LEAGUE | | |
| Freiburg v Hoffenheim | beIN SPORTS HD 6 | 14:30 |
| Hertha Berlin v Bayern Munich | beIN SPORTS HD 5 | 16:30 |
| Koln v Leipzig | beIN SPORTS HD 5 | 19:00 |
| FRENCH LEAGUE | | |
| Troyes v Saint Etienne | beIN SPORTS HD 12 EN | 16:00 |
| Angers v Olympique Lyonnais | beIN SPORTS HD 6 | 18:00 |
| Nice v Olympique Marseille | beIN SPORTS HD 6 | 22:00 |

Neymar sparkles as PSG thrash Bordeaux

PARIS: Neymar scored twice, including a first-half penalty, and created another goal as Paris Saint-Germain hammered previously unbeaten Bordeaux 6-2 in Ligue 1 yesterday. The Brazilian curled in a brilliant 30-yard free-kick after just five minutes at the Parc des Princes before sliding in Edinson Cavani to double the lead seven minutes later. Thomas Meunier's excellent side-footed finish made it 3-0 to PSG on 21 minutes, but Bordeaux hit back on the half hour as Younousse Sankhane applied the final touch to a slick team move. PSG were then awarded a penalty, the first since a row between Neymar and Cavani over spot-kick duties overshadowed a 2-0 win against Lyon a fortnight ago, with Neymar this time stepping up to convert.

Julian Draxler volleyed in a superb fifth before half-time and Kylian Mbappe added another on 58 minutes, while Malcom scored a late penalty for Bordeaux, as PSG pulled three points clear of defending champions Monaco at the top. Unai Emery rested captain Thiago Silva for the visit of third-place Bordeaux, who arrived in the capital trailing PSG by just four points after seven matches. The hosts brushed aside five-time European champions Bayern Munich 3-0 in midweek and the gap in class on Saturday was evident from the start against Jocelyn Gourvenec's team. With Monaco dropping points in Friday's 1-1 draw at home to Montpellier, PSG immediately signalled their intent as three quick-fire goals left Bordeaux seeking to limit the damage. Neymar struck early as his magnificent free-kick flashed beyond a helpless Benoit Costil, with the Brazilian then playing in Cavani to poke in his eighth league goal of the season on 12 minutes.

PSG were further in front when Yuri Berchiche's cross



PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain's Argentinian forward Angel Di Maria (R) vies with Bordeaux's French defender Theo Pellenard during the French L1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain and Bordeaux at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris yesterday. — AFP

from the left skipped past Mbappe but Meunier ran onto it and the Belgian international steered past Costil. Bordeaux replied on 31 minutes after Theo Pellenard demonstrated remarkable composure to thread in Nicolas de Preville who squared for Sankhane to tap into an empty net.

But a senseless handball from Otavio gifted PSG a penalty and Neymar, rather than Cavani whose effort in the Lyon win on September 17 was saved, tucked away the spot-kick for his sixth league goal.

Draxler made it five in style on the stroke of half-time

when he fired in from Mbappe's floated cross, and the French teenager notched a goal of his own on 58 minutes after he was released in behind the defence by the German. Bordeaux substitute Alexandre Mendy smacked the outside of the post on 69 minutes while a shot from Neymar whistled just wide after a clever exchange with Draxler. Brazilian Malcom, who extended his contract with Bordeaux until 2021 this week, netted a consolation in the final minute after Jonathan Cafu was fouled in the area by Meunier. —AFP

Richarlison preserves Watford away record at the death

WEST BROMWICH: Brazilian youngster Richarlison scored in time added on to give Watford a share of the points in a 2-2 draw with West Brom completing their comeback from a two goal deficit in their Premier League clash yesterday.

West Brom remain unbeaten at home in the Premier League this season but had looked set for three points when Salomon Rondon and Jonny Evans put them 2-0 up inside 22 minutes. However, Watford showed great character to come back with goals from Abdoulaye Doucoure and then 20-year-old Richarlison's late effort preserving their unbeaten record away from home this term. The hosts got off to a flier opening up a 2-0 lead inside the first half hour with a veritable goal glut for them, having scored just four times in their previous six league encounters. Venezuelan ace Rondon opened the scoring in the 18th minute shooting past Heurelho Gomes from inside the penalty area. Gomes, who has started every league game for Watford since November 2014, was picking the ball out of his net for a second time three minutes later as Northern Irish international Evans forced the ball over the line. However, the visitors worked their way back into the game and should have reduced the deficit but on loan Andre Carrillo somehow headed the ball wide in front of an empty net.

Nevertheless the Hornets did manage to get on the score-sheet before the break as good work by the impressive Brazilian Richarlison set up Doucoure who got the better of Evans and beat goalkeeper Ben Foster. Foster looked a relieved man early in the second-half after Etienne Capoue worked himself into a good position and let fly but veteran Gareth Barry managed to get a touch to it that deflected it just wide of the West Brom goal. West Brom had to weather quite a storm as Watford pushed forward searching for the equaliser and at least maintaining their unbeaten away record - Richarlison sending his header just wide of the post. —AFP



STOKE: Southampton's Maya Yoshida, down at centre, scores his side's first goal against Stoke City during the English Premier League soccer match between Stoke City and Southampton at the bet365 Stadium, Stoke, England, yesterday. — AP

Late Crouch winner earns Stoke first victory since August

STOKE CITY: Substitute Peter Crouch scored a late winner as Stoke City beat Southampton 2-1 yesterday to claim their first Premier League victory since August. The imposing former England forward poked

home from close range in the 85th minute, 15 minutes after coming on, to seal only the second victory of the season for the Potters. Maya Yoshida had appeared to rescue a point for Southampton after he fired home a 75th-minute equaliser to cancel out Mame Biram Diouf's headed opener in the 40th minute. Stoke's Sadio Berahino missed a first-half penalty to extend his goalless streak to 29 games, while Southampton's Dutch defender Virgil van Dijk who submitted a transfer request in the summer-made his first start since January. Stoke Climb to 13th with eight points and trail Southampton, in 12th, on goal difference. — Reuters

Dortmund go clear despite Aubameyang penalty howler

BERLIN: Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's miserable week continued as he missed a penalty but Borussia Dortmund still ground out a 2-1 win at Augsburg yesterday to extend their Bundesliga lead. Star striker Aubameyang followed on his poor performance in Tuesday's 3-1 Champions League defeat at home to Real Madrid by firing a weak penalty straight at Augsburg goalkeeper Marwin Hitz 10 minutes from time. Despite last season's Bundesliga top-scorer squandering the chance to kill off the game, it didn't prove costly as goals from Andriy Yarmolenko and Japan international Shinji Kagawa either side of Caiuby's equaliser sent Dortmund five points clear at the top.

It was a controversial penalty awarded by the video assistant referee (VAR) after referee Marco Korb missed a foul by Koo Ja-Cheol, South Korea's ex-captain, on Lukasz Piszczek. That came after the VAR had earlier failed to award Augsburg a penalty when Dortmund's Sokratis clearly tugged at the shirt of Brazil midfielder Caiuby. Dortmund had taken the lead after just four minutes in Bavaria through winger Yarmolenko before Caiuby headed an equaliser. Kagawa scored what proved to be the winner on 23 minutes with a dream goal when he floated a shot over Hitz following good work from Gabon's Aubameyang and Yarmolenko. —AFP