

FOOTBALL RG Fantasy League

Liverpool can break down negative United

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Former Liverpool manager Gérard Houllier was in Bermuda last week and said the country could punch above its weight as long as it continues to invest in coaching.

It is worth applying those comments to the English national team, which has consistently underachieved for the past two decades, with the perception being that British managers employ tactics that increasingly bring no chance of success.

In the Premier League, just eight of the 20 teams are managed by Britons. None of those men manage a team in the top six, with seven managing sides in the bottom half of the table.

The last British manager to get a top job was David Moyes at Manchester United and his failure may have ruined the chances of any other ever getting a top job.

The Football Association has tried to buck this trend by appointing Gareth Southgate as the national coach but the early signs of his tenure are not good.

He has the talent at his dis-

posal but does not appear to be able to play the type of football needed to be successful at international level. Here's to another two decades of World Cup disappointment.

11am kick-offs unless stated Tomorrow Manchester United v Liverpool, 8.30am

Despite coming from two goals behind to win at Crystal Palace on Monday, Manchester United are still stuttering in the league and the home fans are not going to appreciate José Mourinho's likely defensive tactics here.

Liverpool are in flying form at the moment and are fancied to be victorious against their big rivals. Prediction: 1-2

Everton v Brighton & Hove Albion

Brighton picked up a magnificent win at home to Arsenal last week to ease themselves clear of the battle for relegation but may struggle at Goodison Park. Sam Allardyce's Everton team are woeful on the road but have won their last two home matches. Prediction: 2-0



Photograph by Kirsty Wigglesworth/AP

The wrong one: David Moyes was not a good advert for British managers during his time at Old Trafford

Huddersfield Town v Swansea City

A win for either of these teams would dramatically improve their chances of avoiding relegation. Swansea's improvement in the league under Carlos Carvalhal has been largely based on their brilliant home form. They have been less consistent on the road and may suffer another defeat here. Prediction: 2-1

Newcastle United v Southampton

Another big name at the foot of the table, Newcastle are unbeaten at home in the league this year and can take a huge leap towards safety. Prediction: 1-0

West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City

Media reports in Britain suggest the only reason Alan Pardew has

not been sacked as manager of West Brom is because nobody is willing to take the job.

Pardew's team are all but relegated, has lost their last five league games, and will struggle to contain Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez. Prediction: 1-2

West Ham United v Burnley

West Ham have conceded four goals in their last two matches and are in desperate need of a win to avert an alarming slide down the table.

Burnley look assured of a top-eight finish this season, which is an amazing achievement by Sean Dyche, and they can pick up another point here. Prediction: 1-1

Chelsea v Crystal Palace

Antonio Conte may have one eye on the Champions League clash with Barcelona on Wednesday but his team will need to avoid complacency against a Crystal Palace side who threw away victory against Manchester United on Monday. Expect Chelsea to play with at least one striker here in contrast to their pathetic display against Manchester City last week. Prediction: 1-1

Sunday

Arsenal v Watford, 9.30am

Arsenal, please put everyone out of their misery. You were the Pep Guardiola of your era but you and your team are a laughing stock.

Leave while you have a shred of dignity left. Arsenal will probably win this match comfortably but what does that matter? Prediction: 3-1

AFC Bournemouth v Tottenham Hotspur, noon

Bournemouth have been on a good run lately but may run into a stumbling block here. Tottenham have lost just once in the league since November and that came away to champions-elect Manchester City. Harry Kane looks pretty much certain to score. Prediction: 0-2

Monday

Stoke City v Manchester City, 4pm

Stoke's next four matches are against Manchester City, Arsenal, Everton and Tottenham. It's perfectly feasible they will end up with no points during that run and almost certain to be relegated. Prediction: 0-2



BERMUDA

BOWLING

SECOND SPRING SENIORS LEAGUE

Drifters 1 New Comers 3
Islanders 1 Blue Angels 3
Old 'N Kickin 3 Pinsplitters 1
Last Pin 4 Last Minutes 0

Men's Handicap Game: McNeil Simmons 214; Stewart Masters 204; Barry Floyd 203

Men's Handicap Series: Stewart Masters 642; Barry Floyd 641; McNeil Simmons 576

Men's Scratch Game: McNeil Simmons 192; Stewart Masters 132; Ellsworth Bean Sr 131

Men's Scratch Series: McNeil Simmons 153; Ellsworth Bean Sr 380; Stewart Masters 364

Women's Handicap Game: Alana Masters 242; Yvonne Joseph 241; Donnamae Masters 223

Women's Handicap Series: Yvonne Joseph 667; Alana Masters 663; Donnamae Masters 631

Women's Scratch Game: Yvonne Joseph 186; Evra Hassell 156; Michelle Simons 153/Donnamae Masters 153

Women's Scratch Series: Yvonne Joseph 502; Evra Hassell 432; Donnamae Masters 421

Standings
1. Drifters 61; 2. Pinsplitters 58; Old 'N Kickin 53; 4. New Comers 49; 5. Last Minutes 46; 6. Last Pin 45%; 7. Blue Angels 44%; 8. Islanders 43

SQUASH

THE PLATINUM GROUP LTD SERIES

Court House Health & Wellness

Wednesday's results
Junior Gold
Semi-finals
Alex Southern bt Jasper Forte
Matthew Elliot bt Graham Moss

Team tournament

Boasty Boys bt Saunders Soldiers
3 Nuts n a Spanner bt Tee Rex
BSRA Barfly bt Platinum

Ihab In Charge bt Hiscoc
Super Hot Fire bt Monument
Parkin's Pros bt Odd Shaped Balls

OVERSEAS

FOOTBALL

EUROPA LEAGUE

Round of 16, second leg

Yesterday's results

Atlético Madrid 3 Lokomotiv Moscow 0
Borussia Dortmund 1 Red Bull Salzburg 2
CSKA Moscow 0 Lyon 1
AC Milan 0 Arsenal 2
Lazio 2 Dynamo Kiev 2
Marseille 3 Athletic Bilbao 1
RB Leipzig 2 Zenit St Petersburg 1
Sporting Lisbon 2 Viktoria Plzen 0

SHEBELIEVES CUP

Yesterday's result

USA Women 1 England Women 0

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	3	2	0
Columbus	1	0	0	3	2	0
New York City FC	1	0	0	3	2	0
Orlando City	0	0	1	1	1	1
DC United	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal	0	1	0	0	1	2
New England	0	1	0	0	0	2
Toronto FC	0	1	0	0	0	2
Atlanta United FC	0	1	0	0	0	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	4	0
San Jose	1	0	0	3	3	2
LA Galaxy	1	0	0	3	2	1
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	2	1
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	1	0
Real Salt Lake	0	0	1	1	1	1
FC Dallas	0	0	1	1	1	1
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota United	0	1	0	0	2	3
Portland	0	1	0	0	1	2
Seattle	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sporting Kansas City	0	1	0	0	0	2

Tomorrow's games

Montreal at Columbus, 2pm
Colorado at New England, 2.30pm
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake, 4.30pm
Sporting Kansas City at Chicago, 7pm
Vancouver at Houston, 7pm
Portland at New York, 8pm
Minnesota United at Orlando City, 8.30pm
Sunday's games
DC United at Atlanta United FC, 4pm
LA Galaxy at New York City FC, 6pm

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	47	17	.734	—
Boston	45	20	.692	2½
Philadelphia	35	28	.556	11½
New York	24	41	.369	23½



Job done: Bermuda's cricket team pose with the trophy they won after finishing top of their group at the ICC World T20 Sub Regional Qualifier in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last week. The education minister Diallo Rabain, centre, sports minister Michael Weeks and Lloyd Smith, the Bermuda Cricket Board president, join the squad at the L.F. Wade International Airport yesterday

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Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	37	28	.569	—
Miami	34	31	.523	3
Charlotte	28	37	.431	9
Orlando	20	45	.308	17
Atlanta	20	45	.308	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	26	.594	—
Indiana	37	28	.569	1½
Milwaukee	34	31	.523	4½
Detroit	29	36	.446	9½
Chicago	22	42	.344	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	51	13	.797	—
New Orleans	38	26	.594	13
San Antonio	37	27	.578	14
Dallas	20	45	.308	31½
Memphis	18	46	.281	33

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	39	26	.600	—
Minnesota	38	28	.576	1½
Oklahoma City	37	29	.561	2½
Denver	35	30	.538	4
Utah	35	30	.538	4

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	50	14	.781	—
LA Clippers	34	29	.540	15½
LA Lakers	29	35	.453	21
Sacramento	20	45	.308	30½
Phoenix	19	47	.288	32

Today's games

Atlanta at Indiana, 8pm
Chicago at Detroit, 8pm
Houston at Toronto, 8.30pm
New York at Milwaukee, 9pm
Utah at Memphis, 9pm
Washington at New Orleans, 9pm
LA Lakers at Denver, 10pm
Golden State at Portland, 11pm
Orlando at Sacramento, 11pm
Cleveland at LA Clippers, 11.30pm
Tomorrow's games
Phoenix at Charlotte, 6pm
Washington at Miami, 8.30pm
Memphis at Dallas, 9.30pm
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9.30pm
Orlando at LA Clippers, 11.30pm

BOXING

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today

At Costa Mesa, California (ESPN2), Ronny Rios v Azat Hovhannissyan, 10, junior featherweights.
At Deadwood (San Diego) Mountain Grand (SHO), Regis Prograis v Julius Indongo, 12, for vacant interim WBC super lightweight title; Ivan Baranchyk v Anthony Yigit, 12, junior welterweight eliminator.

Tomorrow

At Alamo, San Antonio (SHO), Sergey Lipinets v Mikey Garcia, 12, for Lipinets's IBF junior welterweight title; Rances Barthelemy v Kiryl Relikh, 12, for the vacant WBA World super lightweight title; Richard Commey v Alejandro Luna, 12, lightweight; Mario Barrios v Eudy Bernardo, 10, junior welterweights.

At Carson, Calif. (ESPN), Oscar Valdez v Scott Quigg, 12, for Valdez's WBO featherweight title; Andy Vences

v Erick DeLeon, 10, junior lightweights.

CRICKET

ICC WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

Papua New Guinea v West Indies

Group A

Old Haraians, Harare (PNG won toss): West Indies (2pts) beat PNG (0pts) by six wickets

Papua New Guinea

A Nao not out	1
Extras (lb 7, nb 2, w 8)	17
Total (42.4 overs)	200