

FOOTBALL Premier League

City and Liverpool remain teams to beat, insists Sarri

LONDON (Reuters) — Manchester City and Liverpool remain the teams to beat but Chelsea are closing the gap, manager Maurizio Sarri said after his side extended their unbeaten start to the season to 11 games with a 3-1 win against Crystal Palace yesterday.

The astute Italian insists his side still have some way to go but Chelsea's improvement under the master tactician this season has been nothing short of startling.

Chelsea laboured to fifth-place and finished 30 points behind champions City last season; playing underwhelming football throughout a campaign the was overshadowed by reports of rift between Chelsea players and former manager Antonio Conte.

But since arriving from Napoli in July, Sarri has lifted the mood at Stamford Bridge and transformed a Chelsea side into one of the most potent attacking sides in Europe.

After almost one third of the season, they trail leaders City by only two points.

Along with City and third-placed Liverpool, Chelsea remain unbeaten after 11 games with Sarri equalling the longest unbeaten start by a new Premier League manager — set by Nottingham Forest's Frank Clark in 1994.

"Manchester City and Liverpool are at the moment a step ahead of us," Sarri said even though Chelsea are ahead of Jürgen Klopp's side on goal difference.

"When I arrived the gap from last season was 30 points with City. It is difficult to think you can recover this gap in one season, or in six months. We need to improve more because we are doing well."

Such has been Chelsea's form this season, they were expected to make light work of a Crystal Palace side who had won just twice in their opening ten fixtures. However, midway through the second half a spirited Palace side were holding Chelsea, but a brace of goals from the improving Alvaro Morata and an impressive cameo from returning talisman Eden Hazard saw them canter home.

"We were a little bit in trouble so we needed some quality and personality," Sarri continued. "We were lucky because we had Eden on the bench. He was able to immediately change the match."

"I am really very happy for Alvaro. He improved in the last month in confidence and personality."

"He improved also from a tactical and technical point of view. He plays with more continuity from the team."

"He has great potential physically and technically. He can improve more. Potentially he can be [a top striker at a top club]."

Sport SCOREBOARD

BERMUDA

FOOTBALL

PREMIER DIVISION	
Yesterday's games	
Paget Lions 2 BAA 5	
X-Roads 6 Dandy Town 0	
PHC Zebras 3 Somerset Trojans 1	
Saturday's results	
Boulevard 3 Devonshire Cougars 1	
Robin Hood 3 North Village 2	

FIRST DIVISION	
Yesterday's results	
Southampton Rangers 5 Flanagan's Onions 0	
Somerset Eagles 6 Devonshire Colts 1	
YMSC 3 Vasco 3	
Hamilton Parish 2 St David's 0	
Saturday's results	
Ireland Rangers 4 Wolves 7	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Southampton	7	5	2	0	24	4	17
Somerset Eagles	7	4	3	0	18	7	15
Hamilton Parish	7	4	1	2	17	10	13
Devonshire Colts	7	3	2	2	14	15	11
Social Club	8	3	2	3	15	18	11
Wolves	7	3	1	3	13	17	10
Flanagan's	8	2	3	3	9	14	9
St David's	7	2	1	4	9	13	7
Ireland Rangers	8	1	4	3	15	20	7
St George's	7	1	2	4	7	10	5
Vasco da Gama	7	0	3	4	8	21	3

RUNNING

Fidelity International 5K Road Race	
5K Run	

1 Dennis Mbelenzi	15:51
2 Teddy Shum	16:03
3 Ryan Outerbridge	16:22
4 Tim Price	16:27
5 Tommy Marshall	16:46
6 Neil De Ste Croix	17:27
7 Alan Potts	17:42
8 Kwame Curling	17:50
9 Jonathan Saul	17:57
10 Che'Quan Richardson	18:20
11 Shay Brown	18:26
12 Gayle Lindsay	18:26
13 Dustin Luck	18:27
14 Ashley Irby	18:28
15 James Roberts	18:37
16 Deon Breary	18:45
17 Steven Smith	18:57
18 Kanaz Tuzo	19:14
19 Rose-Anna Hoey	19:16
20 Oslo Adamson	19:33
21 Melissa Logie	19:38
22 Jessie Marshall	19:38
23 Alexander Southern	19:56
24 Louise Wells	19:57
25 Sarah Thompson	20:02
26 Ryan Gibbons	20:03
27 Christopher Cabral	20:06
28 Darin Cassidy	20:07
29 Victoria Fiddick	20:09
30 Liana Medeiros	20:12
31 Richard Exon	20:17
32 Hilary Haldeman	20:34
33 Florin Telesman	20:36
34 Deirdre McLaughlin	20:38
35 Bracton Saul	20:43
36 Leana Coetsee	20:44
37 Stepanka Sprincova	20:53
38 David Soutter	20:54
39 Derek Thomas	20:55
40 Anna Laura Hocking	20:56
41 Nicholas Burke	20:59
42 Khari Sharriff	20:59
43 Scott Neil	21:01
44 Alicia Hancock	21:05
45 Matthew Viney	21:06
46 Dave Wolfe	21:08
47 Denzel Simons	21:12
48 Will Irvine	21:14
49 William Porteous	21:22
50 Gerhard Coetsee	21:23
51 Zoe Hasselkuss	21:26
52 Aoife O'Hora	21:27
53 James Dodgson	21:33
54 Richard Neame	21:34
55 Rupert Henagulph	21:39
56 Gemma Gowrie	21:44
57 Shayla Cann	21:45
58 Kathleen Thompson	21:47
59 Alexandra Mellor	21:53
60 Ryan Miller	21:54
61 Justin Hunt	21:58
62 Claudia Phillips-Jones	22:05
63 Paulo Medeiros	22:06
64 David Woodcock	22:10
65 Mark Hatherley	22:13
66 Jennifer Wilson	22:14
67 Jasmin Hasselkuss	22:16
68 Jeffrey Loper	22:16
69 Andrew McComb	22:22
70 Jacob Muchiri	22:23
71 Robin Holder	22:34
72 Shana Griffiths	22:36
73 Sean Kelly	22:38
74 Steve Demerling	22:39
75 Bonnie Mills	22:39
76 Ariel Taylor	22:42
77 Shekia Ming	22:43
78 Mark Rihiluoma	22:47
79 Dianna White	22:47
80 Jason Kyme	22:55
81 Phil Martin	22:58
82 Emma Atherton	23:04
83 Richard McBrearty	23:07
84 Marion Chevereau	23:12
85 Christopher Myles	23:13
86 Jack Kyme	23:15
87 Dee-Ah Iris	23:17
88 Christine Soutter	23:18
89 Alivia Venning	23:19
90 Andrew Tobin	23:20
91 Matthew Carr	23:20
92 Ben Adamson	23:21
93 Peter Tobin	23:21
94 Milan Oleksak	23:23
95 Jose Andrade	23:32
96 Steven Brown	23:34
97 Christopher Taylor	23:42
98 Mairi Redmond	23:44
99 Ross Johnson	23:48
100 Jennifer Adderley	24:00
101 Carlos Lopes	24:00
102 Paul Bohus	24:00
103 Nicolas Pliantios	24:00
104 Jason Kim	24:06
105 Kirsty Willemse	24:11
106 Brianna Mawer	24:11
107 Raul Khan	24:20
108 Kate Taylor	24:22
109 Kyle James	24:40
110 Christine Da Costa	24:49
111 Eduardo Villalobos	24:55
112 Zina Jones	25:04
113 Jennifer Gazzard	25:05
114 Florin Radu	25:06
115 Katie Partington Howarth	25:14



Giving back: members of the Rugby Italian Classic XV shared their knowledge with youngsters from the Beyond Rugby Youth Programme at Police Field yesterday morning

Photograph by Stephen Wright

116 Malcolm Clarke	25:17
117 Trevor Haynes	25:17
118 Mark Pickering	25:22
119 Elizabeth Stewart	25:31
120 Caroline Davies	25:34
121 Sarah Nicholson	25:39
122 Terri Durrant	25:42
123 Zylah Bean	25:46
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126 Jeana Jones	26:04
127 Jessica Destrella	26:10
128 Robin Saul	26:13
129 Susan Jackson	26:17
130 Annabelle Miller	26:22
131 Timothy Miller	26:23
132 John Burcher	26:31
133 Ryan Wilson	26:39
134 Rosemary Jones	26:40
135 Laurie Orchard	26:43
136 Raschid Alami-Merrouni	26:43
137 Ellen Burcher	26:45
138 Myles Orchard	26:46
139 Lianna Aggarwal	26:52
140 Peter Richold	27:01
141 Neville Grant	27:04
142 Vanessa Conway	27:04
143 Lynn Norman	27:17
144 Nancy Stevens	27:20
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170 Victoria Millett	30:25
171 Jennifer De Los Santos	30:28
172 Judy King	30:35
173 Evelyn Urban	30:36
174 Florence Sharpe	30:39
175 Karen Gonsalves	30:43
176 Tim Southern	30:52
177 Jeffrey Chisnall	30:59
178 Debbie Speight	30:59
179 Marlene Mildenhall	31:07
180 Judith Howe Tucker	31:28
181 Sueallen Lottimore	31:37
182 Elizabeth Southern	31:46
183 Lesley Mendes	32:05
184 Alshia Lugo	32:05
185 Dennis Bean	32:21
186 Angela Reddy	32:46
187 Calisha Outerbridge	32:56
188 Emily Flood	32:59
189 Nancy Swart	33:12
190 Hannah Jones	33:21
191 Rowena Cespedes	34:17
192 Andrea Sewell	34:46
193 Kaitlin Bishop	34:56
194 Terrianne Archer	35:04
195 Chuncey Smith	36:43
196 Deanna Warren	37:12
197 Pamela Greyson	37:13
198 Christine Saul	37:33
199 Jenni Crayford	37:51
200 Sharon Shanahan	37:51
201 Marian Lines	38:05
202 Verde Brown	50:49

5K Competitive Walk	
1 Gina Bradshaw	36:03
2 Gilda Cann	36:03
3 Della Basden	37:37
4 Zharla Bean	40:19
5 Sally Aggarwal	40:50
6 Lisa Whitehead	42:19
7 Shireen Inness	42:34
8 Bernadette Wilson	44:02
9 George Jones	47:33
10 Janet Simpson	54:19

5K Recreational Walk	
1 Azaria Atwell	37:54
2 Takeysa Wolfe	37:56
3 Billy Griffith	38:07
4 Carol Griffith	38:07

OVERSEAS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
Yesterday's results	
NY Jets 6 Miami 13	
Atlanta 38 Washington 14	
Detroit 9 Minnesota 24	
Kansas City 37 Cleveland 21	
Tampa Bay 28 Carolina 42	
Pittsburgh 23 Baltimore 0	
Chicago 41 Buffalo 9	
LA Chargers 25 Seattle 17	
Houston 19 Denver 17	
LA Rams 35 New Orleans 45	
Green Bay at New England, late	
Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, NY Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati	
Today's game	
Tennessee at Dallas, 9.15pm	

PREMIER LEAGUE	
Yesterday's results	
Manchester City 6 Southampton 1	
Chelsea 3 Crystal Palace 1	
Saturday's results	
AFC Bournemouth 1 Manchester United 2	
Cardiff City 0 Leicester City 1	
Everton 3 Brighton & Hove Albion 1	

Newcastle United 1 Watford 0
West Ham United 4 Burnley 2
Arsenal 1 Liverpool 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Tottenham Hotspur 3

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP	
Yesterday's result	
Wigan Athletic 1 Leeds United 2	
Saturday's results	
Championship	
Blackburn Rovers 1 Queens Park Rangers 0	
Brentford 2 Millwall 0	
Derby County 3 Birmingham City 1	
Hull City 1 West Bromwich Albion 0	
Ipswich Town 1 Preston North End 1	
Nottingham Forest 1 Sheffield United 0	
Reading 3 Bristol City 2	
Rotherham United 2 Swansea City 1	
Sheffield Wednesday 0 Norwich City 4	
Stoke City 0 Middlesbrough 0	

LEAGUE ONE	
Saturday's results	
AFC Wimbledon 1 Shrewsbury Town 2	
Barnsley 1 Southend United 0	
Blackpool 0 Bristol Rovers 3	
Bradford City 0 Portsmouth 1	
Charlton Athletic 2 Doncaster Rovers 0	
Coventry City 1 Accrington Stanley 1	
Gillingham 3 Fleetwood Town 0	
Plymouth Argyle 0 Sunderland 2	
Rochdale 0 Luton Town 0	
Scunthorpe United 3 Oxford United 3	
Walsall 1 Burton Albion 3	
Wycombe Wanderers 1 Peterborough United 0	

LEAGUE TWO	
Saturday's results	
Cambridge United 1 Grimsby Town 0	
Carlisle United 3 Newport County 2	
Cheltenham Town 2 Mansfield Town 2	
Colchester United 1 Swindon Town 0	
Crawley Town 0 Milton Keynes Dons 4	
Lincoln City 2 Forest Green Rovers 1	
Macclesfield Town 1 Bury 4	
Morecambe 2 Yeovil Town 1	
Northampton Town 2 Crewe Alexandra 0	
Port Vale 2 Notts County 2	
Stevenage 3 Oldham Athletic 2	
Tranmere Rovers 2 Exeter City 0	

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP	
Yesterday's result	
Kilmarnock 1 Aberdeen 2	
Saturday's results	
St Mirren 0 Rangers 2	
Celtic 5 Heart of Midlothian 0	
Hamilton Academical 1 Livingston 0	
Hibernian 0 St Johnstone 1	
Motherwell 1 Dundee 0	

SPANISH LA LIGA	
Yesterday's results	
Eibar 2 Alavés 1	
Villarreal 1 Levante 1	
Huesca 1 Getafe 1	
Real Sociedad 0 Sevilla 0	
Real Betis 3 Celta de Vigo 3	
Saturday's results	
Leganés 1 Atlético de Madrid 1	
Real Madrid 2 Real Valladolid 0	
Valencia CF 0 Girona 1	
Rayo Vallecano 2 Barcelona 3	

PORTUGUESE PRIMEIRA LIGA	
Yesterday's results	
Feirense 2 Tondela 4	
Santa Clara 1 Sporting CP 2	
Sporting Braga 2 Vitória Setúbal 1	
Saturday's results	
Portimonense 1 Belenenses 1	
Marítimo 0 FC Porto 2	
Boavista 0 Vitória Guimarães 0	

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	
Yesterday's results	
New York 0 Columbus 1	
Seattle v Portland, late	
Atlanta v New York City FC, late	
Sporting Kansas City v Real Salt Lake, late	

CRICKET

FIRST TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL	
India v West Indies	
Eden Gardens, Kolkata (India won toss): India won by five wickets	
West Indies	
S D Hope run out	14
TD Ramdin c Karthik b Yadav	2
K L Rahul c Karthik b Bumrah	10
K A Pollard c Pandey b Pandya	14
D M Bravo c Dhawan b Kuldeep Yadav	5
R Powell c Karthik b Kuldeep Yadav	4

*C R Brathwaite lbw b Kuldeep Yadav	4
F A Allen c Yadav b Ahmed	27
K M A Paul not out	15
K Pierre not out	9
Extras (lb 2, w 3)	5
Total (8wks; 20 overs)	109
O Thomas did not bat	
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-22, 3-28, 4-47, 5-49, 6-56, 7-63, 8-87	
Bowling: Yadav 4-0-36-1; Ahmed 4-1-16-1; Bumrah 4-0-27-1; Pandya 4-0-15-1; Kuldeep Yadav 4-0-13-3	
India	
*R G Sharma c Ramdin b Thomas	6
S Dhawan b Thomas	3
K L Rahul c Bravo b Brathwaite	16
R R Pant c Bravo b Brathwaite	1
M K Pandey c & b Pierre	19
TKD Karthik not out	31
K H Pandya not out	21
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 4)	13
Total (5wks; 17.5 overs)	110
Kuldeep Yadav, J J Bumrah, K K Ahmed, U T Yadav did not bat	
Fall of wickets: 1-7 (RG Sharma, 0.6 ov), 2-16 (S Dhawan, 2.5 ov), 3-35 (RR Pant, 5.4 ov), 4-45 (KL Rahul, 7.3 ov), 5-83 (MK Pandey, 14.6 ov)	
Bowling: Thomas 4-0-21-2; Paul 3.5-0-30-0; Brathwaite 4-1-11-2; Pierre 4-0-16-1; Pollard 1-0-12-0; Allen 1-0-11-0	
Umpires: Chettithody Shamshuddin, India, Nandan, India	
Television Umpires: Anil Chaudhary, India	
Reserve Umpire: Anil Dandekar, India	
Match Referee: Chris Broad, England	

FIRST ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL	
Australia v South Africa	
Optus Stadium, Perth (South Africa won toss): Australia won by six wickets	
Australia	
T M Head c Tde Kock b Steyn	1
*A J Finch lbw b Ngidi	5
D J M Short c du Plessis b Steyn	0
C A Lynn c de Kock b Phehlukwayo	15
TA T Carey c de Kock b Imran Tahir	33
G J Maxwell c Klaasen b Phehlukwayo	11
M P Stoinis c Klaasen b Phehlukwayo	14
P J Cummins run out	12