

Premier League Kick-Off

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It's that time of year again, a new Barclay's Premier League season is upon us! All the big names look to have a real shot at the title with Chelsea and Manchester City being the early favorites. The first week of matches showed us a lot, while presenting other big question marks for this new season.

The biggest surprise of the first week of matches was Swansea City's first ever win at Old Trafford over Manchester United. Wayne Rooney paced the Red Devils while Ki Sung-

Yeung and Gylfi Sigurdsson lead the Swans to three points. Another major surprise of the weekend was newly promoted Leicester City's late equalizer to draw Everton 2-2. Evertonians will be just miserable at dropping two points early in what is going to be an intense battle for Champion's League positions.

One result that was not at all surprising was Queens Park Rangers disappointing in their 1-0 loss to Hull City behind a James Chester goal. Aston Villa also went onto a 1-0 victory over Stoke City to open their campaign. A goal-filled draw between West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland took it out to a 2-2 draw. Both teams

figure to be fighting to avoid relegation so that single point may prove vital in May.

The top teams of the league all showed their ability to grind out victories even if not in the most dominant fashion. Tottenham Hotspurs took three points in a 1-0 win over West Ham United with a goal from Eric Dier. Arsenal needed some late heroics from Aaron Ramsey in stoppage time for a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace. Last season's most exciting team to watch, Liverpool, also started off with a 2-1 win over Southampton behind goals from Daniel Sturridge and player to watch, Raheem Sterling. Liverpool figure to be right in the thick

of the title race even with the big spenders of Chelsea and Manchester City buying the biggest names on the market.

Last year's champions, Manchester City, were arguably the most dominant side of the week in a convincing 2-0 win over Newcastle with goals from Dzeko and Sergio Aguero. Chelsea was also a convincing side with a 3-1 victory over Burnley with goals from Diego Costa, Andre Schurrle, and Branislav Ivanovic. This season looks to be just as exciting as the last and will be intriguing to follow for the next eight months.



Friday, August 29
Women's Cross Country
Elmhurst Invite
5 p.m.

Men's Cross Country
Elmhurst Invite
5 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
@Illinois Valley Community College
6 p.m.

Saturday, August 30
Men's Soccer
@ Waynesburg College
3 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@ College of Staten Island
1 p.m.

Sunday, August 31
Women's Soccer
@ John Jay
1 p.m.

Monday, September 1
Men's Soccer
@ Defiance College
11 a.m.

Wednesday, September 3
Women's Volleyball
vs. Alverno
7 p.m.

Friday, September 5
Men's Soccer
vs. Andrews
3 p.m.

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