

# Chelsea takes a step closer to championship

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The confirmation of championship comes even closer as Chelsea took out Manchester United in a thrilling contest. Manchester United's run of six straight wins came to an end with a very strange opening half an hour into the match, where wave after wave of Manchester United's attack seemed to be crushing Chelsea, but there was nothing strange about Eden Hazard's sublime quality as he picked up an amazing back heel pass from Oscar as he ran past the defenders and slotted it slightly away from de Gea right into the near post. This takes Chelsea 10 points clear of Arsenal, who they face this Sunday. Now they need just two more wins and they will confirm their Premier League title. Chelsea beat Manchester United

1-0.

In other news across Premier League, with just one point behind Liverpool, it was a very important match for Southampton as they went head-to-head against Stoke City, and they got down to business immediately. Southampton opened the scoring as Schneiderlin tapped in the ball from just one yard out as the ball stumbled to his feet from the corner kick, but it was the last goal of the day for Southampton. Nzonzi tried to put one in from outside the box, which bounced off the woodwork onto the feet of Diouf who reacted quickly and shot home, giving Stoke the crucial equalizer they needed. Then it was the substitute Charlie Adams who came to the rescue. Just two weeks after he scored a 55-yard goal against Chelsea, Charlie Adams scored a volley from 10 yards out and took Stoke to a well-deserved win. Stoke City

defeated Southampton 2-1.

Leicester were looking for a third straight premier league victory for the first time since 2008, hoping to earn the crucial points in their attempt to climb out of the relegation zone. Although the striker pulled up a calf injury during warm-up, his replacement Ulloa came answering, as he took Leicester a goal up within the first 15 minutes, and with just one minute to go, King doubled the lead as he tapped in a free kick which ricocheted off the keeper. Leicester City beat Swansea 2-0.

Everton looked to up their unbeaten run to five matches as they hosted Burnley. Everton started well, as the in-form Lennon was able to secure a penalty early on in the game, but without their usual penalty taker, Everton had to send in Barkley, who missed the spot kick as the keeper was able to guess correctly where it

would go. Burnley continued to live dangerously and they were made to pay as Mirallas scored the first and only goal of the night. Even though Burnley went a man down in first half, Everton was not able to capitalize on it-in the second half. Everton - 1, Burnley FC - 0.

With four consecutive wins for Crystal and West Brom carrying three losses from the last few weeks, West Brom went in as the underdogs in this match. Morrison scored a free header in the second minute of the match and that decided the whole flow of the game. Although none of the team scored for another 52 minutes, they both slaughtered each other with attack after attack, but it was the long-ranged effort by Gardner who shot from outside the box right into the top left corner which meant West Brom earned the three points. Crystal Palace - 0, West Brom Albion - 2.

# UEFA goes into overdrive

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It was the first leg of UEFA Champions League quarter finals, with Atletico and Real, Juventus and Monaco, Paris SG and Barcelona, Porto and Bayern going head-to-head against each other.

Atletico hosted their local rivals and held them to a goalless draw, making it nine matches in a row where Real Madrid hasn't been able to beat them in 90 minutes. The match began with Real Madrid showing total dominance over the field as they produced chance after chance, and defended so well that Atleti could only take two shots on goal, as compared to seven of Real, but a little bit of change in tactic by Atletico in second half totally changed the flow of the game. Atletico started off the second half with more aggression, which was visible in their defense as well as attack; Juanfran, the left back, started to join the attack, and suddenly Atleti had more attacking options

than they had in first half. This translated into suppression of Real Madrid's possession which led to some exciting counter attacking football in second half. With Real Madrid's eight shots on target, the draw can only be attributed to Atleti's goalkeeper Jan Oblak who stood the test of firepower that was Real Madrid. The match ended Atletico Madrid - 0, Real Madrid - 0.

Juventus hosted Monaco as they edge past them in a narrow victory. Both teams had few key players from the midfield missing and that's where it all came down, it was a 90 minute battle of midfield. The first half was a very nervous one, with both teams getting fair amount of chances that neither of them were able to capitalize on, both teams got really close to the goal but missed their chances as some shots flew off target and the others were just too easy for the keeper. Juventus started the second half on a high note and it was the telling pass from Andrea Pirlo towards the striker which caused Carvalho to concede a foul inside the penalty box, Morata was just about to control

the ball and shoot it to the goal, when Carvalho clipped his heels and conceded a penalty. Vidal, being in exquisite form, took the perfect spot kick right into the top corner leaving no chance for the keeper to be able to stop it, scoring the only goal of the entertaining contest which now makes Juventus go in with a slender lead into the second leg of quarter finals. Juventus - 1, Monaco - 0.

Paris SG was torn apart by Barcelona, and by the looks of it, it seems like PSG will be heading out of the champions league quarter final fourth year running. Neymar tore the PSG defense in the first half as he slipped behind the defense line, making way for Messi to send a clear weighted pass to him, which was cornered off skillfully by him, but it was Suarez in the second half who grinded the meat. David Luiz was nutmegged twice, both times by Suarez, who went on to score two wonderful goals taking his competition total to six goals in six matches. Although a late shot by Van Der Wiel, which was deflected into the Barcelona net, took

the gloss off the win, but it wasn't enough to bring down the giant that was Barcelona. Paris SG - 1 Barcelona - 3.

The Portuguese side hosted the German giants in a thrilling contest which was every bit surprising as it gets. Bayern started off without Ribery and Robben, their two key strikers, and they paid their price. Jackson Martinez earned a penalty in first minute of the match, which Quaresma took with much ease, and soon afterwards, he made way again, taking his tally to two goals as he rushed the defense line forcing them to lose the possession, which he drove past the keeper, giving them a two goal lead within first 10 minutes of the match. Although, Bayern managed to get a goal in before first half, but poor defensive show in second half meant one more chance for Martinez, one on one with keeper. He took no chances, went past him, and he slotted it right into the bottom corner, restoring Porto's two goal lead again. FC Porto - 3, Bayern Munich - 1.



Tuesday, April 21  
Baseball  
vs. Rockford  
3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22  
Baseball  
@ Edgewood  
4 p.m.

Baseball  
@ Edgewood  
6 p.m.

Thursday, April 23  
Women's Lacrosse  
vs. Concordia  
7 p.m.

Saturday, April 25  
Baseball  
vs. Finlandia  
11 a.m.

Baseball  
vs. Finlandia  
1 p.m.

Sunday, April 26  
Women's Lacrosse  
vs. Dallas  
11 a.m.

Baseball  
vs. Finlandia  
1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28  
Baseball  
@ Dominican  
6 p.m.

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