



## EPL Weekend Recap: Arsenal Pull Clear, United Beat Liverpool, City Still Have A Game In Hand

### Description

The EPL weekend delivered the kind of late-season noise Singapore fans stay up for: Arsenal handled business, Manchester United beat Liverpool in a five-goal Old Trafford swing, Bournemouth pushed into the European conversation, and Manchester City's game in hand kept the title race from becoming a clean Arsenal procession.

For readers here, the timing matters. These matches landed across the Friday-to-Sunday window that defines the Monday football conversation in Singapore offices, schools, group chats and kopi tables. The table picture is tight enough that every result now carries more than one meaning: title pressure, Champions League qualification, Europa League hopes and the relegation fight all overlap.

## Arsenal Made The Cleanest Statement



Viktor Gyokeres scores for Arsenal in the 3-0 win over Fulham.

Arsenal's 3-0 win over Fulham was the weekend's most controlled result. Reports credited Viktor Gyokeres with a double and Bukayo Saka with a goal and assist, giving Mikel Arteta the kind of sharp attacking performance that tells rivals the leaders are not simply hanging on.

The key was not only the scoreline. It was the lack of panic. Late-season title races can make straightforward home games feel heavier than they should, especially when a chasing side still has a game in hand. Arsenal played like a team that understood the pressure and still trusted its patterns.

The win pushed Arsenal six points clear of Manchester City before City's Monday game in hand, according to weekend coverage. That is not decisive, but it changes the emotional temperature. City

now need to answer, while Arsenal can point to another professional job completed.

## United Turned Old Trafford Into A Statement



Manchester United's official match report shows action from the 3-2 win over Liverpool.

Manchester United's 3-2 win over Liverpool was the chaotic centrepiece. United surged ahead, Liverpool dragged the match back, and Kobbie Mainoo's late winner gave the home side the result that can define a run-in.

For United, the victory mattered on two levels. It strengthened their Champions League position and added another big-game result to Michael Carrick's revival story. Beating Liverpool late in the

season carries emotional force even when the table is the bigger prize.

For Liverpool, the defeat was damaging because the comeback had done the hard part. When a team pulls back from 2-0 down at Old Trafford, the next job is control. Conceding again turned a rescue act into a missed opportunity.

## The Top-Four Picture Is Brutal



Premier League's Sunday wrap highlights Mainoo and other decisive weekend performers.

United's result widened the conversation around Champions League qualification. Liverpool and Aston Villa are still in the mix, but dropped points at this stage hurt more because there are fewer fixtures left to correct them.

The difference between third, fourth and fifth is not only prestige. It affects summer planning, revenue, recruitment and manager narratives. Every club in that zone is now playing two matches: the one on the pitch and the psychological match against the table.

Singapore fans should expect more tense football than beautiful football in the remaining weeks. Teams chasing Europe often become more direct, more emotional and less patient when the scoreboard elsewhere turns against them.

## Bournemouth Added A European Twist

Bournemouth's 3-0 win over Crystal Palace gave the weekend another subplot. A result like that late in the season says a club is not satisfied with being a pleasant surprise; it wants the European places to notice.

Palace, meanwhile, appeared to have other priorities according to live weekend coverage, but the league does not pause for context. A heavy defeat can still affect confidence and table position.

The Bournemouth story is useful because it keeps the middle of the table alive. When clubs outside the traditional elite push upward, late-season weekends become less predictable.

## What The Table Says Now

The title race remains open because City still have their game in hand, but Arsenal's advantage means the champions-in-waiting narrative now belongs to north London unless City respond immediately. Goal difference, fixture difficulty and European distractions will all matter.

At the Champions League edge, United look stronger after beating Liverpool, while Liverpool and Villa cannot afford many more slips. Brighton and Bournemouth remain relevant enough to make the European race uncomfortable.

At the bottom, Tottenham's earlier survival fight and the West Ham-Everton-Sunderland-Burnley cluster remain part of the wider run-in, even if the weekend's biggest headlines were at the top. Singapore fans should keep one eye on Monday fixtures because they can redraw the table before the next weekend begins.

## The Monday Verdict

Arsenal won like leaders, United won like a team finding belief, and Liverpool lost the kind of game that lingers. With City still holding a game in hand, the EPL title race is not finished, but this weekend made Arsenal's position feel significantly stronger.

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