

Man City Crush Chelsea 3-0 to Keep EPL Title Race Alive as Arsenal Stumble

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Manchester City delivered a ruthless second-half demolition of Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sunday, winning 3-0 to cut Arsenalâ??s lead at the top to just six points with a game in hand. It was a statement victory from Pep Guardiolaâ??s side that confirmed the Premier League title race is far from over â?? and that came just 24 hours after the Gunners stumbled to a shock 1-2 home defeat to Bournemouth.

Man City Blow Chelsea Away After the Break

The first half at Stamford Bridge was a cautious affair. Chelsea had marginally the better of it, with Marc Cucurella seeing a goal ruled out for offside after 15 minutes and Pedro Neto drawing a decent save from Gianluigi Donnarumma. Cityâ??s best effort came in the 33rd minute when Bernardo Silvaâ??s shot was well saved by Robert SÃ¡nchez.

Marc Cucurella reacts during Chelsea 0-3 Manchester City at Stamford Bridge

But the second half was a completely different story. Nico Oâ??Reilly broke the deadlock in the 50th minute with a powerful header, continuing his remarkable scoring run. Just six minutes later, Marc GuÃ©hi slotted home his first league goal for the club to make it 2-0. Then in the 63rd minute, JÃ©rÃ©my Doku pounced on a terrible error by MoisÃ©s Caicedo to complete Chelseaâ??s humiliation â?? three goals in 17 devastating minutes.

Arsenalâ??s Shock Defeat Opens the Door

Cityâ??s clinical display came on the back of Arsenalâ??s shock 1-2 home loss to Bournemouth on Saturday. Junior Kroupi and Alex Scott struck for the Cherries at the Emirates, with Viktor GyÃ¶keres managing only a 35th-minute penalty in reply for the Gunners. It was a result that sent shockwaves through the title race, with Mikel Artetaâ??s side looking vulnerable for the first time in months.

Manchester City dominated Chelsea in a crucial EPL title race clash

Title Race: Where Things Stand

With Matchday 32 still ongoing (Manchester United vs Leeds on Monday night), here is how the top of the table looks:

- **1st â?? Arsenal:** 70 points from 32 games (W21 D7 L4)
- **2nd â?? Manchester City:** 64 points from 31 games (game in hand)
- **3rd â?? Manchester United:** 55 points from 31 games
- **4th â?? Aston Villa:** 55 points from 32 games
- **5th â?? Liverpool:** 51 points from 32 games

The gap is six points, but City have played one fewer match. If Guardiolaâ??s men win their game in hand, the deficit shrinks to just three points with six matches still to play. Arsenalâ??s wobble against Bournemouth has injected genuine doubt into what had looked like a serene march to the title.

The Rest of Sundayâ??s Action

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Sunderland 1-0 Tottenham: Roberto De Zerbiâ??s first match in charge of relegation-threatened Spurs ended in a defeat at the Stadium of Light. Nordi Mukieleâ??s deflected second-half strike was the only goal. Spurs remain 18th, two points from safety, and winless since December â?? a run that now stretches to 14 league matches.

Crystal Palace 2-1 Newcastle: Super sub Jean-Philippe Mateta was the hero at Selhurst Park. William Osula had given Newcastle the lead in the 43rd minute, but Mateta came off the bench to equalise before winning it from the penalty spot deep in stoppage time.

Nottingham Forest 1-1 Aston Villa: An own goal by Murillo gave Villa the lead in the 23rd minute, but Neco Williams equalised before half-time as Forest earned a crucial point in their survival fight.

Looking Ahead: Monday Night Football

Matchday 32 concludes with **Manchester United vs Leeds United** at Old Trafford on Monday night (kick-off 8pm SGT). United, sitting third on 55 points, are unbeaten in 11 against Leeds and have lost just once in 14 league games since Christmas. Leeds, in 15th and just three points above the drop zone, have failed to score in four consecutive league matches â?? making this a potentially pivotal contest at both ends of the table.

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