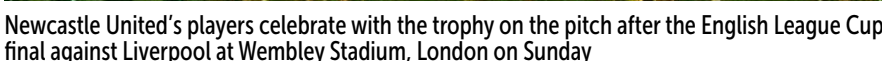


Arsenal close gap on Liverpool after 1-0 win against Chelsea



Aside from a brief period when Kevin Keegan's self-styled "entertainers" challenged for the title in the 1990s, Newcastle have endured decades of underachievement and self-inflict-

Liverpool are 23 points ahead of sixth-placed Newcastle in the league and hadn't lost to them for 17

But Howe's men were in no mood to be cowed by past failures. Newcastle fans unveiled a banner before kick-off urging their team to "write your name in the history books". They rose to the challenge in spectacular fashion, snapping into tackles and counter-attacking with purpose, while Liverpool were sluggish and sloppy in possession.

RESULT
Liverpool 1 (Chiesa 90+4)
Newcastle 2 (Burn 45,
Isak 52)

Spurs blow Another setback for Tottenham is likely to increase the pressure on coach Ange Postecoglou heading into the interna-



Fulham 2 (Muniz 78, Sessegnon 88) **Tottenham 0**,
Arsenal 1 (Merino 20) **Chelsea 0**

Spurs, in 14th, have only won one of their last five in all competitions and this

Rodrigo Muniz gave Fulham the lead in the 78th at

Fulham is eighth and four points behind Chelsea in the race for a Champions League place.

New Zealand easily ran down that total, reaching 92-1 from 10.1 overs with Tim Seifert making 44 from 29 balls and Finn Allen 29

The second match is at Dunedin, New Zealand on Tuesday.

Real Madrid's French forward Kylian Mbappe (left) celebrates after scoring their second goal during the Spanish League match against Villarreal CF at La Ceramica Stadium in Vila-real

Ronaldos. "If I score more goals than Ronaldo and Cristiano it doesn't mean

His double at fifth-placed Villarreal took Mbappe's La Liga tally to 20 goals, only

Valladolid 0 **Celta Vigo 1**
(Alonso 83-pen), **Mallorca 2**
(Asano 65, Muriqi 90+7-pen) **Espanyol 1** (Muriqi
53-og), **Villarreal 1** (Foyth
7) **Real Madrid 2** (Mbappe
17, 23), **Girona 1** (Stuani
64) **Valencia 1** (Diego
Lopez 58)

NEW DELHI: After a dazzling show in domestic cricket where he excelled in different formats, premier batter Karun Nair wants to carry his spectacular form into the IPL season and help his side break the title jinx. A vital cog in Vidarbha's wheel, Nair has been in ravishing form in domestic cricket. "I am really happy to back at the Delhi Capitals, I am excited to join the side and to play with everyone. I will treat the game as important as the last one. I didn't change much at all, I just trusted the process and kept it going throughout the tournament and that's what was planned for this season," Nair said during an interaction with media. "I will find my process, my rhythm as soon as I can and I will like to start well early and will try to get better as the tournament goes on. The only thing that I have done is playing according to the situation, added a few shots and built the confidence to execute them when needed. I also now try to stay relaxed," he added. Nair was full of praise for DC's new skipper Axar Patel.

MUMBAI: Mumbai Indians head coach Charlotte Edwards said the early wickets of Delhi Capitals' skipper Meg Lanning and opener Shafali Verma helped her team win the Women's Premier League final, here. Lanning (13) and Shafali (4) departed with just 17 runs on the board as DC ended up at 141 for nine while chasing 150. "150, we knew we were a little bit light, but in a final, it's always worth a little bit more. Shafali didn't come out like she normally does, and I knew straightaway that potentially we were in with a chance, because if we could get her wicket," Edwards said. Edwards said the Capitals were a bit cagey in their chase, and it made things easier for her side. "It probably fell in our hands a little bit that we were a bit short, and potentially they went about it a bit slower than they normally do. "The opening partnership of Lanning and Shafali has been our curse over the last few years, if I'm honest, so I was really pleased to see the back of those two batters early. It was a real team performance," she added.

VILA-REAL (Spain): Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said Saturday his team will not play another football game after fewer than 72 hours of rest. Los Blancos beat Atletico Madrid on Wednesday night in the Champions League on penalties and then earned a 2-1 win at Villarreal on Saturday, with the game kicking off at 1630 GMT. "I think today is the last time we will play a game before 72 hours (of rest)," Ancelotti told reporters. "We will never play another game (without) 72 hours of rest." "We asked La Liga twice to change the time of the game and they did not do anything, this is the last time." World football governing body FIFA recommends at least 72 hours between matches in order to protect the health of the players.

"I don't think people have an understanding of what value it brings," Kohli said having the family around would help a player to recover from on-field disappointments that much quicker.

"So, for me, that is absolutely a y

Kohli, one of the fittest cricketers around, said it was tough to convince his mother about his fitness regime, h i g h -



“And I was like, you know what, there are people who are playing in other countries asking me how I’m training. And how I’m very fit now. And you’re telling me I’m looking weak. So I had to convince her that everything’s fine, I’m not sick, don’t worry. That was way harder,” he added.

