

Rampant Reds make Perth wilt in the heat

Big guns fire to Cup wins

CHELSEA, Manchester United, Manchester City and holder Arsenal have reached the FA Cup fourth round, while Premier League struggler QPR has been knocked out by third-tier Sheffield United.

Arsenal progressed yesterday after winning 2-0 at home to Hull in a repeat of last season's final. Per Mertesacker headed Arsenal in front from Alexis Sanchez's 20th-minute corner and Sanchez sealed victory with a precise shot eight minutes from time.

Premier League joint-leader Manchester City was given a scare by second-tier Sheffield Wednesday before coming through 2-1 thanks to a 91st-minute winner.

Manchester United recorded a hard-fought victory over lower-league opposition, winning 2-0 at third-division Yeovil Town through Ander Herrera and Angel di Maria.

Chelsea won 3-0 at home to second-division Watford courtesy of second-half strikes by Willian, Loic Remy and Kurt Zouma. Sheffield United won 3-0 at QPR via a Marc McNulty goal and a second-half brace from Jamal Campbell-Ryce.

Southampton was taken to a replay by Championship side Ipswich Town after a 1-1 draw at St Mary's, while non-league Wrexham lost 3-1 at Stoke City.



DRIVING FORWARD: Adelaide United's Isaia is pressured by Perth's Nebojsa Marinkovic last night.

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ADELAIDE United beat table-topping Perth Glory 2-1 in inferno-like conditions at nib Stadium last night.

Facing a gruelling test of character after a three-day turnaround when Perth beat Melbourne Victory 2-1 in Geelong in 37C heat, Glory's attacking midfielder Nebojsa Marinkovic fired the home side into the lead in the 11th

minute against the run of play. Craig Goodwin equalised in the 31st minute before Jimmy Jeggo made it 2-1 three minutes after the break.

But there was drama before kick-off when the stadium was evacuated after the WA fire brigade made the emergency call when an airconditioning fault set off an alarm.

The Reds eventually entered the stadium's dressing room 20 minutes later than ex-

pected after Perth recorded a top of 44.4C - its hottest day in 18 years - before cooling to 36C at kick-off.

Referee Strebbe Delovski ordered drinks breaks twice during the clash as the searing heat took its toll on the players and the quality of soccer.

The Reds' win now sees Adelaide take a short Asian Cup break and jump into third place, six points behind Glory.

Adelaide had to come from

behind to inflict Glory's second defeat of the season after the Reds beat Perth 2-0 at home in October.

But Adelaide was on the back foot when Michael Thwaite's long ball to Andy Keogh unbalanced the defence.

Keogh turned inside and laid the ball off to Marinkovic who looked up to see no defenders closing him down before smashing an 18m drive

past Paul Izzo. Adelaide was gifted a goal assist when Richard Garcia's weary back pass was intercepted by Goodwin and with just gloveman Danny Vukovic to beat the left winger made no mistake to equalise.

Sergio Cirio kickstarted the move which led to the Reds second goal when he found Djite on the run inside the box.

Djite cut the ball back for Jeggo who picked his spot to score from 10m.



MOVE: Mark Schwarzer.

Schwarzer on the move

CHELSEA manager Jose Mourinho has confirmed that Mark Schwarzer is leaving the English Premier League giant to join struggling Leicester.

The 42-year-old former Socceroos goalkeeper is third choice at Chelsea but is likely to go straight into the Foxes' team.

Schwarzer played 12 matches for Chelsea after joining from Fulham in 2013 as back-up for Petr Cech, who has himself been benched.

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ROUND 13

Adelaide United 1
Wellington Phoenix 3
at Coopers Stadium

ADELAIDE United ended the year horribly and failed to arrest an A-League slump which started at the end of November.

United crashed to its fourth defeat in six matches after Phoenix hijacked Adelaide's New Year's Eve party.

A flurry of second half goals — the first arriving nine minutes after the break — exposed Adelaide's defensive deficiencies.

Pablo Sanchez



THE VOTES

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2 Awer Mabil
1 Sergio Cirio

John Aloisi - Fox Sports

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1 Awer Mabil

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LEADERS

39 Sergio Cirio
38 Marcelo Carrusca
24 Craig Goodwin
21 Pablo Sanchez

KEY STATS

GOALS

Adelaide:
Cirio 73m.
Phoenix
Cunningham 54m,
Boyd 77m, 93m

POSSESSION
Adelaide: 59 per cent
Phoenix: 41 per cent

SHOTS ON TARGET

Adelaide: 3
Phoenix: 4

PASSES

Adelaide: 361
Phoenix: 255

KEEPER SAVES

Adelaide: 1
Phoenix: 2

