



FRENCH SHOWS A BIT OF JENE SAIS QUOI*



Bevan French races through to score his try

WIGAN Warriors capped their fantastic season with victory in the Super League Grand Final to seal their historic quadruple.

Bevan French scored the only try as Wigan beat Hull KR 9-2 at Old Trafford. His cheeky faked pass gave him enough of a gap to squeeze through and run to the line, and it followed a similarly cunning try in the semi.

It's the first time since the Super League began in 1996 that a team has won the quadruple of the World Club Challenge, Challenge Cup, League Leaders' Shield and

Grand Final. Wigan have won the quadruple before, though, back in 1994.

French was named man of the match, as he was in the other two cup finals this year, but he was very modest about his impact on the pitch.

"I've probably been fortunate to set up the tries or score the tries," he said, "but what has won us those finals is our defence."

***That's French for a quality that's hard to describe. Don't say we never teach you anything!**



Nathan Collins scores a try for the Rhinos

This week also saw the Wheelchair Super League Grand Final take place, and a high-scoring match saw Leeds Rhinos take home the trophy after they beat Halifax Panthers 52-32. The Rhinos were losing at half-time, but a second-half hat-trick from Josh Butler helped to turn the game around.



Kenya's Ruth Chepngetich absolutely demolished the world record at the Chicago Marathon this week, finishing in 2hr 9min 56sec – nearly two minutes faster than the previous best from last year!

Two stories rocked tennis this week. Firstly, Wimbledon said that its 300 line judges will be replaced by AI (artificial intelligence) next year, using the same system from the US Open. Then Rafael Nadal said that he'd retire at the end of this season. The Spanish legend won 22 Grand Slams in his career, including a record 14 French Opens.



After England's dismal loss against Greece last week, fans will be keeping their fingers crossed that Pep Guardiola decides to take the manager's job (see Braydon's column). But it was also revealed this week that the FA have been talking to former Chelsea boss Thomas Tuchel (above) about the job as well

Braydon's on the ball



THE FYI presenter takes us through his pick of the week's top footie action.

The WSL served up some great games with plenty of talking points this week. The top fixture was the derby between Arsenal and Chelsea at the Emirates, where the Blues continued their perfect start to the season with a 2-1 victory.

A huge crowd of over 45,000 saw the Blues race into an early two-goal lead before Arsenal pulled one back on the stroke of half-time through Caitlin Foord. But despite creating some good chances, the Gunners couldn't quite find the finish. The disappointing start to the season saw Arsenal coach Jonas Eidevall resign on Tuesday. Chelsea have three wins from three, while Arsenal are in an unusual mid-table position of sixth and are now looking for a new manager, too.

Man City secured their second win of a successful week with a late winner in a 2-1 win at Anfield. Following the Champions League win over Barcelona on Wednesday, City went a goal down



Khadija Shaw celebrates banging in some more goals

in Liverpool before battling back. Khadija Shaw was again the goal-scorer for City and got both, and the winner came in stoppage time in front of another decent crowd of over 17,000.

In the other fixtures, Man United caught the eye with a solid 3-0 win over Tottenham. Two goals on the stroke of half-time put United in control and they sit in third with nine points.

I think the battle for the WSL will be between Chelsea and City. They are without doubt the two best teams and I expect them to push each other all the way to the final games.

Centre Stage this week is the speculation that the FA have approached Pep Guardiola to talk about the England manager position. I'm sure every England fan would want to see Pep in charge, but as a City fan, I hope it is only speculation!

Looking ahead, the Premier League is back and the big game this weekend will be Liverpool v Chelsea on Sunday. Both teams are in top form, so let's hope for a good game with plenty of goals.

Braydon's Team of The Week: Man City. Two wins in a week and top of the WSL.

Braydon's Player of The Week: Elisabeth Terland. Scored her first goals in a Man United shirt following a summer move from Brighton.

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Zoe Aldcroft got England's third try and was named player of the match

A 21-12 win over Canada saw England retain their WXVI title and dash Canada's hopes of taking the top spot. WXVI is the top division of the women's international rugby union competition. The Red Roses have now gone 20 games unbeaten – the last time they lost was in the World Cup final against New Zealand, but they'll be hoping to make up for that on home soil in next year's World Cup in England.

