



Tottenham qualify for Champions League

# Spurs go forth into Europe!

PREMIER LEAGUE  
MAN CITY 0, SPURS 1

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**SKIPPER** Ledley King played through the pain barrier last night (Wednesday) to lead his team-mates into the Champions League for the first time ever.

Peter Crouch's late strike saw Spurs secure a Top Four finish with a 1-0 victory at Manchester City.

King, who was passed fit earlier in the day, said after the game: "It is worth being on the pitch because of nights like this.

"All the rehabilitation I have had to do was worth it," he added.

King, who was paired with Michael Dawson in the heart of defence, had to weather a first-half storm in a tense affair.

The game was billed as the £30 million, the £40 million or the £50 million match, depending on what newspaper reports you read.

And it seemed that Carlos Tevez's paper boy had been busy as the Argentine forward tore into Spurs from the off. Although City had more possession in the opening period, Spurs enjoyed the better chances.

Crouch hit the post after meeting Gareth Bale's deep cross, while moments later King had the ball in the back of the net only to see his effort disallowed for a foul on Gareth Barry.

City struggled to create many real chances, and when they did they found goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes in fine form. The Brazilian pulled off a magnificent save to deny Adam Johnson. Gomes even reacted well

when his own team-mates threatened the goal, pouncing to save Bale's blushes when he almost knocked Craig Bellamy's cross over his own goal-line.

The second-half was as tight, with City again enjoying the possession, but Spurs looking increasingly dangerous on the break.

The multi-million pound goal came eight minutes from time when Younes Kaboul stormed forward and fired in a low cross that was parried by City's stand-in goalie Marton Fulop.

Crouch stooped, and from four-yards bundled the ball home to earn Spurs a place in next season's Champions League qualifiers. It was no more than they deserved, igniting early celebrations ahead of their final game of the season away at Burnley on Sunday.



## A Cup classic But who won it?

**ARSENAL Ladies captain Faye White celebrates with her team as the Gunners cancelled out Everton's lead in the final of the FA Women's Cup on Monday.**

Laura Harvey's team are on the brink of clinching their seventh consecutive Premier League title, with fans getting a chance to see Arsenal Ladies face Leeds Carnegie at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday, May 12.

There are still tickets available

for the 7pm kick-off, costing from £1.50 to £3.

Anyone interested should visit the Arsenal box office or call 0844 277 3625 for more details.

But will Arsenal still be chasing a domestic double? Going into Monday's FA Cup final, White was confident Arsenal's experience would give them the edge against an improving Toffees side.

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to find out if she was she right

## Golden chance of the title

**HAMPSTEAD** gave themselves a golden chance of winning Division Two North of the Greater London Women's League on Sunday when they beat title rivals Newham.

The 2-1 win leaves Hampstead five points behind leaders Newham, with two games in hand. Hampstead came from a goal down at the weekend to secure three vital points.

The impressive Rhi Gladman pulled the scores level with a stunning free-kick, curling the ball home from the edge of the area.

Minutes later Char Blackmore scored the winner with an exceptional individual goal.

She barged a Newham midfielder off the ball to before beating two players and firing home a powerful shot from 20 yards.

After the game, Hampstead manager John Baker said: "I'm so proud of the girls. Girl for girl they gave their performances of the season when it really mattered."