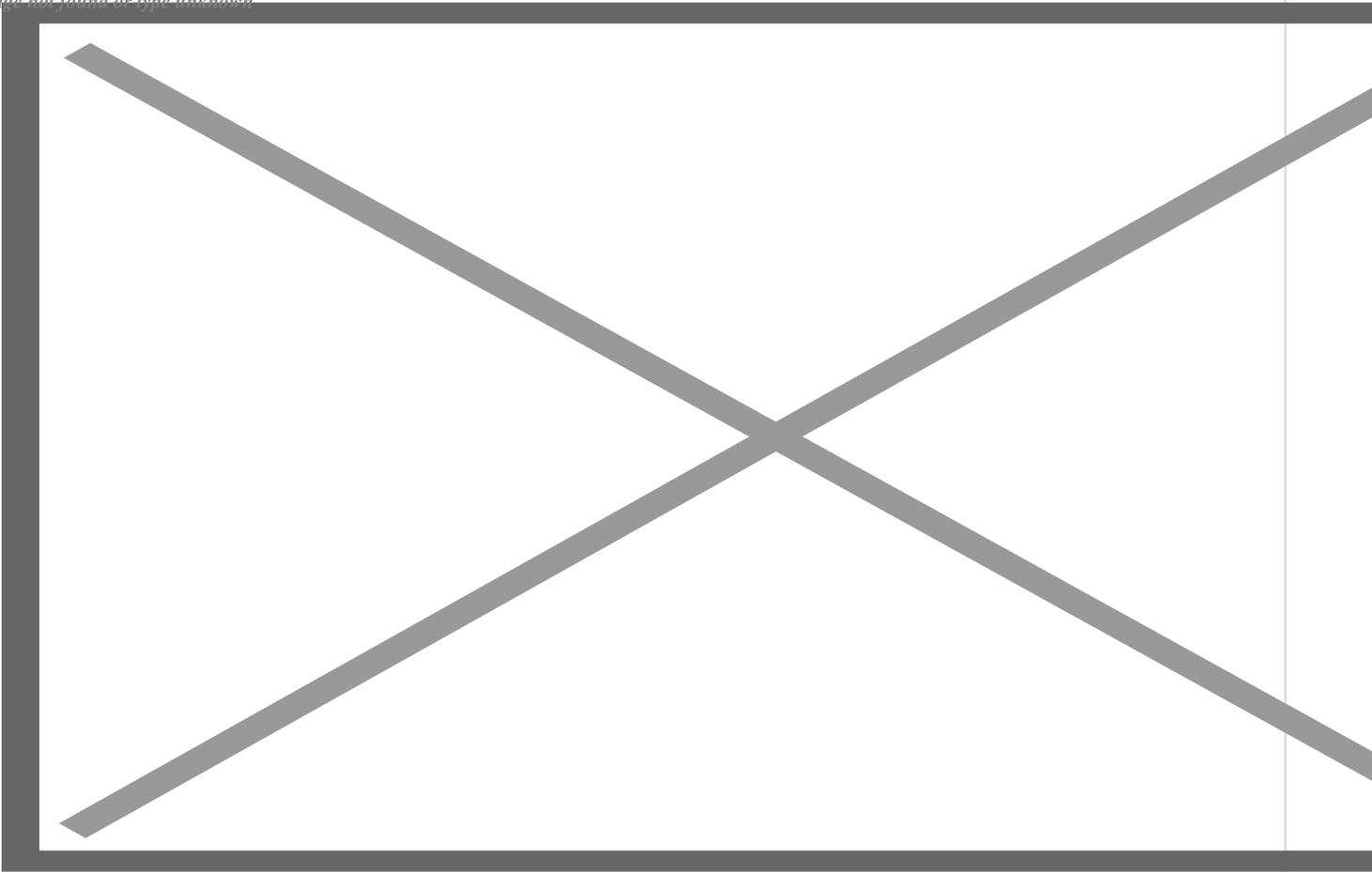


Leicester beats Liverpool in Premier League soccer

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Havana, December 29 (RHC)-- Leicester, coached by Brendan Rogers, handed a heavy 1-0 defeat to Liverpool, which sees its second place in the English soccer Premier League compromised.

At the King Power Stadium, Leicester resisted the onslaught of the "Reds" artillery, especially their Danish goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, who saved or cleared several shots, including a penalty taken by Egyptian striker Mohamed Salah in the 16th minute.

Thanks to Schmeichel's performance, the match ended the first half tied at 0-0, but in the second half, the hosts went on the attack and scored the winning goal in the 59th minute, through striker Ademola Lookman.

The victory allowed Leicester to move up to ninth place in the overall standings with 25 points, while Liverpool remained on 41 points, the same as Chelsea and six behind leaders Manchester City.

In other results of the day, West Ham United defeated Watford 4-1 and, after Tottenham's 1-1 draw with Southampton, took over fifth place in the standings.

"The Hammers, as West Ham's fans call them, recovered from a shaky start after conceding a goal in the fourth minute through Nigerian striker Emmanuel Dennis.

However, Scottish coach David Moyes' men, instead of getting discouraged, looked for an equalizer and got it in the 27th minute through Czech midfielder Tomas Soucek.

Two minutes later, Algerian midfielder Said Benrahma scored the 2-1 lead to end the first half.

In the second half, goals from captain Mark Noble, on penalty in the 58th minute, and Croatian midfielder Nikola Vlasic in the 90th minute and 90+3rd minute sealed the win.

Meanwhile, Crystal Palace defeated Norwich City 3-0 to move up to tenth place with 23 points.

Today, leaders Manchester City (47) will face Brentford (20), while Chelsea will face Brighton (23).

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