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NO MAX BACKING FOR HORNER

BY ALEX RICHARDS
MAX VERSTAPPEN (left) has reportedly refused a request from FIA president Mohammed Ben Sulayem to publicly back his Red Bull boss Christian Horner. Horner faced allegations of "inappropriate behaviour" but was cleared by an internal investigation last week, before the leaked release of texts

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'Sniper' Phil fires City to derby win as Pep hails him as the best player in the league

BY DAVID McDONNELL
PHIL FODEN was labelled "the Sniper" after gunning down Manchester United to win the derby.

And Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola hailed Foden as the best player in the Premier League on current form.

Foden's second-half double kept City within a point of Premier League leaders Liverpool to set up an epic title showdown at Anfield on Sunday. City

defender Kyle Walker revealed the squad's nickname for Foden, after his England team-mate took his goal tally for the season to 18.

"We call Phil 'the Sniper' because he likes to shoot," said Walker.

"When he comes in on that left foot, you know he's got the quality and composure to pick his spot. He took his goals fantastically well. This

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DEADLY MARKSMAN

Foden celebrates with Haaland after shooting down derby rivals United

TEN HAG FUMES AT REFEREE

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Arteta: 90 points is minimum for title

BY NEIL McLEMAN
MIKEL ARTETA has told his Arsenal side they will need to rack up at least 90 points to win the Premier League title.

The Gunners - in third place on 58 points - are five points behind leaders Liverpool and will look to cut the gap to two at Bramall Lane tonight.

Winning all 12 remaining games would take Arteta's side to 94 points, but their run-in includes tough away visits to Manchester City, Brighton, Tottenham and Manchester United.

Arsenal led City by five on 63 points after 26 games last season, but lost three of their last 12 games to finish five points behind the champions on 84 points.

Asked how many points his side will need to win a first Premier League title since 2004, Arteta (above) said: "The demands, you might have to win every game."

"There are a lot of games and we are all going to have crazy schedules and this league might be different to last

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SMITH'S BACK FOR IRELAND CLASH

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