

Champions League Quarter-Final Second Legs: Arsenal Host Sporting CP as Bayern Welcome Real Madrid

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The UEFA Champions League quarter-finals reach their thrilling conclusion tonight as Arsenal welcome Sporting CP to the Emirates Stadium and Bayern Munich host Real Madrid at the Allianz Arena. Both ties are finely poised after dramatic first legs, and European footballâ??s biggest prize is on the line.

Arsenal vs Sporting CP â?? Emirates Stadium, 8pm BST

Mikel Artetaâ??s side carry a slender 1-0 advantage into tonightâ??s second leg, courtesy of Kai Havertzâ??s late winner in Lisbon last week. It was a trademark Arsenal European performance â?? disciplined, resolute and clinical when it mattered most.

The Gunnersâ?? European pedigree this season has been remarkable. They are unbeaten across 11 Champions League matches in 2025/26 and have won all five of their home fixtures in the competition, conceding just three goals at the Emirates along the way. That fortress-like record will give Artetaâ??s men confidence, even as domestic form has wobbled.

Arsenalâ??s 2-1 defeat to Bournemouth on Saturday has raised concerns, with the squad stretched by injuries. Jurrien Timber remains sidelined, Piero HincapiÃ© is unavailable, and Riccardo Calafiori was absent from the weekend loss. Arteta will need to manage his resources carefully across what promises to be a gruelling run-in.

Sporting, however, will not go quietly. The Portuguese champions have produced a historic Champions League campaign, reaching the quarter-finals for the first time in their history. Along the way, they stunned reigning champions Paris Saint-Germain and staged an extraordinary comeback against BodÃ¸/Glimt, overturning a 3-0 first-leg deficit in the Round of 16.

Sportingâ??s head coach will know that his side must score at least once to have any chance of progressing, which should make for an open and entertaining contest. The question is whether they can breach Arsenalâ??s formidable European defence at the Emirates.

Key Battle: Arsenalâ??s Defence vs Sportingâ??s Counter-Attack

Arsenalâ??s ability to control possession and nullify threats will be tested by a Sporting side that has nothing to lose. Expect the visitors to press high early and look for quick transitions, while Arsenal will aim to exploit the spaces left behind.

Bayern Munich vs Real Madrid â?? Allianz Arena, 8pm BST

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The Allianz Arena will be the stage for Bayern Munich vs Real Madrid in the Champions League quarter-final second leg

The other quarter-final promises to be an absolute blockbuster. Bayern Munich hold a 2-1 lead from the first leg at the Santiago BernabÃ©u, where Luis DÃaz and Harry Kane struck on either side of half-time to give the Bavarians a precious away advantage. Real Madrid pulled one back, but it was Bayern who

left Spain with the upper hand.

Vincent Kompanyâ??s side are in imperious form, unbeaten in 15 consecutive matches across all competitions â?? winning 13 and drawing just two. They sit 12 points clear at the top of the Bundesliga and could clinch the title as early as this weekend. At home in Europe, they have been virtually untouchable, winning all five Champions League matches at the Allianz Arena this season.

Real Madrid, however, are the ultimate Champions League survivors. Los Blancos have won each of their last nine UEFA two-legged ties against Bundesliga opposition and remain unbeaten in their last four visits to the Allianz Arena. If any club knows how to overturn a deficit on European nights, it is Real Madrid.

Carlo Ancelotti faces significant selection headaches, though. Thibaut Courtois is sidelined with a thigh injury, Rodrygo is out for the season with a torn ACL, and AurÃ©lien TchouamÃ©ni is suspended after accumulating three yellow cards. Those absences will test the depth of Madridâ??s squad on one of the biggest nights of the season.

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Key Battle: Kane vs Madridâ??s Makeshift Defence

Harry Kane will be licking his lips at the prospect of facing a depleted Real Madrid backline. The England captain has been in sensational form for Bayern this season, and another goal tonight could effectively end the tie. Madrid will need VinÃcius JÃºnior and Jude Bellingham to produce moments of magic if they are to keep their Champions League dream alive.

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The winners of tonightâ??s ties will advance to the Champions League semi-finals, scheduled for 28-29 April and 5-6 May 2026. The road to the final at the PuskÃ¡s ArÃ©na in Budapest is narrowing, and only two of these four sides will continue the journey.

With Arsenal looking to reach the semi-finals for the first time since 2009 and Bayern seeking revenge for last seasonâ??s disappointment, the stakes could not be higher. Add in Sportingâ??s fairytale run and Real Madridâ??s never-say-die attitude, and we are set for a truly unforgettable night of European football.

Kick-off for both matches is at 8pm BST (3am SGT on 16 April). Coverage available on beIN Sports and various streaming platforms across Asia.

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