

Champions League Quarter-Final Second Legs: Can Liverpool and Barcelona Stage Epic Comebacks?

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The UEFA Champions League quarter-finals reach boiling point on Tuesday night, with two blockbuster second legs set to determine which clubs advance to the last four. Atletico Madrid host Barcelona at the Riyadh Air Metropolitano, while Liverpool welcome Paris Saint-Germain to Anfield â?? both ties carrying a two-goal deficit for the visiting sides. Here is everything you need to know ahead of a massive night of European football.

Atletico Madrid vs Barcelona â?? Can Barca Overturn a 2-0 Deficit?

Diego Simeoneâ??s Atletico Madrid arrive in a position of supreme comfort after their clinical 2-0 victory at Camp Nou in the first leg. Julian Alvarezâ??s stunning free-kick and Alexander Sorlothâ??s close-range finish capitalised on Pau Cubarsiâ??s red card, leaving Barcelona with a mountain to climb in the Spanish capital.



Champions League football returns with high-stakes quarter-final action. Image credit: Pixabay

Barcelona, however, come into this match in imperious domestic form, having thrashed Espanyol 4-1 at the weekend to extend their lead at the top of La Liga to nine points. Hansi Flickâ??s side generated more shots and higher expected goals (xG) than Atletico in the first leg despite the defeat, suggesting the margins were finer than the scoreline implied.

Simeone wisely rested his regulars for Saturdayâ??s La Liga clash against Sevilla â?? a match Atletico lost 1-2 â?? ensuring his key players are fresh for the task at hand. Marc Pubill is suspended after accumulating three yellow cards, while Jose Gimenez, Pablo Barrios, and David Hancko are all rated as doubtful due to injuries.

Atletico have won five of their six Champions League home matches this season, and their record of defending leads under Simeone is well-documented. Barcelona will need to produce something truly special to advance, but in a season full of surprises, nothing can be ruled out.

Liverpool vs PSG â?? Anfield Seeks Another Legendary European Night



Anfield, home of Liverpool FC, prepares for another Champions League night. Image credit: Pixabay

If any ground in European football can produce a miracle comeback, it is Anfield. Liverpool trail 2-0 after a chastening first leg in Paris, where Desire Doueâ??s first-half strike and Khvicha Kvaratskheliaâ??s composed finish after the break left Arne Slotâ??s side with plenty to ponder.

The Reds faithful will draw inspiration from 2019, when Liverpool overturned a 3-0 first-leg deficit against Barcelona in one of the most iconic Champions League nights in history. Captain Virgil van Dijk has called on his teammates to create another special evening, insisting the tie is far from over.

Liverpoolâ??s injury concerns are significant, however. Curtis Jones is expected to miss out with a groin problem, joining Alisson Becker, Wataru Endo, Giovanni Leoni, and Conor Bradley on the sidelines. PSG, by contrast, came through the first leg unscathed, and could welcome Bradley Barcola back from an ankle issue. Their Ligue 1 fixture against Lens was postponed, meaning Luis Enriqueâ??s squad enters the second leg fresh and fully focused.

PSG have won their last four away matches, keeping clean sheets in each of the last three â?? an ominous record for Liverpool to contend with. Yet Liverpoolâ??s recent form suggests they remain a side capable of producing fireworks on any given night at Anfield.

Wednesdayâ??s Second Legs: Arsenal vs Sporting CP and Bayern Munich vs Real Madrid



European footballâ??s biggest clubs battle for a place in the Champions League semi-finals. Image credit: Pixabay

Wednesday brings two equally compelling ties. Arsenal host Sporting CP at the Emirates, holding a slender 1-0 advantage thanks to Kai Havertzâ??s dramatic 92nd-minute winner in Lisbon. The Gunners will fancy their chances of finishing the job at home, but Sporting have proven themselves dangerous opponents throughout this campaign.

The standout tie of the round arguably takes place in Munich, where Bayern host Real Madrid trailing 2-1 on aggregate. Luis Diaz and Harry Kane netted for Bayern at the Santiago Bernabeu, but Kylian Mbappeâ??s reply kept the defending champions in the contest. Real Madrid will be without Tchouameni through suspension, adding further intrigue to what promises to be an electric atmosphere at the Allianz Arena.

With four semi-final berths up for grabs over two nights, this promises to be one of the most thrilling midweeks in recent Champions League memory. Stay tuned to Little Big Red Dot Sports for full coverage of all the results and reaction.

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Matches kick off at 3:00 AM SGT (Wednesday morning for Singapore viewers). All times are Singapore time.

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