



## Champions League Semi-Final Second Leg Preview: Arsenal Host Atletico, Bayern Chase PSG

### Description

The **Champions League semi-final second leg** action lands in north London first and Bavaria the day after, with Arsenal hosting Atletico Madrid on Tuesday 5 May 2026 at the Emirates and Bayern Munich welcoming holders PSG on Wednesday 6 May 2026 at the Allianz Arena. Two ties, two finalists, and a 30 May date in Budapest waiting at the end of it all â?? and after first legs that delivered a one-goal cushion in Paris and a 1-1 stalemate in the Spanish capital, both nights promise drama.

## Champions League semi-final second leg: Arsenal v Atletico Madrid

Mikel Artetaâ??s side return to the Emirates with the away draw they wanted but the chances they will rue. Viktor Gyokeres became the first Swedish player to score in a Champions League semi-final when he buried his 44th-minute penalty in Madrid, only for Julian Alvarez to level on the hour from the spot â?? the Argentineâ??s 25th goal in just 41 European appearances, the fastest by any of his countrymen, surpassing Lionel Messiâ??s mark.



Source: Arsenal FC official website ([arsenal.com](https://www.arsenal.com))

The numbers favour Arsenal. They are the only unbeaten side left in the competition (W10 D3) and have lost just one of their last 15 home European matches against Spanish clubs, winning their previous three home games against La Liga opposition without conceding a goal, including a 4-0 demolition of Atleti on Matchday 3 with goals from Gabriel, Martinelli and a Gyokeres brace. The Gunners also have form when going level into a second leg at home: six wins from nine on those occasions historically.

Atleti, however, are masters of the moment. Diego Simeone's men have advanced from all three previous European semi-finals against English opposition and have won six of their last seven semi-final ties overall. They will play their characteristic deep, narrow block, look to draw fouls and keep the noise levels low until they can land another sucker punch. Expect Antoine Griezmann to drop deep, expect Alvarez to hunt the channels, and expect the Civitas-trained discipline to travel well to N5.

## Champions League semi-final second leg keys for Arsenal

Arteta's tactical homework is clear. Arsenal generated the better chances in the first leg but lacked the killer pass in the final third. Bukayo Saka had a quiet night by his standards and Martin Odegaard, returning from injury, looked short of rhythm. Both will need to be sharper at home. Declan Rice, who controlled the midfield first time round, will again be central; expect Arteta to pair him with Mikel Merino and entrust the creative burden to Saka and Leandro Trossard down the flanks.



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The flashpoint of the first leg – a third penalty awarded to Arsenal, then overturned on review with 13 minutes left – set the tone for what should be a fevered Emirates atmosphere. The big prize for the home side is to score first; everything Atleti do is built around protecting a parity, and forcing the visitors to chase the tie would change Simeone's whole evening. The Gunners are bidding for their first European Cup final since 2006.

## Champions League semi-final second leg: Bayern Munich v PSG

Twenty-four hours later, the noise level at the Allianz will be deafening. Paris won the first leg 5-4 in what UEFA confirmed as the highest-scoring Champions League semi-final match in history, with Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Ousmane Dembele each grabbing braces â?? Kvaratskhelia matching Zlatan Ibrahimovicâ??s club record of ten goals in a single Champions League edition, Dembele making it back-to-back two-goal nights for Les Parisiens.

The two clubs lead the competition for goals â?? PSG with 43, Bayern with 42 â?? and become the first pair in tournament history to have both reached 40+ in a single edition (Barcelonaâ??s 1999/2000 record sits at 45). Vincent Kompanyâ??s side need a one-goal swing to force extra time and have not lost at home in the Champions League this season (W6), but their record after losing a first leg by a single goal is grim: just one comeback in eight such two-legged ties since the format began. The lone success was the 2023/24 round of 16 against Lazio.

Luis Enrique, meanwhile, eyes a milestone of his own. Paris would become the first defending champions to reach the final since Real Madrid did so in 2016/17 and 2017/18 â?? and Madrid won both. The holdersâ?? record when leading after a first leg is fearsome (36 wins from 43 ties), and 14 from 17 when that lead is a single goal. Joao Neves and Vitorinha will look to control midfield possession; Bayernâ??s Harry Kane and Michael Olise will need to drag the tie back inside the opening half-hour.

## Champions League semi-final second leg: whatâ??s at stake and how to watch

Both ties begin at 21:00 CET â?? thatâ??s 03:00 SGT on Wednesday 6 May for Arsenal v Atletico, and 03:00 SGT on Thursday 7 May for Bayern v PSG. The two winners head to the Puskas Arena in Budapest on 30 May 2026 for the final, the third time the Hungarian capital has hosted a European Cup decider but the first as the rebadged final venue under UEFAâ??s revamped knockout schedule.

For Singapore-based fans tuning in, the storylines could not be richer: Arsenal chasing a first-ever European crown, Atleti hunting a maiden one of their own after losing the 2014 and 2016 finals to Real Madrid, Bayern eyeing a 12th final, and PSG bidding to retain the trophy that reshaped Luis Enriqueâ??s tenure. Catch up with our [PSG 5-4 Bayern Munich first leg report](#), our pre-tournament [Champions League semi-final preview](#), and the broader weekend round-up in our [EPL weekend recap](#). More football coverage lives on our [Sports](#) page.

### Champions League semi-final second leg quick facts

**Arsenal v Atletico Madrid:** Tuesday 5 May 2026, 20:00 BST / 03:00 SGT (Wednesday). Aggregate: 1-1.

**Bayern Munich v PSG:** Wednesday 6 May 2026, 20:00 BST / 03:00 SGT (Thursday). Aggregate: PSG lead 5-4.

**Final:** Saturday 30 May 2026, Puskas Arena, Budapest.

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