



Eintracht Frankfurt beat Cologne 1-0 on Ebnoutalib's late finish for a first home win

## Description

Younes Ebnoutalib's 77th-minute finish gave Eintracht Frankfurt a 1-0 win over Cologne at Deutsche Bank Park on Friday night, a first home league win of the season and a clean sheet for a side that had shipped six goals at Leipzig in its previous league game.



Ebnoutalib scored the only goal in the 77th minute. Photo: Bundesliga

The [Bundesliga](#) Matchday 6 opener was settled by one clever pass. Substitute Noel Asãko dragged the ball with his sole and slipped it through Luka Lochoshvili's legs, and Ebnoutalib beat Marvin

Schwabe at his near post from a tight angle.

## A nervy start, then Atubolu

It almost went wrong inside the first minute, as it had at Leipzig. Nnamdi Collins was caught out of position and Marius Müller ran clean through on the left, but Noah Atubolu, making his 100th Bundesliga appearance, stood tall and saved.

Adi Hütter had made three changes after the 6-0 defeat in Leipzig, bringing in Mario Götze, Fares Chaïbi and top scorer Ebnoutalib, and captain Robin Koch started at the back. Cologne coach René Wagner switched to a back three, handing Joël Schmied his first start of the season and bringing in Tom Krauß for the injured Ellyes Skhiri.

Chaïbi was the home side's sharpest outlet, twice cutting in from the left only to find the angle too narrow against Schwabe. On the half-hour Müller flicked a free-kick towards the near post and Atubolu reacted again. Saïd El Mala, Cologne's quickest player on the night, closed the half by sprinting the length of the pitch and scuffing his shot wide.

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Schwabe kept Chaibi out twice before the break. Photo: Bundesliga

**Crosses, then a better idea**

Frankfurt came out of the break on top. Ebnoutalib headed just wide in the 48th minute, Lilian Brassier and Chañbi both had headers kept out by Schwãbe, and the crosses kept coming. Cologne struggled to get out of their own half.

Wagner sent on Mikey Moore, Paul Okon-Engstler and Alessio Castro-Montes to change the pattern. Hãtter lost Collins to a left-leg injury and sent on Ansgar Knauff, then replaced Gãtze with Asãko. The substitution decided the night.

The goal came from a high turnover rather than another cross. Ebnoutalib laid the ball off to Asãko on the right edge of the box and kept running, and the return pass found him in behind.

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Frankfurt's winner came from a high turnover and Schalke's return pass. Photo: Bundesliga

**Eight points from six**

Cologne chased an equaliser with late substitute Reigan Heskey but never seriously tested Atubolu, and Borna Sosa was booked as the hosts saw it out. Frankfurt finished with 1.68 expected goals to Cologne's 0.49.

The win lifts Frankfurt to eight points from six games, one ahead of Cologne, who missed the chance to climb into the top five. Cologne host Schalke at 9.30pm on Saturday, 24 October, Singapore time, and Frankfurt visit Borussia Dortmund three hours later, at 12.30am on Sunday, 25 October.

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