

Man City 3-0 Brentford: Doku, Haaland and Marmoush Fire City Back Into Title Race

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Manchester City kept their faint hopes of a Premier League title alive with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Brentford at the Etihad Stadium on Friday evening, moving to within two points of league leaders Arsenal with three games remaining for both sides. Goals from Jeremy Doku, Erling Haaland, and substitute Omar Marmoush ensured a statement win for Pep Guardiolaâ??s side.

City were dominant from the opening whistle, and it was Doku who set the tone. The Belgian winger, in irrepressible form throughout this second half of the season, broke the deadlock with a typically incisive finish to give the hosts the lead they fully deserved. For Guardiola, it was the latest contribution from a player he was fulsome in his praise of after the final whistle.

â??Jeremy has become one of the hardest wingers to come up against in world football,â?• the City manager said. â??When heâ??s on form like that, he causes problems for absolutely everyone.â?•



Erling Haaland added Cityâ??s second to put the result beyond any doubt | Â© Official Man City

Haaland Adds Gloss, Marmoush Seals It

Haaland, so often the man for the big occasion, doubled Cityâ??s advantage with a finish that underscored just why he remains one of the most feared strikers on the planet. His timing of the run, the composure in front of goal â?? all the hallmarks of a player who has made scoring at the highest level look routine throughout his time in Manchester.

With the result secured heading into the second half, Guardiola made changes with an eye on the bigger picture. Around the hour mark, Omar Marmoush and Phil Foden were introduced in place of

Rayan Cherki and Tijjani Reijnders â?? a substitution that brought fresh energy into an already fluid attacking unit. Marmoush wasted little time in making an impression, adding the third with a well-taken effort that put the final scoreline beyond any doubt.



Omar Marmoush came off the bench to score Cityâ??s third | Â© Official Man City

Title Race Goes to the Wire

The victory means City have done everything in their power to keep the pressure on Arsenal, who also have their own destiny in their hands. With a two-point gap between the sides and three matches remaining for both, the title race is very much alive â?? though the Gunners remain firmly in the driving seat.

Brentford, for their part, offered moments of enterprise without ever truly threatening to derail Cityâ??s ambitions. Thomas Frankâ??s side are comfortably mid-table and enter the final weeks of the season with little left to play for, but they battled with the sort of organisation and commitment that has defined their Premier League journey under Frankâ??s stewardship.

For City, the attention now turns to whether Arsenal can be caught. The Gunnersâ?? remaining fixtures â?? which include Sundayâ??s difficult assignment at the London Stadium against West Ham â?? will be examined closely from the blue side of Manchester. Should Arsenal slip up at any point, City must be ready to capitalise.

Whatâ??s Next for City?

Guardiola will be encouraged by the manner of the victory. The attacking depth on display â?? Cherki and Reijnders putting in solid shifts before being replaced by Marmoush and Foden â?? reflects a squad that has retained its quality despite a punishing schedule. City face three more league fixtures to close out the campaign, and if performances like Fridayâ??s are anything to go by, they will not be giving up without a fight.

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For Brentford, meanwhile, the defeat is absorbed with the season drawing to a quiet close. Their story this year has been a largely positive one of stability and pragmatism. The focus will quickly shift to preparations for 2026-27.

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