



Manchester City beat Sunderland 5-3 at the Etihad to stay top on 20 September

Description

Manchester City beat Sunderland **5-3** at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday, 20 September 2026, going into the international break three points clear at the top of the Premier League with five wins from five.



Photo: Manchester City

Enzo FernÃ¡ndez opened from a tight free-kick after nine minutes. Brian Brobbey levelled within three minutes, Rayan Cherki restored the lead, and Brobbey equalised again before Antoine Semenyo thundered City ahead for a third time before the break. City led 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 in the first half alone.

Semenyo's brace, Brobbey's hat-trick, Haaland's late seal

Semenyo made it 4-2 early in the second half with a finish into the far corner. Brobbey completed a 33-minute hat-trick from Nilson Angulo's cross to pull it back to 4-3, becoming the first Sunderland

player to score a Premier League hat-trick since Jermain Defoe in 2016, and still ending on the losing side. Erling Haaland settled it late after Jo  ko Gvardiol  s cut-back, his first against Sunderland and a goal against every Premier League side he has faced.

What the result means



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City are the only side in England  s top four divisions still with a perfect league record. Enzo Maresca becomes only the sixth Premier League manager to win his first five games in charge at a club, joining predecessor Pep Guardiola on that short list. Arsenal  s 3-0 loss at Brighton on Saturday opened the door; City took it. Next up after the break is Liverpool away on Sunday, 11 October.

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