

PSG 2-2 Roma: Zabarnyi Header, Penalty Swap Halt Paris Run

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PSG 2-2 Roma was not the night Paris wanted at the Parc des Princes. The reigning European champions arrived on a 12-match winning streak and left with a point after a wet, nervy Champions League Matchday 5 draw on 25 November 2026. Illia Zabarnyiâ??s header and a DembÃ©lÃ© penalty answered Roma twice, but Donyell Malenâ??s spot-kick had the final word.

How PSG 2-2 Roma unfolded

Roma made the quicker start. MatÃas SoulÃ© cut the ball back after five minutes and Mario Hermoso finished, putting the visitors 1-0 up. Paris had most of the ball, yet Gian Piero Gasperiniâ??s side defended in a way that Luis Enrique had warned about on the eve of the game, and clear openings were hard to find.

The equaliser came from a set piece. Senny Mayulu whipped in a corner on 31 minutes and Zabarnyi rose at the near post to head home. It was the Ukrainianâ??s first Champions League goal for the club and his third of the season, and it levelled things at 1-1.

Evan Ndicka almost answered at the other end on 40 minutes, but his header from a corner missed the target. Half-time arrived with the scores tied and the crowd restless.



Source: Paris Saint-Germain official website (psg.fr)

Roma began the second half brightly. Matvey Safonov kept his side level with a fine stop to deny NiccolÃ² Pisilliâ??s low drive on 51 minutes. Three minutes later Nuno Mendes played a lovely ball to JoÃ£o Neves, whose header flew just past Mile Svilarâ??s right-hand post.

Luis Enrique then reshaped the attack, sending on Ousmane DembÃ©lÃ© for Ferran and ZaÃ¯re-Emery for Mendes on 59 minutes. Ousmane DembÃ©lÃ© replaced Ferran and ZaÃ¯re-Emery replaced Mendes, both on 59 minutes. DembÃ©lÃ© had barely settled when Achraf Hakimi won a penalty, and he stepped up to put Paris 2-1 ahead on 62 minutes.

Malenâ??s penalty and a frantic finish

Paris led for only 16 minutes. Roma were awarded a penalty of their own and Malen, a substitute, converted it on 78 minutes to make it 2-2. The game had suddenly become wide open.

What followed was all Paris. Fabian Ruiz had a chance on 87 minutes, then Hakimi and DembÃ©lÃ© both went close in stoppage time, at 90+1 and 90+2. The Roma back line held firm every time, and Svilar, back in goal after missing the previous three Champions League games, stood in the way.

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What the draw means for Paris

The numbers explain the disappointment. Before kick-off Paris had won all four of their league-phase games, scoring 20 goals along the way, the first team in the competitionâ??s history to score four or more in four straight matches. The 6-0 win at Villarreal on 3 November was the latest of those. Luis Enrique had also pointed out that a win would give Paris their first run of five straight wins in the league phase.

That did not happen, but the draw still left them unbeaten. It stretches their European run to 15 consecutive Champions League matches without defeat, a sequence that began on 28 January 2026 and includes the 5-4 and 1-1 semi-final meetings with Bayern Munich. This was also the first meeting between Paris and Roma in an official match, which made the 2-2 scoreline a neat piece of history.

There was injury context too. DÃ©sirÃ© DouÃ© and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia were both out, and Luis Enrique said in his pre-match press conference that the focus was on their recovery. The front three on the night were Mayulu, Akliouche and Ferran.

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Romaâ??s unbeaten league form travels

For Roma, this was a very good night. They came in 20th in the table with four points, having lost narrowly to Real Madrid (3-4) and Manchester United (3-2) in the competition and drawn 1-1 at FenerbahÃ§e. They also sat unbeaten in Serie A after 12 matchdays, second in the table. Taking a point in Paris, after leading early, suggests Gasperiniâ??s side will not be a pushover in the remaining league-phase games.

Paris now turn quickly to Ligue 1. They host Lorient three days later, as leaders of the French table with 26 points after 12 rounds, ten clear of the tenth-placed visitors. Their next European assignment will be Matchday 6.

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