



PSG 5-4 Bayern Munich: Holders Edge Champions League Classic In Paris

Description

PSG 5-4 Bayern Munich will go down as one of the most absurd, breathless, gorgeous nights the Champions League has ever staged. Holders Paris Saint-Germain edged a nine-goal classic at the Parc des Princes on 28 April 2026, doubles from Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Ousmane Dembélé hauling Luis Enrique's side into a slender first-leg lead before Bayern stormed back to set up a thunderous second leg in Munich.

By full time at the Parc, the scoreboard read like a typo. The atmosphere felt like a dream. And Manuel Neuer, the great German goalkeeper, had not made a single save.



Source: FC Bayern Munich official website (fcbayern.com)

How PSG 5-4 Bayern Munich became a Champions League instant classic

Bayern Munich struck first. Vincent Kompany's side started sharper, denied a clear early opener by Matvej Safonov before referee Sandro SchÄrter pointed to the spot when Luis DÄaz was upended in the box. Harry Kane stepped up in the 17th minute, sent Safonov the wrong way, and Bayern had the lead they had earned.

It lasted seven minutes. Kvaratskhelia, electric on the left, picked his moment to drift inside and arrow a finish past Neuer to level. Nine minutes later, João Neves climbed at the back post to head PSG in front, after Olise had threatened at the other end with a darting run that ended with Neves diverting it onto his own post.

Bayern would not lie down. Michael Olise hammered home in the 41st minute to restore parity, and for a moment it looked as if both teams had punched themselves out. Then came the sting in the half. After a VAR review for an Alphonso Davies handball, Dembélé stepped up in the fifth minute of stoppage time and slotted home to make it 3-2 at the break. Five goals before the interval. The Parc des Princes was barely breathing.

Kvaratskhelia and Dembélé blow the tie open

The second half started in the same key. Achraf Hakimi raided down the right and arrowed a low cross to the unmarked Kvaratskhelia, who drilled it inside the near post in the 56th minute. Three minutes later, Dembélé found the same far corner via a deflection off the post, and PSG were 5-2 up. The defending champions looked to be running away with it.

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And then, just as quickly, Bayern remembered who they are. Joshua Kimmich whipped in a free-kick in the 65th minute and Dayot Upamecano, all instinct and nerve, glanced it home. Three minutes after that, Kane sprayed a glorious long ball over the top, DÃaz controlled it, cut inside and curled his right foot through the ball to make it 5-4. Suddenly, with more than 20 minutes still to play, the holders looked like they were the ones in trouble.

Jonathan Tah saw a header parried. Substitute Senna Mayulu rattled the bar at the other end. Both managers swung in changes, both benches were on their feet, but the score stayed at five apiece in the rest of the match. Nine goals, no further intervention from VAR, and a tie that is somehow still hanging in the balance.

What the PSG 5-4 Bayern Munich result means for the second leg

The numbers tell their own story. This was the first European Cup or Champions League semi-final in which both teams scored four or more goals. It is, jointly with Eintracht Frankfurt's 6-3 win over Rangers in 1960, the highest-scoring semi-final in the competition's history. Luis Enrique now has 50 Champions League wins to his name, the fastest manager ever to that mark done in 77 matches.

None of that will matter on Wednesday in Munich. With [PSG only one goal up after a chaotic first leg](#), Bayern know that two clean strikes inside the Allianz Arena flips the tie. Vincent Kompany's side, who already authored one outrageous European night this spring when they [stunned Real Madrid in a seven-goal quarter-final thriller](#), will fancy their chances of another comeback. Their Bundesliga visit to Heidenheim on Saturday is a sideshow now.

For Luis Enrique's PSG, the calculation is simpler and harder at once. Hold what they have, and they are 90 minutes from a second consecutive Champions League final. Concede early in Munich, and the most outrageous first leg in modern memory might end up as a footnote.

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Standout performers in PSG 5-4 Bayern Munich

DembelÃ© walked off with the Player of the Match award and few will quibble. Two goals, an assist, the courage to take a stoppage-time penalty in front of a packed end. Kvaratskheliaâ??s two goals in 143 second-half minutes were the moments that broke the game. At the other end, Kaneâ??s penalty and assist for DÃ¡az kept Bayernâ??s away goals tally healthy in a tie where away goals are no longer decisive â?? but psychological currency very much is.

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