



Mbappé's Hat-Trick Powers Mourinho's Real Madrid to 4-1 La Liga Opener Against Real Sociedad

Description

La Liga 2026-27 is barely hours old, and Real Madrid have already made their statement. Kylian Mbappé struck a stunning hat-trick as José Mourinho's men dismantled Real Sociedad 4-1 in a pulsating season opener at the Santiago Bernabéu on the night of 26 August 2026.

Mbappé Sets the Tone with a Brilliant Hat-Trick

If anyone needed reminding of Kylian Mbappé's quality at the very highest level, Wednesday night at the Bernabéu was all the evidence required. The Frenchman was everywhere – linking play, running in behind and finishing with the composure of a player who belongs amongst the best who have ever graced this famous stadium.

His three goals, combined with a contribution from Vinícius Jr., gave the scoreline a commanding look. Real Sociedad – a side who can hurt anyone on their day – were simply overwhelmed after a bright opening spell. Federico Valverde summed up the dressing room mood afterwards: “The second half was spectacular.”

This was Madrid's second La Liga win from two outings. They had opened the season with a 2-1 victory away to Espanyol – with debutant Carlos Espín scoring a memorable 90th-minute winner – confirming that Mourinho has assembled a side ready to challenge from the first whistle.



Source: Real Madrid CF official website (realmadrid.com)

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For Jos   Mourinho, this was more than just three points. The Special One's return to the Santiago Bernab  u â the club where he guided a record-breaking La Liga title win in 2011-12 â has been one of the most compelling managerial narratives of the summer. Appointed to rejuvenate a squad that had stuttered in European competition last season, he wasted no time in imprinting his identity.

Speaking at his post-match press conference, Mourinho praised his players' mental fortitude: 'I really liked the team's composure in the face of difficulty.' It was a reference to Real Sociedad's early pressure, but also a message about the character he demands. Marc Cucurella,

back to his best at left-back, reflected that sentiment: “A perfect night, you can’t ask for more.”

The tactical shape Mourinho deployed was compact but lethal on the counter – a familiar blueprint for the Portuguese, though now paired with the devastating pace of Mbappé and the dribbling genius of Vinícius Jr. If this is the template, La Liga’s other contenders have cause for concern.



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What This Means for La Liga’s Title Race

Real Madrid’s flying start sets the tone for a La Liga campaign that promises to be fiercely competitive. This round of fixtures also featured Atlético de Madrid’s trip to Sevilla and an eye-

catching Barcelona fixture at the Camp Nou – the fight for supremacy in Spain is well and truly on.

For fans of big European football following the Singapore angle, the UCL group stage draw is imminent, and Madrid’s Champions League path is set to be a talking point all season. Keep up with all the action at the [LBRD Sports section](#).

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