

PSG ties in Lorient and Nice runner-up in French soccer



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At the Stade Moustoir, the Parisians were trailing 0-1 in stoppage time and a man down after Sergio Ramos was sent off in the 86th minute, but Mauro Icardi saved the point and the Rouge et Bleu will see out 2021 comfortably at the top of Ligue 1 with 46 points, 13 ahead of Nice and Olympique de Marseille.

Nice (33) came from behind at home to Lens at the Allianz Riviera with goals from Mario Lemina in the 63rd minute and Justin Kluivert in the 79th minute, and climbed to the runner-up spot with a better goal average than the Focaine.

Marseille (33) also snatched a miraculous point from the Vélodrome with veteran Dimitri Payet's penalty in the eighth minute of stoppage time for a 1-1 draw against visiting Reims, who had taken the lead in the 75th minute thanks to youngster Hugo Ekitike.

Behind PSG, Nice and Olympique de Marseille, Rennes (31) closed the year and half of the campaign, losing 1-2 on their trip to Monaco's Stade Louis II (29) to home goals from Wissam Ben Yedder, the tenth in Ligue1, and Kevin Volland.

Also with 31 points, but in fifth place, Montpellier finished the 19th matchday with a 4-1 win over Angers.

In a nine-game matchday, due to the suspension of the Clermont-Strasbourg game due to bad weather, and hit by several Covid-19 cases, defending champion Lille (28) came from behind to beat Bordeaux 3-2 away, with a decisive goal by Canadian Jonathan David, top scorer of the tournament with 12.

The day also included a 1-0 win for Nantes over bottom-placed Saint-Etienne and 1-1 draws in the Olympique Lyon-Metz and Troyes-Stade Brestois matches.

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