

Real Madrid beats Villarreal to equal top spot in Spanish soccer

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




Madrid, Oct 5 (PL) Real Madrid defeated Villarreal 2-0 today and equalized with Barcelona at the top of the Spanish soccer league.

Uruguay's Federico Valverde scored a superb goal in the 14th minute after a corner kick, and Brazil's Vinicius Junior (73rd) scored the second to take Los Merengues to 21 points, the same as Barcelona.

In the other Saturday matches, Espanyol beat RCD Mallorca 2-1, Rayo Vallecano beat Valladolid, and Celta de Vigo beat Las Palmas 1-0, the only team still without a win.

In addition, Getafe and Osasuna drew 1-1, which allows the latter to maintain their place in the European competitions for next season.

The following matches are scheduled for tomorrow: Girona-Athletic de Bilbao, Alavés-Barcelona, Sevilla-Betis and Real Sociedad-Atlético de Madrid.

| POSITION | TEAM | POINTS | Pld | W | D | L | GF |
|----------|---|--------|-----|---|---|---|----|
| ⌚ 1 |  FC BARCELONA | 21 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| ⌚ 2 |  REAL MADRID | 21 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| ⌚ 3 |  VILLARREAL CF | 17 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| ⌚ 4 |  ATLÉTICO DE MADRID | 16 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 12 |
| ⌚ 5 ▲ |  CA OSASUNA | 15 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 13 |
| ⌚ 6 ▼ |  ATHLETIC CLUB | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| ⌚ 7 ▼ |  RCD MALLORCA | 14 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| ⌚ 8 ▲ |  RAYO VALLECANO | 13 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 |
| ⌚ 9 ▲ |  RC CELTA | 13 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 |
| ⌚ 10 ▼ |  REAL BETIS | 12 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| ⌚ 11 |  DEPORTIVO ALAVÉS | 10 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| ⌚ 12 ▲ |  RCD ESPANYOL DE BARCELONA | 10 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| ⌚ 13 ▼ |  GIRONA FC | 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| ⌚ 14 ▼ |  SEVILLA FC | 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| ⌚ 15 |  GETAFE CF | 8 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| ⌚ 16 ▼ |  REAL SOCIEDAD | 8 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| ⌚ 17 ▼ |  CD LEGANÉS | 8 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| ⌚ 18 |  VALENCIA CF | 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |

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