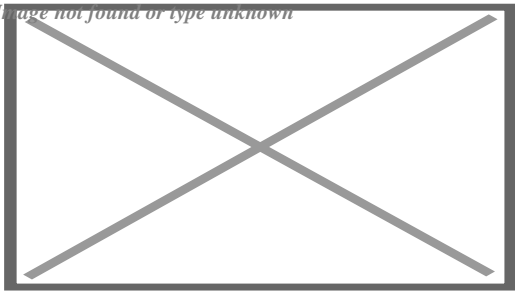


Real Madrid misses chance to close the gap to the leader in Spanish soccer

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Madrid, Sept 30 (PL) Real Madrid missed an opportunity to get closer to Barcelona, leader of the Spanish soccer league, by drawing 1-1 with Atletico Madrid in the main capital derby.

After the azulgranas' 2-4 setback in Pamplona on Saturday, both clubs had a great chance to close the gap, but failed to take advantage; the Merengues were left three points behind and the colchoneros five points behind.

Brazilian Éder Militao opened the scoring for Los Blancos at the Metropolitano stadium in the 64th minute, a goal equalized by Argentine Ángel Correa in stoppage time (90+5).

The match was marked by the throwing of objects, including bottles and lighters, which forced the referee to stop it for 10 minutes.

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In Sunday's first match, Girona, 12th in the standings and last season's revelation, drew 1-1 at Celta (10), who equalized in the 81st minute with a goal by 37-year-old Iago Aspas.

Venezuelan Yangel Herrera (38) put the Catalan side ahead at the Balaídos stadium.

In addition, Sevilla (13th in the standings) drew 1-1 at San Mamés against Athletic Bilbao (fourth) thanks to an own goal by goalkeeper Álex Padilla (90+3), who had just taken the field after Julen Agirrezabala was sent off.

Lastly, a strike by Argentine Giovanni Lo Celso (85th minute) gave Betis (eighth in the championship) the win over Espanyol (17th). The South American is living an idyll with the rival goal at the start of the season and has scored five goals in five matches.

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