

# *Barcelona returns to winning ways in Spanish football*

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**Barcelona FC**

Spain, Dec 3 (PL) Barcelona Football Club defeated Mallorca 5-1 today and rediscovered the path of victories in the Spanish League, after three games without tasting the sweetness of success.

The Blaugranas, runners-up last season and in the Spanish Super Cup, had just lost to Las Palmas (1-2) after drawing with Celta Vigo (2-2) and slipping up against Real Sociedad (0-1), but tonight they vindicated themselves by beating the revelation team of the season at their own Son Moix stadium.

A Fernán Torres shot 12 minutes after the opening whistle gave the German Hansi Klick's disciples the lead. Still, before the end of the first half, Kosovar Vedat Muriqi broke the deadlock and equalized the actions to the delight of the local fans.

In the 56th minute, a foul in the area on Lamine Yamal led to a penalty kick in favor of the visitors, who put the game to bed with a good performance by Raphinha.

The Brazilian was not to be denied and completed his brace in the 74th minute to take his tally to 11 goals for the campaign and confirm his position as second in the league behind teammate Robert Lewandowski (15).

Before the break, Frenkie de Jong and Pau Victor scored to complete the scoring to the disappointment of the faithful gathered in the stands.

This match belongs to the 19th matchday and was scheduled for January, but was brought forward because both teams will play the Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia then.

After this result, Barcelona continues to lead La Liga with 37 points, ahead of Real Madrid (33), Atlético de Madrid (32), Athletic Bilbao, and Villarreal (26) and Mallorca (24).

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