

Mbappe breaks PSG all-time scoring record

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Online Desk: Kylian Mbappe became Paris St Germain's all-time top scorer when he helped his side extend their Ligue 1 lead to a provisional 11 points in a 4-2 home win against Nantes in Ligue 1 on Saturday. The 24-year-old Mbappe found the back of the net two minutes into stoppage time for his 201st goal in all competitions with PSG, improving the mark he shared with Edinson Cavani.

The club organised a short ceremony after the final whistle, with a big portrait of Mbappe displayed at the Parc des Princes. "It's very special to be here. The last time I was here was to announce I was staying (to extend his contract), it's an honour to be here as the club's top scorer," said Mbappe. "It's a privilege to be a PSG player, to play in this historic shirt, for the biggest club in France." PSG, who travel to Bayern Munich next week hoping to overturn a 1-0 first-leg deficit in the Champions League last 16, were 2-0 up after 17 minutes following goals by Lionel Messi and Jaouen Hadjam's own goal, only for the Canaries to level before the break thanks to Ludovic Blas and Ignatius Ganago.

Christophe Galtier's side, however, wrapped up all three points after Danilo's goal around the hour mark and Mbappe's last-gasp strike, which put them on 63 points from 26 games. Second-placed Olympique de Marseille travel to Stade Rennais on Sunday. PSG got off to a dream start as Messi opened the scoring in the 12th minute with a left-footed volley from Fabian Ruiz's cross. Five minutes later, Alban Lafont parried Nuno Mendes's attempt into the path of Hadjam who, under pressure from Nordi Mukiele, bundled the ball into his own net to give PSG a 2-0 advantage.

In the 31st minute, however, Blas whipped a fine shot past Gianluigi Donnarumma to reduce the arrears, seven minutes before Ganago deflected a corner past the Italian keeper to level the contest. But 15 minutes into the second half, order was restored as Danilo headed home from Mbappe's cross before the France forward netted his record goal with a left-footed effort from inside the box. It was not such a fine evening for PSG, however, as Mukiele was substituted with a heel problem before centre back Marquinhos headed back to the dressing room in the 75th minute with what appeared to be a lower back problem.

Earlier, RC Lens's Champions League hopes suffered another knock when they were held to a 1-1 home draw in the northern derby. Although the result lifted Lens to third in the standings on 51 points, Franck Haise's team have now only won one of their last seven league matches and have Monaco and Stade Rennais, who have a game in hand, within five points behind them. The home team had the upper hand in the first half and went ahead thanks to Jose Fonte own goal, but Jonathan David equalised after the break before Brice Samba made numerous spectacular saves to salvage a draw at the Bollaert-Delelis stadium.