

EUROPE HAS THE RECEIPTS.

Dear Football Fans,

PSG packed four goals for Manchester. United packed absolutely no threat for Madrid. Liverpool scored six and still left defensive evidence at the scene. This week's Champions League was less a football competition than a public inspection of expensive problems. Get your club scarf. You may need it to cover your face.



CITY 2–4 PSG / FOUR GOALS. NO DOORBELL.

Doué, Dembélé and Vitinha had PSG three up inside 32 minutes. City's defence offered the resistance of a cookie-consent banner: one click and you were straight through. Aklouche added another after the break. Four conceded at home. At that point, stop calling it a back line and start charging admission.

Haaland scored twice and passed Agüero as City's leading Champions League scorer. Congratulations, Erling: employee of the month at a branch being robbed. Two goals should buy you a victory. At City, apparently they buy you a less humiliating screenshot.

ATLÉTICO 2–0 UNITED / THREAT LEVEL: AIRPLANE MODE

Atlético beat United 2–0. No goals for the visitors, no clean sheet, no useful material for the victory montage. The social team could post the boarding passes and call them the highlights.

United did not need a statement about bouncing back. They needed a ball in Atlético's net. You cannot keep serving supporters disappointment and calling the next helping a journey. Even the excuses deserve squad rotation.

ELSEWHERE / THE BADGE WILL NOT SAVE YOU

Arsenal dispatched Lille 3–0; Barcelona beat Galatasaray 4–1. Bayern drew 3–3 at Viking. Inter lost 4–3 to Club Brugge. Dortmund lost 1–0 at Bodø/Glimt. Some clubs brought European pedigree. Their opponents brought the deeply inconvenient habit of actually scoring.

ROMA 3–4 MADRID / YOUR CELEBRATION HAS EXPIRED

Roma led 3–1 in the 83rd minute. Seven minutes and goals from Espi, Endrick and Rüdiger later, Madrid had turned the match upside down. Roma did not protect a lead; they left it outside with a FREE sign.

Madrid spent most of the evening inviting ridicule, then made everyone delete the evidence. If you sent a laughing voice note at 3–1, congratulations: you have produced an audiobook of your own humiliation. Never celebrate their funeral while they are still choosing the music.

LASK 3–6 LIVERPOOL / BARCOLA CANNOT MARK EVERYONE

Bradley Barcola scored a hat-trick in Liverpool's 6–3 win. Three goals, one match ball, and every right to ask why his colleagues at the other end were running a loyalty scheme for opposition attackers.

Liverpool scored six. Superb. They also conceded three to LASK. Winning does not automatically turn the defending into a misunderstood art form. Barcola cooked; the back line kept setting off the smoke alarm. Enjoy the points. Leave the defensive masterclass presentation in drafts.

NEXT UP / ANOTHER CHANCE TO GET SCREENSHOTTED

PSG–Barcelona is listed for 20 October; Bayern–Arsenal for 21 October. Clear your evening. Keep your premature celebrations in drafts. Upcoming fixtures only—not score predictions.

Lady Whistle's verdict: Haaland needs colleagues, United need a goal, and Roma need to stop treating a lead like a free trial. Who takes the embarrassment trophy: City, United or Inter? Bring evidence. Your club's museum is not a defence.

Yours in football and foolishness, Sir Fanter.