

Real Madrid closes in on league leaders

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With Barcelona only earning a draw, and Real Madrid getting three points off their match, the difference between Barcelona and Real Madrid drops to only two points, and La Liga gets more and more interesting.

Ronaldo scored his first free kick of the season to orchestrate Real Madrid for a win over Eibar. Madrid hosted the 14th-placed Eibar for a comfortable win with their makeshift front three. Bale and Benzema were swapped for Chicharito and Jese, and all three attackers got on to the scoring sheet. Ronaldo scored a long ranged free kick straight down the middle, dipping perfectly to confuse the keeper enough. Midway through the first half, Chicharito headed into the far post, making it his first goal in five months. Late into the second half, Jese created a wonderful solo chance and

took it perfectly to drive the ball past the keeper, making sure Real Madrid were on their way to earn three points. The win takes them just two points behind the league leaders, Barcelona, with a final score of Real Madrid 3, Eibar 0.

Barcelona lets a two-goal lead slip as Sevilla maintains their unbeaten home record. Lionel Messi opened the scoring when he received a pass right outside the box and went one-on-one with the defender and scored a fantastic curled shot past the keeper. Neymar soon doubled the lead with an exquisite direct free kick, bamboozling the keeper into just watching him let the ball go into the net. But Banega lifted the home fans just before half time as he blasted the ball goal wards, which Claudio Bravo couldn't stop even though he got his hands on it. Then in the second half, a misplaced pass from Pique created the vital chance Sevilla was looking for and they punished Barcelona severely, eliminating the two-goal lead. With

Real Madrid earning three points in their match and Barcelona only one, the league leaders are now only 2 points ahead of Real Madrid, which could go south anytime, considering the form Madrid is in. Sevilla 2, Barcelona 2.

Antoine Griezmann nets a brace to rescue Atléti from a loss and into a draw. Atléti opened the scorebook with Griezmann capitalizing on an embarrassing slip up by the Malaga goalkeeper, but the goal by Torres brought them back together at 1-1 within a few minutes. With a few minutes remaining in second half, Malaga took lead in style as Garcia chipped the ball over the keeper and into the far post. Atléti translated this goal into an ultra-offensive mode "turn on" switch and they started pressing high up in the opponent's box. The constant attack only meant one thing, that Malaga would slip once again, but this time it was the assistant referee who did not call an offside, giving Griezmann another shot

at the goal, and like before he did not miss. Both teams earn a point that will leave them in their current positions for this week: Malaga 2 Atletico Madrid 2.

Teenage striker Santi Mina scored four goals as Celta Vigo thwarted Rayo, crushing them with six goals to one. The Spanish under-21 international hadn't scored any goal this season, but this was his night. He took home the match ball as all the shots taken by him were converted into goals. Even though Rayo scored in the first minute, the equalizer by Larrivey a few minutes later riled them up. Both Marina and Larrivey then came to the score sheet again and took Celta Vigo for a cruising win over Rayo: Celta Vigo 6, Rayo Vallecano 1.

Almeria keeps its hopes alive for not relegating out of the La Liga as they push the strugglers Granada further down the table with a score of lmeria 3, Granada 0.



Wednesday, April 15
Baseball
@ Calvin
1 p.m.

Baseball
@ Calvin
3 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
vs. Benedictine
7 p.m.

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2 p.m.

Sunday, April 19
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@ Wartburg
1 p.m.

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1 p.m.

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vs. Robert Morris
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