



Bundesliga Matchday 21

Friday, February 8th-Sunday, February 10th, 2019

Matches

Friday, February 8th

1. FSV Mainz 05 vs. Bayer 04 Leverkusen (1:5)

Saturday, February 9th

Borussia Dortmund vs. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, 09:30

RB Leipzig vs. Eintracht Frankfurt, 09:30

Borussia Mönchengladbach vs. Hertha BSC, 09:30

Hannover 96 vs. 1. FC Nürnberg, 09:30

Sport-Club Freiburg vs. VfL Wolfsburg, 09:30

FC Bayern München vs. FC Schalke 04, 12:30

Sunday, February 10th

SV Werder Bremen vs. FC Augsburg, 09:30

Fortuna Düsseldorf vs. VfB Stuttgart, 12:00

Bundesliga News

RB Leipzig consolidated their position in the 1. Bundesliga's top 4 squads with a 3:0 win over hosts Hannover on Friday. The first goal came at the very end of the first half, when Marcel Halstenberg converted a penalty after Matheus Cunha was fouled by Kevin Akpoguma. The next 2 goals came from defender Willi Orban, who nodded in a corner from Halstenberg in the 64th minute, followed by yet another header in the 85th minute from yet another corner from Emil Forsberg. Leipzig standout Timo Werner missed his first match of the season due to a head cold, and the loss came in Thomas Doll's first match as coach at Hannover. On Saturday, the league's 2nd-place club will travel to Leverkusen without goaltender Manuel Neuer, who hurt his right hand in training on Friday. He will be replaced by Sven Ulreich as the club starts the 2nd half of the season 6 points behind Borussia Dortmund. Dortmund, for their part, will try to keep the league's top scorer, Luka Jovic, from adding to his goal total. Hosts Frankfurt are currently in 5th place and looking for a spot in European competition, and have defeated Dortmund in 3 of their last 4 encounters in Frankfurt. On the other hand, Frankfurt have lost all of their matches against the league's top clubs this season, while Dortmund have won 9 of their last 10 contests. Frankfurt may have to play without captain David Abraham, who injured his calf in last week's 2:2 draw against Bremen, while Dortmund is only missing center-back Manuel Akanji. Another match to watch on Saturday will be that between Hertha and Wolfsburg, who are tied in the table at 28 points each. Hertha's draw against Schalke last week extended their at-home unbeaten streak to 4 matches, while Wolfsburg, who narrowly avoided relegation at the end of last season, have suffered back-to-back losses to Schalke and Leverkusen. Wolfsburg may have to play without Swiss forward Admir Mehmedi (injury), but hope to benefit from the services of USA international and former Hertha player John Brooks. Later on Saturday, struggling FC Schalke 04 will host 3rd-place Borussia Mönchengladbach. Schalke have scored just 24 goals so far this season, ahead of only Mainz, Düsseldorf, Hannover, Nürnberg, and Stuttgart, and their record to this point is their worst in 20 years. Gladbach, conversely, are unbeaten in their last 6 contests against Schalke, and are anticipating the return of Thorgan Hazard, who sat out Matchday 19 with an injury. Sunday's early game, host Augsburg score a 3-0 win over Mainz with Finnbogason getting a hat trick. The late game host Stuttgart was tied 2-2 with SC Freiburg. This Friday night Leverkusen went to Mainz and won 5-1.

Table - 1. Bundesliga

Borussia Dortmund (49)
Borussia Mönchengladbach (42)
FC Bayern München (42)
RB Leipzig (37)
Eintracht Frankfurt (32)
VfL Wolfsburg (31)
Bayer 04 Leverkusen (30)
TSG 1899 Hoffenheim (29)
Hertha BSC (28)
SV Werder Bremen (27)
1. FSV Mainz 05 (27)
FC Schalke 04 (22)
Sport-Club Freiburg (22)
Fortuna Düsseldorf (22)
FC Augsburg (18)
VfB Stuttgart (15)
1. FC Nürnberg (12)
Hannover 96 (11)

Table - 2. Bundesliga

Hamburger SV (40)
1. FC Köln (36)
1. FC Union Berlin (34)
Holstein Kiel (34)
1. FC Heidenheim 1846 (34)
FC St. Pauli (34)
SC Paderborn 07 (31)
VfL Bochum 1848 (30)
Jahn Regensburg (29)
Dynamo Dresden (25)
DSC Arminia Bielefeld (24)
SpVgg Greuther Fürth (24)
FC Erzgebirge Aue (22)
SV Darmstadt 98 (22)
1. FC Magdeburg (17)
SV Sandhausen (16)
MSV Duisburg (16)
FC Ingolstadt 04 (13)

Top Scorers - 1. Bundesliga

Luka Jovic (Frankfurt) - 14
Marco Reus (Dortmund) - 13
Paco Alcácer (Dortmund) - 12
Robert Lewandowski (Bayern) - 12
Timo Werner (Leipzig) - 11
Sébastien Haller (Frankfurt) - 11
Yussuf Poulsen (Leipzig) - 10
Alassane Pléa (Gladbach) - 10
Alfred Finnbogason (Augsburg) - 10
Ondrej Duda (Hertha) - 9
Thorgan Hazard (Gladbach) - 9

Top Scorers - 2. Bundesliga

Simon Terodde (Köln) - 22
Pascal Testroet (Aue) - 11
Philipp Klement (Paderborn) - 11
Lukas Hinterseer (Bochum) - 11
Pierre-Michel Lasogga (Hamburg) - 9
Moussa Koné (Dresden) - 9
Bernard Tekpetey (Paderborn) - 8
Janni-Luca Serra (Kiel) - 8
Fabian Schusener (Sandhausen) - 8
Sven Michel (Paderborn) - 8
Marco Grüttner (Regensburg) - 8

Philly Bundesliga FC Player of the Week

Danny da Costa is a 25-year-old right back for Eintracht Frankfurt. Da Costa was born on July 13th, 1993 in Neuss, Germany, and spent his youth career playing football for Winfriedia Mülheim from 1999 to 2001 and Bayer Leverkusen from 2001 to 2010. His senior career continued at Leverkusen until 2012, FC Ingolstadt 04 from 2012 to 2016, Bayer Leverkusen from 2016 to 2017, and Eintracht since 2017. His first senior goal was also the only goal in a 1:0 Eintracht victory over Hannover on March 3rd, 2017. Da Costa also scored 2 of the goals in a 4:1 Eintracht win over Lazio in the Europa League, and also played for Germany's U17, U18, U19, U20, and U21 squads between 2009 and 2014, scoring 2 goals in 34 appearances.

Bundesliga Trivia Question of the Week

During the 1978-79 Bundesliga season, which club's players helped clear snow from the stands before winning the title later in the season?

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