

UEFA Final: Match Commentary Barcelona verses Bayern Munich

Preamble Well, here we are. I can't believe we've made it. It's time for the UEFA Champions League LIVE final. My name is Reggie Tompkins and I will be your commentator for this evening's match. It's going to be a tough one to call, with two of the world's greatest football teams taking the stage, fighting it out to be crowned 'champions'. The teams look pretty equal with Barcelona taking five wins since 1955, and Bayern Munich with six wins.

Here we go! The teams and their mascots click-clack out of the tunnel and line up on either side of the match officials. Munich's players are wearing an oppressive black and grey kit, while Barcelona wear their familiar red and blue stripes. The fancy UEFA Champions League music draws to a close and is drowned out by rousing applause and cheering. The teams are on the pitch; the referee has the whistle in his mouth... GO!

3 mins Great stuff from Munich. Vidal swung that corner out to the edge of the box, where Alaba unleashed a shot which looked to be fizzing towards the goal until it hit Mathieu straight in the face.

12 mins Barcelona midfielder Suarez looks like the ball is stuck to his foot. His dribbling skills and control of the ball are fantastic. He's cleared Munich's defender and he's passed to Neymar out on the right wing. Neymar is almost there, he shoots and... HE SCORES! 1 – 0 to Barcelona. Only twelve minutes gone and already this game is shaping up to be a belter!

23 mins Martinez beats the Barcelona defenders and pelts down the left wing with nobody near him. He tries to cross. Barcelona look to be in big trouble but Roberto appears out of nowhere to provide a crucial block.

44 mins We have one minute to go until half time. Following a controversial foul, Munich appeal for a penalty. It is declined. Is this them trying desperately to bring the score to a draw before the break? Their team may be a goal down, but Bayern Munich's supporters are still making lots of noise as they cheer them on.

Half- Time Analysis The score stands at 1 – 0 to Barcelona. Both teams are playing expertly well and we're seeing some superb football skills. This is why the UEFA Champions League never fails to disappoint. We're witnessing football history with our own eyes.

47 mins The second half gets underway with an exciting start. Munich are clawing their way back with an early smash into the goal by Lewandowski. Barcelona had barely finished their orange juice before he sneaked passed them to bring the score to 1 – 1.

51 mins It's a free kick for Barcelona after a foul on Santos. Suarez sends a screamer of a shot into the hands of Starke. Great strike! Great save!

65 mins Alcacer gets control of the ball just outside the Barcelona box and shoots. He scores! Unbelievable! The ball bounced just in front of Starke and crept in at the righthand post. The crowd are going wild.

73 mins This is astonishing. A penalty for Munich after Bernat was pushed in the back by Figne. Muller takes the shot and easily shoots the ball right through Masip's legs!

84 mins With the score at 2 – 2, both teams are desperate to clinch the deal with one final goal. The coaches decide to bring out fresh players, with only six minutes to go. Barcelona substitution: Messi replaces Neymar. Munich substitutions: Rafinha and Benko on, Hummels and Vidal off.

86 mins Barcelona attack down the centre. Munich win the ball back, go on the attack and just as Muller shapes to shoot, Alba dives in with a match-saving tackle. Corner. It's a goal as the ball curves beautifully into the box and is headed to the back of the net by Muller.

90 mins Three minutes extra time is declared. Barcelona are doing all the attacking, frantically trying to grab that all-important goal.

90 + 3 mins Peep! Peep! Peep! The final whistle declares FC Bayern Munich winners of the UEFA Champions League with a 3 – 2 victory over Barcelona.

Post- Match Analysis After a tense, but enjoyable final, Munich's manager seems pleased with the win. The players collect their medals and pose for photographs with the impressive Champions League Cup as the fans sing, clap and cheer.

Commentary on today's match was provided by: Reggie Tompkins

Challenge 2

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Section A

Find the answers from the text.

What is the name of the commentator?	
Who did the ball hit straight in the face?	
Who is the first person to score a goal?	
Which team is in the lead at half-time?	
How many minutes 'extra time' is there?	
How many goals did Munich score to win?	

Section B

Determine whether each statement is true or false.

Statement	True	False
Reggie Tompkinson is the commentator.		
Neymar scores the first goal of the match.		
Barcelona are awarded a penalty at 44 minutes into the game.		
Munich's goalkeeper, Starke, saves a goal when Suarez shoots a ball straight into his hands.		
Benko is substituted with Rafinha.		
Four minutes extra time is given.		
As well as the Champion's cup, each player receives a medal		

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Section C

Write the meaning of these words:

oppressive	
unleashed	
crucial	
controversial	
astonishing	
frantic	
impressive	

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: