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UConn men's basketball takes on Villanova at PeoplesBank Arena on Saturday, Jan 24, 2026. Both teams were tied 61-61 at the end of the second half, but the Huskies toppled the Wildcats in overtime, winning 75-67. PHOTO BY ZACH MOLLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

A LOVE LETTER TO SOCCER: PSG AND BAYERN'S SEMI-FINAL FOR THE AGES

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Kvicha Kvaratskhelia from Paris Saint-Germain celebrating a moment on the field. Kvaratskhelia scored two goals against Bayern Munich on April 28, 2026. PHOTO COURTESY OF @PSG ON INSTAGRAM

Welcome back to another edition of the Full 90. This past Tuesday, under the bright lights of the Parc Des Princes, fans around the world were reminded exactly why soccer is the planet's greatest sport. In a Champions League semi-final that deserved to be the final, we saw world-class finishes, relentless drama, momentum swings and unforgettable individual performances.

Paris Saint-Germain narrowly won the first leg against Bayern Munich 5-4 in one of the greatest European matches ever played. It was not just a semi-final; it was a love letter to the sport of soccer.

From the opening whistle, the pace of the game was electric. Bayern struck first in the 17th minute when Harry Kane converted from the penalty spot following a mistimed challenge from PSG defender Willian Pacho. The English strikers' penalty rattled the back of the net, giving the German giants an early lead and silencing Paris for the time being. Kane's finish felt like the beginning of another ruthless Bayern European performance, but PSG had no intention of fading out of the competition that quickly.

In the 24th minute, Georgian forward Khvicha Kvaratskhelia ignited the stadium, weaving brilliance into reality as he equalized for PSG with a bottom corner finish. The winger was unstoppable all night, embodying the flair, chaos and confidence of one of the most in-form forwards in Europe. Shortly after, Portuguese maestro João Neves gave PSG the lead in the 33rd minute, rising to head home a perfectly delivered corner to the front post. Suddenly, the tides had completely turned and Paris was alive.

Nonetheless Bayern, as European powerhouses often do, punched back. Michael Olise leveled the score at 2-2 in the 41st minute with a sensational solo effort, gliding through space and finishing from the top of the box with class. The first half already felt historic, but it still had one final twist. In the first half stoppage time, PSG was awarded a controversial penalty for a handball on Bayern fullback Alphonso Davies. After a confirmation from VAR, Ousmane Dembélé stepped up and buried the penalty to restore PSG's lead at 3-2 heading into the halftime break. Fans were finally able to breathe after five first-half goals, end-to-end football, no fear and pure spectacle.

If the first half was breathtaking, the second half became legendary. PSG exploded out of the break with Kvaratskhelia striking again in the 56th minute, finishing off another devastating attack to make it 4-2. Only three minutes later, Dembélé doubled his tally, firing PSG into what seemed like an insurmountable 5-2 lead over Bayern. As a fan, it seemed as though PSG were destined to cruise to a comfortable win. The reigning Champions League winners were producing a masterclass in football, with their fluid, fearless and devastating brand of football on display for the world to see.

Although, Bayern refused to die. In the 65th minute, French center back Dayot Upamecano delivered a header to make it 5-3, breathing life back into the tie for the German club. Then winger Luis Díaz added another in the 76th minute, slashing the deficit to 5-4 and setting up a grandstand finish that had fans around the world on the edge of their seats. What followed was chaos — both teams constantly attacking, desperately defending and both refusing to abandon their tactics. Bayern pushed the pace and PSG countered. Every touch felt pivotal to the future of each club's season.

When the final whistle blew, PSG emerged victorious, but the scoreline almost felt secondary. The match reminded fans why they fell in love with the sport in the first place. In an era often dominated by tactical caution, unproductive possession and robotic systems, PSG and Bayern produced something unforgettable and raw.

A game filled with passion, brilliance, risk and drama.

Kvaratskhelia and Dembélé were the stars of the match, combining for four goals and displaying the highest excellence on Europe's biggest stage. Nevertheless, Kane, Olise, Upamecano and Díaz ensured Bayern's own quality shone just as bright. For supporters around the world, this nine-goal thriller was more than just a football match; it was a reminder of why the game captures love across countries and generations.

On one unforgettable night in Paris, PSG and Bayern didn't just face off in a semi-final. The two clubs delivered a timeless classic that reignited everything fans love about the beautiful game.