

# Watford ease to victory

**London**  
David Moyes failed to inspire West Ham as their Premier League woes deepened with defeat in his first match in charge at Watford.

The Moyes era got off to the shakiest of starts when the home side took the lead in the first threatening attack of the game at Vicarage Road.

West Ham failed to deal with a cross from the left and, when the ball fell to Andre Gray, his mis-hit was finished off by midfielder Will Hughes for his first Premier League goal with 11 minutes gone.

The Hammers tried to hit back but Andy Carroll directed a tame header straight at home keeper Heurelho Gomes.

After 22 minutes, with West Ham beginning to put together some better possession, Watford broke but the referee waved away penalty appeals as Richarlison stumbled under a challenge from Pablo Zabaleta.

Carroll was booked for a 27th-minute push on Richarlison, with Watford's Miguel Britos following him into the book for a clumsy foul,



Will Hughes gave Watford the lead with his first goal for the club (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

but the home side cleared the free kick.

As the game passed the half-hour, Watford threatened a second when Joe Hart blocked

from Richarlison but the ball fell to Kiko Femenia, who fizzed his angled effort just beyond the far post.

With two minutes of the half

left the Hammers thought they had equalised, only for Gomes to thwart Cheikhou Kouyate from close range before Hughes sent an ambitious volley over at

the other end.

Gomes was at it again as his outstanding double save thwarted a header and follow-up shot from Marko

Arnautovic in stoppage time, and there was still time for Richarlison to drag narrowly wide at the other end.

Gray fired a first-time strike wide from another Femenia cross as Watford started the second half brightly, but West Ham should have levelled when Kouyate, unmarked in the area, scooped over.

Hughes set up Abdoulaye Doucoure, whose first-time strike from 25 yards curled wide of the post with Hart rooted to the spot, and then a Hughes effort was deflected into the West Ham keeper's arms as the Hornets stepped up the pace.

As the hour approached, Gray's shot deflected wide and Hart made an excellent save when Adrian Mariappa headed a Hughes cross goalwards.

Four minutes later, Watford doubled their lead as Richarlison, played into space on the left by Hughes, cut in and shot low into the corner via the fingers of Hart, who could have done better. (espn.in)

## Cavani nets brace as PSG hammer Nantes



Paris St Germain's Edinson Cavani (C) vies for the ball

**Paris**  
Edinson Cavani maintained his prolific goalscoring form with two more as Paris St Germain beat Nantes 4-1 to extend their lead at the top of Ligue 1.

Cavani broke the deadlock late in the first half and struck again in the second, either side of efforts from Angel Di Maria and Javier Pastore as PSG moved six points clear of closest rivals Monaco.

Prejuce Nakoulma replied for Nantes on the hour mark, but there appears to be no stopping Unai Emery's side as they stretched their unbeaten league start to 13 matches.

Uruguay international Cavani has scored 19 goals in 16 appearances in all competitions for PSG this season.

He opened the scoring seven minutes before the interval, finishing low into the bottom corner from inside the penalty area after being set up by Pastore.

Di Maria netted a brilliant second goal for PSG four minutes later when he struck from an unlikely angle outside the area following a corner.

The Argentinian was denied a second by Ciprian Tatarusanu's fine save early in the second half before Nakoulma's close-range finish reduced the deficit for Nantes.

PSG regained their two-goal advantage five minutes later when Pastore rifled a shot into the top corner from the right edge of the area.

Further pressure from the home

side was rewarded in the 79th minute when Cavani grabbed his second, applying another emphatic finish from inside the area to wrap up another comfortable win for his side.

Cavani went close to his hat-trick when forcing Tatarusanu into another excellent save three minutes later and Neymar was inches away from adding a fifth goal with an angled shot from the edge of the area.

PSG looked capable of scoring with every attack. Cavani saw another effort well saved by Tatarusanu and substitute Giovanni Lo Celso's shot flew inches wide in the closing stages.

Although a fifth goal eluded them, PSG have scored 17 goals and conceded just one in their last four matches in all competitions. (espn.in)

## Champions League 2017-18

MATCHDAY 5: NOV 21 Head-to-head W D L

GROUP E	Standings	GD	Pts
Spartak RUS	0 1 0	Liverpool	10 8
Maribor SVN	0 1 0	Sevilla	0 7
Sevilla ESP	1 1 0	Spartak	3 5
Liverpool ENG	1 1 0	Maribor	-13 1
GROUP F			
Man City ENG	1 0 0	Man City	9 12
Feyenoord NED	1 0 0	Shakhtar	2 9
Napoli ITA	0 0 1	Napoli	-2 3
Shakhtar UKR	0 0 1	Feyenoord	-9 0
GROUP G			
Monaco FRA	0 1 0	Besiktas	5 10
Leipzig GER	0 1 0	Porto	2 6
Besiktas TUR	1 1 3	Leipzig	-3 4
Porto POR	1 1 3	Monaco	-4 2
GROUP H			
APOEL CYP	0 0 3	Tottenham	7 10
Real Madrid ESP	0 0 3	Real	3 7
Dortmund GER	3 0 0	Dortmund	-4 2
Tottenham ENG	3 0 0	APOEL	-6 2

### Mohamed Salah Liverpool

Excelling on return to English Premier League after failing to make impression at Chelsea in 2014

**ATTACKING THREAT:** Liverpool travel to Sevilla, with trio of Salah, Firmino and Coutinho guiding Reds to Last 16 berth for first time since 2009

#### Most shots on target:

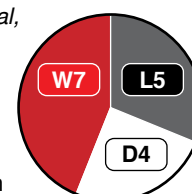
Liverpool	Most by individual: Salah (10)	37
Real	Ronaldo (13)	33
Bayern	Lewandowski (8)	32
Man City	Aguero (6)	28
PSG	Neymar (8)	27

Sources: UEFA, Gracenote

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**RIVAL NATIONS:** Liverpool aiming to end streak of three defeats in Spain – losing 1-0 each time to Villarreal, Real and Atletico

Away against Spanish opposition



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