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**SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 1933**

The only El Clásico held on New Year's Day saw a 1-1 draw at Barcelona's Camp de Les Corts stadium. Ángel Arocha gave Barça the lead midway through the second half before Luis Regueiro equalised for Madrid with a penalty 12 minutes from the end.

**MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 1968**

Davor Šuker was born. The Croatian international joined from Sevilla in 1996, having just scored twice at the UEFA European Championship, where his country reached the quarter-finals in their major tournament debut. He would go on to score 49 goals for Real over a three-season spell, winning the Champions League in 1998. He joined Arsenal in 1999.

**MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2007**

Marcelo joined from Fluminense. The Brazilian international defender has become one of only three foreign players to have made over 500 appearances for Los Blancos, winning every major trophy available.

**SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY 1988**

Real beat Barcelona 2-1 at the Bernabéu in El Clásico. Hugo Sánchez scored both of their goals, becoming the first Madrid player to score a brace in El Clásico in ten years, since Santillana scored twice in a 3-1 league win at the Bernabéu in September 1978. Bernd Schuster, who would later go on to become a Real player and manager, scored Barça's goal from the penalty spot.

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### **THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 1997**

The Real Madrid Foundation was formed. Since its inception it has helped more than 800,000 children in projects and schools in over 75 countries throughout the world. It's responsible for the club's corporate social action, educating young people in values through sport and helping improve the lives of those who need it the most.

### **WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2008**

Arjen Robben scored his first goal for Los Blancos, in a 2-1 home win over Alicante in a Spanish Cup tie. The Dutch international winger scored 13 goals in 64 games over two seasons, winning La Liga in 2007/08. He moved to Bayern Munich in 2009, where he ended his playing career.

### **THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2014**

Real beat Paris St Germain 1-0 in a friendly played in Doha, Qatar. Twenty-year-old Jesé scored the winner in the 19th minute. The match was organised during Real's winter break by PSG's Qatari owners as part of the deal that took boss Carlo Ancelotti to Los Blancos from PSG in June 2013. Jesé would move to Paris St Germain for £20m in 2016.

**WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 1917**

One of the club's nicknames, Los Meringues (The Merengues) – in reference to their all-white kit resembling a cake made entirely of egg white – was first coined in the magazine *Espana Sportiva*. Other nicknames include Los Blancos (The Whites), Los Vikingos (The Vikings) and La Casa Blanca (The White House). The kit has been copied by many clubs, most notably Leeds United, who had their blue shirts changed to an all-white kit by manager Don Revie in 1961 to make the club 'the Yorkshire Real Madrid'.

**MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 1909**

Real became one of the founding sides of the Royal Spanish Football Federation, when president Adolfo Meléndez signed the foundation agreement of the Spanish FA. A former player, Meléndez served two spells as the club's president (1908 to 1916 and 1936 to 1940).

**SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 1959**

Los Blancos recorded double figures in a league match for the first time, beating Las Palmas 10-1 at the Bernabéu. Alfredo Di Stéfano and Ferenc Puskás scored hat-tricks each. A year later they would better that by one, beating Elche 11-2 (see 7th February 1960). They also recorded a 10-2 league win over Rayo Vallecano in 2015.

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### **MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2016**

Manager Rafael Benítez was sacked despite winning 17 of his 25 games in charge. During his tenure there was a 10-2 league win over Rayo Vallecano, a suspension from the Spanish Cup after fielding an ineligible player and a horrendous 4-0 defeat at home to Barcelona.

### **TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 1955**

It was decided that the stadium's name should be changed in honour of Real president Santiago Bernabéu. Bernabéu was a former player and captain. After retiring from playing in 1927 he became a director, later an assistant manager, and finally coach of the first team. He was then elected president in 1943 – a position he would occupy until his death in 1978. He was associated with the club for a total of 69 years, having joined as a 14-year-old in 1909.

### **SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY 1907**

Real played only their second match against an international club. They lost 2-0 in Madrid against a team called Internacional from Lisbon, Portugal. They'd played their first match against a non-Spanish club two years earlier (see 26th October 1905).

**WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2005**

Los Blancos took on Real Sociedad at the Bernabéu in a game which was just six minutes long (including injury time). This happened because the previous 86 minutes and 20 seconds had already been played several weeks earlier. The two teams were level before the stadium was evacuated following a bomb scare (see 12th December 2004). Rather than end the game at 1-1, it was agreed that the final six minutes would be completed. Real scored two minutes after kick-off with a Zinedine Zidane penalty and won 2-1.

**SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2013**

Despite having goalkeeper Antonio Adan sent off in the eighth minute, Madrid still managed to beat Real Sociedad 4-3 at home in La Liga, with goals from Cristiano Ronaldo (two), Karim Benzema and Sami Khedira. Madrid-born Adan would play only seven league games over three seasons before moving to Cagliari in Italy.

**MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2014**

Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 400th career goal in a 3-0 league win over Celta Vigo at the Bernabéu. His goal breakdown was five for Sporting Lisbon, 118 for Manchester United, 230 for Real and 47 for Portugal. The goals had come in 653 appearances and against 109 different opponents.



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### **SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 1995**

Chilean Iván Zamorano scored a hat-trick in a 5-0 home La Liga win over Barcelona in El Clásico, with Luis Enrique – prior to going on to play for and manage Barcelona – also getting on the scoresheet. At the time of writing Zamorano was the last Real player to score an El Clásico hat-trick. He scored 101 Real goals in 173 games from 1992 to 1996.

### **SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY 1994**

Los Blancos lost 5-0 at the Camp Nou in El Clásico, with Barcelona's Romário scoring a hat-trick. This result came almost exactly 20 years after the club famously lost by the same scoreline at the Bernabéu (see 16th February 1974) and it equals their biggest defeat in the fixture.

### **WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020**

Real beat Valencia 3-1 in the semi-finals of the Spanish Super Cup – a match played in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The scorers were Toni Kroos, Isco and Luka Modrić. This was the first season of a new competition format with four teams and included a semi-final round.

### **WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 1980**

Francisco Pavón was born in Madrid. The defender came up through the youth ranks and made his debut as a substitute in the Champions League at Spartak Moscow in November 2000. In all he scored three goals in 167 games for Real over six seasons before moving to Zaragoza. He was on the bench for the 2002 Champions League Final triumph.

**WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2013**

Cristiano Ronaldo scored a hat-trick in a 4-0 home win over Celta Vigo in a Spanish Cup match. It was one of two trebles the Portuguese scored in the competition, the other coming in an 8-0 home win over Levante in December 2010. At the time of writing this was the last time a Real player scored a hat-trick in a Spanish Cup tie.

**TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2001**

Rodrygo was born. The Brazilian was signed from Santos (Pelé's old club) in 2018. He scored on his first-team debut as a substitute in a 2-0 La Liga home win over Osasuna. He added to that with a hat-trick in a Champions League home win over Galatasaray in November 2019.

**SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 1943**

Even though Los Blancos were 4-2 down at half-time, the second El Clásico of the season ended in a 5-5 draw at Barcelona. Real's scorers were Manuel Alday (two), Chus Alonso, José Botella and José Mardones. Ten equalled the most number of goals scored in an El Clásico league game (also Real Madrid 8 Barcelona 2 – see 3rd February 1935).

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### **MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2000**

Despite finishing the match with eight men, Real beat Moroccan side Raja Casablanca 3-2 in the FIFA Club World Championship in Sao Paulo, Brazil – a result which meant they reached the third-place play-off, where they lost to Mexican side Necaxa on penalties. Roberto Carlos, Guti and Christian Karembeu were the men dismissed against Raja, with Geremi scoring the 88th-minute winner, the Cameroonian becoming the first African-born player to score for the club.

### **SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY 2015**

Nacho scored his first goal for Real, four years after making his debut. It came as a substitute in a 3-0 league win over Espanyol at the Bernabéu. The Madrid-born Spanish international defender has played over 200 games for Los Blancos.

### **THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2007**

Gonzalo Higuaín made his debut in a 0-0 draw at Real Betis in the Spanish Cup. The previous month he'd joined Real from River Plate. The Argentina international would go on to score 121 goals in six and a half years at the Bernabéu, winning three La Liga titles along the way. No Argentinian has made more appearances (264) or scored more goals for Real.

**SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 1947**

By losing 6-3 at home to Athletic Bilbao, Real suffered their 100th La Liga defeat. They actually opened the scoring in the third minute through future manager Luis Molowny but capitulated in the second half, conceding four goals in a 20-minute spell. This milestone had come in their 342nd match.

**SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020**

Los Blancos won their 11th Spanish Super Cup, beating Atlético Madrid in a penalty shoot-out in the final after a goalless draw in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. There were nine yellow cards shown in the match, as well as a red for Real's Federico Valverde. At the time of writing Real had won both previous shoot-outs against their cross-city rivals, also prevailing in the 2016 Champions League Final.

**MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2014**

Cristiano Ronaldo, on Real's books at the time, received the Ballon d'Or in a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland. He won 1,365 of the votes – 160 votes ahead of runner-up Lionel Messi. Bayern Munich's Franck Ribéry finished third. Ronaldo said, 'I have to say a great thanks to all my team-mates with the club and the national team.'

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### **MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 1951**

Jesús Narro scored a hat-trick in a 4-1 league win over Barcelona at their Chamartín Stadium, becoming the first man to score an El Clásico hat-trick in the league in 16 years. It was one of three trebles he scored for Real, including netting four in a 6-1 league win at Lleida in 1950.

### **FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY 2000**

Real lost on penalties to Mexican club Necaxa in the third place play-off at the FIFA Club World Championship in Rio de Janeiro. Raúl had scored in the 1-1 draw in normal time. Steve McManaman and Javier Dorado missed their spot-kicks in the shoot-out. Dorado was making his first-team debut. The left-back would make only seven appearances for Real before moving to neighbours Rayo Vallecano in 2002.

### **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 1950**

Los Blancos beat Barcelona 3-2 away in El Clásico despite being 2-0 down with just over half an hour remaining. The scorers were Pahiño, Rafael Verdu and Miguel Cabrera with the 73rd-minute winner. It was the first time in seven years they'd scored three or more goals at their great rivals' home.

**SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2006**

Zinedine Zidane scored the only hat-trick of his Real Madrid career. It came in a 4-2 La Liga win over Sevilla at the Bernabéu. Guti netted the other goal that day. The Frenchman was the first Real player to record a hat-trick since Raúl at home to Valladolid in September 2003.

**SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2017**

Real lost 2-1 at Sevilla in a La Liga match. This defeat signalled the end of a club record 40 games unbeaten in all competitions, which began on 9 April 2016 with a 4-0 home La Liga win over Eibar. It also ended their 28-match unbeaten streak in the league stretching back to March 2016 – another club record.

**SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY 2005**

Thomas Gravesen made his debut as a substitute in a 3-1 La Liga home win over Zaragoza, becoming the third Dane to represent Real, after Henning Jensen and Michael Laudrup. The midfielder had signed from Everton for £2.5m earlier in the month and spent a season and a half at the club before moving to Celtic, having scored once in 49 games.

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### **MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2000**

Despite being down to ten men and also a goal behind against Mallorca in La Liga, Los Blancos managed to come back to win 2-1 with goals from Raúl and Roberto Carlos in the 82nd and 89th minutes respectively. Fernando Hierro had been sent off midway through the second half. It was a much needed victory as they'd won only one of their previous seven La Liga home matches prior to this one.

### **SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 1931**

Real suffered their record home defeat, losing 6-0 to Athletic Bilbao in the league at their Chamartín Stadium. They would finish a disappointing sixth in the final league table that season, while Bilbao would go on to win the league title for a second time.

### **SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 1997**

Christian Panucci became the first Italian to play for Real, making his debut in a 4-1 win in the Madrid derby in the league at the Vicente Calderón Stadium. The defender would spend two and a half seasons at the Bernabéu, scoring six goals in 96 games and winning one La Liga title in 1997 plus the Champions League in 1998.

**WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2006**

Antonio Cassano scored just three minutes into his Real debut after coming on as a substitute in a Spanish Cup match at Betis, netting the 1-0 winner. His time at the Bernabéu was not a happy one though. He began gaining weight and he was also suspended due to his 'disrespect' for coach Fabio Capello. After a season and a half and only four goals in 29 appearances the Italian joined Sampdoria. He was the first Italian striker to play for the club, and one of only three overall at the time of writing.

**SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2020**

Raphaël Varane made his 300th Real appearance, in a 2-1 league win over Sevilla at the Bernabéu. He had won 201 of those matches and scored 14 goals. The appearances had come across six competitions – La Liga (189), the Champions League (72), the Spanish Cup (23), the Club World Cup (eight), the Spanish Super Cup (five) and the UEFA Super Cup (three). Out of all the French players to have played for Real, only Karim Benzema has made more appearances than him.

**SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 1969**

Predrag Mijatović was born. The striker scored 36 goals in 118 games for Real over three years and was best remembered for scoring the 1-0 winner in the 1998 Champions League Final against Juventus. He was the first player from Montenegro to represent Real.



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### **SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2003**

Despite being down to ten men from the 13th minute onwards following Iván Helguera's red card, Los Blancos drew 2-2 at home to Atlético in the Madrid derby courtesy of two Luís Figo goals. The game saw eight yellow cards and two reds, with Atlético's José García Calvo, an ex-Real player, also being dismissed.

### **MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020**

Real and Flamengo reached an agreement over the transfer of 18-year-old Reinier, who joined on a deal that runs until June 2026. The Brazilian midfielder joined up with the reserve squad. The fee was around £30m.

### **WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021**

Los Blancos lost 2-1 at Second Division B club Alcoyano in the Spanish Cup round of 32. Despite taking the lead through Éder Militão's first goal for the club, they conceded with ten minutes remaining of normal time and eventually lost in extra time to a goal in the 115th minute from Juanan.

### **WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2004**

Four Galácticos were involved in a 3-0 home win over Valencia in the Spanish Cup. Raúl, Ronaldo and Luís Figo all scored, while David Beckham was sent off for two bookable offences. It was one of five red cards for the Englishman in his time at the club, and one of two dismissals that season.

**SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 1961**

Ferenc Puskás scored five goals in an 8-0 home La Liga win over Elche. This equals the most goals scored by a Real player in a league match, matched most recently by Fernando Morientes at home to Las Palmas in 2002 and Cristiano Ronaldo twice in 2015, at home to Granada and at Espanyol.

**THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 1913**

Real played their first match outside Spain, drawing 1-1 with Internacional Lisbon in the Portuguese capital. Internacional were the first non-Spanish team the club played back in 1905. Baro scored their goal. It was the opening match of three they played in Lisbon over three days, beating Sporting 4-3 and losing 7-0 to Benfica.

**THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 1958**

Los Blancos beat fellow Spanish team Sevilla 8-0 at home in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final. Alfredo Di Stéfano scored four of the goals, thereby becoming the first player to score four in a European game, while Raymond Kopa bagged a brace. Di Stéfano would go on to score five hat-tricks in continental competition – only Cristiano Ronaldo (seven) has scored more for the club. Real's Ramón Marsal and Sevilla's Marcelino Campanal were sent off after a spot of handbags.

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### **SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2000**

In a 0-0 draw at Numancia, Real had finally kept a clean sheet in the league that season. It had taken them until the 19th game of the campaign to eventually prevent their opponents from scoring in a league match. In fact if you go back to the previous season it was their first shut-out in 24 league games stretching back to a 2-0 home win over Espanyol in April 1999. It was also their first away clean sheet in the league in almost a year.

### **WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2013**

Los Blancos drew 1-1 at Valencia in the Spanish Cup quarter-final, second leg to win the tie 3-1 on aggregate. It was their third meeting with Valencia in the space of eight days. They'd won 5-0 at the Mestalla in La Liga three days previously. They managed to hold on despite having two men, Fábio Coentrão and Ángel Di María, dismissed in the second half.

### **THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2019**

Real Madrid displaced Manchester United as the world's richest football club after posting record revenues for the 2017/18 season. Bolstered by their third straight Champions League title the previous season, the club generated £658.34m in revenue. It was their 12th time at the top of the rankings and their first since 2014/15.

**WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 1984**

Robinho was born in Sao Vicente, Brazil. He scored 35 goals in 137 games for Real over a three-season spell. The Brazilian international won two La Liga titles during his time at the Bernabéu before a move to Manchester City. He scored 15 goals in all competitions in his final season, 2007/08.

**SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 1936**

Fernando Sañudo scored his sixth and final La Liga hat-trick for Madrid, in a 5-1 win over Real Betis. Six league hat-tricks stood as a club record until broken by Manuel Alday in 1943 when he scored eight. Cristiano Ronaldo subsequently scored 34.

**SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 1963**

Ferenc Puskás became the first Real player to score a hat-trick in an El Clásico against Barcelona at the Camp Nou, in a 5-1 La Liga win. At the time of writing he remains the only Real Madrid player to have recorded an El Clásico hat-trick away from home, and this result remains the club's biggest away win over their greatest rivals.

**TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 1948**

Englishman Michael Keeping was appointed manager. The former Southampton and Fulham full-back's tenure lasted two and a half years until October 1950. He went on to have spells as coach in Denmark, the Netherlands, France, North Africa and England (with Poole Town). He died in 1984 aged 81.

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### **SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 1940**

Los Blancos beat Barcelona 2-1 at home in La Liga. Real's Chus Alonso scored the fastest El Clásico goal at the time, timed at 43 seconds. Karim Benzema broke this record in 2011, scoring after 22 seconds

### **THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2021**

Real Madrid players Sergio Ramos, Marcelo, Luka Modrić and Toni Kroos were all named in the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS) 2011–20 Team of the Decade. The quartet lined up alongside Cristiano Ronaldo in a dream team in which Real were the best represented club.

### **THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 1920**

The club's name was changed to Real Madrid after King Alfonso XIII granted the title of Real (Royal) to the club thanks to the international success it was having. They were among the last clubs to receive the title with Alfonso first bestowing patronage on Real Sociedad in 1912 and Real Union in 1915. In 1931, following the establishment of the Second Spanish Republic and the dissolution of the monarchy, Real was dropped from the club's name and the crown was removed from their badge. Both were restored by Franco in 1943.

**WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2020**

Marcelo made his 500th Real appearance, in a 4-0 Spanish Cup win at Real Zaragoza. The Brazilian became the 11th Real player to achieve this feat. His 500 games had come over six competitions – 350 in La Liga, 97 in the Champions League, 32 in the Spanish Cup, eight in the Club World Cup, nine in the Spanish Super Cup and four in the UEFA Super Cup. He had been involved in 345 wins and scored 36 goals. Only two other foreign players have made over 500 appearances for the club – Karim Benzema, and another Brazilian, Roberto Carlos.

**TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 1951**

Miguel Muñoz equalled a club record by scoring five goals in a La Liga match, in a 7-0 home win over Lleida. Luis Molowny added the other two, meaning all the goals were scored by future coaches of the club.

**SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 1987**

Gary Lineker became the first Barcelona player to score a hat-trick against Real Madrid in just over 28 years in their 3-2 La Liga win at the Camp Nou. The Englishman put the Catalans 3-0 up before goals from Jorge Valdano and Hugo Sánchez threatened a comeback. The last Barça player to score three against Real had been Evaristo in October 1958.