

LA LIGA 2013-14

THE SEASON WHEN...


ATLÉTICO

STUNNED

Barcelona normally battle with Real Madrid for the title, but this time their challenge came from Madrid's other team!

WHY IT MATTERED

It was all change in Spain this season! For the first time in ten years the La Liga title was not won by either **Real Madrid** or **Barcelona**. Instead it was **Atlético Madrid** who triumphed. It was Atlético's tenth championship in total and their first one since 1996!



Diego Godín celebrates his famous goal!

THE STORY OF THE SEASON

The big three clubs all took turns as top dog. **Barcelona** began in a sensational way, beating **Levante** 7-0! They were 6-0 up by half-time, then had a rest for most of the second half.

Barça were top for the first 21 matches until losing 3-2 to **Valencia**. **Atlético** replaced them but dropped to third after being beaten 2-0 by **Almería**.

Like Barça, **Real Madrid** were scoring freely and got their chance to be leaders in February but were knocked off the top after a sensational 4-3


home defeat by Barcelona, with **Lionel Messi** getting a hat-trick!

Atlético led until the last day – when they played Barcelona in the **Nou Camp!** Barça needed to win and led 1-0 at half time. But in the 67th minute a header from defender **Diego Godín** gave Atlético the draw – and the title!

A week later, Godín gave Atlético the lead against Real in the **Champions League final** but Real equalised in injury time and went on to win 4-1! Real had already beaten Barcelona 2-1 in the **Spanish Cup final**.



Heartbreak for Lionel Messi



Diego Godín rises highest to head Atlético to the title

MADRID

PAIN

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Atlético Madrid (C)	38	28	6	4	77	26	+51	90
2 Barcelona	38	27	6	5	100	33	+67	87
3 Real Madrid	38	27	6	5	104	38	+66	87
4 Athletic Bilbao	38	20	10	8	66	39	+27	70
5 Sevilla	38	18	9	11	69	52	+17	63
6 Villarreal	38	17	8	13	60	44	+16	59
7 Real Sociedad	38	16	11	11	62	55	+7	59
8 Valencia	38	13	10	15	51	53	-2	49
9 Celta Vigo	38	14	7	17	49	54	-5	48
10 Levante	38	12	12	14	35	43	-8	45
11 Málaga	38	12	9	17	39	46	-7	45
12 Rayo Vallecano	38	12	4	21	46	80	-34	43
13 Getafe	38	13	9	18	35	54	-19	42
14 Espanyol	38	11	9	18	41	51	-10	42
15 Granada	38	11	9	18	32	56	-24	41
16 Elche	38	12	5	21	30	50	-20	40
17 Almería	38	9	13	16	43	71	-28	40
18 Osasuna (R)	38	11	7	20	32	62	-30	39
19 Valladolid (R)	38	10	9	19	38	60	-22	36
20 Betis (R)	38	7	15	16	36	78	-42	25



TOP FACT

Gareth Bale's home debut for Real on September 28, 2013 was memorable for the wrong reasons. Diego Costa scored the only goal as Atlético beat them for the first time in 14 years!



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The following season, league leaders **Barcelona** went to **Atlético's** ground for the last match. They needed to win to make sure of the championship. It was exactly one year since Atlético's draw at the Nou Camp! This time Barcelona won 1-0 to become **La Liga** winners, two points ahead of **Real Madrid**. Atlético were third, 16 points behind the champions.

Two weeks later Barcelona won the **Spanish Cup**, beating **Athletic Bilbao** 3-1 in the final.

They completed a treble with another 3-1 win over **Juventus** in the **Champions League** final.

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League Atlético Madrid

Spanish Cup Real Madrid

Top Scorer Cristiano Ronaldo, Real Madrid (31)

Player of the Year Cristiano Ronaldo, Real Madrid

Coach of the Year Diego Simeone, Atlético Madrid

DID YOU KNOW

The Spanish league awards a trophy to the goalkeeper who had conceded the fewest goals. This season it was won by Thibaut Courtois of Atlético Madrid!

