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Both of Real's two main rivals for the La Liga crown also have a game in hand and play Sunday.

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Real were overall the better side but still had to survive some nervous moments in the final as Valencia pressed hard for a draw and Madrid goalkeeper Iker Casillas had to work hard to deny his fellow Spanish internationals Aitor Del Horo and David Villa in the final minutes.

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