



Spain 2-0 France: Verified World Cup 2026 Semi-Final Report

Description

Spain beat France 2-0 in Arlington on Tuesday, 14 July 2026, to reach their second men's World Cup final. Mikel Oyarzabal converted a 22nd-minute penalty after Lamine Yamal drew a foul from Lucas Digne, and Pedro Porro added the second in the 58th minute after combining with Dani Olmo.

Corrected and rebuilt on 15 July 2026 from post-match reporting by AP and the Asian Football Confederation. The earlier version contained material errors about the day, penalty incident, goalkeeping, final venue and Singapore kickoff; the correction record below explains them.

Spain 2-0 France World Cup 2026: verified facts

Detail	Verified result
Round	FIFA World Cup 2026 semi-final
Date	Tuesday, 14 July 2026 in Texas; Wednesday morning in Singapore
Venue	Dallas Stadium, Arlington, Texas
Score	France 0-2 Spain
Scorers	Mikel Oyarzabal, penalty, 22 minutes; Pedro Porro, 58 minutes
Spain goalkeeper	Unai Simón
Final	Sunday, 19 July in East Rutherford, New Jersey; 3am SGT on Monday, 20 July
Opponent	Winner of Argentina v England; not known at this article's 15 July update

The [Associated Press match report](#) confirms the two incidents and records that Spain reached a second World Cup final. The [AFC's post-match report](#) independently confirms Oyarzabal's first-half penalty, Porro's 58th-minute goal and the New Jersey final.

How the goals happened

22 minutes: Yamal challenged Digne inside the penalty area after the France defender’s poor first touch. Digne caught Yamal while trying to clear, and Oyarzabal scored the penalty past Mike Maignan. The earlier LBRD report wrongly said Dani Olmo won the penalty.

58 minutes: Porro advanced, exchanged passes with Olmo and finished the move for 2-0. This matters tactically because the decisive second goal came from a right-back joining the attack, rather than the low cross from Nico Williams described in the previous version.

AP reported that Kylian Mbappé had three attempts but none on target. Spain goalkeeper Unai Simón therefore completed another clean sheet; Marc-André ter Stegen, named in the old article, was not Spain’s goalkeeper in this match.

What the result says about Spain

Spain’s defensive record is the clearest evidence. AP counted six shutouts in seven tournament matches, with only one goal conceded across the run to the final. France arrived with elite attacking names, yet Spain restricted central space and kept Mbappé’s three shots away from the target.

LBRD’s tactical reading is that Spain did not need a high-scoring performance to control the tie’s decisive moments. Yamal’s alert penalty-area challenge created the first goal; Porro’s timing supplied the second; the defensive unit then protected the advantage. This is analysis based on the verified timeline, not an attempt to manufacture possession or expected-goals statistics that the cited reports do not provide.

The win extended Spain’s regular-time unbeaten run to 37 matches, according to AP. It also set up a final against the winner of the second semi-final. Readers looking for that matchup can follow LBRD’s [Argentina v England guide](#); the opponent should be updated only after that match is official.

Four numbers that survive verification

Number	What it represents
2-0	The final score, not a forecast
22	Minute of Oyarzabal’s penalty
58	Minute of Porro’s goal
6 in 7	Spain clean sheets at this World Cup, as reported by AP

These numbers are kept because their meaning and source are clear. LBRD has removed unsourced claims about possession, a supposed Brazil quarter-final and a group-stage clean sweep that were not supported by the post-match records reviewed.

When is the World Cup final in Singapore?

The final is scheduled for **3am Singapore time on Monday, 20 July**. FIFA’s [official tournament schedule](#) places it in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on Sunday local time. Sport Singapore’s [live-screening schedule](#) independently lists the 3am SGT kickoff.

That replaces the old article’s incorrect claim that the final would be at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles at noon Singapore time. If attending a public screening, check registration, capacity and the venue’s own latest notice before leaving home. LBRD’s [Singapore stadium-events guide](#) carries the Kallang context; more match reporting is in the [Sports section](#).

What happens next for France?

France move to the third-place match in Miami Gardens on Saturday local time. Sport Singapore lists that playoff for **5am SGT on Sunday, 19 July**. Their opponent will be the loser of Argentina–England. The bronze match is a separate fixture, not a replay of this semi-final. As with the final, check the official bracket after the second semi-final rather than treating either team as confirmed early.

Material correction record

Earlier statement	Corrected position
Match played Monday, 14 July	Tuesday, 14 July 2026 in Texas
Dani Olmo won the penalty	Lamine Yamal drew the foul from Lucas Digne
Marc-André ter Stegen in Spain’s goal	Unai Simón was Spain’s goalkeeper
Porro scored from a Nico Williams cross	Porro combined with Dani Olmo before scoring
Final at SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles	Final in East Rutherford, New Jersey
Noon SGT on 20 July	3am SGT on 20 July

Bottom line: Oyarzabal’s 22nd-minute penalty and Porro’s 58th-minute finish took Spain through. The enduring reader decision is simple: the final is at 3am Singapore time on Monday, and Spain’s opponent remains unconfirmed until Argentina–England is complete.

Date Created
15/07/2026
Author
jadeyeo