



## Spain 4-0 Saudi Arabia: 2026 World Cup Result and Goals

### Description

Spain beat Saudi Arabia 4-0 in Group H at the 2026 FIFA World Cup on 21 June, with Lamine Yamal scoring in the 10th minute, Mikel Oyarzabal adding goals in the 21st and 24th, and Hassan Altambakti credited with a 49th-minute own goal. Oyarzabal was named Player of the Match.

*Last checked: 15 July 2026. This match record was rebuilt from FIFA’s official reports. LBRD was not at Atlanta Stadium and has no commercial interest in the result. It corrects two claims in the old version: Yamal was the eighth-youngest World Cup scorer, not merely ‘top ten’, and Spain were trying to secure the Round of 32—not the Round of 16—with their final group result.*

### Spain 4-0 Saudi Arabia at a glance

| Detail              | Verified record                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Competition         | 2026 FIFA World Cup, Group H                       |
| Date and venue      | 21 June 2026, Atlanta Stadium                      |
| Score               | Spain 4-0 Saudi Arabia                             |
| Scorers             | Yamal 10; Oyarzabal 21, 24; Altambakti own goal 49 |
| Player of the Match | Mikel Oyarzabal                                    |
| Attendance          | 68,239                                             |
| Spain coach         | Luis de la Fuente, on his 65th birthday            |

FIFA’s [official Spain-Saudi Arabia report](#) supplies the goal sequence, age record and match context. Where the earlier LBRD article used celebratory language, this rebuild gives readers the checkable record first.

### Goal timeline

| Minute | Score | What happened                                                                   |
|--------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10     | 1-0   | Oyarzabal drove down the left and crossed for Yamal to finish at the near post  |
| 21     | 2-0   | Aymeric Laporte's pass released Oyarzabal, who finished the move                |
| 24     | 3-0   | Dani Olmo supplied Oyarzabal for his second goal in three minutes               |
| 49     | 4-0   | Marc Cucurella's effort was saved and the rebound went in off Hassan Altambakti |

The match was largely settled by Spain's three-goal opening 24 minutes. That sequence matters more than a generic claim that Saudi Arabia faded: Spain created and converted repeated entries before the opponent had time to reset the contest.

## How Spain took control

Spain used Oyarzabal both as a scorer and a connector. His run and delivery produced the opener; he then attacked the spaces created by Spain's passing to score twice. Olmo and Laporte supplied the decisive passes for the brace. Oyarzabal also struck the crossbar before half-time with an outside-of-the-foot attempt, preventing what could have been a first-half hat-trick.

The evidence supports a simple tactical reading: Spain moved the ball quickly enough to create different routes to goal—wide combination for the first, central penetration for the next two and a set-piece second phase for the fourth. LBRD is not assigning possession percentages, expected goals or pressing counts because those figures are not present in the cited FIFA report.

## Yamal's age record, precisely stated

Yamal was 18 years and 343 days old. FIFA lists him as the **eighth-youngest scorer in men's World Cup history**. He was also Spain's second-youngest World Cup scorer, behind Gavi, who scored at 18 years and 110 days in 2022.

The old article made a broader Pelé comparison involving both a World Cup and continental championship. That formulation is removed because the official report provides a clearer, directly verifiable record. Precise ranking and age are more useful than adding a loosely defined "in history" claim.

## Oyarzabal's two-goal burst

Oyarzabal scored twice in three minutes and received the match award. The result moved him to 27 goals in 55 Spain appearances at that point, according to the federation's match account. Those numbers belong to the record immediately after this game; they should not be presented as a live career total after later fixtures.

His contribution was broader than the brace because he also assisted Yamal. In direct goal involvements, that means he helped create three of Spain's first three goals. It is a stronger evidence-based explanation for the award than simply describing the performance as "irresistible".

## Why the fourth goal is an own goal

Early descriptions can make rebound goals ambiguous. The official record credits Altambakti with an own goal in the 49th minute after Cucurella's volley was saved and the ball went in off the defender. This page follows the final official attribution rather than awarding Cucurella a goal based on the initial shot.

## What changed from the Cabo Verde draw?

Spain had opened Group H with a [0-0 draw against Cabo Verde](#). The Saudi Arabia result did not merely add three points: it gave Spain a four-goal margin and demonstrated that the chance-conversion problem from the opener did not persist into the second match.

Readers comparing personnel can use LBRD's [Spain squad guide](#). A squad preview is not evidence of match performance, but it provides the selection context for the rotations and options de la Fuente used.

## Did Spain qualify with this win?

Not by this result alone. FIFA reported that a point against Uruguay in the final group match would secure Spain's place in the **Round of 32**. The expanded 2026 tournament format makes that label important; calling it the Round of 16 skips an entire knockout round.

Spain subsequently beat Uruguay 1-0, and FIFA's [official Uruguay-Spain report](#) records that they topped Group H. That later result is included only to close the group-stage question; it does not alter the 4-0 match score or goal attribution.

## What the result meant in the wider tournament

The Saudi Arabia win became Spain's first victory of the tournament and the result that stabilised their group campaign after the goalless opener. By 15 July, Spain had progressed much further; LBRD's [Spain-France semi-final report](#) continues the verified tournament sequence.

That later progress should not be written backwards into this game. On 21 June, the evidence showed an emphatic group win, a young-scorer milestone and a final-match qualification task still ahead—not a guaranteed deep run.

## Corrections made in this rebuild

- Specified Yamal as the eighth-youngest men's World Cup scorer.
- Used Gavi, the younger Spain scorer identified by FIFA, as the direct national comparison.
- Changed the next-round wording from Round of 16 to Round of 32.
- Recorded the official attendance of 68,239 rather than "around 70,000".
- Removed two embedded RFEF images whose own captions prohibited reproduction.

- Labelled tactical interpretation and avoided unsupported event-data statistics.

## How to cite this match correctly

Use “Spain 4-0 Saudi Arabia, Group H, 21 June 2026” and keep the own-goal attribution. If discussing Yamal’s record, include his exact age and eighth-youngest rank rather than calling him the youngest. If discussing qualification, say the win positioned Spain to qualify with a point in their final group game; it did not itself complete the Round-of-32 task.

These distinctions prevent three common errors in rolling tournament coverage: converting a provisional table into a final one, updating a player’s post-match career total with numbers from later fixtures, and treating the scorer of the initial shot as the official scorer of a deflected own goal.

## Reporting note

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**Bottom line:** Yamal opened the scoring, Oyarzabal contributed two goals and an assist, and an Altambakti own goal completed a 4-0 Spain win. The durable value is the exact timeline and corrected tournament context—not hindsight or record-book exaggeration.

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