



## Spain World Cup 2026 Squad: Yamal, Rodri And Pedri Lead Euro Champions

### Description

The [Spain World Cup 2026 squad](#) has the feel of a team trying to stretch one golden tournament into another. Luis de la Fuente has named a 26-man group led by Lamine Yamal, Rodri and Pedri, with Spain arriving in North America as the reigning European champions and one of the sides every neutral will measure against the field.

There is also a genuinely sharp selection angle here: this Spain list has no Real Madrid player in the 26. That is not the whole story, but it is a striking detail for a national team that has so often drawn from Madrid's core. The bigger point is that De la Fuente has trusted the players who best suit his current model: press-resistant midfielders, adventurous full-backs and wingers who can turn sterile possession into shots.

FIFA notes that all World Cup squads remain provisional until the final submitted lists are confirmed on 2 June 2026, so injury replacements can still change the picture. As of this draft-completion check on 31 May 2026, this is the official 26-player Spain list being prepared for the tournament.

### The Full Spain Squad

- Goalkeepers: Unai Simon, David Raya, Joan Garcia.
- Defenders: Pedro Porro, Marcos Llorente, Aymeric Laporte, Pau Cubarsi, Marc Pubill, Eric Garcia, Marc Cucurella, Alejandro Grimaldo.
- Midfielders: Rodri, Martin Zubimendi, Pedri, Fabian Ruiz, Mikel Merino, Gavi, Alex Baena.
- Forwards: Mikel Oyarzabal, Lamine Yamal, Ferran Torres, Borja Iglesias, Dani Olmo, Victor Munoz, Nico Williams, Yeremy Pino.

### Why This Spain Team Feels Different

Spain's best sides have always wanted the ball, but this group has more vertical threat than the old stereotype suggests. Rodri and Zubimendi give De la Fuente control at the base of midfield. Pedri, Fabian Ruiz, Merino and Gavi can keep possession under pressure. Then Yamal and Nico Williams

give Spain the one-on-one edge that turns long passing spells into something more dangerous.



Rodri gives Spain its control point in midfield. Photo: [Rolandhino1 / CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons](#).

That matters in Group H, where Spain start against Cabo Verde at Atlanta Stadium on 15 June, return there to face Saudi Arabia on 21 June, then close the group against Uruguay at Estadio Guadalajara on 26 June. The Uruguay match is the one that should tell us most about Spain's tournament ceiling, because it will test whether this midfield can still dictate against a side that enjoys breaking rhythm.

## The Key Players

Yamal is the obvious headline name. He is still young, but Spain are no longer treating him like a prospect who might help. He is a first-choice attacking weapon who can carry the ball, draw two defenders and open space for Oyarzabal, Olmo or Williams at the far post.

Rodri is the control point. Spain can still play attractive football without him, but they look less certain when he is not there to organise the first pass, shut down counters and decide when the game needs to slow down. If Spain are to go deep, his fitness and sharpness matter as much as any forward's form.

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Pedri adds rhythm and press resistance to Spain's midfield. Photo: [Biso / CC BY 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons](#).

Pedri is the link between those two worlds. He receives in traffic, changes the angle of attacks and gives Spain an answer when opponents crowd the centre. He is not the loudest player in this squad, but he is one of the reasons Spain can turn a difficult game into a 20-pass squeeze.

## What Singapore Fans Should Watch

For late-night viewers in Singapore, Spain are worth watching because their games can flip quickly from patient to explosive. If Yamal and Williams are isolated against full-backs, Spain can win without needing a classic centre-forward to dominate. If teams deny those wide lanes, the burden shifts to Pedri, Rodri and the full-backs to create cleaner angles.

For the wider World Cup picture, keep Spain beside LBRD's guides to [Portugal's 2026 squad](#), [France's 2026 squad](#) and [England's 2026 squad](#). Those are the comparisons that make Spain's choices clearer: less pure star-hoarding, more system fit, and a midfield built to make opponents chase.

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