# Spain Secures Convincing 3-0 Victory Over Croatia in Euro 2024 Opener



Spain commenced their Euro 2024 campaign with a dominant 3-0 victory over Croatia in a Group B match held in Berlin. Spain’s key players Alvaro Morata, Fabian Ruiz, and Dani Carvajal scored all three goals in the first half. This win places Spain in a strong position in the so-called 'Group of Death,' which also features Italy and Albania.

Morata opened the scoring, capitalizing on a pass from Ruiz before Ruiz himself added a second goal shortly thereafter. Dani Carvajal secured the third goal just before halftime, converting a cross from Lamine Yamal, who became the youngest player to appear in a European Championship.

Croatia managed to earn a penalty late in the game; however, Bruno Petkovic's follow-up attempt after his initial shot was saved was disallowed by VAR due to encroachment by Ivan Perisic. Spain will face Italy next, while Croatia aims to recover against Albania.

In another highlight from the tournament, Albania scored the fastest goal in European Championship history, just 24 seconds into their match against Italy, though Italy fought back to lead.