



# Royal Spanish Football Federation

**Region:** Union of European Associations (UEFA)

**World Cup appearances:** 12 (1934, '50, '62, '66, '78, '82, '86, '90, '94, '98, 2002, '06)

**Best World Cup finish:** 4th (1950) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 2nd

**Continental titles:** European Championship (1964, 2008)

**Country's population:** 40,548,753 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$33,700 **Life expectancy:** 80.18

Formation: 4-4-2



World Cup Qualifying		
Opponent	GF	GA
Bosnia/Herzegovin	1	0
Armenia	4	0
@Estonia	3	0
@Belgium	2	1
Turkey	1	0
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Belgium	5	0
Estonia	3	0
@Armenia	2	1
@Bosnia/Herz.	5	2
	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>
Record: 10-0-0		

Group H	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Spain						
Honduras						
Chile						
Switzerland						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Iker Casillas	G	1	Real Madrid (Spain)	103	0
Victor Valdés	G	12	Barcelona (Spain)	0	0
Pepe Reina	G	23	Liverpool (England)	19	0
Name	Pos		Club (league)	Caps	G
Raúl Albiol	D	2	Real Madrid (Spain)	22	0
Gerard Piqué	D	3	Barcelona (Spain)	15	4
Carlos Marchena	D	4	Valencia (Spain)	57	2
Carles Puyol	D	5	Barcelona (Spain)	82	2
Joan Capdevilla	D	11	Villareal (Spain)	43	4
Sergio Ramos	D	15	Real Madrid (Spain)	58	5
Álvaro Arbelá	D	17	Real Madrid (Spain)	14	0
Andrés Iniesta	M	6	Barcelona (Spain)	41	6
Xavi Hernández	M	8	Barcelona (Spain)	85	8
Cesc Fàbregas	M	10	Arsenal (England)	48	5
Juan Mata	M	13	Valencia (Spain)	7	3
Xabi Alonso	M	14	Real Madrid (Spain)	67	9
Sergio Busquets	M	16	Barcelona (Spain)	12	0
Javi Martínez	M	20	Athletic Bilbao (Spain)	1	0
David Silva	M	21	Valencia (Spain)	34	6
Jesús Navas	M	22	Sevilla (Spain)	4	0
David Villa	F	7	Barcelona (Spain)	56	37
Fernando Torres	F	9	Liverpool (England)	72	23
Pedro Rodríguez	F	18	Barcelona (Spain)	1	0
Fernando Llorente	F	19	Athletic Bilbao (Spain)	6	3

## TEAM NOTES

### Top players:

**David Villa's** considered by many to be the best striker in the world. He has scored a record twelve goals for country in each of the last two years.

**Xavi Hernández** is the world's best central midfielder and will be the player responsible for maintaining the team's fast paced attack.

**Carles Puyol** and **Gerard Piqué** are amongst the game's best central defenders, and given the way Spain plays, the attacks they face are few but dangerous.

### Keys to success:

Spain have to figure out a way to stop Brazil. The match-up is unlikely to happen before their seventh match of the tournament, but given Spain's remarkable, consistent dominance of the last three years, it's the most likely hurdle. Brazil's strength and counter attack are good match-up against the Spaniards.

### Outlook:

Even with their advantages, Brazil will be hard-pressed to derail the Spaniards. However, Spain looks like a team that's breaking down, with long runs for their players in European Championships and Champions Leagues taking their toll - something they will have to overcome to win their first World Cup. Anything less than that will be a disappointment.