

Spain: going for the European title

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Havana, Jun 30 (RHC) - At the 2024 European Football Championship, the Spanish national team subdued Georgia 4-1, in a match that was just a rehearsal, a show of superiority, a proof that its players also know how to suffer and then overwhelm.

Under the command of Luis de la Fuente, the Spanish national team has the luxury of monopolizing the ball and laying siege to the opponent's goal insistently. They bombarded it without the slightest hint of mercy, although they are also overconfident and against a lively team like the Georgians it cost them a scare.

The Georgians, taking advantage of the opening left by the Spanish defense line and the skill of Kakabadze, who sent a poisonous cross that was waiting for Kvaratskhelia, but Le Normand hesitated to the point that he put the ball into his own goal. First goal suffered by the Spaniards and by friendly fire.

For a few minutes, the Iberians were in disarray, but with an eternity ahead of them, they found their nerve and space with the unbalanced play of their wingers Nico Williams and Lamine Yamal. The first one served a "deathly pass" that Rodrigo played with his left foot for the equalizer; the other one played a precise cross for Fabian Ruiz to head in and turn the scoreboard around.

Spain brought so much arsenal to Teutonic soil that their coach had the luxury of leaving Dani Olmo on the bench and bringing on Pedri in the starting eleven. And when the Leipzig player came on, his minutes paid off, as in the match in question when he put the last goal on the board.

Before that, Williams was rewarded after a purebred play, in which he showed speed, dribbling, definition and talent in abundance.

Nothing to complain about the Georgians, least of all their goalkeeper Mamardashvili, who saved as many as he could out of the 35 shots fired by the Spanish attack.

The result was the result of superiority, which gives them the confidence to face Germany in the quarterfinals, knowing that to win you do not choose your opponents.

Gareth Southgate's England, who came within 30 seconds of losing their place at the helm of the Three Lions and crashing out in the Round of 16 to a Slovakia side that deserved better than to lose 1-2, showed less.

The Falcons played better from the first minute, and the English just watched helplessly the tactical deployment of the opponent, with time to put strong legs and get full of yellow cards very soon.

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