

Men`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVII Olympic Games, Madrid

Game 5 - ESP v JPN

02 March 2004

Start Time: 16:00

6 ESP

Pol Amat (FG)	21:23
Alex Fabregas (FG)	24:36
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Miquel Codina (FG)	56:32
Xavier Ribas (PC)	64:25
Pol Amat (FG)	66:27

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Ryuji Furusato (FG)	32:16
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Full Time - ESP 6 JPN 1

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Time	Commentary
70:00	Full time: A convincing display by ESP as expected although they were aided by some loose JPN defence in the second half. PC count: ESP 2 JPN 1.
69:28	ESP almost make it 7-1 with a flurry of shots 1 min before the final siren.
66:27	Goal Amat scores his hat-trick with a simple tap-in to take the game well out of JPN reach at 6-1.
64:25	Goal Ribas flick goes high into the net.
63:41	ESP earn their second corner for the game (first for the half) from a JPN foot.
62:40	Asai misses an open goal for JPN after some great penetration down the right. Asai`s shot sails over the crossbar with an open net before him.
56:32	Goal Codina finishes some tough dribbling by ESP forwards with a simple tap-in to push the score to 4-1.
54:09	Iwadata almost scores for JPN as hit hard shot hits the crossbar. JPN in deep attack for the first time this half.
46:22	The game still very much in ESP hands at present with all the attack and leading by 2 goals. All 11 JPN players in defence for long periods.
40:16	The second half has commenced much the same as the end of the first half, with JPN under pressure from the ESP forwards.
34:59	Half time: A good start for ESP who had to shake off some nerves in the first 20 mins before starting to dominate the game for the final 15 mins of the half. PC count: ESP 1 JPN 1.
33:36	Goal Heartbreak for JPN as Amat scores his second goal straight after the restart.
32:16	Goal Great individual goal from the fast Furusato who picked up the ball on the attacking 25 and used his speed to run past the ESP defense and score.
30:26	ESP strikers` close in skills in attack are causing problems for JPN. JPN not able to move out of defense easily due to the relentless ESP pressure.
28:09	JPN almost score after 2 shots at goal are just missed after a great run by Furusato from the half line.
24:36	Goal A Fabregas scores ESP second goal with a right side shot after some strong possession by Codina around the circle.
21:23	Goal Amat scores for ESP with a sliding tap-in on the right post after a cross from left wing. JPN defenders unhappy, claiming the ball came off Amat`s arm, and not his stick.
20:00	Some great skills from ESP striker Tubau almost sees the ball into the net. Good sliding save from JPN GK Nobui keeps the game at 0-0.
17:41	ESP has wrestled the game back in the last 3 mins and have JPN on the back foot with a tough midfield press. JPN cannot clear into attack.

- 14:46** Herrera (ESP GK) makes a diving save from the JPN flick and the ball almost rolls into the net. ESP lucky not to be 1-0 down.
- 13:38** JPN earn their first corner for the match.
- 13:11** JPN starting to pressure ESP deep in attack. A very fast paced game with both teams evenly matched.
- 07:18** Ribas` low flick goes wide. JPN regain possession.
- 06:49** First corner to ESP from a JPN foot. JPN unhappy with the decision.
- 06:16** JPN has now pressed ahead and the game has shifted to a more even keel. ESP look very dangerous on the countrattack.
- 02:28** ESP deep in attack for the opening 3 mins of the game. JPN yet to cross their half line.
- 00:52** Warmer conditions in cloudless skies as these two teams start the game. ESP favourites to win in front of the largest crowd of the day of approx 800.