

LAMINE YAMAL

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 · PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

■ SPAIN · FC BARCELONA · #19 · RIGHT WINGER




■ INJURY UPDATE (May 18) — Hamstring tear (Apr 22 vs Celta Vigo). **CONFIRMED: Will miss Spain's opener vs Cape Verde (June 15). Major doubt for Game 2. Earliest possible return: June 26 vs Uruguay (Game 3).** In squad. No surgery. On moderate training plan.

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Spain are back with a new generation hungry for glory. This Nektr deep-dive covers the three La Roja stars — including Yamal — set to dominate on North American soil this summer. Essential reading for \$BRACKETS fantasy managers before lock-in.

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① SHORT BIO

Full name: Lamine Yamal Nasraoui Ebana | **Born:** July 13, 2007 — Mataró / Esplugues de Llobregat, Spain | **Age at WC 2026:** 18 | **Height:** 1.80 m | **Foot:** Left

Lamine Yamal joined FC Barcelona's famed La Masia academy at age 7. He made his senior debut in April 2023 at just 15 years, 9 months — the youngest player ever to appear for Barça's first team. Under coach Hansi Flick he exploded into a global superstar, collecting La Liga, Copa del Rey, and Supercopa titles alongside Spain's UEFA Euro 2024 crown, where he was named Best Young Player of the Tournament. By the end of 2025 his jersey sales *outpaced Lionel Messi's* (~1.3 M vs 1.2 M units), and he finished second in the 2024 Ballon d'Or vote — remarkable for a player still in his teens. He holds Spanish nationality and has firmly committed to representing Spain over Morocco.

■ [FC Barcelona Official Player Page](#)

② PROFESSIONAL STATS

18 Goals · 2024-25	25 Assists · 2024-25	55 Apps · 2024-25	157 Career Apps (Barça)
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Competition	Season	Apps	Goals	Assists	Rating
La Liga	2025-26	28	16	11	8.33
Champions League	2025-26	10	6	4	—
La Liga	2024-25	35	9	13 (15 Opta)	—
All Competitions	2024-25	55	18	25	—
La Liga	2023-24	31	6	7	—
Spain (Intl)	Career	30+	10+	10+	—

[Full career stats — FBref.com](#)
[Live stats & ratings — FotMob](#)
[Transfermarkt](#)

③ SOCIAL MEDIA & OFFICIAL LINKS

■ Instagram	@lamineyamal	Primary platform — training updates, match celebrations, lifestyle
■ X (Twitter)	@LamineYamal19	Match reactions, official announcements
■ YouTube	FC Barcelona Channel	Yamal highlights & Barça behind-the-scenes content
■ Official Club Page	fcbarcelona.com	Official stats, bios and news from the club
■ FIFA Profile	FIFA Official	World Cup 2026 squad & tournament hub

④ TOP 3 TRENDING STORIES

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CONFIRMED: Misses Opener — Earliest Return June 26 vs Uruguay

As of May 18, Yamal is **confirmed absent for Spain's Group F opener vs Cape Verde (June 15)** and is a major doubt for Game 2. beIN Sports reports the coaching staff's priority is now avoiding any setback rather than rushing him back — the physical demands of the tournament make caution essential. The **current projection points to a possible return in Spain's final group game vs Uruguay on June 26**, if his recovery continues positively. His place in the 26-man squad is not at risk.

■ Sources: [beIN Sports](#) · [Fox Sports](#)

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No Surgery — On Track to Outperform 6-8 Week Timeline

Barcelona confirmed Yamal will not require surgery and is under a **'moderate training plan'**. ESPN reports he is on track to **significantly outperform** the initial six-to-eight week recovery projection. Flick said: *"I think he's very focused now... It was his first muscle injury."* Spain's federation is monitoring every step and considers him a key player who could be decisive in the knockout rounds — where a fit Yamal changes everything.

■ Sources: [ESPN](#) · [Sports Illustrated](#)

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Record-Breaking 2024-25 Season — 18G / 25A

Before the injury, Yamal put together one of the most dominant attacking seasons in La Liga history for a teenager: 18 goals and 25 assists across all competitions (55 apps) under Hansi Flick. His 13+ La Liga assists set a new under-20 record in the 21st century — a mark Lionel Messi never reached at the same age. Barcelona sealed the league title with 88 points, four clear of Real Madrid.

■ Sources: [FC Barcelona Official](#) · [StatMuse Season Stats](#)

⑤ STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

■ STRENGTHS	■■ AREAS TO WATCH
<p>✓ ■ Elite Dribbling</p> <p>Consistently beats defenders 1-v-1 with pace, feints and sharp changes of direction. Among Europe's top dribblers per 90 mins.</p>	<p>✗ ■ Injury Vulnerability</p> <p>First significant muscle injury (hamstring, Apr 2025) at senior level raises questions about physical durability under heavy workload.</p>
<p>✓ ■ Chance Creation</p> <p>25 assists in 2024-25 — top assist provider in La Liga U-20 in the 21st century. Sets a new bar for creative output at his age.</p>	<p>✗ ■ Physicality</p> <p>At 72 kg / 1.80 m, physical defenders and high-press teams can sometimes limit his impact when he cannot find space.</p>
<p>✓ ■ Big-Match Performer</p> <p>Shines in high-stakes matches — Champions League, El Clásico, Euro 2024 semifinal vs France (stunning equaliser at 16).</p>	<p>✗ ■ Tournament Experience</p> <p>The 2026 World Cup will be his first senior World Cup; high-pressure knockout football at this scale remains an unknown.</p>
<p>✓ ■ Versatility</p> <p>Effective as a right winger, attacking midfielder, or second striker; reads the game like a veteran despite his age.</p>	<p>✗ ■ Decision-Making</p> <p>Can occasionally over-dribble when a first-time pass would be more effective — a minor but noticeable tendency.</p>