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Germany boots England out of World Cup, 4-1

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa---As if there was any doubt about the matter, Germany made it known that they are a team to be reckoned with in the World Cup, thrashing England 4-1 Sunday at Free State Stadium.

Germany started the blitzkrieg in the 20th minute on a goal by Miroslav Klose. Goalkeeper Martin Neuer kicked the ball all the way up field. It took two bounces before landing at the top of the penalty arc. Klose settled it and slotted it under England goalkeeper David James. The goal ties Klose for fourth on the all time World Cup goalscoring list with Pele, at 12.

Twelve minutes later, Lucas Podolski made it 2-0. Klose fed the ball to Thomas Mueller on the right side. Mueller crossed the ball at the top of the penalty area to Podolski, who put his shot under James.

England pulled one back in the 38th minute, when Steven Gerrard served a free kick from the edge of the penalty area. Matt Upson, the defender victimized by Klose on Germany's first scoring play, rose above the crowd in the area and sent a header into the net.

The English appeared to have tied the game a minute later, when Frank Lampard sent a shot off the underside of the bar and bouncing a yard into the goal, but the official, who was trailing the play, said the ball did not cross the line. Lampard tried a long free kick in the 52nd minute that also rattled off the bar.

The Germans took advantage of England's pressing for an equalizer, putting the game away on two quick counterattacks in the second half.

In the 67th minute, Germany got a three-on-two breakaway after an England free kick rebounded off the wall near the German penalty area,. Mueller broke in and sent the ball to Bastien Schweinsteiger on the left. Schweinsteiger sent the ball back to Mueller at the top of the box. Mueller took two steps inside the box and put the ball inside the right post off the elbow of James.

Three minutes later, Mesut Oezil broke down the left flank from inside Germany's half of the field. He ran all the way into the penalty area. His cross into the box nutmegged England's Ashley Cole before Mueller finished it off from eight yards.

Germany advances to the round of for the 16th time in its history, including in every World Cup

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