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When most fans think of a blowout, they picture a local derby where one side simply outplays the other. But in the world of international football, one match stands out as the most lopsided ever recorded: Australia's 31-0 victory over American Samoa in 2006. This staggering scoreline not only shattered records but also sparked debate about competitiveness, development, and the spirit of the beautiful game.

How the Record Came About

The match took place on 11 June 2006 as part of the 2007 FIFA

World Cup qualification campaign for the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC). Australia, a dominant force in the region, faced American Samoa, a nation with limited football infrastructure and a squad composed largely of amateur players. The game was played at the National Football Stadium in Apia, Samoa.

From the first whistle, the gap was evident. Australia's forwards, including Tim Cahill and Mark Viduka, found the net repeatedly, while the Samoan defense