Russia Routs Italy 10:0 at Ice Hockey World Championship

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The Russian "Red Machine" beat Italy 10-0 on Wednesday in the group stages of the the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Championship.

The 10-goal margin was the best-ever result for the Russian team since independence.

"Of course, a win like this lifts our confidence," Russian star Alexander Ovechkin was cited as saying after the game.

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Овечкину стало жалко хоккеистов сборной Италии, которых россияне разгромили со счетом 10:0. Эта победа стала самой крупной в истории нашей сборной: «Они пытались противостоять, но уровень мастерства виден сразу» pic.twitter.com/oSDOQNb96x

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"But mostly I felt a bit sorry for the Italians tonight. They battled hard, they are good guys, but the different skill levels were immediately apparent."

The victory was Russia's fourth in a row in the group stage of the tournament hosted by Slovakia between May 10 and May 26, after wins over the Czech Republic, Norway and Austria.

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