

## U-22 Audle Wins Thailand First

Hwang Sun-hong 55 without coach Hwang Sun-hong delivered the victory against Thailand.

The Korean Olympic team defeated Thailand 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the "WAF WaFF U-23 Championship" held at Prince Abdullah bin Zalawi Stadium in Almubaraj, Saudi Arabia, on the 21st. Korea, which reached the quarterfinals, will play against Saudi Arabia, which beat Jordan, on the 23rd.

In the face of Thailand, which has the upper hand in objective power, Korea increased ball possession from the beginning and quickly pressured the team to lead the game. Cho Hyuntaek scored the first goal and the final goal in extra time in the first half, although he felt frustrated due to lack of detail in the attack. After a two-on-one pass with Kang Hyun-mook, Cho dug into the penalty box and faced the goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation. Cho quickly pushed with his left foot to shake the net.

South Korea changed its offense in the second half by putting in Bae Joon-ho, Um Ji-sung, and Hong Si-hoo, but failed to score any more and won the game by one goal. Hwang Sun-hong, the coach of the Olympic team, took the helm of the two consecutive A matches in March, with senior coach Myung Jae-yong leading the event. Yang Hyun-joon Celtic, Bae Joon-ho Stock City, and Kim Ji-soo Brentford, who are active in Europe, have been summoned to watch.

After completing the championship, Korea will participate in the Asian Football Confederation U-23 Asian Cup, which will also serve as an Asian regional qualifier for the 2024 Paris Olympics in Qatar in April. After being convened in Korea on April 2, Korea will leave for Dubai, the United Arab Emirates UAE, on April 5. The team will then enter Doha, Qatar, where it will compete on April 10. Korea will have its group matches with Japan, China and the UAE. 

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