



'Iron Wall' Kim Min-jae "Sorry for not being able to bring results".

Instead of the head coach of the Korean national soccer team, Jurgen Klinsmann, Kim Min-jae (Bayern Munich), who had to sit quietly and watch the Asian Cup semi-final defeat, bowed his head instead.

Kim Min-jae said on his SNS on the 9th, "I am sorry and grateful to the players and coaches who worked hard together during the long competition, as well as the fans who supported us. We did not get the results everyone wanted. We could not achieve as good a performance as the fans supported us." "I'm sorry for not being able to show you," he said.

Previously, there was an apology from national team captain Son Heung-min to the fans. Son Heung-min said on social media on the 8th, "I was late in saying thank you because I was focusing only on the game during the Asian Cup, which many people were looking forward to."

He then expressed his gratitude and apology at the same time, saying, "I was inadequate as a captain and did not lead the team well. I was very proud to be a Korean soccer player because you gave me a lot of love and support even in this situation. I am grateful and sorry."

Korea lost 0-2 to Jordan in the semifinals of the 2023 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Qatar Asian Cup held on the 7th. As a result, the Asian Cup victory, which had been attempted for the first time in 64 years, was once again postponed to the next opportunity.

Ahead of this tournament, Korea was considered a strong candidate for the championship, with an evaluation of having a 'best-ever team of players.' A large number of players who have continued to play for big clubs representing European soccer, including Son Heung-min, Kim Min-jae, Hwang Hee-chan (Wolverhampton), and Lee Kang-in (Paris Saint-Germain), are expected to win the Asian Cup.

However, Korea tied 3-3 with Malaysia, which was considered far below its strength in the group stage, and continued its frustrating performance in the tournament, advancing to the semifinals, but ended the tournament with a complete loss to Jordan in the semifinals.

With the national team returning home on the 8th, the players quietly left the airport with their

heads down, while Coach Klinsmann once again upset the fans by expressing an opinion contrary to public opinion with a bright expression despite the pouring criticism.

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