

Klinsmann seeks to select a Korean-German midfielder in March

Former South Korean national soccer team coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who was replaced on the 16th, seems to have pushed for the selection of a Korean-German midfielder for the Amatch day in March.

"The Korea Football Association contacted midfielder Jens Kastrov (21) of FC Nuremberg (Germany's second division)," Florian Flettenberg of Sky Sports said on his social networking service on the 24th (Korea time). "Coach Klinsmann wanted to select him during the A-match in March. Goalkeeper coach Andreas Köfke has already contacted Kastrov." 토토사이트넷

Born in 2003, Kastrov is a dual national born to a Korean mother and a German father, and currently plays as a midfielder for Nuremberg in the second division of the German Bundesliga.

He played for Dusseldorf Youth and Cologne in the past, and played well in Nuremberg, who left on loan in the 2022-23 season, and transferred completely in June 2023.

He has played for Germany's age-specific national team since 2018, and has scored two goals and one assist in 17 matches in Germany's Bundesliga 2 in the 2023-24 season.

"I'm from Germany, but my mother is Korean, so I have a strong relationship," Kastrov said in an interview in 2022. "I have not only the German flag but also the national flag."

Meanwhile, it is unclear whether Kastrov, a Korean-born player, will join the national team.

The Korea Football Association has recently replaced Klinsmann and is looking for a new head coach due to poor performance at the 2023 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Qatar Asian Cup, because it is unclear whether new coaches, coaches, and power reinforcement committees will want castroff.