



# Son Heung-min and Hwang Hee-chan's first EPL showdown since 'Asian Cup Nightmare'

Lee Kang-in's PSG clash with Nantes, "Clineman's internal strife is centered."

Son Heung-min Tottenham and Hwang Hee-chan Wolverhampton, the core of the national team's attack, will face off this weekend amid chaotic conditions, including physical clashes within the national soccer team during the Asian Cup, which recently ended.

Tottenham, where Son Heung-min plays, will play a home game against Hwang Hee-chan's team Wolverhampton in the 25th round of the 2023-2024 English Premier League EPL at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, England at midnight on the 18th.

If both players play, it will be the second league showdown this season.

The two were silent in the 12th round, the first clash of the season, without scoring an offensive point even after playing full time side by side, but Hwang Hee-chan laughed as Wolverhampton, who scored two goals in the second half alone, beat Tottenham 2-1.

Those who returned to their teams immediately after being eliminated after losing 0-2 to Jordan in the semifinals of the 2023 Asian Football Confederation AFC Asian Cup are looking to restart their scoring.

In this season's EPL, Son Heung-min ranked fourth with 12 goals six assists and Hwang Hee-chan ranked seventh with 10 goals three assists.

Son has been leading Tottenham's rise this season, scoring two goals and two assists in four consecutive league games.

"Captain" Son Heung-min, who played against Brighton and Hove Albion in the 24th round as soon as he returned to Tottenham, assisted Brennan Johnson's winning goal just before the end of the game, marking his sixth help of the season.

Tottenham 47 points, which has been unbeaten in the past five consecutive games 3 wins and 2 draws, is five points behind Arsenal in third place and is trailing Aston Villa in fifth place by one point.

Hwang Hee-chan was excluded from the list in the match against Brentford in the 24th round, and rested. Defender Kim Ji-soo Brentford was also absent from the list, and their showdown was canceled.

Wolverhampton 32 points, ranked 11th amid fierce competition in the mid-range, has slowed down with only one win, one draw, and two losses in the last four games after Hwang Hee-chan was absent.

Hwang Hee-chan, the No. 1 scorer in the team, urgently needs to make a comeback.

The showdown between Son Heung-min and Hwang Hee-chan draws more attention as the teamwork, which has recently been shattered by physical clashes and grouping within the Korean national team, is known to the public.

Lee Kang-in Paris Saint-Germain, who was playing table tennis loudly at dinner on the eve of the 2023 Asian Cup semifinal against Jordan, swung his fist at Son Heung-min, who was restraining him, and it was reported on the 14th that Son Heung-min injured his finger while his teammates separated the two players.

During the training for the national team during the Asian Cup, senior players such as Son Heung-min, main group such as Hwang Hee-chan born in 1996, and young players such as Lee Kang-in were seen exchanging balls only among themselves.

In the end, the Korea Football Association's National Team Strengthening Committee agreed at a meeting on the 15th that coach Jurgen Klinsmann should be replaced.

Lee Kang-in's team Paris Saint-Germain, which is at the center of the internal strife, will play against Nantes in the 22nd round of the French professional football league at 5 a.m. on the 18th.

Lee Kang-in missed the first leg of the 2023-2024 UEFA Champions League UCL round of 16 against Real Sociedad Spain on the 15th because he was infected with the virus.

In addition, Lee Jae-sung's team Mainz and Jung Woo-young's team Stuttgart, who play in the German Bundesliga, will hunt for victory against Augsburg and Darmstadt at 11:30 p.m. on the 17th, respectively. [토토사이트](#)