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TECHNICAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE **AFC PRESIDENT**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Technical Report for the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup™ Thailand 2023, which will be remembered for producing some captivating performances and breathtaking goals over the 32 matches at the Jomtien Beach Arena in Pattaya.

My heartfelt congratulations again to the Islamic Republic of Iran on clinching a record-equaling third title in an enthralling campaign that saw them score an impressive 54 goals – the key moments of which are captured impeccably in this report.

We must also praise Japan on reaching the final and both the Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran and the Japan Football Association deserve our praise for the manner in which they have developed the game across all levels.

I must also place on record the gratitude of the Asian football family to the Football Association of Thailand and the Local Organising Committee for their exceptional capabilities in staging a second successive edition of Asia's pinnacle beach soccer stage.

Looking ahead, the focus of world football will remain in Asia when the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup is hosted in the United Arab Emirates, and we wish the hosts, our two finalists and Oman the very best of success in November.

Asia has a proud tradition at the global showpiece with Japan's runners-up finish in Russia in 2021 and IR Iran's third-place showing in the Bahamas in 2017, epitomising the AFC's ambitions through its Vision and Mission, to ensure the success of our teams and players on the world stage.

Beach soccer is a uniquely appealing sport and has enjoyed rapid growth in recent years and credit must go to the AFC Member Associations who have committed their resources and energy to fuel its development.

And the encouraging performance of hosts Thailand, who surpassed their previous achievements when they qualified for the Quarter-finals for the first time, is yet another clear sign of the sport's remarkable progress in recent years.

These trends and the latest technical developments are aptly encapsulated in this Report, and I thank the Technical Study Group for their expert analysis and insightful findings, which I am confident will add to the growth trajectory of beach soccer across the Continent.

We must also thank the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee, the AFC Technical Committee, the AFC Competitions Committee, and the AFC Referees Committee for their invaluable contributions to the development of the game.

I am confident that our coaches and Technical specialists will enjoy this intuitive report and the AFC looks forward to strengthening our partnership with all our stakeholders as we strive to raise the standards of Asian beach soccer in the coming years.



Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
AFC President





MATCH REPORTS

DAY 1

IR IRAN 14 MALAYSIA 5

A dominant Islamic Republic of Iran played a high formation of 1:2:2 with their goalkeeper as playmaker. Their strategy was clear, with passes from the goalkeeper between the Malaysian team's zonal marking lines posing challenges to their opponents.

The Iranians are also known for their technical skills, playing one or two touches, and clear man-to-man marking in defence. Malaysia tried to play a 2:2 formation in defence to play on the counterattack, giving long balls from the goalkeeper to the front. They also gave space to their opponents by using zonal marking in defence.



BAHRAIN 4 AFGHANISTAN 2

Bahrain played offensively in a 1:2:1:1 formation and at times transitioned to 1:3:1, playing balls to the pivot in attack. Similarly, Afghanistan deployed an offensive 1:2:2 formation involving many key players.



UAE 4 UZBEKISTAN 0

One of the powerhouses of Asian beach soccer, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) played a 1:2:2 formation with numerous passes from the goalkeeper, who advanced within four seconds to the midfield danger zone to shoot and pass.

UAE's direct passes, playing one or a maximum of two to the danger zone, along with set pieces played a key role in the team's victory. They played a 1:2:2 formation with long balls by the goalkeeper in the offensive 9-metre area. Uzbekistan, meanwhile, found themselves frequently in trouble in 3 v 4 situations.



THAILAND 2 SAUDI ARABIA 3

Saudi Arabia tried to win their 1 v 1 situations from the wings and shot from distance to goal. In defence, they used clear 1 v 1 marking.

Thailand played an offensive 1:2:2 formation with the goalkeeper as playmaker. In defence, their zonal marking opened the way for the Saudis to attack.



DAY 2



LEBANON 1 CHINA PR 4

Lebanon played a 1:2:2 formation in offence and defended with tight 1 v 1 marking while China PR tried a 1:2:2 formation with long balls from the goalkeeper to both their strikers.

Another strategy by China PR in offence was using the 1:3:1 formation, which succeeded with passes to the strong pivot in front. Lebanon had fast transitions, delaying the game in defence.

PALESTINE 0 KUWAIT 5

The Kuwaitis relied on skillful players who had a good understanding of the game and their 1:3:1 formation allowed runs to open space.

Kuwait goalkeeper Omar Alfailakawi was the key player, making numerous long and short passes and shots at goal. In defence, they played man-to-man marking. Palestine played a 1:2:2 formation to tighten their defence and 1:1:3 to attack.



JAPAN 7 INDONESIA 0

The Japanese team played an interesting 1:2:2 formation, with their first-choice goalkeeper passing to the wings and then to the striker, and with a 1:3:1 formation with their second-choice goalkeeper passing long balls to the pivot.

They also had set pieces (throw-ins and corner kicks) that were very effective. Indonesia played a 1:2:2 formation in offence with long balls but a lack of accuracy in passing prevented them from scoring.



OMAN 7 KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 0

Oman started with a 2:2 formation, with their captain acting as the key player in passing the ball upfront in a 1:2:2 formation. Both teams played man-to-man marking in defence throughout the match.

DAY 3

UZBEKISTAN 2 IR IRAN 11

Uzbekistan rotated their defenders to establish man-to-man marking in defence. IR Iran again played with a 1:2:2 formation with their goalkeeper juggling the ball without the Uzbeks pressuring the midline.

Uzbekistan were unable to find the right solutions to launch their counterattacks, deploying too many long balls to the less dangerous side in the offensive half.

IR Iran showed their skills in numerous situations, passing in combination play with less than two touches per player and posing a threat with bicycle kicks from the centre penalty area. They also had clear set-piece strategies with studied pathways of involved players.



SAUDI ARABIA 3 BAHRAIN 4

Set pieces made the difference in this match. Bahrain had better opportunities by having more shots on target and scoring with still balls.

Saudi Arabia played a 1:3:1 formation in offence and Bahrain 1:2:2, with the Saudis creating chances by winning 1 v 1 situations from the wings. Bahrain led their attack with long balls from the goalkeeper and quick transitions from defence to attack.

MALAYSIA 3 UAE 5

UAE again started strong with their goalkeeper playing a key role in their 1:2:2 formation, passing to the wings for their attackers to finish.

Malaysia changed from 2:1:1 in defence to a 3:1 formation in attack, with their goalkeeper sending long balls to the wings in the last minute to score goals.

AFGHANISTAN 4 THAILAND 5

Thailand won with the support of their active goalkeeper as well as good distribution, solo efforts, and marking from a long distance.

The Thais also defended well with tight man-to-man marking, leaving the Afghans with little space to score. Afghanistan counterattacked with a 1:2:2 formation using long balls.



DAY 4

INDONESIA 0 LEBANON 12

Lebanon played a classic 1:3:1 formation, passing long balls to the pivot, creating chances for their attacker from the back and threatening with their shots.

Indonesia played a 1:2:2 formation but long balls from their goalkeeper proved ineffective in challenging their opponents and unlocking the spaces to launch their attacks.

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 2 PALESTINE 3

Both teams played 1:2:2 formations but neither used their goalkeeper as the playmaker. This resulted in long balls from both keepers which failed to create goalscoring opportunities.



CHINA PR 1 JAPAN 6

China PR started well in the match by using a disciplined 1 v 1 marking approach while Japan played a 1:2:2 formation.

Interestingly, Japan switched to a 1:3:1 formation with their second goalkeeper and found opportunities to score via long balls from the keeper and defenders to their pivot, supporting the strikers with two wing players. Both teams had clear set-piece strategies.



KUWAIT 1 OMAN 5

Oman used a 1:2:2 formation, with their playmaker Khalid Aloraimi finding solutions by winning 1 v 1 situations when taking on opponents. The Omanis also possessed great quality in their combination plays.

DAY 5

MALAYSIA 2 UZBEKISTAN 6

Accurate long-ball distribution from Uzbekistan's goalkeeper to the centre gave their team the advantage of carving out opportunities in attack.

The Uzbeks played man-to-man marking, making it difficult for the Malaysians to score as their shots were often blocked from a 20-metre distance. Malaysia played a 1:2:2 formation without using their goalkeeper as a playmaker, which proved ineffective.



AFGHANISTAN 4 SAUDI ARABIA 4 (2-4 PSO)

Afghanistan made up for their lack of exposure in the sport by showcasing commendable fighting spirit and creating opportunities with their individual skills.

The team also made fast transitions from defence to offence and launched numerous counterattacks. Saudi Arabia's goalkeeper was very much involved in their game, and their players showed good individual skills while taking shots after winning 1 v 1 encounters. The Saudi team also had effective strategies for set pieces.



UAE 2 IR IRAN 7

Both teams displayed high tactical and technical quality. IR Iran played a 1:2:2 formation; and gained advantage by using their skillful goalkeeper to juggle the ball within four seconds to the midline to take shots and send direct passes to the wing.

Both teams could switch rapidly from defence to attack. UAE tried to use their goalkeeper to pass the ball to the wings and centre, but IR Iran's man-to-man marking made it difficult for them to score.

THAILAND 2 BAHRAIN 0

Thailand started strong with good possessional play, which allowed them to control the game. In a 1:2:2 formation, their goalkeeper was instrumental in distributing good passes to the pivot and wings to facilitate combination play.

Bahrain was effective with their 1:1:2:1 formation, which saw their goalkeeper distributing the ball to the wingers.

DAY 6



CHINA PR 5 INDONESIA 4

Indonesia surprised China PR at the beginning with a strong defence, blocking all spaces on the pitch and dominating the early proceedings.

China PR, who have more beach soccer experience, tried to dominate the game, but the Indonesians were too fast in transitioning and found solutions to score with long shots from the midline.

China PR's control over the match, however, grew more robust with their 1:3:1 formation, and they scored twice in the final minute of the 2nd half.

KUWAIT 4 KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 4 (3-2 PSO)

Both teams deployed a 2:2 formation in offence and did not involve their goalkeepers in attack. Long passes were mainly distributed to the pivot.

They, however, would go on to improve their set pieces, especially free kicks, in their second and third matches.

JAPAN 9 LEBANON 3

Japan adopted a flexible approach in attack, switching between 1:2:1:1, 1:2:2, 1:3:1, and 1:1:2:1 formations, where the strong pivot was a permanent figure in the box to receive passes. They also displayed top-class individual skills, with almost every player able to execute bicycle kicks and pass the ball for combination play with less than two touches.

Lebanon were ineffective in a 1:2:2 formation with long passes from the goalkeeper to their attack. Japan's tactic of changing the rhythm of the game with fast transitions from defence to offence left Lebanon with no chance. The Japanese team relied on key players with solid physique.



OMAN 5 PALESTINE 1

Palestine started well, defending with all four men deep in front of their goal. Offensively, the Palestinians played a 1:2:2 formation, with their goalkeeper trying to shoot on target from a distance.

Oman also used a similar formation, trying to build up with their keeper. They also switched to a 1:3:1 formation in the second period.

QUARTER-FINALS

THAILAND 2 UAE 4

UAE started with a robust 1:2:2 formation, with the goalkeeper deployed as a quarterback and playmaker. Their interception and counterattacks caused the Thai team problems; they even switched to a 1:3:1 formation to change the game and surprise their opponents with quick repositioning after winning the ball in defence.

Thailand played a 1:3:1 formation with long passes from the goalkeeper to the pivot, but the strong, experienced UAE side anticipated their long passes and tight man-to-man marking.



IR IRAN 10 BAHRAIN 0

IR Iran started with a strong 1:2:2 formation involving the goalkeeper advancing forward to the midline to shoot and pass. The Iranians also showed, again, a perfect combination of accuracy and well-timed passes.

Bahrain tried to defend deep and attempted to deflect shots from their opponent. However, the highly experienced IR Iran side were quick to close down the spaces and made it difficult for Bahrain to advance. The IR Iran team also executed good set pieces, performed well in 1 v 1 duels and displayed strong fitness.



JAPAN 8 KUWAIT 0

Japan again started with their strong 1:2:2 formation, deploying their goalkeeper as a launchpad to spearhead their attack.

They were excellent in combination play, always looking for space to receive the ball. Kuwait were mainly on the defensive and their counterattacks mostly proved ineffective.



OMAN 11 CHINA PR 0

Oman played a classic 1:2:2 formation, utilising their goalkeeper in building up their attack with class and rhythm.

China PR could barely keep up with Oman's pace, and the latter's constant pressing left the two-time semi-finalists in disarray. Set pieces, a physically strong team, good player movement and combination play were the other key factors in Oman's success.

3RD/4TH PLACING

UAE 2 OMAN 4

Despite getting off to a bright start, UAE found themselves outplayed by Oman.

The latter played with the goalkeeper in a 1:2:2 formation and relied on combination play and set pieces to score goals.



FINAL



JAPAN 0 IR IRAN 6

Both teams were strong, playing a 1:2:2 formation with the goalkeepers assisting in attack. The biggest difference between the two teams was the quantity of quality players. IR Iran won this game with a solid defence and man-to-man marking, which gave Japan no chances to score.

The second difference in this final was the freshness and highly tactical, targeted passing of IR Iran's combination play. They found solutions by passing between the marking lines of Japan's defence and then finished with high-quality goals.





RESULTS AND STATISTICS

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GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
THAILAND *	3	2	0	1	9	7	2	6
BAHRAIN *	3	2	0	1	8	7	1	6
SAUDI ARABIA	3	1	1	1	10	10	0	4
AFGHANISTAN	3	0	1	2	10	13	-3	1

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
16 Mar,23	BAHRAIN	4-2 (2-1)	AFGHANISTAN
16 Mar,23	THAILAND	2-3 (2-2)	SAUDI ARABIA
18 Mar,23	SAUDI ARABIA	3-4 (0-2)	BAHRAIN
18 Mar,23	AFGHANISTAN	4-5 (1-5)	THAILAND
20 Mar,23	AFGHANISTAN	4-4 a.e.t. (4-4,2-3)2-4 PSO	SAUDI ARABIA
20 Mar,23	THAILAND	2-0 (1-0)	BAHRAIN

* The standing table is based on points, goal difference and number of goals of the teams tied

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	3	3	0	0	32	9	23	9
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3	2	0	1	11	10	1	6
UZBEKISTAN	3	1	0	2	8	17	-9	3
MALAYSIA	3	0	0	3	10	25	-15	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
16 Mar,23	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	14-5 (9-4)	MALAYSIA
16 Mar,23	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	4-0 (2-0)	UZBEKISTAN
18 Mar,23	UZBEKISTAN	2-11 (1-5)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
18 Mar,23	MALAYSIA	3-5 (0-3)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
20 Mar,23	MALAYSIA	2-6 (2-4)	UZBEKISTAN
20 Mar,23	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2-7 (2-4)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	3	3	0	0	22	4	18	9
CHINA P.R.	3	2	0	1	10	11	-1	6
LEBANON	3	1	0	2	16	13	3	3
INDONESIA	3	0	0	3	4	24	-20	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
17 Mar,23	LEBANON	1-4 (1-0)	CHINA P.R.
17 Mar,23	JAPAN	7-0 (3-0)	INDONESIA
19 Mar,23	INDONESIA	0-12 (0-5)	LEBANON
19 Mar,23	CHINA P.R.	1-6 (1-3)	JAPAN
21 Mar,23	CHINA P.R.	5-4 (2-2)	INDONESIA
21 Mar,23	JAPAN	9-3 (3-0)	LEBANON

GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
OMAN	3	3	0	0	17	2	15	9
KUWAIT	3	1	0	1	10	9	1	4
PALESTINE	3	1	0	2	4	12	-8	3
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	0	0	2	6	14	-8	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
17 Mar,23	PALESTINE	0-5 (0-1)	KUWAIT
17 Mar,23	OMAN	7-0 (1-0)	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
19 Mar,23	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	2-3 (1-2)	PALESTINE
19 Mar,23	KUWAIT	1-5 (1-4)	OMAN
21 Mar,23	KUWAIT	4-4 a.e.t. (4-4,3-2)3-2 PSO	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
21 Mar,23	OMAN	5-1 (2-1)	PALESTINE

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QUARTER-FINALS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
OMAN	1	1	0	0	11	0	11	3
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1	1	0	0	10	0	10	3
JAPAN	1	1	0	0	8	0	8	3
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
THAILAND	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
KUWAIT	1	0	0	1	0	8	-8	0
BAHRAIN	1	0	0	1	0	10	-10	0
CHINA P.R.	1	0	0	1	0	11	-11	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
22 Mar,23	THAILAND	2-4 (1-2)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
22 Mar,23	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	10-0 (5-0)	BAHRAIN
23 Mar,23	JAPAN	8-0 (5-0)	KUWAIT
23 Mar,23	OMAN	11-0 (6-0)	CHINA P.R.

SEMI-FINALS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
JAPAN	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1	1	0	0	6	3	3	3
OMAN	1	0	0	1	3	6	-3	0
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
25 Mar,23	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1-5 (1-2)	JAPAN
25 Mar,23	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	6-3 (4-2)	OMAN

3RD/4TH PLACING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
OMAN	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
26 Mar,23	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2-4 (1-1)	OMAN

FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
JAPAN	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6	0

Date	Team A	Score	Team B
26 Mar,23	JAPAN	0-6 (0-3)	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



TEAM RANKING

STAGE	GROUP	TEAM NAME	RANKING
Finals	Final	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1
Finals	Final	JAPAN	2
Finals	3rd/4th Placing	OMAN	3
Finals	3rd/4th Placing	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	4
Finals	Quarter Finals	THAILAND	5
Finals	Quarter Finals	KUWAIT	6
Finals	Quarter Finals	BAHRAIN	7
Finals	Quarter Finals	CHINA P.R.	8
Finals	Group A	SAUDI ARABIA	9
Finals	Group C	LEBANON	10
Finals	Group D	PALESTINE	11
Finals	Group B	UZBEKISTAN	12
Finals	Group A	AFGHANISTAN	13
Finals	Group D	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	14
Finals	Group B	MALAYSIA	15
Finals	Group C	INDONESIA	16

SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS



DISCIPLINARY RECORD

NO.	TEAM	P	Y	R
1	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	1	0
2	KUWAIT	4	1	0
3	INDONESIA	3	2	0
4	MALAYSIA	3	2	0
5	SAUDI ARABIA	3	2	0
6	OMAN	6	2	0
7	PALESTINE	3	4	0
8	AFGHANISTAN	3	4	1
9	UZBEKISTAN	3	4	1
10	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	6	4	1

FAIR PLAY REPORT

TEAM	TOTAL
OMAN	55.17
JAPAN	53.96
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	52.25
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	50.28
KUWAIT	38.75
THAILAND	35.00
BAHRAIN	33.00
CHINA P.R.	32.22
LEBANON	28.21
UZBEKISTAN	27.96
SAUDI ARABIA	27.50
INDONESIA	27.25
AFGHANISTAN	27.25
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	27.18
PALESTINE	26.04
MALAYSIA	25.43





TECHNICAL TOPICS

The teams qualifying for the upcoming World Cup in Dubai in November 2023 are those with the longest tradition in Asian beach soccer. IR Iran, Japan, Oman, and the UAE showcased flexible offensive systems involving their goalkeepers as a fifth player.

These teams had individual-class players with an intelligent style of play, beach soccer technical skills, combination plays with high fitness capacity and intelligent defensive marking systems. Their players were dangerous from set pieces and their coaches had enough experience to influence the game from the bench.

EXPERT ANALYSIS OF MATCHES LED TO THE FOLLOWING KEY FINDINGS

The teams with the most attendance in national and international tournaments significantly impacted the qualifiers. IR Iran, a worldwide powerhouse for years in beach soccer, selected their players from a well-organised Iranian national beach soccer league. The players were all well-versed in beach soccer technical skills and were able to lift the ball out of the sand for combination play, win 1 v 1 situations and execute perfect bicycle kicks. Moreover, they displayed good coordination and tactical awareness, moved quickly in the sand and defended well via tight man-to-man marking.

IR Iran's other advantages were their coaching staff who were tactically experienced to deal with the dangers from set pieces; and that their two goalkeepers could perfectly juggle the ball within four seconds out of their mid-half, enabling them to shoot and pass perfectly. Thus, IR Iran mostly had a numerical advantage of field players in their offensive game.

Japan, the tournament's runners-up, are another heavyweight in beach soccer. They have Ozu Moreira,



one of the best players in the game, a flourishing national league and as the runners-up of the last FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, have considerable international experience.

Japan displayed excellent flexibility when attacking. They could easily play a 1:3:1 formation with long balls from the goalkeeper to the pivots, and on the other hand, could change from that formation to a build-up with the goalkeeper via a 1:2:2 formation.

Oman, who finished third, have a national league and a significant history with their long-term coach Talib Hilal. Having played in several World Cups, their team included players with excellent beach soccer skills and strong fitness standards.

GOALKEEPERS - (OFTEN) THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The significant difference between the leading teams was the involvement of the goalkeeper in building up the offensive game. A goalkeeper who can bring the

ball up within four seconds in a dangerous goalscoring opportunity area has advantages as he can score or pass the ball to an available teammate.

MARKING

Another big difference between the leading national teams and those falling out in the Group Stage was clear man-to-man defensive marking. Zonal marking is not a defensive option in beach soccer as it neither prevents long balls from the rival goalkeeper, nor does it keep throw-outs and combination play from the opponents at bay. IR Iran, Japan, Oman, and UAE consistently defended via tight man-to-man marking, even when they were facing set piece threats from the opponent.



PLAYING SYSTEMS

The most decorated teams have different playing styles and attacking systems, but the clear line of the playing system was always the same. Playing a 1:3:1, 1:2:1:1 or a 1:1:2:1 formation with a classic pivot has clear advantages with regards to player movement. While the attack tries to find a solution, the goalkeeper or defenders can play long balls to their target player in offence, and quickly support him in creating goalscoring opportunities. It has to be underlined here that this first pass is already in the danger zone in front or near the opponent's goal. Playing the ball too wide from the goalscoring area helps the defending team.

With the goalkeeper as a key player, the 1:2:2 formation can be a gamechanger. However, to ensure that this tactic works, he must have the mentality and quality to bring the ball under control.

TRANSITION GAME AND COUNTERATTACKS

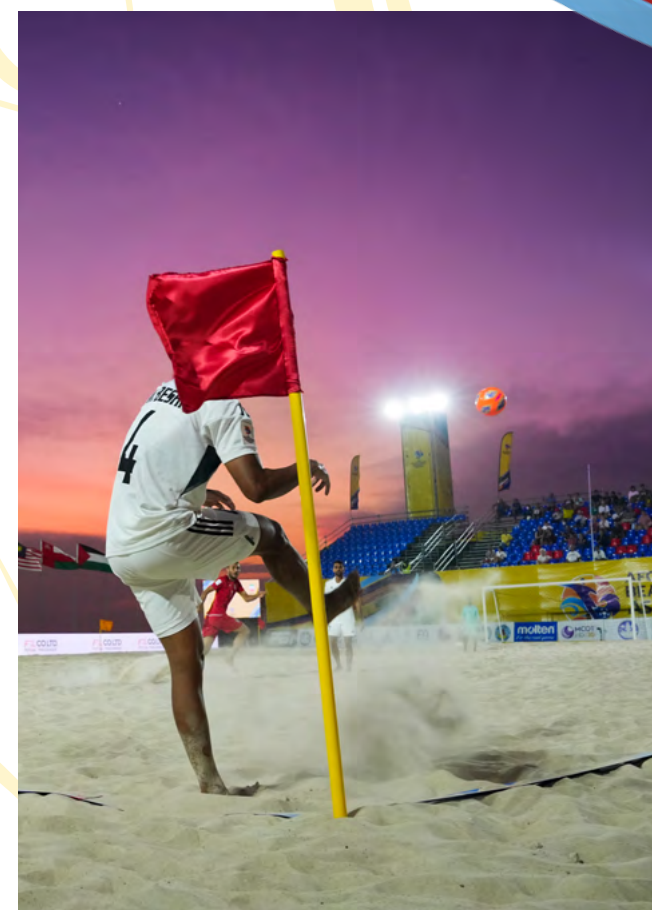
Fast transitioning is a significant advantage, mainly from offence to defence for excellent defending, or defence to offence for quick scoring opportunities that force the opponent to shore up their defence, which was demonstrated remarkably well by the Japanese players.

SET PIECES

It is no secret that set pieces play a vital role in beach soccer. The best teams in a tournament always profit from dead balls coming from set pieces.

Each restart of a game can offer a chance to launch a strong midline kick or a combination play with 2-3 passes to increase opportunities to score.

When it comes to corner kicks and throw-ins from the nearest distance to the opponent's goal, intelligent movement by players can create free spaces and



goalscoring opportunities. From their 32 goals in the Group Stage, IR Iran scored eight from set pieces, accounting for 25% of their goals. UAE, who finished fourth, scored five of their 11 Group Stage goals from set pieces, resulting in almost 50% of all their goals.

Free kicks and penalties are tremendous goalscoring opportunities as well. But even these require daily training to ensure the coordination, ability and balance needed to run on sand, so that such set pieces pay off.

GAME PLAN

A well-prepared game plan by experienced coaches is critical. A good example of this element at the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup™ 2023 Thailand was that of IR Iran, whose former player and now coach Ali Naderi Hossein Abadi understands the game and intricacies of beach soccer. In this tournament, we saw an almost perfect IR Iran playing at a world-class level.



PHYSICAL ASPECTS - BEACH SOCCER FITNESS AND COORDINATION

The best teams in the tournament, such as IR Iran, Japan, Oman and UAE, prepared their players perfectly. The coaches understood their team's long-, mid- and short-term physical preparations. The balance between endurance, power and speed was well-maintained, and good playing changes (with blocks) helped keep players fresh until the end of the tournament. National leagues and playing beach soccer throughout the year also support all aspects of beach soccer fitness.

Coordination also plays a vital role as moving on sand is entirely different from regular football. Knowing the basics of beach soccer is essential for a successful team game.

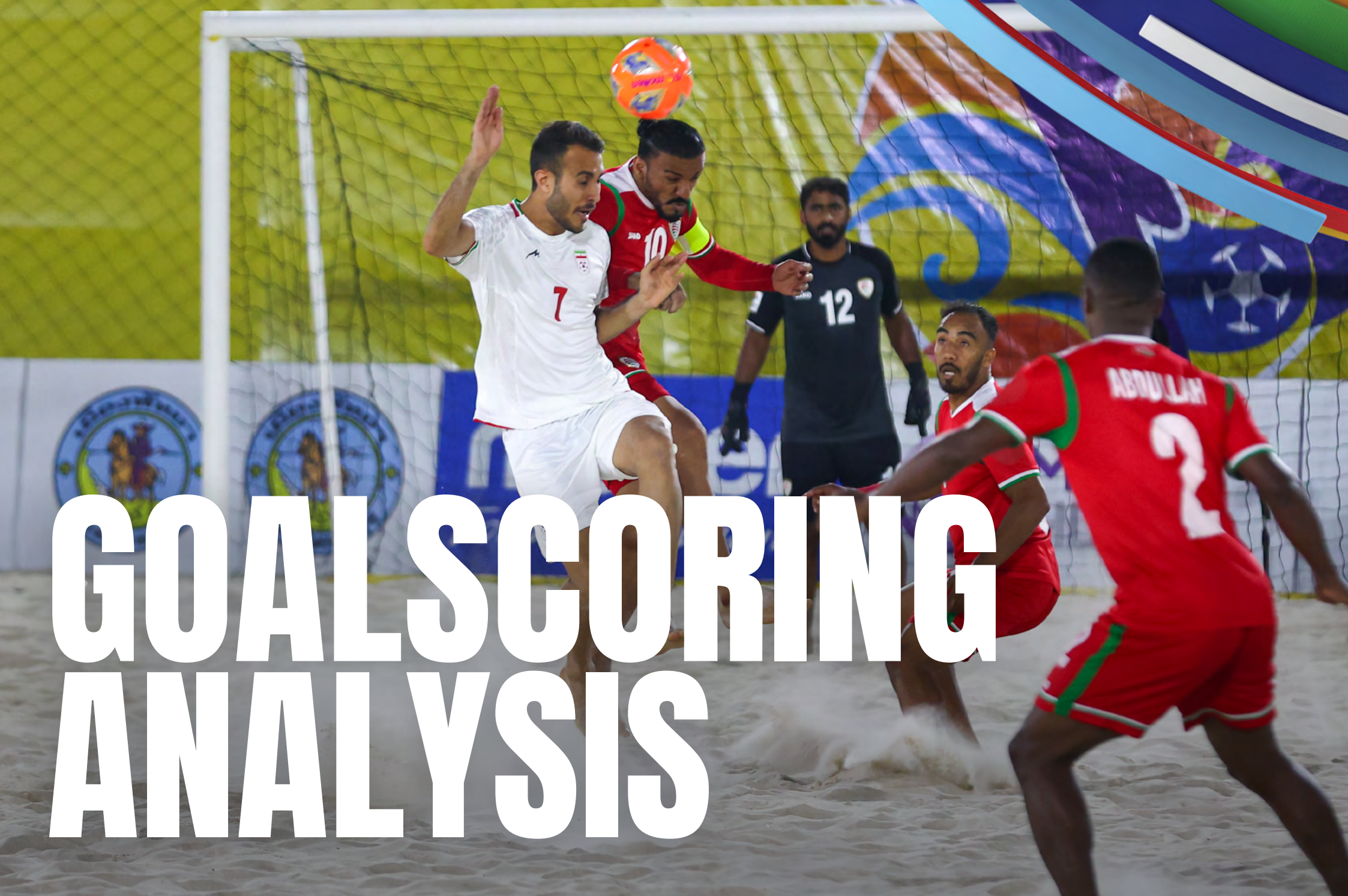
Understanding the importance of nutrition and recovery time in planning, training and competitions is also a key factor.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEACH SOCCER DEVELOPMENT

1. Strengthen national leagues and tournaments to educate beach soccer players and familiarise them with playing on sand.
2. Train players precisely and include set pieces and specific fitness exercises in their training plan.
3. Prepare a clear game plan built around the strengths and weaknesses of team players.
4. Understand the importance of man-to-man marking in defence due to the small distances covered in beach soccer.
5. Clear analysis of opponent's games and an understanding of their philosophy to best prepare your team.





GOALSCORING ANALYSIS

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HOW GOALS WERE SCORED

NO	GOAL TYPE	TOTAL
1	Combination Play	64
2	GK Distribution	28
3	Solo effort	51
5	Rebound	24
6	Counterattack	3
7	Defence-splitting Pass	8
8	Direct from a Free kick	32
9	Follow up from a Free kick	4
10	Follow up from a Corner kick	9
11	Follow up from a Kick-in	5
12	Wing Play Left Side	3
13	Wing Play Right Side	2
14	Own Goal	3
15	Penalty	13
Total goals scored		249



WHEN GOALS WERE SCORED

OVERALL	32 MATCHES
First Period	0
1st to 6th minute	38
7th to 12th minute	32
Second Period	0
1st to 6th minute	43
7th to 12th minute	50
Third Period	0
1st to 6th minute	40
7th to 12th minute	46
Extra time	0
Total goals scored	249

WHERE GOALS WERE SCORED

AREA	GOALS
Inside the penalty area	3
Own penalty mark and half line	20
Attacking team's penalty mark and half line	115
Attacking team's penalty area	111
Total goals scored	249



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GOALS SCORED

NO.	TEAM	GOALS
1	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	50 (G), 2 (PK), 2 (OG), 54 (total)
2	JAPAN	34 (G), 0 (PK), 1 (OG), 35 (total)
3	OMAN	33 (G), 1 (PK), 1 (OG), 35 (total)
4	LEBANON	15 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (OG), 16 (total)
5	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	14 (G), 4 (PK), 0 (OG), 18 (total)
6	THAILAND	10 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (OG), 11 (total)
7	SAUDI ARABIA	10 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (OG), 10 (total)
8	MALAYSIA	10 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (OG), 10 (total)
9	CHINA PR	10 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (OG), 10 (total)
10	KUWAIT	9 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (OG), 10 (total)

G: Goals

PK: Penalty Kicks

OG: Own Goal

GOALS CONCEDED

NO.	TEAM	PLAYED	GOALS CONCEDED
1	MALAYSIA	3	25
2	INDONESIA	3	24
3	CHINA PR	4	22
4	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	6	21
5	KUWAIT	4	17
6	BAHRAIN	4	17
7	UZBEKISTAN	3	17
8	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	3	14
9	LEBANON	3	13
10	AFGHANISTAN	3	13

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AVERAGE GOALS SCORED

NO.	TEAM	PLAYED	AVERAGE SCORE
1	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	6	9
2	OMAN	6	5.83
3	JAPAN	6	5.83
4	LEBANON	3	5.33
5	SAUDI ARABIA	3	3.33
6	MALAYSIA	3	3.33
7	AFGHANISTAN	3	3.33
8	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	6	3
9	THAILAND	4	2.75
10	UZBEKISTAN	3	2.67



ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



OMAN



JAPAN

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TOP SCORERS

NO.	NAME	TEAM	GOALS
1	TAKUYA AKAGUMA	JAPAN	11 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 11 (total)
2	ALI MIRSHEKARI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	8 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 9 (total)
3	MOHAMMADALI MOKHTARI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	8 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 9 (total)
4	SAMI FAIL AL BULUSHI	OMAN	8 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 8 (total)
5	MOSLEM MESIGAR	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	8 (G), 0 (PK), 1 (Own), 8 (total)
6	MOVAHED MOHAMMADPOUR	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	6 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 6 (total)
7	MAHDI SHIRMOHAMMADI	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	5 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)
8	OZU MOREIRA	JAPAN	5 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)
9	KHALID KHAMIS ALORAIMI	OMAN	5 (G), 0 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)
10	ALI MOHAMMAD	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	4 (G), 1 (PK), 0 (Own), 5 (total)

G: Goals

PK: Penalty Kicks

Own: Own Goal



TAKUYA AKAGUMA



ALI MIRSHEKARI



MOHAMMADALI MOKHTARI

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FASTEST GOALS

PLAYER	COUNTRY	MINUTES/SECONDS	MATCH
RASHED EID YAQOUB	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2 seconds	UAE v OMA
R.JAMAL	BAHRAIN	20 seconds	BHR v AFG
YAHYA	OMAN	24 seconds	KUW v OMA



RASHED EID YAQOUB



R.JAMAL



YAHYA



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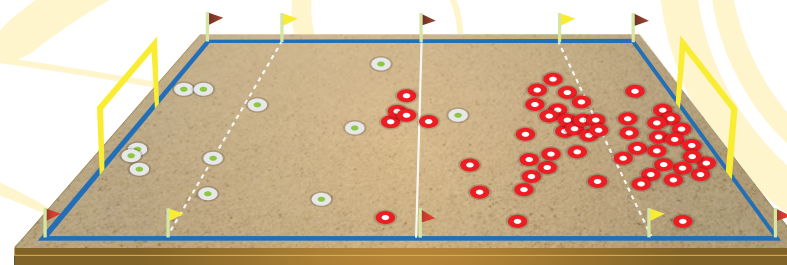


HEAD COACH

ALI NADERI
HOSSEIN ABADI



Nationality: Iranian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotation with patterns to create space
- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Fit enough to press for the entire duration of the match
- Able to defend as a team
- Plenty of shots taken from outside the penalty area
- Disciplined in 1 v 1 and 2 v 1 marking
- Strong mentality, good fighting spirit

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

No	Player	Appearances							Attacking						Defending					Sanctions		
		Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Total	Shots				Passes		Field Player		Goalkeeper			YC	2YC	RC
									Score	Saved	Post	Out	Assist	Miss	IP	DP	CS	IS	DO			
1	SEYEDMAHDI MIRJAJILI (SEYED)	20	25	33	36	27	33	174	2	9	0	8	9	9	62	58	47	15	10	1	0	0
2	AMIR HOSEIN AKBARI (A.AKBARI)	19	20	19	16	15	17	107	3	3	0	9	0	1	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	ABBAS REZAEI (ABBAS)	12	0	3	4	10	4	33	3	4	0	2	1	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	SAEID PIRAMOUN (SAEED)	0	0	0	0	10	13	24	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MOHAMMAD MORADI (M.MORADI)	20	21	19	18	12	6	98	3	11	0	11	1	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	MAHDI SHIRMOHAMMADI (M.SHIR)	17	17	18	15	14	13	94	6	10	0	10	5	4	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	ALI MIRSHEKARI (A.MIRSHEKARI)	25	17	17	15	17	18	109	9	5	1	5	2	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MOVAHED MOHAMMADPOUR (MOHAVED)	19	18	19	17	10	25	109	6	7	3	10	2	1	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MOHAMMADALI MOKHTARI (MOKHTARI)	5	20	22	17	17	23	105	9	9	0	11	3	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	MOSLEM MESIGAR (MOSLEM)	18	22	20	22	17	21	121	8	2	3	11	3	4	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	REZA AMIRI ZADEH (R.AMIRI)	20	18	18	13	15	17	102	3	3	1	8	1	3	11	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	JAVAD KHOSRAVI (MJ.KHOSRAVI)	16	12	34	0	8	3	74	2	3	0	2	3	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1

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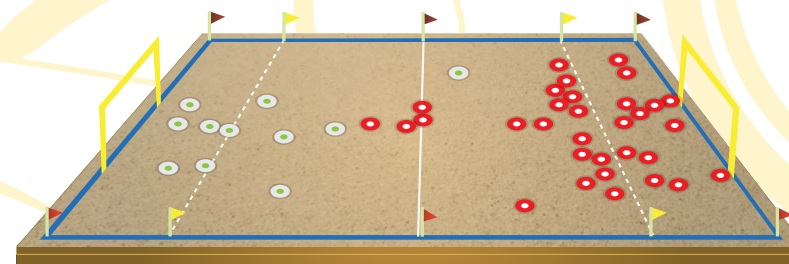





HEAD COACH

TERUKI TABATA



Nationality: Japanese



 Goals Conceded  Goals Scored  Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotation with patterns to create space
- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Fit enough to press for the entire duration of the match
- Able to defend as a team
- Disciplined in 1 v 1 and 2 v 1 marking
- Frequent use of long passes
- Strong in 1 v 1 duels

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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1	YUSUKE KAWAI	12	16	17	14	4	9	72	0	2	1	2	2	2	8	6	13	11	2	0	0	0	
2	TAKAHITO YAMADA	8	13	7	10	8	6	52	3	2	0	10	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	YUKI KIBUNE	7	6	9	9	10	7	49	3	1	0	7	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	KOSUKE MATSUDA	17	18	14	10	14	19	93	0	2	1	1	1	1	18	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	
5	TAKUMI UESATO	15	18	17	16	12	17	96	1	5	2	6	4	0	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	TAKUYA AKAGUMA	13	12	16	14	13	15	84	11	4	5	13	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	
7	TAKAAKI OBA	16	17	14	18	19	15	100	4	10	2	8	5	1	11	7	2	0	0	1	0	0	
8	NAOYA MATSUO	14	13	13	14	13	11	79	1	3	1	5	1	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9	SHUSEI YAMAUCHI	15	20	12	11	16	12	86	3	10	0	7	1	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	
10	OZU MOREIRA	34	36	21	32	36	33	193	5	8	6	23	2	1	28	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	
11	RYUNOSUKE ITO	2	4	7	7	0	0	20	1	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12	SHINYA SHIBAMOTO	24	20	19	21	32	27	143	3	11	7	14	2	0	0	0	31	16	4	0	0	0	

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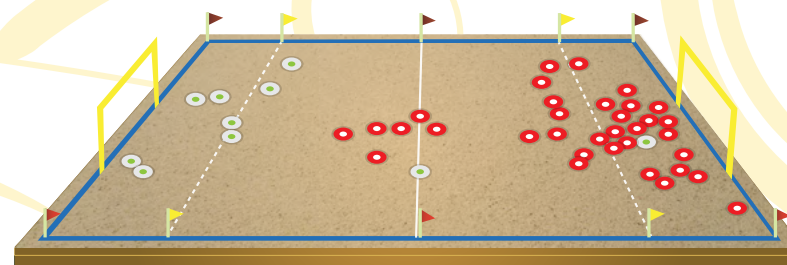


HEAD COACH

TALIB HILAL
MOHAMMED
AL-THANAWI



Nationality: Omani



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotation with patterns to create space
- Fit enough to press for the entire duration of the match
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Able to defend as a team
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Physically strong, winning many 1 v 1 duels especially in defence
- Mentally resilient, good fighting spirit
- Plenty of shots taken from outside the penalty area

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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1	AMJAD 'ABDALLAH AL-HAMDANI (AMJAD)	1	4	6	12	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	10	2	3	1	0	0	0
2	ABDULLAH MASOUD SALIM (ABDULLAH)	10	15	17	13	22	21	98	4	5	1	11	1	0	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	NOOH ABDULLAH AL BATTASHI (NOOH)	6	7	6	11	0	0	30	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	AL MURAIKI (YAHYA)	13	21	12	12	19	16	93	3	5	1	10	1	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MANDHAR HILAL AL ARAIMI (MANDHAR)	15	22	15	20	16	10	97	2	1	0	3	2	0	19	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	MUSHEL HILAL AL ARAIMI (MUSHEL)	19	16	19	15	19	26	115	3	7	0	5	0	0	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	AL YAQDHAN AL HINDASI (YAQDHAN)	10	6	13	15	14	12	70	2	2	3	4	2	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	AHMED RABI'A AL OWAISI (AHMED)	6	14	16	14	12	14	77	3	4	3	3	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	SAMI FAIL AL BULUSHI (SAMI)	14	15	15	16	18	20	83	7	10	0	12	1	0	7	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	KHALID KHAMIS ALORAIMI (KHALID)	19	22	19	16	20	28	125	4	10	0	9	5	1	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	SALIM MOHAMMED AL ORAIMI (SALIM)	16	12	10	7	10	0	56	1	2	2	2	4	1	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	YOUNIS KHAMIS AL-OWAISI (YOUNIS)	35	34	30	24	36	36	159	1	2	0	17	1	2	0	0	20	10	3	0	0	0

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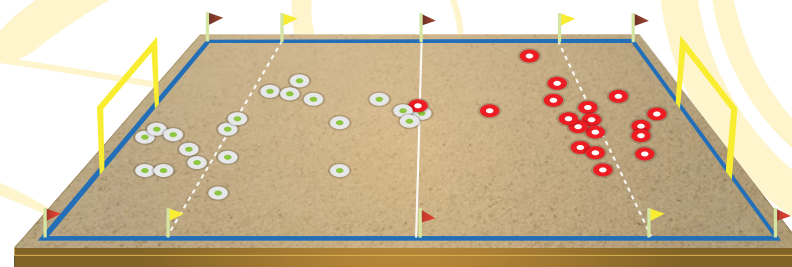


HEAD COACH

VICTOR BARROS



Nationality: Brazilian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotation with patterns to create space
- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Fit enough to press for the entire duration of the match
- Able to defend as a team
- Plenty of shots taken from outside the penalty area
- Disciplined in 1 v 1 and 2 v 1 marking
- Mentally resilient, good fighting spirit

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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1	MOHAMED ABDULLA (BAHRI)	28	24	19	30	24	16	142	0	15	1	12	1	1	54	34	32	16	10	1	0	0
2	HAITHAM MOHAMED (HAITHAM)	10	11	5	6	7	10	50	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		0	0
3	AHMED BESHAR SALEM (A. BESHAR)	22	22	21	20	18	22	126	4	9	0	14	2	3	10	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	WALEED BESHAR SALEM (W. BESHAR)	22	21	20	20	23	22	128	2	10	1	9	1	4	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	ABBAS ALI DARYAEI (ABBAS)	17	15	13	15	15	8	83	0	7	0	5	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
6	KAMAL ALI (KAMAL)	7	5	8	4	0	12	37	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	ABDULLA MOHAMMAD DAHQANI (DAHQANI)	13	10	11	13	9	7	64	0	5	0	11	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	ALI MOHAMMAD (ALI)	17	15	16	17	19	21	106	5	6	0	14	1	4	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	ABDULLA ABBAS ALBLOOSHI (A. ABBAS)	17	22	14	18	19	0	91	2	7	0	6	0		3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	WALID MOHAMMAD (WALID)	14	14	16	18	12	15	90	2	3	0	9	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
11	RASHED EID YAQOUB (RASHED)	12	11	11	14	13	17	79	3	2	0	6	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	HUMAID JAMAL (HUMAID)	9	13	16	6	12	18	74	0	6	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	4	4	0	0	0

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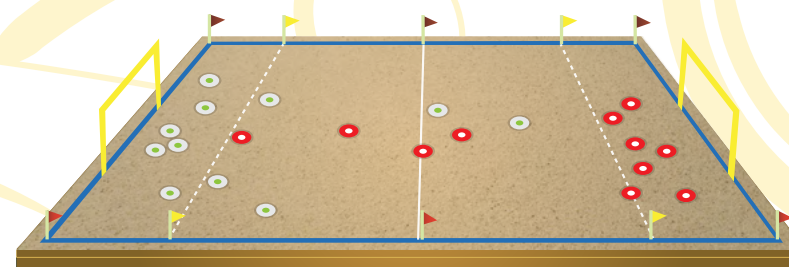





HEAD COACH

MANUS MADTOHA



Nationality: Thai



 Goals Conceded  Goals Scored  Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Plenty of rotation with patterns to create space
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Fit enough to press for the entire duration of the match
- Able to defend as a team
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Average individual skills
- Did not perform well when opposing team applied pressure in their own half

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

No	Player	Appearances							Attacking						Defending					Sanctions		
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1	SURIYA BORIDET	32	36	36	36	0	0	140	2	12	1	25	1	12	28	23	4	16	4	0	0	0
2	WATCHARA LEPAJIT	30	23	28	25	0	0	106	1	0	1	7	2	2	17	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	NATEE JEEPON	29	26	33	17	0	0	105	1	3	0	7	0	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	NATTAPONG CHAIPATPREECHA	4	8	0	3	0	0	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	ATUS THONGDEE	21	20	10	22	0	0	74	0	2	1	1	1	1	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	CHALERMCHAI SAELIM	7	5	0	6	0	0	19	0	3	0	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	WUTTINAN PRUETHONG	0	17	19	18	0	0	55	0	4	0	7	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	TANANDON PRARACHA	17	14	11	16	0	0	59	2	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	SAKDA CHUMPATHONG	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	KOMKRIT NANAN	24	18	22	19	0	0	83	4	5	2	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11	RATTAPHONG NADEE	16	15	18	13	0	0	63	1	6	1	9	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	TANWA MUTAPORN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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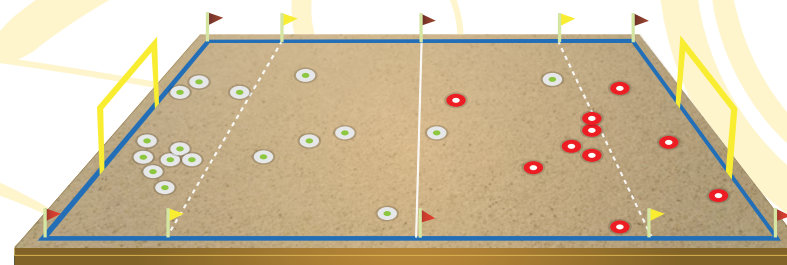


HEAD COACH

AHMED MOHAMED ABDELRAZEK



Nationality: Egyptian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Simple game plans executed by players with excellent individual skills
- Frequent use of GK distribution to organise the offence
- Man-to-man marking in open and set plays
- Aggressive man-to-man defending in the opponent's half
- Intense pressure on opposing players with possession
- Strong team ethics, mental resilience and belief in playing philosophy
- Dangerous, well-drilled set plays; clear, well-designed game plans

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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1	OMAR A H M M	36	32	25	18	0	0	111	0	5	0	5	4	9	28	17	15	16	4	0	0	0
2	DARWEESH (M.DARWEESH)	12	9	16	21	0	0	58	1	5	0	6	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	JASEM ALHARBAN (J.ALHARBAN)	14	16	10	9	0	0	49	0	1	0	2	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	MESHAL SHAFEI (M.ALSHAFEI)	21	19	20	14	0	0	75	0	8	1	9	0	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MOHAMMAD ALKANDARI (M.ALKANDARI)	25	23	29	29	0	0	107	0	3	1	9	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	AZIZ ALSEDRAH (A.ALSEDRAH)	20	10	15	10	0	0	56	0	3	0	6	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MOHAMMED ABBAS (MH.DARWEESH)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	OMAR ALROUQI (O.ALROUQI)	14	17	17	17	0	0	66	1	3	0	3	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	FAISAL ALMANAYE (F.ALMANAYE)	2	5	4	11	0	0	22	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	MAJED ALENEZI (M.ALENEZI)	23	24	25	21	0	0	94	4	9	1	11	1	3	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	MOHAMMAD ALSHAFEI (MH.ALSHAFEI)	13	15	15	14	0	0	58	3	2	0	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	HAMAD REDHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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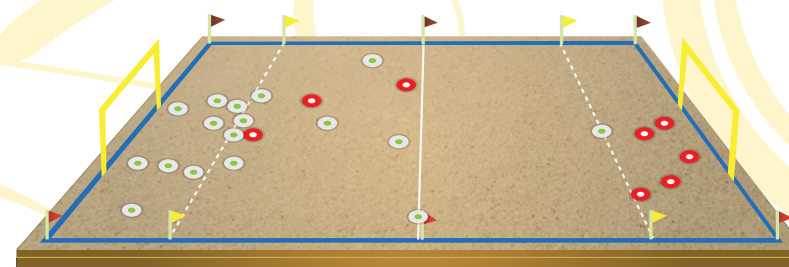


HEAD COACH

SADEQ MOHAMED ALI
ABDULLA MARHOON



Nationality: Bahraini



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Able to defend as a team
- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Sat back in own half to defend
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Average individual skills

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

No	Player	Appearances							Attacking						Defending					Sanctions		
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2	MOHAMED YAQOOB	11	11	20	8	0	0	50	3	2	0	4	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	ISSA JUMA	8	0	3	6	0	0	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	HAMZA	2	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MOHAMED MOHAMED ASHOOR	17	23	26	27	0	0	93	1	5	1	3	0	3	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	SALMAN KHALED ALYAQOABI	30	31	0	33	0	0	95	1	0	0	4	2	6	8	6	0	0	0	1	0	1
7	HASAN EBRAHIM	10	5	17	14	0	0	46	0	2	0	6	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	ALI HASANAIN HAMZA	0	5	9	11	0	0	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MOHAMED DARWISH EBRAHIM	16	18	19	28	0	0	82	0	2	0	3	0	2	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	RASHED JAMAL SALEM	21	29	21	0	0	0	71	2	5	0	9	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	ABDULLA ABDULLATIF ALABDULLA	24	24	21	23	0	0	92	0	7	0	16	2	3	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
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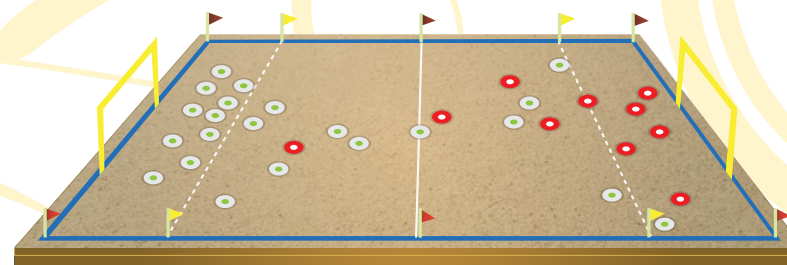


HEAD COACH

MENDES MARCELO



Nationality: Brazilian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Able to defend as a team
- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Sat back in own half to defend
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Average individual skills

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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1	HUANG YUGENG	24	1	18	24	0	0	62	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	10	1	0	0	0	
2	HAN XUEGENG	18	14	13	21	0	0	69	2	4	0	10	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	WANG YU	20	24	12	21	0	0	83	0	4	0	9	0	0	13	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
4	LI YUEMING	12	9	11	12	0	0	44	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	GUO XUCHENJIAO	17	10	2	2	0	0	36	0	0	1	3	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	WANG CUNDE	1	0	13	20	0	0	34	0	2	0	3	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	BAI FAN	25	28	22	22	0	0	96	2	7	2	7	0	0	22	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
8	CAI WEIMING	28	29	30	26	0	0	113	2	12	0	15	0	0	43	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	LIU HAORAN	17	19	19	14	0	0	65	3	8	3	9	0	0	16	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
10	LIU YISI	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
11	GONG ENJIAN	13	4	13	10	0	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
12	SONG SONG	12	34	13	12	0	0	76	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	17	4	0	0	0	0	

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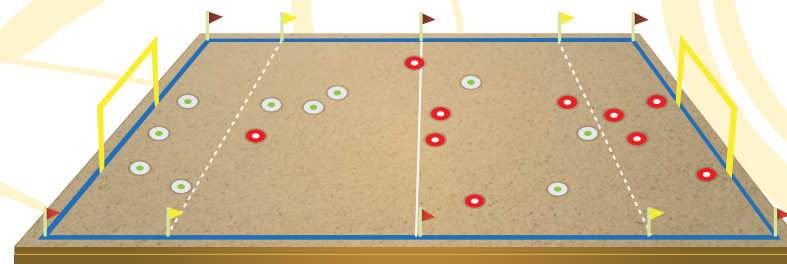


HEAD COACH

GUSTAVO HENRIQUE



Nationality: Brazilian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Fit enough to press for the entire duration of the match
- Able to defend as a team
- Disciplined in 1 v 1 and 2 v 1 marking
- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Sat back in own half to defend

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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2	NAIF YAKL	1	8	21	0	0	0	31	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BELAL SAEED BAWDAH	21	17	18	0	0	0	57	2	1	0	5	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	AHMED ALHAMAMI	18	23	23	0	0	0	64	1	3	0	5	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MOHAMMED ALSHAMMARI	10	10	14	0	0	0	34	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	YAHYA TUMAYHI	13	3	0	0	0	0	16	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	RAMZI DAKMAN	17	22	30	0	0	0	69	0	4	1	8	0	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	WALEED ALYOUBI	14	15	28	0	0	0	56	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MAJED SHAMHANI	24	25	0	0	0	0	49	0	7	5	4	1	1	8	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
10	KHALID MUDHAYA	23	24	21	0	0	0	69	0	2	0	6	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	ALI ALASKAH	0	3	7	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	MESHAL ALSHAMMARI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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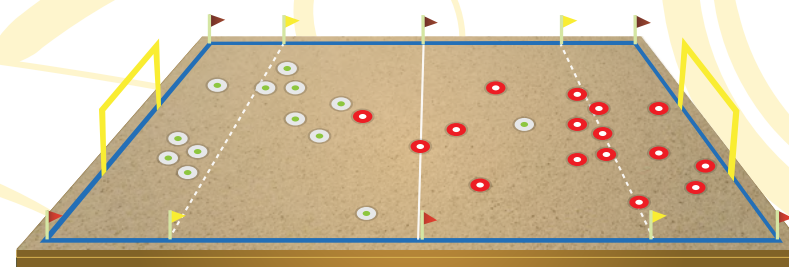





HEAD COACH

KHALED BERJAUJ



Nationality: Lebanese



 Goals Conceded  Goals Scored  Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Good physical condition
- Played as a team and as individuals
- Able to defend as a team
- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Sat back in own half to defend
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Average individual skills

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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2	MOHAMAD OSSMAN	10	16	13	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	MOHAMAD MECHLEB MATAR	17	19	18	0	0	0	55	1	3	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	AHMAD EL KHATIB	18	19	16	0	0	0	53	1	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	SAMEH JALAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	MAHMOUD MICHLIB MATAR	15	18	10	0	0	0	44	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	HUSSEIN ABDULLAH	8	12	9	0	0	0	29	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MOHAMAD MERHI	25	21	27	0	0	0	73	3	4	1	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MOHAMAD HAIDAR	17	18	24	0	0	0	60	3	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	AHMED GRADA	11	15	12	0	0	0	38	2	3	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	MOHAMMAD AL SALEH	16	11	16	0	0	0	44	3	2	0	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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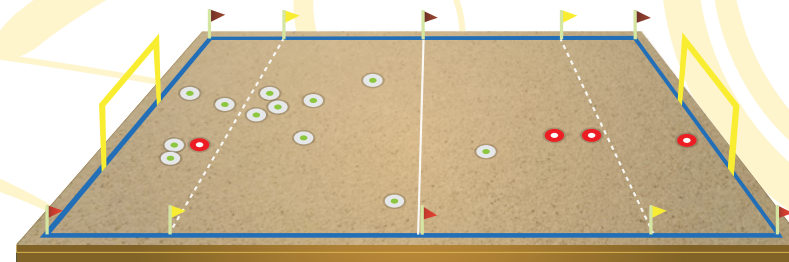


HEAD COACH

SAMI SALEM



Nationality: Palestinian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Did not perform well when opposing team applied pressure in their own half
- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Average individual skills
- Average strength in building with ball possession to attack

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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1	FADY JABER (F.JABER)	21	8	24	0	0	0	53	1	2	1	7	0	0	36	25	15	6	7	0	0	0
2	FADI ALARAWI (F.ALARAWI)	17	18	18	0	0	0	54	0	1	1	5	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	MAISARA ALBAWWAB (M.ALBAWWAB)	17	10	10	0	0	0	37	0	3	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	ISLAM ABUOBAYDA (I.ABUOBAYDA)	9	2	6	0	0	0	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	MOHAMMED ALSDUDI (M.ALSDUDI)	14	26	19	0	0	0	59	0	1	1	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	MOHAMMAED HASSAN (M.HASSAN)	17	14	25	0	0	0	57	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MOHAMMED .IBAID (M.IBAID)	9	14	7	0	0	0	31	0	0	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	ALAA ATIYA (A.ATIYA)	14	16	9	0	0	0	40	1	4	4	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	THAER N.ABUOBAYDA (TH.ABUOBAYDA)	24	27	24	0	0	0	76	0	3	2	8	1	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	MOHAMMED ALQADDI (M.ALQADDI)	13	12	4	0	0	0	29	1	3		6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
11	MOHAMMED. ABUMOUSA (M.ABUMOUSA)	9	5	8	0	0	0	22	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	AHMED.AFANA (A.AFANA)	10	28	12	0	0	0	50	0	3	2	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0

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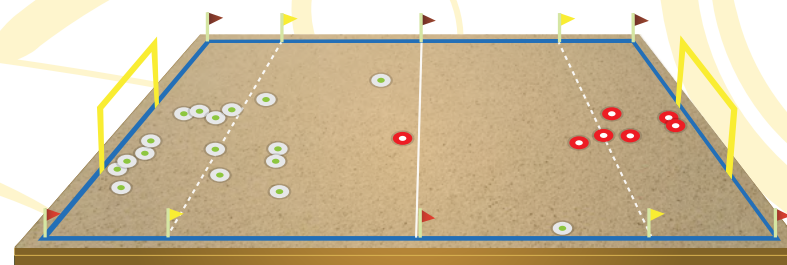
UZBEKISTAN



HEAD COACH YUSUPOV AKHADJON



Nationality: Uzbek



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Quality was lacking in individual techniques
- Relied on the goalkeeper to play the long ball but passes were inaccurate
- Players possessed quick transition abilities
- Strong desire to win all duels
- Confident in 1 v 1 situations

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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2	FAKHRIDDINOV FERUZ (FAKHRIDDINOV)	12	18	24	0	0	0	54	0	4	1	1	0	1	3	3	4	3	0	0	0	0
3	SAMIEV BEKHUZ (SAMIEV)	18	21	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	5	0	0	15	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
4	MALLAEV ILYOS (MALLAEV)	18	19	19	0	0	0	56	2	2	2	6	1	0	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	KODIROV FARHOD (KODIROV)	13	15	13	0	0	0	42	1	1	1	3	1	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	ALISHEROV SARDORBEBEK (ALISHEROV)	5	0	15	0	0	0	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	SHAAKHMEDOV SARVAR (SHAAKHMEDOV)	20	18	16	0	0	0	54	0	2	0	3	1	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	IBRAGIMOV ISOKHON (IBRAGIMOV)	15	15	15	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	2	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	KHALIMOV MAMASHARIF (KHALIMOV)	12	20	21	0	0	0	54	1	4	2	8	1	0	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	JAMOLIDDIN SHARIPOV (SHARIPOV)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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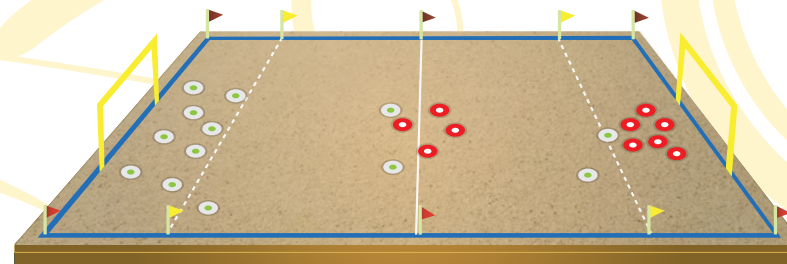


HEAD COACH

IHSAN ULLAH SHER ZAD



Nationality: Afghan



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Played as a team and as individuals
- Able to defend as a team
- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Sat back in own half to defend
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Average individual skills
- Did not perform well when opposing team applied pressure in their own half

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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2	NADER NADERI	26	18	0	0	0	0	43	0	2	1	5	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
3	MOHAMMAD FAHIM HAIDARI	11	13	24	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	5	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	MOHAMMAD HAROON NAZARI	0	12	5	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	OMID HOMAUNI	15	11	14	0	0	0	41	1	2	0	7	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
6	MURTAZA JAFARI	0	14	13	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	3	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	AHMAD NAZIR RABANI	11	0	17	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	SAMI ULLAH MOHAMMADI	0	6	16	0	0	0	23	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	RAMEZ FAROOQ	36	36	37	0	0	0	109	1	3	1	17	1	0	45	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	MOHAMMAD TAMIM HAIDARI	30	29	25	0	0	0	85	3	10	2	14	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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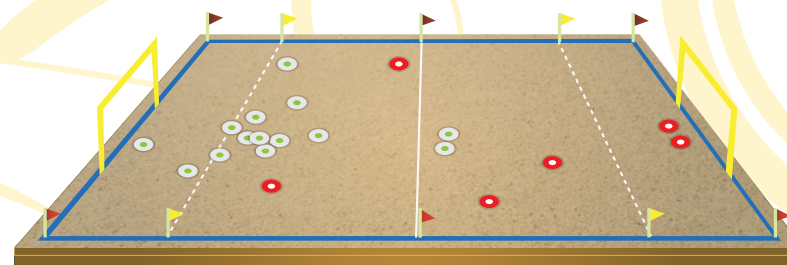


HEAD COACH

BAKYT RAKHMANOV



Nationality: Kyrgyz



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Not physically strong
- A number of players displayed quick transition abilities
- Most players possessed good composure
- Strong desire to win all duels

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

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2	MUKAEV KUTTUBEK (MUKAEV)	6	10	10	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
3	KAIYKBK UULU BELEK (KAIYKBK U)	12	6	13	0	0	0	31	0	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	USENBAEV BEKSULTAN (USENBAEV)	10	8	13	0	0	0	31	1	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	OMOROV BEKSULTAN (OMOROV)	14	12	15	0	0	0	42	1	4	0	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	DZHAILOOBAEV ALMAZ (DZHAILOOBAEV)	6	9	15	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	DORDOSHEV ERZHAN (DORDOSHEV)	14	17	21	0	0	0	52	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
8	DIUSHENOV URMAT (DIUSHENOV)	26	18	17	0	0	0	62	0	4	0	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MUKTARBEKOV ALISHER (MUKTARBEKOV)	17	17	9	0	0	0	44	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	OSMON UULU ASKAT (OSMON U)	8	7	15	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	KELDIBEK MUKAEV (KELDIBEK)	19	17	25	0	0	0	61	1	3	0	5	0	2	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	SODALIEV ROMAN (SODALIEV)	26	26	18	0	0	0	70	1	3	0	4	0	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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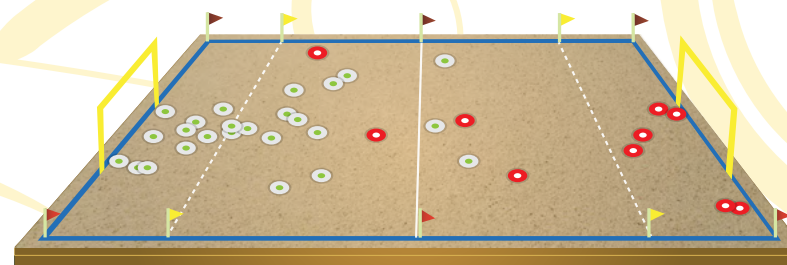


HEAD COACH

MOHD SAIFUL BIN MD NOOR



Nationality: Malaysian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Frequent use of long balls by the goalkeeper
- Generally deployed the 1-3-1 formation when attacking with extensive use of direct balls to pivot
- Strong collective spirit, player qualities, concentration, and mental strength
- Solid in defence and looked for quick counterattacks
- Plenty of offensive dribbling

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

No	Player	Appearances							Attacking						Defending					Sanctions			
		Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Total	Shots				Passes		Field Player		Goalkeeper			YC	2YC	RC	
									Score	Saved	Post	Out	Assist	Miss	IP	DP	CS	IS	DO				
1	MOHAMAD SYUJAK (SYUJAK)	0	24	24	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	8	3	0	0	0
2	MOHD FAISAL BIN SAHARUDIN (FAISAL)	10	11	11	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	MUHAMMAD QUSHAIRIE ASAARI (QUSHAIRIE)	18	23	28	0	0	0	70	2	4	1	5	2	0	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	MOHAMAD NORAZMAN (NORAZMAN)	25	18	18	0	0	0	61	2	5	3	2	0	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	MUHAMMAD HAFIZAM (HAFIZAM)	8	6	11	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	MOHD HASROL ALI (HASRO)	14	12	12	0	0	0	38	2	2	1	2	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MOHD FAIZAL BIN ABDUL RANI (FAIZAL)	7	7	11	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	MUHAMMAD ASHREY (ASHREY)	12	11	8	0	0	0	31	0	2	1	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	MOHD RIDHWAN ZAINAL (RIDHWAN)	11	14	9	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	MUHAMMAD ZULHAIRI ISMAIL (ZULHAIRI)	18	18	19	0	0	0	55	1	3	0	5	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	MOHD RIDUWAN MOHD NOOR (RIDUWAN)	13	15	16	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	4	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	MOHD NAZRI SULAIMAN (NAZRI)	0	12	12	0	0	0	24	0	1	0	3	1	0	3	2	3	8	6	0	0	0	0

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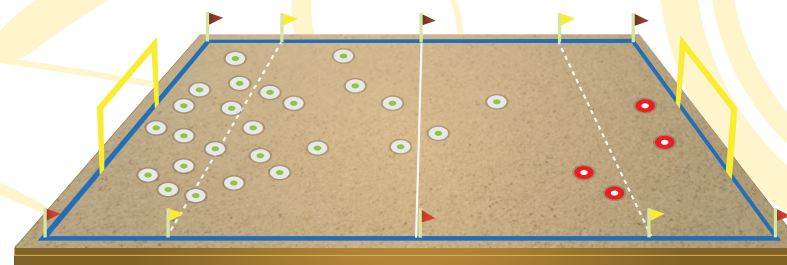


HEAD COACH

IDA NYOMAN MAHAYASA



Nationality: Indonesian



● Goals Conceded ● Goals Scored → Attacking Direction

KEY POINTS

- Slow in building up from the back
- Frequent use of long passes
- Sat back in own half to defend
- Looked for opportunities to launch quick counterattacks
- Average individual skills
- Did not perform well when opposing team applied pressure in their own half

STATISTICS AND TEAM DATA

No	Player	Appearances							Attacking						Defending					Sanctions		
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									Score	Saved	Post	Out	Assist	Miss	IP	DP	CS	IS	DO			
1	CASALA	36	28	29	0	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	11	1	3	0	0	0
2	JUNIUS BATE	26	24	28	0	0	0	18	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
3	NYOMAN WIDNYANA	8	10	13	0	0	0	30	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	ASEP	22	18	22	0	0	0	63	0	0	1	3	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	WAYAN AGUS	20	19	15	0	0	0	54	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	GEDE GERY	8	9	10	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MADE AGUS	15	11	9	0	0	0	36	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	BAGUS DWI	10	9	3	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	KADEK DWIPAYUDHA	19	19	16	0	0	0	54	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	AGUNG TEGUH	11	8	11	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	ANGGA PRATAMA	18	11	23	0	0	0	84	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	KADEK ANDRE	0	7	7	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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APPOINTMENT OF MATCH OFFICIALS

A total of five Technical Instructors/Assessors, one Fitness Instructor and 20 referees were appointed for the competition.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR/ASSESSOR

NO.	NAME	MA
1	Seyedsadreddin Mousavi	IRN
2	Masahiro Sakurada	JPN
3	Mohammed Saeed Humaid Yaaqoub Alshanas	UAE
4	Ebrahim Yousef Khalaf Jaber Almansoori	UAE
5	Bakhtiyor Namazov	UZB

FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

NO.	NAME	MA
1	Ahmad Khalidi Bin Supian	MAS



REFEREES

NO.	NAME	MA
1	Waleed Mohamed Mahmood Abdulkarim	BHR
2	Abdulla Saleh Qasim Saleh	BHR
3	Shao Liang	CHN
4	Li Qibin	CHN
5	Makoto Sato	JPN
6	Yuichi Hatano	JPN
7	Abdulaziz M A Abdullah	KUW
8	Hassan Abed Rabbo	LBN
9	Turki' Abdullah Said Al Salehi	OMA
10	Fallah Hassan Mohammed Al Balushi	OMA
11	Suwat Wongsuwan	THA
12	Suparith Udma	THA
13	Ibrahim Yousif Abdulla Ahmed Al Raesi	UAE
14	Sharifi Zainudin	AFG
15	Muhammad Syahir Shaharul Nizam	MAS
16	Mohd Amirul Aizat Mohd Lodin	MAS
17	Gulmyradov Timur	TKM
18	Kosimov Nayim	UZB
19	Akram Mahdi Saleh	IRQ
20	Karram Samer	SYR

STANDBY REFEREES

NO.	NAME	MA
1	Wahyu Wicaksono	IDN
2	Khalil Balhawan	LBN



GUEST INSTRUCTOR

FIFA Technical Instructor Mr Lakhdar Benchabane was invited to monitor and observe the performances of the referees.

PREPARATORY COURSE

A five-day Preparatory Course was conducted to train the appointed referees which covered the following topics:

- Laws of the Game Amendments 22/23
- Fitness Test Protocol
- Kick Off Procedure
- Responsibility of Match Officials
- Challenges
- Denying an Obvious Goalscoring Opportunity
- Scissors Kick
- Handball
- Management of Free Kicks
- Management of 4 Seconds Rule
- Management of Penalty Kicks
- Game Control
- Positioning & Movement
- Competition Preparation

FITNESS CHECK

The ARIET fitness check for all appointed referees was conducted on March 12, 2023. All appointed referees passed the necessary 15.5-3 requirement.

TEAM ARRIVAL & MATCH COORDINATION MEETINGS

Referee Assessors were appointed to conduct Team Arrival Meetings prior to the start of the competition, where information on the latest amendments to the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game was provided to team representatives. They also attended a total of three Match Coordination Meetings.

FINAL MATCH

The final between Japan and IR Iran on March 26, 2023 was officiated by the following match officials:

- Referee:** Turki' Abdullah Said Al Salehi (OMA)
- 2nd Referee:** Ibrahim Yousif Abdulla Ahmed Al Raeesi (UAE)
- 3rd Referee:** Abdulla Saleh Qasim Saleh (BHR)
- Timekeeper:** Suparith Udma (THA)
- Reserve Assistant Referee:** Abdulaziz M A Abdullah (KUW)
- Referee Assessor:** Bakhtiyor Namazov (UZB)





STAR SELECTION

DREAM TEAM



SEYEDMAHDI MIRJAJILI
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MOSLEM MESIGAR
IR IRAN



TAKUYA AKAGUMA
JAPAN



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JAPAN



KHALID KHAMIS ALORAIMI
OMAN

RESERVES TEAM



SHINYA SHIBAMOTO
JAPAN



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IR IRAN



SAMI FAIL AL BULUSHI
OMAN



ALI MIRSHEKARI
IR IRAN



ALI MOHAMMADI
UAE



AWARDS



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Captain Moslem Mesigar led by example to guide his team to victory.

TOP SCORER

Takuya Akaguma displayed a brilliant eye for goal to finish the tournament by scoring 11 times.

BEST GOALKEEPER

IR Iran's Seyedmahdi Mirjajili proved to be the hardest man to beat between the posts.

FAIR PLAY AWARD

The AFC Fair Play Award is awarded to the team with the most Fair Play points in the competition. Oman, who finished third in the competition, won the award after amassing 55.17 points.





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ARUMNEY KRITHONG	THA
SUPAKRIT SRIARJ	THA
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