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Chapter 1751: This Is Becoming More and More Outrageous

After arranging the defensive line of the national football team, as the head coach, Hou Xiangming decided to make some changes in the forward offense for the second half as well.

"Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, Zhao Xuanming."

Head coach Hou Xiangming looked at the three of them.

In the first half, Hou Xiangming actually limited their actions a bit, because if they attacked with full force, the effect would definitely be better.

However, the reason Hou Xiangming did so was to counter the Korean Team's tactical arrangements.

"Hmm, coach, how should we attack in the second half?"

Li Shuangying and the others nodded and asked.

"In the first half, I only let you use fifty percent of your power. In the second half, I want you to attack more fiercely, around eighty percent. Understand? We need to put pressure on the Korean Team."

Hou Xiangming instructed tactically.

"Got it, coach!"

Li Shuangying nodded firmly.

Liu Zhan and Zhao Xuanming also knew that head coach Hou Xiangming was very capable, able to devise different tactical arrangements for different opponents. Sometimes on the field, it's not about exhausting oneself to play.

Just in the last World Cup Pre-Match against the Thai Team, Li Shuangying and the others had to give their all in running, attacking, and defending.

Now with their teammates from the Feiyue Team replacing them, Li Shuangying and the others had no dead weight and instead had well-coordinated teammates, allowing them to execute more tactical arrangements to face opponents of varying strengths.

"Maintaining a high level of defense, combined with your strong offensive play, can tire out the Korean Team quickly. Then our opportunity will come. The Korean Team already attacked intensely in the first half, and I believe they will try even harder to regain the score in the second half. Facing such a situation, they will definitely use a lot of substitutes, mostly key players. That way, after exhausting their stamina, they won't pose much of a threat. However, in the second half, we still need to be cautious as the opponents might make a desperate struggle."

Head coach Hou Xiangming briefly analyzed the situation on the field for the players.

After listening to head coach Hou Xiangming's analysis, the players understood.

"Finally, if my tactical arrangements are disrupted by the ever-changing situations on the field, then as head coach, all I can do is trust you. You can play freely, trust your teammates, cooperate with each other, and shine brilliantly!"

Head coach Hou Xiangming concluded.

This was something he always said before the team took the field.

After all, no matter how detailed the tactical arrangements and player deployment might be, they cannot cope with the ever-changing situations on the field. Sometimes when unexpected situations arise that the head coach never anticipated at the beginning, it requires the players' own performance.

And as head coach, Hou Xiangming believes in his players.

At the same time, he wants these players to believe in their teammates, because only by believing in their teammates can they achieve unparalleled wonderful cooperation.

"Understood!"

All the players responded in unison.

"Good, let's go!"

Head coach Hou Xiangming extended his hand.

The next second, all the players extended their hands, placing their palms together, and then shouted "Let's go!"

The unity and trust between the Feiyue Team's players and the head coach is something no club team in the country can achieve, because in the eyes of people from other domestic club teams, there is only interest beyond interest, and the pure words 'football' have long been abandoned behind interest.

But this team from the Feiyue Football Club was born in the darkest era of national football. Each of its members has passionate ambitions, and while interests are important, football is even more important in their eyes. Teammates and coaches are the closest and most trustworthy people on the football field.

"Okay, everyone get ready to go on the field."

On the green field.

The Korean women's group cheerleaders had finished their hot dance, and the Korean team's fans were very excited after watching because one of the cheerleaders was a relatively famous person in Korea.

The second half is about to begin.

The Korean team players started to take the field, emerging from an entrance onto the green pitch, followed by the national team players also taking the field one after another from the same entrance.

Due to the relatively small number of domestic fans present, when the national team players entered in the second half, it was hardly possible to hear any support for the national team on-site, not because there was none, but because the voices of the supporters were already drowned out by the loud cheers of the Korean team's fans.

Nothing can be done; after all, the Korean team has a home advantage, and the number of domestic fans who came to watch the match is very low, resulting in the current situation.

No worries, though.

Even if they can't hear their own fans' support on the field, Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, Zhao Xuanming, Zhu Tan, and Zhu Cheng don't mind at all.

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On the green soccer field, as long as you play well, what does it matter if there isn't a single spectator?

Sometimes, the road of soccer is lonely.

But Li Shuangying and his team knew very well that their soccer journey was not lonely, as Principal Ding personally came to support them, and in front of computers and phones, there were definitely hundreds of thousands of students and alumni from Mist City Arts and Science University watching the game to show their support.

And even those domestic fans who used to express skepticism about the national team are probably now watching the live broadcast of this match on their computers, phones, or TVs.

So what Li Shuangying and his team could do was to win this match, so that the fans watching on TVs, phones, and computers in the country would no longer be disappointed. They have been disappointed with the national team for a long time, and this match is an opportunity to restore the national team's image in the eyes of the fans, potentially the only chance, because if they lose this match, the national team might truly lose its domestic fan base.

Li Shuangying does not want to see that moment arrive, so this match, they must win.

The entire Feiyue Team, all the players, approached this match with such belief and determination.

"The form seems pretty good, but look at the Korean Team players, why do they all look like they're pumped up, did they take stimulants or something?"

Huang Youjie looked at the players on the field and couldn't help but analyze.

"It seems that the battle in the second half will be even more intense, this match is getting more and more interesting."

Ding Yue rubbed his chin and muttered.

Xu Bin's estimation was the same as Ding Yue's. This second half, the Korean Team is likely going all out, they will display their full strength, combined with various dirty tactics. It seems that the pressure on the national team in the second half will not be small.

On the green soccer field, with the referee's whistle, the second half of the match officially began, and the match timer started. The players on both sides were once again solemnly positioned on the field.

At the start of the second half, as soon as the Korean Team got possession, they launched an intense attack from midfield, and possession once again fell to the feet of the #6 offensive player, Park Munji.

Park Munji looked very excited, his eyes seemingly filled with murderous intent.

However, the national team's defensive players did not dare to relax their marking on this #6 player, Park Munji, for a moment because in the first half, this guy posed two significant threats to the national team's goal.

If it weren't for goalkeeper Zhu Cheng's desperate saves, the national team might have conceded two goals in the first half.

Seeing himself tightly marked, Park Munji received the same treatment as Li Shuangying, and after several unsuccessful attempts to dribble past the defenders, he chose to give up attacking and shooting himself, passing the ball to his teammates instead.

The Korean Team attempted to find a flaw in the national team's defense through such passing.

However, the national team never gave the Korean Team this chance because the national team's defense was maintained at a very high standard, with everyone in their position doing a good job of marking and covering.

Unless, like the last few minutes of the first half when the Korean Team's frenzied attack disrupted the defense, the Korean Team would find it difficult to find opportunities.

"We can see that the national team's defensive line is truly impressive, the Korean Team hasn't found any opportunities, and they returned the ball to midfield."

The commentator was also excitedly commentating the second half. To domestic commentators, this match is considered the most brilliant game the national team has played in years.

Why is it brilliant?

Because the national team's defensive line finally displayed a high standard. Such a fortress-like defense is arguably one of the best in the entire Asian competition area.

This made commentators who were used to the formerly weak and paper-thin defense of the national team feel a bit unaccustomed.

Oh!

This feeling is truly delightful!

Unexpectedly, after a major upheaval, the national team has improved so much, showing that the Feiyue Football Club is really strong.

The most critical point is that the Feiyue Group behind Feiyue Football Club has invested heavily in establishing a gradually improving football development system in the country, starting a football storm from young people, from children, from cities, from villages.

These professional commentators seem to see the bright future of the national team.

In fact, even Ding Yue felt that a populous country like Xia Country, as long as the domestic football industry laid out by Feiyue Group can develop smoothly, in the next ten or twenty years, the country will experience an explosion of young talented players, and the future hope of the national team lies in these young talents.

The grievances of decades in the national team might really disappear, leading to the national team's glory.

Of course.

Whether glory can be achieved actually still depends on how far this current national team, or Feiyue Football Club, can go.

Ding Yue is very confident that Li Shuangying and his team can go far, whether in the World Cup Pre-Match or in the World Cup. Yes, Ding Yue is that confident that Li Shuangying and his team can enter the World Cup. Even if not this time, the next time they will surely make it.

Within two World Cups, they must make it, and this is Ding Yue's expectation for Li Shuangying and his team.

This is also the dream of Li Shuangying and his team. Since they are representing the national team, the World Cup is their ultimate dream to strive for.

Thinking of this, Ding Yue couldn't help but show a smile at the corner of his mouth.

On the green soccer field, the confrontation between the Korean Team and the national team was extremely intense.

Both sides frequently intercepted possession and launched attacks, but encountered tight defenses. As a result, in the ten minutes of the second half, both sides played fiercely and neither created a good shooting opportunity.

Among them, the national team's forward Liu Zhan was even forced by the Korean Team's defenders during an attack to the point where he didn't even have a passing opportunity, eventually having to shoot out of necessity.

But such a shot, unfortunately, lacked precision and didn't even require the Korean Team's goalkeeper to defend as the ball flew out.

This was the only shot attempt since the second half began.

Ten minutes later, the fight became more intense, almost frenetic, with the faces of the Korean Team's players all covered in sweat, as were the national team's players.

Because as the Korean Team ramped up the intensity, the national team's players had to keep up, otherwise the Korean Team would create a shot opportunity using their high-pressure tactics.

The situation on the field gradually heated up, and both teams' players and head coaches were on edge.

The spectators were thrilled, even though there were few shot attempts, the fighting for the ball was truly fierce.

It was not surprising that the Korean Team used some dirty tactics during the ball scrambles, leading to the referee issuing another yellow card warning.

With this, two players from the Korean Team have received yellow cards in this match.

But despite this, the Korean Team's resilience was still very strong, and eventually, they found a shooting opportunity.

Goalkeeper Zhu Cheng was fully prepared.

However, this time it wasn't Zhu Cheng who saved the ball, but a defender who accurately used his thigh to block the shot, leaving the Korean Team player who took the shot extremely frustrated, holding his face in regret.

After all, the shot was indeed well-executed, but it was blocked by the national team's defender, and the opportunity to equalize the score was lost again.

"Zhan, we need to apply pressure on the offensive position, should we do 'Three Heroes vs. Lu Bu'?"

At the moment of the Korean Team's shot, as the offensive players of the national team, Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming were in midfield.

After all, they were attackers, and even during defense, they couldn't retract too much, at most, they would move around near the midfield. Once their teammates gained possession, they would immediately switch to their offensive zones.

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"Good! Watch us now!"

Liu Zhan saw that Ying was preparing to pull out his trump card, naturally nodded, and was determined to give his full cooperation.

The so-called "Three Heroes vs. Lu Bu" is actually just a metaphor; this is a move Li Shuangying often refers to.

The three heroes, naturally, are Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming, their main offensive forces, while "Lu Bu" refers to metaphorically comparing the opponent's defensive line, including the goalkeeper, to the mighty "Lu Bu."

"Three Heroes vs. Lu Bu," a classic in "Three Kingdoms," is about the three people's immense strength, battling Lu Bu for three hundred rounds!

Translated to the soccer field, it's about relying on the perfect coordination between Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming to wear down or fatigue the Korean Team's defense, ultimately achieving a victory over Lu Bu with a goal!

"Here comes the ball!"

Liu Zhan focused on the situation in their defensive area. After the Korean Team's offensive failed, possession fell to their national team, and he saw a teammate quickly pass the ball to midfield.

And in the midfield, there was a low-key but highly skilled ball handler, Zhu Tan.

Zhu Tan's ball control and interception rates in the midfield area are very high; usually, when the opponent's ball reaches midfield, it's unexpectedly intercepted by Zhu Tan.

Moreover, Zhu Tan's burst speed is also very strong.

When Zhu Tan received the ball from the opponent in midfield, he turned and accelerated towards the opponent's defensive area.

Accompanying Zhu Tan's rapid advance were Liu Zhan, Li Shuangying, and Zhao Xuanming, because Zhu Tan would surely pass the ball to them, thus creating a perfect scoring opportunity through speed.

Only one player from the Korean Team could keep up with Zhu Tan's speed, while three defenders were marking Li Shuangying and the others, which thinned out the defense.

The opportunity has arrived!

Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming each faced one-on-one defense at this moment.

If they didn't seize this opportunity, the other Korean Team's defensive players would rapidly catch up.

"Go!"

When Zhu Tan brought the ball to a position where it was difficult for him to advance, he made a left pass to Li Shuangying.

Li Shuangying, the man who keeps the Korean Team's nerves on edge, once again stirred the nerves of their defensive players.

The Korean Team player who followed Zhu Tan quickly pursued Li Shuangying, along with another defender in front of him, pressing the pressure onto Li Shuangying.

However, Li Shuangying remained calm. After gaining possession, he first attempted a feint to pass the Korean Team defender in front but was unsuccessful.

It was evident that the opponent was quite tense when facing him, demonstrating exceptional observational and reaction abilities. Such a Korean Team was predictably formidable; they were indeed well-trained.

However.

This was just the beginning. Li Shuangying tried to dribble past again. The Korean Team defender attempted to block, but Li Shuangying opted not to attack this time and instead passed the ball.

He passed it to Liu Zhan in the center.

After Liu Zhan got the ball, he immediately passed it to Zhao Xuanming without delay.

The national team's main offensive players displayed incredible teamwork and coordination in their passing and receiving, giving the opponent little chance to intercept.

After getting the ball, Zhao Xuanming, like Li Shuangying, tried a feint on the right wing, then passed it back to Liu Zhan.

Thus, the possession rotated among Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming, constantly shifting the Korean Team's defensive flow.

During this time, the other Korean Team defenders were almost back in their positions.

If they dragged it out longer, the shooting opportunity would diminish.

At this point in "Three Heroes vs. Lu Bu," they couldn't continue battling; they had to defeat Lu Bu. So, Li Shuangying chose to trust his teammate Liu Zhan, took the ball, and dashed madly towards the Korean Team's left side, seemingly ready to make a desperate strike.

The Korean Team defenders, seeing this, tightened their nerves even more. This Li Shuangying could create countless possibilities, so they must hold a strict defense.

The Korean Team's goalkeeper also assumed a save-ready posture, keeping a constant watch on Li Shuangying.

When Li Shuangying took the ball to the edge of the pitch, there was no more room ahead, with that Korean Team player marking him closely. Li Shuangying made a kick.

With that kick, everyone thought Li Shuangying was attempting a lateral shot.

As the ball left his foot, swirling with a fierce spin, it sped toward the Korean Team's goal.

And just at that moment, Liu Zhan dashed forward, and as the ball reached this point, the atmosphere suddenly became tense.

Although Liu Zhan was a bit shorter than other players, he had one advantage: his agility allowed him to maneuver and jump very high.

Indeed, when life's door closed a bit on Liu Zhan's height, it opened a balcony for him to jump high!

Suddenly, Liu Zhan leaped up between two Korean Team defenders, heading the seemingly goal-bound shot from Li Shuangying.

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In fact, this was a fake shot by Li Shuangying cooperating with Liu Zhan's header, mainly to create an opportunity for Liu Zhan.

This fake shot led the Korean Team's defensive players and goalkeeper to focus on this shot's trajectory, while Liu Zhan leapt up at this moment, using his great jumping ability to make another header, completely changing the goal trajectory.

Even though the Korean goalkeeper was formidable, he was originally prepared to save against Li Shuangying's shot, but he never expected that this ball would have a different trajectory.

The trajectory was changed by Liu Zhan.

Actually, Liu Zhan was not very confident about scoring with this header because, based on this angle, he had tried this many times in training with Li Shuangying, and concluded that there was a one-third chance it would miss, a one-third chance it would hit the side frame, and a one-third chance it would score!

It was this kind of ball, and Lady Luck smiled upon Liu Zhan.

At a moment when the Korean Team's goalkeeper could not react in time to save, this ball almost grazed the inside edge of the goal frame and scored!

"Liu Zhan's header! The ball is in!"

At this moment, domestic professional commentators were once again excited in their tone!

Another goal, and a spectacular header at that, a perfect collaboration between Li Shuangying and Liu Zhan!

The national team!

This is the true national team!

The strength they displayed was so astonishing, making everyone in Xia Country hesitant to believe, is this really the national team? How fantastical, it's hard to believe they're playing with the brilliance of the Champions League!

"Two to zero! Two to zero! We are two to zero!"

The commentator from the Feiyue Home streaming media platform excitedly exclaimed.

The commentators at Feiyue Home streaming media platform, from the sports college soccer department of Mist City Arts and Science University, couldn't become professional soccer players, but their love for soccer led them to become commentators, as the school and its backing company provided them with this opportunity, specifically on the sports channel of Feiyue Home streaming media platform.

"Bravo, this Liu Zhan."

Huang Youjie exclaimed excitedly.

Ding Yue also showed a satisfied smile.

Despite Liu Zhan being a bit short, his potential is truly strong. This was also expressed by Hou Xiangming when he introduced this player to Ding Yue in the past, showing great potential, hence incorporating him into the Feiyue football club and making him a main attacking player.

In the Xia Super League, Liu Zhan had already shown remarkable performance on the field with his speed and interjection abilities.

This time, Liu Zhan again proved with his strength that so what if I'm a bit short, I can still deliver a fatal blow on the field.

Upon seeing this header, every player on the Korean Team looked helpless.

It's two to zero, and with more than half of the second half gone, it's already very difficult to win back at this stage.

"These young players, indeed, did not let me down, nor did they let domestic fans down, and certainly did not disappoint the General Administration of Sports and the Football Association."

Ding Yue calmly said.

"Awesome, Principal Ding!"

Secretary Wen Ruohan was overwhelmingly excited.

Wen Ruohan's passion for soccer had just started to grow, and seeing the national team now leading two to zero, she was naturally incredibly excited, and she could clearly see the exceptional cooperation between Liu Zhan, Li Shuangying, and Zhao Xuanming.

"Two to zero, this is pretty much a settled victory, but of course, in these remaining minutes, we can't make mistakes and give the opponent opportunities. Once the opponent gets a chance to score, they'll turn the tide. The Korean Team's resilience is strong."

Xu Bin made a simple analysis.

Finally, cheers from the domestic audience could be heard in the stadium, because by this time, fans of the Korean Team were silent and bewildered. How did they concede another goal? What's going on? Can't they even win against the national team?

The most crucial thing is that the strength of the national team was incredible to the fans of the Korean Team!

Even the players of the Korean Team didn't expect Xia Country's national team to perform so well in both defense and attack!

And since fans of the Korean Team were silent, the cheers from the relatively fewer fans of the national team could finally be heard.

On the green field, Li Shuangying and the others felt more passionate when they heard fans cheering for them.

"Alright, we can see that the head coach of the Korean Team has decided to make a substitution, taking off number 6 Park Munji, and also subbing out midfielder number 18 Kim Ping Hyun, taking off two players at once, including the main player Park Munji."

The commentator promptly explained the situation on the field.

That's right!

The Korean Team made substitutions.

Number 6 Park Munji was taken off, which was unexpected for the national team's players because Park Munji was a main attacking player for the Korean Team, having made several threatening shots.

But at this point, Park Munji's mentality had somewhat collapsed. Firstly, the opponent had scored two goals and was leading two to zero. Secondly, several of Park Munji's shots had been saved by the national team's goalkeeper Zhu Cheng, which greatly frustrated him. Additionally, Park Munji had pushed too hard in previous matches and couldn't keep up physically anymore.

Considering these factors, the head coach of the Korean Team ultimately decided to take off Park Munji and put in the unpredictable attacking player Shen Yuntai.

"The Korean Team's attacking substitute is Shen Yuntai, a very agile attacker, indicating that the Korean Team is going to adjust their attacking strategy."

The commentator said.

"Bin, what's this Shen Yuntai's background?"

Ding Yue asked Xu Bin beside him.

Xu Bin knew more about soccer than he did.

This Shen Yuntai had never appeared before.

"Data is relatively scarce, but Shen Yuntai, in the few times he's played, has managed to greatly enhance the Korean Team, being an unpredictable attacker who's usually Park Munji's professional substitute. In previous matches, Park Munji almost always played the full match, so opportunities for Shen Yuntai to appear were quite limited."

Xu Bin explained Shen Yuntai's background to Ding Yue.

"It seems we'll have to be extra careful then."

Ding Yue muttered.

Before long, the Korean Team completed the substitution process, and the newly fielded Shen Yuntai, after exchanging a glance with the outgoing Park Munji, started jogging on the field.

Even though he had already warmed up on the sidelines before coming on, getting on the field still required continued movement to warm up the body.

"Aren't we making any substitutions?"

Huang Youjie asked.

"Seems like the head coach doesn't plan to make any changes, as Li Shuangying and Liu Zhan's stamina can still hold up. Compared to the last match, Li Shuangying and the others are under much less pressure in this match, and their distance covered is also a lot less, because their teammates can now cover for them. Judging by their performance and stamina in the previous match, they're likely at about sixty percent stamina consumption right now."

Xu Bin seriously analyzed and said.

Indeed, as a computing genius, his calculations were spot on.

Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming knew very well about their own stamina consumption, and it indeed was around sixty percent.

Generally, reaching around eighty percent is considered a critical point at which, being main players, they might consider making a substitution.

So according to this calculation, Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, and Zhao Xuanming could last until the end of the match, unless there's a prolonged overtime, but even in overtime, they could continue.

However, it was clear this match would not have overtime.

Once the Korean Team completed the substitution, both sides resumed their confrontation.

This match, with just fifteen minutes left, left little time for the Korean Team!

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"The Korean Team is making their last stand."

"Last fifteen minutes, New National Football, hold on, just hold on and you'll win!"

"Damn, this is the most exciting match I've ever seen from New National Football."

"Is the New National Football rising?"

"Sobs, I can't believe I'm witnessing New National Football being so fierce, even pressing down on the Korean Team, I'm moved to tears!"

"Go Go Go!"

Whether it's the fans at the Seoul Central Stadium or those watching the live broadcast, fans of New National Football and numerous netizens, at this moment, their confidence in New National Football is at an all-time peak.

Because the opponent New National Football is facing is the Korean Team, and they're currently leading 2-0, most importantly, there are only fifteen minutes left in the match.

The dawn of victory seems to be rising gradually.

Fans and netizens all over the country who follow football have their hearts in their throats, just waiting for these last fifteen minutes, and then they can celebrate.

However.

The Korean Team obviously won't miss these last fifteen minutes; they fight like mad, and you can't deny the ferocity they display.

It's a recognized top-tier team in Asia, they have their skills.

But, sorry, your opponent this time is no longer the old New National Football, the once terrible team is becoming history. The new New National Football, with new players, has surprised everyone, forcing them to see it in a new light.

These are the seeds cultivated by Mist City Arts and Science University, and now they've grown strong, becoming the champions of New National Football's rise, becoming the key to boosting the confidence of countless domestic football spectators.

"This Shen Yuntai is really something!"

As one of New National Football's defensive players, Chen Jiang admits he feels powerless against Shen Yuntai.

Before Shen Yuntai came on, Chen Jiang mainly marked Park Munji, and even though Park was a key offensive player, Chen Jiang managed to mark him pretty well. Generally, Park Munji needed cooperation to break through Chen Jiang's defense line.

But Shen Yuntai is tricky.

He can dribble past Chen Jiang, which infuriates him.

In other words, Chen Jiang alone can't stop Shen Yuntai anymore.

However, after Shen Yuntai dribbled past Chen Jiang's solid defense line, Chen Jiang's teammate Feng Qiang immediately came to reinforce.

This is the formidable defensive strength of the Feiyue Team; generally, they don't leave gaps for the opponent, unlike the old New National Football, even if there was a defense line, once it was breached, it was like entering no man's land, with no one to provide support.

Feng Qiang, after coming up, continued to intercept Shen Yuntai, who was dribbling toward the goal, while Chen Jiang applied immense pressure from behind.

Yet.

Even so, Shen Yuntai relied on his strength to lightly slip past Feng Qiang, but anyone who understands football can see that Shen Yuntai has tremendous dribbling skills.

Then Shen Yuntai continued his dribble, evidently poised to penetrate, and the last defensive teammate for New National Football, seeing this, could only helplessly go for a sliding tackle.

Facing this tackle, Shen Yuntai confidently dribbled and leapt, seeming to easily pass through this last line of defense, leaving New National Football's goal wide open before him.

The last line for this goal, only New National Football's goalkeeper Zhu Cheng remained.

Zhu Cheng actually felt a strong pressure when he saw Shen Yuntai dribble past Chen Jiang, realizing that Shen Yuntai was extraordinary, unexpectedly showing the might of a soccer king.

In such a situation, Zhu Cheng naturally stayed fully alert without any slack, already prepared to defend his team's goal.

"This Shen Yuntai is something else."

In the VIP seats, Huang Youjie couldn't help but comment.

While Ding Yue frowned deeply.

He feared Shen Yuntai would score, and if that happened, the Korean Team's morale would soar, making it not impossible for them to score again before the match ended.

If that happened, wouldn't it tie the score?

Originally, New National Football had a two-goal advantage, but if that was leveled, it wouldn't be good.

"Stay steady."

Ding Yue muttered to himself.

On the greenfield, Zhu Cheng's gaze was fixed on that ball under Shen Yuntai's feet.

Finally.

Shen Yuntai lifted his foot and shot. fr.eew eb novel..com

Whoosh!

The ball soared into the air, heading towards New National Football's goal at great speed and force, and it was spinning, a tremendously forceful ball, not easy to save.

Most critically, Shen Yuntai shot from such a tricky angle that it seemed almost impossible for goalkeeper Zhu Cheng to save.

Zhu Cheng watched the trajectory of the flying ball, after quickly assessing, his whole body moved as he lunged to the right, using his own form to create an impassable chasm.

Thud!

A muffled sound echoed.

The ball struck Zhu Cheng's palm.

Facing such a forceful ball, trying to catch it was basically impossible for Zhu Cheng, but the ball had already hit his palm, meaning it definitely wouldn't end up in the goal.

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"He saved it!"

The commentator exclaimed excitedly.

On the field, when Shen Yuntai saw this scene, he furrowed his brow, but there was still a chance after Zhu Cheng's save. Shen Yuntai immediately sprang into action.

At the same time, the defenders of the national team also quickly reacted, as both sides scrambled for the ball. If the national team could get it, they could completely defuse the Korean Team's offensive crisis, but if the Korean Team got it again, they would have another chance to attack and possibly score.

Shen Yuntai's teammates also quickly followed up.

In the midst of this chaotic scramble, Shen Yuntai somehow managed to execute his plan methodically.

Just as the national team got the ball, it was bizarrely snatched away by Shen Yuntai. Right after, Shen Yuntai quickly shot towards the goal.

This shot was very close to the goal, and Zhu Cheng was watching closely.

The ball flew towards the goal, and Zhu Cheng moved his body again, like a great roc spreading its wings. This shot was once again blocked by Zhu Cheng.

However, since the force of this shot was not as strong as the previous one, it didn't rebound far, and Shen Yuntai quickly followed up again with another kick.

This was Shen Yuntai's third shot, finding three opportunities to shoot with one ball, a rare situation indeed.

Yet.

For this third shot, as it seemed impossible for Zhu Cheng as a goalkeeper to cover the angle.

Zhu Cheng, however, did not disappoint his teammates or the domestic fans watching online. He executed a carp-jump save, similar to one from the first half.

He barely touched the ball with his fingertips, changing its trajectory and denying the goal completely.

"Magnificent! Goalkeeper Zhu Cheng used his solid skills to completely defuse this attack from the Korean Team!"

The commentator was already getting fired up at this point.

In the first half, the national team's goalkeeper Zhu Cheng made a double save. Now in the second half, after the Korean Team brought on the unpredictable Shen Yuntai, they almost scored again. Yet goalkeeper Zhu Cheng once again delivered, making a triple save and utterly destroying the Korean Team's perfect shot.

Watching this, Shen Yuntai stood there stunned.

What kind of goalkeeper is this?

This is ridiculous!

Just like Park Munji in the first half, Shen Yuntai held his face in his hands, utterly annoyed!

Psychologically, Shen Yuntai and Park Munji must be feeling similarly defeated.

This was a crucial ball for the Korean Team, a shot opportunity that Shen Yuntai created at the peak of his form, yet it was saved by the opponent's goalkeeper.

So tough!

When did the national team's goalkeeper become so amazing? Can they actually train such a great goalkeeper? Shen Yuntai couldn't believe it!

This national team can't be seen with the old eyes anymore. In the past, when facing the Korean Team, the national team usually ended up losing badly.

Yet this time, change seemed possible, even Shen Yuntai could feel it.

With less than ten minutes left, the national team was already leading by two points. Even if he and his teammates launched an all-out attack, catching up with these two points against such a goalkeeper wouldn't be easy.

"Hahaha, this goalkeeper is awesome! Yue, what's his name again?"

Huang Youjie was almost bursting into laughter.

Especially seeing the Korean Team's Shen Yuntai shoot three times without scoring, it was utterly satisfying.

"Zhu Cheng, a very impressive goalkeeper. It seems after this match, he'll become a legend."

Ding Yue smiled calmly, full of confidence and pride.

"Zhu Cheng, remember this name. I think this name will undoubtedly make a significant impact on world football history," Huang Youjie envisioned.

Such extraordinary goalkeepers like Zhu Cheng are rare worldwide. Only the goalkeepers of powerhouse teams perhaps have such abilities, able to defuse so many shooting crises in one match.

At this moment, not only were the live audience members excited.

Countless online fans watching the live broadcast were also ecstatic, as it's been so long since they've seen such a powerful national team.

"Damn, this goalkeeper is too strong!"

"With this save, the goalkeeper is simply legendary."

"666!"

"If only I'm not educated, a 'wow' will suffice!"

"What kind of divine goalkeeper is this!"

"Incredible!"

"Wow, goalkeeper, you rock!"

"Remember this goalkeeper, his name is Zhu Cheng, Feiyue Football Club's goalkeeper!"

"Actually, the national team's defenders did pretty well this time too, but this Shen Yuntai was really something, yet he encountered our god-like goalkeeper Zhu Cheng, hahaha!"

Among online fans, goalkeeper Zhu Cheng was no longer just a goalkeeper but referred to as the "goalkeeping god." Indeed, Zhu Cheng's performance earlier deserved to be called a goalkeeping god on the soccer field.

In this match, Zhu Cheng was indeed enough to attain legendary status.

On the field, the national team players all gave thumbs up to Zhu Cheng.

After this final attempt without a goal, the Korean Team's overall morale had already dropped. Although Shen Yuntai still had stamina after being substituted in, the other Korean Team players had their confidence shattered by goalkeeping god Zhu Cheng.

In the last few minutes, the national team seized opportunities and attempted two attacks, but neither had great results. One shot hit the goalpost, and another missed, not due to poor skill but because of being heavily marked, leaving little room for a good shot angle.

The Korean Team found it difficult to mount any powerful counterattacks.

Shen Yuntai had a few shining moments, but the national team's defense guarded him tightly.

Finally.

This World Cup Pre-Match between the national team and the Korean Team ended with the referee's whistle. The Korean Team never broke through the national team's goal, and the national team scored twice, winning the match 2-0, making history by defeating the top team in the Asian qualifier, the Korean Team!

After the match, the few thousand national team fans cheered loudly on-site.

Whereas the Korean Team's fans were all exceptionally silent.

They couldn't believe it; the Korean Team lost.

And to the national team, no less!

It seemed impossible, yet it happened. The Korean Team players' emotions were incredibly low.

On the other hand, the national team players, Li Shuangying, Zhu Tan, Liu Zhan, Chen Jiang, Zhao Xuanming, and Zhu Cheng, all had faces full of confidence and joy.

They finally did it, winning this immensely critical match against the opponent, and the opponents were the Korean Team.

Now, could the domestic fans see the hope in the national team?

This was Li Shuangying's thought at that moment.

Li Shuangying jogged over to goalkeeper Zhu Cheng and said with a smile, "Cheng, you performed really well."

After speaking, Li Shuangying gave a thumbs up.

"Ying, your two goals were the key," Zhu Cheng said with a smile.

Usually, the goalkeeper is the team captain, but Zhu Cheng was not the captain; he was the vice-captain, while the captain was Li Shuangying.

"Ah! Cheng, you're seriously amazing!"

At this moment, Liu Zhan rushed over and gave Zhu Cheng a big hug.

The bond between teammates wasn't something ordinary teams could achieve.

"We won! We won!"

Zhu Tan and the others gathered around, each with joy and excitement on their faces.

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As soon as the match ended, Ding Yue's phone received countless calls, making it continuously busy.

"Hello, Principal Ding, congratulations! Congratulations to your Feiyue Team for representing the national football team and securing this victory against the Korean Team. This victory is truly inspiring."

On the other end of the line was Wan Hao from the General Administration of Sports.

"Thank you, Minister Wan. We must also thank the General Administration of Sports for its strong support in reshaping the national team with our Feiyue Team."

Ding Yue humbly said, also expressing his gratitude to Wan Hao.

After all, it was Wan Hao who had resolutely advocated within the General Administration of Sports to replace and restructure the national football team, ultimately achieving a consensus and allowing the players from Feiyue Football Club to take the field, replacing the previous national team players and forming a brand-new national team.

Otherwise, how could they have had the chance to win this match?

"It seems I was right about you. Your Feiyue Football Club truly has strong capabilities. I hope you'll keep up the great work in the upcoming World Cup Pre-Match. Don't slack off now. Whether we make it to the World Cup this time depends on you."

Wan Hao was very hopeful about the current national team.

After all, the national team has now managed to beat a strong Asian team like Korea, which means the upcoming match with Japan might also have a chance of victory.

And if they could consecutively defeat both the Korean Team and the Japanese Team in the Asian qualifiers, breaking into the World Cup would be no difficult feat.

"Rest assured, Minister Wan. Our Feiyue Team and the national team will definitely give it everything we've got."

Ding Yue said with determination.

Not only were Wan Hao and others expecting the national team to break through in the World Cup Pre-Match and enter the World Cup, but Ding Yue was also very hopeful.

"Alright, I assume Principal Ding, you must be receiving lots of congratulatory messages now, so I won't disturb you any further. Goodbye."

"Alright, goodbye, Minister Wan."

After hanging up on Wan Hao, Ding Yue received a series of calls from Rao Wanzhi of the General Administration of Sports and others from the Football Association like Li Huimin and Fu Changyun, all calling to congratulate the national team's victory against the Korean Team.

This victory was indeed worth celebrating.

After returning home, Ding Yue was planning a big celebration banquet to congratulate his Feiyue Football Club's young players, and also to distribute bonuses. This match really made the national team proud; they deserved the bonuses. Ding Yue had promised each player that if they scored in

the World Cup Pre-Match, there would be bonuses, and winning a match would also have bonuses. Although the bonuses weren't huge, they were enough to motivate these young players.

Many more calls kept coming.

One call was from Principal Xu Dongcheng of Westlight University.

Principal Xu Dongcheng was an old friend of Ding Yue.

"Principal Ding, congratulations, congratulations! I just watched the match live. Our players played exceptionally well in this match; it was really satisfying!"

On the phone, Principal Xu Dongcheng seemed very excited.

It's important to know that Principal Xu Dongcheng is a long-time soccer fan. Over the years, as a fan of the national team, his disappointment has been unspeakable.

Now, seeing the new national team rise and defeat the former strong rival, the Korean Team, how wonderful is that?

"Hahahaha, Principal Xu, you watched the match too, huh? How would you rate the performance of our young lads from Mist City Arts and Science University?"

Ding Yue asked Principal Xu Dongcheng with a smile.

"To be honest, if it were out of ten, I'd give them about eight points, but compared to the previous national team, I'd give a full score. The change is truly remarkable. Of course, the previous national team had its drawbacks for various reasons, but the young players cultivated by Mist City Arts and Science University are genuinely impressive."

Principal Xu Dongcheng said sincerely.

"Yes, I think eight points are quite reasonable. They still have plenty of room for growth in the future." Ding Yue replied calmly, with a smile.

"Principal Ding, this call is not just to congratulate your Feiyue Football Club; there's also something I wish to discuss with you."

Principal Xu Dongcheng said with a smile.

"Oh? Please, go ahead, Principal Xu."

Ding Yue and Principal Xu Dongcheng were already old acquaintances, and their collaboration extended to many fields of private university education. Moreover, some employees in Feiyue Group's frontline manufacturing sector were actually from Xu Dongcheng's former Westlight University. After all, Westlight University had established a cooperative relationship with Mist City Arts and Science University several years ago.

"It's like this: the development of domestic football will surely be a long journey. Building a solid foundation is crucial, and cultivating excellent players is indispensable. At Westlight University, we are also actively training players. At the same time, we have deeply invested in the youth training system set up by Feiyue Group in which Principal Ding is involved. I was wondering, since you have more experience, could we find some time to come over and learn from you? What do you think, Principal Ding? Could you help arrange this?"

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Principal Xu Dongcheng didn't hide anything, he directly said to Ding Yue.

"This is a good thing."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue agreed without a second thought.

Principal Xu Dongcheng's Westlight Group, to say the least, is a hundred-billion-level company, and with a previously number-one, now number-two private university in the country, such an influential company and university entering the domestic football youth training system for development is naturally a good thing.

"Principal Xu, when will you come over? I can arrange your study anytime here."

Ding Yue asked.

"Hahahaha, good, then let me check my schedule, thank you, Principal Ding, for your arrangements at Mist City Arts and Science University." Principal Xu Dongcheng said happily as soon as he heard Principal Ding agree so readily.

"Principal Xu, no need to be so polite, considering our relationship, there's no need for thanks."

Ding Yue said very kindly.

"Oh yes, Principal Xu, I have to say, your daughter is really amazing. Ever since her recovery from surgery, she has been doing exceptionally well in fashion design. I heard she has already won several fashion design awards abroad. Our Feiyue Group has also signed a contract with Xu Meijia to have her design clothes to create a domestic fashion brand."

Since Ding Yue had chatted with Principal Xu Dongcheng for so long, it was only natural that the conversation couldn't exclude Principal Xu Dongcheng's daughter, Xu Meijia.

Xu Meijia is studying both fashion design and medicine at Mist City Arts and Science University, and she excels in both. Fashion design is Xu Meijia's dream.

Since her successful recovery from surgery, Xu Meijia has continued her path in fashion design, developing extraordinarily well. She is truly talented.

Xu Meijia's fashion designs have two parts: international fashion and traditional Chinese costumes. Both styles have received very high evaluations and praise internationally, winning numerous fashion awards in Europe and America.

Such an outstanding fashion designer from Xia Country is naturally sought after by major brands.

However, instead of going to those big brand companies, it is better to create a domestic fashion brand here.

"Meijia discussed this with me and we must thank Principal Ding and Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as Feiyue Group, for the care provided. Regarding investment, if needed, I can invest several billion for Meijia to create our domestic brand."

Principal Xu Dongcheng said enthusiastically.

"We had previously considered letting Meijia establish her own brand, but Meijia expressed her desire to partner with Feiyue Group. Therefore, we established a fashion company under Feiyue Group, with Meijia as the general manager and chief fashion designer. The fashion sector will be entirely managed and operated by Meijia. As for investment, we will undoubtedly provide all necessary support. Rest assured, Principal Xu."

Ding Yue explained.

"That's good. Partnering with your Feiyue Group is also quite excellent. So, Feiyue Group is planning to venture into the fashion industry?"

Principal Xu Dongcheng asked with a smile.

"Sort of."

Ding Yue did not deny it.

Feiyue Group's subsidiaries are involved in many industries, and there's no harm in trying the fashion and beauty sector. It's not about creating a huge market breakthrough, but to establish a domestic fashion beauty brand.

Otherwise, whenever luxury beauty fashion is mentioned, everyone thinks of LV, Bulgari, Chanel, and others. If we have our own comparable fashion beauty brand, that would naturally be a good thing.

"Then I look forward to you creating a big brand, making our domestic fashion brand famous worldwide."

Principal Xu Dongcheng said with anticipation.

"Hahahaha, then I'll take your kind words, Principal Xu."

The two chatted a while longer before hanging up the phone.

Now, the second match of the World Cup Pre-Match had ended with a victory for the national team. After watching the game, Ding Yue went first thing to see the players of his Feiyue Football Club, giving them the highest affirmation.

Winning the game was already a great joy, and with Principal Ding's affirmation and praise, players like Li Shuangying and Liu Zhan were even happier.

"Let's return home victoriously!"

At Ding Yue's command, the next day, he personally led the team, bringing the team and the spectators, and flew back to the country directly with a chartered flight.

Yes, a chartered flight!

Chartering a plane is nothing to Ding Yue. Even buying a plane is easy. After all, with Ding Yue's net worth, buying a plane is no big deal. However, Ding Yue doesn't want to buy a plane, he wants to build one.

That's right!

Build our own domestic large aircraft!

In the field of large aircraft aviation, Boeing and Airbus have mature technology. Although the domestic large aircraft C919 has been developed well and has already undergone test flights, the C919 has not yet been put into large-scale use.

Now, the aerospace academy at Mist City Arts and Science University has gradually grown, and Ding Yue has technology in hand. Feiyue Group also has aerospace and aviation technology departments. Developing our domestic large aircraft has already been put on the agenda.

In the afternoon of the next day.

The flight arrived at Mist City Airport on time.

Many citizens, netizens, and fans in Mist City learned that the national team would return to Mist City Airport today, so they organized themselves to come to the airport to welcome the national team's victorious return.

Yes, in the eyes of the fans, this World Cup Pre-Match against the Korean Team was a victory of honor.

In the waiting hall of Mist City Airport, there were special security personnel maintaining the order on site, and the fans were holding banners such as [Welcome National Team's Victorious Return] to greet the national team.

Scenes of such grandeur were almost hard to see in the past. Previously, when the national team returned home after playing abroad, it was quite good if they weren't pelted with rotten leaves, let alone receiving such a warm welcome ceremony.

When Ding Yue and the national team players walked out of the airport, leaving the terminal, seeing this scene, Ding Yue was stunned for a moment.

Because no one informed Ding Yue in advance that there was such a warm and grand welcome ceremony at the airport. Looking around, it was full of fans in red jerseys, holding small flags, and plenty of banners as well. Everyone was cheering and shouting the national team's name.

Li Shuangying, Liu Zhan, Zhu Cheng, Zhao Xuanming, Chen Jiang, Zhu Tan, and others were moved to tears upon seeing this scene.

It was truly touching!

This sense of intimacy, this feeling of turning the tide from endless humiliation to enjoying deepened honor and restoring fans' confidence, is indescribable in words. Almost all the national team players and coaches were goosebumpy from being so touched. free we\bnove(l).com

"Yue, this scene, tut tut tut."

Huang Youjie couldn't help but marvel, "The national team has truly undergone an earth-shattering change because of our Feiyue Football Club."

"Welcome National Team's Victorious Return!"

In the terminal, almost everyone cheered loudly.

"Thank you, everyone."

As the head coach, Hou Xiangming enthusiastically responded to the fans.

Then, the fans politely made way for Ding Yue and the national team players to pass through and leave the terminal.

After winning the match, everyone applauded and cheered.

If they had lost the game... well, maybe not despised, as they had already been scorned when necessary. After losing to the Thai Team last time, the national team was completely scorned. If this time it was still the same national team and they lost again without suspense to the Korean Team, the fans might have already gotten used to it, perhaps wouldn't say much, not even bothering to curse.

If that were the case, it would have been truly terrifying, indicating the national team was beyond hope, leaving fans desperate.

But this time, it's different.

The national team has undergone significant changes, and these young players have been affirmed by countless fans.

This has restored confidence to the national team players and domestic fans. Henceforth, they must press forward courageously.