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U23 Vietnam 2-3 U23 UAE: Good experience for the future

AFC U23 Championship 2016

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USPA NEWS - U23 Vietnam played their best match since the beginning of AFC U23 Championship 2016 against U23 UAE. They took the lead two times but cannot keep victory until the end of the game. U23 Vietnam lost 2-3 to U23 United Arab Emirates.

U23 Vietnam played their best match since the beginning of AFC U23 Championship 2016 against U23 UAE. They took the lead two times with Nguyen Cong Phuong and Nguyen Tuan Anh goals but they cannot keep victory until the end of the game. The UAE drew level by an own goal from Pham Hoang Lam and Mohamed Al Akberi goal. After Xuan Truong had been sent-off for blocking Abdalla Ghanim´s goal-bound header with his hands, Al Hashmi´s penalty put the UAE ahead for the first time and it is also the final score of this game.

U23 Vietnam finished the game with 9 men when Xuan Truong was sent-off and Nguyen Nam Anh picked up a second yellow card.

“During my career as a coach, I have not seen events like they happened in this match,“ said UAE coach Misfir.

“An injury at the beginning of the game that forced a substitution and goals scored in such a way, it is the first time this has happened for me. But what is most important is we got the result we were seeking,

“Despite the goals and the performance in the first half, I was fully confident in the players and that we could come back strongly.

“During the half-time break I told the players not to worry and that we would come back. In the second half I did not feel panic and I was fully confident we would go through.“

“I am disappointed with the result,“ said Vietnam coach Toshiya Miura.

“Up until it became 2-2 we had played very well but after that we broke up the game. We should have won but in that kind of situation our players do not have enough experience.

“I saw from the first half that the UAE were not in a good situation, so after this we must win.

“I will not criticise the players as they played well. The first goal was an own goal and the second goal the UAE player tried to cross the ball and made a mistake and he scored.

“We played well until 2-2, but lost because we don´t have the experience. I hope the players get a good experience for the future.“

The U23 United Arab Emirates is qualified for the quarter-finals of the AFC U23 Championship and will have a meeting with defending champions Iraq as Group D winners. In another match of group D, the fellow quarter-finalists U23 Jordan shared a goalless draw with U23 Australia.

* Final score: U23 Vietnam 2-3 U23 UAE

* Goals: Cong Phuong (Vietnam, pen 24'), Hoang Lam (Vietnam, own goal 64'), Tuan Anh (Vietnam, 68'), Mohamed Al Akberi (UAE, 73'), Al Hashmi (UAE, pen 78')

* Lineups:

U23 Vietnam: Van Tien, Dong Trieu, Nam Anh, Hoang Lam, Manh Hung, Van Thanh, Xuan Truong, Tuan Anh, Duc Huy, Cong Phuong, Tuan Tai

U23 UAE: Alfalahi, Ambar, Barman, Ali, Al Hasmi, Alakberi, Rashid, Sultan, Rashid, Musabbeh, Alalawi

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