

Korea's national A soccer team, led by coach Jürgen Klinsmann, will play its final Group E match against Malaysia at Al-Zanub Stadium in Al-Wakra, Qatar on Saturday (Korea time). The Korean national team conducted its official training session at Al-Aglah Training Center in Doha, Qatar on Sunday.

"Everyone is doing well. They are in a slightly calmer mood than the last time," Park told an official press conference before the training. "I think the players rested well as they had personal time off. In terms of performance (the second game against Jordan), the players also had a meeting. There are areas that need to be further developed through training. If they train well, I think they will show off their performance."

South Korea had one win and one draw in the previous two matches. In the first match, it defeated Bahrain 3-1. In the second match, it had a 2-2 draw with Jordan. The final ranking and the matchup of the round of 16 will be determined according to the results of the third match. In terms of objective power, South Korea has an overwhelming advantage. South Korea is 23rd in the FIFA rankings as of the end of last year. Malaysia is 130th. In previous matches, South Korea is leading with 26 wins, 12 draws and 8 losses. However, it is the first match in 35 years. South Korea will face off for the first time since the first preliminary match of the World Cup in Italy held in June 1989. There is a variable. South Korea's defense has been left one after another due to injury. In particular, Lee Ki-je (Suwon Samsung) did not show up in training on the 23rd.

"Players who can't play are preparing hard. No matter who goes in, we are preparing well to show the best performance. The team is seeing defensive midfielders. I am training with the thought that I can assist in front of a defender and that I should be of help in the defensive part. I didn't have an individual meeting with the manager, but through the team meeting, he told me that he would like a defensive midfielder to play a role," he said.

Park Jin-seop is an icon of reversal. He even joined a professional league team, which was not easy. He got an opportunity after hard work in the National League. He sincerely walked forward one by one. Park Jin-seop, who showed great performance with the Ansan Greeners in the K League 2 (second division) in 2019, moved to Daejeon Hana Citizen, which was re-established as a corporate team in 2020. He was recognized for his ability to become a captain in Daejeon. He was awarded the Best 11 midfield in the K League 2. He wore the Jeonbuk Hyundai uniform in 2022. Park Jin-seop transformed into a center back, opening a new way. He was selected in the K League 1 Best 11 Defender category in 2022.

He flew higher in 2023. He has been selected as a wild card for the Hangzhou Asian Games. Park Jin-seop, who has never been selected as a representative by age group, has achieved his dream of becoming the national flag bearer. He has been active as the core of Korea's defense and helped Korea win three consecutive championships. In November last year, he played in the second round of the 2026 North-China World Cup qualifying match against China in the 45th minute of the second half. He also made his A-match debut.

Park Jin-seop said, "I think every day is new and there are many things to learn. There are many things I feel while training with good players. I think I need to learn more and go back. The Asian Games were not a major competition like the Asian Cup, but it was a good experience in the tournament. We still feel the atmosphere all the time. The team atmosphere is really good."

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