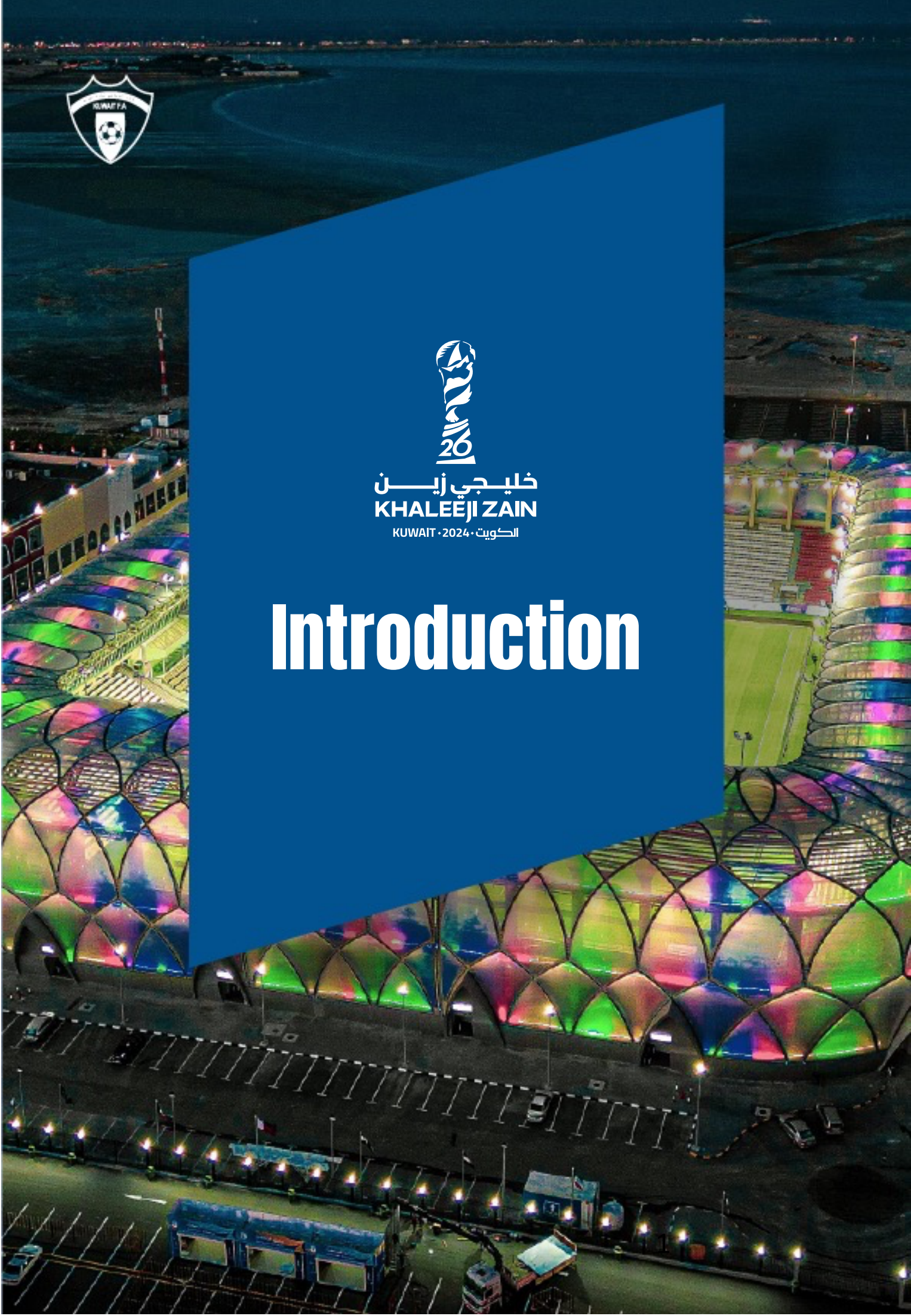


Technical report
26th Gulf cup of Nation

By Kuwait FA

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Introduction

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The **26th Arabian Gulf Cup**, known as **Khaleeji Zain 26** for sponsorship reasons, was the 26th edition of the Arabian Gulf Cup for the eight members of the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation. The tournament was held in Kuwait from 21 December 2024 to 4 January 2025

Bahrain won the competition for the second time, beating Oman 2–1 in the final.

Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium

Capacity: **60,000**



Sulaibikhat Stadium

Capacity: **15,000** (new)



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GCC Report Introduction



As the Technical Director of the Kuwait Football Association, it is my privilege to present the first ever technical report on the most recent Gulf Cup, hosted in Kuwait. This report is the result of a collective effort by the entire coaching and technical staff, who were tasked with analyzing the tournament from multiple perspectives.
The Gulf Cup provided us with a valuable opportunity to assess the performance of national teams, evaluate technical and tactical approaches, and compare our progress with other participating nations. Through this comprehensive analysis, we aim to identify strengths, address weaknesses, and establish clear recommendations for future development.

This report covers key aspects such as statistical report, match performances, tactical observations, player evaluations, and opponent analysis, goals analysis and fitness data. Additionally, it highlights areas that require improvement, both at the senior national team level and within our broader football development structure.
Our objective is to use these findings as a foundation for strategic planning, ensuring continuous progress in Kuwaiti football. I extend my gratitude to all coaching and technical staff who contributed to this report, and I look forward to working together to implement its recommendations for the betterment of our footballing future.

[Bader Abdul Jalil]
Technical Director
Kuwait Football Association

GCC Report Team



Technical Director
Bader Abdul Jalil



GCC Report - Project Manager
Milos Basic



U23 Staff
Head coach Dario Basic
Assistant coach Adnan Hodzic
Assistant coach Muhamed Al Failakawi



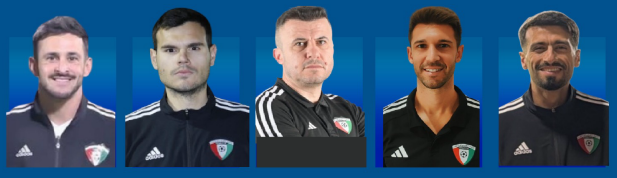
U20 Staff
Head coach Ferdo Milin
Assistant coach Fadhel Matar
Assistant coach Milos Basic



U17 Staff
Head coach Tarik Al Khulaifi
Assistant coach Moath Edan
Assistant coach Abdula Al Dhafeeri



U15 Staff
Head coach Luiz Ferreira
Assistant coach Hussain Hakem
Assistant coach Nassar Jaber



Fitness department
Head of Performance Alejandro Caro
Damir Crnjac
Martin Vrgoc
Javier Perez
Bader Al Shatti



Goalkeeper department
Head of Goalkeepers Sameer Dashti
Stjepan Radovancic
Mateo Bebic
Botond Antal

GCC Technical Report

- Administration
- FA Coaches staff
- FA Goalkeepers
- Fitness departmant
- Referees organization

1. Introduction/Conclusion
2. Finals & Trends
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5. Team Profiles
6. Goal Analysis
7. Tactical- All Phases of Game
8. Set pieces
9. Goalkeepers
10. Fitness
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- Phase of attack
- Phase of defense
- Transitions
- Set pieces

- *Find patterns in play.*
- *Make 1 to 5 clip for each phase*
- *Add title before each chapter*
- *Write text describing main characteristics of that phase*

Team Tactical Report

- Build up of Attack
- Organization of Attack
- Finishing if Attack.

- High press
- Middle zone
- Low zone

- All Transition from Att ⟺ Def

- All set pieces in attack and defense

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Team Profile

- Results from GCC
- Coach profile
- Key Features
- Player statistic *
- Team shape in attack/defense
- Average stats *
- Finishing Attempts *
- Fitness date

* *SportsBase reports will be used*

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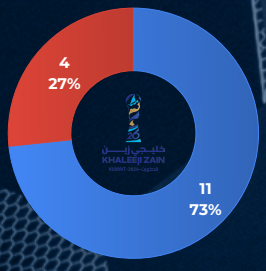

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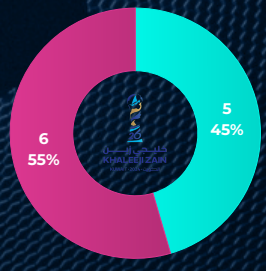
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WIN / LOSS
DRAW

MATCHES PLAYED	15
GOALS	41
OWN GOALS	2
PENALTY	7
AVERAGE PER MATCH	
CHALLENGES	166.1
FOULS	26.5
OFFSIDES	3.6
YELLOW CARDS	4.4
RED CARDS	0.4



HOME TEAM WIN
AWAY TEAM WIN

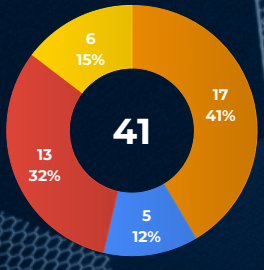
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GOALS

SEASON 2024

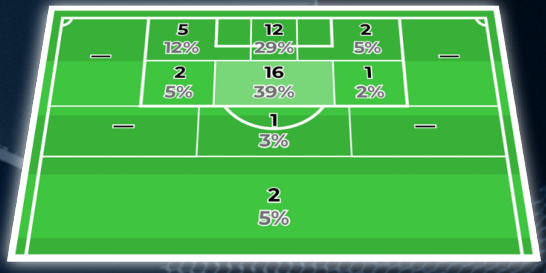
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GOALS TYPOLOGY



POSITIONAL ATTACKS
COUNTER-ATTACKS
SET-PIECES
FROM PENALTIES

GOAL-SCORING ZONES



XG PER SHOT	0.13
AVG. DISTANCE TO THE GOAL, M.	18.82
SHOTS ON TARGET, %	38

DYNAMICS



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GOAL DIFFERENCE

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

0-15		15-30		30-45		45+	
QATAR	+1	KUWAIT	+1	YEMEN	+1	UAE	+1
UAE	+1	OMAN	+1	BAHRAIN	+1	QATAR	-1
YEMEN	+1	QATAR	0	KUWAIT	0		
SAUDI	-1	YEMEN	0	OMAN	0		
OMAN	-1	UAE	-1	SAUDI	-1		
KUWAIT	-1	SAUDI	-1	IRAQ	-1		
SAUDI	+2	IRAQ	+2	SAUDI	+2	QATAR	+1
OMAN	+1	OMAN	+1	KUWAIT	+1	SAUDI	+1
BAHRAIN	+1	BAHRAIN	+1	YEMEN	+1	KUWAIT	-1
YEMEN	-1	SAUDI	-1	OMAN	-1	YEMEN	-1
QATAR	-1	QATAR	-1	UAE	-2		
IRAQ	-2	YEMEN	-2	IRAQ	-2		

EXTRA TIME

45-60 | 60-75 | 75-90 | 90+

- BEST AND WORST TEAM RESULTS BY GOAL DIFFERENCE IN MATCHES

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TOP TEAMS

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

GOALS

SAUDI	9
BAHRAIN	9
OMAN	7

COUNTER-ATTACKS WITH A GOAL

KUWAIT	2
QATAR	1
SAUDI	1

XG

SAUDI	8.39
BAHRAIN	7.68
UAE	5.45

CHANCES SUCCESSFUL, %

YEMEN	57%
BAHRAIN	32%
OMAN	32%

SHOTS ON TARGET

SAUDI	27
BAHRAIN	20
UAE	18

SHOTS ON TARGET, %

KUWAIT	50%
BAHRAIN	47%
UAE	45%

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TOP TEAMS

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

PROGRESSIVE OPEN PASSES

SAUDI	250
QATAR	184
BAHRAIN	178

AIR CHALLENGES WON

BAHRAIN	137
OMAN	122
SAUDI	105

ATTACKING CHALLENGES WON

OMAN	206
BAHRAIN	176
SAUDI	175

DEFENSIVE CHALLENGES WON

BAHRAIN	235
OMAN	217
SAUDI	189

INTERCEPTIONS IN THE OPPONENT'S HALF

BAHRAIN	69
OMAN	60
UAE	48

DRIBBLING IN THE FINAL THIRD SUCCESSFUL

SAUDI	40
UAE	40
BAHRAIN	24

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STATISTICAL FACTS

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

SHOTS ON POST / BAR	10

SHOTS ON POST / BAR

KUWAIT	2
OMAN	2
QATAR	2

OPPONENT SHOTS ON POST/BAR

KUWAIT	4
OMAN	2
YEMEN	2



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STATISTICAL FACTS

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MOST ENTERTAINING MATCH

25.12.2024

YEMEN - SAUDI

2:3

Al Zubaidi 8'
Sabarah 27'

30' **Kanno**
57' **Al-Juwayr**
90+3' **Al Hamddan**

XG	4.43
CHANCES	11
SHOTS ON TARGET	11
CHALLENGES	158



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REFEREES

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

MATCHES



KOVACS	3
MELER	2
AL JASSIM	2

INJURY TIME, MM:SS*



AL HATMI	23:27
GHORBAL	21:09
SALEH AL TURAIS	15:05

*AVERAGE PER MATCH

CHALLENGES PER FOUL



AL ALI	9.4
MELER	7.71
AL HATMI	6.58

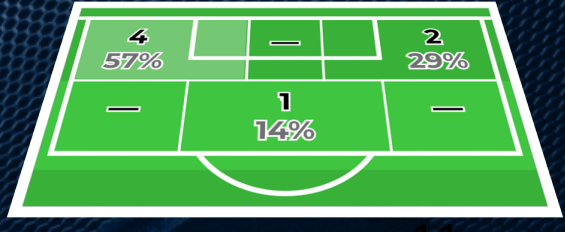
FOULS PER CARD



AL ALI	20
SALEH AL TURAIS	14
MAHFOODH	8.5

FOUL ZONES IN THE PENALTY AREA

FOULS LEADING TO A PENALTY



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TOP PLAYERS

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

GOALS



ABDALLAH AL SABHI	3
AL HAMDDAN	3
MARHOON	3

ASSISTS



AL MUSHAIFRI	2
AL ALAWI	1
KOMAIL ALSWAD	1

XG



MARHOON	2.89
ABDULLA	2.25
ABDALLAH AL SABHI	1.99

XA



AL-JUWAYR	2.21
KOMAIL ALSWAD	1.88
MARHOON	1.66

SHOTS ON TARGET



MARHOON	8
MOHAMMAD DAHAM	7
AL HAMDDAN	5

PASSES FOR A SHOT



AL-DAWSARI	8
AFIF YAHYA AFIF	6
AL BUSAIDI	6

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TOP PLAYERS

SEASON 2024

ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS

PROGRESSIVE OPEN PASSES



KANNO	56
AL-JUWAYR	46
AFIF YAHYA AFIF	36

AIR CHALLENGES WON



NASSER	21
AL MAFRAJE	19
AL-BULAYHI	19

ATTACKING CHALLENGES WON



ABDALLAH AL SABHI	47
AL MUSHAIFRI	43
AL MAFRAJE	29

DEFENSIVE CHALLENGES WON



MOHAMED AL SHAMSAN	40
AL KHAMISI	34
ALKHALASI	33

INTERCEPTIONS IN THE OPPONENT'S HALF



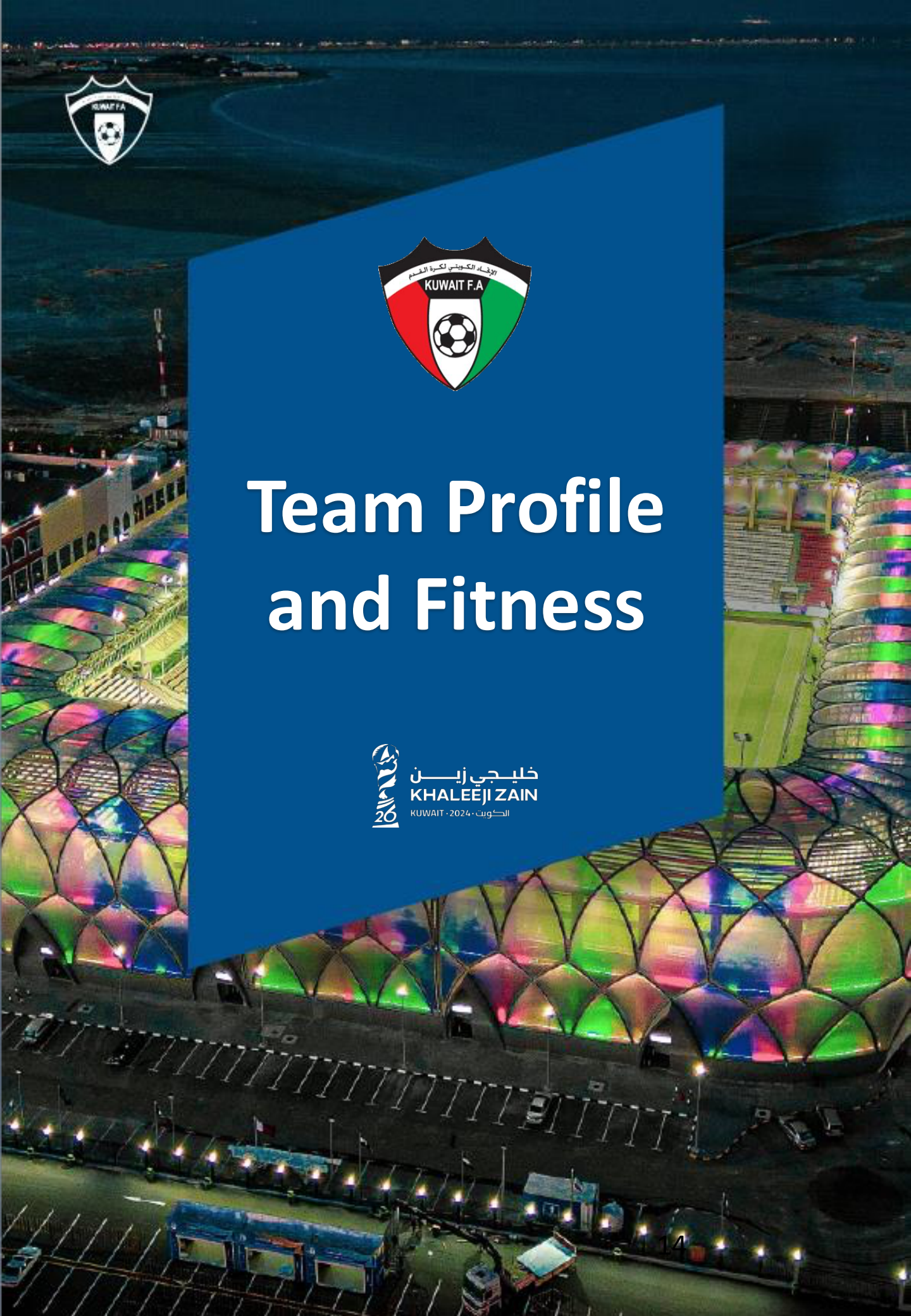
KOMAIL ALSWAD	12
HARIB AL SAADI	12
SAYED DHIA	12

SAVES



EBRAHIM LUTFALLA	5
AMAN FATEH KHAIRALAH	4
AL MUKHAINI	3


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TOP 22 PLAYERS
SEASON 2024
ASIA. GULF CUP OF NATIONS
SAID AL GHASSANI
ABDULLA
AL-JUWAYR
AL-DAWSARI
KANNO
AL-MALKI
ALKHALASI
WALEED ALHAYAM
AL KHAMISI
AL-GHANNAM
EBRAHIM LUTFALLA
AL-DAWSARI
ABDALLAH AL SABHI
ALI MADAN
AL HAMDDA
MARHOON
AL ALAWI
MELONI
KHALED EBRAHIM
TAMBAKTI
AL YAHMADI
AMAN FATEH KHAIRALAH
THE LIST OF THE TOP 22 PLAYERS IS BASED ON STATISTICS AND INCLUDES ONLY PLAYERS WHO PLAYED AT LEAST 45% OF THE POSSIBLE GAME TIME IN THE TOURNAMENT.


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Team Profile
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BAHRAIN

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

S. ARABIA 2 - 3 BAHRAIN

Game 2

BAHRAIN 2 -0 IRAQ

Game 3

BAHRAIN 1 -2 YEMEN

SEMIFINAL

KUWAIT 0 -1 BAHRAIN

FINAL

BAHRAIN 2-1 OMAN.

Head Coach



Name: Draga n

Born 25.08.1965.
Nationality Croatian
Coach since 2024

Key Futures

Play with out build up with long ball most of the time.
Reactive football, relied on 2nd ball winning and fast progress toward the last third.
In defense all the time tried to combine high press with dropping down to middle block

Fitness level

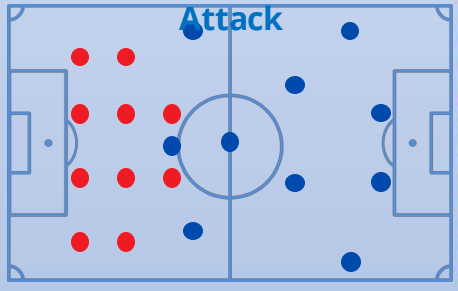
Ritham and tempo increases during the game, full squad rotation agains Yemen was maybe crucial for the rest of the tournament.
Team had no major injuries during the tournament

Averages Stats

Passes per match	379
Possession	44 %
Shots per match	8.6
Shots against per match	6.9
Corners per match	3.6
Corner against per match	4.8
Fouls per match	14
Fouls against per match	17.1

Shape

IN Defense IN Attack



Same team played subs are used as back up

2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS	1	EXAMPLE	EXAMPLE	270	--	-
	13	EXAMPLE	Qadsia	0	-	-
	25	EXAMPLE	EXAMPL	0	-	-
DEFENDERS	4	Sayed Dhia	Khaliydiya	447	-	-
	19	Komail Alswad	AL Arabi	439	-	1
	23	Abdulla Alkhalasi	Muharraq	411	-	-
	2	Amine Benaddi	Muharraq	411	1	-
	3	Welaad Alhayam	Muharraq	411	-	-
	5	Hamad Mahmood	Al Riffa	390	-	-
	24	Vincente Emmanuel	Sitra	124	-	-
	18	Mohammed Adel Ali	Khaliydiya	103	-	-
MIDFIELDS	8	Mohamed Marhoon	Kuwait SC	439	3	1
	20	Mahdi Al Humaidan	Khaliydiya	409	1	1
	7	Ali Madan	AL Riffa	338	2	1
	17	Hazza Ali Mubarak	Al Riffa	103	-	-
	15	Jassmin Ahmed	Al Riffa	84	-	-
	6	Ahmed Al Sherooqi	Muharraq	68	-	-
FORWARDS	13	Mohamed Saad	Al Riffa	268	1	1
	12	Mahdi Abduljabar	Khaliydiya	188	-	-
	9	Ebrahim Al Khatal	AL Ahli	105	-	1
	10	Abdulwahab Al Malood	Muharraq	74	-	-
	26	Husain Abdulkarim	Muharraq	37	-	-
	11	Ismaeel Abdulatif	Khaliydiya	23	-	-

Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS - 9
Open Play Goals - 7
Set - Play Goals -2

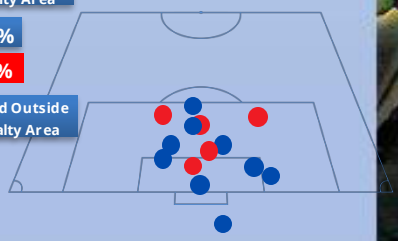
Goal Conceded

TOTAL GOALS - 5
Open Play Goals - 3
Set - Play Goals - 2

Goal Location

IN Defense IN Attack

Scored Inside Penalty Area
100 %
100%
Scored Outside Penalty Area
0 %
0 %



Player's stat

TOP Scorer
Marhoon - 3
Abduljabbar - 2
Romaihi - 1

Top Assist
Marhoon - 2
Abduljabbar- 1
Humaidan - 1

Most passes
Komail - 225
Dhiya - 182
Shamsan - 159

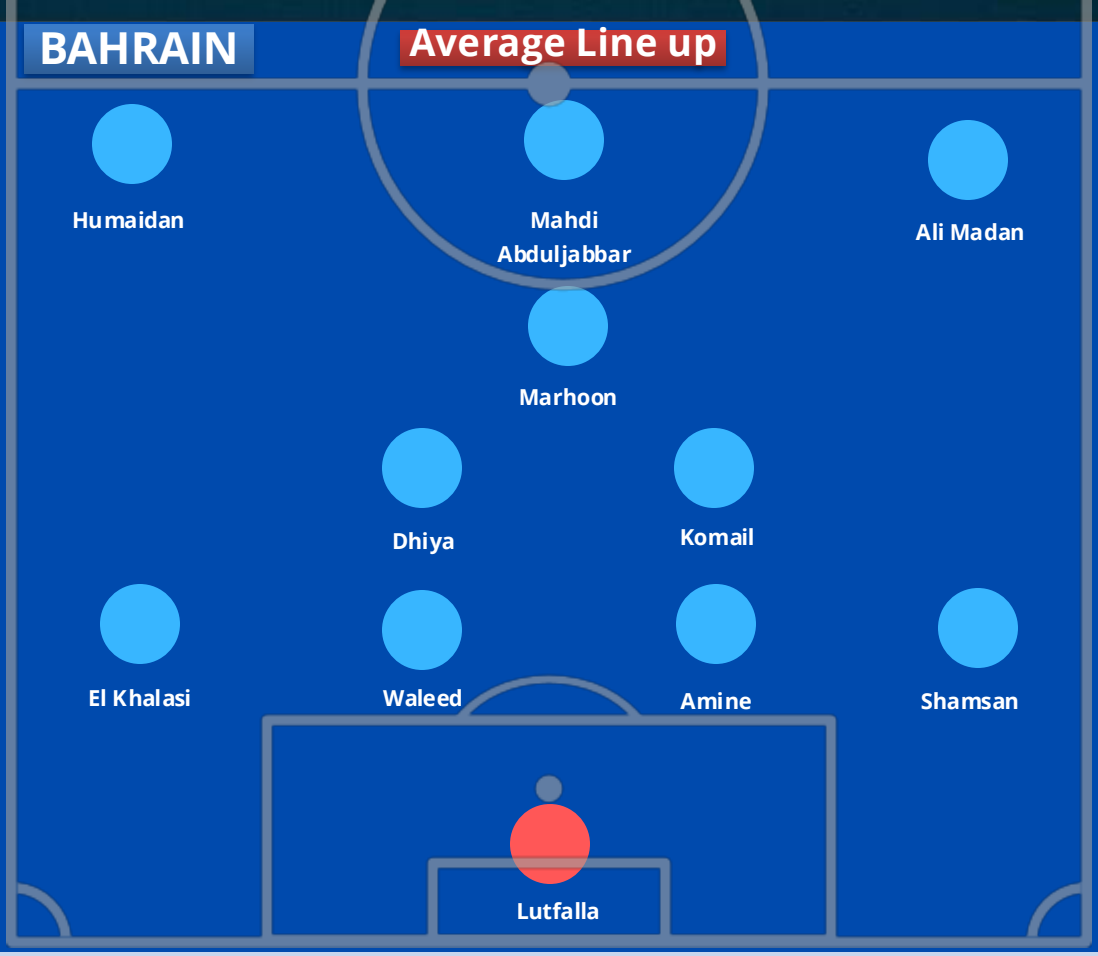
Most crosses
Marhoon- 11
Khalasi - 4
Adil - 4

Most Duels
Shamsan - 71
Khalasi - 48
Amine - 38

Most tackles
Shamsan - 20
Khalasi - 15
Marhoon - 12

BAHRAIN

Average Line up



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Coach since 2024

Fitness level

Endurance - Bahrain maintained a high intensity throughout the match, showing particular energy in the second half, which enabled them to overturn the deficit and score the winner.

Speed and Agility - Bahrain's attackers used their pace effectively to create chances, and quick transitions from defense to attack were crucial for scoring goals.

Strength - Bahrain's players showed physical dominance in duels, especially in defensive scenarios, allowing them to neutralize Saudi Arabia's attacking threats effectively.

During the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup held in Kuwait, Bahrain's national football team demonstrated commendable fitness and resilience. In their semi-final match against Kuwait on December 31, 2024, Bahrain secured a 1-0 victory despite facing significant challenges. Forward Mahdi Abduljabbar received a red card in the 52nd minute, forcing the team to play with ten men for nearly 40 minutes of regular time and over 10 minutes of injury time. Nevertheless, they maintained their performance levels, with Mohamed Jassim Marhoon scoring the decisive goal in the 75th minute.
In the final against Oman, Bahrain continued to exhibit their physical endurance and tactical discipline, culminating in a 2-1 victory to claim their second Gulf Cup title.
Overall, Bahrain's ability to maintain high performance levels, even when reduced to ten men, underscores the team's strong fitness and conditioning during the tournament.

UAE

Average Line up

7 Bruno De Oliveira

20 Yahya Al Ghassani | 10 Fábio Lima | 9 Harib Suhail

15 Yahia Nader | 18 MacKenzie Hunt

16 Marcus Meloni | 4 Kouame Kouadio | 12 Khalifa Al Hammadi | 19 Khaled Ebraheim

17 Khalid Eisa

GROUP STAGE

GAME 1
QATAR 1 - 1 UAE

Game 2
UAE 1 - 2 KUWIAT

Game 3
UAE 1 - 1 OMAN

SEMIFINAL
DNQ

FINAL
DNQ

Head Coach



Paolo Bento

Born 06.20.1969
Nationality
Portugal
Coach since
2023

Key Futures

Play possession game with average 55%. Creating overload in one side and trying to change side for 1vs1 or crossing. Playing against low block and often no finding solution ended up with long range shoots or lost balls, witch created many problem in defensive transitions resulting with counter attacks of opponent. In defense all the time tried to high press, if not good dropping to low zone. Because of this Counter attack was weak weapon in attack

Fitness level

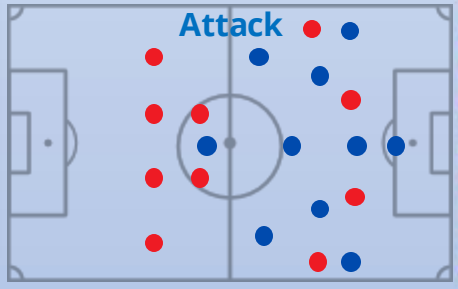
Slow tempo with ball, with out running in the space. Good tempo without ball high press on all opponents
Same team played with rotations in midfield. Subs are used as back up.

Averages Stats

Passes per match	476
Possession	55%
Shots per match	13
Shots against per match	5
Corners per match	9
Corner against per match	2
Fouls per match	16
Fouls against per match	16

Shape

IN Defense IN Attack



2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS	17	Khalid Eisa	AL AIN	303	-	-
	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-
	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-
DEFENDERS	16	Marcus Meloni	SHARJA	303	-	-
	12	Khalifa Al Hammadi	AL JAZEERA	303	-	-
	15	Yahia Nader	AL AIN	216	-	-
	19	Khaled Ebraheim	AL WAHDA	201	-	1
	18	MacKenzie Hunt	EVERTON U21	193	-	-
	4	Kouame Autonne Kouadio	AL AIN	187	-	-
	13	Mohamed Al Attas	AL JAZEERA	114	-	-
	3	Zayed Sultan	AL JAZEERA	76	-	-
MIDFIELDS	20	Yahya Ali Said Al Ghassani	SHABAB AL AHLI	303	2	-
	9	Harib Suhail	SHABAB AL AHLI	297	-	1
	14	Abdulla Hamad Mohamed Salmee	AL WAHDA	81	-	-
	21	Issam Faiz	EXAMPLE	64	-	1
	3	Zayed Sultan	AJMAN	76	-	-
	6	Majid Rashid	SHARJAH	34	-	-
FORWARDS	10	Fábio Lima	AL WASL	266	-	-
	7	Bruno De Oliveira	AL JAZEERA	202	-	-
	11	Caio Canedo	AL WASL	137	1	-
	8	Tahnoon Hamdan Saeed Salem	AL WASL	31	-	-
	23	Fahad Badr Tarish Jumah Barout Albarout	EMIRATES	6	-	-
	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-

Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS - 3
Open Play Goals - 3
Set - Play Goals -0

Goal Conceded

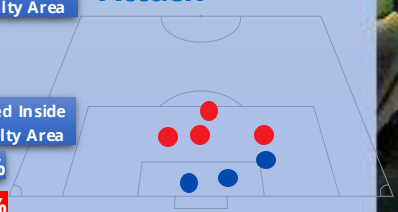
TOTAL GOALS - 4
Open Play Goals - 3
Set - Play Goals -1

Goal Location

IN Defense IN Attack

Scored Outside Penalty Area
0%
0%

Scored Inside Penalty Area
100%
100%



Player's stat

TOP Scorer
Al Ghassani- 2
Caio Canedo- 1

Top Assist
Harib Suhail- 1
Khaled Ebraheim- 1
Issam Faiz- 1

Most passes
Marcus Meloni- 196
Khalifa Al Hammadi- 147
Fábio Lima- 122

Most crosses
Marcus Meloni- 9
Al Ghassani- 9
Khaled Ebraheim- 5

Most Duels
Marcus Meloni- 46
MacKenzie Hunt- 28
Khaled Ebraheim- 25

Most tackles
Marcus Meloni- 23
Khaled Ebraheim- 12
MacKenzie Hunt- 12



UAE

Average Line up

GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

Qatar 1 – 1 UAE

Game 2

UAE 1 – 2 Kuwait

Game 3

UAE 1-1 Oman

Bruno

Said Al Ghassani

Lima

Suhail

Hunt

Nader

Meloni

Mohamed Al Attas

Khalifa Al Hammadi

Ebraheim

Eisa

UAE FA

Head Coach

Paulo Bento

Fitness level

Speed:
UAE demonstrated remarkable speed during the GCC Cup, especially in their transitions from defense to attack. Their ability to quickly move the ball forward allowed them to capitalize on counterattacks and exploit defensive gaps in their opponents.
Wingers and forwards showcased exceptional pace and acceleration, particularly in one-on-one situations, outpacing defenders to create scoring opportunities.
UAE's defensive line also exhibited speed, with full-backs covering ground efficiently to recover and support both offensive and defensive transitions.
Quick interplays and agile movement across the midfield highlighted the team's overall dynamism.

Endurance:
UAE's players maintained consistent energy levels and intensity throughout the tournament, even in high-stakes moments against physically demanding opponents.
Their endurance allowed them to sustain pressure and maintain defensive solidity, particularly in the closing stages of matches.
UAE excelled at covering large areas of the pitch, ensuring they remained compact defensively while maintaining an offensive threat.
The team's fitness levels were evident in their ability to perform repeated high-intensity runs and recover quickly during transitions.

Strength
UAE displayed significant strength in physical duels and aerial challenges, holding their own against robust opponents like Oman and Kuwait.Their midfielders imposed themselves effectively, using physicality to win possession and shield the ball under pressure.In set-piece situations, both defensively and offensively, UAE leveraged their physical presence to gain an advantage.Mental resilience and toughness further complemented their physical strength, allowing them to stay competitive and adapt against technically and physically imposing teams like Qatar.

Injuries:
UAE team navigated the tournament with minimal injuries, a testament to their preparation and medical support.Minor injuries included bruises and knocks.

QATAR

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

QATAR 1 -1 UAE

Game 2

QATAR 1 -2 OMAN

Game 3

QATAR 1 -1 KUWAIT

Head Coach



LUIS GARCIA

Born 06.02.1981
Nationality Spain
Coach since 12/2024

Key Futures

Play with out build up with long ball
Creating 3 in organization of attack
In defense all the time tried to high press
Counter attack was major weapon in attack

Fitness level

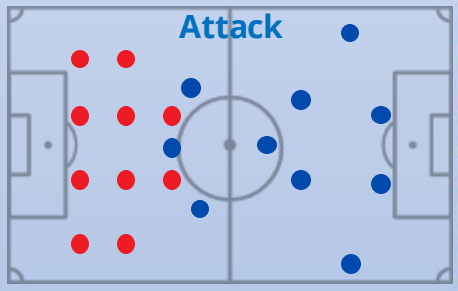
Average Fitness wit h running problem in the moment when they lose possession. The power of repeated sprint was absent. They lost a lot of duels 1vs1 and had difficulties with muscle spasams in last minutes

Averages Stats

Passes per match	485
Possession	55%
Shots per match	9
Shots against per match	9
Corners per match	2.7
Corner against per match	4.3
Fouls per match	19
Fouls against per match	15

Shape

IN Defense IN Attack



2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS	1	Salah Zakaria	Al-Duhail	90	-1	-
	22	Meshaal Barsham	Al-Saad	180	-3	-
	21	Marwan Sherif	Al Ahli	0	0	-
DEFENDERS	12	Lucas Mendes	Al- Wakra	180	0	0
	4	Al Hasmi Al Hussain	Alcoron	180	0	0
	2	Abdala Yousif	Al-Gharafa	180	0	0
	18	Sultan Al Brake	Al-Duhail	49	0	0
	14	Homam Al Amin	Al-Duhail	220	0	0
	3	Abdulaziz Khaled	Al Wakra	0	0	0
	5	Tarek Salman	Al-Saad	180	0	0
	16	Bahaa Al Leithi	Al Ahli	90	0	0
MIDFIELDS	8	Jassem Gaber	Al Arabi	213	0	1
	24	Mostafa Meshaal	Al Saad	133	0	0
	6	Ahmed Fathi	Al Arabi	175	0	1
	13	Ibrahim Al Hassan	Al Rayyan	118	0	0
	20	Abdullah Al Ahrak	Al-Duhail	59	0	0
	23	Assim Omer Madibo	Al-Gharafa	0	0	0
FORWARDS	19	Almoez Ali	Al-Duhail	270	1	0
	10	Akram Afif	Al-Saad	270	1	0
	11	Yusuf Abdurisag	Al-Saad	117	0	0
	26	Mubarak Hamza	Al-Duhail	92	0	0
	7	Ahmed Al Rawi	Al - Rayyan	55	0	0
	9	Mohammed Muntari	Al - Gharafa	65	1	0

Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS - 3

Open Play Goals - 2

Set - Play Goals -1

Goal Conceded

TOTAL GOALS - 4

Open Play Goals - 2

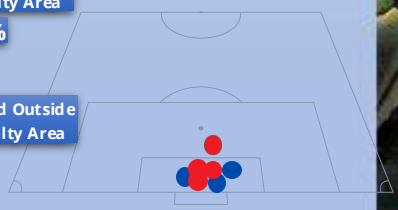
Set - Play Goals -2

Goal Location

IN Defense IN Attack

Scored Inside Penalty Area 100% 75%

Scored Outside Penalty Area 00% 25%



Player's stat

TOP Scorer
Afif Yahya - 1
Muntari- 1
Almoez-1

Top Assist
Gaber - 1
Ibrahim - 1

Most passes
Afif Yahya - 180
Lucas Mendes- 169
Yousif - 140

Most crosses
Yousif - 9
Afif Yahya - 9
Ahmed - 8

Most Duels
Ahmed - 41
Ahmad Fathi - 39

Most tackles
Gaber - 13
Ahmed - 10

Qatar

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

UAE 1-1 Qatar

Game 2

Oman 2-1 Qatar

Game 3

Kuwait 1-1 Qatar

Head Coach

Garcia L.

Fitness level

The Qatar national football team has shown strong physical preparation in recent Gulf Cup tournaments, combining endurance, strength, speed, and efficient injury management to compete at a high level. Below is a brief overview of the team's performance in these areas:

Endurance

Qatar's football team is known for its solid endurance, allowing them to maintain a high level of intensity throughout the full duration of matches. This is particularly noticeable in the latter stages of games, where the team continues to press offensively and defensively without significant drop-offs in energy. Their endurance enables them to compete effectively against both stronger and more tactical teams in the Gulf Cup, often sustaining their effort through high-tempo matches.

Strength

The team exhibits a strong physical presence, especially in key areas like central defense and midfield. Qatar's players have the strength to hold off challenges, win aerial duels, and contest physical battles. While not the most imposing in terms of individual size, their strength lies in their collective ability to win second balls, compete in one-on-one duels, and maintain possession under pressure. This physicality contributes to their resilience throughout the tournament.

Speed

Qatar's squad is equipped with several fast players, especially in wide areas and attack. Their ability to transition quickly from defense to offense allows them to exploit spaces on the counterattack and stretch opposing defenses. Fast wingers and attacking players, who can break away from defenders, add a dynamic element to their game. Speed also contributes to their ability to recover defensively and press high up the pitch when required.

4. Injuries

They have kept a relatively low injury rate in recent Gulf Cups. Minor injuries, such as muscle strains or knocks, are typical due to the physical nature of the competition.

Key players have occasionally missed games due to injuries. The coaching staff's ability to rotate players effectively helps mitigate the impact of injuries.

General Physical Preparation

Qatar's general physical preparation is average in terms this tournament.. They haven't shown as much as they have potential. The repeated sprint in negative transition conditions was average and the end result showed that they were not at the highest level of their potential.

KSA

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1
KSA 2-3 BAHRAIN

Game 2
KSA 3 -2 YEMEN

Game 3
KSA 3-1 IRAQ

SEMIFINAL
KSA 1 -2 OMAN

Head Coach



HERVE RENARD

Born 30.9.1968
Nationality FRENCH
Coach since 2024

Key Futures

Building and movement without the ball
Stretch the field and full backs pushing up
Dangerous in set pieces
Problems on depth of defensive line
Change game approach depending on opponent

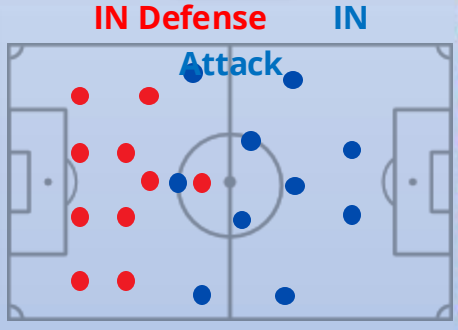
Fitness level

Good rhythm and tempo and team improves in the second half

Averages Stats

Passes per match	540
Possession	60%
Shots per match	14.6
Shots against per match	8.25
Corners per match	7.75
Corner against per match	4.75
Fouls per match	11
Fouls against per match	11

Shape



• 2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS	21	Mohammed Al-Owais	Saudi Arabia	328	--	-
	1	Nawaf Al-Aqidi	Saudi Arabia	100	-	-
	2	Sultan Al-Ghannam	Saudi Arabia	428		-
DEFENDERS	17	Hassan Tambakti	Saudi Arabia	328	0	1
	4	Ali Lajami	Saudi Arabia	100	0	0
	13	Yasser Al-Shahrani	Saudi Arabia	100	0	0
	26	Nawaf Bu Washl	Saudi Arabia	113	0	0
	26	Nawaf Meshari Buwashl	Saudi Arabia	215	0	0
	5	Ali Al-Bulayhi	Saudi Arabia	428	0	0
	3	Awn Al-Saluli	Saudi Arabia	29	0	0
	11	Saleh Al-shehri	Saudi Arebia	51	1	0
MIDFIELDS	18	Mohammed Al-Qahtani	Saudi Arabia	50	0	1
	14	Saad Al-Mousa	Saudi Arabia	4	0	0
	25	Abdulaziz Al-Othman	Saudi Arabia	18	0	0
	23	Mohamed Kanno	Saudi Arabia	428	2	0
	8	Abdulelah Al-Malki	Saudi Arabia	210	0	0
	9	Marwan Al Sahafi	Saudi Arabia	84	0	0
FORWARDS	15	Abdulelah Mohamed Saeed Hawsawi	Saudi Arabia	189	0	0
	6	Nasser Al-Dawsari	Saudi Arabia	198	0	0
	7	Musab Al-Juwayr	Saudi Arabia	423	2	1
	10	Salem Al-Dawsari	Saudi Arabia	362	1	1
	20	Abdullah Radif	Saudi Arabia	311	0	0
	19	Abdullah Abdulrahman Al Hamddan	Saudi Arabia	199	3	0

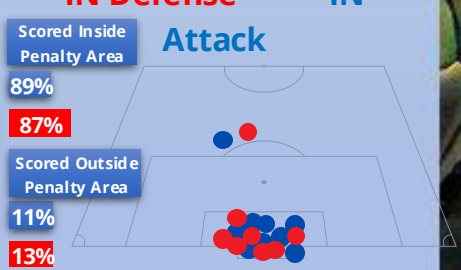
Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS - 9
Open Play Goals 4
Set - Play Goals 5

Goal Conceded

TOTAL GOALS - 8
Open Play Goals 2
Set - Play Goals 6

Goal Location



Player's stat

TOP Scorer
ALHAMDDAN- 3
AL-JUWAIR- 2
KANNO- 2

Top Assist
ALDAWSARI- 1
ALGHANNAM- 1
AL-JUWAIR- 2

Most passes
AL-JUWAIR- 317
KANNO- 253
ALBULAIHI- 245

Most crosses
ALGHANNAM- 21
AL-JUWAIR- 12
ALDAWSARI- 9

Most Duels
ALDAWSARI- 67
KANNO- 64
ALBULAIHI- 63

Most TACKELS
BUWASHL - 16
KANNO- 15
AL-JUWAIR- 13

Saudi Arabia

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

Saudi Arabia 2-3 Bahrein

Game 2

Jemen 2 – 3 Saudi Arabia

Game 3

Iraq 1 – 3 Saudi Arabia

SEMIFINAL

Oman 2 – 1 Saudi Arabia

Head Coach

Hervé Renard

Fitness level

Speed:
Saudi Arabia displayed commendable speed throughout the tournament.Their counterattacking style was a key strength, with quick transitions catching opposing defenses off-guard.Wingers and attacking midfielders showed excellent acceleration and agility, enabling them to exploit spaces on the flanks and penetrate defensive lines.Defensively, their full-backs provided consistent recovery speed, helping to neutralize opposing wingers and prevent dangerous counterattacks.

Endurance:
The Saudi team displayed a high level of endurance throughout the tournament, maintaining intensity in all three matches against challenging opponents.Their players were relentless in their off-the-ball movement, covering significant ground to support both attacking and defensive phases.Despite the physically demanding nature of the games, they managed to sustain their performance levels deep into the second halves, showing minimal signs of fatigue.This stamina was crucial, particularly during close matches, as it allowed them to maintain pressure and resist opposition attempts to dominate late in the games.

Strength:
Saudi Arabia exhibited notable physical strength in key moments of the tournament. in aerial duels and physical confrontations, their players often held their ground, giving them an advantage in both offensive and defensive situations.The midfield and defensive lines used their physicality effectively to shield the ball, hold off opponents, and win crucial battles in tight spaces.Their ability to impose themselves physically was especially evident during set-pieces, where they were both defensively solid and offensively threatening.

Injuries:
During the GCC Cup, Saudi Arabia experienced some injuries, but none that appeared to significantly impact their performance: In the match against Qatar, a midfielder sustained a minor muscle strain and was substituted as a precaution.Against Iraq, a defender suffered a slight knock to the ankle but was able to return to training after rest. During the game against Oman, a forward experienced a hamstring cramp late in the match, attributed to fatigue. The player was rested for recovery but did not miss any subsequent games.

Overall Performance:
Saudi Arabia's combination of speed, endurance, and strength allowed them to compete effectively against strong opposition in the GCC Cup. Their tactical discipline, physical resilience, and ability to adapt to various match situations were key highlights of their campaign. Despite minor injuries, the team showcased depth and cohesion, enabling them to perform consistently throughout the tournament.

KUWAIT

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1
OMAN 1 -1 KUWAIT

Game 2
UAE 1 -2 KUWAIT

Game 3
QATAR 1 -1 KUWAIT

SEMIFINAL GAME
BAHREIN 1-0 KUWAIT

Head Coach



JUAN PIZZI

Born 06.07.1968
Nationality Argentina/Spain
Coach since 7/2024

Key Futures

Team that focus more on defensive organization. After winning the ball they try to exploit directly to opponent goal. They try to play but with lack of dangerous situations

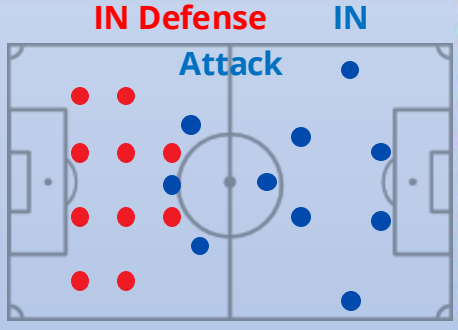
Fitness level

In the early matches, the team maintained a solid level of fitness. However, as the tournament progressed signs of fatigue become evident, affecting their ability to sustain high intensity throughout the game.

Averages Stats

Passes per match	390
Possession	48%
Shots per match	7
Shots against per match	14
Corners per match	2
Corner against per match	5
Fouls per match	12
Fouls against per match	15

Shape



2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS	1	Khaled Al Rashidi	Al Qadsiyah	360	-4	-
	22	Suleiman Abdulghafoor	Al Arabi	0	-	-
	35	Abdurahman Al Fadhli	Salmiya	0	0	-
DEFENDERS	3	Meshari Al Enezi	Al Kuwait	360	0	1
	4	Khaled Ibrahim	Al Qadsiya	360	0	0
	21	Hasan Al Enezi	Al Arabi	81	0	0
	5	Fahad Al Hajeri	AlKuwait	359	0	0
	24	Nasser Khader	Al Nasser	46	0	0
	12	Hamed Al Harbi	Kazma	225	0	0
	2	Sami Al Sanea	AlKuwait	55	0	0
	13	Rashed Al Dosary	Al Qadsiya	9	0	0
	25	Moath Al Dhafiri	Al Qadsiya	0	0	0
MIDFIELDS	14	Redha Hani	Al Kuwait	223	0	0
	6	Sultan Al Enezi	Dhofar	354	0	0
	8	Ahmad Al Dhefiri	Al Kuwait	228	0	0
	17	Ali Khalaf	Al Arabi	50	0	0
	18	Fawaz Ayedh Al Otaibi	Salmiya	7	0	0
	16	Mobarak Al Faneeni	Al Qadsiya	47	0	0
	10	Faisal Al Harbi	Al Kuwait	19	0	0
FORWARDS	20	Youssef Naser	Al Kuwait	234	1	0
	11	Eid Al Rasheed	Al Qadsiya	360	2	0
	26	Salman Al Awadi	Al Arabi	84	0	0
	15	Youssef Majed	Al Arabi	162	0	0
	19	Moath Al Asaima	Salmiya	155	1	0
	9	Bandar Bourseli	Kazma	0	0	0

Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS - 4

Open Play Goals - 3

Set - Play Goals -1

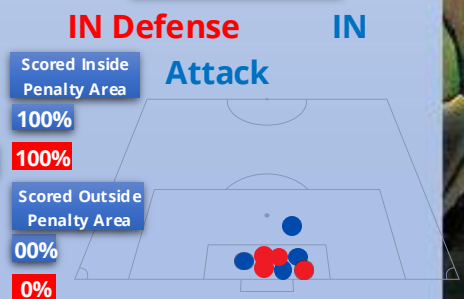
Goal Conceded

TOTAL GOALS - 4

Open Play Goals - 3

Set - Play Goals -1

Goal Location



Player's stat

TOP Scorer
Daham - 2
Nasser- 1
Moath-1

Top Assist
Al Enezi- 1

Most passes
Daham - 63

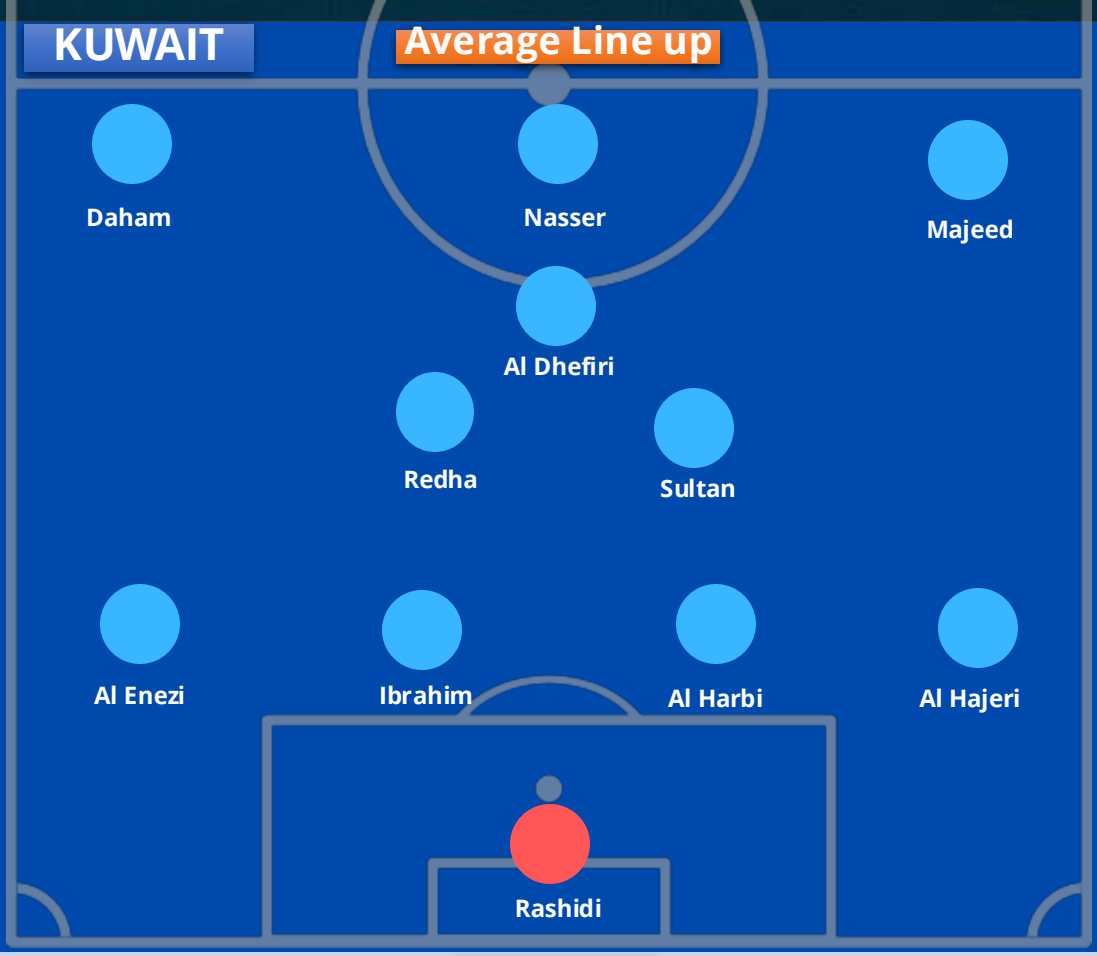
Most crosses
Al Enezi - 4

Most Duels
Daham - 43
Sultan Enezi – 39
Ibrahim - 32

Most tackles
Majed Shamri – 18
Daham - 12
Sultan Enezi - 12

KUWAIT

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

OMAN 1 -1 KUWAIT

Game 2

UAE 1 -2 KUWAIT

Game 3

QATAR 1 -1 KUWAIT

SEMIFINAL GAME

BAHREIN 1-0 KUWAIT

Head Coach



JUAN PIZZI

Born 06.07.1968
Nationality Argentina/Spain
Coach since 7/2024

Fitness level

In the early matches, the team maintained a solid level of fitness, enabling them to compete effectively against opponents. However, as the tournament progressed, signs of fatigue became evident, particularly in crucial moments, affecting their ability to sustain high intensity throughout the games.

Wingers and Speed: The team's wingers stood out with their speed and skill, creating dangerous offensive opportunities through flank attacks. These movements added an edge to their attacking play, though their final touch and coordination with strikers required more precision.

*Defensive Transitions:*The team faced challenges in defensive transitions, often struggling to track back quickly after losing possession. This delay allowed opponents to exploit spaces and create scoring chances, leading to goals conceded during critical periods.

*Aerial Duels:*The team showed strength in aerial duels, particularly in defensive situations, successfully clearing crosses and set pieces. However, they did not capitalize on this strength in attacking scenarios, where better use of set pieces and crosses could have given them an advantage.

*Defensive Positioning:*The Kuwaiti defense struggled with positional discipline, especially in central areas. This created gaps that opponents exploited to generate scoring opportunities. Improved organization and communication among defenders are areas for development.

*Conclusion:*The Kuwaiti national team delivered a commendable performance in the tournament, with key strengths such as speed and skill on the flanks and solid aerial defense. However, their defensive transitions and positioning need improvement to achieve better results in future competitions.

Yemen

Average Line up

GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

IRAQ1-0 YEMEN

Game 2

KSA 3 -2 YEMEN

Game 3

BAHRAIN 1 -2 YEMEN

SEMIFINAL

FINAL

9 OMAR AL DAHI

7 NASSER ALGAHWASHI

11 ABDULWASEI ALMATARI

17 ABDULMAJEED MOHAMMED

15 OSAMAH ANBAR

16 OMAR AHMED

19 RATHWAN ALHOBAISHI

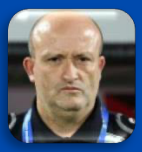
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3 HAROUN ALZOBAIDI

6 RAMY ALWASMANI

1 MOHAMMED AMAN

Head Coach



NOURALDEN WELD ALI

Born 23.6.1972
Nationality ALGERIAN
Coach since 2024

Key Futures

Long balls in build up
Counter attacks and direct play
(vertical and using winger individual skills)
Low block (5-6) defensive line
Compact in defensive phase

Fitness level

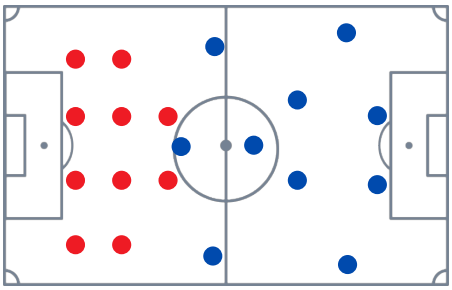
Rhythm and tempo dropped in last 30 min
Some important players injured during
The tournament

Averages Stats

Passes per match	295
Possession	35%
Shots per match	7.5/1.67
Shots against per match	14
Corners per match	1.83
Corner against per match	7
Fouls per match	10.67
Fouls against per match	14.6

Shape

IN Defense IN Attack



2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS	1	MOHAMMED AMAN	YEMEN	314	-	1
		ABDULLA AL-SAADI	YEMEN	0	0	-
	22	SALEM AL HARSH	YEMEN	0	0	-
DEFENDERS	19	RADHWAN AL HUBAISHI	YEMEN	296	0	0
	3	HARWAN AL ZUBAIDI	YEMEN	314	2	0
	4	HAMZAH SABAH	YEMEN	314	0	0
	24	ALI AL-DUGIN	YEMEN	103	0	0
	6	RAMI WASMANI	YEMEN	200	0	0
	26	HAMZAH AL SURABI	YEMEN	17	0	0
MIDFIELDS	16	OAMAR AHMED	YEMEN	314	0	0
	8	ANIS AL MARRI	YEMEN	100	0	0
	10	MOHAMMED AL NAJJAR	YEMEN	115	0	0
	7	NASSER MOHAMEDOH	YEMEN	284	0	1
	15	OSAMA ANBAR	YEMEN	212	0	0
	17	ABDULMAJEED MOHAMMED	YEMEN	228	1	1
FORWARDS						
	11	ABDULWASE AL MATARI	YEMEN	246	0	1
	20	HAMZA AHMED	YEMEN	28	0	0
	9	OMAR AL DAHI	YEMEN	134	0	0
	12	MAMDOOH SALEH	YEMEN	179	0	0
	18	ABDULAZIZ MANSOUM	YEMEN	36	0	0

Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS 4
Open Play Goals 1
Set - Play Goals 3

Goal Conceded

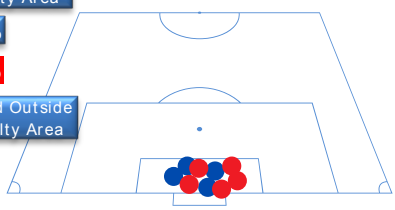
TOTAL GOALS 5
Open Play Goals 2
Set - Play Goals 3

Goal Location

IN Defense IN Attack

Scored Inside Penalty Area 100%

Scored Outside Penalty Area 0%



100%

0%

Player's stat

TOP Scorer
AL ZUBAIDI - 2
ABDULMAJEED - 1
OWN GOAL - 1

Top Assist
NASSER & AMAN -1
ALMATARI - 1
ABDULMAJEED - 1

Most passes
ALHUBAISHI - 108
Omar AHMED - 81
HAMZA SABAH - 160

Most crosses
ABDULMAJEED - 4
RADHWAN - 3
NASSER - 3

Most Duels
ALMATARI - 65
NASSER - 64
OMAR AHMED - 38

Most TACKELS
OSAMA ANBAR - 20
AL MATARI -17
OMAR AHMED - 17

YEMEN

Average Line up

Nasser Algahwashi

Omar Al Dahi

Albudlmajed Mohammed

Abdulwasei Al Matari

Osamah Anbar

Oman Ahmed

Ratwan Al Hobaishi

Hamza Al Remy

Haroun Al Zobaidi

Ramy Al Washmani

Mohammed Amman

GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

IRAQ 1-0 YEMEN

Game 2

KSA 3-2 YEMEN

Game 3

BAHRAIN 1-2 YEMEN

SEMIFINAL

FINAL

Head Coach



Nouralden Weld Ali

Born 23.6.1972
Nationality Algerian
Coach since 2024

Fitness level

Physical Report

The Yemeni team leveraged their speed and agility in offensive transitions as their primary strength, trying to exploit defensive gaps with direct play and quick movements, particularly through their wingers and central striker. Their ability to create dangerous chances in transition was evident, highlighted by goals resulting from crosses and quick actions. However, their physical endurance proved insufficient, as their rhythm and intensity consistently dropped in the final 30 minutes of matches, exacerbated by injuries to key players during the tournament.

Defensively, Yemen struggled in aerial duels, particularly in their own box, which made them vulnerable to crosses and set-pieces. This weakness allowed opponents to generate multiple headed attempts, leading to critical goals conceded. While they maintained a compact low block for much of their defensive organization, their inability to sustain physical resistance against high-pressure attacks ultimately cost them in key moments.

Despite being physically weaker than some of their opponents, Yemen compensated with their resilience and ability to capitalize on set-pieces and isolated moments of speed. Their victory over Bahrain showcased their determination, using their pace to force errors and their set-piece organization to secure goals. Overall, while their agility and transitional speed were strengths, their physical limitations in endurance and aerial duels highlighted areas for improvement.

Oman

Average Line up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1

KUWAIT1-1Oman

Game 2

QATAR1-2 OMAN

Game 3

UAE1-1OMAN

SEMIFINAL

KSA 1 -2 OMAN

FINAL

BAHRAIN 2 -1 OMAN

Head Coach



Rashed jaber

Nationality Oman
Coach since 2024

Key Futures

Building and movement without the ball
Stretch the field and full backs pushing up
Dangerous in set pieces
COMPACT defensive line

Fitness level

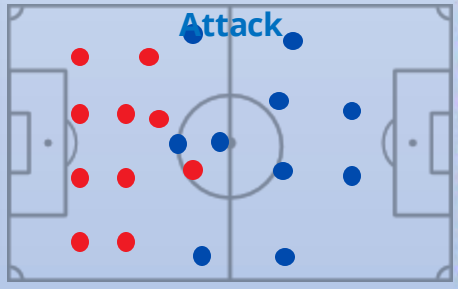
Good rhythm and tempo and team improves in the second half

Averages Stats

Passes per match	540
Possession	60%
Shots per match	14.6
Shots against per match	8.25
Corners per match	7.75
Corner against per match	4.75
Fouls per match	11
Fouls against per match	11

Shape

IN Defense IN Attack



• 2024 Gulf Cup Squad

POS	NUMBER	NAME	CLUB (COUNTRY)	MIN	G	A
GKS						
DEFENDERS						
MIDFIELDS						
FORWARDS						

Goal Scored

TOTAL GOALS - 7

Open Play Goals 4
Set - Play Goals 3

Goal Conceded

TOTAL GOALS - 6

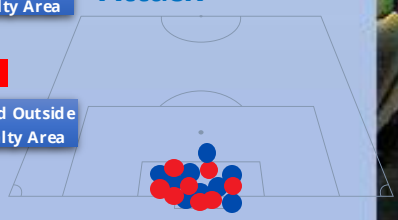
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Set - Play Goals 2

Goal Location

IN Defense IN Attack

Scored Inside Penalty Area 80% 80%

Scored Outside Penalty Area 20% 20%



Player's stat

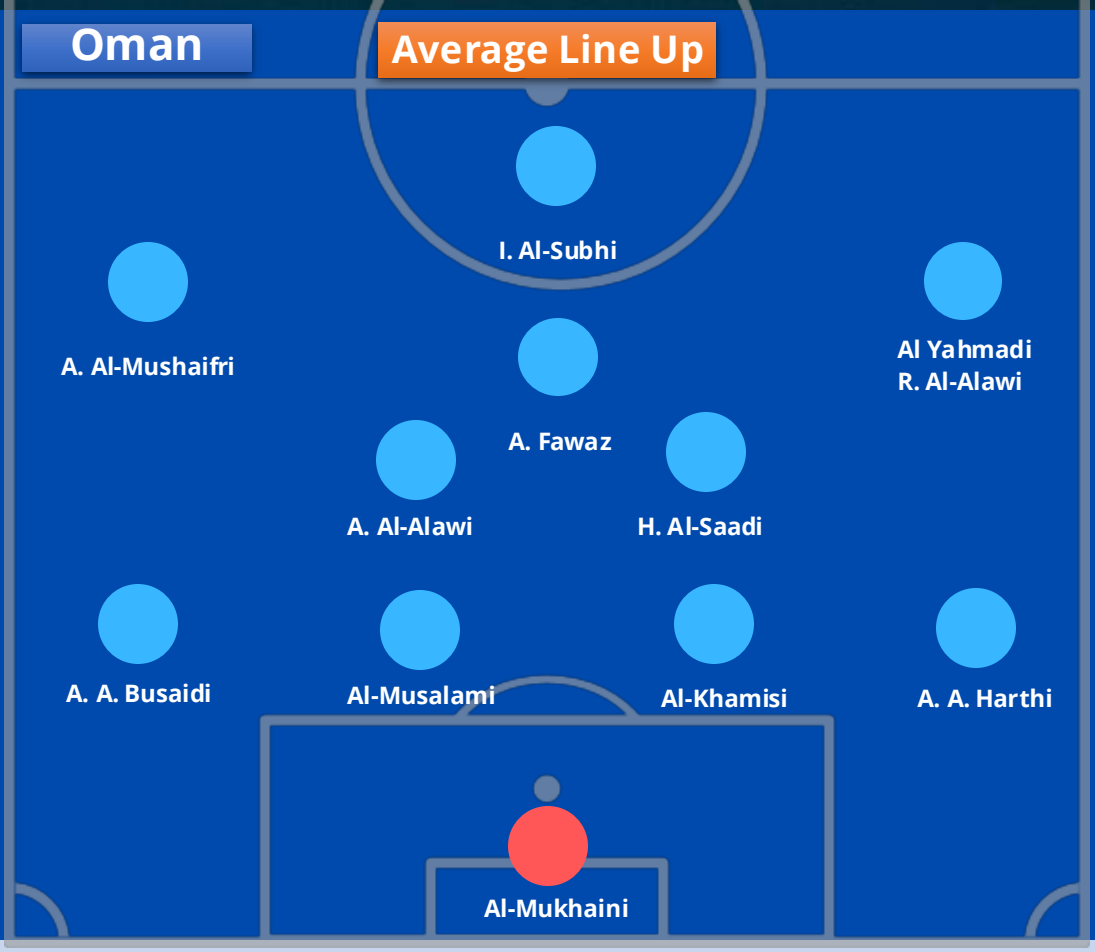
TOP Scorer
SOBHI 3
Top Assist

Most passes
Most crosses

Most Duels
Most TACKELS

Oman

Average Line Up



GROUP STAGE

GAME 1
Kuwait 1–1 Oman

Game 2
Oman 2–1 Qatar

Game 3
UAE 1–1 Oman

SEMIFINAL
Oman 2–1 Saudi A.

FINAL
Oman 1–2 Bahrain

Head Coach

Rashid Jaber

Fitness level

Full-Backs and Defensive Line
- **Full-Backs:** Stand out for their physical capabilities, with great endurance and sustained intensity throughout the match. Their speed on the flanks is crucial for transitions.
- **Center-Backs:** Although they lack height and physical presence, they are quick to cover spaces. However, they struggle in one-on-one duels, aerial challenges, and changes of pace, showing limitations in reaction speed. Oman compensates with a high level of physical commitment and quick reactions when defending open spaces.

Midfielders
- Excel in their mobility and dynamism across different phases of the game, qualities they maintain for the full 90 minutes.
- They are tireless and capable of covering large areas, showcasing excellent stamina and the ability to sustain high-intensity performance, especially in transitional moments.

Wingers
- Known for their agility and explosiveness, allowing them to excel in quick actions and directional changes.
- Their speed and endurance make them key players in offensive transitions, regularly outrunning opponents in one-on-one situations.

Forward (Striker)
- Physically, one of the most outstanding players alongside the wingers.
- Combines strength and speed, making him a decisive player in fast transitions and situations that require power. His ability to sustain high-intensity runs throughout the match gives Oman an edge in the final third.

General Aspects of the Team
- Oman is a team that stands out for its endurance.
- They demonstrate great stamina, maintaining a high-intensity performance throughout the game, even in the final minutes. This endurance allows them to capitalize on their opponent's fatigue, particularly when they don't dominate possession.
- The team excels in speed and acceleration, especially among the offensive players, enabling them to exploit transitions effectively.
- While the defensive line shows weaknesses in aerial duels and reaction speed in changes of pace, Oman compensates with intensity and physical resilience across all areas of the field.


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Match Intensitys

The matches during the GCC Cup showcased varied levels of intensity, largely dependent on the stage of the tournament and the strategies employed by teams. Early-stage matches demonstrated moderate intensity, with players pacing themselves to preserve energy for potential later stages. As the tournament progressed to the knockout rounds, intensity increased markedly, characterized by faster transitions, higher pressing frequencies, and greater physical engagement in all areas of play.

In the final matches, peak intensity was observed, with players exhibiting high work rates, sustained sprint efforts, and a pronounced urgency in gameplay, reflecting the stakes of the competition.

Player Endurance

Player endurance was generally commendable across all matches. Most athletes demonstrated the ability to maintain high physical output for the entirety of the games, with only slight dips in performance metrics during the final 15 minutes. This consistency indicates well-prepared aerobic capacity and effective recovery strategies between matches.

However, a minority of players exhibited signs of fatigue in back-to-back matches, especially during extra time, where movement patterns became less dynamic, and reaction times appeared delayed.

Strength in Duels

Physical strength in duels was a defining feature of the tournament. Players displayed exceptional power during aerial and ground challenges. Throughout the competition, most duels were executed with high intensity, and the balance between fair play and physicality was maintained. Variations in strength were noticeable among individual players, with some excelling in shielding and winning second balls while others struggled against physically dominant opponents.

Speed and Agility

The speed and agility of players were standout attributes during the tournament. Sprint data revealed frequent high-speed runs, especially during counter-attacks and defensive recoveries. Agility showed players effectively maneuvering in tight spaces, frequently changing directions to evade markers or intercept passes.

In critical moments, players demonstrated an exceptional burst of acceleration to exploit defensive gaps or track opponents. Agility was particularly evident in transitions, where quick footwork and sharp directional changes were integral to maintaining possession or regaining defensive shape.

Injuries

Throughout the tournament, injuries were monitored and categorized as either mechanical (acute) or fatigue-induced (chronic):

Mechanical Injuries: A limited number of acute injuries occurred, primarily due to direct contact during tackles or collisions. These included minor sprains, contusions, and a few cases of muscle tears. Prompt medical intervention and sideline assessments minimized the impact of these injuries on team performance.

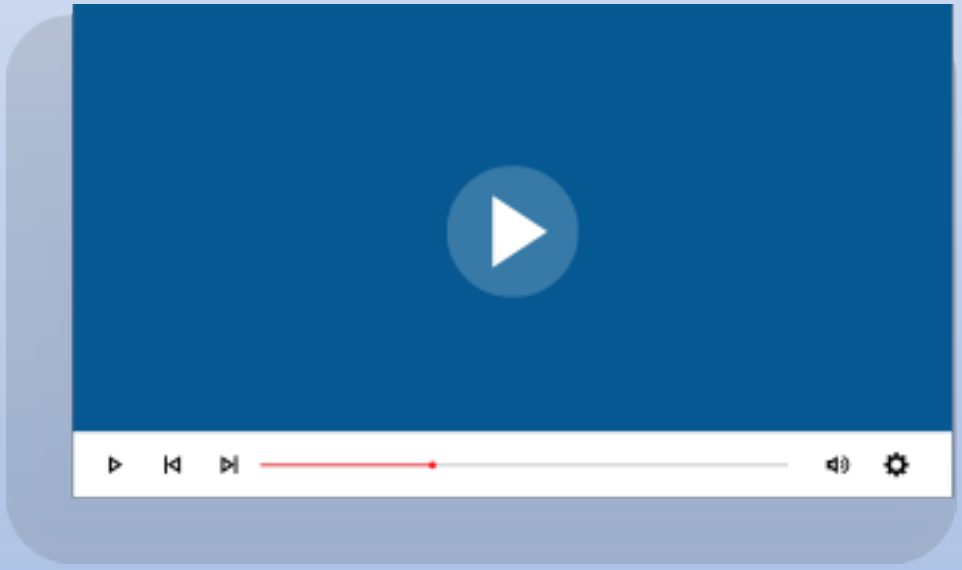
Fatigue-Induced Injuries: A noticeable trend of fatigue-related injuries emerged in the later stages of the tournament. These were predominantly muscular strains, attributed to cumulative physical exertion and inadequate recovery time between high-intensity matches.

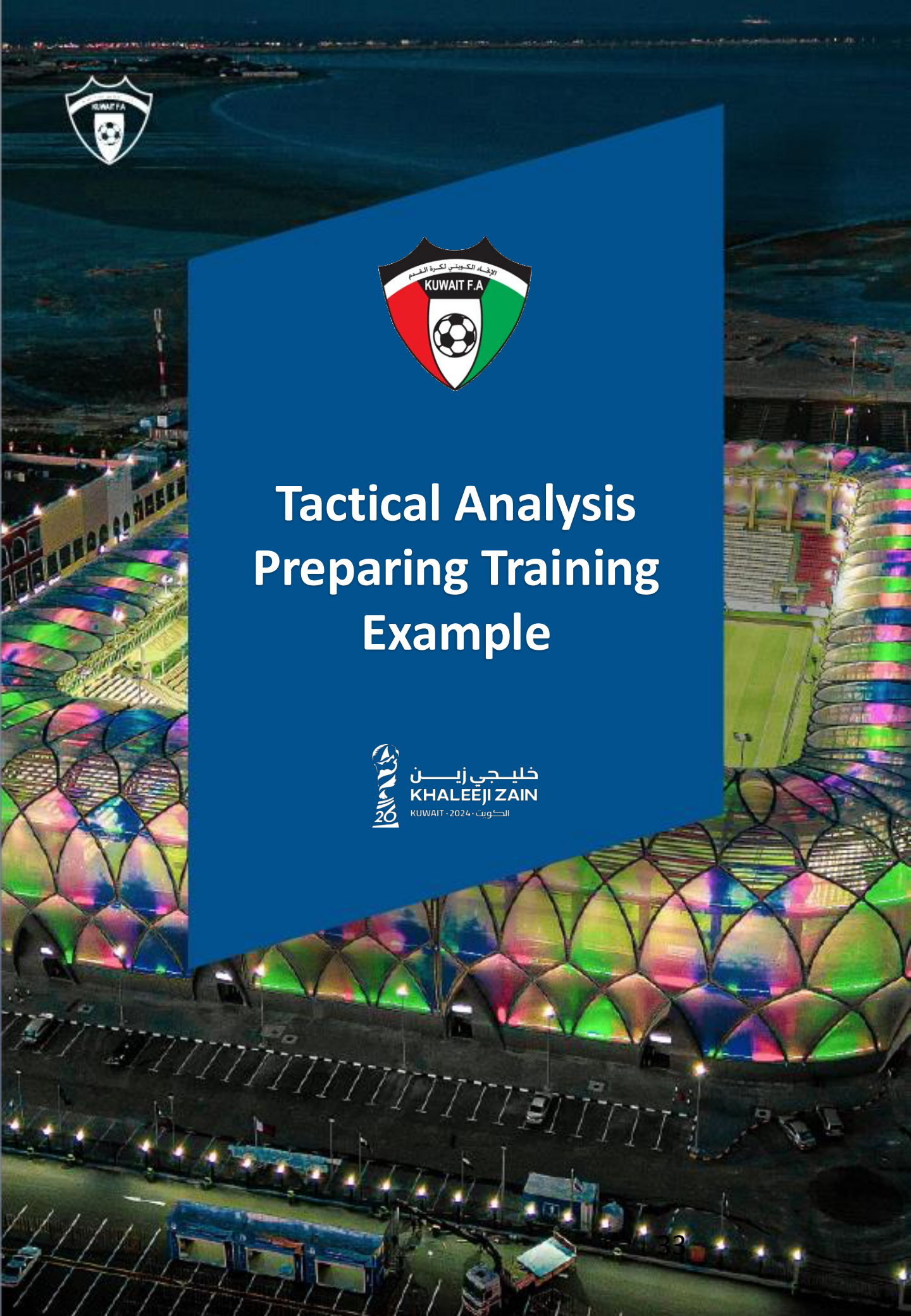
Conclusion

The GCC Cup provided an excellent display of athleticism, showcasing high levels of intensity, endurance, and physicality. While the tournament demanded peak physical performance, the frequency of fatigue-related injuries highlights the importance of optimizing recovery protocols and managing workloads effectively. The overall fitness levels of players were exemplary, setting a benchmark for future tournaments.


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25.12.2024. Referees :
Meler Umut (TUR), Kerem Ersoy (TUR),
Ibrahim Caglar (TUR), Kovach Istvan (ROU)

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Iraq	Bahrein
12 Jalal Hachim	22 Ebrahim Lutfalla
23 A. Al-Deeshawee	2 Amine Benaddi
11 Zidane Iqbal	3 Waleed Alhayam
8 Ibrahim Al-Kaabawi	4 Sayed Shubbar
9 Ahmed Gheni	5 Hamad Alshamsan
14 Amjed Al-Magsoosi	7 Ali Madan
15 Mustafa Al-Korji	8 Mohamed Marhoon
17 Ali Jasim	12 Mahdi Abduljabar
18 Aymen Ghadhban	19 Komail Alasward
25 Zaid Hantosh	20 Mahdi Alhumaidan
2 Rebin Adhamat	23 Abdula Alkhalasi
Coach :	***Coach:***
Jesus Casas	***Dragan Talajic***

ADNAN , LUNIS , MOHAMED



Second half
1-4-2-3-1 , ***Ball possesion***

- Opinion
- Ball possession :
- Poor cooperation in creating attacks in own half
- Ball poss.opo. team : poor cooperation between lines and between players inside the back line when opponent team attacks in the wing positions
- Tra. Defensive : there was no quick pressure on the player with the ball
- Tr. Off : a little counterattacks and a little chances

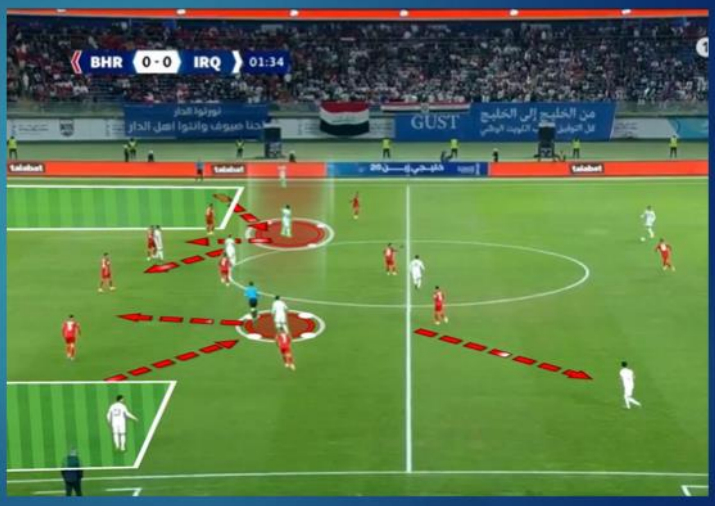




Opinion :

Ball possession :
idea ;wing players enter the middle , left and right back go high, one midfielder comes to the back line to get the ball

Ball possession :
Poor cooperation in creating attacks in own half





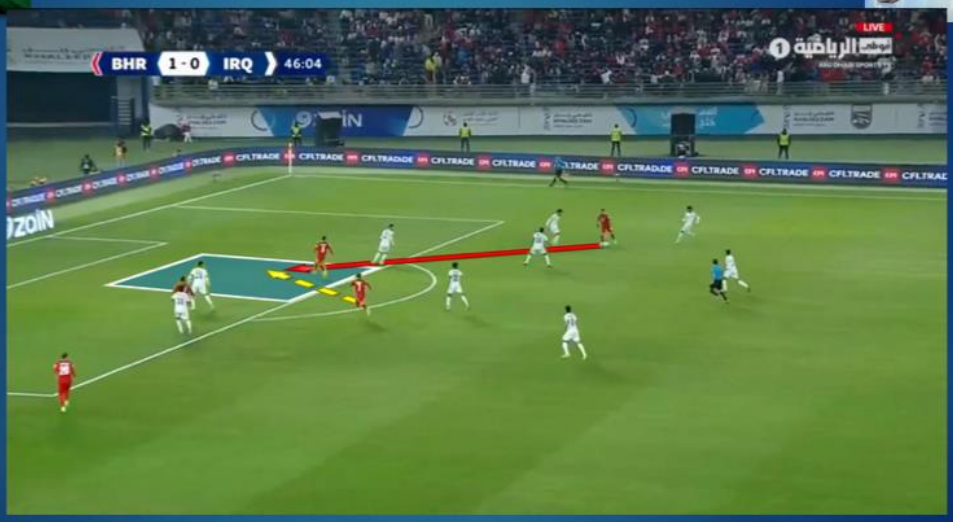
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Tr. Off : a little counterattacks and a little chances

Per won ball, a lot of mistakes and quickly lost balls









Standard situations





Goal 0:1





Goal 0:2





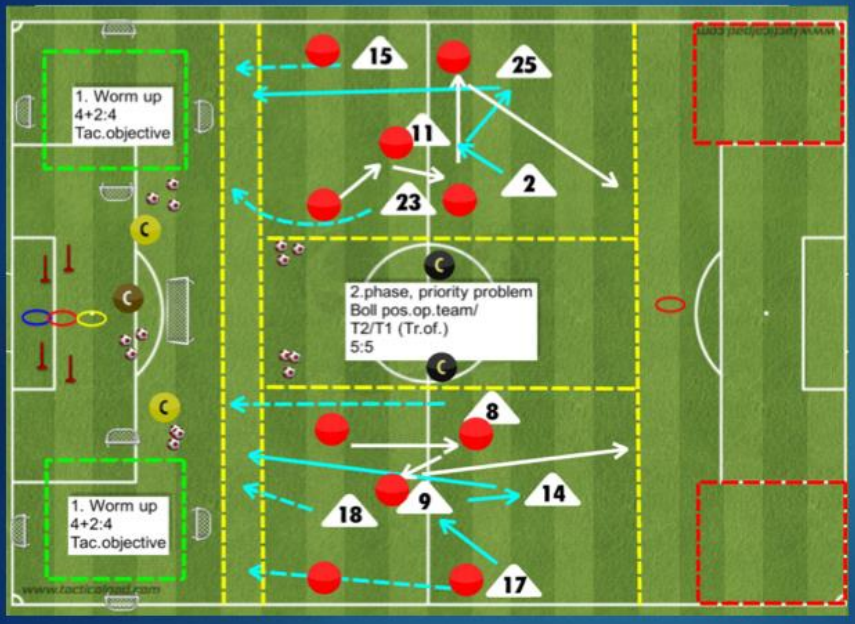


Tactical training from match analysis

- *Ball possession op.team (priority problem)*
- *Off.. transition (progression)*

- *Traininng :*
- *1. worm up: 4+2:4 (tactical objective)*
- *2. 5:5+goalkeepers (B.poss.op.team, tr.off.tacticalobjective, motivation)*
- *3. 10:10+goalkeepers (tactical objective, coaching, corrections….)*
- *4. 11:11 game (test)*
- *5. recovery*

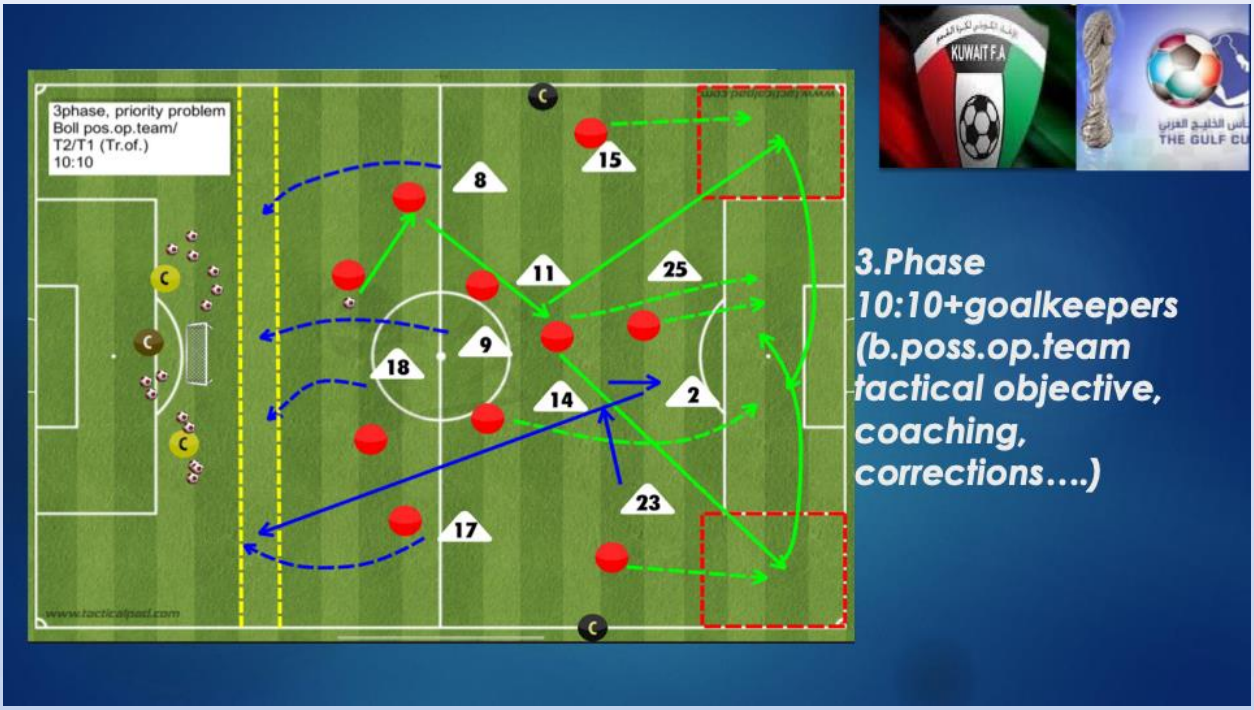




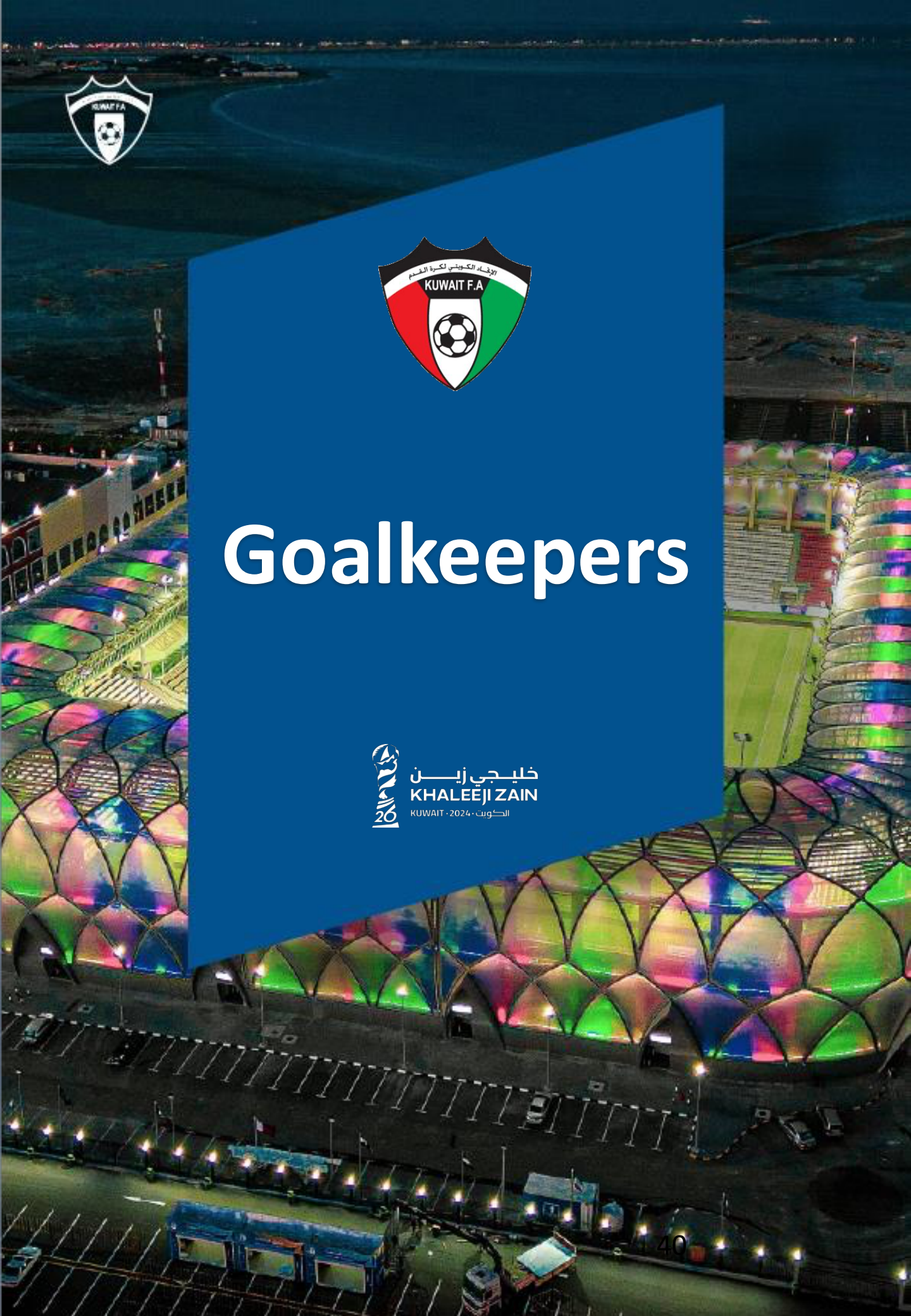


1. Worm up :
tactical objective,

2.phase
5:5+goalkeepers ,
B.Poss.op.team
tactical objective,
motivation


3phase, priority problem
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3.Phase
10:10+goalkeepers
(b.poss.op.team
tactical objective,
coaching,
corrections….)


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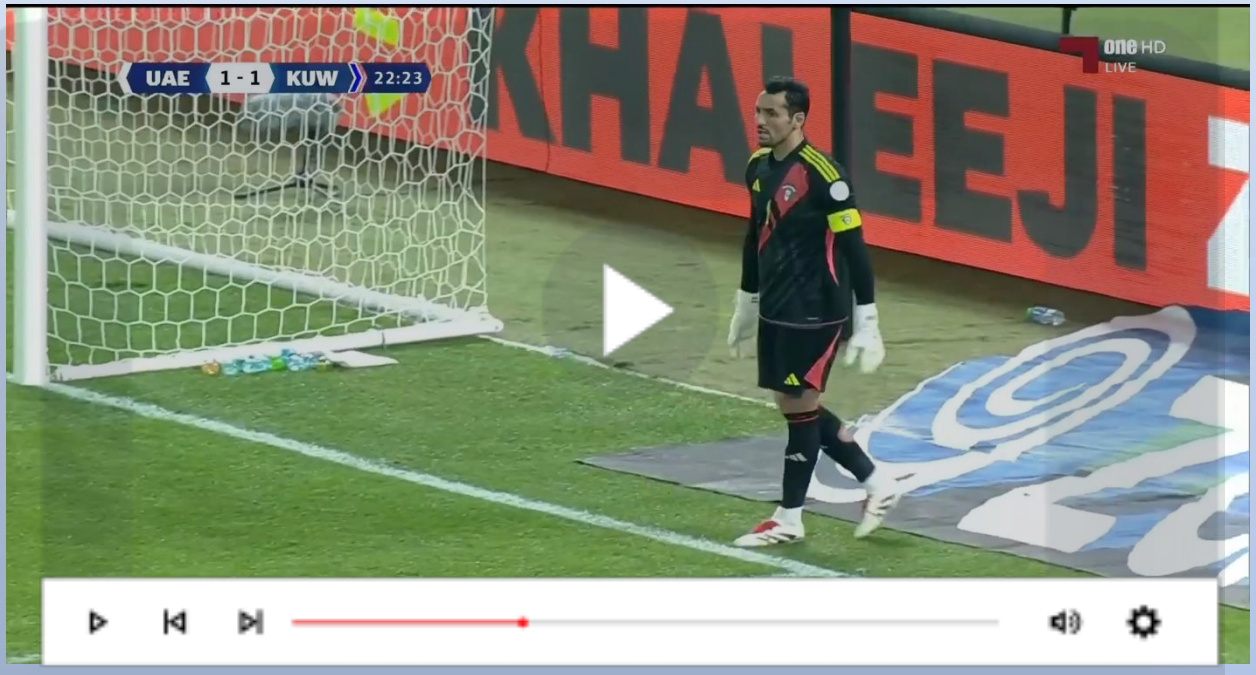
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Goalkeeper Analysis



- KALED AL RASHIDI

- During the entire tournament, there was a problem with shooting the ball from 5 meters



- Poor communication with the back line, wrong positioning of the body when shooting



- The positioning of the body during lateral breaks, in my opinion, should be facing the field of play and not towards the break performer



- Positioning of the body in the second and third zones,it is only necessary to correct a little more, return two steps towards the center of the goal. Excellent defense



- Here is an example of good body positioning in the second zone



- Positioning at the corner, it is necessary to lift up the body a little more



- Kick from the first zones in the center, good repositioning of the body and reaction



- Shot from the first zone ,repositioning and good defense, then a great volley



- Excellent defense again a shot from then first zone,again a good position in the goal



- Great defense, again a shot from the first zone,he is justifiably angry at his players who do not go to the block



- Coming out for deep ball and quick transition, volley very good



- The whole game he leads his defense with a constant warining. Very good communication



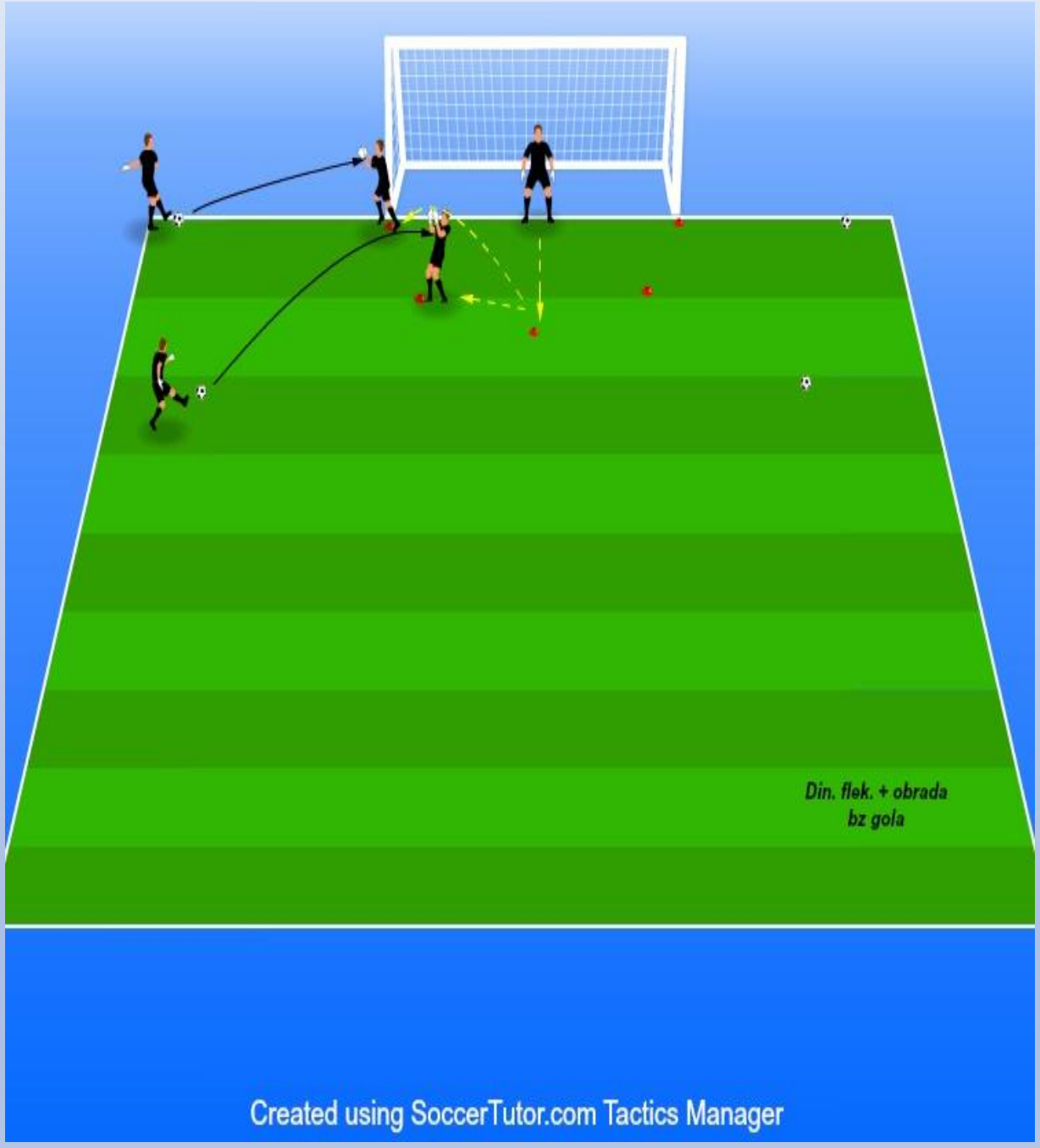
- At the goal ,the entire defense reacted badly,and the goalkeeper was also a little late to leave



- Very good match, he seved a cuple of hard shots,he was very confident, he did a great job leading his team to victory



- DYNAMIC WORM- UP

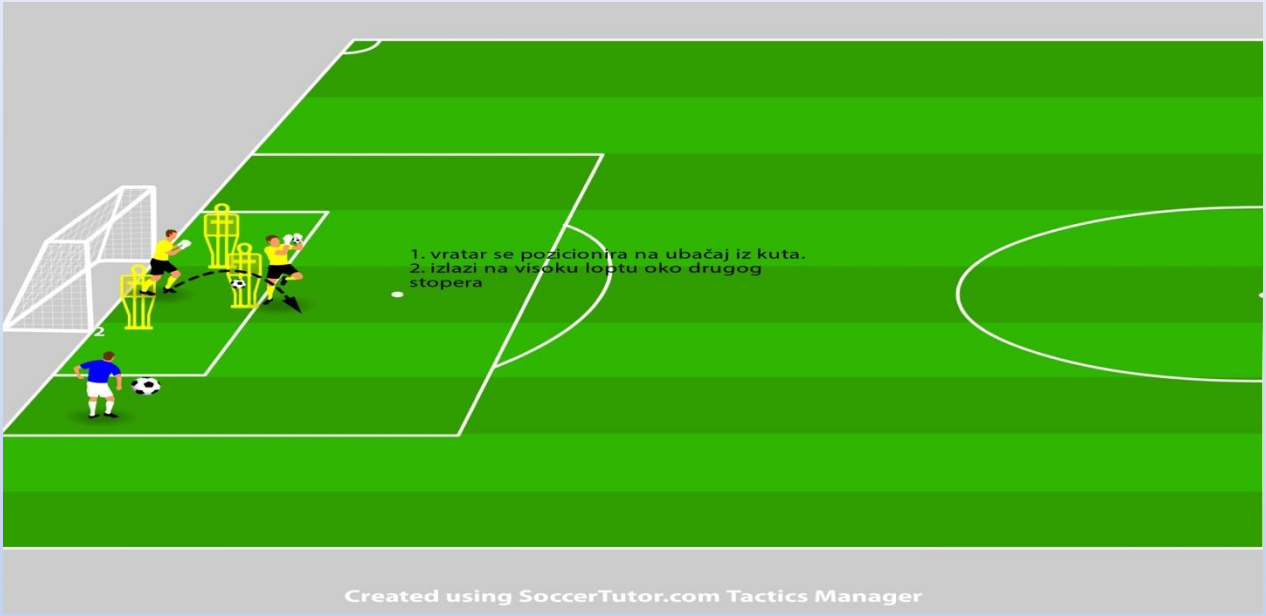


- PROCESSING CATCHES- Low and High ball



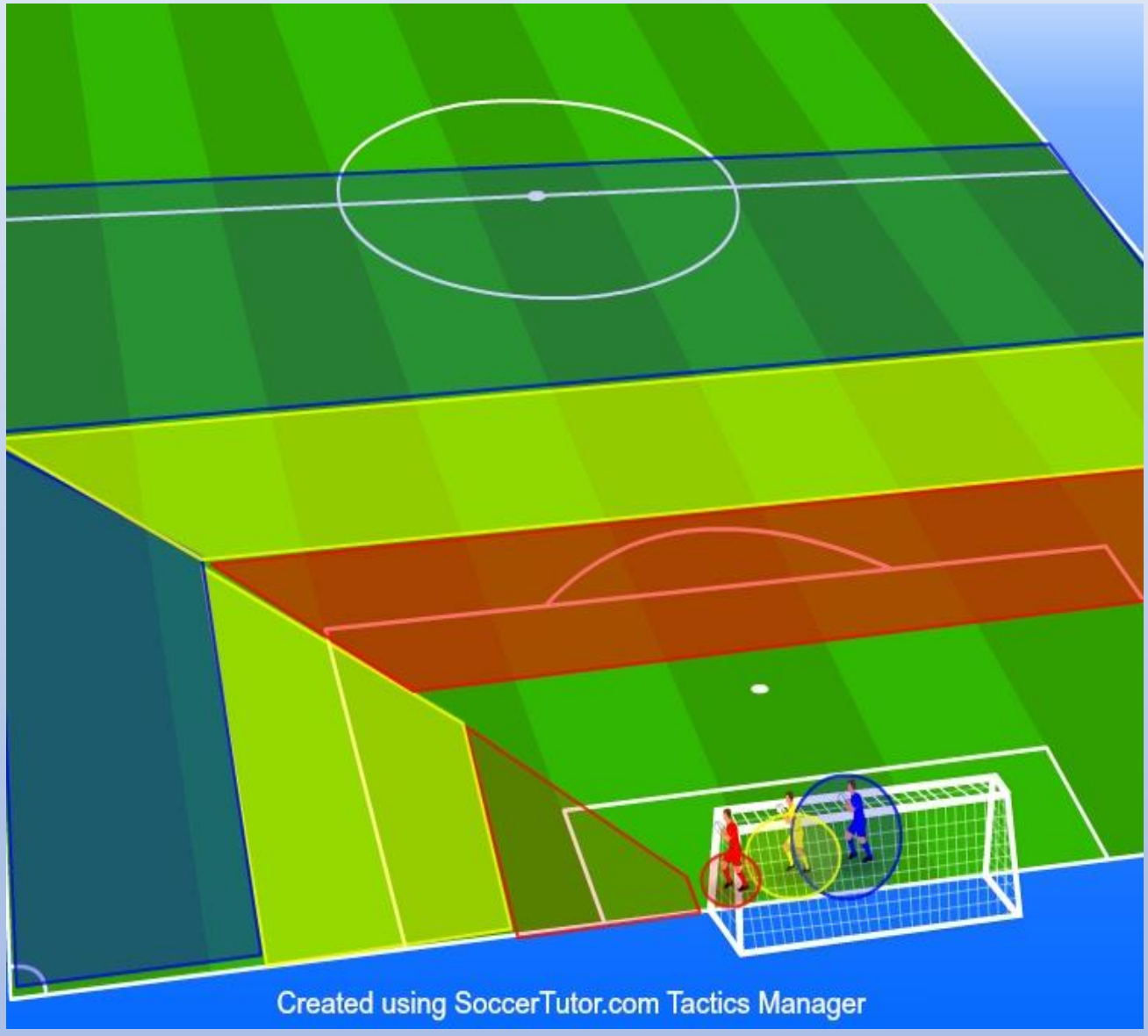


- PROCESSING BREAKS FROM THE SIDE AND CORNERS, BODY POSITION

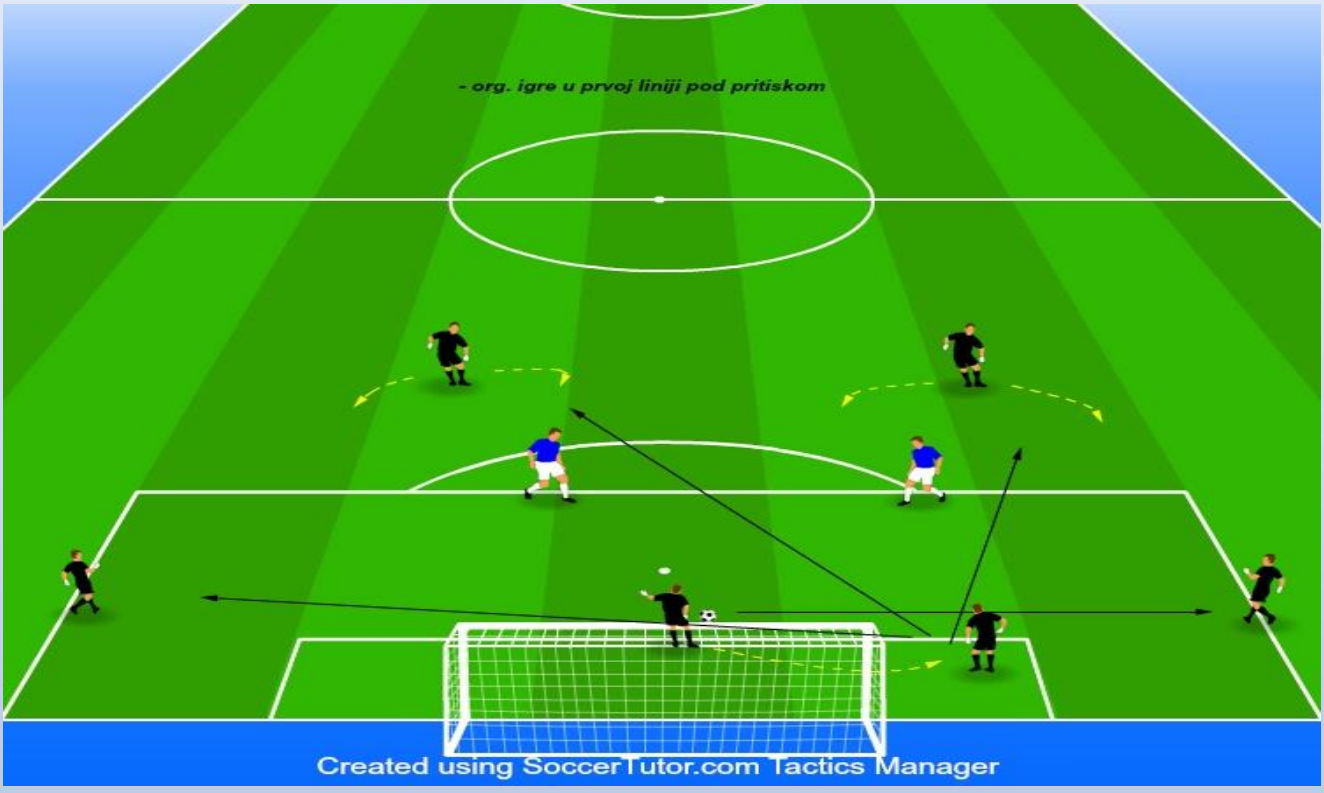


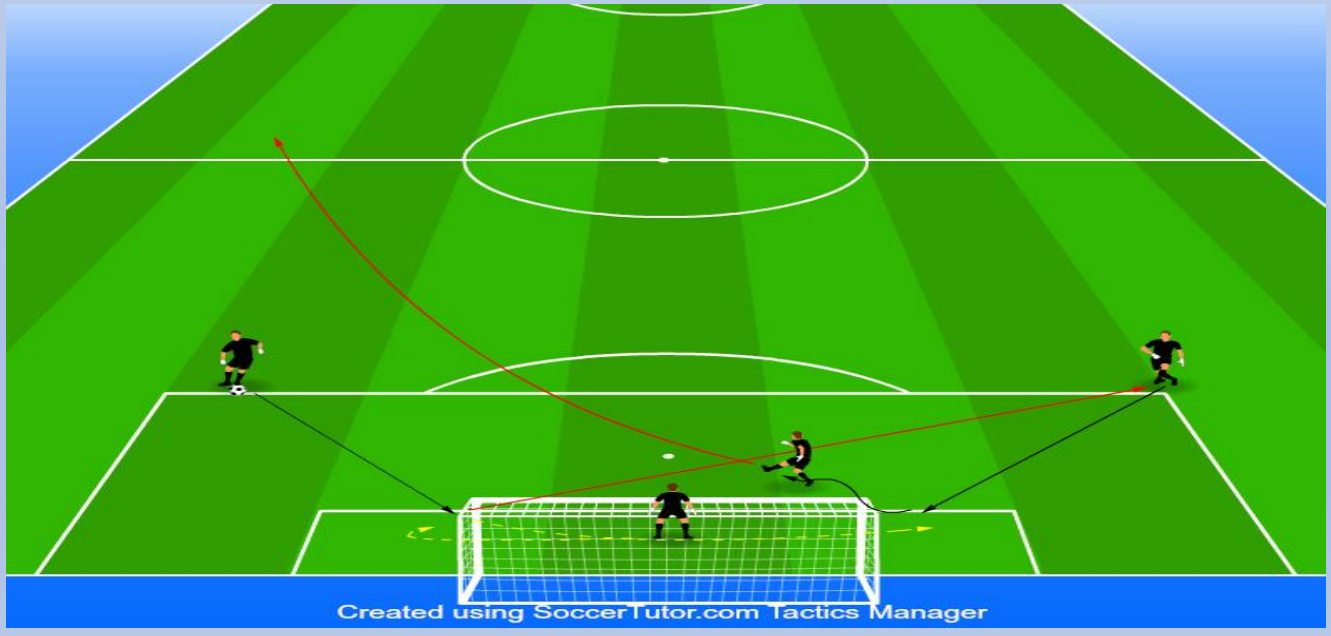


- POSITIONING BODY IN THE FIRST,SECOND AND THE THIRD ZONE

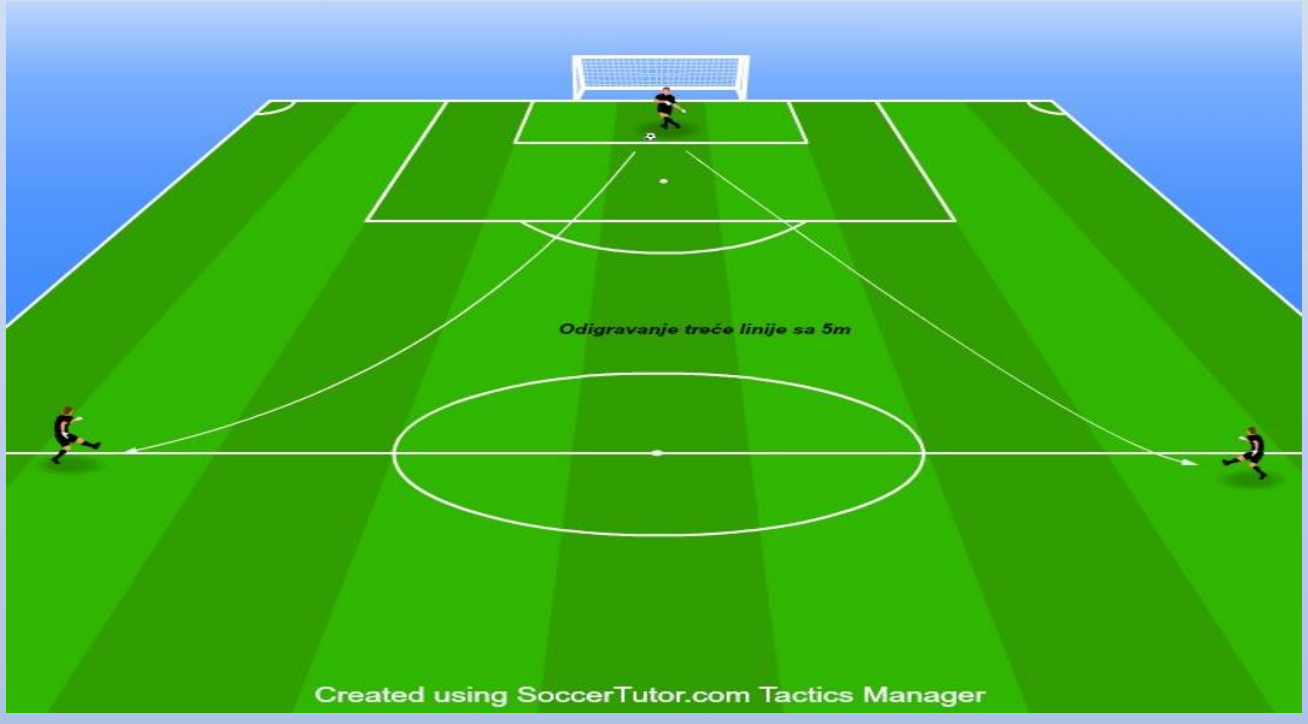


- PROCESSING THE FOOT- Bild up,opening the game in the first line under pressure





- INTERRUPTIONS- Shoot, Trows, Shooting the ball from 5 m



- PROCESSING THE FOOT –Catch and play the second zone transition



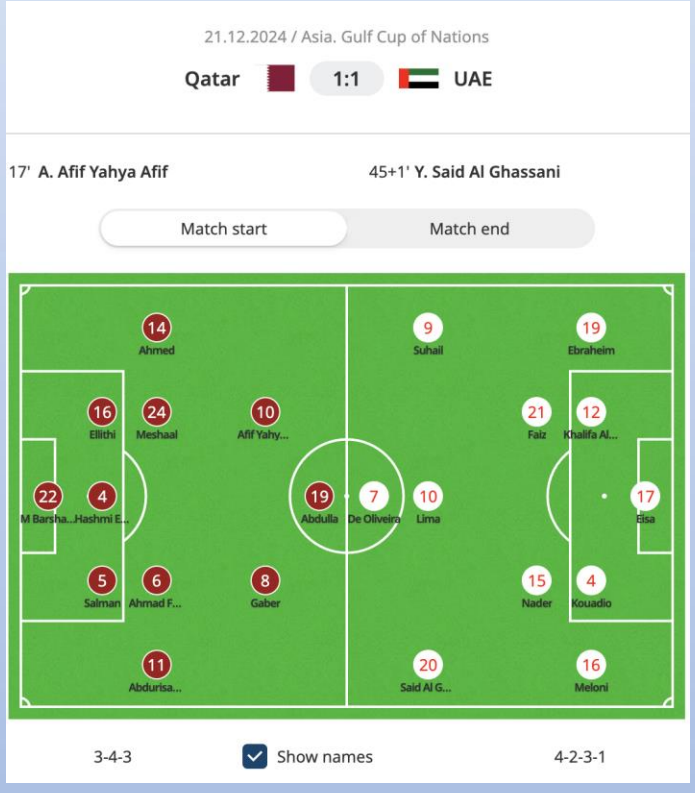
CONCULUSION

Trough training ,we will try to raise the level even more,especially when positioning in zonestwo and threeand when shooting, especilly from 5 meters.


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Interesting thing is that only
two games were started with 3 defenders!

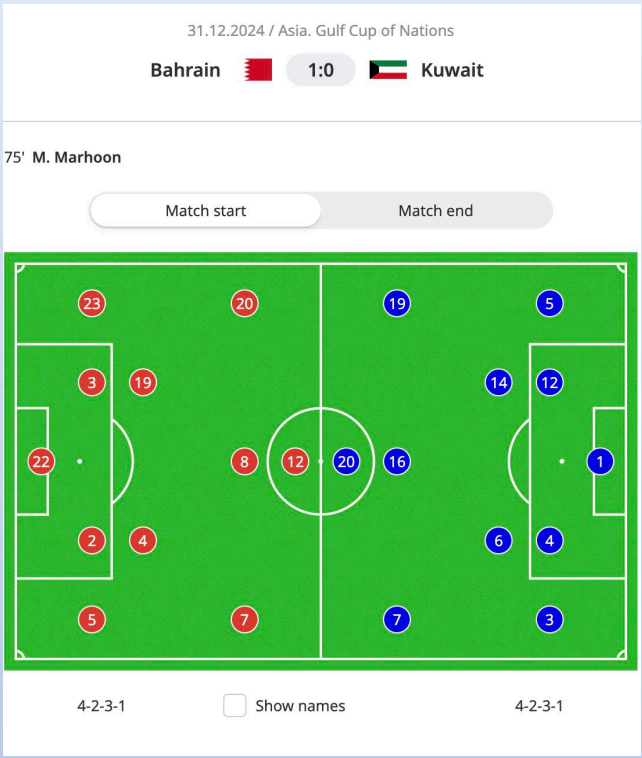


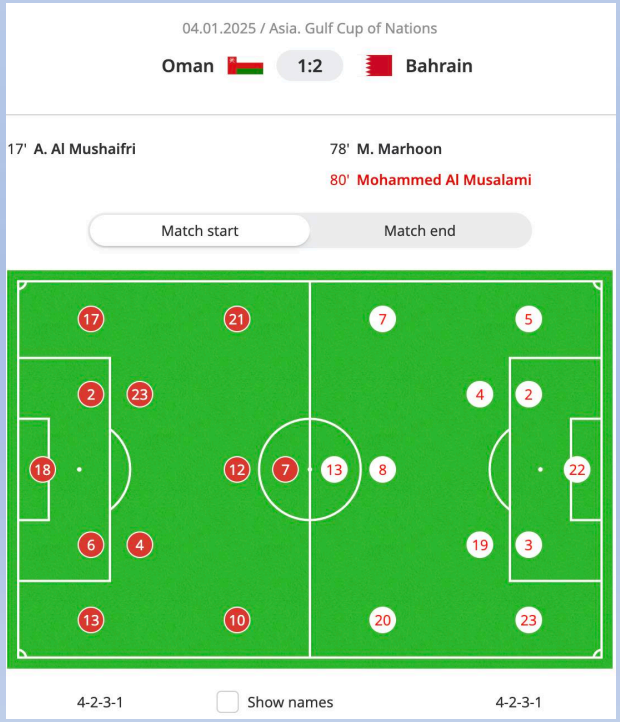


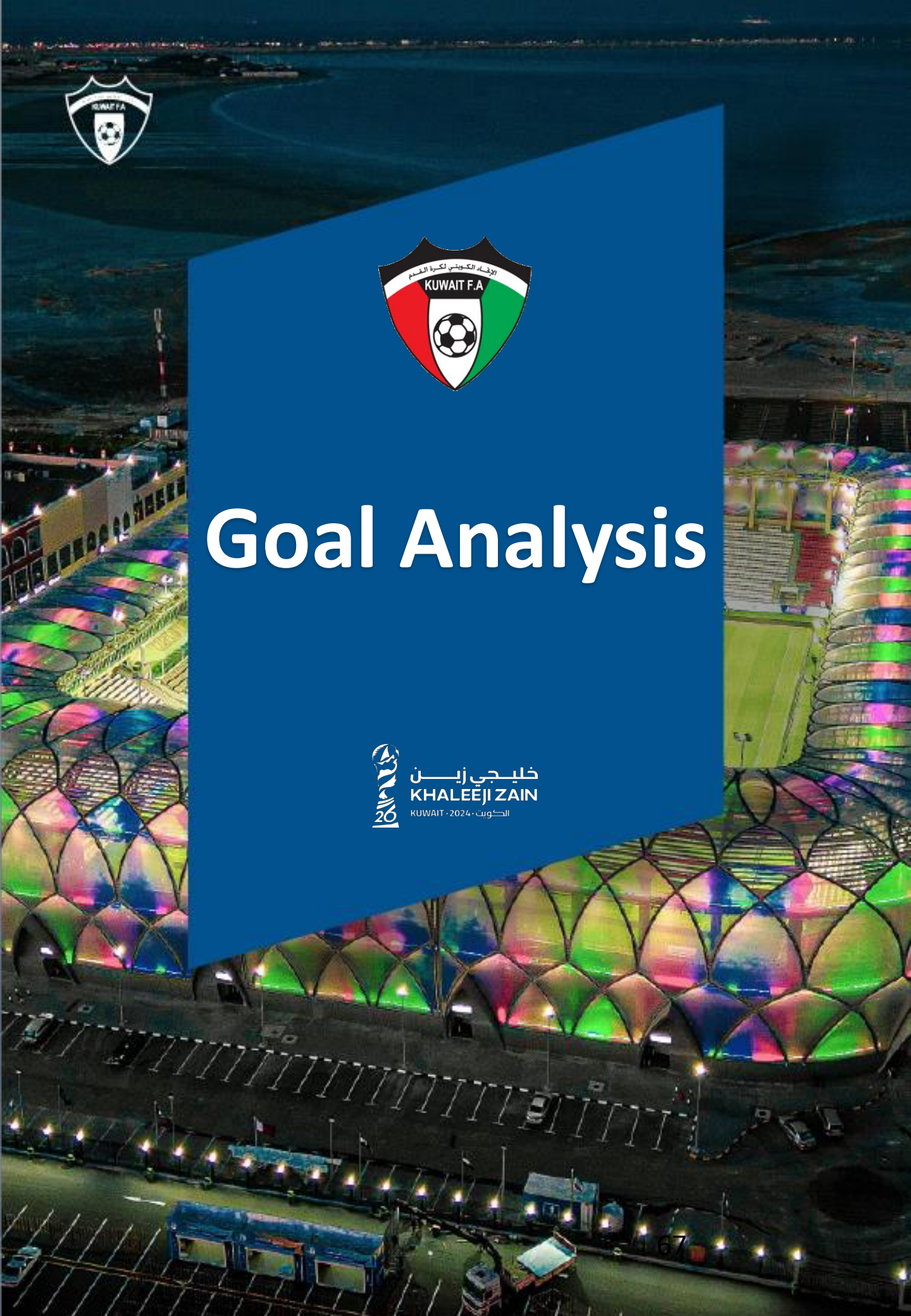
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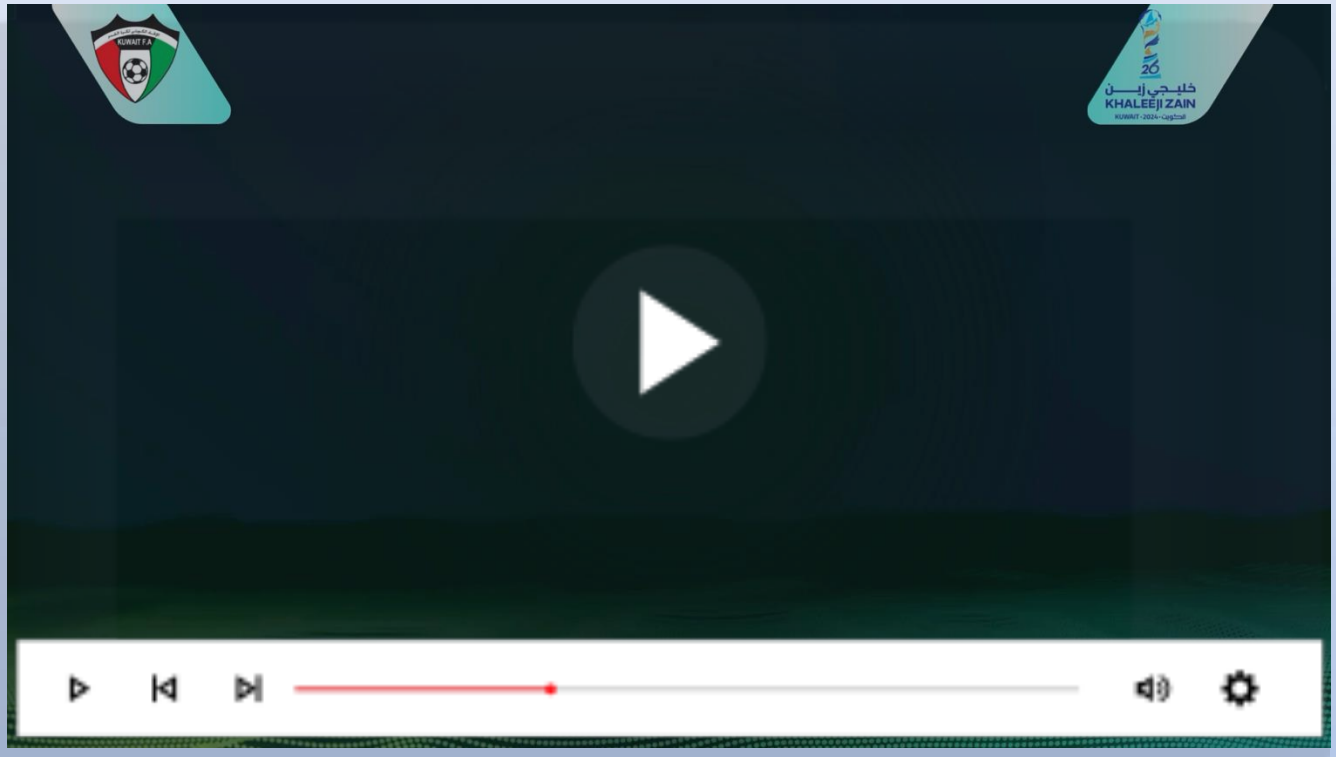
All other games was played with 4 defenders
and mostly with 2 attackers!








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Group stage

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Bahrain	3	2	0	1	6	4	+2	6[a]	Knockout stage
2	Saudi Arabia	3	2	0	1	8	6	+2	6[a]	
3	Iraq	3	1	0	2	2	5	−3	3[b]	
4	Yemen	3	1	0	2	4	5	−1	3[b]	

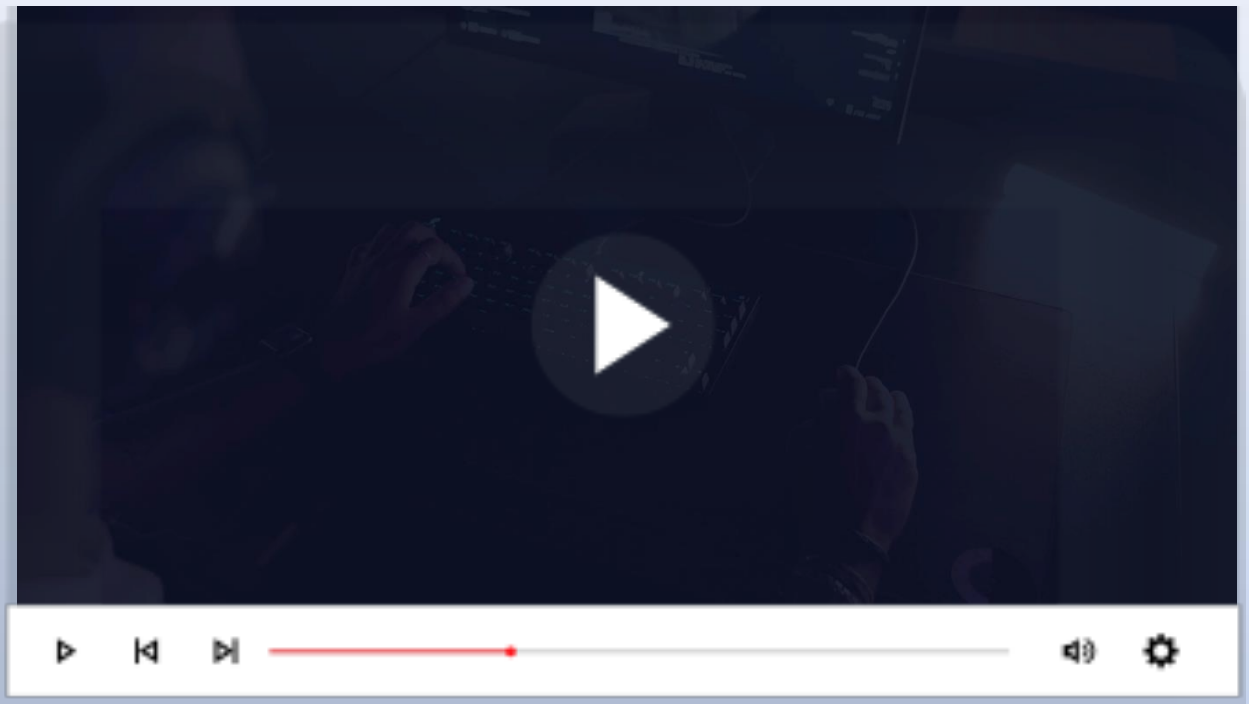
22 December 2024 17:25	**Iraq** Hussein ⚽ 64'	**1–0** Report	**Yemen**	Sulaibikhat Stadium, Sulaibikhat Attendance: 7,203 Referee: Abdulrahman Al-Jassim (Qatar)
22 December 2024 20:30	**Saudi Arabia** Al-Juwayr ⚽ 73' Al-Shehri ⚽ 86' (pen.)	**2–3** Report	**Bahrain** Abduljabbar ⚽ 19' Al-Humaidan ⚽ 38' Marhoon ⚽ 76'	Jaber International Stadium, Kuwait City Attendance: 7,726 Referee: Ahmad Al-Ali (Kuwait)
25 December 2024 17:25	**Yemen** Al-Zubaidi ⚽ 8' Sabarah ⚽ 27'	**2–3** Report	**Saudi Arabia** Kanno ⚽ 30' Al-Juwayr ⚽ 57' (pen.) Al-Hamdan ⚽ 90+3'	Sulaibikhat Stadium, Sulaibikhat Attendance: 9,200 Referee: Qasim Al-Hatmi (Oman)
25 December 2024 20:30	**Bahrain** Madan ⚽ 38', 47'	**2–0** Report	**Iraq**	Jaber International Stadium, Kuwait City Attendance: 13,150 Referee: Halil Umut Meler (Turkey)
28 December 2024 17:30	**Iraq** Ali ⚽ 64'	**1–3** Report	**Saudi Arabia** Al-Dawsari ⚽ 57' (pen.) Al-Hamdan ⚽ 81', 86'	Jaber International Stadium, Kuwait City Attendance: 54,942 Referee: István Kovács (Romania)
28 December 2024 17:30	**Bahrain** Al-Romaihi ⚽ 62'	**1–2** Report	**Yemen** Al-Khatal ⚽ 41' (o.g.) Al-Zubaidi ⚽ 88'	Sulaibikhat Stadium, Sulaibikhat Attendance: 4,293[4] Referee: Omar Al-Ali (United Arab Emirates)

Group stage

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Oman	3	1	2	0	4	3	+1	5[a]	Knockout stage
2	Kuwait (H)	3	1	2	0	4	3	+1	5[a]	
3	United Arab Emirates	3	0	2	1	3	4	−1	2[b]	
4	Qatar	3	0	2	1	3	4	−1	2[b]	

21 December 2024 20:00	**Kuwait** Nasser ⚽ 34'	1–1 Report	**Oman** Al-Sabhi ⚽ 42'	Jaber International Stadium, Kuwait City Attendance: 42,445 Referee: Khalid Al-Turais (Saudi Arabia)
21 December 2024 22:30	**Qatar** Afif ⚽ 17' (pen.)	1–1 Report	**United Arab Emirates** Al-Ghassani ⚽ 45+1'	Sulaibikhat Stadium, Sulaibikhat Attendance: 5,007 Referee: István Kovács (Romania)
24 December 2024 17:25	**Oman** Al-Sabhi ⚽ 20' (pen.), 52'	2–1 Report	**Qatar** Ali ⚽ 2'	Sulaibikhat Stadium, Sulaibikhat Attendance: 4,552 Referee: Mohanad Qasim Sarray (Iraq)
24 December 2024 20:30	**United Arab Emirates** Caio ⚽ 5'	1–2 Report	**Kuwait** Daham ⚽ 16' M. Al-Enezi ⚽ 89'	Jaber International Stadium, Kuwait City Attendance: 48,621 Referee: Dahane Beida (Mauritania)
27 December 2024 17:30	**Kuwait** Daham ⚽ 74'	1–1 Report	**Qatar** Muntari ⚽ 90+11'	Jaber International Stadium, Kuwait City Attendance: 57,742 Referee: Mustapha Ghorbal (Algeria)
27 December 2024 17:30	**United Arab Emirates** Al-Ghassani ⚽ 20'	1–1 Report	**Oman** Al-Mushaifri ⚽ 79'	Sulaibikhat Stadium, Sulaibikhat Attendance: 7,813 Referee: Ammar Mahfoodh (Bahrain)


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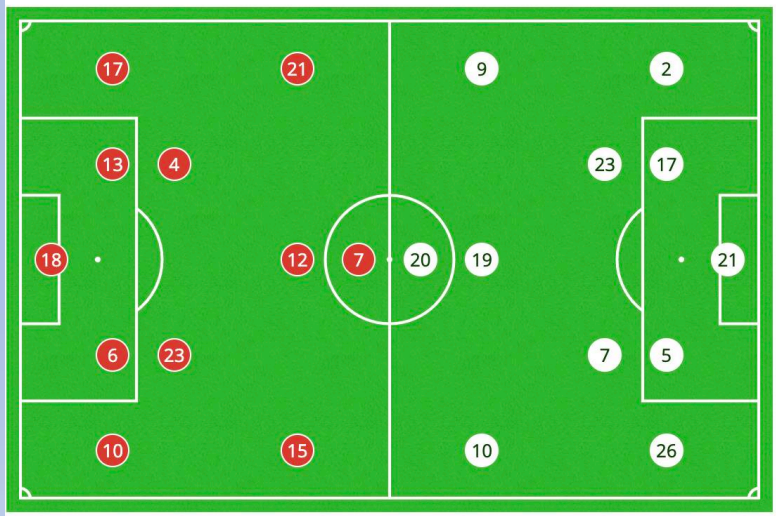
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Oman 2:1 **Saudi Arabia**

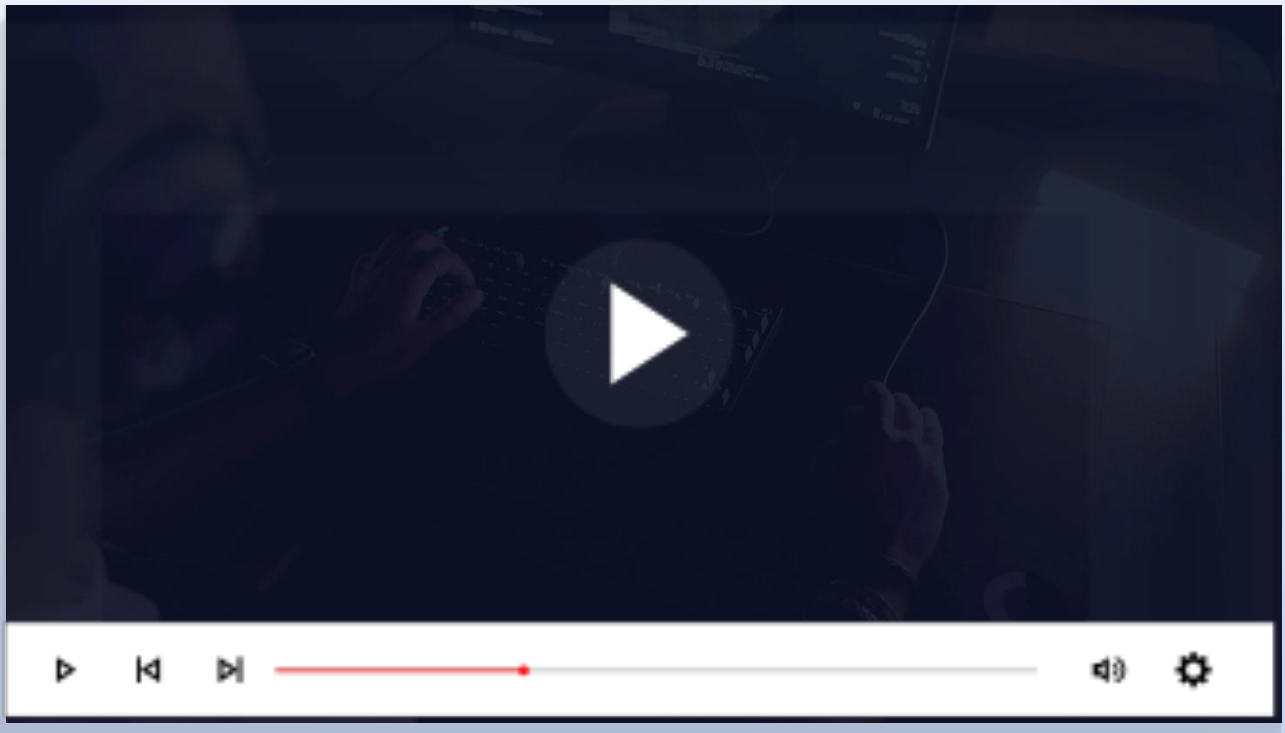
74' **A. Al Alawi**
85' **A. Al Busaidi**

87' **M. Kanno**

Match start | Match end



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Bahrain 1:0 Kuwait

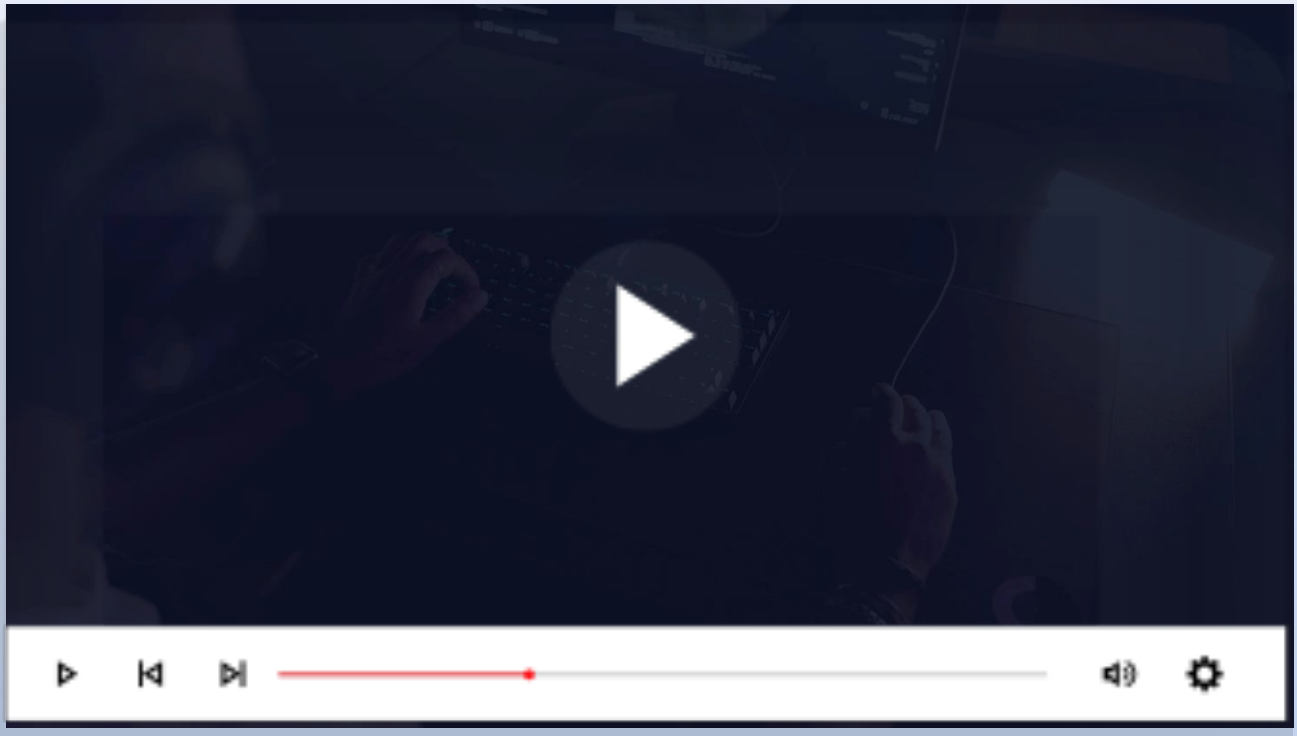
75' M. Marhoon

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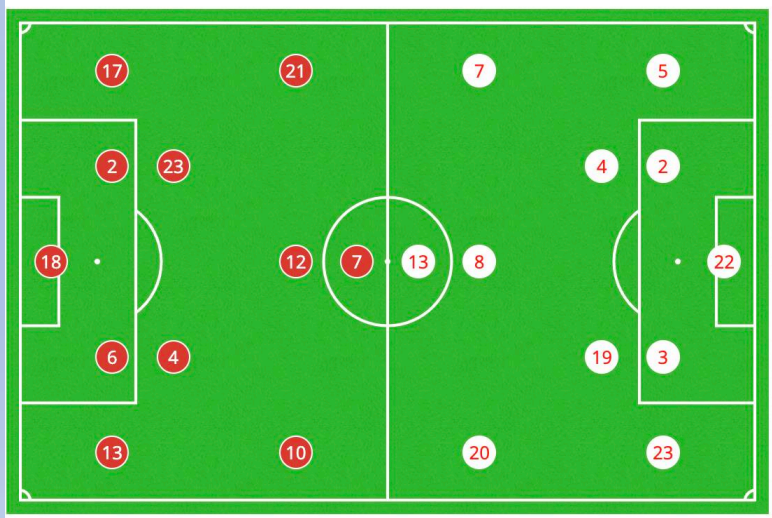
Oman 1:2 Bahrain

17' A. Al Mushaifri

78' M. Marhoon

80' Mohammed Al Musalami

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Tournament Overview

The 26th Arabian Gulf Cup, officially known as Khaleeji Zain 26, was held in Kuwait from December 21, 2024, to January 4, 2025. This biennial football competition featured eight member nations of the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Matches were hosted at two venues: Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium in Ardhiya and Sulaibikhat Stadium in Sulaibikhat.

Participating Teams and Group Stage Draw

The draw for the tournament took place on November 9, 2024, in Kuwait City, dividing the eight teams into two groups of four. The groups were as follows:

- **Group A**: Kuwait (hosts), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Yemen
- **Group B**: Bahrain, Iraq, Oman, United Arab Emirates

Group Stage Results

In the group stage, each team played three matches within their group. The top two teams from each group advanced to the semi-finals. The standings were determined based on points accumulated, with tiebreakers including head-to-head results, goal difference, and goals scored.

Knockout Stage and Final

The semi-finals saw Bahrain and Oman emerge victorious, setting up a final showdown between the two. In the final, Bahrain clinched their second Gulf Cup title by defeating Oman 2-1.

Statistical Highlights

- **Total Matches Played**: 15
- **Total Goals Scored**: 41 (average of 2.73 goals per match)
- **Top Scorers**: Mohamed Marhoon (Bahrain), Issam Al-Sabhi (Oman), and Abdullah Al-Hamdan (Saudi Arabia) – each with 3 goals
- **Best Player**: Mohamed Marhoon (Bahrain)
- **Best Goalkeeper**: Ebrahim Lutfalla (Bahrain)

Technical and Tactical Observations

The tournament showcased a blend of traditional Gulf football flair and modern tactical approaches. Teams employed various formations, with a noticeable emphasis on flexible attacking strategies and solid defensive structures. The average of 2.73 goals per match indicates a balanced competition between offensive prowess and defensive resilience.

Organizational Aspects

Kuwait's hosting of the tournament was marked by efficient organization and hospitality. The venues were well-prepared, and the event proceeded smoothly, reflecting Kuwait's capability to host major sporting events. The successful execution of Khaleeji Zain 26 has further solidified Kuwait's reputation in the regional sports community.

Conclusion

Khaleeji Zain 26 was a testament to the growing competitiveness of Gulf football. Bahrain's triumph underscores their rising prominence in the region, while the overall quality of play highlighted the development of football across all participating nations. The tournament not only provided thrilling matches for fans but also offered valuable insights into the evolving tactical and technical aspects of Gulf football.