

《国足击败卡塔尔队 保留晋级世预赛亚洲区12强赛的希望》

China hopes of qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia were given a huge boost on Tuesday night, as they beat Qatar 2-0 in a crucial Asian Group C qualifier.



Chinese players react during a game against Qatar in Xi'an on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

After a goal-less opening half, Huang Bowen and Wu Lei got on the score-sheet in the second period to give the hosts the win they desperately needed.

The eight group winners and the four best "second-placed teams" will advance to the next phase of the qualifying process for Asia. As one of the second-placed teams, China needed other results to go their way as well, and they did. Australia hammered Jordan 5-1, while the Philippines defeated the DPRK 3-2. China will now move to the final qualifying round barring a freak set of results later on Tuesday.