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Coach Toshyia Miura said yesterday in a press briefing that Viet Nam could make a bang against Jordan. But things were not easy for the coach and the team who took part in their first-ever continental championship.

Neither side impressed in the opening 30 minutes and it was not until nine minutes before the break that the Jordanians fashioned out the first real opening of the game when Ehsan Haddad crossed from the left, only for Faisal to miscue his header well wide of the target.

Three minutes later, however, Jordan took the lead as Ahmad Hisam´s pass split the Vietnamese defense, leaving Faisal with the task of rounding the goalkeeper and slotting the ball into the unguarded net.

With the lead secured, Jordan stepped up a gear in the second half. Mahmoud Al Mardi twice went close to adding to his side´s tally, only to see goalkeeper Phi Minh Long deny him on both occasions.

Midway through the second half, though, Jordan added a second when Maanasrah was given the time and space on the Jordanian left to pick his spot, the full back shooting from range and scoring via the underside of the crossbar.

Four minutes later the points were guaranteed for the Jordanians when Hisam tried his luck from long range. The shot beat Minh Long before cannoning back off the cross bar, only for Faisal to react quickest, netting with a fine diving header.

Duy Manh´s side-foot volley from eight yards out in the 86th minute put the Vietnamese on the score sheet, but it was nothing but a consolation as Jordan ran out emphatic winners.

Final Score: U23 Vietnam 1-3 U23 Jordan

Goals: Baha Faisal (Jordan, 39'), Omar Maanasrah (Jordan, 68'), Baha Faisal (Jordan, 72'), Duy Manh (Vietnam, 86')

Lineups:

U23 Vietnam: Minh Long, Tan Tai, Duy Khanh, Tien Dung, Thanh Hien, Huu Dung, Xuan Truong, Duy Manh, Van Toan, Cong Phuong, Thanh Binh

U23 Jordan: Ateyah Zeyad, Yousef Raed, Alsouiman, Amer Abuhudieab, Raja Hasan, Fadi Awad, Almardi, Rajaei Ayed, Baha Faisal, Ahmad Alessawi, Laith Albashtawi

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