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## Jordan into Asian playoff after beating Oman 1-0



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Jordan beat Oman 1-0 in a World Cup qualifier Tuesday, securing a spot against Uzbekistan in the Asian zone playoff.

After an uneventful first half, Jordan began pressing and was rewarded in the 57th minute when Ahmad Hayel Ibrahim scored with a diving header.

It finished third behind Japan and Australia which qualified outright in Group B.

Oman, which needed a draw to reach the playoff, was let down by its finishing. Saad al-Mukhaini had the best chance, a blistering drive in the 83rd minute that was tipped over by keeper Amer Shafi.

Jordan and Uzbekistan will meet Sept. 6 and 10.

The winner of that series will play the fifth-place team from South America for a place at the World Cup. That playoff is scheduled Nov. 15 and 19.