

England U20s 1 - Brazil U20s 2: Gareth Southgate proud of battling Lions

GARETH SOUTHGATE revealed his hurt as Brazil all but booked their place in the Toulon final at England's expense.



England's Jordan Cousins (right) contests a ball during the Brazil clash[GETTY]

Goals in each half from Alisson and Lucas Silva condemned Southgate's side to their first loss in the south of France and the Three Lions now face a crunch clash with South Korea on Wednesday in a bid to finish second.

Southgate remained upbeat, although his side's hopes of winning the tournament were effectively ended by the unbeaten Samba Boys, who need a point against Qatar to seal their spot in Sunday's final.

Southgate said: "Unfortunately we gave away two goals which were uncharacteristic from us. It hurts. It's the first time we have lost and losing is not a feeling we like, but in terms of experience we got what we wanted.

"Until you live through playing one of the best teams then you don't realise how good you can be. We've nothing to fear moving forward."

England had one bright spot in James Ward-Prowse.

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And Ward-Prowse's excellence was hailed by Southgate, who said: "Ironically when you play Brazil people would expect them to come up with a moment of brilliance but we do that. It was not a surprise to me because everything he does is top drawer.

"You score goals like that because his professionalism and his hours of practice.

To execute it shows the quality he has."

Elsewhere in Group B, Moon Chang Jin's 67th-minute penalty clinched a 1-0 win for South Korea over Colombia.