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To be below par

This week's English For Football is the expression to be under par or below par, which generally means to be disappointing or second best. Though it has a positive meaning in golf in football we use it to describe a poor performance from a player or team particularly when they are expected to do better. So England's performance against Andorra was below par as was Switzerland's at home to Luxembourg but perhaps the team most below par was France in losing to Austria. To be below par.