

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers

Qantas Socceroos Head Coach Holger Osieck named his squad for Australia's opening 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers against Thailand (Brisbane, 2 September 2011) and Saudi Arabia (Dammam, Tuesday 6 September 2011).

Osieck has selected an extended squad of 23 players which includes all 18 players who were part of the Qantas Socceroos squad that recently defeated Wales in Cardiff City earlier this month as well as Brett Holman who had to withdraw from the squad due to a slight groin strain. Coming into the Qantas Socceroos squad are goalkeeper Nathan Coe, defenders Sasa Ogrenovski & Mark Milligan and striker Josh Kennedy. Adding to the local flavour, seven of the Qantas Socceroos selected are born, or were raised, in Queensland (Nathan Coe, Luke De Vere, Neil Kilkenny, Robbie Kruse, Matt McKay, Adam Sarota and Michael Zullo) and 6 of the 23 (Luke De Vere, Robbie Kruse, Matt McKay, Sasa Ogrenovski, Adam Sarota and Michael Zullo) have played for Brisbane Roar, or their previous incarnation

Queensland Roar, in the Hyundai A-League. Local Brisbane-boy Luke De Vere will also have the chance to make his senior international debut in his home town should he take the field against Thailand at Suncorp Stadium. This will be the third A-International between the Qantas Socceroos and Thailand, with the two nations having last met at the AFC Asian Cup 2007 where Australia won 4-0 at the Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok. It will be the fourth encounter between the Qantas Socceroos and Saudi Arabia with the Saudi's winning the last match 1-0 in the group stage of the 1997 FIFA Confederations Cup which was held in Riyadh. The Qantas Socceroos will begin to assemble in Brisbane on Monday 29 August ahead of the match. All Qantas Socceroos matches are broadcast live and exclusive on Fox Sports

Upcoming Match Details

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers – Third Round – Group D – Match Day 1

Qantas Socceroos vs. Thailand

Friday 2 September, 2011

Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Kick Off: 8.00pm

Gates Open: 6.00pm

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers – Third Round – Group D – Match Day 2

Saudi Arabia v Qantas Socceroos...Tuesday, 6 September, 2011

Prince Mohammed Bin Fahad Stadium, Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Kick Off: 8.30pm AST (3:30am (AEST), Wednesday 7 September)

2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round – Groups

Group A: China PR, Jordan, Iraq, Singapore

Group B: Korea Republic, Kuwait, UAE, Lebanon

Group C: Japan, Uzbekistan, Syria, Korea DPR

Group D: Australia, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Thailand

Group E: Iran, Qatar, Bahrain, Indonesia

QANTAS SOCCEROOS SQUAD

PLAYER NAME	CLUB, COUNTRY	A-INTERNATIONAL APP. (GOALS)
Tim CAHILL	Everton FC, ENGLAND	53 (24)
Nathan COE	Sønderjysk Elitesport, DENMARK	2 (0)
Luke DeVERE	Gyeongnam FC, KOREA REPUBLIC	-
Brett EMERTON	Blackburn Rovers, ENGLAND	87 (18)
Adam FEDERICI	Reading FC, ENGLAND	4 (0)
Brett HOLMAN	AZ Alkmaar, NETHERLANDS	48 (6)
Mile JEDINAK	Crystal Palace FC, ENGLAND	27 (2)
Josh KENNEDY	Nagoya Grampus, JAPAN	24 (9)
Neil KILKENNY	Bristol City FC, ENGLAND	10 (0)
Robbie KRUSE	Fortuna Dusseldorf, GERMANY	8 (2)
Scott McDONALD	Middlesbrough FC, ENGLAND	25 (0)
Matthew McKAY	Brisbane Roar, AUSTRALIA	17 (0)
Mark MILLIGAN	JEF United, JAPAN	11 (1)
Lucas NEILL	Al-Jazira Club, UAE	73 (0)
Sasa OGNENOVSKI	Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma, KOREA REPUBLIC	10 (1)
Adam SAROTA	FC Utrecht, NETHERLANDS	1 (0)
Mark SCHWARZER	Fulham FC, ENGLAND	90 (0)
Matthew SPIRANOVIC	Urawa Red Diamonds, JAPAN	7 (0)
James TROISI	Kayserispor Kulubu, TURKEY	6 (1)
Carl VALERI	U.S. Sassuolo Calcio, ITALY	39 (1)
Luke WILKSHIRE	FK Dinamo Moscow, RUSSIA	60 (4)
Rhys WILLIAMS	Middlesbrough FC, ENGLAND	6 (0)
Michael ZULLO	FC Utrecht, NETHERLANDS	5 (0)

Mark MILLIGAN



Brett HOLMAN

