

AUSTRALIA

Qantas Australian Under 23

Qantas Australian Under 23s Head Coach Aurelio Vidmar has selected a 19-player squad for the upcoming AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games – Third Round matches against Iraq and Uzbekistan.

Central Coast Mariners goalkeeper Mathew Ryan receives his first call-up to the Qantas Australian Under 23s squad for this campaign so too does team mate Brad McDonald, Gold Coast United defender Dylan McGowan, Sydney FC midfielder Dimitrios Petratos and Perth Glory striker Adam Taggart who was a member of the Qantas Young Socceroos squad that recently successfully qualified for the AFC U-19 Championship 2012.

Vidmar knows the importance of these upcoming two matches in qualification process. "After drawing our opening match against the UAE we need to get a good result from these two matches to give us the best possible chance of qualifying for the Olympics." With injuries to a number of players we have used in the previous matches, we've selected a few new faces following our recent training camp in Sydney. "It will be up to these players to take their opportunity and

step up to the challenge ahead. "We will have a short camp together in Qatar before the Iraq match to work on things and I'm confident that the boys are up to it," concluded Vidmar.

The Qantas Australian Under 23s will play Iraq in their next AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games match on Tuesday 22 November (Al Arabi Stadium, Doha, Qatar) and then Uzbekistan five days later at Parramatta Stadium in NSW.

The teams in each group of the third round of qualifying play in a home-and-away format from 21 September 2011, to 14 March 14, 2012, with the winner of each group directly qualifying for the London 2012 Olympic Games Football competition.

The three second-placed teams from the third round will clash in a playoff at a centralised venue from March 25 to 29, 2012, and the winners of this group will meet the representatives of CAF (Africa) for a berth in the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games match between the Qantas Australian Under 23s and Uzbekistan will also be broadcast live and exclusive on FOX SPORTS.

UPCOMING MATCHES DETAILS

AFC ASIAN QUALIFIERS FOR THE 2012 LONDON GAMES THIRD ROUND

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2011 • AL ARABI STADIUM, DOHA, QATAR

IRAQ-QANTAS AUSTRALIAN U/23

KICK-OFF: 5:15PM LOCAL (1:15 AM AEDT)

SUNDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2011 • PARRAMATTA STADIUM, PARRAMATTA

QANTAS AUSTRALIAN U/23-UZBEKISTAN

KICK-OFF: 7:15PM AEDT

Group B

	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	UZBEKISTAN	1	1	0	0	+2	3
2	AUSTRALIA	1	0	1	0	0	1
3	UAE	1	0	1	0	0	1
4	IRAQ	1	0	0	1	-2	0

Football NSW accepts the Premier Development Program

QThe Board of Football NSW has accepted a pilot Premier Development Program (PDP) for the 2012 season.

The objective of the PDP is consistent with the Football Federation Australia's (FFA) objective to create a growth and development system in Australia that is fully operational nationwide by 2015 and renowned as one of the best in the world.

The Football programs within the PDP will reviewed by the FFA and FNSW Technical Departments to ensure they are consistent and compliant with the National Curriculum.

The PDP will run until 31 August 2012 and will be a secondary development program to the SAP, Skillarooms and the NSWIS which will continue to be the National Elite Pathway for football players in Australia.

Designed for participants aged 10-12, this program aims to grow the overall technical standard of participants by providing a proficient development coaching environment.

Football NSW has established a number of terms and conditions as part of its acceptance of the Program, including:

- Each club agrees that only persons living within a 20km radius of the clubs main home ground are eligible to participate in the Program.
- Each club agrees to cap registration fees to \$1,200 (plus GST) per participant.
- All participants must be registered with Football NSW prior to the commencement of the Program.
- Each PDP club must appoint a FFA 'C Licence' accredited Youth Technical Director.
- The PDP encompasses seven clubs:
 - APIA Leichhardt Tigers Football Club
 - Blacktown City Football Club
 - Bonnyrigg White Eagles Football Club
 - Northbridge Football Club
 - Rockdale City Suns Football Club
 - Sydney Olympic Football Club
 - Sydney United Football Club



The format of the program has been modelled on the FFA National Curriculum:

- Intra-club home and away fixtures with no points or tables
- Each club will select two (2) U10 squads to play '9-a-side' football
- Each club will select two (2) U11 squads to play '9-a-side' football
- Each club will select one (1) U12 squad to play '11-a-side' football

The PDP will be a mixture of non-competitive intra-club matches and individual club training and development headed by a FFA 'C Licence' accredited Youth Technical Director.

Installed as a pilot program, the PDP will be monitored throughout the year and reviewed by FFA and Football NSW at the conclusion of the 2012 season. The Program will also be subject to the outcomes of Football NSW's and FFA's Competition Review for season 2013.



Dimitrios Petratos

Squad List

Name	Club
Aziz Behich	Melbourne Heart
Mark Birighitti (gk)	Adelaide United
Oliver Bozanic	Central Coast Mariners
James Brown	Gold Coast United
Kofi Danning	Brisbane Roar
Mate Dugandzic	Melbourne Heart
Matthew Foschini	Melbourne Victory
Rhyan Grant	Sydney FC
Jason Hoffman	Melbourne Heart
Marko Jesic	Newcastle Jets
Matthew Jurman	Brisbane Roar
Brad McDonald	Central Coast Mariners
Dylan McGowan	Gold Coast United
Daniel Mullen	Adelaide United
Mitch Nichols	Brisbane Roar
Dimitrios Petratos	Sydney FC
Sebastian Ryall	Sydney FC
Mathew Ryan (gk)	Central Coast Mariners
Adam Taggart	Perth Glory