





ROAD TO RUSSIA - CALTEX SOCCEROOS QUALIFYING PATH

Australia finished the Final Stage of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) FIFA World Cup Qualifying in third place in Group B behind Japan and Saudi Arabia. As the third-placed team in Group B, Australia will now play a two-legged (home and away play-off series against Group A's third-placed side, Syria, for the opportunity to face the fourth-placed team from CONCACAF (Central and Northern America) in an Intercontinental Play-off (home and away) for a place in the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

The Hang Tuah Stadium will be the location for Tuesday's training, before the squad familiarises itself with Thursday night's match venue, the Hang Jebat Stadium, on Wednesday.

Ange Postecoglou's side will take on Syria at the Hang Jebat Stadium on Thursday 5 October 2017, before returning home to play Ayman Hakeem's team at Stadium Australia, Sydney on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

Should Australia successfully defeat Syria over two legs, the Caltex Socceroos will advance to the CONCACAF-Asian Zone Play-off (home and away) in November 2017 for a place at the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Match Details

2018 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers – Asian Play-offs – 1st leg **Syria v Caltex** Socceroos

Thursday 5 October 2017

Hang Jebat Stadium, Melaka, Malaysia Kick-off: 8.30pm (local); 11.30pm (AEDT)

2018 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers – Asian Play-offs – 2nd leg **Caltex Socceroos v** Syria

Tuesday 10 October 2017 Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, Australia Kick-off: 8pm (AEDT)

Both matches will be broadcast LIVE on FOX SPORTS and the Nine Network



Caltex Socceroos 23-player squad for the following matches:

2018 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers – Asian Play-off v Syria (Melaka, Malaysia – Thursday 5 October 2017 and Sydney, Australia – Tuesday 10 October 2017)

Name	Club, Country A-Inte	rnational Caps (Goals)
Mustafa AMINI	Aarhus Gymnastikforening (AGF), DENMARK	2 (0)
Aziz BEHICH	Bursaspor, TURKEY	16 (2)
Tim CAHILL	Melbourne City FC, AUSTRALIA	102 (48)
Milos DEGENEK	Yokohama F. Marinos, JAPAN	12 (0)
Craig GOODWIN	Sparta Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS	3 (0)
Jackson IRVINE	Hull City AFC, ENGLAND	14 (1)
Tomi JURIC	FC Luzern, SWITZERLAND	28 (8)
Matthew JURMAN	Suwon Samsung Bluewings, KOREA REPUBLI	C 0 (0)
Robbie KRUSE	VfL Bochum, GERMANY	57 (4)
Mitchell LANGERAK (GK)	Levante UD, SPAIN	8 (0)
Mathew LECKIE	Hertha BSC, GERMANY	46 (6)
Massimo LUONGO	Queens Park Rangers FC, ENGLAND	30 (5)
Mark MILLIGAN	Melbourne Victory FC, AUSTRALIA	61 (6)
Aaron MOOY	Huddersfield Town AFC, ENGLAND	27 (5)
Josh RISDON	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, AUSTRALIA	3 (0)
Tom ROGIC	Celtic FC, SCOTLAND	29 (7)
Nikita RUKAVYTSYA	Maccabi Haifa FC, ISRAEL	13 (1)
Mathew RYAN (GK)	Brighton & Hove Albion FC, ENGLAND	37 (0)
Trent SAINSBURY	Jiangsu Suning FC, CHINA	29 (3)
Brad SMITH	AFC Bournemouth, ENGLAND	18 (0)
James TROISI	Melbourne Victory FC, AUSTRALIA	34 (5)
Daniel VUKOVIC (GK)	KRC Genk, BELGIUM	0 (0)
Bailey WRIGHT	Bristol City FC, ENGLAND	19 (1)