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Colombia v Caltex Socceroos

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Caltex Socceroos 26 player squad for March 2018 friendly against Colombia (London):

Name	Club, Country	A-International Caps (Goals)
Aziz BEHICH	Bursaspor, TURKEY	20 (2)
Joshua BRILLANTE	Sydney FC, AUSTRALIA	5 (0)
Tim CAHILL	Millwall FC, ENGLAND	104 (50)
Milos DEGENEK	Yokohama F. Marinos, JAPAN	16 (0)
Jackson IRVINE	Hull City AFC, ENGLAND	16 (2)
Mile JEDINAK	Aston Villa FC, ENGLAND	74 (18)
Brad JONES (Gk)	Feyenoord Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS	4 (0)
Tomi JURIC	FC Luzern, SWITZERLAND	33 (8)
Matthew JURMAN	Suwon Samsung Bluewings, KOREA REPUBLIC	4 (0)
Robbie KRUSE	VfL Bochum, GERMANY	61 (5)
Mathew LECKIE	Hertha BSC, GERMANY	50 (6)
Massimo LUONGO	Queens Park Rangers FC, ENGLAND	33 (5)
James MEREDITH	Millwall FC, ENGLAND	2 (0)
Mark MILLIGAN	Al Ahli SC, SAUDI ARABIA	65 (6)
Aaron MOOY	Huddersfield Town AFC, ENGLAND	32 (5)
Andrew NABBOUT	Urawa Red Diamonds, JAPAN	1 (0)
Dimitri PETRATOS	Newcastle Jets, AUSTRALIA	1 (0)
Josh RISDON	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, AUSTRALIA	5 (0)
Tom ROGIC	Celtic FC, SCOTLAND	34 (7)
Nikita RUKAVYTSYA	Maccabi Haifa FC, ISRAEL	17 (1)
Mathew RYAN (Gk)	Brighton & Hove Albion FC, ENGLAND	42 (0)
Trent SAINSBURY	Grasshopper Club Zurich, SWITZERLAND	33 (3)
Aleksandar SUSNJAR	FK Mlada Boleslav, CZECH REPUBLIC	1 (0)
James TROISI	Melbourne Victory, AUSTRALIA	36 (5)
Daniel VUKOVIC (Gk)	KRC Genk, BELGIUM	0 (0)
Bailey WRIGHT	Bristol City FC, ENGLAND	22 (1)

#The Caltex Socceroos suffered a 4-1 defeat to Norway in Oslo on Friday night despite taking a 19th minute lead courtesy of Jackson Irvine's second international goal.



Socceroos smacked 4-1 by Norway

Dejected Mile Jedinak says there will be plenty of soul searching after the Socceroos were thumped 4-1 by Norway at the Ullevaal Stadion in Oslo on Saturday morning (AEDT). Bert van Marwijk's Socceroos reign got off to a horror start as the Australian's were swept aside by the 57th ranked Norwegians. The home side, who failed to make the global showpiece, overcame recent goalscoring woes to record their first win over Australia with a hat-trick by LA Galaxy's Ola Kamara (36', 57', 91') a highlight of the clash. As the clock ticks down to Russia 2018, Socceroos captain, Jedinak, told Fox Sports post-match: "We really wanted to start on a positive

note. "We didn't do enough, we didn't do what was required of us. I didn't lead them enough, I don't think, and we

conceded a few sloppy goals from what we've been taught and even what we've been coached this week. "Obviously we've got a bit to go and there will be more games to come - we've got one on Tuesday but I think for us it's just about analysing what happened here and how we're going to rectify that going forward. "We know, I know myself, we can all do better." It was the first time a Socceroos coach has lost their debut game in charge since Frank Farina in 1999-2000. Australia went into the break on level pegging but before the the hour were down by two goals it what was largely a disjointed and sloppy performance by the visitors. Jackson Irvine opened the scoring with just his second

goal in Green and Gold. Aaron Mooy whipped in a corner and the Hull City midfielder rose highest to power in a header on 19 minutes.

But it was one of the few bright spots in a dismal night for the Socceroos as Kamara and Tore Reginiussen (48') inflicted a heavy defeat. Van Marwijk started Celtic star Tom Rogic on the bench and gave debuts to former Newcastle Jets teammates Andrew Nabbout and Dimi Petratos. Another debutant, Aleksander Sunsjar, came on in the 52nd minute. Centreback Bailey Wright was given an unfamiliar start as full back and the Bristol City captain endured a torrid time as the Norwegians overloaded down the right. The Socceroos showed more guile and spark with the introduction of Rogic and Massimo Luongo on the hour but have a mountain of work to do before the World Cup in less than three months.

SOCCEEROOS PLAYER RATINGS AGAINST NORWAY

An awful result for the Socceroos, with Norway winning 4-1. For his first game in charge Bert Van Marwijk chose a surprising first XI. The Norwegians played different football to our usual Asian opponents. Long, direct high balls to a huge centre forward caught out our centre halves and exposed us to dangerous second balls. The result was poor but the three debutants in Petratos, Nabbout and Sunsjar all played well. Hopefully, the squad can all put this game behind them.

Mat Ryan 4.5

Not a game he'll remember fondly. Picked

the ball out of the back of the net four times and didn't do much else. He's taking blame for a bad pass out of defence that caused one of the goals but Jedinak deserves blame there too for not expecting the pass.

Aziz Behich 5.5

The best performing defender in the Australian starting line-up. Most of our successful build up came down his side and his good positioning saw him make several intercepts.

Mark Milligan 3

Struggled against the height and pace of

the Norwegian frontmen. He was beaten in the lead up to the Norwegian equaliser. A couple of good passes from defence but also a couple of bad passes.

Milos Degenek 4

Wasn't caught out as much as Milligan but he also struggled to deal with the height and pace of the opposition.

Bailey Wright 4

Beaten down the right hand side too often. He was caught a little out of position at right fullback.

Mile Jedinak 5.5

His aerial presence was really important in

today's game. He got his head to a lot of balls. When the play was on the ground the Norwegians were targeting our two holding midfielders. Whilst Mooy dealt with the pressure, Jedinak was rushed into a few wayward passes.

Aaron Mooy 6.5

So many backwards passes in the first half hour but he eventually started to look forward and the team started to play better because of it. His well hit corner created the first goal. He dealt well with some intense pressing from the Norwegians.