



Socceroos - Korea Republic 1-1

A last gasp strike from Massimo Luongo saw the Caltex Socceroos fight back to earn a 1-1 draw against Korea Republic at Suncorp Stadium.

Hwang Ui-jo's 22nd minute strike against the run of play appeared to be the decisive moment in a match Australia dominated from the opening whistle.

But Luongo tapped home a repelled save from Korea Republic goalkeeper Kim Seung-yu with the last kick of the game to ensure Australia crowned their first match on home soil in over a year with a dramatic late equaliser. Arnold made three changes to the eleven that defeated Kuwait 4-0 on October 16. Mathew Ryan came in for Danny Vukovic, as Aaron Mooy and Jamie Maclaren replaced Jackson Irvine and Apostolos Giannou respectively. **Australia swarmed** their opponents from the opening whistle and were totally dominant in the early stages. **Josh Risdon** flashed a low drive into the side netting, while Tom Rogic sent a curling effort whistling narrowly wide of the left post after striking a loose ball from the edge of the area.

Meanwhile, **Aaron Mooy** thundered a volley over the crossbar after charging into the penalty box to meet Aziz Behich's cross. However, despite having Korea Republic on the ropes, the Caltex Socceroos conceded a sucker punch strike when Hwang Ui-jo raced onto a long ball from Kim Min-Jae and stuck a 22nd minute opener past Ryan.

Australia's dominance resumed after the interval. Rogic poked the ball wide among a cluster of Korea Republic bodies in the box before Luongo fired second-half substitute

Awer Mabil's acrobatic cross inches past the post.

Ryan was rarely troubled throughout the evening, but the Caltex Socceroos shot-stopper pulled off a world-class save from Korea Republic substitute Ju Se-jong's sweetly-struck free kick midway through the second stanza.

Mabil saw his effort on goal blocked by a desperate piece of Korea Republic defending as Australia continued to pepper Kim Seung-yu's goal late on, before Luongo made himself the hero deep into stoppage time.

Caltex Socceroos Head Coach Graham Arnold today named Mark Milligan as the captain of Australia's senior men's national football team.

Milligan, who has been capped 72 times for Australia, was the 56th player to wear the captain's armband when he led the Socceroos against Korea Republic in Seoul in July 2013. He has since led the side on 11 occasions.

Milligan succeeds Mile Jedinak who announced his retirement from international football in October this year.

Arnold said the Sydney-born defender is a natural choice



as one of the senior leaders in the Caltex Socceroos squad.

"As we embark on a new era we look to leaders like Mark," Arnold said. "Mark has been a part of the national team for 12 years now. The experience gained over that period is invaluable to our squad and his leadership on and off the

Milligan said it will be an honour to lead his country as they prepared to defend the AFC Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates early next year.

"I am extremely humbled by the opportunity," Milligan said. "I acknowledge it is a significant responsibility and it is one which I look forward to."

"We have had many great leaders over the years, who I both played alongside and admired as I grew up watching the national team. It is a huge honour to be joining them and I look forward to fulfilling the role with the support of our leadership group.

"We have a great culture within this squad and with the support of the leadership team we will continue to build on a new era for the Socceroos.

"We have a great challenge ahead of us at the AFC Asian Cup but we will travel to the UAE in the knowledge that we are well prepared. We have some exciting new players in the squad as well as some players who have been around the national team for a long time, which provides a good balance," Milligan concluded.

Milligan will lead the team in action this evening when the Caltex Socceroos take on Korea Republic at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, before Australia plays Lebanon in Tim Cahill's farewell match at ANZ Stadium at Sydney Olympic Park on Tuesday, 20 November 2018.



park shines through every day.

"I have known Mark for a long time. I worked with him when he was the youngest member of our 2006 FIFA World Cup squad, and he has grown as a player and person over the years," he said.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Gallop AM, congratulated Milligan and said he joins an illustrious group of Australian players to carry the honour.

"Only 59 players in the 96-year history of the Socceroos have had the privilege to lead our national team," Gallop said.

"To be selected in four consecutive FIFA World Cup squads is an incredible achievement. It provides invaluable experience and knowledge which Mark will be able to share with the new generation of Caltex Socceroos."