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Socceroos

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In **Graham Arnold's** pre-match press conference, he said: "There are no friendlies, it's all about winning.»

Graham Arnold's first home match as new boss and the Socceroos, in over one year. He fielded a strong line-up, to lay down his principle of style and play, showcasing his strong brand of football.

A wet and rainy night in Brisbane but Socceroos started on the front foot with good pace and intensity and looked nice and compact.

They had their chances in front of goals but it was Korea with a long ball over Trent Sainsbury that took the lead by Hwang Ui-Jo who beautifully put the ball past Mat Ryan with a low, pacey shot across his right-hand side.

Socceroos kept pressing and kept believing that they will get an equaliser and late on in stoppage time, Massimo Luongo popped up and smashed the ball into back of the net. One-all is a well deserved result. A good, tight but open game of football, not your average friendly.

Two Powerhouses of Asian Football, Socceroos and Korea Republic, went head to head in a friendly at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, for the first time since the 2015 Asian Cup Final.



#Mathew Ryan - 7

Playing the ball out from the back, looked composed with the ball at his feet. Couldn't do much about the opening goal. Quality save from the top right-hand side of the goal, denying Korea a second goal from a free-kick in the second half.

#Josh Risdon - 8

Looked very dangerous every time he was getting forward down the right-hand side. Fantastic defensive display, showing good amount of energy and pace up and down the right-side. Perfectly weighted ball passed to Rogic after a driving run.

#Trent Sainsbury - 7

Off the pace, got caught out by long balls, the first one he got caught ball watching, which resulted in Korea Republic's opening goal. Not enough intensity.

#Mark Milligan - 8

Solid in defence and disciplines, good composure with ball. Strong tackles when needed. Marshalling the back line. Never looked threaten, perfect Captain display.

#Aziz Behich - 8

Good pressure early on in defence, getting forward and like Risdon very lively, good crosses into the box all game. Cheeky shot 50 yards out, goal- keeper gets back in time, saving his own blushes.

#Aaron Mooy - 7

Making himself busy in midfield, moving the ball around but not looking to threatening. Displayed good composure when

pressed. 25- yard shot at goal but straight at the keeper.

#Massimo Luongo - 7

Quiet, felt like he didn't get into the game, gave the ball away in the midfield a couple of times and gave Tom Rogic a hospital ball, poor passing of the ball and was too slow and off-the pace of the game. Saying all that he comes up with the stoppage time equaliser.

#Tom Rogic - 8

He appeared well up for this match, creating at least three clear shots on goal. Few beautifully weighted passes, good control in possession, showing his skill and balance when pressed by Korea.

#Mathew Leckie - 8

Showing his normal rate of pace and energy, linking up well with Risdon down the right-hand side. His defensive duties were solid as well getting back to help out. Had a chance with a header but just couldn't keep it down. Always looking dangerous.

#Robbie Kruse - 6

Couple of misplaced passes, he doesn't look too comfortable when pressed or on the ball. His one shot on goal was awful, which he pulled wide for a corner. Needed to check his runs more. Subbed for Awer Mabil.

#Jamie Maclaren - 6

Did a lot of running around trying to rush Korea's defence. Made no real impact. Caught off-side twice. Subbed for Martin Boyle.

#Awer Mabil - 7

First impact went down far too easily. Sloppy foul given away outside the 12-yard box. He was eager and rushed but full of positivity. Slowly got into the game causing some problems for Korea with his pace and direct runs. He still feels the need to hold on to the ball way too long.

#Martin Boyle - 6

Decent header but no power from Mabil cross. Yellow card for swinging his arm out. Stayed onside in the build-up to his saved shot which led to Luongo's equaliser.

#Tomi Juric - N/A

Unrated not on long enough.