

CALTEX SOCCEROOS V LEBANON

Date: Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Venue: ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park, New South Wales

Kick-off: 7.30pm (AEDT)

Tickets: www.socceroos.com.au/tickets

Broadcast: Live in Australia on FOX SPORTS and Network TEN

Radio: ABC News on Radio, Grandstand Digital, Online & via the ABC Listen App, and Macquarie Sports Radio from 7pm (Melbourne 1278am, Sydney 954am, Brisbane 882am and Perth DAB+)



Caltex Socceroos 24-player squad for Australia v Lebanon – Tuesday, 20 November 2018 – ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Graham Arnold names 24-player squad as Lebanon fixture looms

Caltex Socceroos Head Coach Graham Arnold today named a 24-player squad for his side's international friendly against Lebanon on Tuesday evening, presenting opportunities for numerous players including some based in the Hyundai A-League.

Sydney FC's Rhyan Grant and Adelaide United's Craig Goodwin enter Australia's squad for Tuesday's match, as does Jamshedpur FC attacker Tim Cahill who will make his 108th and final appearance for Australia against the 'Cedars' in two days' time.

Tom Rogic and Robbie Kruse will miss match as they manage minor injuries, while train-on players Thomas Deng and Dimitri Petratos – who both did well during the week in Brisbane – have not been selected for the encounter. Arnold will omit one further player on matchday as the group is monitored following the quick turnaround from Saturday's 1-1 draw with Korea Republic.

"There is a short turnaround to Tuesday's match against Lebanon so Tom [Rogic] and Robbie [Kruse], who both performed well on Saturday evening but have minor knee and groin injuries respectively, won't be risked," Arnold explained. "Thomas and Dimitri both did well in training in Brisbane but they won't be part of the Lebanon fixture."

"Our medical and performance staff will continue to monitor the group leading into Tuesday's game and together we will make a decision regarding the final 23 players for matchday on matchday.

"With limited matches and training days with the team leading up to next year's AFC Asian Cup it is important that we provide as many players as possible with the chance to integrate into our style and system, and Tuesday's match against Lebanon gives us a great chance to do that," he said.

The Caltex Socceroos' match against Lebanon will be broadcast live in Australia on FOX SPORTS and Network TEN.

Name	Club, Country	A-International Caps (Goals)
Mustafa AMINI	AGF Aarhus, Denmark	3 (0)
Aziz BEHICH	PSV Eindhoven, Netherlands	28 (2)
Martin BOYLE	Hibernian FC, Scotland	1 (0)
Tim CAHILL	Jamshedpur FC, India	107 (50)
Milos DEGENEK	Red Star Belgrade, Serbia	18 (0)
Alex GERSBACH	Rosenborg BK, Norway	5 (0)
Craig GOODWIN	Adelaide United, Australia	3 (0)
Rhyan GRANT	Sydney FC, Australia	0 (0)
Jackson IRVINE	Hull City AFC, England	23 (2)
James JEGGO	FK Austria Wien, Austria	0 (0)
Tomi JURIC	FC Luzern, Switzerland	40 (8)
Matthew JURMAN	Al-Ittihad Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	4 (0)
Mitchell LANGERAK (Gk)	Nagoya Grampus, Japan	8 (0)
Mathew LECKIE	Hertha BSC, Germany	58 (8)
Massimo LUONGO	Queens Park Rangers FC, England	38 (6)
Awer MABIL	FC Midtjylland, Denmark	2 (1)
Jamie MACLAREN	Hibernian FC, Scotland	7 (0)
Mark MILLIGAN	Hibernian FC, Scotland	73 (6)
Aaron MOOY	Huddersfield Town AFC, England	38 (5)
Andrew NABBOUT	Urawa Red Diamonds, Japan	6 (1)
Josh RISDON	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia	13 (0)
Mathew RYAN (Gk)	Brighton & Hove Albion FC, England	48 (0)
Trent SAINSBURY	PSV Eindhoven, Netherlands	40 (3)
Daniel VUKOVIC (Gk)	KRC Genk, Belgium	2 (0)

Milligan appointed permanent Socceroos captain

Mark Milligan has officially been appointed the new permanent Australia captain ahead of the 2019 Asian Cup.

Football Federation Australia confirmed the news on Saturday afternoon ahead of the friendly against Korea Republic where Milligan will lead the side.

The 34-year-old skippered the side on an interim basis for last month's 4-0 friendly win over Kuwait, following Mile Jedinak's retirement.

Milligan was the standout choice for the gig, although Trent Sainsbury was rated as a good candidate.

Socceroos coach Graham Arnold said the Sydney-born defender was a natural choice as one of the senior leaders in the 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 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."

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."

