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## Rating Timmy one last time: Socceroos vs Lebanon player ratings

Did the Socceroos do Timmy justice? See how they rated.

**Tonight marked** the end of an era and it highlighted why that era went on as long as it did. Australia just cannot find a worthy replacement for Tim Cahill in front of goal. Or can they?

**Martin Boyle** may well be that answer and he has a few parallels with Timmy. He's come into the team after playing for another country in his junior years and he spent his first camp ineligible before the paperwork got done.

**But it's** in front of goals where we need his career to mirror Tim's and Boyle scored when he had the chances. Other Socceroos have spurned chances like those.

**It was** an emotional night for Australian football. There was a festive atmosphere but it should be remembered that this was a night of great change for the Socceroos.

There's a new board, a new future and no more goals from Tim Cahill.

**Matthew Ryan** – 6

**He didn't** have much to do but did it well. Stopping a bad back pass from Mustafa Amini is the only thing he can add to his highlight reel.

**Aziz Behich** – 6

**Basically playing** as a winger tonight, not from the formation as much as the Socceroo's dominance. With that much territory he should have done more really. His performance tonight wasn't bad but we've come to expect more from him and this might be a symptom of his lack of game time.

**Milos Degenek** – 7

**An impressive** display. He gets an assist for the second goal but could

have easily had it himself. He was also solid in defence on the few occasions he was called upon.

**Trent Sainsbury** – 5.5

**Didn't do** as well defensively as Degenek but constantly showed his passing quality. He's another one who needs to get more game time at club level.

**Rhyan Grant** – 6

**The Socceroos** have always been a great reflection of our multicultural nation. But perhaps because of the nature of the world game and the jetsetters who usually make up the Socceroos, there was often an important part of our national identity missing: the bogan.

**Finally the** Socceroos have a loud and proud member of this culture. On the pitch tonight he put in a good shift without excelling.



**Jackson Irvine** – 6

**Covered** a lot of ground in midfield but didn't create anything of note. That said, players in this position can have good games without standing out.

**Mustafa Amini** – 6

**Consistency is** his biggest issue. There are times in the game when he operates with immense quality and then there are times when he ignominiously fluffs it. If he can cut these inexplicable mistakes out of his game he'll have an excellent career.

**Aaron Mooy** – 6

**In his** time at Huddersfield, they have occasionally pushed him up into the number 10 role he took up tonight. The consensus is usually that he's more effective for the team in the deeper role, and this is true of his performance tonight too.

**He played** some lovely balls tonight and put in some good set pieces, but he hit some dreadful set pieces too.

**Awer Mabil** – 7

**The future** is looking bright down the wing for Australia. Mabil is having a great season and he's taken this form into Socceroo camp. He was very dangerous and creative tonight but it didn't result in any goals.

**Martin Boyle** – 8.5

**In the** first half he played like a man who had recently been introduced to Tim Tams, full of energy, joy and profound love of country.

**He caused** Lebanon trouble with every touch and deserved his first goal. His second goal was a lovely little gift. He also provided Leckie with an excellent assist.

**Tomi Juric** – 4

**Another disappointing** night for an Australian number 9. Players in this position should strike fear in the opposition every time they have the ball. That's what Tim Cahill did at his best.

**Juric couldn't** live up to the great man tonight. He fluffed the few chances he was given and he didn't create anything of note for a team mate.

## Subs

**Danny Vukovic** – 6

**He had** slightly more to do than Ryan but he still got a bit bored at times.

**Matthew Leckie** – 6

**Thumped home** an excellent finish. He also set up Nabbout for what should have been a goal but his fellow substitute couldn't beat the keeper.

**Andrew Nabbout** – 5.5

**It's great** to see him back on the pitch and he did well in his limited time, but he needed to finish his chances. Hitting the post is better than missing completely but there are no points for it.

**Tim Cahill** – 12

**Nothing needs** to be said.

**Jimmy Jeggo** – 5

**Had a** couple of touches but not enough to judge properly.

**Matt Jurman**

**Didn't work** up a sweat.

## A-League Results ROUND 4

Melbourne Victory - Central Coast Mariners 4-1

Adelaide United - Perth Glory 0-2

Newcastle Jets - Sydney FC 1-1

WS Wanderers - Brisbane Roar 2-2

Melbourne City - Wellington Phoenix 2-0



### A - League table ROUND 4

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Perth Glory	4	10	3	1	0	8	4	4
2	Sydney FC	4	8	2	2	0	7	2	5
3	Melbourne City	4	7	2	1	1	5	5	0
4	Melbourne Victory	4	6	2	0	2	8	6	2
5	WS Wanderers	4	5	1	2	1	6	5	1
6	Adelaide United	4	5	1	2	1	5	4	1
7	Wellington Phoenix	4	4	1	1	2	2	6	-4
8	Brisbane Roar	4	3	0	3	1	4	5	-1
9	Newcastle Jets	4	2	0	2	2	3	5	-2
10	Central Coast Mariners	4	2	0	2	2	3	9	-6

### A-LEAGUE 5 Round

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE	Kick-Off (AEDT)
Friday, 23 November 2018	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	Newcastle Jets	Spotless Stadium	7:50PM
Saturday, 24 November 2018	Wellington Phoenix	Adelaide United	Westpac Stadium	5:35PM
Saturday, 24 November 2018	Brisbane Roar FC	Melbourne City FC	Suncorp Stadium	7:50PM
Sunday, 25 November 2018	Sydney FC	Melbourne Victory	Jubilee Stadium	5:00PM
Sunday, 25 November 2018	Perth Glory	Central Coast Mariners	nib Stadium	7:00PM

