

APOSTOLOS GIANNOU ADDED TO CALTEX SOCCEROOS SQUAD FOR AFC ASIAN CUP UAE 2019

Caltex Socceroos Head Coach Graham Arnold today added Cyprus-based striker Apostolos Giannou to his 23-player squad for the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™.



Giannou's addition to the squad comes following news that attacker Martin Boyle will miss the tournament due to a knee injury.

While **Giannou's** registration process was completed by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on Wednesday, the AEK Larnaca attacker arrived in Al Ain early on Thursday morning (local time) and has since completed a medical with Socceroos staff and finalised his place in the squad.

Arnold said Giannou, who scored his first goal for Australia in a 4-0 win over Kuwait in Kuwait in October, was excited about joining the group for his major international tournament.

"Apostolos has been playing regularly in Cyprus with his club, as well as in the UEFA Europa League throughout 2018. He has arrived with the determination to impress and make the most of the opportunity.

"Our group has welcomed 'Apo' back into the Socceroos family and having been with us in Turkey, the UAE, and Kuwait earlier this year, Apo has a clear picture of how we work and the principles of play.

"We have spoken consistently about our player pool getting deeper and to add Apo to our attacking options despite the unfortunate news for Martin [Boyle] is fantastic. Apo offers us something a little bit different in attack – he is a hard-working player who can press and has a sharp eye for goal."

Giannou said: "I will be doing everything that I can to impress in training and perform in matches here in the UAE. We have a great squad with a great culture and together I believe we will achieve our goals at the tournament."

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Palestine v Australia

Date: Friday, 11 January 2019

Venue: Rashid Stadium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Kick-off: 3.00pm (local); 10.00pm (AEDT)

Broadcast: Live in Australia on FOX SPORTS

Tickets: www.ticketmaster.ae

Australia v Syria

Date: Tuesday, 15 January 2019

Venue: Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

Kick-off: 5.30pm (local); 12.30am (AEDT – Wednesday, 16 January 2019)

Broadcast: Live in Australia on FOX SPORTS

Tickets: www.ticketmaster.ae

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Name	Club (Country)	A-International Caps (Goals)
Mustafa AMINI	AGF Aarhus (Denmark)	5 (0)
Aziz BEHICH	PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands)	30 (2)
Milos DEGENEK	Red Star Belgrade (Serbia)	20 (1)
Alex GERSBACH	Rosenborg BK (Norway)	56(0)
Apostolos GIANNOU	AEK Larnaca (Cyprus)	6 (1)
Rhyan GRANT	Sydney FC (Australia)	2 (0)
Chris IKONOMIDIS	Perth Glory (Australia)	7 (1)
Jackson IRVINE	Hull City AFC (England)	25 (3)
James JEGGO	FK Austria Wien (Austria)	1 (0)
Matthew JURMAN	Al-Ittihad Jeddah (Saudi Arabia)	6 (0)
Robbie KRUSE	VfL Bochum (Germany)	70 (5)
Mitchell LANGERAK (Gk)	Nagoya Grampus (Japan)	8 (0)
Mathew LECKIE	Hertha BSC (Germany)	59 (8)
Massimo LUONGO	Queens Park Rangers (England)	39 (6)
Awer MABIL	FC Midtjylland (Denmark)	4 (2)
Jamie MACLAREN	Hibernian FC (Scotland)	8 (0)
Mark MILLIGAN (C)	Hibernian FC (Scotland)	74 (6)
Andrew NABBOUT	Urawa Red Diamonds (Japan)	8 (2)
Josh RISDON	Western Sydney Wanderers FC (Australia)	13 (0)
Tom ROGIC	Celtic FC (Scotland)	42 (8)
Mathew RYAN (Gk)	Brighton & Hove Albion FC (England)	50 (0)
Trent SAINSBURY	PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands)	42 (3)
Daniel VUKOVIC (Gk)	KRC Genk (Belgium)	3 (0)