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# 2020 AFC U-23 Championship

On Friday, Australia will meet hosts Cambodia at the Phnom Penh Olympic Stadium, before facing Chinese Taipei (March 24) and Korea Republic (March 26) at the same venue.

**Australia will** qualify for the 2020 AFC U-23 Championship should the team finish in first place in Group H in Cambodia, or emerge as one of the four best second-placed teams in qualifying.

**The fifth-best** second-placed team from the 11 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) groups will also qualify should Thailand – who have qualified automatically for the tournament as hosts – finish as either Group K winners or runners-up.

**Upcoming Matches** | Australia U-23 National Team

**Australia U-23** v Cambodia U-23 (2020 AFC U-23 Championship Qualification – Group H)

**Date:** Friday, 22 March 2019

**Venue:** Phnom Penh Olympic Stadium, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Kick-off:** 8.00pm (local); 12.00am Saturday (AEDT)

**Chinese Taipei** U-23 v Australia U-23 (2020 AFC U-23 Championship Qualification – Group H)

**Date:** Sunday, 24 March 2019

**Venue:** Phnom Penh Olympic Stadium, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Kick-off:** 5.00pm (local); 9.00pm (AEDT)



**Korea Republic** U-23 v Australia U-23 (2020 AFC U-23 Championship Qualification – Group H)

**Date:** Tuesday, 26 March 2019

**Venue:** Phnom Penh Olympic Stadium, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Kick-off:** 5.00pm (local); 9.00pm (AEDT)

## A LEAGUE Results 22 ROUND

Sydney FC- Melbourne City 0-2  
Wellington Phoenix- WS Wanderers 3-1  
Melbourne Victory-Brisbane Roar 2-1  
Newcastle Jets-Central Coast Mariners 2-3  
Adelaide United-Perth Glory 0-2



### A - LEAGUE Table 22 Round

|    | Team                   | GP | Pts | W  | D | L  | GF | GA | +/- |
|----|------------------------|----|-----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 1  | Perth Glory            | 22 | 51  | 15 | 6 | 1  | 47 | 20 | 27  |
| 2  | Sydney FC              | 22 | 42  | 13 | 3 | 6  | 36 | 24 | 12  |
| 3  | Melbourne Victory      | 22 | 41  | 12 | 5 | 5  | 44 | 28 | 16  |
| 4  | Wellington Phoenix     | 22 | 34  | 9  | 7 | 6  | 37 | 30 | 7   |
| 5  | Melbourne City         | 22 | 33  | 9  | 6 | 7  | 28 | 25 | 3   |
| 6  | Adelaide United        | 22 | 31  | 8  | 7 | 7  | 27 | 28 | -1  |
| 7  | Newcastle Jets         | 22 | 26  | 7  | 5 | 10 | 28 | 28 | 0   |
| 8  | WS Wanderers           | 22 | 20  | 5  | 5 | 12 | 35 | 46 | -11 |
| 9  | Brisbane Roar          | 22 | 15  | 3  | 6 | 13 | 30 | 52 | -22 |
| 10 | Central Coast Mariners | 22 | 10  | 2  | 4 | 16 | 27 | 58 | -31 |

### Next 23 Round

| DATE                    | HOME                        | AWAY              | VENUE                 | Kick-Off (Local) | Kick-Off (AEDT) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Friday, 29 March 2019   | Brisbane Roar FC            | Sydney FC         | Suncorp Stadium       | 6:50PM           | 7:50PM          |
| Saturday, 30 March 2019 | Wellington Phoenix          | Newcastle Jets    | Westpac Stadium       | 7:35PM           | 5:35PM          |
| Saturday, 30 March 2019 | Western Sydney Wanderers FC | Melbourne City FC | ANZ Stadium           | 7:50PM           | 7:50PM          |
| Saturday, 30 March 2019 | Perth Glory                 | Melbourne Victory | nib Stadium           | 7:00PM           | 10:00PM         |
| Sunday, 31 March 2019   | Central Coast Mariners      | Adelaide United   | Central Coast Stadium | 5:00PM           | 5:00PM          |

## Watch! Horror injury for Vukovic

Notts County have parted company with first-team manager Harry Kewell.



This was the awful moment Socceroos keeper Danny Vukovic took a crushing blow to the chest and had to be stretchered off this morning.

The former Central Coast Mariners keeper was playing in the Europa League with his Belgian side Genk just days after signing a new two and a half year deal with the club.

But as he fearlessly went to ground for the ball to stop a Slavia Praha shot early in the second half, onrushing Genk team-mate Sébastien Dewaest collided with the Aussie, slamming his knee into the 33 year old's chest.

The blow left Vukovic fighting for breath and slamming the ground in pain as medics rushed to his side where he was treated for several minutes before he was stretchered from the field and taken to hospital for x-rays amid fears of broken ribs from the collision.

Despite Vukovic rolling on the ground in agony, the goal scored moments after Vukovic's injury was allowed to stand, giving Slavia Praha a 2-1 lead, and the match finished 4-1.