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Caltex Socceroos to play Korea Republic in Busan

Football Federation Australia (FFA) today confirmed that an agreement with the Korean Football Association (KFA) has been finalised for an international friendly to be played between the Caltex Socceroos and Korea Republic in the forthcoming FIFA match window.

On Friday, 7 June in Busan, Graham Arnold's Caltex Socceroos will take on Paulo Bento's Taeguk Warriors in Australia's first senior men's match since the completion of the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™.

The fixture will provide Arnold and Australia's coaching staff with a valuable opportunity to work with the squad in East Asia as Australia prepares for the start of qualifying for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™.

Australia is set to discover its opponents for its first phase of qualifiers in July, and will play FIFA World Cup preliminary fixtures on the road to Qatar at home and abroad in September, October, and November 2019.

"It is fantastic news that this friendly has now been finalised and I am itching to get together with our boys in Busan," Arnold said.

"With the commencement of our 2022 FIFA World Cup qualification campaign only a few months away, next month's camp and friendly in Korea will provide a great chance for us to work with a selection of players who we expect to play a part on our road to Qatar over the coming years."

Arnold will announce his squad for Australia's trip to Korea Republic in the coming weeks.

Australia's match against Korea Republic will kick-off at 8pm local time (9pm AEST), and will be broadcast live in Australia on FOX SPORTS and Network 10 (10 Bold).

Upcoming Match | Caltex Socceroos

Korea Republic vs. Caltex Socceroos (International Friendly)

Date: Friday, 7 June 2019

Venue: Busan Asiad Stadium, Busan, Korea Republic

Kick-off: 8.00pm (local); 9.00pm (AEST)

Broadcast: Live in Australia on FOX SPORTS and Network 10 (10 Bold)

Halloran's late goal sees Reds sink City in extra-time

A goal to Ben Halloran in the final minute of extra-time has handed Adelaide United a dramatic 1-0 Elimination Final win over Melbourne City on Sunday night.

A tense clash at a heaving Coopers Stadium looked destined for a penalty shootout as neither side was able to find a breakthrough for the first 118 minutes.

But Halloran had other ideas, getting on the end of a pass from Baba Diawara to slot past Eugene Galekovic and send the home fans into raptures.

WATCH: Halloran breaks City hearts at the death!

While City also had their moments, with keeper Paul Izzo making a couple of excellent saves, the Reds were worthy winners having hit the woodwork twice.

The reward for Marco Kurz's side is a Semi-Final against Premiers Perth Glory at HBF Park on Friday night.

It was a fairly tense and tight first-half with the best chance of the opening 45 minutes falling to Ben Halloran.

The speedy attacker was released by an inch-perfect pass from Craig Goodwin and blasted his shot past Galekovic only to be denied by the crossbar.

City defender Harrison Delbridge's brilliant block denied Goodwin early in the second half before the visitors began to threaten.

Florin Berenguer was inches away from finding the net with a poke from just inside the box, before a long-range rocket from Riley McGree was spectacularly saved by Izzo.

Galekovic had to scramble across his goal late on as Isaias' free-kick curled just wide of the post in the last chance before extra-time.

Both sides went close to winning it in extra-time as only a world-class save from Izzo denied Shayon Harrison, before Ben Halloran's low drive slipped through Galekovic's hands and hit the post before rebounding back into the keeper's arm.

That was a let-off for City but they weren't so lucky in the final minute of extra-time as Goodwin and Diawara combined to set up Halloran for the winner.



Rudan: My legacy? Ask Tim Cahill

After being dumped out of the A-League finals at the end of his tenure at Wellington Phoenix, Mark Rudan believes the club will continue to flourish without him.

Rudan's Phoenix lost 3-1 to Melbourne Victory at AAMI Park on Friday night, their livewire season ended by the reigning champions and competition powerhouse.

It was a predictable result; Victory had won 10 of their 11 home finals before Friday night.

Goals from Georg Niedermeier, Kosta Barbarouses and man of the match Ola Toivonen allowed Victory to march on to a semi-final with Sydney FC. **But it** came after Wellington's shock rise to a first finals campaign in four years.

Rudan, who signed a two-year deal to coach the club, will now return to Australia after citing homesickness.

He is expected to be unveiled as coach of Victoria-based expansion side Western United as soon as this week.

Rudan bristled when asked to describe his legacy at the club.

"Maybe ask Timmy Cahill that question," he said in a reference to the Socceroos' autobiography title.

"Its not something I think of.

"I came to the club when I think both parties needed it. A fresh approach. Someone with new ideas.

"The club was at a lull and it was my job to pick up a lot of things.

«I believe as a club we're at a better place than we were in day one in pre-season.

"If anyone questions the existence of this club, you're kidding yourself.

«There's a platform there to build on and I'm sure it will continue to go in the upwards fashion."

Against Victory, Rudan said individual errors were costly, and Victory had the experience to make them pay.

Roy Krishna's goal to bring the score back to 2-1 showed they were worthy finals competitors.

Rudan's side tallied seven yellow cards to Victory's nil - the biggest differential in A-League history - but he denied taking an overly hostile approach.

"I thought we performed admirably and I'm very proud of their performance," he said.

"A lot of these guys haven't played finals football. It's a different beast altogether.

"I'm bitterly disappointed ... I firmly believed we would be playing Perth Glory next week.»