

# Aussies Abroad

## YOUNGSTERS ON FIRE IN GERMANY

**Aussies Abroad is back for the 2019/20 season! With the European leagues set to kick off in a weeks time our boys overseas are oiling up the engines for the last time before they hit the big dance.**

### EUROPE

**In Belgium** Socceroos goalkeeper Danny Vukovic is back in action in the Belgian Pro League. Vukovic played a full match in a 2-1 victory over Kortrijk. George Timotheou was an unused sub for Zulte Waragrem in their 2-0 loss at home to Mechelen.

**In Germany** Mathew Leckie played the first half for Hertha Berlin in a 2-1 friendly win over Fenerbache.

**New Wolfsburg** recruit John Iredale got on the scoresheet for his new side and played 68 minutes in a 2-1 friendly win over Weiche FL.

**Jacob Italiano** has been impressing in pre-season for Borussia Mönchengladbach. The 17-year old played 18 minutes off the bench against Angers SCO and 45 minutes against Rayo Vallecano. Last week he scored in a friendly against Basaksehir.

**Brandon Borrello** scored a hat-trick in SC Freiburg's 9-1 friendly thrashing over Kaysierispor. The 24-year old made his Socceroos debut last month against South Korea.

**In Croatia** Fran Karacic played a full match for NK Lokomotiva Zagreb as they went down 1-0 to NK Rijeka. Anthony Kalik played 3 minutes off the bench for Hajduk Split in their 3-0 win over Varazdin.

**In Cyprus** Apostolos Giannou scored his sides first goal in a 3-0 win over Levski Sofia in the Europa League qualifying round.

**In Denmark** Awer Mabil was on the bench for FC Midtjylland while Mustafa Amini played a full match and new recruit Zach Duncan watched from the sideline as AGF went down 1-0 to Mabil's side.

**In Austria** James Holland started and played 82 minutes for LASK Linz in their 2-0 victory over Altag. James Jeggo played just over an hour for Austria Wien in their 3-1 loss to WSG Wattens.



### UK

**Socceroos keeper** Mat Ryan kept clean sheet for Brighton and Hove Albion in their 4-0 pre-season win over Birmingham City.

**Aaron Mooy** played the second half of Huddersfield Town's 1-1 draw with Montpellier in their club friendly.

**Jackson Irvine** played a full game and scored for Hull City in a 2-2 draw with Doncaster Rovers. Callum Elder was an unused substitute for Leicester City in their 2-1 win over Stoke City.

**Bailey Wright** was absent from Bristol City's squad that lost 5-0 to Crystal Palace. Tyrese Francois was an unused sub for Fulham FC in their 1-0 loss to West Ham United.

**Harry Souttar**, back at Fleetwood Town, assisted a goal in their 1-0 win over Preston North End. James Meredith was absent from Millwall's 3-3 encounter with Real Sociedad.

**In Scotland** Tom Rogic was still absent injured from Celtic



FC's squad that smashed Nomme Kalju 5-0 in UEFA Champions League qualifying. Daniel Arzani was also absent.

**Oliver Bozanic** came on in the 68th minute and missed his penalty in the shoot-out as Hearts were knocked out of the Scottish League Cup by East Fife. Martin Boyle came on in the 68th minute for Celtic in their 2-0 pre-season win over Elgin City FC.

**Ange Postecoglou's** new side welcomed new signings as they won the League Cup. His side went 3-1 but received plenty of criticism from the coaching community.

**Corea** Adam Taggart was of the town as he scored a fantastic goal in a 3-1 win over the K-League All Stars against Juventus.



**In the Singaporean Premier League** Blake Ricciuto played a full game in a Brunei DPMM's 1-0 loss to Home United for whom Oliver Pufflett was on the bench.

### NORTH AMERICA

**In the MLS** Brad Smith started but was substituted after 31 minutes as his side Seattle Sounders defeated Houston Dynamo 1-0.

**Andy Rose** was an unused substitute for Vancouver Whitecaps in their 0-0 draw with Minnesota United.

**Antonee Burke-Gliroy** played a full game while Jesse Daley played until the 81st minute for Tacoma Defiance in their 2-0 loss to OKC Energy.

## TAYLOR REPLACES DURANTE AS PHOENIX CAPTAIN

Former English Premier League defender Steven Taylor has been handed the Wellington Phoenix captain's armband after 11 seasons in the care of Andrew Durante. Coach Ufuk Talay confirmed Taylor will lead a new-look Phoenix in the 2019-20 A-League, after Durante was one of 14 players to depart from last season. The 33-year-old Taylor played more than 200 games for Newcastle United and impressed in his maiden Phoenix campaign last year alongside Durante in central defence.

Taylor made a winning start to his captaincy as the Phoenix steamrolled Central League club Wairarapa United 7-0 in Masterton on Wednesday. New forwards David Ball and Jaushua Sotirio both bagged doubles while Mexican midfield signing Ulises Davile also registered a goal.

