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TREVOR MORGAN NAMES AUSTRALIA'S BRAZIL BOUND BOYS

Australia's U-17 Men's National Football Team Head Coach Trevor Morgan named the twenty-one players that will represent Australia at the forthcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup Brazil 2019 with NPL NSW Men's Sydney United 58 duo Michael Ruhs and Nicholas Bilokapic winning selection.



After two years of qualifiers and competitions, domestic camps and international friendlies, Morgan has settled on the Joeys' squad for the 24-nation tournament to be held in Brazil between October 26 and November 17.

2019 will mark Australia's thirteenth participation at the FIFA U-17 World Cup, and the Joeys will contest Group B alongside Ecuador, Hungary, and Nigeria.

"The players selected represent Australia's cultural diversity and come from all over the nation," Morgan said.

"We have selected a squad that has depth, flexibility and a strong culture of doing things to the best of their ability.

"There are some boys who have been part of the journey since 2017, and others who have joined recently bringing new strengths and adding new qualities to our group.

"The level of experience is building with six international matches this year and several boys training with senior players at Hyundai A-League clubs. This is a positive sign as they prepare for the biggest tournament possible for their age group but also for the longer term to have a career as a senior professional.

"We look forward to the challenges ahead, with confidence in the boys and what they can do to express themselves and represent Australia on the world stage."

Morgan's squad will depart Australia – or

their respective European clubs – on Monday, 7 October 2019, and will spend twelve days preparing for the tournament in Santiago, Chile.

The Joeys will swap Chile for Brazil on Saturday, 19 October 2019 ahead of their first game of the competition at the Estadio Olimpico in Goiania against Ecuador on October 26.

FFA Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Gallop AM, wished the Joeys well in South America.

"This group of players, coaches and support staff continue a fine tradition of Australian youth football teams competing at the highest level of the game," Gallop said.

"Twenty years ago Australia reached the Final of the FIFA U-17 World Cup in New Zealand, and under Trevor (Morgan) a real focus has been placed on educating this group of players regarding the history of the Joeys.

"This cycle has taken the team to Mongolia, Malaysia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, and will now see the squad travel to South America where we know everyone involved with the Joeys will represent Australia with distinction."

All of Australia's matches at the FIFA U-17 World Cup Brazil 2019 will be broadcast live in Australia via SBS and theworldgame.sbs.com.au, with the top two teams from each of the six groups and the four best third-placed teams advancing to the round of 16.

Australia U-17 Men's National Football Team ('Joeys') 21-Player Squad | FIFA U-17 World Cup Brazil 2019

Name	Club, Country
Idrus ABDULAH	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Ali AUGLAH	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Nicholas BILOKAPIC (Gk)	Sydney United, Australia
Noah BOTIC	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, Germany
Jordan COURTNEY-PERKINS	Brisbane Roar FC, Australia
Yaya DUKULY	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Luke DUZEL	Western United, Australia
Tristan HAMMOND	Sporting Lisbon, Portugal
Oliver KALAC (Gk)	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Birkan KIRDAR	Melbourne Victory, Australia
Luis LAWRIE-LATTANZIO	Uncontracted
Anton MLINARIC	Sydney FC, Australia
Trent OSTLER	Perth Glory, Australia
Adam PAVLESIC (Gk)	Sydney FC, Australia
Cameron PEUPION	Sydney FC, Australia
Izaack POWELL	Brisbane Roar FC, Australia
Joshua RAWLINS	Perth Glory, Australia
Michael RUHS	Sydney United, Australia
Ryan TEAGUE (C)	Sydney FC, Australia
Daniel WALSH	Perth Glory, Australia
Caleb WATTS	Southampton FC, England

Australia U-17 Men's National Football Team ('Joeys') | Match Schedule | FIFA U-17 World Cup Brazil 2019

Ecuador v Australia

Date: Saturday, 26 October 2019

Venue: Estadio Olimpico, Goiania, Brazil

Kick-off: 8.00pm (local) – 10.00am (AEDT) Sunday, 27 October 2019

Broadcast: Live in Australia via SBS and theworldgame.sbs.com.au

Australia v Hungary

Date: Tuesday, 29 October 2019

Venue: Estadio Olimpico, Goiania, Brazil

Kick-off: 8.00pm (local) – 10.00am (AEDT) Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Broadcast: Live in Australia via SBS and theworldgame.sbs.com.au

Australia v Nigeria

Date: Friday, 1 November 2019

Venue: Estadio Bezerrao, Brasilia (Gama), Brazil

Kick-off: 5.00pm (local) – 7.00am (AEDT) Saturday, 2 November 2019

Broadcast: Live in Australia via SBS and theworldgame.sbs.com.au