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AUSTRALIA U-23 SELECTION TO CONDUCT TRAINING CAMP IN QATAR

Football Federation Australia (FFA) today announced the 23 players set to feature at an Australia U-23 men's national football team training camp in Doha, Qatar throughout the forthcoming October FIFA window.

Early next week players from a host of clubs across Europe and Australia will arrive in Doha for the training camp which will assist the squad's development in the build up to next year's AFC U-23 Championship, which will be held in Thailand.

Last week Australia was drawn in Group A alongside host Thailand, Iraq, and Bahrain for the 2020 AFC U-23 Championship, a competition which serves as the men's football qualification process for next year's Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Australia's U-23 squad for the training camp in Qatar features players currently contracted to clubs in England, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Scotland, Greece, Croatia, and Australia.

FFA acknowledges the Qatar Football Association for their assistance in the organisation of the training camp in Doha.



Australia U-23 Men's National Football Team 23-Player Squad | Training Camp (7-15 October 2019) | Doha, Qatar

Name	Club, Country
Panos ARMENAKAS	Panathinaikos, Greece
Daniel ARZANI	Celtic FC, Scotland
Daniel BOUMAN	SC Cambuur-Leeuwarden, Netherlands
Kai CALDERBANK-PARK (Gk)	Burnley FC, England
Gabriel CLEUR	U.S. Alessandria Calcio, Italy
Alberto DEL GROSSO	A.S. Cittadella, Italy
Zac DUNCAN	AGF Aarhus, Denmark
Patrick FLOTTMAN	Sydney FC, Australia
Ben FOLAMI	Ipswich Town FC, England
Tyrese FRANCOIS	Fulham FC, England
Denis GENREAU	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Alex GERSBACH	AGF Aarhus, Denmark
John IREDALE	WfL Wolfsburg II, Germany
Jacob ITALIANO	Borussia Monchengladbach, Germany
Anthony KALIK	Hajduk Split, Croatia
John KOUTROUMBIS	Newcastle Jets, Australia
Joshua LAWS	Fortuna Dusseldorf II, Germany
Daniel MARGUSH (Gk)	Adelaide United, Australia
Ashley MAYNARD-BREWER (Gk)	Charlton Athletic FC, England
Tate RUSSELL	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Dylan RYAN	Willem II, Netherlands
Angus THURGATE	Newcastle Jets, Australia

SOCCEROO TROISI JOINS ADELAIDE

Adelaide United have significantly bolstered their A-League squad, signing former Melbourne Victory midfielder James Troisi for the next two seasons.

Socceroos international Troisi joins the Reds after three years at rivals Melbourne Victory, delighting with Adelaide's director of football Bruce Djite.

«James is a very talented player and has proven this throughout the course of his impressive career,» Djite said via a statement.

«He has represented some big clubs and has been an important part of many Socceroo campaigns and I am sure he will help bolster our midfield, adding further quality to the team for the upcoming season.»

A South Australian, Troisi started his professional career in England with Newcastle United and subsequently had contracts in Turkey and Italy before joining Victory on loan in 2013.

He then spent time in Italy, Belgium, Saudi Arabia and China before re-joining Victory in 2016 for three seasons, a stint highlighted by winning the 2017-18 A-League championship.

Troisi, who has 37 caps and five goals for Australia, scored the winning goal against South Korea in the final of the 2015 Asian Cup and last played for the national side in 2018.

«I'm really excited to be returning to Adelaide for the first time to live and play football in about 16 years,» Troisi said.

«I'm proud to be joining my hometown club and bringing my family back to where my football journey began.»



ARZANI TAKES STEP TOWARDS SOCCEROOS RETURN

Arzani tore his ACL on debut for Scottish club Celtic in November 2018 and missed January's Asian Cup but is now firmly on the comeback trail.

The training camp serves as part of Australia's preparations for January's AFC U-23 Championship in Thailand, which is the men's qualifying tournament for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Next week's camp is seen as an opportunity to reintroduce Arzani to the national team so a 20-year-old could potentially feature in the beyond those dates.

Next week is a FIFA window, allowing Australia to easily call up Arzani and other Europe-based players for the camp. But January's tournament does not fall in a FIFA window, meaning his involvement could depend on how important he is to Celtic's plans at the time.

Arzani, whose parent club is Manchester City, is in the second season of a two-year loan deal at Celtic.

He has yet to feature for Celtic since returning from his injury, only earning minutes in the club's reserves.

Socceroos coach Graham Arnold has made it clear Arzani needs game time.

