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Caltex Socceroos Media Distribution Jamie Maclaren & Mark Milligan

A hat-trick from Melbourne City FC marksman Jamie Maclaren combined with a goal on debut from defender Harry Souttar helped the Caltex Socceroos secure a 5-0 victory against Nepal at GIO Stadium in Canberra on Thursday evening.



In front of 18,563 supporters in the nation's capital, Australia led 3-0 at the interval before scoring twice in the second stanza to round out a solid victory.

The win keeps Australia's perfect start to FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ qualification in place after the Socceroos secured a great 3-0 win in Kuwait City in September.

Graham Arnold's men will now swap Canberra for Kaohsiung as the team targets three wins from as many qualification matches in Chinese Taipei on Tuesday.

Following Thursday's win over Nepal, FFA's media unit with the squad spoke with Maclaren as well as team captain Mark Milligan.

Maclaren said: "It is probably my proudest moment on a football pitch, if I am honest. Playing for your country is the pinnacle but as a striker to come off with both an appearance and a hat-trick is an amazing feeling. Obviously, it is thanks to my teammates and the manager for putting faith in me and the boys for putting them on a plate."

Milligan said: "Overall I thought it was a good performance. Those games can be tricky, There is a lot of things that you need to stay focused on away from possession and I thought we were very disciplined tonight. I thought that we threatened from good areas and from areas that we worked on, so I think it is a good result."

Next Match – Caltex Socceroos – FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ and AFC Asian Cup China 2023™ – Preliminary Joint Qualification Round 2

Chinese Taipei v Australia

Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Venue: National Stadium, Kaohsiung

Kick-off: 7.40pm (local); 10.40pm (AEDT)

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Name	Club, Country	A-International Caps (Goals)
Mustafa AMINI	AGF Aarhus, Denmark	7 (0)
Aziz BEHICH	Istanbul Ba ak ehir, Turkey	38 (2)
Brandon BORRELLO	SC Freiburg, Germany	2 (0)
Milos DEGENEK	Red Star Belgrade, Serbia	27 (1)
Apostolos GIANNOU	AEK Larnaca, Cyprus	12 (2)
Craig GOODWIN	Al-Wehda, Saudi Arabia	5 (0)
Rhyan GRANT	Sydney FC, Australia	10 (0)
Ajdin HRUSTIC	FC Groningen, Netherlands	2 (0)
Jackson IRVINE	Hull City, England	32 (3)
James JEGGO	Austria Wien, Austria	3 (0)
Mitchell LANGERAK (Gk)	Nagoya Grampus, Japan	8 (0)
Mathew LECKIE	Hertha BSC, Germany	63 (11)
Awer MABIL	FC Midtjylland, Denmark	12 (4)
Jamie MACLAREN	Melbourne City FC, Australia	14 (4)
Mark MILLIGAN	Southend United, England	80 (6)
Aaron MOOY	Brighton & Hove Albion, England	41 (6)
Dimitri PETRATOS	Newcastle Jets, Australia	3 (0)
Andrew REDMAYNE (Gk)	Sydney FC, Australia	1 (0)
Mathew RYAN (Gk)	Brighton & Hove Albion, England	57 (0)
Brad SMITH	Seattle Sounders FC, United States of America	20 (0)
Harry SOUTTAR	Fleetwood Town, England	1 (1)
Adam TAGGART	Suwon Bluewings, Korea Republic	9 (3)
Bailey WRIGHT	Bristol City, England	24 (1)