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Robbie Fowler... 'Am I worried? No chance!'

Robbie Fowler says he isn't feeling any pressure despite not tasting a win in any of his first three A-League matches as Brisbane Roar coach.

Brisbane coach Robbie Fowler has scoffed at the suggestion pressure is building on him because the Roar are without a win after three A-League games.

His side created more chances away to early season pacesetters Western Sydney on Saturday, but had to settle for a goalless draw. **It followed** a first-round draw away to Perth and a 1-0 home loss to Melbourne Victory.

Asked after the Wanderers game if being winless was becoming a monkey on his back Fowler fired back: «not a chance, no. I think you're a bit harsh in terms of the question. «We've probably dominated three games that we should have won. Am I worried? Not a chance, no.

«I think we've shown the way we play that we will win games.

«You want to get off the mark and running, get wins, early doors.

«We're not doing that, but we've lost one game in the four

months I've been here, in a penalty shootout.

«We're putting in good performances, we're just not getting a little bit of luck.

«If you look at the performances we've had this season (compared) to what Brisbane Roar had last year, it's chalk and cheese, it's night and day

«We're a much better team.»

Roar have scored just once in three A-League games this season.

Roy O'Donovan netted in round one, but the Irishman missed some good chances on Saturday.

«Like any striker you probably need one to come off your backside, come off your knee, or anything,» Fowler said

«I said to Roy in the dressing room I thought he was very very good today, he put in a great shift

«He held the ball up well, he's getting into goalscoring positions.

«He's proven over time in the A-League he can score goals



and he will score goals there's no doubt about that.»

Fowler's Wanderers counterpart and former Liverpool teammate Markus Babel was equally supportive of his main import striker and German compatriot Alex Meier.

The 196cm striker, who has scored once in four games, also missed some good chances on Saturday.

«It's important he's in the right position, and of course a striker is always frustrated if he's not scoring, but that will come,» Babel said.

«He's a big fellow he's not 100 per cent fit and if you see his work rate, it's fantastic.»

He hoped a calf injury to his Swiss international midfielder Pirmin Schwegler wasn't serious.

Babel was pleased with the half hour debut performance off the bench of German international Nicolai Muller, but wanted his side to reduce the amount of tactical errors they were making.

21 Hyundai A-League players in Young Socceroos squad for 2020 AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers

Australia's Young Socceroos will travel to Chinese Taipei today (Sunday) ahead of their three Group H qualification matches for the 2020 AFC U-19 Championship.

Young Socceroos Match Schedule | 2020 AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers (Group H)

Australia v Laos

Date: Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Location: National Stadium, Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei

Kick-off: 4.00pm (local); 7.00pm (AEDT)

Macau v Australia

Date: Friday, 8 November 2019

Location: National Stadium, Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei

Kick-off: 4.00pm (local); 7.00pm (AEDT)

Australia v Chinese Taipei

Date: Sunday, 10 November 2019

Location: National Stadium, Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei

Kick-off: 7.00pm (local); 10.00pm (AEDT)

Date: Thursday, 25 October 2018

Venue: Pakansari Stadium, Cibinong, Indonesia

Kick-off: 7pm (local); 10pm (AEDT)

Head Coach Gary van Egmond has had an extended squad in camp in the City of Gold Coast for a training camp over the past week, however has now finalised his 23-player roster for upcoming matches against Laos (6/11), Macau (8/11), and Chinese Taipei (10/11) in Kaohsiung over the next seven days.

Twenty-one of Australia's representatives for the 2020 AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers hail from Hyundai A-League clubs, while two players – goalkeeper Kai Calderbank-Park and midfielder Alberto Del Grosso – are aligned with clubs abroad.

Australia can qualify for the 16-nation 2020 AFC U-19 Championship, which will be hosted next October in Uzbekistan, by winning their group or by finishing as one of the four-best second-place sides across Asia's eleven qualification groups.

The 2020 AFC U-19 Championship will serve as the qualification process for the FIFA U-20 World Cup Indonesia 2021.

Young Socceroos 23-Player Squad | 2020 AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers (Group H) | Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei

Name	Current Club, Country
Thomas AQUILINA	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Jay BARNETT	Melbourne Victory, Australia
Jordan BOS	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Lachlan BROOK	Adelaide United FC, Australia
KAI CALDERBANK-PARK (Gk)	Burnley FC, England
Jarrold CARLUCCIO	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Lachlan CONSTABLE	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Cameron COOK (Gk)	Adelaide United FC, Australia
Louis D'ARRIGO	Adelaide United FC, Australia
Alberto DEL GROSSO	Cittadella Primavera, Italy
Tom FAY	Sydney FC, Australia
Mitch GRAHAM	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Jake HOLLMAN	Sydney FC, Australia
Gianluca IANNUCCI	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Noah JAMES (Gk)	Newcastle Jets FC, Australia
Fabian MONGE	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Noah PAGDEN	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Kristian POPOVIC	Perth Glory FC, Australia
John ROBERTS	Central Coast Mariners FC, Australia
Dylan RUIZ-DIAZ	Central Coast Mariners FC, Australia
Callum TALBOT	Sydney FC, Australia
Marco TILIO	Sydney FC, Australia
Kai TREWIN	Brisbane Roar FC, Australia