

**Sydney**  
**Monday 10 October 2011**



The message from Qantas Socceroos is that they are ready to face Oman tomorrow in their 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifier at ANZ Stadium tomorrow (Tuesday 11 October 2011, Kick-Off 7.30pm AEDT).

Speaking at the official pre-match media conference today, Osieck is expecting a tough encounter but will be preparing his team for victory.

“We can forget about whatever happened in the past, tomorrow is the game and we have to fully focus on that. That is what we are going to do.

“The qualification has not come to an end. All teams in our group still have the chance to go through.

“So that makes every game difficult because all teams will go for the three points.

“They try to get the utmost out of it and that is what I am expecting tomorrow as well.

“A victory is a victory, there is never an excuse for a victory and we go for that tomorrow,” concluded Osieck

Qantas Socceroos captain Lucas Neill is also expecting a tough game against Oman tomorrow, but believes that his team is up for the challenge.

“We know they’re very difficult, we know they can cause problems because of the pace that they have. With their speed they can break on the counter.

“We have to be playing to our potential, or as close to our potential as possible on the night, otherwise we could find ourselves in an embarrassing situation.

“Are we ready? Of course we’re ready this is the reason we have come back to play this game.

“We had a good hit out on Friday night. Everybody has confidence, everybody wants to play and we have a goal that is to qualify out of this group which means we have to win games,” concluded Neill.

Also present at the official pre-match media conference was the NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events, George Souris, who welcomed the Qantas Socceroos back to Sydney for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian qualifier against Oman and was presented with a personalised Qantas Socceroos jersey by Lucas Neill.

“The NSW Government through Destination NSW is proud to support Football Federation Australia and the Qantas Socceroos on the Road to Brazil 2014, ensuring the biggest and best football matches are played in our State.

“As the world game, football is rightly a priority sport on the NSW Events Calendar, driving tourism, economic benefit and community pride across the State,” he said.

Tomorrow’s match will be the Qantas Socceroos third match of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian qualifiers. The Qantas Socceroos are currently top Group D with wins over Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

It will also be the fourth meeting between the two nations with the Qantas Socceroos holding the advantage with two (2) wins and a draw.

Tickets for the match are on-sale from Ticketek ([www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)).

The 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifier between the Qantas Socceroos and Oman is proudly supported by the NSW Government and Destination NSW

The match will be broadcast live and exclusive throughout Australia on FOX SPORTS 1 & 1HD.

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## QANTAS SOCCEROOS SQUAD

Player Name	Club, Country	A-International Appearances (goals)
Alex BROSQUE	Shimizu S-Pulse, JAPAN	8 (3)
Nathan COE (gk)	Sønderjysk Elitesport, DENMARK	3 (0)
Adam FEDERICI (gk)	Reading FC, ENGLAND	5 (0)
Brett HOLMAN	AZ Alkmaar, NETHERLANDS	50 (6)
Mile JEDINAK	Crystal Palace FC, ENGLAND	29 (2)
Josh KENNEDY	Nagoya Grampus, JAPAN	27 (14)
Neil KILKENNY	Bristol City FC, ENGLAND	12 (0)
Robbie KRUSE	Fortuna Dusseldorf, GERMANY	11 (2)
Matthew McKAY	Glasgow Rangers, SCOTLAND	20 (0)
Lucas NEILL	Al-Jazira Club, UAE	76 (0)
Sasa OGNENOVSKI	Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma, KOREA REPUBLIC	12 (1)
Adam SAROTA	FC Utrecht, NETHERLANDS	2 (0)
Matthew SPIRANOVIC	Urawa Red Diamonds, JAPAN	9 (0)
James TROISI	Kayserispor Kulubu, TURKEY	8 (1)
Carl VALERI	U.S. Sassuolo Calcio, ITALY	42 (1)
Luke WILKSHIRE	FK Dinamo Moscow, RUSSIA	63 (6)
Rhys WILLIAMS	Middlesbrough FC, ENGLAND	7 (0)
Michael ZULLO	FC Utrecht, NETHERLANDS	7 (0)

### Upcoming Match Details

#### 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round Match Day 3

Qantas Socceroos vs. Oman

Tuesday 11 October, 2011

ANZ Stadium, Sydney

Kick Off: 7.30pm (AEDT)

Gates Open: 5.30pm

#### Ticket Prices

Category A - \$90 all tickets

Category B - \$60 Adult, \$30 Concession, \$150 Family

Category C - \$30 Adult, \$15 Concession, \$75 Family, \$150 Group of 10

\*transaction and credit card fees apply

Tickets available from Ticketek

- Phone 132 849
- Web <http://www.ticketek.com.au/>
- Ticketek Agencies

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#### 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round - Groups

**Group A:** China PR, Jordan, Iraq, Singapore

**Group B:** Korea Republic, Kuwait, UAE, Lebanon

**Group C:** Japan, Uzbekistan, Syria, Korea DPR

**Group D:** Australia, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Thailand

**Group E:** Iran, Qatar, Bahrain, Indonesia

## 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifiers Third Round - Match Schedule

### Group D:

Match	Kick-off - Date	Match			Venue
1	8:00pm - Friday 2 September,2011	Australia	2:1	Thailand	Suncorp Stadium
	7:00pm - Friday 2 September,2011	Oman	0:0	Saudi Arabia	AL Seeb Sports Stadium
2	8:30pm - Tuesday 6 September,2011	Saudi Arabia	1:3	Australia	Prince Mohammed Bin
	6:30pm - Tuesday 6 September,2011	Thailand	3:0	Oman	Rajamangala Stadium
3	7:30pm - Tuesday 11 October, 2011	Australia	v	Oman	ANZ Stadium
	6:00pm - Tuesday 11 October, 2011	Thailand	v	Saudi Arabia	Rajamangala Stadium
4	Friday 11 November,2011	Oman	v	Australia	
	Friday 11 November,2011	Saudi Arabia	v	Thailand	
5	Tuesday 15 November,2011	Thailand	v	Australia	
	Tuesday 15 November,2011	Saudi Arabia	v	Oman	
6	Wednesday 29 February,2012	Australia	v	Saudi Arabia	
	Wednesday 29 February,2012	Oman	v	Thailand	

**Note:** Venues and Kick-off times to be confirmed. Fixtures are subject to change







### **Current FIFA Rankings (21 September 2011)**

Australia –19<sup>th</sup>

Oman – 106<sup>th</sup>

### **Head-to-Head: AUSTRALIA v Oman**

**Overall record:** Played 3. Win - 2 Draw - 1 Loss - 0

Date	Home Team	Result	Away Team	Venue	Match
08/07/2007	 Australia	1:1 (0:1)	Oman 	Bangkok	AFC Asian Cup 2007
14/10/2009	 Australia	1:0 (0:0)	Oman 	Melbourne	AFC Asian Cup 2011 Qualifier
14/11/2009	 Oman	1:2 (1:1)	Australia 	Muscat	AFC Asian Cup 2011 Qualifier