



Football Federation of Australia

Region: Asian Football Confederation (AFC)

World Cup appearances: 2 (1974, 2006)

Best World Cup finish: Round of 16 (2006) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 20th

Continental titles: OFC Oceania Nations Cup (1980, '96, '98, 2000, '02, '04)

Country's population: 21,515,754 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$38,800 **Life expectancy:** 81.72



Group D	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany						
Ghana						
Serbia						
Australia						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Mark Schwarzer	G	1	Fulham (England)	74	0
Brad Jones	G	18	Middlesbrough (England)	2	0
Adam Federici	G	2	Reading (England)	1	0
Scott Chipperfield	D	11	Basel (Switzerland)	64	12
Lucas Neill	D	2	Galatasaray (Turkey)	55	0
Craig Moore	D	3	None	49	3
Luke Wilshire	D	8	Dynamo Moscow (Russia)	41	2
David Carney	D	21	Twente (Netherlands)	25	3
Michael Beauchamp	D	6	Melbourne Heart (Australia)	21	1
Mark Milligan	D	20	JEF United (Japan)	10	1
Brett Emerton	M	7	Blackburn (England)	72	17
Mark Bresciano	M	23	Palermo (Italy)	54	11
Jason Culina	M	5	Gold Coast United (Australia)	48	1
Vincenzo Grella	M	13	Blackburn (England)	44	0
Tim Cahill	M	4	Everton (England)	39	19
Brett Holman	M	14	Alkmaar (Netherlands)	31	2
Carl Valeri	M	16	Sassuolo (Italy)	21	0
Mile Jedinak	M	15	Antalyaspor (Turkey)	11	0
Dario Vidosic	M	22	Nuremberg (Germany)	6	1
Richard Garcia	M	19	Hull City (England)	6	0
Harry Kewell	F	10	Galatasaray (Turkey)	45	13
Joshua Kennedy	F	9	Nagoya Grampus (Japan)	18	7
Nikita Rukavytsya	F	17	Twente (Netherlands)	3	0

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Tim Cahill is the Socceroos' best player, ostensibly playing an attacking midfield role that seems like a supporting striker.

Mark Schwarzer is a steady goalkeeper who will have the occasional performance that allows his team, but it Australia or Fulham, to steal matches.

Joshua Kennedy is tall, lanky, and can sometimes be moved relatively easily, but he provides a target man off which Cahill can work.

Harry Kewell is coming off an injury-plagued season with Galatasaray and may not be fully fit for the tournament. If he is ready, he could provide Australia with a scoring complement to Cahill.

Keys to success:

Australia plays a physical style that served them well in qualifying, but in a group with Germany, Ghana and Serbia, you would like to see a Plan B in place, should it be needed. Perhaps that is Kewell, but assuming Australia does not develop a back-up plan, the key for the Socceroos will be out-working, out-muscling their opposition.

Outlook:

Many were picking Australia to get through with Germany, but it's unclear why. Serbia, Ghana, and Germany are all very strong squads, even considering their injuries. Perhaps those ailments present an opportunity for the men of Oz. If so, the chances are still relatively slim.