

Canada aiming for strong effort

Eleven of Canada's squad from the 2014 AFL International Cup have returned, with the team aiming to improve on its fifth-place finish.

"Continuity has been a big issue for our program so I'm pleased we can return so many players," coach Cody Royle said. "The 24-year-olds we included in 2014 are now our core and I'm excited to see what they do on the big stage." In an encouraging sign for the growth of Canadian footy, the previously

Toronto-centric team features players from coast-to-coast.

Australian Football in the ice hockey-dominated Canada continues to grow, with leagues set up across the country. Teams also play in regional championships, with this year's squad including many players who featured in those carnivals.

This year's Canadian squad will benefit from the input of veteran Carlton defender Dennis Armfield, who will assist team preparations.

PLAYER TO WATCH Jim Oertel

A product of Vancouver's junior footy program and at age 26, already has more than a decade of footy experience under his belt. Playing for Carrara Saints under former Team Canada coach Ben Roberts, Oertel will captain the Northwind at this year's carnival.



CANADA NORTHWIND

CAPTAIN: JUSTEN 'JIM' OERTEL **COACH: CODY ROYLE**

TEAM MANAGER: BRAD HEIDEBRECHT **COLOURS: RED AND WHITE**

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	CJ BRASSINGTON	26/10/1989	183	86	Burnaby Eagles (UHSVU Vultures)					
2	Christian HARBOUR	24/04/1992	173	65	Etobicoke Kangaroos (Hampton Rovers)					
3	James DUGGAN	13/09/1991	180	75	Toronto Dingos (Fairpark Lions)					
4	Chris BOURQUE	4/05/1983	175	83	Sydney Giants					
6	Clay LUND	24/11/1991	185	84	Delta Bayhawks (UHSVU Vultures)					
7	Adam NASH	7/05/1991	187	93	Ottawa Swans (Epping Blues)					
8	Logan ANDERSON	17/09/1991	185	88	Burnaby Eagles					
9	Justen 'Jim' OERTEL	3/07/1991	180	84	Burnaby Eagles (Carrara Saints)					
10	Giancarlo BRANCATI	14/12/1986	193	86	Burnaby Eagles					
11	Alex HUARD	2/11/1988	185	83	Ottawa Swans					
12	Kyle GRAHAM	3/05/1980	185	91	Montreal Demons					
13	Ewan WILLIAMS	23/05/1980	175	81	Toronto Central Blues					
14	Jacob MARTIN	10/12/1993	183	88	Grand River Gargoyles					
15	Mickey BERK	19/04/1989	183	77	Edmonton Wombats					
16	Rob TERSIGNI	27/06/1991	185	95	Toronto Rebels					
17	Robin MACDONALD	10/01/1991	185	86	Burnaby Eagles					
18	Quinn HOBBS	28/10/1991	183	93	Burnaby Eagles					
19	Eric KLEIN	28/07/1985	188	86	Burnaby Eagles					
21	Garrett REYNOLDS	21/07/1983	178	84	Toronto Eagles					
22	Nick LIANG	12/07/1990	180	84	Hamilton Wildcats					
23	Anthony KENNEDY	9/10/1992	188	86	Edmonton Wombats					
26	Mitch HOME	17/04/1992	198	86	Edmonton Wombats					
28	Morgan WHYTE	26/06/1982	190	94	Montreal Demons					
29	Matthia SINGH	2/05/1981	178	102	Calgary Kangaroos					
31	Mike ASPELL	1/03/1985	185	89	Etobicoke Kangaroos					
32	Connor ADAIR	1/11/1994	178	74	Burnaby eagles					
33	Ryan McNABB	6/04/1991	183	88	Toronto Eagles					
47	Greg BRIDGES	10/06/1993	180	84	Ottawa Swans					
51	Trent LOOSEMORE	15/03/1990	193	88	Calgary Kangaroos					

Fiji has sights set on improving

The Fiji Tribe is primed and ready for IC17. Having trained in the mud, sand and rain, and through blood, sweat and tears, they will be fit and firing. The team is quite disappointed with previous results and will be aiming to rise up the rankings. With speed to burn, and ferocity over the ball, team officials are expecting a much-improved performance.

Most of the team has previously represented Fiji. Through the middle, expect

mature bodies like Alipate Navuso and Jiuta Vateitei to cause havoc, while tall targets Jeffery Pauli and Isimeli Qiolevu will be dangerous inside forward 50. John Valetiri will control the back half, while half-back Penisoni Tuiova will provide plenty of run.

Adelaide Crows stars Eddie Betts, Jake Lever and Hugh Greenwood visited Fiji late last year, providing locals with plenty of encouragement to further develop their football skills.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Jiuta Vateitei

Jiuta Vateitei is ready to fire. He was Fiji's only representative in the 2014 World team selected after the International Cup, and has continued to develop as a player. Lethal with either foot, he loves winning the hard ball and running and delivering through the middle. He can also go forward and is clever around goal. Fiji is proud and excited to have him in the squad.



FIJI TRIBE

CAPTAIN: **ALIPATE NAVUSO** COACH: **SIMON HIGHFIELD**

TEAM MANAGER: **MACIU RAIDAI** COLOURS: **BLACK AND SILVER**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1		MATCH 2		MATCH 3		MATCH 4		MATCH 5	
						G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B
1	Sulio MAGITI	10/08/1991	165	73	West Coast Eagles										
2	Nemaia BAINIMOLI WAQA	11/08/1993	174	68	Raiwaqa Crows										
3	Yabaki GADE CAKAUTINI	8/03/1995	175	73	Suva Lions										
4	Alipate KITI	19/02/1995	175	74	West Coast Eagles										
5	Kaiyava DAVUI	10/04/1992	175	75	West Coast Eagles										
6	Jiuta VATEITEI	5/07/1995	175	85	Raiwaqa Crows										
7	Pita WILSON	16/02/1996	176	83	West Coast Eagles										
8	Isei MOSES	17/01/1996	177	72	Raiwaqa Crows										
9	Filipe VALESU	25/02/1992	177	76	Raiwaqa Crows										
10	Leone MAIQEREQERE	19/12/1998	178	83	Raiwaqa Crows										
11	Nathan WESLEY	16/02/1995	180	70	Nausori Cats										
12	Alipate NAVUSO	16/01/1988	180	91	West Coast Eagles										
13	Josese ROKOLI	10/05/1997	196	78	West Coast Eagles										
14	Jerry VUNITABUA	23/11/1990	167	89	UNSW-ES Bulldogs										
15	Dylan WOLFGRAMM	18/11/1992	174	90	Jacana Football Club										
16	Penisoni TUIOVA	4/09/1994	176	77	Raiwaqa Crows										
17	Solomoni CATI VUIBEQA	22/02/1994	181	94	Nausori Cats										
18	Jonathan MACANAWAI	22/08/1997	183	82	University of Queensland										
19	Semesa SALAVOU	19/04/1994	185	77	Raiwaqa Crows										
20	Nemani QIO NAWAQATABU	11/08/1993	186	81	Suva Lions										
21	Lorima TABUEQE BATIVOLI	13/02/1996	188	80	Suva Lions										
22	Patemosi SEILAWA MASIVOU	10/11/1993	189	87	Shellharbour Suns FC										
23	John VALETIRI	2/03/1993	191	98	Nausori Cats										
24	Jeffery PAULI	24/06/1993	192	83	Raiwaqa Crows										
25	Atunaisa LEWANAVANUA	26/09/1993	193	90	Raiwaqa Crows										
26	Mesake KOROI	14/12/1991	185	95	West Coast Eagles										
27	Solomone NAVUSO	15/05/1994	185	100	West Coast Eagles										
28	Nimilote TUILOMA QIO	30/07/1994	187	96	Nausori Cats										
29	Isimeli QIOLEVU	15/05/1991	194	88	Suva Lions										
30	Inoke RATU	21/08/1988	199	94	Nirranda Football Netball Club										

French are keen to impress

France has selected the best players who have performed well for their respective clubs in France. All French clubs are represented, a great sign they are developing local talent. The team's ambition is simple: to improve. The local league has grown substantially and French officials want to demonstrate that on the world stage.

This year's squad features only a handful of players who have previously been to Australia. But they know each other well and are looking

forward to working together and playing cohesively. France features two experienced players in defence, co-captains Thomas Depondt and Sylvain Maylie. Both took part in ICF4 and are strong leaders on and off the field. The squad also features a wave of young talent: Ludo Barrat, Benoit Treuillet and Pierre Lechasles, who play in attack, midfield and defence respectively. Lastly, an 'x-factor' up forward will be Jeremy Sardin. He played in Adelaide for a few months last year and that experience will be invaluable.

PLAYER TO WATCH Pierre Lechasles



Pierre Lechasles is only in his second year of football but was named the best player at the recent ANZAC Cup in Villers-Bretonneux against a strong Australian team, starring in the midfield. He was also best and fairest player for Lyon in its maiden premiership season, playing as a swingman between defence and attack.



FRANCE LES COQS

CAPTAINS: SYLVAIN MAYLIE, THOMAS DEPOND **COACH: ANDREW UNSWORTH**

TEAM MANAGER: ALBAN SCHIEBER **COLOURS: BLUE, WHITE AND RED**

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Pierre NAPOLEON	20/09/1991	174	73	ALFA Lions					
6	Cyrille GANDOLFO	6/09/1988	182	72	Toulouse					
7	Jacob RAIWALUI	16/06/1997	196	100	Paris Cockatoos					
8	Benoit TREUILLET	28/05/1991	175	74	Bordeaux					
9	Thomas DEPOND	3/02/1989	187	75	ALFA Lions					
10	Jérémy SARDIN	15/12/1994	177	78	Perpignan					
11	Simon MONDIN	11/11/1994	170	68	Toulouse					
12	Thomas CREPIN	20/06/1992	185	78	Cergy Pontoise					
13	Anthony BERNAD	17/07/1993	170	72	Perpignan					
14	Vincent MONNIER	14/03/1993	183	83	Bordeaux					
15	François DANIEL	7/11/1985	176	73	Paris Cockatoos					
16	Nicolas BOCHÉ	4/02/1996	175	75	ALFA Lions					
17	Clément BOUCHET	27/12/1988	180	87	Paris Cockatoos					
18	Stephane WEZEL	18/06/1989	181	80	Toulouse					
19	Pierre BOSCAR	19/09/1989	190	82	Paris Cockerels					
20	Ludo BARRAT	8/11/1996	176	71	Toulouse					
21	Pierre LABIGANG	6/06/1985	184	96	Parkside					
22	Pierre LECHASLES	17/04/1993	183	75	ALFA Lions					
23	Marco PINTO	23/05/1992	171	72	Bordeaux					
25	Anthony GIRARD	7/03/1988	182	82	Blagnac					
29	Julien DAGOIS	29/08/1988	178	82	Paris Cockatoos					
32	Maxime FAVERO	27/06/1985	169	75	Cergy Pontoise					
33	Raphael UBEDA	22/12/1991	174	73	Bordeaux					
73	Mathieu OSTORERO	8/12/1990	182	80	ALFA Lions					
83	Sam RAT	8/12/1978	180	74	Bordeaux					
89	Sylvain MAYLIE	8/09/1989	183	86	Blagnac					
90	Fabien FLOCH	15/01/1990	188	82	Toulouse					
97	Alex HAMBERT	2/10/1986	180	80	Wonthaggi					
99	Arnaud BONHOSTE	13/03/1988	179	65	Hawthorn Amateurs					

Bulldogs optimistic about chances

The Great Britain Bulldogs are by no stretch of the imagination the “new kids on the block”, having competed in every AFL International Cup to date. But with a new coaching team on board and fresh from a win in the 2016 AFL Europe Championships, there is a sense of optimism in the air for the squad.

The Championship win in London, where they defeated Ireland in the final, proved the Bulldogs, on their day, can mix it with some of

the traditional giants in international AFL circles.

A strong squad – made up of the right mix of fresh-faced GB-based players and experienced Australian-based players – will give the Bulldogs hope of a top-four finish. This would be considered a big step up from 2014, when they finished ninth. Is playing in the final at the MCG too much to hope for? A good draw and an injury-free run could make the Bulldogs this year's surprise packet.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Alex Watson

Alex Watson from the Wandsworth Demons is widely considered one of the most consistent and impressive players in the AFL London competition. He is a skilled and aggressive ruckman whose around-the-ground pressure is a difference-maker for the Demons. At 198cm, he is one of the taller British players and will be important in the Bulldogs' attempts to win contested footy.



GREAT BRITAIN BULLDOGS

CAPTAIN: **WILL WORTHINGTON** COACH: **DEAN THOMAS**

TEAM MANAGER: **JASON HILL** COLOURS: **BLUE, RED AND WHITE**

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Luke MATIAS	28/12/1982	185	90	Caulfield Grammarians					
2	Dominic MITCHELL	7/07/1988	178	78	Powerhouse					
3	Sean WALTON	14/05/1989	183	83	Caulfield Bears					
4	Andrew COCHRAN	4/02/1998	182	82	Manchester Mosquitoes					
5	James TALBOT	20/11/1988	172	75	North London Lions					
6	Mark IRELAND	25/06/1990	183	95	Sheffield Thunder					
7	Ross DENTON	21/05/1994	186	92	North London Lions					
8	Christopher BRITTON	7/03/1990	170	62	Manchester Mosquitoes					
9	Marc CASHMAN	5/01/1988	187	95	Wimbledon Hawks					
10	Michael SHARP	26/06/1995	177	82	North London Lions					
11	Luke MURCHIE	28/03/1994	183	81	Caulfield Bears					
12	Luke BOOTH	11/12/1992	183	90	Huddersfield Rams					
13	Alexander WATSON	15/03/1992	198	105	Wandsworth Demons					
14	Owain RYLAND	14/06/1990	183	84	South Cardiff Panthers					
15	Myles HUDSON	3/10/1990	185	82	Wimbledon Hawks					
16	Jason HILL	30/06/1989	180	85	Wimbledon Hawks					
17	Andrew WALKDEN	13/02/1995	186	78	Manchester Mosquitoes					
19	George DIBBLE	3/04/1992	173	74	Wolverhampton Wolverines					
20	Douglas HOUSTON	24/09/1987	195	97	UTS Bats					
21	Alexander OVERTON	14/08/1996	181	84	Huddersfield Rams					
22	David HASTIE	22/12/1989	190	87	Wimbledon Hawks					
23	Jack COUGHLAN	24/03/1995	188	86	North London Lions					
24	Alex MARKHAM	2/12/1993	179	78	Caulfield Bears					
25	Ross ASHMAN	3/06/1986	186	84	Manly Warringah Wolves					
26	Seyonne KADNAPILLAI	5/02/1985	165	70	Balmain					
28	Ryan FLOYD	18/08/1983	200	105	Fitzroy					
33	Andrew ATTACK	29/12/1978	180	80	Parkside					
41	Will WORTHINGTON	19/03/1986	177	78	Onkaparinga Valley Bulldogs					
42	Anthony BRANNIGAN	11/08/1989	172	66	Tyne-Tees Tigers					
56	Adam COXSELL	7/06/1989	178	80	Caulfield Bears					

Warriors aiming for third cup

The Warriors first competed at international level in 2001, when they won the Atlantic Alliance Cup, beating Great Britain, Canada, USA and Denmark in London. Having already committed to attending the inaugural AFL International Cup, that 2001 victory gave the team great confidence and a largely Ireland-based squad made the trip in 2002. Coached by Darren Fitzpatrick and captained by Michael Johnston, the Irish went on to defeat Canada,

Samoa, USA and South Africa before beating Papua New Guinea in the final at the MCG.

The team has appeared in every AFL International Cup, and was the first country to win the event twice, when it defeated PNG in the 2011 final. The Irish come into this year's event with a mix of players who finished runners-up to Great Britain in last year's European Championship and players in Australian metropolitan leagues.

PLAYER TO WATCH Gavin Murray

Gavin Murray, or 'Big Muzza', can play most key positions and has established himself as a go-to player. After playing for the South Dublin Swans in 2011, Murray played a season in Australia with the UTS Bats in Sydney. In preparation for IC17 he played in the Irish league with the Swans, in France with Perpignan and in London with the Wandsworth Demons.



IRELAND WARRIORS

CAPTAIN: DAVID McELHONE **COACH: BRIAN CURRANE**
TEAM MANAGERS: MICHAEL CURRANE **COLOURS: GREEN**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Shane O'SULLIVAN	8/08/1995	188	86	UCC Bombers					
2	Brendan KELLY	5/07/1986	183	81	Belfast Redbacks					
3	Dominic JOYCE	29/01/1981	196	100	Leeside Lions					
4	Muiris BARTLEY	8/11/1992	189	87	UCC Bombers					
5	Brendan BROWNE	30/07/1987	182	81	UTS Bats					
6	David McELHONE	28/01/1988	180	95	Belfast Redbacks					
7	Paul MURPHY	16/08/1993	177	90	Leeside Lions					
8	Liam BURNS	27/09/1989	180	87	South Dublin Swans					
9	Michael FINN	18/05/1981	200	110	Heidelberg					
10	Gerard WALLS	4/06/1982	191	92	Belfast Redbacks					
11	Gavin MURRAY	12/03/1988	197	100	South Dublin Swans					
13	Padraic O'CONNELL	8/09/1994	171	80	Leeside Lions					
14	Declan NANNERY	8/08/1984	190	90	Powerhouse					
15	Murtagh CONDRON	30/10/1991	185	80	South Dublin Swans					
16	Patrick BRENNAN	8/03/1990	182	78	UTS Bats					
17	Fiachra O'DHEASMHUNAIGH	21/09/1995	185	90	Powerhouse					
18	Paul O'HALLORAN	16/11/1983	205	105	South Dublin Swans					
19	Colin LORDAN	11/02/1989	183	95	Leeside Lions					
20	Oisin COLLINS	30/01/1995	178	85	UCC Bombers					
22	Padraig LUCEY	2/07/1992	203	98	Newtown					
23	Robert McELHONE	1/10/1987	182	85	Yeppoon Swans					
25	Barry MURRAY	1/07/1981	193	102	Powerhouse					
29	Domhnall FOGARTY	17/01/1992	173	72	Powerhouse					
31	William GLEESON	23/11/1989	185	85	Powerhouse					
32	Darragh LEONARD	4/03/1991	180	82	Powerhouse					
33	Ronan CULL	6/02/1988	181	83	South Dublin Swans					
34	Christy DEVANEY	4/07/1986	188	93	Powerhouse					

Chiefs are fast and fearless

The squad was selected following a shortened senior competition. Some who follow footy in Nauru say this is the best Chiefs team ever assembled, a big statement given the quality of past teams. The Chiefs have been training together for the last two months, under first-time coach Zak Temaki, who was selected for the role after guiding the Magpies to their first AFL Nauru premiership earlier this year and the Nauru side to the under-15 Oceania Cup in 2015 and

2016. Nauru has taken part in the last three AFL International Cups and has been super-competitive on each occasion. In 2014, the Chiefs came agonisingly close to upsetting Ireland in the early rounds and it was their only loss for the tournament. This year, the Chiefs are primed and ready to fire on all cylinders. They are eager to make a big impact and to entertain the footy community in Melbourne with their exciting brand of fast, skilful and fearless footy.

PLAYER TO WATCH Darnel Diema



Darnel Diema is only 18 but he is already a force to be reckoned with. He is highly skilled, fast and agile and has great balance and evasive skills. He can also take a strong high mark, making him dangerous both in the air and on the ground. Diema has a strong work ethic and great attitude towards training and preparation. A humble young man, he is destined to stand out.



NAURU CHIEFS

CAPTAIN: TRENT DEPAUNE COACH: ZAK TEMAKI

TEAM MANAGER: JAXON JEREMIAH COLOURS: NAVY BLUE AND YELLOW

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Jarman UEPA	4/05/1996	167	77	Roos					
2	Ishmael FRITZ	22/05/1999	171	70	Hawks					
3	Darnel DIEMA	19/04/1999	178	80	Hawks					
4	Mick VORBACH	29/11/1990	175	89	Bombers					
5	Jeremiah KAM	27/03/1999	175	72	Hawks					
6	Patrick AGADIO	23/01/1991	165	74	Bulldogs					
7	Teolime KAMTAURA	13/06/1993	172	78	Magpies					
8	Mallinson BATSIUA	26/06/1988	168	90	Magpies					
9	Tiana WAIDABU	8/06/1988	180	86	Cats					
10	Tama JEREMIAH	14/08/1999	179	83	Mapies					
11	Kenneth OPPENHEIMER	1/02/1992	178	78	Magpies					
12	Donatello MOSES	23/07/1993	175	80	Bulldogs					
13	Jencke JEREMIAH	13/09/1988	183	84	Hawks					
14	Devine AGIR	6/03/1999	177	80	Bulldogs					
15	Trent DEPAUNE	19/10/1985	185	95	Cats					
16	German GRUNDLER	16/03/1986	173	77	Bombers					
17	Charles DAGIARO	16/01/1994	172	80	Roos					
18	Graigor UERA	6/03/1996	170	90	Cats					
19	Bronco DEIDENANG	24/02/1994	174	78	Roos					
20	Shawn Kemp MAAKI	24/10/1996	170	85	Cats					
21	Richmond SPANNER	15/12/1996	184	92	Magpies					
22	Mikey HIRAM	22/01/1994	173	75	Roos					
23	Aykers DANIEL	11/01/1990	173	74	Bulldogs					
24	Kaison TATUM	23/06/1996	185	90	Bombers					
25	Joeson KANIMEA	5/07/1993	180	89	Roos					
26	Niga HAULANGI	28/05/1992	175	80	Magpies					
27	David ADEANG	14/01/1991	180	90	Cats					
28	Yoshi HARRIS	20/02/1994	185	92	Magpies					
29	Jose UEPA	17/10/1986	174	92	Bulldogs					

Hawks have high hopes

New Zealand returns to Melbourne with high hopes of lifting the 2017 AFL International Cup. The squad is made up of players from five regions across Aotearoa and includes nine Kiwis who are now playing in Australian-based teams in Brisbane and Melbourne.

Fourteen players from the 2014 AFL International Cup squad return with Andrew Howison once again leading the squad. The annual ANZAC Day fixture in Wellington

against the Australian Under-17 Academy side and a rigorous training program has the squad well prepared for this year's cup. Midfielders Will Dickinson and Te Kopa Tipene-Thomas, along with defender Andriu Sucu, will be among those set to play a significant role during the tournament.

AFL continues to grow 'across the ditch' with the implementation of the Regional Youth Competition, the AFL New Zealand Academy and Youth Girls' program.

PLAYER TO WATCH Misilifi Faimalo

Misilifi Faimalo is AFL New Zealand's best up-and-coming talent. He made his New Zealand senior debut at the age of 16 and this will be his first AFL International Cup. He was introduced to the game through the AFL New Zealand secondary schools competition and his pace, skills and evasiveness show why he will be a standout at this year's tournament.



NEW ZEALAND HAWKS

CAPTAIN: ANDREW HOWISON **COACH: ROB MALONE**

TEAM MANAGER: SAMUEL MCKENZIE **COLOURS: BLACK AND SILVER**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Shane LEAT	10/12/1993	170	80	Waitakere Magpies					
2	Misilifi Jr FAIMALO	4/05/1999	182	73	North City Demons					
3	Josh CUNLIFFE	26/02/1991	169	70	North Shore Tigers					
4	Michael BOYCE	6/02/1990	170	74	Mt Roskill Saints					
5	William DICKINSON	16/08/1990	180	75	Mt Roskill Saints					
6	Samuel MCKENZIE	9/08/1988	184	82	Mt Roskill Saints					
7	Te Kopa TIPENE-THOMAS	8/09/1997	179	77	North Shore Tigers					
8	Jay JOHNSON	9/12/1992	178	76	Eastern Blues					
9	Andy CHRISTENSEN	21/11/1984	180	79	South Melbourne Swans					
10	Andrew HOWISON	4/01/1990	186	89	Oakleigh Districts					
11	Carlos DONNELL-BROWN	21/08/1998	187	85	Waitakere Magpies					
12	Christian BLACKIE	5/12/1997	176	80	Otago Riot					
13	Tim STOKES	10/09/1991	183	90	University Blues					
14	Jackson CLINCE	17/06/1993	178	83	North Shore Tigers					
15	David RATTENBURY	16/08/1997	182	84	Waitakere Magpies					
17	Brandon SUCU	17/12/1993	188	90	Wilson Grange Gorillas					
18	Liam BEATTIE	29/12/1985	174	90	University Blues					
20	Andriu SUCU	26/04/1990	188	95	North Shore Tigers					
21	Barclay MILLER	25/11/1998	194	92	St Kilda Saints					
22	William GREGSON	6/09/1993	187	92	Sandringham Zebras					
23	Aaron HARRIS	4/10/1986	184	92	Morningside Panthers					
25	Ty SMITH	25/09/1990	192	75	North Shore Tigers					
30	Adam SIMPSON	10/09/1983	181	93	Springwood Panthers					
32	Benjamin HICK	24/10/1989	180	77	University Blues					
35	Joshua MACKIE	4/05/1999	185	67	Otago Riot					
40	Peter HALSTEAD	17/05/1984	191	95	Eastern Bulldogs					
46	Joseph BAKER-THOMAS	14/03/1996	194	92	St Kilda Saints					
50	Brendan CLARK	26/01/1988	189	94	Hinterland					
55	James KUSEL	13/05/1987	188	98	Hutt Valley Eagles					

Mozzies in back-to-back quest

The Mosquitoes are playing in their sixth AFL International Cup. They are the reigning champions and no doubt a serious contender to win back-to-back titles.

The squad features a swag of returning champions eager to defend their title. An injection of young blood will provide a good balance to a side overflowing with experience. The trip is not all about winning, however, as players and crew are in Australia with the hopes and well wishes of their

families and supporters back home.

Speed in attack, breaking lines and the ability to execute skills at pace have long been trademarks of the Mosquitoes' style. Many of the players have come through strong junior development pathways, hence the sharp skills. Spectators can expect to see the Mosquitoes play a pure, uncompromising brand of football.

A favourite of fans because of their flair and attacking style, the Mozzies are sure to again attract plenty of interest.

PLAYER TO WATCH Laurie Logo



This is Laurie Logo's second appearance at the AFL International Cup after the successful 2014 campaign. He had a strong frame then and in the intervening three years, has become bigger and stronger through the body and increased his running capacity. He also has a booming right boot.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA MOSQUITOES

CAPTAIN: **JOHN JAMES LAVAI**

COACH: **DAVID LAKE**

TEAM MANAGER: **REX LAKA**

COLOURS: **RED, YELLOW AND BLACK**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Hewago Paul OEA	13/11/2001	176	71	Oilmin Kokofas					
2	Hapeo BOBOGAI	26/05/2000	173	75	Oilmin Kokofas					
3	John James LAVAI	6/06/1989	181	83	Koboni					
4	Kelly KAUGLA	27/08/2000	166	71	Bomana Cats					
5	Benedict TIRANG	11/04/1996	177	78	West Eagles					
6	Scott JOHNSON	26/07/1995	167	70	Salle Dogs					
7	Tyler GOROGA	16/08/1993	180	74	Pt Hedland Tigers					
8	Luke SAVERE	14/05/1997	176	76	Defence Hawks					
9	Jeconiah PENI	15/08/1995	178	88	Montrose					
10	Amua Muzza PIRIKA	3/03/1991	186	92	Central Bombers					
11	Ryan AGITA	24/02/1995	173	82	Hermit Park Tigers					
12	Emmaus WARTOVO	10/03/1988	172	90	Sandgate Hawks					
13	Matthew KING	22/04/1994	179	74	Montrose					
14	Jason SO-ONG	10/08/1994	176	82	Mt Hagen					
15	Brendan BENO	10/08/1994	169	73	Koboni					
16	Gideon SIMON	30/10/1994	172	84	Trinity Bulldogs					
17	Max LAVAI	16/09/1995	178	71	Koboni					
18	Stannis AGITA	24/10/1994	178	81	Hermit Park Tigers					
19	Jeffrey NAMETE	28/06/1990	186	85	Taurama Suns					
20	David TOPENI	28/11/1995	180	81	Koboni					
21	Gregory EKARI	25/05/1996	178	81	West Eagles					
22	Laurie LOGO	4/09/1991	181	74	Lamana Dockers					
23	Kataha Paulias SIWEE	9/11/1997	180	74	Bomana Cats					
24	Paul PHILLIP	13/12/1989	176	76	Koboni					
25	Willie AISI	5/11/1998	177	84	Manunda Hawks					
26	John IKUPU	20/09/1992	188	97	West Coburg					
27	Douglas Gabriel Tuai LAI	5/06/1999	181	81	Koboni					
28	Alphonse JAMBARUFO	27/05/1994	184	79	Koboni					
29	Emmanuel TUPIA	22/11/1991	184	93	Lamana Dockers					
30	Greg Paul AKI	27/09/1991	180	88	Koboni					

Lions know what it takes

The Lions have participated in all five AFL International Cups. This year's squad is coached by Benjamin Motuba, one of the country's longest-serving AFL players. He has been involved in the code since 1997 and is the first South African to coach in the AFL International Cup.

There are expectations for the squad to perform well, with players putting in plenty of hard work as part of their preparation. The players are genuinely excited and aiming to

do the best they can achieve. The Lions have a few players from previous AFL International Cup campaigns, however many of the squad are youngsters having progressed through junior development programs.

South Africa has been a perennial top-four finisher in past AFL International Cup carnivals and is again expected to push for a berth in the Grand Final at the MCG.

The Lions play with passion and excitement and their celebrations are something to see.

PLAYER TO WATCH Tshoboko Moagi

Tshoboko Moagi (aka 'Hippo') lives and plays his football in Tembisa Township. He has been playing football since 2009 and currently plays for the Warriors. He had a major role in the Warriors' 2016 footyWILD Premier League premiership. Hippo, known for his strength, hard running and long left-foot kicking, will captain the team this year.



SOUTH AFRICA LIONS

CAPTAIN: TSHOBOKO MOAGI **COACH: BENJAMIN MOTUBA**

TEAM MANAGER: PHINDILE KHAMBUL **COLOURS: GREEN WITH MULTI-COLOUR TRIM**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Vuyisile SOKOYI	28/08/1996	170	69	Blue Birds					
2	Boitumelo THIBOENG	22/02/1991	170	58	Platinum					
3	Denmark BALOYI	2/08/1999	164	64	Warriors					
4	Ncedo TYWAKU	29/06/1997	164	60	Blue Birds					
5	Xolisa DUTYULWA	24/02/1998	168	64	Blue Birds					
6	Aubrey VELELE	22/09/1997	179	71	Blue Birds					
7	Thimna BARTMAN	17/11/1998	170	61	Blue Birds					
8	Banini SEKORI	17/10/1996	173	65	Wild Cats					
9	Asanda FUNDA	10/04/1989	171	68	Divines					
10	Steven MATSHANE	2/04/1988	169	63	Wild Cats					
11	Jabu MNGOMEZULU	8/02/1997	178	70	Divines					
12	Emmanuel MTOMBOTI	5/05/1997	174	71	Divines					
13	Xolani XABA	31/01/1994	178	67	Hurricanes					
14	Thato MANOTO	5/03/1996	175	69	Wild Cats					
15	Kealeboga MMASA	17/07/1995	182	71	Wild Cats					
16	Benefit BALOYI	19/08/1996	170	70	Warriors					
17	Luzuko MLONYENI	6/07/1992	173	64	Divines					
18	Karabo MAROKOANE	23/12/1991	170	70	Platinum					
19	Msizi MKHIZE	7/01/1996	182	86	Hurricanes					
20	Tshoboko MOAGI	12/08/1990	174	86	Warriors					
21	Scelo NTENZA	21/11/1993	180	72	Hurricanes					
22	Mandilakhe LUNGILE	10/02/1995	182	83	Divines					
23	Godfrey MOLOHLANYI	26/01/1989	176	78	Wild Cats					
25	Usenzile GOTYANA	3/11/1993	186	89	Wild Cats					
26	Thembinkosi ZWANE	27/08/1989	183	72	Hurricanes					
28	Malibongwe MLAMLI	5/01/1988	189	97	Divines					
29	Tebogo MONYEMORATHO	14/11/1997	175	61	Warriors					

Old and new push for Revolution

The USA Revolution are playing in their sixth AFL International Cup and looking to improve on their eighth-place performance in 2014. Coach Tom Ellis, winner of eight USAFL premierships as a player and coach with the Denver Bulldogs and a member of the 2002 and 2005 International Cup teams, is the first former Revolution player to coach team.

The Revolution squad features a mix of veterans and athletic newcomers. There is

plenty of height, with rucks Tim Lindfelt and Donald Lee patrolling the middle, and forward Bryan Dragus the prime target. In defence, Saleh Tyebjee has the best hands of the Americans and he and fellow half-back Max DePina are playmakers.

Footy in the US is thriving, with the annual national championships recognised as the largest carnival of its type held outside Australia. More than 40 teams participated in last year's event in Florida.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Ben Carpenter-Nwanyanwu

Ben Carpenter-Nwanyanwu (wan-YAN-woo), a three-time USAFL National Championship winner with the Austin Crows, is a cunning midfielder and half-forward who is hard to tackle and composed with the footy.



USA REVOLUTION

CAPTAIN: **KYLE JOHNSON** COACH: **TOM ELLIS**

TEAM MANAGER: **BRAD ANDERSON** COLOURS: **RED, WHITE AND BLUE**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Max DEPINA	17/04/1993	183	75	Seattle Grizzlies					
2	Ryan McGETTIGAN	23/06/1984	180	82	Philadelphia Hawks					
3	Caleb DOUGHERTY	27/09/1988	183	76	Kansas City					
4	Ben CARPENTER-NWANYANWU	10/02/1991	183	90	Austin Crows					
5	Daniel LIVY	20/02/1993	188	90	Golden Gate Roos					
6	Ben JUDGE	19/07/1984	178	82	Des Moines Roosters					
7	Dustin JONES	4/01/1979	173	77	St.Petersburg Swans					
8	Bobby SEARS	22/07/1985	190	99	Houston Lonestars					
10	John FREEMAN	26/02/1987	175	75	Nashville Kangaroos					
11	Brent FISCHER	21/04/1988	183	77	Minnesota Freeze					
12	David FRANKO	13/08/1984	183	78	Golden Gate Roos					
13	Saleh TYEBJEE	22/04/1985	190	82	Sacramento Suns					
14	David RESTREPO	12/05/1989	178	75	Houston Lonestars/Melb Uni Blacks					
15	Kyle JOHNSON	19/04/1987	185	84	Golden Gate Roos					
16	Jeff KRAEMER	15/04/1990	193	88	Chicago Swans					
17	Jay LEVESQUE	7/05/1981	178	75	Baltimore Washinton Eagles					
18	Bryan DRAGUS	6/10/1985	198	102	Golden Gate Roos					
21	Will GLEASON	5/11/1996	175	73	Minnesota Freeze					
22	Michael LINEHAN	4/04/1989	173	72	Austin Crows					
23	Clyde SIMPSON	29/12/1986	180	88	Columbus Jackaroos					
24	Jason WILHELM	30/03/1987	198	100	Arizona Hawks					
27	Ryan GARTRIGHT	5/12/1985	185	85	Denver Bulldogs					
28	Erik HANSON	26/09/1978	183	88	North Carolina Tigers					
32	Murphy MICHAEL	15/03/1983	178	88	New York Magpies					
33	Tim LINDFELT	12/10/1980	196	100	Golden Gate Roos					
34	Hamilton MAY	30/03/1989	180	75	Des Moines Roosters					
42	Mark McCCLURE	23/06/1987	203	102	Columbus Jackaroos					
54	David GRZEIAK	28/07/1988	193	92	Dallas Magpies					
55	Donald LEE	17/07/1986	198	106	Los Angeles Dragons					
70	Buddy SPOHN	11/05/1988	193	90	Orange County Bombers/Melb Black Rock					

Dragons will be quick and agile

China will play in its fifth AFL International Cup in 2017. The team is largely comprised of players from southern China, with most being associated with the Guangzhou Scorpions South China AFL team. This includes the Australian-based ex-Scorpions captain Shaoliang Chen, who has recovered from injury in time for this tournament.

This year, China has representatives from the recently-formed Huizhou Hawks, who will

be joining the SCAFL leagues next year. AFL development programs in Shanghai have produced two players from this region for this year's squad.

Team China is renowned for its tough, uncompromising attack on the ball and makes up for their lack of height with speed, agility and stamina.

The team is proud of the brand of football it plays and continually strives for improvement.

PLAYER TO WATCH Shaoliang Chen

Shaoliang Chen is playing in his second AFL International Cup. He has five years experience playing footy after he was chosen from the Guangzhou Sports University to join the NAB AFL Draft Combine in 2012. He signed with Port Adelaide Football Club in 2016.



CHINA DRAGONS

CAPTAIN: **HAO ZHANG** COACH: **BILL POLY**

TEAM MANAGER: **ZHANGHAO** COLOURS: **RED AND YELLOW**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Hao ZHANG	12/05/1987	177	75	Guangzhou Scorpions					
2	Wenliang LIN	1/09/1997	173	75	Guangzhou Scorpions					
3	Rongfeng WANG	17/06/1997	178	86	Guangzhou Scorpions					
5	Guanqun DING	23/09/1988	170	75	Old Ignatians					
6	Jiaming PI	16/06/1980	170	88	Keysborough					
7	Enda YU	26/10/1993	172	72	Dubai Dingoes					
8	Xiaoshan QIU	18/12/1994	172	67	Guangzhou Scorpions					
9	Dianyu LIN	15/03/1994	170	71	Huizhou Hawks					
10	Jianglong HUANG	10/03/1998	182	95	Guangzhou Scorpions					
11	Weiyang XIE	26/08/1996	172	68	Guangzhou Scorpions					
12	Senhua NIE	1/05/1996	185	75	Guangzhou Scorpions					
13	Huangang ZHUANG	21/04/1995	184	77	Guangzhou Scorpions					
15	Xiaoyu DENG	9/12/1995	175	75	Guangzhou Scorpions					
16	Shaoliang CHEN	19/08/1992	185	82	Port Adelaide					
17	Xingzhen WU	29/07/1996	170	68	Guangzhou Scorpions					
18	Chaoxiang YU	31/05/1995	173	63	Guangzhou Scorpions					
19	Jianxing ZHENG	8/08/1995	178	70	Guangzhou Scorpions					
20	Shu Kai CHEN	6/02/1995	183	80	Guangzhou Scorpions					
21	Zibang CHEN	10/12/1994	168	69	Guangzhou Scorpions					
22	Zhaorui LIU	18/09/2000	190	84	Immanuel College					
23	Honghui LIN	7/10/1994	185	75	Dongguan Blues					
24	Zhushen CHEN	10/02/1993	183	75	Shanghai Tigers					
25	Ziwei CHEN	25/12/1995	182	78	Guangzhou Scorpions					
26	Jiangtian CHEN	11/06/1994	162	67	Guangzhou Scorpions					
27	Ming YANG	7/07/1985	185	80	La Trobe University Amateurs					
28	Long CHEN	9/08/1989	183	90	Wandella					
29	Yang YANG	11/06/1987	185	82	Springvale District					
30	Hao QIU	23/09/1988	176	80	Springvale District					
31	Brian CHUENG	11/09/1998	175	70	Phos Camden					
32	Dean WEI	11/08/1983	182	80	Mt Barker Barkaroots					

Croatia aims for impressive debut

The Association of Australian Football of Croatia has seven men's and two women's clubs. The first club, the Zagreb Hawks, was established in 2006. More clubs followed and the Association was created in 2013.

The Croatian national team made its first appearance at the 2008 Euro Cup and has won eight Euro Cup medals, including gold in Lisbon in 2016 when it defeated Ireland in the final.

From 2013-17, Croatian players have worked hard on developing skills and becoming more competitive and are now well-known in the footy world in Europe. Players train on an oval ground in Zagreb and play friendly games.

This is Croatia's first appearance in the AFL International Cup and while expectations are not high, the team is aiming to be competitive.

The team is looking forward to some enthusiastic support from the local Croatian community.

PLAYER TO WATCH Josip Habljak

Josip Habljak lives in Adelaide and plays for the Unley Jets. In 2016 he played six games for Sturt's reserves in the SANFL. A former basketballer who started playing Australian Football four years ago, he plays in the ruck. In 2014 he represented the European Legion, which played against the AFL Academy team in London.



CROATIA KNIGHTS

CAPTAIN: **TOMISLAV CVETKO** COACH: **JOSIP KRAVAR**

TEAM MANAGER: **JOSIP KRAVAR** COLOURS: **RED AND WHITE**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1		MATCH 2		MATCH 3		MATCH 4		MATCH 5	
						G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B
2	Leo MARIĆ	11/10/1997	187	93	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
3	Fran TONKOVIĆ	2/04/1987	189	85	Zagreb Hawks										
5	Jan DOLEŽAL	22/11/1988	168	60	Zagreb Hawks										
6	Dejan PAVKOVIĆ	29/07/1989	182	87	Sesvete Double Blues										
7	Dion SULIĆ	9/08/1990	190	100	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
8	Hrvoje HABLJAK	24/02/1989	181	100	Velika Gorica Bombers										
9	Ivan MOLNAR	19/12/1983	194	92	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
10	Tomislav ĐURAN	2/12/1985	189	92	Sesvete Double Blues										
11	Miro JURMANOVIĆ	6/06/1980	175	77	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
12	Tomislav NEDIĆ	26/02/1994	180	74	Velika Gorica Bombers										
13	Josip KRAVAR	9/10/1985	180	95	Zagreb Hawks										
14	Bruno BENČIĆ	17/08/1993	174	72	Velika Gorica Bombers										
15	Viktor KOLČIĆ	11/12/1997	184	74	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
17	Ivan IVOŠ	4/05/1984	197	93	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
21	Josip MOTIK	7/10/1985	180	88	Sesvete Double Blues										
23	David LAZANIN	13/09/1985	180	80	Velika Gorica Bombers										
24	Filip LENIĆ	24/09/1990	191	86	Velika Gorica Bombers										
25	Tomislav MARŠIĆ	20/05/1986	183	84	Zagreb Hawks										
32	Josip HABLJAK	26/04/1991	192	106	Unely Mercedes Jets										
33	Josip KARADŽA	23/03/1997	197	100	Sesvete Double Blues										
34	Igor SVOBODA	17/04/1984	181	85	Zagreb Hawks										
44	Roko BULJANOVIĆ	25/05/1992	189	100	Zagreb Cvjetno Dockers										
55	Tomislav CVETKO	19/11/1984	188	90	Norwood										
88	Igor GALEZ	5/11/1991	193	117	Velika Gorica Bombers										
91	Marko KLIŠANIN	13/11/1995	181	77	Sesvete Double Blues										

Eagles have upsets on their mind

The German Eagles showed some promising signs during recent European tournaments in both nine-a-side and 16-a-side competitions. Despite not being able to train together as often as they would like, the team bonded throughout these past tournaments to become a strong unit of experienced players.

The AFL International Cup allows players to travel to the birth place of Australian Football for the first time and finding out

what it is like to be constantly surrounded by Australian Football.

Coach Mark Woods has sparked extra determination in some of the younger players and a few of the more mature players have been able to pass on their experiences to the younger generation.

The aim is to perform well and continue the strong form shown in the European Championships. The Eagles have their eye on causing an upset or two.

PLAYER TO WATCH Florian Naumann

Captain Florian Naumann is a strong-bodied, speedy utility with a great overhead mark and accurate kick. He is a former soccer goalkeeper and current European handball goalie. Usually spends his time in the half back or on ball, either as ruck or rover.



GERMANY EAGLES

CAPTAIN: FLORIAN NAUMANN **COACH: MARK WOODS**

TEAM MANAGER: FABIAN CORDTS **COLOURS: WHITE WITH BLACK, RED AND YELLOW EAGLE**

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Robert MACHER	16/06/1970	182	78	Munich Kangaroos					
3	Jakob JUNG	3/11/1992	182	77	Stuttgart Emus					
4	Felix GROB	4/07/1995	183	83	Berlin Crocodiles					
5	Florian NAUMANN	5/02/1990	192	93	Hamburg Dockers					
7	Jan HUESKEN	6/11/1978	180	75	Munich Kangaroos					
9	Constantin PIXA	29/12/1991	199	93	Frankfurt Redbacks					
10	Simon ASSMUS	27/02/1990	185	87	Freiberg Taipans					
12	Christoph ODENTHAL	9/08/1987	185	75	Dresden Wolves					
18	Roland ODENTHAL	27/07/1985	175	78	Canterbury Cobras					
20	Ruben STREICHER	19/03/1986	191	115	Munich Kangaroos					
21	Johannes BINNINGER	2/11/1988	180	72	Munich Kangaroos					
24	Sebastian ESCHE	6/12/1983	172	92	Munich Kangaroos					
25	Gerrit JUNG	29/01/1990	183	73	Stuttgart Emus					
27	Fabian CORDTS	20/06/1985	205	90	Hamburg Dockers					
28	Tobias MENZEL	31/01/1989	180	78	Rheinland Lions					
29	Martin KRICHLER	3/10/1982	180	75	Frankfurt Redbacks					
32	Julian WICHMANN	24/10/1990	185	78	Rheinland Lions					
34	Jan OSTRAWSKY	13/11/1988	184	90	Freiberg Taipans					
35	Jan KORFMACHER	17/09/1996	177	62	Rheinland Lions					
36	Timm ROHRSEN	7/11/1989	178	82	Hamburg Dockers					
37	Benjamin KNECHTEL	12/07/1985	184	85	Dresden Wolves					
39	Henrik VAN DE STAY	29/12/1989	182	84	Rheinland Lions					
41	Johannes ORLOWSKI	21/02/1988	200	95	Rheinland Lions					
55	Martin SCHUETTOFF	3/08/1991	180	82	Stuttgart Emus					
62	Armin MAYER	16/09/1972	178	89	Bridgewater-Callington Raiders					
73	Philip EVERMANN	4/01/1996	190	90	UHS-VU					
89	Jascha JUNG	26/03/1989	180	88	Rheinland Lions					
99	Dirk ODENTHAL	29/11/1983	188	87	Rheinland Lions					

Indians determined to improve

India is competing in its fourth AFL International Cup. Players have come from a variety of sports backgrounds including kabaddi, soccer and rugby. Although AFL India is not a formal member of AFL Asia, it is doing some remarkable work on the sub-continent to develop the game.

The Bombers will be looking to improve on its 2014 ranking of 18th with some passionate and competitive play. The squad is made up of a mix of Indian-born players

living locally and players from across India. The Indians will be looking forward to playing Pakistan for the Dosti (Friendship) Cup in Bendigo, adding a new dimension to the sporting rivalry between the two countries. Their preparation included a week in Bendigo training with local club Golden Sqaure.

The Indian team will train at Essendon, with the Bombers providing plenty of support for their namesake club, which includes the club logo on the Indian jumper.

PLAYER TO WATCH Sudip Chakraborty

Sudip Chakraborty has been a stalwart for the India team. He has captained the side since 2011 and has played in three International Cup carnivals. He hails from the Rajasthan Eagles but now resides in Melbourne and works at the Essendon Football Club assisting with the development of young multicultural players.



INDIA BOMBERS

CAPTAIN: **SUDIP CHAKRABORTY** COACH: **YASSER HUSSAIN**

TEAM MANAGER: **PRIYANK CHOKSHI** COLOURS: **ORANGE, WHITE AND GREEN**

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Sudip RAJBANSHI	29/08/1990	177	58	Bengal Tigers					
3	Aashish SHARMA	8/12/1985	182	79	N/A					
4	Daman BESHRA	4/10/1997	162	62	Odisha Swans					
5	Abhi KALIA	21/05/1989	177	75	N/A					
6	Tarak SHAH	12/12/1990	175	82	Masala FC					
7	Zuber BAIG	20/09/1990	168	78	Maharashtra Giants					
8	Maidul ALI	25/02/1993	162	52	Bengal Tigers					
9	Mahesh TIRKEY	23/02/1993	180	75	Jharkhand Crows					
10	Jasim AKHTAR	15/10/1988	177	82	Bengal Tigers					
11	Raul ANNEDI	20/09/1995	175	66	N/A					
12	Darius FERNANDES	7/07/1992	166	60	N/A					
13	Sudip CHAKRABORTY	6/11/1989	187	92	Rajasthan Eagles					
14	Gaurav SAXENA	17/10/1981	180	95	N/A					
15	Vishnu RISHIE	3/05/1987	169	72	N/A					
16	Amar Roshan BARA	2/06/1998	170	58	Jharkhand Crows					
17	Komal SIDHU	25/11/1985	190	85	N/A					
18	Manish HEMROM	1/05/1996	173	56	Jharkhand Crows					
19	Peter GAIKWAD	24/07/1989	166	75	Maharashtra Giants					
20	Asheet KUJUR	17/05/1993	176	72	Jharkhand Crows					
21	Sagar ASHOKA	2/03/1994	166	70	N/A					
22	Samrat SHARMA	4/09/1990	178	72	N/A					
23	Prasanjeet SINGH	30/08/1993	172	72	N/A					
24	Gulab AIND	13/11/1989	170	85	Jharkhand Crows					
25	Karanbir SINGH	3/12/1996	178	79	Bharat Bombers					
28	Pachamuthu SELVAM	25/06/1995	162	80	Tamil Kangaroos					
44	Akash MALHOTRA	7/01/1994	175	70	N/A					
77	Abdul ASHRAF	22/08/1996	175	60	Kerala Bombers					
88	Amal DEV	8/04/1995	170	73	Kerala Bombers					
99	Arjun GK	6/02/1995	161	54	Kerala Bombers					

Garudas are speed machines

The Indonesia Garudas are a team of dedicated footballers who have come together from clubs, schools and orphanages across Indonesia.

With players spread out across three islands thousands of kilometres apart, getting together for training and games has been hard work. However, with clubs in Jakarta, Balikpapan and Bali and support via players in Melbourne, Australian Football in Indonesia is steadily growing.

The Garudas made their AFL International Cup debut in 2014, and since then many of the team have starred in matches throughout South-East Asia. Although small in size, the Garudas have plenty of firepower and showed it by defeating China in the final of the first-ever AFL All-Asian Cup in 2016.

With their amazing speed and frenetic tackling, as well as ability to take spectacular marks, the Garudas are sure to be one of the teams to keep an eye on.

PLAYER TO WATCH Markus Ria

Markus Ria can't be missed. The Garudas' No. 1 ruckman imposes himself on games with his physical presence, excels in directing the ball to his midfielders at stoppages and is a dangerous marking target up forward. Named most valuable player at the 2016 AFL All-Asian Cup, he will not go unnoticed.



INDONESIA GARUDAS

CAPTAIN: TIMBUL KUKUH SANTOSO **COACH:** BOY PASARIBU
TEAM MANAGER: BARRY ANDERSON **COLOURS:** RED AND WHITE



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Boy Sabar PASARIBU	10/04/1983	185	80	Jakarta					
2	Michael LATUPERISSA	29/05/1997	172	75	Jakarta					
3	Antoni Yakobus ANTON	10/01/1997	175	70	Jakarta					
4	Adrizal PUTRA	22/06/1991	175	65	Jakarta					
5	Uber GEA	5/06/1997	170	68	Jakarta					
6	Hariyanto HARIYANTO	9/03/1990	163	55	Jakarta					
7	Yosua FRANS	23/12/1998	160	55	Jakarta					
8	Yossi ALBERTA	6/08/1992	175	63	Jakarta					
9	Mahendra Gilang SAPUTRO	2/03/1996	174	70	Borneo					
10	Frenky WARUWU	22/07/1996	160	55	Jakarta					
11	Busah BALA	24/11/1979	181	75	Borneo					
12	Dimas Adi PRASOJO	25/07/1988	165	60	Jakarta					
13	Markus RIA	5/12/1988	184	80	Bali					
14	Rico KOBELT	4/09/1993	176	70	Krakatoas					
15	Wahyu HIDAYAH	23/05/1996	168	62	Borneo					
16	Edy Wahyu SEPTIADI	12/09/2000	170	64	Borneo					
17	Randi BUDIANTO	17/08/1999	165	60	Borneo					
18	Joshua PASARIBU	6/01/1998	173	65	Borneo					
19	Dicky HERMAWAN	18/10/1998	173	70	Borneo					
20	Rama Yuda YULIANTO	16/07/1996	172	68	Borneo					
21	Timbul Kukuh SANTOSO	12/01/1994	180	75	Borneo					
22	Dimas HERLAMBAANG	22/08/1997	180	75	Borneo					
23	Bayu PRATAMA	13/02/1996	165	65	Krakatoas					
24	Egy Dwi TANTO	23/11/1996	164	60	Borneo					
25	Irvan BAHFEN	31/12/1987	179	75	Borneo					
26	Aan AAN	5/11/1983	160	58	Bali					
27	Joshua TANDILANGAN	18/01/2000	165	60	Jakarta					
28	Dilla syah ABDILLAH	3/11/1992	176	73	Jakarta					
32	Restu ZE BUA	16/10/1998	160	55	Jakarta					
35	Ghian TJANDAPUTRA MUHAMMAD	7/06/1990	165	62	Krakatoas					

No go-slow for Japanese

The Samurais were formed in 1993 as a combined university team and have since toured Melbourne annually to play with local football clubs. They competed in the 1997, 1999 and 2001 Arafura Games and have taken part in every AFL International Cup, with their best performance in 2008 when they finished eighth out of 16 countries.

Coach Brett Qualtrough says the Samurais will be looking to improve on their 14th-place finish in 2014. Games in Japan are nine-a-side

and played on rugby and soccer pitches, so the larger grounds of Australia will be foreign to the team.

Most Japanese players are small in stature, but are very quick. Although inexperienced at international level, the majority of players are second- and third-year players in the JAFL. The squad is even across the board and has depth to cover injuries.

The Samurais plan to move the ball quickly and play on at all costs.

PLAYER TO WATCH Shoki Mukodaka

Shoki Mukodaka is in his third year playing Australian Football. He is the reigning joint Peter Wilson medallist (best player in the JAFL) and also won the JAFL goalkicking last season. Like most Japanese players, Mukodaka is small in stature, but very quick and has good hands. He plays forward and is dangerous around goal.



JAPAN SAMURAI

CAPTAIN: MICHITO SAKAKI COACH: BRETT QUALTROUGH

TEAM MANAGER: HIDEKI MIYASAKA COLOURS: RED AND WHITE

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Kyo NAKAGAWA	18/09/1997	178	76	Senshu Powers					
2	Junpei FUJITA	16/04/1996	170	65	Komazawa Magpies					
3	Hiroto MURAYAMA	26/05/1996	165	65	Senshu Powers					
4	Yuta TOYOSHIMA	1/09/1993	176	80	R246 Lions					
5	Toshiki MATSUHASHI	13/02/1985	173	68	Tokyo Bay Suns					
6	Kohei KAGEYAMA	13/06/1991	183	82	Tokyo Bay Suns					
7	Yudai YAMAJI	14/01/1998	185	82	Komazawa Magpies					
8	Tatsuya NASU	1/08/1995	172	77	R246 Lions					
9	Satoru UDAGAWA	8/02/1997	168	68	Senshu Powers					
10	Kyohei NAGASAKA	26/12/1997	177	70	Senshu Powers					
11	Shota HORIGUCHI	19/11/1997	170	70	Senshu Powers					
12	Michito SAKAKI	19/05/1983	166	70	R246 Lions					
13	Satsuki SHIMIZU	6/10/1992	160	58	Komazawa Magpies					
14	Kento TAKAHASHI	30/03/1997	183	72	Senshu Powers					
15	Riku TOKUTAKE	16/09/1997	178	75	Senshu Powers					
16	Shogo NAKASATO	13/12/1995	170	73	Senshu Powers					
17	Sohei TADA	15/04/1997	177	75	Senshu Powers					
18	Yuji YAMAMOTO	14/06/1985	185	85	Tokyo Goannas					
19	Ryosuke SATO	24/10/1994	178	73	Shonan Poseidons					
20	Taisei MATSUMURA	5/03/1998	167	57	Komazawa Magpies					
21	Jumpei ITO	2/09/1994	170	75	Eastern Hawks					
22	Takashi KAJIKAWA	5/07/1995	173	71	Senshu Powers					
23	Hisayoshi OURA	13/04/1992	174	75	Tokyo Bay Suns					
24	Hiroo KURODA	26/07/1998	168	72	Tokyo Bay Suns					
25	Yosuke KUNO	12/07/1983	182	85	Shonan Poseidons					
27	Jun SEKIGUCHI	9/06/1983	180	80	R246 Lions					
35	Yuki TOSU	19/04/1994	165	64	Komazawa Magpies					
52	Shoki MUKODAKA	15/05/1996	172	64	Senshu Powers					
56	Yuki AKITA	13/07/1986	170	64	Mount Gambier FC/SA					

Pakistan eyes development

A group of Australian-based Pakistanis gathered to learn the game in 2014 and eventually participated in their inaugural AFL International Cup. A win against India was the highlight of their tournament.

In the three years since, AFL has continued to grow both within the Pakistani community in Australia as well as in Pakistan.

This year's team includes players from both Pakistan and Australia. Players from Melbourne will be bringing their local

experience along with the experience of playing in the 2014 tournament, while those from Pakistan will be bringing their skills and energy.

Shaheens Sporting and Social Club founder Kashif Bouns says the team has a combination of youth, enthusiasm, experience and passion. He is excited about the prospect of players from Pakistan learning from their Australian counterparts and taking these skills back to Pakistan to grow the game over there.

PLAYER TO WATCH Zaheer Hussein

Zaheer Hussein is a quiet by nature but he lets his football do the talking. The centreman is a quality player who is skilful on both sides of the body. He leads by example and is strong at stoppages, executing the ball to teammates with deadly precision when he wins it.



PAKISTAN SHAHEENS

CAPTAIN: HASEEB QURESHI **COACH: MATT EMBLING**

TEAM MANAGERS: USMAN MALIK AND NOMI QURESHI **COLOURS: GREEN AND WHITE**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Haseeb QURESHI	29/06/1994	192	89	Pakistan Shaheens					
2	Usama KHAN	12/01/1989	187	85	Pakistan Shaheens					
3	Zaheer HUSSAIN	22/12/1989	180	78	Pakistan Shaheens					
4	Muqeeb QURESHI	29/07/1995	188	105	Pakistan Shaheens					
5	Humza ALI	1/10/1995	179	68	Pakistan Shaheens					
6	Ovais REHMAN	20/05/1987	177	85	Pakistan Shaheens					
7	Kashif KHAN	6/05/1990	179	76	Pakistan Shaheens					
8	Ali ABAS	13/06/1991	174	62	Pakistan Shaheens					
9	Daneyal KHAN	29/07/1984	180	102	Pakistan Shaheens					
10	Khizar BHATTI	28/05/1996	172	65	Pakistan Shaheens					
11	Zaid SHAH	2/05/1997	183	88	Pakistan Shaheens					
12	Jaffar MEHDI	19/01/1987	179	75	Pakistan Shaheens					
13	Hammad SIDDIQUI	23/06/1997	179	65	Pakistan Shaheens					
14	Abdul RAB	24/05/1999	178	76	Pakistan Shaheens					
15	Nawid NAJAFI	18/09/2000	177	67	Pakistan Shaheens					
16	Faraz KHAN	15/09/1985	183	88	Pakistan Shaheens					
17	Sameer KAZI	19/03/1988	184	66	Pakistan Shaheens					
18	Jahanzeb KHAN	6/01/1997	180	72	Pakistan Shaheens					
19	Usman MALIK	2/01/1985	178	98	Pakistan Shaheens					
20	Zain HAMID	21/12/1989	185	75	N/A					
21	Nihal MANSOOR	14/11/1993	175	69	N/A					
22	Inam UL HAQ	11/11/1990	178	70	N/A					
23	Malik WALEED AHMED	11/01/1993	173	72	N/A					
24	Ahmed SHAREZ	21/01/1997	170	68	N/A					
25	Imran ILYAS	24/01/1987	180	78	N/A					
26	Farhan ALI KHAN	8/09/2000	173	77	N/A					
27	Hamid MASHWANI	13/11/1984	179	74	Pakistan Shaheens					
28	Shahzaib KHAN	30/09/1995	178	76	Pakistan Shaheens					
29	Sajid CHAUHDARY	3/03/1997	178	70	Pakistan Shaheens					
30	Umair JAVED	5/03/1990	171	63	Pakistan Shaheens					

Early days for learning Lions

The Sri Lankan team has been developing for the past last three years with Australian Football Sri Lanka (AFSL) taking great strides in introducing the code to Sri Lanka. Players from Carlton and Essendon conducted clinics to introduce the game. From there a squad of 15 was selected from many who have been training since early this year. There are no structured Australian Football competitions in Sri Lanka and the squad is made up of rugby players who are

keen to take up the challenge of playing a new sport. With the rugby background, tackling will be a prominent feature of the Sri Lankan game. Fans can expect a group of highly motivated and passionate Sri Lankans who are keen to make an impression. The team will feature nationals living locally and players from Sri Lanka. Although expectations won't be high, the team is keen to build experience from its first appearance at the event.

PLAYER TO WATCH Pasindu Elpitiya

Pasindu Elpitiya, 19, comes from a strong rugby background and has captained his school team and represented his academy in national and international tournaments. Although new to the sport, his kicking is a feature and he is a tackling machine.



SRI LANKA LIONS

CAPTAIN: **ANURUDDA FONSEKA** COACH: **GEORGE MISSO**
TEAM MANAGER: **PRABATH FOKSEKA** COLOURS: **ROYAL BLUE AND YELLOW**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Dexter VANDERWERT	20/06/1980	165	65						
2	Srirangan GIRITHARAN	4/09/1986	171	78	Masala					
3	Danu TENNAKON	12/10/1983	176	80						
4	Anurudda FONSEKA	22/06/1985	175	81	Masala					
5	Janahan KUMARALINGAM	7/03/1984	174	74						
6	Sagara RAMESH	14/09/1989	175	73						
7	Ashan ANTHONY	9/11/1993	178	86						
8	Kasun BOTEJU	24/02/1998	180	75						
11	Eranda EKANAYAKE	29/12/1981	177	73						
12	Nipuna JAYASINGHE	26/04/1997	175	73						
14	Panchama RANASINGHE	30/01/1994	175	76						
15	Darsha THILAKARATHNE	10/05/1994	175	65						
17	Imaal NANAYAKKARA	17/05/1997	180	90						
18	Daminda SENARATHNA	16/04/1981	180	80						
19	Farshad HASSAN	13/06/1992	192	95						
20	Joel TILLEKERATNE	28/10/1995	178	78						
21	Pasindu ELAPITIYA	11/07/1998	165	63						
23	Shean VANDERWERT	7/06/1978	173	76						
24	Heshan LORENZ-DANIEL	23/05/1985	178	75						
25	Ashenka HEMARATNE	25/11/1994	165	80						
27	Pooji MALAVIGE	27/12/1994	190	103						
28	Thiwanka SILVA	16/12/1998	175	75						
29	Minura MUTHKUMARANA	10/10/1995	182	90						
30	Premal WICKRAMASINGHE	31/05/1985	174	65						
33	Janith GALHENAGE	6/06/1996	175	71						
41	Gayan KODAGODA	8/08/1982	181	86						
52	Ramanushan GOWRISWARAN	25/01/1992	173	75	Navarre					
54	Yohan JAYASINGHE	30/09/1987	177	70	North Brunswick					
67	Sithum PEIRIS	15/03/1995	185	85						
89	Chanaka RANASINGHE	28/06/1989	185	76						

* Majority of players are not aligned to established clubs.

Canadians primed to test skills

The Northern Lights won the 2014 women's title and are looking to defend against old rivals and new challengers. This year's squad is a mix of veteran players, including returning captain Aimee Legault and vice-captain Hilary Perry, as well as exciting new talent including Montreal's Valerie Moreau, Calgary's Caroline Ireland and Vancouver's Erin Regan.

The squad was chosen last year after a competitive selection camp in Toronto.

After a long winter of off-field training, the Northern Lights had a promising build-up and are eager to test their squad against the best in the world.

As AFL has grown in Canada, so has the skill, talent and passion for the sport among Canadian women. The Northern Lights look forward to competing against an even stronger women's competition and demonstrating the strength of Canadian AFL.

PLAYER TO WATCH Nicola Kirwan



Nicola Kirwan is a multi-talented athlete, having also represented Team Canada at Gaelic football when it won the first-ever World GAA Games in 2015. That same year, she joined the Etobicoke Kangaroos, helping her club win its first women's grand final. The Roos repeated the feat in 2016, and Kirwan was named the league's best and fairest player.

CANADA NORTHERN LIGHTS

CAPTAIN: AIMEE LEGAULT **COACH: JASON ARNOLD**

TEAM MANAGER: ROBERTA KRAMCHYNSKY **COLOURS: RED AND WHITE**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Nicole ROBERTSON	12/07/1993	167	75	Calgary Kookaburras					
2	Lyndsay SMITH	9/10/1983	163	71	Calgary Kookaburras					
3	Leslie GURBA	25/10/1984	160	52	Calgary Kookaburras					
5	Valerie MOREAU	24/11/1991	155	59	Montreal Angels (Eastern Devils)					
6	Margo LEGAULT	26/10/1978	167	80	Montreal Angels/NDG Giants					
7	Brandie CORRIGAN	17/04/1990	167	76	Edmonton Emus					
8	Nicola KIRWAN	29/10/1987	176	66	Etobicoke Kangaroos					
9	Renee TONG	9/04/1990	157	56	Vancouver Vixens					
10	Aimee LEGAULT	22/04/1985	165	60	Montreal Angels/NDG Giants					
11	Amanda IRWIN	17/03/1984	172	73	Etobicoke Kangaroos					
12	Hilary PERRY	13/08/1986	168	68	Calgary Kookaburras					
13	Danah ARNOLD	14/09/1974	168	75	Edmonton Emus					
14	Chantal BEAUDIN	13/12/1986	158	58	University of Queensland					
16	Tricia ROLFE	17/10/1978	172	62	Calgary Kookaburras					
17	Erin REGAN	25/08/1986	170	75	Vancouver Vixens					
19	Jaya AULAKH	9/02/1997	172	54	Westcoast Wildcats					
20	Jaclyn HALLIDAY	7/03/1990	173	68	Hamilton Wildcats (Eastern Devils)					
22	Candace KWAN	1/06/1985	155	77	Hamilton Wildcats					
24	Lara HILMI	2/12/1986	168	75	Etobicoke Roos					
25	Lia VANSEVENANT	25/08/1992	168	81	Hamilton Wildcats (Eastern Devils)					
26	Alanna ROBERTSON	14/10/1990	167	66	Calgary Kookaburras					
27	Lise KIEFER	17/07/1989	158	56	Hamilton Wildcats					
29	Caroline IRELAND	29/05/1988	166	61	Calgary Kookaburras					
31	Vivian NGUYEN	6/03/1986	165	58	Ottawa Swans					
32	Sarah ENNOR	14/02/1979	172	70	High Park Demons					
33	Rebecca GOMEZ	17/02/1984	177	70	Ottawa Swans					
34	Kirsti OJA	27/05/1988	176	66	Calgary Kookaburras					
35	Caroline LEDUC	10/07/1990	165	56	Montreal Angels/NDG Giants					
37	Charnelle WILLIS	20/04/1991	167	57	Edmonton Emus (Nth Cairns)					
38	Patricia JAWORSKI	22/12/1978	180	82	Calgary Kookaburras					

Crusaders aim for final spot

The Crusaders have players from Croatia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Scotland. This is the first time a combined European women's team will compete in the AFL International Cup. The players usually play against each other in European competitions but for three weeks they will be teammates. Despite their different languages, cultures and nationalities, they will hold high European values and spirit: Stronger Together!

The squad will be coached by Graham Andrews, an Australian who has previously coached the Paris Cockerels. While starting a bit behind some of the other teams, the European Crusaders are confident they will quickly overcome obstacles after a few good training sessions. The team will go out to win every game, with its primary goal of making the final.

PLAYER TO WATCH Coline Duquet

Coline Duquet from France started footy when she studied in Sydney in 2013. When she returned home she started playing for the French women's team and the Paris Cockerels. She has good skills and displays excellent leadership. Playing in the ruck, Duquet picked up the nickname 'Emu' during her time in Australia and loves singing the French national anthem before games.



EUROPEAN CRUSADERS

CAPTAIN: **BÉRENGÈRE PORTAL** COACH: **GRAHAM ANDREWS**
TEAM MANAGER: **FANNY MAILLET** COLOURS: **ROYAL BLUE AND YELLOW**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Isabella ROSITANO	2/01/1996	165	70	N/A					
2	Mathilde COMBES	22/07/1992	165	67	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
3	Joanne MOURADIAN	3/02/1982	161	56	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
4	Coline DUQUET	16/11/1992	172	62	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
5	Naïma AIT EL MOUDEN	13/11/1986	168	56	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
6	Marine ASSEMAT	4/10/1990	172	60	ALFA Lions (France)					
7	Bérengère PORTAL	21/10/1989	157	56	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
8	Catherine GILES	12/12/1992	165	65	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
9	Linn GARDELL	16/01/1987	183	70	Port Malmö Lynx (Sweden)					
11	Amanda KING	18/11/1990	177	75	Boston Demons (USA)					
12	Emilie GIANCARLI	16/03/1992	160	60	Bordeaux Bombers (France)					
13	Rachel URQUHART	9/09/1988	155	64	South Melbourne (Australia)					
14	Dagmara RATINSKI	1/11/1989	152	65	Perth Angels (Australia)					
17	Leila MORGENROTH	9/12/1989	172	68	Sydney Uni Bombers (Australia)					
18	Charline WOOD	18/08/1982	168	67	Newtown Breakaways (Australia)					
19	Hélène PITTET	19/09/1989	162	52	Toulouse Hawks (France)					
22	Ana BARISIC	24/07/1997	172	79	ZKAN Zagreb Panthers (Croatia)					
26	Anne PILLE	21/04/1989	160	56	Paris Cockerelles (France)					
27	Denise HECKMANN	22/05/1985	166	58	Melbourne University (Australia)					
33	Lara GAUSS	12/01/1989	178	58	North Shore Bombers (Australia)					
40	Camille PORTAL	21/10/1989	157	57	Bordeaux Bombers (France)					
47	Frances FINN	30/05/1966	155	64	Perth Angels (Australia)					
81	Claire PEREZ	29/05/1988	160	48	Paris Cockerelles (France)					

Vonu might surprise many

The Fiji Vonu team is primarily from the Suva area and many players have been identified through high school competitions and the AFL Fiji Day Cup Carnival. Fiji has two women's teams that compete vigorously over a 10-week season for the Powerade Cup.

The squad has been together since the early part of the year. The players' tireless work on kicking skills has paid dividends as this was highlighted as an area of concern early

in the piece. Many of the girls have a rugby background and this is noticeable with their attack on the football and the opposition player in control of it.

With a strong focus on women's sport in Fiji, the quality of women's football is expected to improve significantly in coming years.

After a promising showing in its first AFL International Cup in 2014 when it finished fifth, Fiji expects strong results this year and could be a surprise packet.

PLAYER TO WATCH Salote Matakibau

Salote Matakibau was identified from AFL Fiji regional development programs and selected in the World Team in 2014. A tough-as-nails on-baller, she runs hard and straight and has a fine pair of hands for a player of her size. Matakibau is fit and coming off a strong domestic season. Fans can expect to be impressed with her efforts.



FIJI VONU

CAPTAIN: ILISAPECI VIWA VATEITEI **COACH: MYKE LEAHY**
TEAM MANAGER: SAULA TUILEVUKA **COLOURS: BLACK AND SILVER**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Asena NIUMATAIWALU	24/04/1994	157	51	Lion Raiders					
2	Matelita TUILEVUKA	4/08/1995	159	65	Lion Raiders					
3	Roela RADINIYAVUNI	7/04/1990	162	63	Central Crows					
4	Milika TOKAICAKE	1/03/1998	169	65	Lion Raiders					
5	Taraivosa Halamehi TUILOMANI	23/03/1996	159	65	Central Crows					
6	Atelini DROTINI	1/09/1994	156	64	Central Crows					
7	Jenifer GOODSIR	12/05/1991	157	60	Lion Raiders					
8	Iliseva RATUDINA	5/09/1988	172	65	Central Crows					
9	Paulini KOROWAQA	10/03/1991	177	70	Central Crows					
10	Vani SEREVI	4/08/1997	157	65	Lion Raiders					
11	Taraivosa TAGIVETAUA	23/03/1996	168	68	Central Crows					
12	Salote MATAKIBAU	2/04/1996	158	64	Lion Raiders					
13	Lani WOLFGGRAMM	11/08/2000	165	70	Ferntree Gully Eagles					
14	Litia MATANISIGADRAU	8/07/1993	165	65	Lion Raiders					
15	Vasemaca RADINIBUKELEVU	5/08/1995	167	64	Lion Raiders					
16	Loata VAKAUSAUSA	25/08/1994	158	65	Lion Raiders					
17	Siteri Matana TADRAU	17/12/1990	168	70	Central Crows					
18	Sally FONG	2/02/1996	159	65	Central Crows					
19	Ilisapeci Viwa VATEITEI	10/12/1991	157	77	Central Crows					
20	Milika BALE	5/12/1992	169	67	Lion Raiders					
21	Verenaisi CAGINAVANUA	26/05/1996	187	88	Lion Raiders					
22	Makitalena LAWEBUKA	13/08/1997	178	65	Central Crows					
23	Nesi BARINI	28/02/1992	159	79	Lion Raiders					
24	Fuga TAOBA	30/04/1994	185	89	Lion Raiders					
25	Sera KAUKIONO	24/08/1985	173	70	University of Sydney					
26	Vitalina MIRINI	7/09/1997	185	95	Lion Raiders					
27	Kalisi NAKARAWA	1/04/1986	174	98	Central Crows					
28	Makereta TUNIDAU	20/04/1989	170	85	Lion Raiders					

Swans flying under the radar

The Great Britain Swans are the new kids on the block in international women's footy and as such are a relatively unknown quantity outside of Europe. They will be hoping to surprise fans with their fast-flowing and hard-hitting style of football.

A spot in the Grand Final might surprise some but it is definitely a target for this group and its coaching staff will expect nothing less. Like their male counterparts, the Swans took out the Irish in the final of the AFL Europe

Championships in 2016 to give them silverware at their first international outing.

With the code expanding in London, the talent pool and standard have grown year on year.

The team has a very similar look to the one that took home the top prize in the London championships in 2016, with further quality added via the four Australian-based players looking to bring something extra to the squad.

PLAYER TO WATCH Laura Turner

Captain Laura Turner leads from the front. You won't see anyone go harder at the ball or with more commitment. Her game isn't all about the tough and rough stuff, though. As high-level soccer player, she also brings a very strong kicking game to the midfield making her the all-round package.



GREAT BRITIAN SWANS

CAPTAIN: LAURA TURNER COACH: GARTH NEVIN

TEAM MANAGER: JASON HILL COLOURS: BLUE, WHITE AND RED



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Louise DARBY	1/03/1987	154	58	Wimbledon Hawks					
2	Freya BLOUNT	7/06/1996	170	60	University of Birmingham					
3	Jennifer BENNETT	3/11/1987	164	58	Wimbledon Hawks					
4	Alexandra PEILL	2/06/1991	163	63	Wimbledon Hawks					
6	Caroline SELLAR	16/12/1988	173	76	Glasgow Sharks					
7	Lucy JONES	31/10/1995	167	65	University of Birmingham					
8	Frankie HOCKING	6/08/1989	175	73	Newtown Breakaways					
9	Charlotte-Ellen EALES	13/02/1993	158	63	Wimbledon Hawks					
10	Ellie SUTHERLAND	20/08/1991	168	68	Glasgow Sharks					
11	Lisa WILSON	3/07/1991	164	56	Wimbledon Hawks					
12	Stacey HUGHES	28/10/1984	172	90	Glasgow Sharks					
13	Carolyn BAKER	5/07/1988	171	83	Glasgow Sharks					
14	Rania RAMADAN	16/10/1986	174	66	Nottingham Scorpions					
16	Beth BAILEY	10/05/1985	174	69	Nottingham Scorpions					
17	Danni SAULTER	17/11/1987	163	55	Nottingham Scorpions					
18	Laura PARK	17/10/1996	163	66	Greater Glasgow Giants					
19	Melanie McDEVITT	27/12/1981	170	64	Glasgow Sharks					
20	Rosie MORISON	18/06/1978	171	56	Newtown Breakaways					
21	Rachel GOULDINGAY	22/07/1982	162	65	Wandsworth Demons					
22	Jessica MILFORD	5/07/1991	177	70	Wimbledon Hawks					
23	Alannah BLOUNT	16/02/1994	181	62	Sheffield Thunder					
26	Lynsey TORRANCE	26/11/1975	164	81	Glasgow Sharks					
33	Rachel HUNT	11/03/1993	165	68	Wandsworth Demons					
34	Laura TURNER	18/05/1983	163	54	Nottingham Scorpions					
36	Louise SMITH	10/10/1985	172	80	Glasgow Sharks					
38	Lara CREBER	1/09/1981	178	72	Sydney University					
40	Lauren SHORT	3/11/1995	170	59	UHS-VU Women					
71	Alex SAULTER	20/05/1989	163	56	Nottingham Scorpions					
81	Kirsty GRAY	19/06/1981	165	56	Greater Glasgow Giants					
83	Lucy KILHEENEY	20/04/1998	167	65	Nottingham Scorpions					

Banshees know how to win

The Irish Banshees hope to play an attacking and exciting brand of footy at this year's AFL International Cup.

The Banshees first entered international competition in 2010 and in the intervening period have lost only three competitive matches. Emma Kelly, who will play in her third AFL International Cup, is the sole surviving member of the 2010 squad.

The Banshees have been one of the leading lights in international football, winning

the inaugural women's edition of the AFL International Cup (2011) and were beaten in the final in 2014.

On the European stage the Banshees hold a record five Euro Cup titles. Success is not limited to the team, with many individual awards being garnered along the way; undoubtedly the highlight was Irish Banshee stalwart Laura Corrigan Duryea, who this year was the first non-Australian player in the NAB AFL Women's competition for Melbourne.

PLAYER TO WATCH Carolann Cassidy

Carolann Cassidy is returning for her second International Cup having made her debut in 2014. The teak-tough but stylish defender has grown into one of the leaders of the team, with a commanding voice and a willingness to put the body on the line for her teammates.



IRELAND BANSHEES

CAPTAIN: LAURA CORRIGAN DURYEA **COACHES: PAT LEAVY, BRENDAN KELLY**

TEAM MANAGER: PAT LEAVY **COLOURS: GREEN**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1		MATCH 2		MATCH 3		MATCH 4		MATCH 5	
						G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B
1	Claire DONNELLY	12/10/1983	156	52	Ulster Kookaburras										
2	Amanda MAGINN	25/11/1991	174	70	Ulster Kookaburras										
3	Rachel McGEE	11/03/1994	169	56	Ulster Kookaburras										
4	Sarah O'DONOVAN	15/12/1994	174	68	U.C.C. Crusaders										
5	Laura FLANNERY	17/03/1981	165	56	Dublin Angels										
6	Emma KELLY	22/04/1985	165	64	Ulster Kookaburras										
7	Fiona ROARTY	19/10/1987	166	63	Ulster Kookaburras										
8	Carolann CASSIDY	7/12/1987	165	62	Ulster Kookaburras										
9	Olivia McCANN	8/12/1988	177	64	Ulster Kookaburras										
10	Onóra MULCAHY	27/09/1989	166	63	Wandsworth Demons										
11	Laura CORRIGAN DURYEA	14/12/1983	180	78	Diamond Creek / Melbourne Demons										
12	Carol BREEN	21/01/1986	168	65	UTS Shamrocks										
13	Niamh HAINSWORTH	8/08/1980	178	67	UTS Shamrocks										
14	Linda CONNOLLY	4/01/1984	176	64	Wandsworth Demons										
15	Clara FITZPATRICK	1/10/1990	181	78	Diamond Creek										
16	Megan CREEGAN	12/07/1998	172	80	Sydney University										
17	Molly CULLEN	26/05/1997	162	62	Dublin Angels										
18	Marie KEATING	1/08/1982	170	78	U.C.C. Crusaders										
19	Aisling GILLESPIE	21/09/1995	175	68	Ulster Kookaburras										
20	Rachel FOX	14/09/1998	173	58	Perth Angels										
21	Sandra RYAN	21/02/1982	165	74	UTS Shamrocks										
22	Colleen QUINN	20/07/1983	158	70	Ulster Kookaburras										
23	Gillian BEHAN	1/09/1987	170	60	UTS Shamrocks										
24	Emma TREANOR	27/06/1985	165	64	UTS Shamrocks										
25	Maebh MORIARTY	12/08/1985	164	66	Diamond Creek										
26	Leona RUSSELL	23/11/1989	157	68	Ulster Kookaburras										
28	Aine HIGGINS	18/09/1994	187	75	Dublin Angels										
29	Deborah GERAGHTY	20/03/1990	167	63	UTS Shamrocks										
30	Bronagh SHERIDAN	14/12/1983	175	65	Dublin Angels										
36	Christine McCUTCHEON	18/04/1988	177	71	UTS Shamrocks										

Pakistan's focus on pride

This year's AFL International Cup is the Pakistan women's team first international tournament.

The team consists players from diverse backgrounds, but all with a common passion for Australian Football and a dream to recognise female participation in sports. The young women hail from various provinces and have different upbringings. Each player adds unique experience and spirit to the team.

The squad was involved in various

strength-training drills, practice and stamina-building activities prior to the tournament. The team has worked hard to get to this point and looks forward to participating at this event.

The girls are dedicated and motivated to play at their full capacity. This will be their debut performance as a national team and they plan to march forward with diligence, devotion and an avid aspiration to make their nation proud.

PLAYER TO WATCH Myra Ahmad



Sport has always been in Myra Ahmad's blood and it has played a huge part in her life. She was introduced to footy two years ago and immediately fell in love with the game. Football quickly became her favourite sport. The captain, who plays at centre half-forward, marks strongly and kicks the ball well.

PAKISTAN SHAHEENS

CAPTAIN: **MYRA AHMAD** COACH: **IMRAN ILYAS**

TEAM MANAGER: **TAYYAB CHATTHA** COLOURS: **GREEN AND WHITE**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Haider ABIHA	23/02/1996	165	58	High Lander					
2	Khan ASMA	12/07/1994	160	67	Islamabad					
3	Fatima MISBAH	31/12/1994	165	50	Islamabad					
4	Ali KARISHMA	22/06/1997	163	49	Gilgit					
5	Bano SALIHA	9/04/1994	173	62	Gilgit					
6	Arooj HINA	17/10/1994	163	56	Islamabad					
7	Ul Nisa NOOR	15/12/1997	165	50	Islamabad					
8	Kamal SONUM	18/02/2000	165	63	Lahore University					
9	Mushtaq CHAMAN	8/07/1994	157	40	Rawalpindi Queen					
10	ERAJ	13/09/1998	170	65	Gilgit					
11	Arif IMAMA	15/01/1999	163	61	Rawalpindi Club					
12	Murtaza Awan MEMOONA	8/08/1993	168	68	Islamabad					
13	Myra AHMAD	14/04/1997	170	63	Islamabad					
15	Khan SHANDANA	18/06/1997	165	68	High Lander					
16	SAWERA	3/05/2000	168	67	Islamabad					
17	Majeed SAMINA	6/06/1994	170	55	Gilgit					
18	Amir GHAZLA	20/10/1995	168	54	Lahore University					
19	Batool FARZANA	16/06/1994	165	56	Sargodha University					
21	Saed ASSABOOH	5/11/1990	157	50	Islamabad					
23	Habib ASMRA	10/08/1993	160	49	Islamabad					
25	Mumtaz SALMA	16/12/1996	163	70	Islamabad					
26	Bibi FASIA	13/05/1992	163	58	High Lander					
27	Masoud HAMDA	9/06/2000	157	45	Lahore LG					
28	Masoud LABIA	20/01/2002	173	50	Lahore LG Club					
29	Ammara RAJA	3/10/1995	163	61	Pakistan Shaheens					
30	Faeza JAVAID	2/07/1981	165	61	Pakistan Shaheens					
31	Quratulain AALI	23/09/1980	163	55	Pakistan Shaheens					
32	Hina KHALID	8/01/1985	161	56	Pakistan Shaheens					

Flames sure to draw fans

The Flames' passion burns brightly and they have a fiery playing strip to match. The women's national team was absent from the 2014 AFL International Cup, so this squad is striving to prove a point about the quality of football in PNG.

Coach Johnathan Ila has not let a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis deny him the chance to lead the team to success. Training over the last few months has helped the team build a strong sense of camaraderie

and leadership. The team features players from the AFL PNG talent pathway, a system that sees Under-14 and Under-16 girls travel to Queensland to compete in state carnivals. The Flames will be looking to utilise those players' experiences as a way of building a strong, cohesive team.

The Flames will also be looking to replicate the strong past performances of PNG's men's teams and if they play in the same exciting manner, will likely be a crowd-pleaser.

PLAYER TO WATCH Prudence Sindriwen

Prudence 'Sindi' Sindriwen and the Sindriwen family live and breathe football. When not playing or coaching, she works full-time as a development officer at AFL PNG. This means she is responsible for introducing thousands of primary school-aged students to the game. Sindriwen plays in the centre, has speed to burn and terrific skills.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA FLAMES

LEADER: **PRUDENCE SINDRIWEN** COACH: **JONATHAN ILA**

TEAM MANAGER: **JOSEPHINE ILA** COLOURS: **YELLOW, BLACK AND RED**



No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Brigid GAUR	17/06/1998	150	61	Aspley					
2	Alison GAUR	30/05/1992	155	62	Aspley					
3	Vaine LAI	22/11/1996	156	60	Koboni					
4	Tonok HEDWICK	27/07/1992	156	60	Gerehu Magpies					
5	Lilah Esther MALABAG	3/09/2000	157	54	Oilmin Kokofas					
6	Alice ALOIS	28/09/1996	159	56	Koboni					
7	Valerie MAI	9/09/1997	159	61	Bomana Cats					
8	Manicha METTAKAISAVA	4/12/1992	160	55	Oilmin Bombers					
9	Miriam AGITA	9/09/1998	160	63	Townsville					
10	Virginia KIWA	18/01/1996	160	62	St.Kevin's					
11	Alphonsa BAI	7/12/1989	160	65	Gerehu Magpies					
12	Warambina ANITA	6/07/1995	160	56	Salle Dogs					
14	Vanessa PISEP	4/10/1997	162	54	Salle Dogs					
15	Taiva LAVAI	16/09/1993	162	51	Koboni					
16	Bauwase MAUREEN	16/09/1988	162	65	Lamana Dockers					
18	Fatima SOVARA	27/09/1996	163	66	Gerehu Magpies					
19	Jacqueline MCDOA	26/11/1994	164	65	Mt Hagen					
20	Florentyna RAY	11/07/2000	165	60	Bomana Cats					
21	Vincensiana KAIPU	7/08/1999	166	52	Lamana Dockers					
22	Piwen KUTAN	1/11/1998	166	63	Kavieng					
23	Jessley MELI	24/03/1998	166	50	Salle Dogs					
24	Eliana KAPUTIN	20/05/1991	166	63	Zillmere					
25	Prudence SINDRIWEN	17/01/1991	167	50	Bomana Cats					
26	Phyllia PISEP	19/01/1999	167	50	Salle Dogs					
27	Ruth CUTTING	21/12/1998	167	58	Manunda Hawks					
28	Samantha BANDI	22/05/2001	170	68	Cranbourne					
29	Iki LOREEN	24/04/1992	170	75	Oilmin Kokofas					
30	Elma EMIL	7/04/1995	175	60	Koboni					

Freedom aim for final finish

Celebrating their 10th anniversary in 2017, the USA Freedom enter the AFL International Cup trying to reach the Grand Final after finishing third in their first two attempts.

The growth of women's footy in the United States can be measured by the fact that 10 members of the Freedom only picked up the game in 2014.

Leigh Barnes' squad will look to use its height to its advantage, with players such as

Katrina Scherer, Brette Brower and Natalie Wolff adept at rucking as well as winning marking contests.

Thirteen-year USAFL veteran Andrea Casillas is the key in a hard-hitting backline, while the offensive arsenal is led by Lindsay Kastanek, former pro soccer goalkeeper Carly Smolak and Kim Hemenway.

Speedy midfielders Jessica Estrada, Jessica Blecher and Melissa Armstrong provide pace and good handball skills.

PLAYER TO WATCH Katie Klatt

After discovering footy in late 2013, Virginia native Katie Klatt went from football newbie to vice-captain of the USA Freedom in just two seasons. A rangy defender able to produce booming kicks with both legs, Klatt joined the Melbourne University from the Sacramento Suns last season.



USA FREEDOM

CAPTAIN: **HALLIE KASTANEK** COACH: **LEIGH BARNES**

TEAM MANAGER: **JESS WHISNEY** COLOURS: **RED, WHITE AND BLUE**

No	Name	DOB	HT cm	WT kg	Home club	MATCH 1 G B	MATCH 2 G B	MATCH 3 G B	MATCH 4 G B	MATCH 5 G B
1	Alison BREMNER	20/05/1982	177	73	Denver Bulldogs					
2	Jessica ESTRADA	16/07/1984	166	62	San Francisco Iron Maidens					
3	Brette BROWER	14/11/1985	176	79	San Francisco Iron Maidens					
4	Catherine GEORGIADIS	21/07/1985	170	57	Minnesota Freeze					
5	Bevin ENGLISH	26/12/1985	173	70	San Francisco Iron Maidens					
6	Jessica GRAY	25/12/1989	168	61	Denver Bulldogs					
7	Carly SMOLAK	13/08/1979	178	75	San Francisco Iron Maidens					
8	Jessica BLECHER	23/03/1994	165	68	Portland Sockeyes					
9	Catherine HOHA	5/04/1979	170	68	Minnesota Freeze					
10	Katie KLATT	7/09/1991	173	71	Sacramento Suns					
11	Andrea CASILLAS	28/11/1981	174	59	New York Magpies					
12	Katrina SCHERER	1/12/1992	180	63	Columbus Jilaroos					
13	Kim HEMENWAY	13/04/1984	175	66	New York Magpies					
14	Elizabeth DANIELSON	19/02/1989	176	98	Sacramento Suns					
15	Margaret LEONE	7/03/1988	175	66	San Francisco Iron Maidens					
16	Lauren SHELTON	12/02/1986	163	74	Minnesota Freeze					
17	Karen STABLEIN	4/11/1985	168	62	Baltimore/Washington Eagles					
18	Natalie WOLFF	16/08/1982	180	75	New York Magpies					
19	Oahn NGUYEN	9/06/1989	168	58	Sacramento Suns					
20	Paige KIECKER	2/03/1992	178	75	Minnesota Freeze					
21	Hallie KASTANEK	20/12/1985	183	77	Denver Bulldogs					
22	Rosemary KLOH	22/03/1993	180	77	Sacramento Suns					
23	Sara MAGALLON	1/04/1988	168	65	San Francisco Iron Maidens					
24	Melissa ARMSTRONG	8/12/1982	165	66	Arizona Hawks					
25	Siobhan McHALE	6/09/1984	161	64	New York Magpies					
26	Emily RIEHL	30/05/1984	163	55	Baltimore/Washington Eagles					
27	Lindsey KASTANEK	18/12/1983	180	73	Denver Bulldogs					
28	Robyn LESLIE	3/02/1988	176	68	San Francisco Iron Maidens					