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FIVE WA JOEYS OFF TO WORLD CUP

Qantas Joeys Head Coach Jan Versleijen today announced his squad for the 2011 FIFA Under 17 World Cup in Mexico.

The 21-player squad includes five West Australian products with Tom King (Applecross), Dylan Tombides, Jesse Makarounas (Marangaroo), Mitchell Oxborrow (Hocking) and Riley Woodcock (Kelmescott) all selected.

Versleijen's preliminary squad also included another WA player in Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) scholarship holder Matthew Davies.

King and Tombides (Wembley Downs and Stirling Lions junior) are the only two players in the squad who are based overseas with English giants Liverpool and West Ham United respectively.

Makarounas was also recently signed to a senior contact with Hyundai A-League side Perth Glory.

All players bar Tombides have graduated through Football West's highly-successful National Training Centre (NTC) and Football West Game Development Manager Andrew Bettell is thrilled with the selection of more WA stars.

"It is another great result for the NTC program which continues to produce quality players for our National Squads," said Bettell.

"We register fewer than seven percent of players in the West and these four NTC players represent 19 percent of the squad.

"The last five or six years have seen a great transformation in the fortunes of Western Australian players as we continue to punch well above our weight."

The Qantas Joeys are currently in a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, under the supervision of Assistant coach Gary van Egmond and FFA Assistant Technical Director Alistair Edwards whilst Jan Versleijen is in Europe with the Qantas Young Socceroos.

During this camp, the Qantas Joeys have been put through their paces by the presenters and candidates of the Pro-Diploma Coaching course including the well respected Football Conditioning expert, Dr Raymond Verheijen and former National Youth Coach and current Hyundai A-League championship winning coach Ange Postecoglou.

The Qantas Joeys will assemble in Sydney on Tuesday to attend a farewell function and then travel to Mexico on Wednesday 8 June for a pre-tournament camp in Pachuca, where they will play friendly matches against Canada (13 June) and Uruguay (15 June). They will then move to their base camp in the city of Guadalajara, during the first phase of the tournament on the 16 June.



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The Qantas Joeys will play their first match of the tournament against Côte d'Ivoire on Monday 20 June, and then face Brazil on Thursday 23 June before their final group match against Denmark on Sunday 26 June.

Qantas Joeys Squad for FIFA U-17 World Cup 2011 Mexico

*WA players highlighted in bold

Name	Club
Nicholas ANSELL	Melbourne Victory
Corey BROWN	AIS
Connor CHAPMAN	AIS
Mitch COOPER	Gold Coast United
Milos DEGENEK	AIS
Hernan ESPINDOLA	AIS
Paul IZZO (gk)	AIS
Teeboy KAMARA	AIS
Tom KING	Liverpool FC
Jesse MAKAROUNAS	AIS
Stefan MAUK	AIS
Jacob MELLING	AIS
Jake MONACO	AIS
Mitchell OXBORROW	AIS
Yianni PERKATIS	AIS
Anthony PROIA	AIS
Luke REMINGTON	NNSWIS
Daniel SADAKA (gk)	Sutherland Sharks
Lachlan TIBBLES (gk)	AIS
Dylan TOMBIDES	West Ham United
Riley WOODCOCK	AIS

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