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FOUR WA MATILDAS HEADING TO WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Western Australia will have four representatives take part in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany, after Westfield Matildas Head Coach Tom Sermanni named his final 21-player squad today.

17-year-old Sam Kerr (Kardinya) will make her World Cup debut next month and joins her experienced compatriots in Matildas vice-captain Collette McCallum (Kinross), Lisa De Vanna (Spearwood) and Canberra-based Lydia Williams.

Head Coach Sermanni admits that trimming the squad was extremely difficult.

"This has been one of the toughest selection processes I have ever had to go through and there were a lot of variables the coaching staff had to weigh up before selecting this final 21 player list," said Sermanni.

"The camps have been incredibly competitive and players have emerged during this process that were not even on my list when we won the AFC Women's Asian Cup last year.

"Overall I am very happy with the composition of the squad but it is incredibly difficult to have to leave certain players out.

"The team has changed dramatically in the past 18 months and as I said before the Asian Cup we will definitely go into this tournament with cautious optimism."

Perth Glory striker Kerr says she is over the moon to be able to join the team in Germany.

"I'm pretty excited to be selected, it's so close now," she said.

"You're never too confident of being selected, but I thought I did well in the training camps and with a bit of luck, I'm happy to be a part of it.

"Hopefully we can do better than the Quarter Finals stage like last time, which has to be the aim for us.

"It's a bit nerve-racking playing Brazil first up, but we have to go in with a bit of confidence and play well."

The Westfield Matildas leave for Germany on June 14 to play in two training matches against Mexico (June 20 - Gottingen) and England (June 23 - Wolfsburg) prior to their first match against Brazil on June 29 (June 30, 2.15am AEST SBS ONE), before playing Equatorial Guinea on July 3 (10pm AEST SBS TWO) and Norway on July 6 (July 7, 2am AEST SBS ONE).

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Westfield Matildas FIFA Women's World Cup 2011 squad



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***WA players highlighted in bold**

'A' games	All games	All games	Age	Club
Teigen Allen	7 (0)	7 (0)	2010-2011 17	Sydney FC
Laura Alleway	2 (0)	2 (0)	2010-2011 21	Brisbane Roar
Melissa Barbieri	76 (0)	83 (0)	2002-2010 31	Melbourne Victory
Tameka Butt	19 (1)	19 (1)	2007-2010 19	Brisbane Roar
Kim Carroll	38 (2)	40 (2)	2005-2011 23	Brisbane Roar
Lauren Colthorpe	49 (6)	49 (6)	2005-2010 25	Brisbane Roar
Lisa De Vanna	65 (24)	72 (24)	2004-2010 26	Brisbane Roar/magicJack
Casey Dumont	0 (0)	0 (0)	- 19	Brisbane Roar
Caitlin Foord	1 (1)	1 (1)	2011- 16	Sydney FC
Heather Garriock	119 (20)	128 (21)	1999-2010 28	Sydney FC/LdB Malmo
Elise Kellond-Knight	19 (0)	19 (0)	2007-2011 20	Brisbane Roar
Samantha Kerr	13 (3)	13 (3)	2009-2011 17	Perth Glory
Leena Khamis	16 (4)	16 (4)	2008-2011 24	Sydney FC
Collette McCallum	62 (9)	64 (9)	2005-2010 25	Perth Glory
Ellyse Perry	13 (2)	13 (2)	2007-2011 20	Canberra United
Clare Polkinghorne	43 (2)	43 (2)	2006-2011 24	Brisbane Roar
Sally Shipard	52 (3)	59 (4)	2004-2010 25	Canberra United
Kyah Simon	24 (4)	24 (4)	2007-2011 19	Sydney FC
Servet Uzunlar	20 (1)	20 (1)	2008-2011 21	Sydney FC
Emily van Egmond	3 (0)	3 (0)	2010-2011 17	Canberra United
Lydia Williams	24 (0)	24 (0)	2005-2011 23	Canberra United

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