

Martin Boyle helps Socceroos to victory over Palestine with goal and two assists

Hibs star man Martin Boyle played his part in Australia's impressive 5-0 victory over Palestine at HBF Park in Perth yesterday, scoring his sides fourth goal after providing two assists in the Socceroos' World Cup qualifier.

The hosts opened the scoring in the third minute with a penalty converted by Kusini Yengi then doubled their lead midway through the first half when Boyle set up Adam Taggart who finished neatly in the corner.

Yengi doubled his tally shortly before the break when he slammed home from close range after Boyle twisted and turned his way through two defenders in the box.

The Socceroos started the second half in style and scored again in the 53rd minute, when Taggart returning the favour with a cutback to Boyle allowing him to tap home into an empty net.

In the 70th minute Nestory Irankunda came on to the pitch for his debut on Australian soil, replacing Boyle.

More substitutions followed 12 minutes later Hearts midfielder Cammy Devlin entering the fray.

Australia added a fifth three minutes from time when Irankunda fired home a penalty to make the score 5-0.

It was the sixth clean sheet the team recorded in this round of qualifying seeing them finish atop the group with 18 points and 22 goals from the six games.