

Overseas players recalled for Gold Cup match

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Twenty-five year old defensive midfielder Oneil Thompson of Norwegian Notodden has been recalled to Jamaica's 20-man squad for the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Thompson helped Jamaica win the Digicel Caribbean Championship which secured the country's qualification to the Gold Cup.

Defender Eric Vernon, who took the Digicel Championship MVP Award and goalkeeper Dwayne Miller are the only local based players in the squad.

Captain Ricardo Gardner and experienced defender Ian Goodison, who both missed the one week camp in the Cayman Islands, will be among the 13 players who leave on Tuesday at 12.15 for the United States

Jamal Campbell Ryce and Demar Phillips will also depart from Kingston on Tuesday for Miami where the Theodore Whitmore coached squad will overnight.

Thompson and Rudolph Austin will travel from Europe while US based players Donovan Ricketts.

Tyrone Marshall, Omar Cummings, Nicholas Adlery and Dane Richards will join the squad in Los Angeles.

Claude Davis, Damion Stewart, Rafe Wolfe, Jermaine Johnson, Jason Morrison, Ricardo Fuller and Luton Shelton complete the squad which will be Jamaica's seventh appearance at the Gold Cup.

Jamaica, who shared third place with Costa Rica in 1993, will face Canada in Friday's opening game of the 12 team championship at the Home Depot Center in Los Angeles.

Jamaica, who reached the quarterfinals in 2003 and 2005, will also face Costa Rica on Tuesday and El Salvador next Friday.