

• TASSIES ARE NOW MAGPIES

SEVEN MORE FOR RULES

Southport Australian Football Club has signed another seven senior players, three from Tasmania which has long been recognised as a spawning ground of first-class Rules players. The Magpies are steadily building up the strength of the club and intend to make a strong bid for premiership honours.

The seven new players are: Maxwell Nolan (coached Maryborough 1964 - 1965 and captained St., Kilda's seconds 1955 - 1963), Guy Zammarini (from Mooreland Vic.), Kevin Roden (former back pocket man from Tasmania), Jack Clear (who played with Cocee, Tasmania), Lindsay Stonehouse (from Castra, Tasmania), Robert Ryan (from Nollamara, WA) and local boy, Frank O'Rourke.

Training

An average of 24 seniors are training regularly three times a week.

Showing particularly good form are Lee Saltzer, Geoff Whittaker, Len

Dickman and Alan Watkins; and the club is glad to see Terry Doyle also in training.

Coach Burke is settling the team into rugged, fast, play-on type football and the players are fast gaining fitness.

The under 17 team under coach Walters, are devoting much time to physical fitness.

Gary Allard, Shane Bell, Pat Gearon and Wayne Reibelt are showing keenness and training well.

Unless intending players are fit and training as a team, they cannot expect to make the final selection to start the season, so Coach Walters expects to see a full complement training from this week on.

Juniors

Attendances in the under 14 is increasing every week, and last week an average of 23 boys attended training, including Steven Cranny, Chris Bell, Chris Szalkowski, Paul and Wayne Chaffney, Chris Hoskins and Tony Walters.

Also signed up is Hayden Gazzard, son of Bob Gazzard, champion full-back from Geelong.

The team is in full training, but any lad interested in playing Rules is invited along on Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30 p.m. at Owen Park.

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