

Magpies take Dingoes under their wing

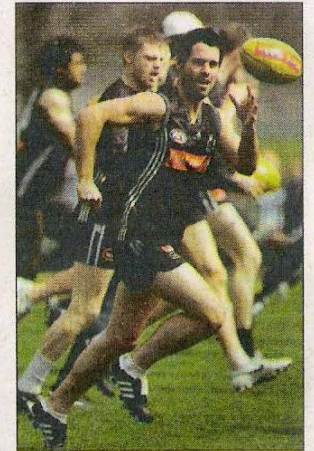
AUSTRALIAN football in the UAE has received a huge boost with the announcement of an historic partnership between AFL giants Collingwood and the Dubai Dingoes, 7DAYS can reveal. The Dingoes will become one of Collingwood's sister clubs - an invaluable step forward as they seek to grow the game right here in the UAE. Collingwood, who are sponsored by Emirates, are the AFL's biggest club, and

the Dingoes are understandably thrilled by their offer of support. Spokesman Stephen Nugent told 7DAYS: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome Collingwood FC to town and we are extremely excited about the sister club agreement. We will now have the assistance of the AFL's biggest and most famous club to help us grow our club and develop the game of Aussie rules here in the UAE. "We currently have 60

members and now we have an official tie in with Collingwood FC which will enable us to move up to the next level in terms of organisation and structure. "It's a very exciting time for footy here in the UAE." Collingwood, who have a similar arrangement with teams in London and New York, say they will assist the Dingoes in whatever way they can. "We do come to Dubai quite a lot as we are sponsored by Emirates, and it's a

pleasure to get involved with the guys from the Dingoes, who are clearly very passionate about the sport," said Magpies marketing director David Emerson. "Whether it's simply providing equipment or helping with coaching, we're glad to support them as they look to boost the sport here in the UAE." Collingwood coach Mick Malthouse presented Dingoes captain Mick Patton with a signed

Collingwood jersey to mark the start of the partnership. The Dingoes will play the city's other Aussies rules team - Dubai Heat - in an exhibition match before tomorrow's NAB Cup clash at Ghantoot Polo Club. The Dingoes were set up just nine months ago, and train regularly at Safa Park. They are constantly on the look-out for new players, and anyone wishing to get involved can find information on www.dubaidingoes.com.



PARTNERS: Collingwood

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