



**CHAMPIONSHIP BID:** Selected players Matt Whitford (left), Gabe Phillips, Andrew Milsom, Aysh Simper and Mike Zaluski.

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# Gaelic footy goal

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CLUB rivalries will be forgotten later this month as a handful of Southern Football League players join forces to represent South Australia in a greater football cause.

Six players **Gabe Phillips**, **Matt Whitford** and **Aysh Simper** (Brighton Bombers), **Mike Zaluski** and **Andrew Milsom** (Morphett Vale) and **Anthony Huebner** (Happy Valley) are members of the SA squad for the Australasian Gaelic Football Champion-

ships. The titles are being played in Melbourne from September 28 to October 4.

With the SFL season now behind them - with Morphett Vale defeating Reynella in last weekend's grand final - Whitford and Zaluski are looking forward to the chance to represent SA in the Irish game.

"Unless you play AFL at an elite level, you'll never really have the chance to play for SA," Whitford said last week.

"But it will be good to put on the red top for the State in the Gaelic competition -

and hopefully beat the Vics." The Brighton defender made his Gaelic football debut for Onkaparinga last summer after being encouraged to try out by Bomber team mate **Gabe Phillips**. Zaluski lines up for the St Brendan's Gaelic Football Club in the Irish code.

■ The local Gaelic Football and Hurling Association of SA competition - which also includes the Flinders O'Neills, Irish Australians, Na Fianna, Western Ireland and Mitcham Hawks clubs - kicks off at St Mary's Park next month.