

# Ex-Southport Rules ace makes Vic. big time

Former Southport Australian Rules player, Ken Best, has been making a name for himself in the south where he has been named as one of the most impressive new recruits of the season with the famous Collingwood club, in the Victorian Football League.

Ken, who played with Southport during 1966 and captained the Magpies in 1967, is a brilliant young footballer and everyone on the Coast wishes him well in his bid to break into the big time with Collingwood.

Ken should not feel too strange when he plays for Collingwood, as both Southport and Collingwood have the same colours — black and white stripes.

## Club news

### PALM BEACH-CURRUMBIN

Secretary Frank Travaglia reports from the Lions camp that things are really starting to move. Frank himself has been relegated to behind the fence this season because of a cartilage injury, but hopes to be back again next season.

Senior coach for the Lions is Ken Lister, ex-Sandgate star, and juniors coach is Darryl Hodgetts. Both are players of immense experience and no doubt they will soon turn their respective teams into formidable combinations.

Training is held at Salk Oval from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday evening, and all players, both old and new, are invited to attend. Junior coach, D. Hogdetts would like to see more junior players in the under 17 and under 14 divisions turning up for training.

New players to sign up this season are M. Turn-

bull (Cairns), ruck rover G. Phelps (Cairns) and Keith Jenkins who has returned from South Australia to rejoin the Lions.

## Comebacks

Evergreen Ron Derrick will soon be back into the fray as will be star rover and forward Barry Henwood. Also playing this season will be former Currumbin champion junior footballer, Greg Daniels, son of well-known Australian Rules player, Roley Daniels who was one of the early organisers of Australian Rules football on the Coast about eight years ago.

Another star player of several years ago, Alan Hendry, is also making a comeback after being on the injured list.

Palm Beach-Currumbin's new amenities centre, built jointly by the Palm Beach-Currumbin Lions Club and the Gold Coast City Council, is proving very popular and will give the players and supporters this season added comfort.

## LABRADOR

Labrador players still continue to train well under new coach Graeme Whitfield. Only sour note for the tigers is that giant ruckman Brian Gibbons may soon be lost to national service.

Good ruckmen are undoubtedly hard to come by and Brian is one of the few top ruckmen on the Coast at present.

One of the Tigers' most avid supporters this year will be star comedian Syd Heylan who has said that

he will be behind the club to the limit. His employer and patron of the club, Stan Elson, has suggested that Syd should play in the ruck but Syd has other ideas.

Labrador will be the first club this season to start a girls' cheer squad and any teenage girls wishing to join may do so by contacting Leonie Taylor at 2-4060.

A working bee will be held at the Labrador oval tomorrow at 1.30 p.m. and all players and club members are asked to turn up — the more that turn up the less work for everyone.

## Busy time

### SOUTHPORT

Senior coach John Fildes and under 17 coach Bevan Walters are busily arranging training schedules for their respective players at Owen Park, but both would like to see all the Southport players from last season back into training as soon as possible.

Any new players who desire to play with the Magpies are welcome to turn out for training.

Star ruckman, Darryl

Blake, who is nursing a bad ankle injury may not play this season, but he is not idle because he is doing a great job coaching the Southport under 14 squad.

Southport first 18 have lost many of their team from last year, but as usual are expected to line up the usual strong team.

With players of the calibre of Dave and Warren Burns, Geoff Alexander, Paul O'Doherty, Derrick Burrington, Len Dickman, Adrian Nunn training well, with Ken Sharp back in training after the Australian Surf Championships, and the return of Terry Doyle and Paul Hood, the Magpies will be in there fighting.

This Sunday, practice games will be played at the Labrador oval between Labrador and Southport clubs.

The senior game starts at 2.30 p.m. and juniors play at 12.30 p.m. All seniors and juniors in the under 17 and under 14 divisions are asked to attend for important match practice and all new players are invited to attend.

—PUNT HIGH

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