

# Victorian Rules ace to get big welcome

Top Victorian Australian Rules star, Ron Barassi, will attend the game of the day at Owen Park on Sunday between Southport and Surfers Paradise. He arrives on the Gold Coast at midday on Sunday and will call at the Currumbin and Coolangatta grounds before arriving at Owen Park.

Barassi's visit is played last Sunday sponsored by TAA. He against Coolangatta but will give lectures on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and return to Victoria on Thursday.

The Surfers Paradise-Southport clash should provide plenty of action-packed football, although Southport are struggling to field a strong team as they have 10 players on the injured list at the moment.

Latest casualty is Len Dickman who has his leg in plaster, and he may be out for the rest of the season.

Both Collins and Hood suffered injuries last Sunday and may have to miss the game on Sunday.

Southport's vice-captain Dave Burns, will be back into the fray after suffering a broken finger in the Gold Coast game. He

is played last Sunday took things very easy. Brilliant forward Ken Best still has one week to serve of his suspension so the Magpies will need a miracle to win this one.

Surfers also has several injuries but most of these are expected to be cleared up by Sunday. Don Franks who missed last week's game will be back into the team as will be "Irish" Donaghue.

## Even

The two early curtain-raisers at Owen Park should produce good close football.

The under 17 teams are evenly matched and Surfers Paradise will be all out to give Southport their first defeat for the season.

However, the Southport boys are playing premier-ship football at the moment and will be hard to toss.

New Surfers player, Gary Masters, will help boost the Demons' strength while Alan Marsh is back into the team after a week's suspension.

In the under 14 game, Surfers look the winners but Southport, under new coach Leo Busch, had a very impressive win last Sunday against Coolangatta and the Magpies could seriously test the crack Surfers team.

## Trouble?

At Peak oval, Labrador will visit Coolangatta and the Tigers, with Brian Gibbins still under suspension and several players on the doubtful list, including star coach Grueme Whitfield, may find themselves in trouble against the Blues.

Coolangatta are always a hard team to defeat on their home ground so the game could turn out to be a close one.

With Ritchie Andrews' injured leg improving and with the top form shown by Monte-Hall, Peters and Curren, the Blues will be all out to bring off the surprise of the year.

Labrador has to win this one to make sure of their second position on the ladder; so even without several of their star players, the Tigers will really be out to win.

## Tough

In the under 17 game, Coolangatta may find the improved Labrador team hard to defeat as the Tigers are playing good football now and put up a great performance last Sunday against the Lions.

Labrador may hold too many guns for Coolangatta in the under 14 game.

At Salk Oval, Palm Beach-Currumbin will be at home to Lismore and the Lions should increase their percentage in this game.

After the Lions' impressive win over Labrador last Sunday, Lismore won't be in the race, and their seventh win for the season looks home and hosed.

In the junior curtain-raisers the Lions should prove too strong for the up-and-coming Lismore juniors.

## Clinics

All clubs are asked to organise their junior players to attend the respective clinics on Monday at the Labrador Oval for Labrador, Southport and Surfers junior and schoolboys; and on Tuesday at Salk Oval for southern schoolboys and junior players. Both clinics start at 4 p.m.

Senior players are reminded also of the lecture and film night at the Gold Coast hotel, Burleigh Heads, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

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