

Rules to Surfers in 1968 Pennant

In a thrill-packed game at Salk oval, Currumbin, on Sunday, Surfers Paradise defeated Palm Beach-Currumbin by only 15 points to take out the 1968 Pennant. The game was full of exciting football at its best, with the capacity crowd of nearly 10,000 people cheering on the two teams.

It was a game better than any seen in the history of a grand final and (42). Surfers Paradise deserved to win after their unbeaten season. But it was a great bid by the Lions to snatch the premiership a vengeance, and a quick away from the Demons.

Soon after the start of the second quarter the Lions had scored seven goals to the Demons two, and it looked as if Surfers Paradise had met their match.

But it was not to be, as the Demons fought back and went on to win narrowly. Palm Beach-Currumbin's coach, Ron Derrick, who was not expected to play, turned out for the Lions but was confined to a forward pocket instead of playing at his centre position.

The loss of star backman, Derrell Hodgetta, at three quarter time also decreased the Lions' chance of winning in the last quarter.

The umpire's decisions in the second quarter were most baffling and seemed to allow the Demons to get back on their feet.

In the two junior curtain-raiser, Surfers Paradise made it three premiership in a row, for the second consecutive season with easy wins in the under 17 and under 14 grand finals over Southport.

Final scores: A grade Surfers Paradise 13-15 (81) d. P.B. Currumbin 10-7 (67); under 17, Surfers Paradise 12-10 (82) d. Southport 5-8 (38); under 14, Surfers Paradise 8-12 (60) d. Southport 1-2 (8).

Record

A record crowd was expected to see one of the best games of the season. Surfers Paradise were the first to score — a goal to Anthony, but then the Lions came right into it and goals followed to Jenkins and Barrons to give the local team the lead. Ditchburn was in everything for the Demons, while Waller and Rae were quickly into gear for the Lions, who were surprising everyone with their speed and clever teamwork.

Derrick goalied from the forward pocket. The Lions coach, who had been a doubtful starter last week was playing in the pocket instead of his usual centre spot.

Then, for a while Surfers held sway and a goal to Garton narrowed the margin.

The rest of the quarter was all P.B. Currumbin.

With the Surfers' defenders defending well the Lions found it hard to break through, but a free to Rae before the end of the quarter and the Lions had established a 14 point lead — P.B. 4-8 (29) to Surfers Paradise 2-3 (15).

The second quarter saw Rae chalk up another for the Lions. Two costly misses by the Demons and the Lions charged forward, and quick goals to Jenkins and Waller sent the Lions drawing away to a 22 point lead.

Then the game changed completely, with Surfers Paradise taking over command.

With Anders and Freese leading brilliantly, the Demons were

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Aggressive

Surfers Paradise went into the third quarter with a vengeance, and a quick goal to the "flyer", Win grave took the Demons to a one point lead. It was all Surfers as those men to perfection. Goals to Waugh and Garton took the Demons further ahead before Jenkins goals brilliantly for the Lions.

For the rest of the quarter, both teams were unable to break their opponents backline and at the final change Surfers Lions led P.B.-C 8-6 (54), by 10 points.

With star backman Derrell Hodgetta off at three quarter time with a badly sprained ankle, it looked certain for the Lions, as goals to Waugh and Garton gave the Demons a handy lead.

However, with time running out the Lions fought back gamely and goals to Derrick and Jenkins gave fresh hope to the Lions.

But Surfers muddled and as time ran out the Demons had the 1968 flag in the bag. Final scores: Surfers Paradise 11-15 (81) d. P.B.-Currumbin 10-7 (67).

For Surfers Paradise coach, Frank Sutherland, it was his finest hour.

Best players: Surfers Paradise, P. Anders (best on the ground), M. Garton, G. Walsh, J. Freestane, G. Kincaid, P. Stevens, P. Ditchburn; P.B.-C, K. Jenkins, P. Chapman (an under 17 player), D. Hodgetta, J. McKinnon, C. Burrows, B. Henwood, P. Waller; goalkeepers: Surfers: J. Waugh (4), M. Garton (3), G. Duncan (2), G. Anthony, R. Wingrave (1 each); P.B.-C: K. Jenkins (4), R. Derrick, J. Rae (2 each), C. Burrows, P. Waller (1 each).

No match

In the under 17 curtain-raiser, Southport proved no match for the Demons and Surfers ran out comfortable winners by 44 points.

The first quarter was very even, with Surfers establishing a two-goal lead.

The second quarter saw Surfers Paradise, with a better football, completely over-run Southport, and the Demons had seven goals on the board before Southport had their first goal.

Two goals at the end of the quarter gave the Magpies fresh hope, but the last half saw the Demons hold their lead in an un-sensational game.

With Marsh, Masters and Martin in full command, the Southport players could not weed together.

Kerry Reibell tried hard for the Magpies, as did South and Kelly, but the 1968 flag was in the Demons' keeping as they ran away to a big win.

Final scores: Surfers Paradise 12-10 (82) d. Southport 5-8 (38).

Best players: Surfers: A. Marsh, R. Simon, G. Masters, B. Martin, M. Cook, J. Keir; Southport: K. Reibell, G. Morrison, P. Geason, M. Kelly, R. Smith; goalkeepers: Surfers: R. Simon (4), M. Mulcahy (2), L. Taylor, N. Enzin, S. Marsh, G. Masters, B. Martin, L. Dargaville; Southport: P. McGrath, R. Smith, M. Kelly, F. Vogel, R. Tariff (1 each).

In the under 14 curtain-raiser grand final, as predicted Surfers Paradise proved much too good for Southport.

With Ray Pilach and George Hearn in outstanding form, the Magpies were no match for the ruder Lassies v Southport crack Demons side.

Four goals in the sec-

ond quarter put paid to any chance Southport might have had, two of those being kicked by Ray Pilach from centre half forward.

In the last half, Southport kept the Demons down to only two goals but the Magpies could only score two points.

At the final siren the Demons had won by 52 points, 8-12 (60) to Southport 1-2 (8).

Best players: R. Pilach (best on the ground), G. Hearn, G. Courta, G. Barclay, G. Mace, J. Hill; Southport: C. Lenax, D. Parvati, C. Holt, P. Clark, P. Willardson, C. Skalckowski.

Goals

Leading goalkeepers (final list): 118 — J. Waugh (SP); 77 — G. Doyle; 80 — G. Whitfield (L'gor); 42 — K. Jenkins (P.B.-C); 41 — L. Winches (L'gor); 37 — G. Duncan (SP); 36 — G. Anthony (SP); 31 — P. Hood, N. Greene, T. Doyle (S); 29 — D. Clark (L'gor); 28 — P. Waller (P.B.-C); 27 — G. Daniels, R. Henwood (P.B.-C); 26 — R. Andrews (C); 23 — J. Mc-Kinnon (P.B.-C); 22 — J. Rae (P.B.-C), L. Tucker (C); 21 — L. Hauser (P.B.-C), D. Franks (SP); 20 — H. Crockett (Lia); 20 — H. Montgomery-Hall (C). Next Sunday Old-Buff-Ladies Games at Owen Park; Mouldy Moulding Magpies v Terrier Tired Tigers; Lab were no match for the ruder Lassies v Southport Sirens.

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