

# Lismore springs surprise by dashing Rules victory

Lismore brought off the Australian Rules surprise of the season last Sunday when they comfortably defeated Southport at Albert Park, and it became apparent early that Southport, weakened by injuries, were no match for Lismore on their home ground.

Another highlight of the season was the Lismore victory over Southport at Albert Park on Sunday. Lismore's easy win over Southport was the first since they had lost to the Tigers in the 1967 season. The victory was a surprise, as Southport had been the Queensland team to play Lismore last season. It was announced last week by the Queensland Football Association that young Southport under 17 player, Brian McDonald, has been selected in the Queensland team to play Lismore.

Brian also played for Queensland last season, a great honour as he was the only local boy selected.

## Dead heat

Details of Sunday's games: A grade: PE-Carrumby 17-14 (108) d Lismore 8-11 (41); Surfers Paradise 15-17 (95) d Labrador 8-5 (43); B grade: Lismore 15-9 (75) d Southport 4-9 (23); C grade: Coolangatta 13-9 (78) d PE-Currumbin 8-7 (40).

**S**urfers were first to attack and soon Winchester and kicked his 20th goal for the season, to take the Tigers to an early lead.

Surfers, however, fought back and goals by Anthony and Waugh shot the Demons to the front.

It was a fast spring and a close game action followed. At the three change Surfers led 3-2 (22) to Labrador 2-0 (12).

The second quarter began badly for the Tigers as Winchester went down heavily and was carried from the ground.

Gibbins and Franks were having close rock goals. Franks was every-where and was marking and kicking brilliantly while Graham Anthony was at his top.

Clark and Cowling were playing well for the Tigers. A point and then a goal to Whitfield brought the Tigers to within one point of the Demons.

Star centre Terry Polley was carried from the ground badly injured and the Tigers were in real trouble. Goals by Waugh and Duncan put the Demons further ahead.

Labrador were fighting gamely, but could not capitalise on their forward moves.

Whitfield, taking a fine mark over the pack goaled but Anthony replied for the Demons to make the scores at half time: Surfers 4-5 (27) to Labrador 4-1 (25).

## All Surfers

The third quarter was all Surfers, with goals to Stevens, Waugh and Anthony before Ward booted Labrador's fifth.

Labrador were making many errors as Surfers played their usual fast play on football. Two more goals, both to Duncan, put the Demons further in front.

A brilliant goal over his head by coach Whitfield, made the score at three-quarter time: Surfers 11-10 (76); Labrador 6-6 (41).

The last quarter was a very even one, with both teams playing good close football.

Each backline were working overtime as the scores for the quarter indicated - each team only scoring two goals each for the quarter.

But the Demons third quarter burst had done the damage and the Demons ran out easy winners by 42 points.

Tobacco Award winners: G. Anthony (167), J. D. Franks (157), J. D. Clark, C. Whitfield (11) each; best players: Surfers, Adams, Franks, Freeman,...

...they did the work before against Southport. It is hard to see this smart young team being defeated this season.

Best: Surfers, Hill, Her- ring, Pisch, Hurdly; Surfers; Labrador, Win- chester, Ward, Garlon, Noss.

In another close game, B. B-Currumbin scraped in narrowly against Coolangatta. Best: PBC, Gar- roy, Fielder, Tindispa, Grinler, Chapman; Coolangatta, Rosen, Harma, Ross, Neokes, Salinas.

In the early custom- raise at the Lions Club Oval, Labrador 2-5 (17) defeated Surfers Paradise 1-2 (8). Best: Labrador; Heida, Collins, Parker, Ann, Morgan, Croese; Surfers, Hall, Smith, Todd, O'Brien, Daley, Foster.

## Double

At Lismore, the local Demons scored their second win for the season over Southport.

The Magpies added their weakest side for the season due to an unusually high percentage of injuries. However, the Lismore team won the game and no credit can be taken from them.

Best players: Lismore, Sharpe, Boyd, Crumney, Simons, Matthews, Ryd- er, Viney; Southport: Scott, Burns, Whitlock, Salinas, Alexander, Most- phi, goalkeepers: P. Sydey (23), Crumney, Bennett, Poole (2 each), Crockett (1 each); Southport: Doyle (2), Alexander, Frith (1 each).

At Peak Oval, Coolangatta kept up with the Lions for two quarters but in the last half the Lions accelerated and went on to a comfortable win.

Best players: PE-Currumbin, Hill, McKinnon, Daniels, Hodgkin, Smith, Brown; Coolangatta: Price, Wasby, Ford, Petera, G. Andrews, goal- kickers, PE-C. Daniels (2), Rae (2), Hennecock, Hunsar, Hodgkin (2 each), McKinnon (1), Coolangatta: Tucker, E. Andrews (2 each), Mar- tin, Peters (1 each).

A surprise in the under 17 division was Coolangatta's big win over Palm Beach-Currumbin by the big margin of 47 points.

Best: Coolangatta, Ar- rod, Doe, Silverwood, Tucker, Everson, Gill, PBC: Orr, Lemis, Thomp- son, Poyne, Smith, Moutt. Southport defeated Lismore, but the Magpies did not have everything their own way. Best: Southport, Frith, Mc- Donald, Bedford, Garlon, Sharpe, McGrath; Lis- more, Crockett, Williams, Rose, Pearce, Buckland, Ryder.

## Mammoth

Surfers Paradise kicked a giant score over Labra- dor. Best: Surfers, Simon, Martin, Masters, Marsh, Hodgson, Emain, Mc- Whaid; Labrador, Peers, Hamrick, Hare, Walsh.

In the under 14 division Southport and Lismore drew in an exciting game at Albert Park.

Both teams played bril- liant football and no in- dividual players were mentioned as best players, because all players in both sides pulled their weight.

Surfers scored exor- citly the same score against Labrador as

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