

# Lions victory waltz in Rules semi

Talm Beach-Currumbin scorched their way to a 45 point win over Southport on Sunday in the Gold Coast Australian Football League's first semi-final at Owen Park. Southport played the last three quarters with only 16 players, but in a great effort by the Magpies in the last quarter, with all the chips down, they completely outplayed the Lions.

But the damage was done in the earlier quarters and the Lions went on to a well-deserved win.

In the first-quarter Talm Beach-Currumbin proved too strong for Southport as the under 17 team lined up and went on to win comfortably.

In the under 14 semi-final, Southport earned their place in the preliminary final with a goal in over Labradors.

**Final scores:** A grade, Palm Beach-Currumbin 16-0 (11) v Southport 10-7 (7); under 17, Palm Beach-Currumbin 11-14 (8) v Southport 5-7 (7); under 14, Southport 4-4 (4) v Labradors 1-1 (1).

The recent rains had made Owen Park perfect for good football with a fine day and a gentle breeze. Palm Beach-Currumbin went forward from the first bounce, but Southport defended well below the line through to end the first half in the best in the Lion.

A goal followed in the 12th minute before Southport's Terry Paine broke through for the Magpies first and only goal for the quarter.

The Lions again charged forward and Doyle's goal from the boundary.

Southport could not get past Doyle's half and he grabbed the ball repeatedly and shot it down with his long rubber drop kicks.

Two more goals followed in the 20th and 22nd minutes as the first quarter, PBC 5-7 (12), Southport 1-4 (10).

## Quickie

A quick end to the first quarter put the Lions further ahead.

Southport, dogged by two Wayne Armstrong goals after the start of the quarter.

However, the Magpies, not to be outdone, went forward. A penalty against Saunders and Greiss' goal, followed soon after, by another from Doyle.

Hodgett and the score in everything for the Lions, while Beck and Rodger expertly defended well for the Magpies.

Goals to the end of the first quarter for the Lions were followed by a goal to Greiss for Southport.

Several costly mistakes by Southport and a goal to Hamner for Palm Beach-Currumbin brought the scores at half time to PBC 9-9 (18), Southport 4-4 (16).

The third quarter saw the Lions playing the better football with better disposal and accurate kicking for goal and the Lions soon had two more goals on the board from the boots of Hammond and Robinson.

The play, although somewhat interrupted with good long kicking and high marking.

Goals by Paine for Southport, then Daniels and McKinnon for the Lions, followed by another to Paine, saw the Lions building up for a huge win.

At three-quarter time the score was PBC 15-19 (38), Southport 6-6 (12).

## Brilliant

The third quarter began brilliantly for the Magpies, with Doyle leading, followed by another to Dave Burns then a free to Gary Crummond saw another on the board.

Three quick goals by Southport to put new life into the game.

The Lions went forward but could only manage two points and Southport replied with a point before Hammond scored full points for the Lions.

A brilliant goal by Terry Doyle gave Southport fresh hope but it was a belated effort.

Soon after, McKinnon scored a goal, followed soon after by yet another in the players before the siren sounded signalling the end of the game.

**Final scores:** Palm Beach-Currumbin 14-16 (11) v Southport 10-7 (7); best players: PBC, J. Paine, L. Hamner, D. Richards, G. Daniels, J. McKinnon, B. Hammond; Southport, K. Best (best on ground), G. Whipple, N. Green, P. Doyle, K. Rodger, D. Greiss, G. Whittaker, R. Morrison; goalkeepers: PBC, J. Roe (4), G. Daniels, J. McKinnon (2); S. Hamner (2); L. Hamner, G. Robinson (1); H. B. Dorey (1) each; Southport, T. Doyle (4), J. Paine, N. Green (2) each; D. Burns, G. Crummond (1) each.

Tempo Max Bees gave a brilliant exhibition of first-class swimming.

## Tit for Tat

In the under 17 semi-final, Palm Beach-Currumbin, who were well beaten the Sunday before by Coolangubla, reversed the scores and well and truly defeated Coolangubla by 45 points.

The first quarter was all the Lions as the Blues hardly passed their half forward line for the whole quarter.

The loss of R. Eversen was a crippling blow in the Blues.

At the first change the Lions led by 20 points but the second quarter was a closely contested one as Coolangubla began to play better football.

Wair was everywhere for the Lions in defence while Tucker and Gill were trying hard for the Blues. At half time the scores were PBC 5-7 (12), Coolangubla 2-4 (14).

The second half began with Coolangubla having all the play, but several points and wasted opportunities saw the Lions through. Orr, scores full points.

Chapman and Thompson were stunning in the ruck for the Lions and Thompson's mark over the goal line towards the end of the third quarter was a gem.

The Lions 25 point lead at three-quarter time was increased further in the last quarter.

Although Coolangubla fought on bravely they were no match for the Lions. **Final scores:** PBC 11-14 (40), Coolangubla 4-7 (17).

Best players: PBC, Thompson (best on ground), D. Wair, P. Chapman, B. McDowell, Coolangubla, G. Arnold, G. Don, P. Gill, J. Tucker, B. Eversen; goalkeepers: PBC, P. Chapman (4); N. Orr, D. Thompson (2) each; T. Daniels, B. Herbert (1 each); Coolangubla, P. Gill (2), G. Cox, P. Townsend, G. Arnold (1 each).

## Even

The first half of the under 14 first semi-final was very even with both sides' back lines in top form.

Winchester made several good saving dashes for the Lions, with Groves and Langham playing well.

For Southport Hertz, Laska and Parsons were in everything.

At half time the scores were Southport 1-3 (6) to Palm Beach-Currumbin 1-1 (2) and at this stage it was approximately even.

In the third quarter Southport kept to the front and with goals by Laska, Hertz and another by Parsons, Labradors were outfooted, as the Magpies surged to a good 20 point lead at the end of the quarter.

The last quarter saw both teams fighting hard, but neither team could

get on top as both back lines held tight.

Southport's three-goal burst in the third quarter had won the game.

**Final scores:** Southport 4-6 (24), Labradors 1-4 (10).

Best players: Southport, D. Parenti, B. Adams, C. Bell, B. Hertz, M. Shelton, C. Laska, A. Adams; Labradors, G. Winchester (best on ground), M. Garban, B. Groves, W. Langham, B. McIntyre; goalkeepers: Southport, D. Parenti (2), B. Hertz, C. Laska (1 each); Labradors, W. Langham (1).

**Leading Goalkeepers:** D. J. Wagh (18); G. J. Whittaker (14); B. Winchester (14); D. K. Jenkins (10); B. G. Durson (8); G. Anthony (8); M. P. Hoad, N. Green, E. Doyle (5); B. Hammond (1); B. H. Daniels, J. P. Waller (1); B. Anderson (1); D. Clark (1); J. McKinnon (1); L. Tucker (1); B. Crummond (1); B. M. M. (1).

**Next Sunday:** Second semi-final at Oak Coast, Currumbin; A grade, Surfcoast v Labradors; under 17, Southport v Surfcoast; under 14, Palm Beach-Currumbin v Surfcoast.

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