

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 brief-
 King of a grand final and
 Surfers Paradise de-
 ed to win after their
 beaten season. But it was
 a great bid by the Lions
 into the third quarter with
 to snatch the premiership
 away from the Demons.
 Soon after the start of
 the second quarter the
 Lions had scored seven
 goals to the Demons two,
 and it looks 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 back-
 man, Derrell Hodgetta, at
 three quarter time also
 decreased the Lions' chances
 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 cur-
 tain-raiser, Surfers Para-
 dise made it three prem-
 ierships in a row, for the
 second consecutive season
 with easy wins in the
 under 17 and under 14
 grand finals over South-
 port.

Final scores: A grade,
 Surfers Paradise 11-10
 (81) d. P.B. Currumbin
 10-7 (47); under 17, Sur-
 fers Paradise 12-10 (82)
 d. Southport 5-8 (28);
 under 14, Surfers Para-
 dise 8-12 (60) d. South-
 port 1-2 (8).

Record

A record crowd was on
 hand 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 Jen-
 kins and Burrows to give
 the local team the lead.

Ditchburn was an every-
 thing for the Demons
 while Waller and Rae
 were quickly into gear for
 the Lions, who were sur-
 prising everyone with
 their speed and clever
 teamwork.

Derrick pointed 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 away and a goal
 to Gerton narrowed the
 margin.

The rest of the quarter
 was all P.B. Currumbin,
 With the Surfers' de-
 fenders 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.-C 4-5 (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 Free-
 man playing brilliantly,
 Surfers Paradise were
 able to break through the
 Demons' defence and
 score a goal to Jenkins.

Aggressive

Surfers Paradise went
 into the third quarter with
 a goal to the "Ryer". Win-
 grave took the Demons
 to a one point lead.
 It was all Surfers as
 the Demons played the
 loose man to perfection.
 Goals to Waugh and Gar-
 ton took the Demons fur-
 ther ahead before Jenkin-
 s goals brilliantly for the
 Lions.

For the rest of the
 quarter, both teams were
 unable to break their op-
 ponents' backline and at
 the final change Surfers
 led 2-10 (64) to P.B.-C 8-6
 (54), by 10 points.

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

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

But Surfers steadied
 and as time ran out the
 Demons had the 1968 flag
 in the bag. Final scores:
 Surfers Paradise 11-10
 (81) d. P.B. Currumbin 10-
 7 (47).

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

Best players: Surfers
 Paradise, P. Anders (best
 on the ground), M. Gar-
 ton, G. Waugh, J. Free-
 man, G. Emman, P. Ditch-
 burn; 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 (1), M. Duncan
 (2), G. Anthony, R. Win-
 grave (1 each); P.B.-C, K.
 Jenkins (4), R. Derrick,
 J. Rae (2 each), C. Bur-
 rows, P. Waller (1 each).

No match

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

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

The second quarter saw
 Surfers Paradise, with
 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 De-
 mons hold their lead in
 an unseasonal game.

With Marsh, Masters
 and Martin in full com-
 mand, the Southport play-
 ers could not weld to-
 gether.

Kerry Reibelt tried hard
 for the Magpies, as did
 Smith and Kelly, but the
 1968 flag was in the De-
 mons' keeping as they ran
 away to a big win.

Final scores: Surfers
 Paradise 12-10 (82) d.
 Southport 5-8 (28).

Best players: Surfers,
 A. Marsh, B. Simon, G.
 Masters, B. Martin, M.
 Cook, J. Keir; Southport:
 K. Reibelt, G. Morrison,
 P. Gearon, M. Kelly, R.
 Smith; goalkeepers, Surfers,
 J. Waugh (1), B. Clark
 (2), L. Taylor, W. Waller
 (1 each); P.B.-C, N. Em-
 man, B. Marsh, G. Daniels,
 B. Henwood, Masters,
 B. Martin, L. Dargaville,
 Southport: P. Drews (C),
 J. McGrath, R. Smith, M.
 Kelly, F. Vogel, R. Thrift
 (1 each).

In the under 14 divi-
 sion grand final, as pre-
 dicted, Surfers Paradise
 proved much too good for
 Southport.

With Ray Pilach and
 George Hearn in outstand-
 ing form, the Magpies
 were no match for the
 crack Demons side.

Four goals in the sec-

Goals

Leading goalkeepers
 (final list): 116 — J.
 Waugh (5P) (winner of
 the 77 Sunset Strip tro-
 phy); 80 — G. Whitfield
 (L'Or); 42 — K. Jenkins
 (P.B.-C); 41 — L. Winches-
 ter (L'Or); 37 — G.
 Duncan (5P); 36 — G.
 Anthony (5P); 31 — P.
 Hood, N. Greene, T.
 Doyle (5); 29 — D.
 Clark (L'Or); 28 — D.
 W. Waller (P.B.-C); 27 — G.
 N. Emman, B. Marsh, G.
 Daniels, B. Henwood,
 Masters, B. Martin, L.
 Dargaville; Southport: P.
 Drews (C); 23 — J. Mc-
 Grath, R. Smith, M. Kelly,
 F. Vogel, R. Thrift (1
 each); 21 — L. Hauser
 (P.B.-C); D. Franks (5P);
 20 — R. Montgomery-Hill (C).
 Next Sunday Old Ref-
 ers-Ladies Games (at
 George Hearn in outstand-
 ing form, the Magpies
 were no match for the
 crack Demons side.
 Four goals in the sec-

—"TUNT HIGH"

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