

It was Hinkley's day

SOUTHPORT'S brilliant full forward John Hinkley was in devastating form in his side's comfortable 54 points win over Broadbeach at Owen Park, last Sunday.

Hinkley booted 13 of his side's 18 goals and outpointed a string of opponents in a great display of forward work.

The Magpies controlled the game from midway through the second term to win 18, 15, 123 to 10, 9, 69.

Their strong defence was able to turn back spasmodic attacks by the Cats and with the breeze behind them a couple of kicks to goal usually finished in the sure hands of Hinkley for another Magpie goal.

In contrast the Cats lacked a target on their forward line and many attacks fizzled out within range of goal.

The Magpies won comfortably enough against the depleted Broadbeach side but had to struggle in the second half to hold off the determined Cats who offered stiffer resistance after the interval.

The first half of the game was dominated by the marking strength of Hinkley at goal front.

His ability to out manoeuvre Percy Baker early prompted the Cats to try young Gary Lawton on the Southport forward.

Five goals later the Cats, in desperation,

switched Shane Littlejohn from the forward line in an attempt to stop the brilliant Hinkley and for a time the move paid off.

Hinkley's nine goals of Southport's ten at half-time was a fair indication of his dominance.

Broadbeach put together some bright passages of play particularly in the second half when Ross Webber, Mick Burns and Robert Sparkman combined well and Mick Hocking lifted his ruck play after a quiet first half.

Steve Simunek and Neil Torrens played strongly to initiate many forward moves but the strong Southport half back line of Zane Taylor, Chris Rice and Phil Hertz hurled them back.

Neither side was able to sustain productive teamwork, but Southport's plan was simple and effective...get the ball down near goal and let Hinkley finish it off.

Shane Littlejohn held his brilliant opponent to four goals in the second half but the game will be remembered as Hinkley's day.

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