

'RULES HONOUR

Southport Aussie Rules Club, senior premiers last year, held their annual meeting last Thursday and elected their first life member, Mr. Bill Rickard, in appreciation of his sterling club and presidential work.

Members said Mr. Rickard was a great club man and was being suitably rewarded.

Office-bearers for 1964 season are: President, Mr. W. Woods; hon. secretary, Mr. Rod Fox; hon. treasurer, Mr. Harold Peacock.

The position of captain and coach went to Harold Peacock — a worthy acknowledgment of a splendid footballer who not only shines as a player and coach, but as a splendid example for senior and junior players as a tireless club man.

Collingwood coach for Southport Rules

Southport Australian Rules Club opened the season on Thursday last with a strong roll-up of players at Owen Park the new Southport stronghold.

The "Magpies" new coach Keith Ball was in attendance and gave the boys a light run. Keith hails from the south where he was a well-known Collingwood stalwart. He could be what the Magpies need to take the local boys to the top of the ladder this season.

Owen Park, well known to be one of the best playing areas in Queensland will give all players a sense of well being, as Southport has long been after a ground of this calibre.

Under 18 players of last season were in the majority in attendance and were keen to get into trim for the coming season.

All players and all interested parties are invited to training sessions which are held from 5 p.m. onwards Tuesday and Thursday at Owen Park. Teams to be entered in the season's competitions will depend on attendance of players over the next few weeks, so boys let's see all Rules players of last year, also new players and all interested in playing, from seniors to under 13 age groups, turn up for training.

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Aust. Rules at Owen Park after many years

Last Sunday Aussie Rules was played at the Southport showgrounds in the senior division for the first time since the Army played there during world war two.

The ground was in the best of order. Besides the usual tennis, other grounds in use last Sunday were Palm Beach, Salk Oval and Goodwin Park, Coolangubla.

In the senior division matches were played at both Southport and Palm Beach. At Southport, Southport and Labrador clashed with the home team (Southport) winning and the visitors by 11-17-82 to 10-6-69 points, a margin of only 17 points.

The ball was bounced by Bernie Elsey, co-patron of Glad Coast Australian Football League.

The game was not very spectacular during the first two quarters. Although the ball and the ground were dry, the marking and general ball handling was rather poor. In the last two quarters, after quite a heavy shower at half-time, the ground became greasy and, together with the wet ball, did nothing to improve the game.

D. Brennan and L. Kibby, of Labrador, showed out in the ruck just as they did last week against Surfara, consistently winning in this position and together with rover, R. Davis, got the ball moving on quite a number of occasions. There was a lot of scruffy play and the ball was often kicked along the ground in soccer style. H. Fenwick, playing at centre for Southport, dominated the centre play with his superior height and often long-kicked down to his forwards in the goal mouth. Bad fortune seems to be tagging Southport player, N. Minster, who had his little finger broken prior to half-time. He suffered the same kind of injury to his little finger last season.

Best players for Labrador were: D. Brennan (head on ground), R.

Schellbeck.

Runaway win

Unfortunately, in the under 17 grade, Palm Beach-Currumbin leading only 14 men, were overwhelmingly defeated 14-12-12 to nil by Surfara Paradise. Palm Beach, playing without a centre line, were no match for the much faster and cleverer Surfara boys who used plenty of hand-ball in their attacks.

Best players Surfara: B. Thomas (shared best on ground), G. Sambarino, B. Beane and A. Christie; P.B./Currumbin: G. Wade (shared best), G. McClymont, A. Henry and M. Dale.

In the under 15's, Coolangubla and Southport registered wins. At Coolangubla, Labrador were vanquished by Coolangubla 11-22-81 to 1-2-9 points. The tall Valtia rucks, Peters and Andrews, together with rover, Everett, completely dominated the play.

Best players: Coolangubla: Peters, Andrews, Hattie and Everett; Labrador: MacPherson, Hollendale and Vogel.

At Palm Beach, Southport, with their open forward line, and playing superior football, had a comfortable win 11-10-54 to 3-3-15. Palm Beach rallied in the final quarter but could not make up the leeway.

Best players: Southport: E. Sharp; Palm Beach-Currumbin: L. Bryan.

down on the southern end of the coast as the Valtia boys were much bigger and faster than the young Tigers, with the result a very comfortable win.

Best players: Valtia: R. Hutchins, P. Carmichael, R. Everson and the Arnold brothers; Labrador: G. Caxton, B. Smith and V. Harris (will be left the field with a jarred knee).

At Palm Beach, the match between Surfara and Palm Beach-Currumbin was very close and exciting with the score level up to about 10 seconds before full-time when Palm Beach were awarded a free kick in front of the sticks and about 10 yards out. This kick clinched the game for P.B./C. 1-3-15 to 1-3-9.

Best players: P.B./C: Dale, M. Chapman, T. Price and D. Alroy; Surfara: P. Kelly, M. Cleberly.

COAST LEAGUE MOVES

There seems little possibility of a senior Gold Coast Rugby League club being formed this season, former League officials said in Southport yesterday.

They were commenting on a Tweed report that "Interest in the French Gold Coast international match on June 24 has sparked off the forming of a club on the Gold Coast."

The suggestion is that if a club is formed on the Gold Coast it will play in the Tweed League fixtures.

While there is little possibility of a senior club being formed this season, Gold Coast League enthusiasts are working hard in organising the match, Gold Coast versus France.

They pointed out that the team to oppose the Frenchmen will be a particularly strong one, comprising players now participating in the Tweed League and Group 1 fixtures, which could include such Coast players as Norm McFadden and Dick Davies who are playing with Tweed Heads.

Invitations will also be extended to several outstanding former Tweed players, like Barry Muir and Lionel Morgan, to play with the team.

League enthusiasts are concentrating this season on their very successful Junior League competition and hope this could pave the way to a revival of the senior league later on.

TOP RULES GAME ON THE COAST

A crowd of about 2500 turned up at Owen Park, Southport, on Sunday to watch the A Grade Australian Rules game between Morningside and Wilston Grange.

The match, transferred from Brisbane, did much to enhance the prestige of Australian football on the Coast.

It resulted in a win for Morningside 19-20-144 to Wilston Grange's 8-9-57.

Morningside were far more positive in attack in the first quarter to lead 24 to 15 at the first change.

The Panthers' followers, Brian Greinke and Ray Whitzell, were palming the ball accurately to smart elusive rovers Terry Devery and Neil French.

Wilston Grange continued to bustle their more experienced opponents in

the second quarter, but the Panthers surged forward with remarkable regularity.

Centre half forward for the Panthers, Neville McGuinness, was marking with his usual brilliance, while his accurate snap kicking found the big sticks on four occasions.

Centre half back Merv Appleyard, was working overtime for the Gorillas, but still the Panthers surged forward with their systematic football.

Half time scores were Morningside 64 to Wilston Grange 34.

Play in the third quarter was by far the best seen during the game, with the Gorillas

holding the Panthers. Three quarter time scores were Morningside 11-15-81, Wilston Grange 6-5-41 points.

The fourth quarter was all Morningside, with their rucking strength, with Whitzell and Greinke dominant. Brian Greinke boot ed a couple of majors to cap a really great game for the Panthers.

The Panthers' half back line, Graham Thommason, Merv Dihn and John Corless, were more than a handful for the Gorillas.

Several young Grange players, Ken Hack, Paul Venema and Peter Dickson tried valiantly throughout.

SOUTHPORT TIGHTEN GRIP ON 'RULES' TITLE

In the senior division of Rules football last Sunday Southport gave further evidence of their mortgage on this year's premiership pennant by over-whelming Labrador in a hard-fought game.

Brisbane umpire Kennedy came in for much criticism for penalising Labrador repeatedly, but most of these penalties were well earned as four Rugby converts playing Rules for the very first time did commit many breaches. However, the speed of these new players should stand Labrador in good stead during the few remaining games to be played.

The first quarter was quite even with each team scoring four goals. Don Brown was in high-flying form and from the change commenced to build up the huge Southport tally. Peacock, Manual and Sheffring teamed up splendidly and operated a system which Labrador could not match.

Labrador won mostly in the ruck, but clever sharking on the part of Southport quickly nullified this advantage, and most times the ball was sent goalwards for yet another Southport score. An amusing incident concerned young Asco Saarinen, a midget playing in a forward pocket for a ball from the arms of an opponent 18 inches taller and snapped a beautiful goal.

Though Labrador fought on to the last, they had no chance of matching the superior all-round play of the Magpies.

Final scores: Southport, 23 goals 29 behinds, 167 points; Labrador, 10 goals 13 behinds, 73 points.

Best players: Southport—R. Manual (best on ground), D. Napper, J. Ahrens, P. Hood; Labra-

dor—R. Aueb, F. Fraser, R. Davis, G. Gibbons.

Under 16 years: In a particularly hard-fought game which could have gone either way, Southport played a very skilful game which took them to a 20-point victory. Labrador lost their opportunity to steal this match when kicking with the breeze in the first quarter, a mistake which Southport did not make when their turn came for wind assistance.

Final scores: Southport, 6 goals 12 behinds, 48 points; Labrador, 3 goals 10 behinds, 28 points.

Best players: Southport—Nunn, Dickman, Parisi, Melrose; Labrador—De Bruyn, Forbes, Saarinen, Davis.

Under 13 years—Played at Goodwin Park, the Coolangatta lads ever-whelmed Labrador with a very convincing win.

Final scores: Coolangatta, 5 goals 10 behinds, 40 points; Labrador, 1 goal 2 behinds, 8 points.

Best players: Coolangatta—C. Everson, Townsend; Labrador—R. Watson, J. Gordon.

Close win

Senior football between Surfers Paradise and Palm Beach-Currumbin at the Salk Oval resulted in a close win for the home team.

Fielding several new players, Palm Beach-Currumbin won most of the rucks and through the fine services of Captain Frank Trevaglia swept the ball continually for 27 scoring shots.

Umpiring appeared to be a little lax, and the want of quick and correct decisions often resulted in

play becoming a trifle scrumbly.

D. Pollett did very well for Palm Beach in roving and kept his full forward, I. Warrington, well supplied with the ball.

Final scores: Palm Beach - Currumbin, 11 goals 16 behinds, 82 points; Surfers Paradise, 10 goals 12 behinds, 72 points.

Best players: Palm Beach - Currumbin — J. Dunkley, N. Thomson, F. Trevaglia, J. McDonald; Surfers Paradise — I.

Chapman, G. Argill, K. Krebs.

Big games for Owen Park

On Sunday, July 13, two Brisbane Australian Rules football teams will vie for premiership points at Owen Park, Southport. This regular fixture match, which was scheduled to have been played at Perry Park, Brisbane, is a forerunner to at least one more home