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Sharks wreck record

But even the most ardent Shark fans conceded their team did not deserve to play in the grand final.

Both grand finalists, Coorparoo and Morningside, have beaten the Sharks in all three daytime fixtures.

Southport's attackers threw away many chances of scoring. There were four simple attempts at goal missed, two others hit the post and two others went out of bounds on the full.

This was brought

about, no doubt, by the persistent Panther defence, led by Phil McGarry, Blair and David Mountcastle, who stuck to their men like limpet mines to the bottoms of ships.

And the Panthers found match winners in Barwick, stocky Trevor Durward, rover Geoff Nash and big centre half-forward Lew Caille.

Dare praised the efforts of his defenders who, under the circumstances, kept their taller opponents

in check for most of the match.

He said bulky Lino Girardi (half-back flank) and back pocket Mal Davies deserved praise.

"Lino capped off a fine season in great style," he said.

Other to shine for the Sharks were wingman Trevor Crowley, Lachlan Butler, who was given the job of tagging star Panther ruck-rover Steve Russ, skipper Gavan McGuane and half-forward Craig Crowley.