

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 in 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 Dihm 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.

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