

FITZROY TO PLAY ON GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast Australian Football League, under new president, dynamic Phil Cawthan, has lost no time in the new year in preparing to make the 1972 season, the biggest and best yet.

As a result of Mr Cawthan's efforts in his recent trip to the Southern capitals, several ambitious plans are now underway.

The most exciting of these is the decision to bring the famous Fitzroy Football Club (VFL) up to the Gold Coast for a five-day visit in early March, when they will play a match against a combined Gold Coast side on March 5 at Owen Park, Southport.

Umpire

The League is also bringing up a top Victorian umpire to control the match.

Also, Mr Cawthan has arranged the visit of VFL umpire's adviser, Mr Jack Irvine, who will arrive up here on February 18, 19 and 20, to give lectures and advice to umpires, coaches and players.

In an attempt to upgrade the standard of umpiring, and attract more umpires, the League has increased fees. The top umpires can now earn \$14 a game.

Another interesting new

facet, is the \$100 umpires' award for the top umpire of the 1972 season.

Each week umpires will be awarded points for their performances, and progress

totals will be announced each week.

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