

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 commented to build up the huge Southport tally. Peacock, Manual and Sherring 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 Bruin, Forbes, Saarinen, Davis.

Under 13 years—Played at Goodwin Park, the Coolangatta lads over-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 12, 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 and home game for

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