

# 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, thanks to the Coast council. Other grounds in use last Sunday were Palm Beach Salk Oval and Goodwin Park, Coolangatta.

In the senior division, matches were played at both Southport and Palm Beach. At Southport, Southport and Labrador clashed with the home team (Southport) running out the victors by 11-17-83 to 10-6-66 points, a margin of only 17 points.

The ball was bounced by Bernie Elsey, co-patron of Gold 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. Kidby, of Labrador, showed out in the ruck just as they did last week against Surfers, 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. Peacock, 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 (best on ground), R.

Scheelbeck.

## Runaway win

Unfortunately, in the under 17 grade, Palm Beach-Currumbin fielding only 14 men, were overwhelmingly defeated 16-17-113 to nil by Surfers Paradise. Palm Beach, playing without a centre line, were no match for the much faster and cleverer Surfers boys who used plenty of hand-ball in their attacks.

Best players Surfers, B. Thomas (shared best on ground), G. Zambarette, B. Emzin and A. Christie; P.B./Currumbin, G. Wade (shared best), G. McClymont, A. Hendry and M. Dale.

In the under 15's, Coolangatta and Southport registered wins. At Coolangatta, Labrador were vanquished by Coolangatta 11-15-81 to 1-2-8 points. The tall 'Gatta rucks, Peters and Andrews, together with rovers, Everson and Hastie, completely dominated the play.

Best players: Coolangatta, Peters, Andrews, Hastie and Everson; Labrador, MacPherson, Hollindale and Vogel.

At Palm Beach, Southport, with their open forward line, and playing superior football, had a comfortable win 11-10-76 to 2-3-15. Palm Beach rallied in the final quarter but could not make up the leeway.

Best players: Southport, K. Sharp; Palm Beach - Currumbin, L. Bryne.

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

Best players: 'Gatta, R. Sutcliffe, P. Carmichael, R. Everson and the Arnold brothers; Labrador, G. Cooke, R. Smith and V. Harris until he left the field with a jarred knee.

At Palm Beach, the match between Surfers and Palm Beach-Currumbin was very close and exciting with the score level up to about 20 seconds before full-time when Palm Beach were awarded a free right in front of the sticks and about 10 yards out. This kick clinched the game for P.B./C. 2-3-15 to 1-3-9.

Best players: P.B./C. C. Dale, M. Chapman, T. Price and D. Alsop; Surfers, P. Kelly, M. Cloherty

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