

MAGPIES SCORED IN U17 FINAL

Southport had a chance to score early in the under 17 Australian Rules grand final, but strong defence kept them out and the Demons swept forward to rattle points on the board and followed these with a goal by Clive Poolman.

Lawrence and Pilsch were showing out with high marking for the Demons and they seemed to have control and were constantly in attack.

Hortz was showing out for the Magpies but when they got in attack they did not look effective.

In contrast Surfers Paradise were always dangerous on the forward line, and Steve Hoskings kicked their second goal, with a good kick.

At quarter time Surfers Paradise 2-2 (14) led Southport 0-1 (1).

Dennis Frankhauser soon brought up Southport's first goal in the second quarter. South-

port's vigour and hard tackling was preventing the Demons teamwork from functioning effectively and the ball moved from end to end without goals but many behinds. The tough rugged game and good defence had kept goals down.

At half time Surfers Paradise 2-10 (22) led Southport 1-5 (11).

In a power pack third quarter Southport kicked 6-3 to 2 points and took the highly rated Demons apart.

Bruce Hortz a tower of strength was the instigator of many Magpie moves, and Captain Mick Kelly, with spectacular inspiring play

kept the Magpies in attack.

With goals by Green, Kelly, and Allison they had the Demons bewildered.

Mick Green's goal came from a beautiful drop kick and Bruce Allison scored with a good left foot kick. Frankhauser goaled right on the siren to give the Magpies a good lead. Southport 7-8 (50) led Surfers Paradise 2-12 (24).

The Demons came out determined to make up the lee-way and went straight into attack but fierce defence by Southport stopped their every move.

Kelly, marking brilliantly, was playing a real Captain's game and slow-

ed up the game whenever possible.

Pilsch was trying desperately for Surfers and not giving up but most Demons under the fierce Southport pressure were making mistakes and their kicking was inaccurate and chances gave only behinds.

In a belated effort, Michael Pahoff burst through to kick the Demons third goal but Southport soon replied when John Redman picking up the bouncing ball cleverly, then broke the tackle and kicked a good goal.

Time had run out for the Demons but the Magpies were looking too strong and too good in any case.

Southport owe a tremendous amount to their coach Terry Larkins, whose good coaching over the season, plus his ability to get his team to play to their capabilities, had finally paid dividends.

Final scores: Southport 8-8 (56) defeated Surfers Paradise 3-16 (34).

Best players: Southport: Bruce Hortz (Best on ground) Ken Deutcher, D. Frankhauser, M. Kelly, M. Green, D. Allard; Surfers Paradise: M. Pahoff, R. Pilsch, C. Poolman, W. Essing, R. Bennetts.



Under 17 Magpie captain, Mick Kelly, who was a driving force in his team's grand final victory over the Demons.

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