

SURFERS TOPS IN RULES FINAL

Surfers Paradise made a clean sweep of the 1967 Gold Coast Australian Football League premiership finals at Salk Oval, Currumbin, on Sunday.

They outclassed Southport to win the premiership in three grades — senior, under 16 and under 13.

Surfers ran out winners in the senior final, defeating Southport, last year's premiers, 13-19-97 to 8-10-58.

Surfers gave a brilliant exhibition of teamwork and markmanship.

Southport made a grand bid to take out the premiership again, but they found the opposition too strong in the final quarter.

Good start

Surfers got off to a good start and after the first quarter led by 15 points.

By half time they had gone further ahead with the scores at 6-10-46 to 3-3-21.

Southport were at their best in the third quarter, closing the scoring gap to

11 points.

Three quarter time scores were: Surfers 7-12-54; Southport 6-7-43.

As the final quarter got under way, Southport began to show signs of tiring, resulting in poor kicking and fumbling.

Profited

Surfers took advantage of this and skipped away to win by 39 points.

A crowd of about 1000 people watched the game.

Until yesterday, Southport had been the Gold Coast's top team for the past two years.

They went through the 1966 season undefeated and led the league ladder throughout the season.

Southport junior teams also made a grand-stand finish yesterday.

The under 16 team went down to Surfers 3-2-20 to 2-0-12, and the under 13s were defeated 6-13-49 to 6-9-39.

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