

COAST'S CLOSE RULES DEFEAT IN CITY

In the Rules game of the year at the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Sunday, Gold Coast, after putting up a great performance, went down narrowly by three points to a fast and experienced Brisbane.

Gold Coast suffered an early setback in the first half when the Brisbane captain charged down the field with his first goal for the match.

Soon after, Brisbane broke through for their first and only goal for the quarter.

Another goal by Scott Waugh took the Coast further ahead and just before the end of the quarter, Gary Dawson, who appeared and they ran to the end of the field to score. Final scores: Queensland 20-20 (18) & NSW 16-16 (11).

The huge crowd at the "Gables" were treated to a great game in the early morning.

From the outset it looked like a close game coming up, as both teams fought tooth and nail to score.

Opened

Brisbane soon opened their account with a point followed soon after by the first goal for the game.

Half way through the quarter Brisbane scored a free kick.

Soon after, Anthony scored Coast's second goal to go to a narrow one-point lead. But Brisbane fought back and in the first change had gone to a six-point lead. Even at the first change Brisbane 2-7 (21), Gold Coast 2-5 (11).

The second quarter began with Gold Coast trying to attack, and a goal by Dean Clark ended the score.

Gold Coast players were going to hard and their first half began to take toll of the light on Brisbane town.

Jimmy Freeman, who was playing great football, beat three opponents to the ball and charged through to score full points.

Several Coast players were finding it hard to keep on their feet because of the soft ground.

Into it

As the third quarter began, the Gold Coast were straight into it again and only the strong Brisbane tackling play stopped them.

Then, with fast play on foot, the Brisbane team with captain Pickles a great run occurred forward time and time again, and Ayres booted three straight goals to even the score.

For a short period the Coast went forward and Waugh booted his third, but again it was Brisbane's turn as Ayres scored full points. Soon Brisbane had scored their fourth goal for the quarter and had the Coast struggling with their backs to the ball.

The Coast is one of their few forward scores for the quarter and had Waugh boot off the mark of the day with a high kick that could have put any hard to score.

Anthony scored his second goal for the quarter soon after and at the first change the Coast trailed by seven points. Scores: Brisbane 5-14 (44), Gold Coast 3-7 (31).

Attack

Brisbane was soon into attack as the last quarter began, and two quick goals were followed by two goals to put the visitors 21 points up.

Then the Gold Coast turned on an amazing display of never-say-die football.

After Brisbane looked as if they were heading for a good win, Gold Coast pulled and in 15 short minutes Coast had not four quick goals on the board, kicked by Anthony (2), Waugh and a beautiful 10-yard by captain, Scott Waugh to put the Coast in front by four points.

The crowd was in hysterics as the play narrowed between ends. A point to Brisbane—three points the difference—then big giant ruckman, Thorne of Brisbane, charged through for Brisbane to mark the ball and put the winner on the game with a sear.

Soon after, the score mounted to give Brisbane a three-point win. Final scores: Brisbane 12-17 (49) & Gold Coast 3-10 (20).

Coast's first goal was scored after the half when the Coast had scored but very much for the way they had played the game and the fact that they had scored.

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