

SOUTHPORT HARD - PRESSED IN 13th RULES WIN IN ROW

SOUTHPORT RULES TEAM, IN WINNING THEIR 13th GAME IN A ROW AT BEEN-LEIGH ON SUNDAY, WERE AMAZED BY THE HOME SIDE'S TENACITY AND IMPROVED OUTPLAY. SOUTHPORT RAN OUT WINNERS BY THE NARROW MARGIN OF 11 POINTS.

Final score was: Southport 11-12-78 d. Beenleigh 9-13-67. Beenleigh on their improved showing, will be a danger to the other three finalists.

Southport with their unbeaten record since the second game of the season and with their full team to pick from, must be favourites for the flag.

On Sunday, Beenleigh shocked Southport with their eagerness to take the initiative and the home team scored full points before the Southport Magpies had settled down. Southport gradually came into their own, but poor kicking in front of the goal robbed them of taking the lead. Beenleigh's younger players were shining and left Southport flat-footed. First quarter scores showed Beenleigh 2-7-19 to Southport 1-7-13.

The second quarter saw both sides eager to score. Southport scored full points to even the score, but Beenleigh fought back brilliantly and goalled three times; Southport looked in a bad position as Beenleigh peppered the goals. Then Southport

not to be outdone, came back with a vengeance and at half time had reduced Beenleigh's lead to two points.

Fought back

With Bob Jennings and Paul Hood coming on to the field for Southport at the start of the third quarter, Southport began dictating play.

Jennings with big knock-outs from the ruck, gave Southport the drive it needed. With Peacock and Hood in good form on the forward line goals came quickly. This four-goal burst from Southport in this quarter proved to be the matchwinner.

Third quarter score: Southport 9-10-64 to Beenleigh 6-12-48.

The last quarter saw Southport battling hard to hold their narrow lead. There were some heavy clashes as both teams went in regardless of injury. Southport scored, but Beenleigh retaliated with a six pointer. Play see-sawed as Southport goalled again. Beenleigh's with Brown and Doust playing well, forged for-

ward and two-quick goals brought Southport's lead down. Good play by Radcliffe, Manuel and Sherring who kicked the ball into Southport's forward line, relieving the pressure. The siren went soon after with Southport in front by 11 points.

Best players: Southport: H. Peacock, N. Martin, C. Luhrs, K. Rodger, R. Manuel, B. Sherring. Beenleigh: M. Brown, G. Doust, J. Moores, R. Hainsworth, B. Samford.

Semi-finals

The first semi-finals of all grades will begin at Owen Park next Sunday. The final four in the three sections are:

Senior (1sts.), Southport, Surfers, Currumbin Beenleigh.

Under 16 (2nds.), Coolangatta, Surfers, Southport, Currumbin.

Under 13 (3rds.), Surfers Paradise, Labrador Currumbin, Coolangatta.

Full premiership list appear in Friday's Bulletin.

The first semi-finals, to be played at Owen Park on Sunday next are:

Senior — Currumbin v Beenleigh; under 16; Southport v Currumbin; under 13; Coolangatta v Currumbin.

The winners of these games will play the losers of the second semi-finals. The losers of the above games are out of the finals.

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