

CLUB REPORTS TO SECRETARY

Southport A.F.C. — Southport Club this year played in the three grand finals in each grade. Surfers Paradise won each of the grand final matches, through being the better team, and we congratulate them on a wonderfully successful year. They thoroughly deserved their success.

Our Club was unfortunate to lose three of its key senior players when they returned to Melbourne early in the season. The Club this season has had mixed fortunes. While each of our teams acquitted themselves well during the season, the senior team particularly fell down on strict training requirements, and coupled with the upset within the league involving re-draws, this made the season an unpredictable one. Southport endeavoured to field two teams (combining with the Labrador Club) in which players were transferred from one to the other to keep a balanced side. However, this had a retrograde effect on the team as team work and coaching were hard to establish under these conditions.

The three Club coaches have had difficulties throughout the year but have contributed to a high standard of football, and this is evidenced by each side reaching the final match. Our thanks are due to Ken Best (Seniors), Ken McDonald and Carl Tasker (Under 16's) and Leo Busch (Under 13's).

The Junior sides were entertained for their presentation of trophies with a day on the Broadwater, and a happy time was had by all. The Senior team had their wind-up night at the Southport Tennis Club, and all agreed that it was enjoyable and successful. The Mayor of the Gold Coast, Alderman Small, presented the trophies and we also had the pleasure of Mr Cec Carey, M.L.A., and his wife; President and Secretary of the Gold Coast League and the President of the Schools' Association, Mr Col Chilmaid.

It is hoped that next year will see a Gold Coast team playing in the Brisbane competition, as this will have two major benefits.

1. It will give an incentive to local players and improve their standard; and
2. Players playing in the Brisbane competition will improve their football no end.

This year our efforts will be principally directed towards obtaining good coaches and a build-up of Club activity and support.

Signed N. MAGIN, President.

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