

MAGPIES WIN BY 92 POINTS

THE reigning Gold Coast Australian Rules premiers, Surfers Paradise, received a real thrashing at the hands of a 'new look' Southport combination at Owen Park on Sunday.

By Don Brown

The score finished Southport 24-27 (171) to Surfers Paradise 12-7 (79); 51 scoring shots to 19.

With more accurate kicking the Magpies could have won by 30 goals instead of 15.

One thing is for sure Surfers have never been beaten so easily before.

The Demons were left flat-footed all over the ground — Southport's superb teamwork brilliant handball, excellent marking and kicking and unbelievable passing had to be seen to be believed.

This is no ordinary team, in my book Southport has the 1973 premiership flag sewn up!

Enjoyable

Even with the one-sided scores, the game was still an excellent one to watch — the large crowd enjoyed every minute of it.

Umpire Bill Decker gave a polished display of umpiring.

The game was played hard but there was no brawling except for two minor incidents.

It just goes to show if

players concentrate on playing football what a great crowd pleasing game can result.

The first quarter was fairly even although Southport with most of the play could not capitalise on their advantage and wasted opportunities in front of goal.

However the Magpies led by 9 points at the first change.

At half time, although 27 points down, Surfers were still in the game, mainly through their more direct approach to goal and making sure that every shot they had for goal counted.

Rot set in

Then after half time the rot set in.

Southport, with Gillett, Jordin, Sapwell, Watt, Jones all playing brilliantly, were home and hosed.

Six goals in the third quarter and nine in the last quarter sealed the Demons fate.

As the final siren sounded, the Magpie camp went wild with excitement as the brilliant Southport team were given a standing ovation for their 92 point win.

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