

Aussie Rules Personalities

Len Drummond, sporting photographer, snapped a casual "pic" for the Gold Coast Sun at the semi-final between Palm Beach-Currumbin and Southport at Salk Oval.

This side of the "pickets" is Ray Curnow (secretary of Glenelg Football Club in South Australia), seen chatting with Ron Todd (president of the Gold Coast Australian Football League).

Incidentally, they both tipped Palm Beach-Currumbin to win, but would not predict at this stage their favourites for the 1971 premiership flag.

Short pen story on these identities:

Ray Curnow commenced as a second eighteen player in 1929 and played nine years of league football with "The Tigers". Since retiring as a player in 1938, Ray has served the club, coaching for nine years and as a committee member. Since 1954 he has been hon. secretary and more recently secretary-manager. In addition, he has



accepted the positions of State selector and State team manager. For his 42 years of service, he has been honoured with the South Australian National Football League life membership. The envy of other clubs, the Glenelg "Tigers" have a modern Glenelg Footballers Club, a licensed club for the enjoyment of their mem-

bers. Luncheons are served daily, with dinners every Saturday night, and the club is proud of their bar and bottle service, including home deliveries.

Ron Todd was born in Collingwood and first played with Collingwood Football Club in 1935. He was with them until 1940 when he transferred to Williamstown. He was one of the first-ever big-time professionals with a record transfer fee from the League to the Association. In 1938 Ron Todd kicked 120 goals and again in 1939 with Collingwood. He still holds the Australian record of 188 goals, kicked in one season in 1945 when with Williamstown. During his career he kicked a record of 999 goals.

For fifteen years he owned the Pacific Hotel in Lorne and moved to the Coast in 1966, and since that date has been president of the Gold Coast Australian Rules Football League.

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