

COAST DOWN IN CLOSE RULES GAME

Before a crowd estimated at 10,000 on the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Sunday, Gold Coast, playing a curtain-raiser to the main interstate Australian Rules game, went down to Ipswich by two points in a thrilling finish.

Scores were: Ipswich 12-12 (84) d. Gold Coast 11-16 (82).

Gold Coast led throughout the game until the last five minutes, when Ipswich took over command.

Gold Coast scored one of the quickest goals in football history when Dalgrin hit the ball from the first bounce to Manuel, who passed to Penny, who raised both flags, all within five seconds.

Ipswich retaliated with a goal, then Gold Coast took complete command, and using the wind to advantage, scored four more goals to establish a good lead at quarter-time. Scores: Gold Coast 5-6 (36), Ipswich 1-2 (8).

Quick Goals

Ipswich with the wind advantage in the second quarter, quickly made use of it and scored. Gold Coast came back and two quick goals made them keep their good lead. Then Ipswich, through Reidel and Picknell, sent kick after kick towards their goal. At half-time Ipswich had shortened Gold Coast's lead to only 15 points. Scores: Gold Coast 7-6 (48), Ipswich 5-3 (33).

Ipswich surprised Gold Coast with their determination and scored two very useful goals. Then Gold Coast, with newfound enthusiasm, whipped the ball repeatedly towards their goals. Dalgrin was marking brilliantly, while nippy rovers, Penny, Howard and Manuel were picking up the crumbs. After scoring four quick goals, Gold Coast slowed down and

play became scrappy. Ipswich defended grimly.

Three-quarter scores: Gold Coast 11-14 (80), Ipswich 7-3 (45).

Beginning the last quarter confidently with a lead of 35 points, Gold Coast attacked, but Ipswich, with the wind blowing towards their goals, sent the ball goalwards.

Gold Coast defended grimly, but gradually Ipswich neared the Gold Coast's score. A concerted effort by Gold Coast raised only one flag, then Ipswich attacked again and again. A goal near the siren gave Ipswich a two point lead, which they held until the siren blew, to give them a deserved win.

Ipswich players to show out were A. Reidel, P. Picknell, Flynn and Mills. Gold Coast were best served by K. McDonald (a real captain's game), P. Dalgrin, R. Penny, R. Manuel, W. Thompson, R. Derrick, C. Dalgleish (first half).

Goalkickers: Gold Coast, P. Dalgrin (4), R. Penny (3), R. Manuel (2), B. Nunn, W. Thompson (1). Ipswich, Picknell (3), Adams, Kimlin, Mills, McNamara (2) each, Pickett (1).

Local Games

Surfers Paradise won both competition games played at Surfers Paradise Oval on Sunday.

Both games were closely fought and the large crowd enjoyed the play.

UNDER 18 GAME

In a game studded with brilliant football, Surfers lasted out from Labrador to win by nine points. Final scores: Surfers Paradise 14-11 (95) d. Labrador 11-20 (86).

Surfers Paradise showed a big improvement in their close win over unbeaten Labrador. Accurate kicking by Surfers (10 goals out of 12 scoring shots in the first half) gave the local "Demons" a good lead of 21 points at half-time. Labrador on the other hand had 16 scoring shots for only five goals.

In the last half Labrador came back and gradually crept nearer Surfers. Both teams were turning on good fast football. At the final siren the Surfers Paradise team had won out by nine points.

Best players: Surfers, Thomas, Waller (ex Victorian, first game), Angus, D. Franks, Dumbrell, Newman, Jackson.

Labrador: Gibbons, Rose, T. Trumbull, C. Trumbull, Moore.

UNDER 15 GAME

Another close game saw the "Demons" defeat the "Tigers" by 20 points.

Scores: Surfers 8-13 (61) d. Labrador 6-5 (41).

This game was closely fought out until the last quarter, when Surfers broke away and won comfortably.

Surfers Paradise have yet to be beaten in this grade this season. Lab-

rador tested them thoroughly for four quarters and it is the closest Surfers have been to defeat. Labrador with improvement, could reverse the scores next time they meet.

At half-time Surfers only led by three points and at that stage could have been anyone's game.

Best players for Surfers: B. Thomas, Vargona, O'Connor, Parker, Worthington.

Best for Labrador: Aueb, White, Sarinen, Davis, Dowling.

UNDER 13 GAME

An under 13 social game was played between Surfers and Musgrave Hill, resulting in a win for Surfers 3-8 (26) to Musgrave Hill 1-3 (9).

At Coolangatta: Southport took the four points in the under 18 game, while in the under 15 game, Coolangatta continued its winning run with a decisive win over Southport by 5-11 (41) to Southport 1-8 (14). Best players: Coolangatta: Allen, Walls, Dobell, Buttenshaw, Rensink.

Southport: Wintle, Wilson, Dick.

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