

PIES MAY BE IN FOR A HOT TIME

by GREG STOLZ

SOUTHPORT Magpies are in for a torrid time in Brisbane unless they pull their socks up, according to Queensland Australian Football League official Ken Hose.

The QAFL media manager was at Salk Oval on Sunday to watch the Pies play Coolangatta Blues in the Gold Coast A grade Aussie Rules grand final.

Southport are entering the QAFL's big smoke-competition next season.

Hose was not impressed, as the Pies tumbled to a humiliating 28 point loss with barely a whimper.

"I was not madly excited," Hose said. "I was a bit disappointed with the Southport performance. They certainly didn't perform well."

"If they come to the QAFL with that sort of attitude, they will be making Wednesday night a regular outing."

The QAFL tribunal meets every Wednesday.

"I question Norm Dare's (the Southport coach) statement that he has six players who would make the State team. If he has, why didn't he use them?"

As it was the first occasion he had seen the Pies play, Hose said he was not prepared to judge, sentence and execute them on that performance alone.

"Every team has its off-day and I am reluctant to be too critical of them although certainly, from a promotional point of view, we would have preferred Southport to come into the competition as premiers."

Despite Southport's abysmal showing, Hose said

Hose is not impressed

Southport will enter the QAFL regardless.

"On-ground performances aren't the only criteria for admittance into the QAFL," he said.

"A good back-up administration is essential and we think Southport have an excellent administration."

"The geographic location is important. It is one thing to drive from Brisbane to Southport to play but it is another thing to drive to Coolangatta."

"We wouldn't entertain a re-think on the situation. One of the main aims of admitting Southport and Sherwood (the other QAFL club elect) is to improve their standard."

"On that performance, they've got plenty of room for improvement."

Hose said Southport needs to recruit at least seven players to enable the club to hold its own in Brisbane.

"Norm Dare (the Southport coach) is smart enough to be aware of our standards up here."

"It's a totally different style of football."

Winners do as they please



Clinton Maxwell (left) and Gabe Nuspan act out the second part of the adage: "Losers whinge but winners can do what they like" following Coolangatta's Australian Rules grand final win on Sunday. The Blues were celebrating at their Peak Oval, Kirra, headquarters yesterday. More pictures page 65.

Golden girls at sprint meet

Commonwealth Games pair will compete

TWO of Australia's greatest swimmers, Dawn Fraser and Shane Gould, will be special guests at the Tropicarnival pro-am sprint swim meet at the Miami High School pool on October 12.

The triple Olympic gold medalists will present prizes at the meet and Gould will swim a few exhibition laps.

Another special guest will be dual world paraplegic swimming champion Kerri-Anne Connor, who will also give an exhibition.

The feature race on the programme will be the men's open 25 m freestyle.

Commonwealth Games swimmers Graeme Brewer and Ron McKeon have indicated they will compete along with Robert Nay, Mark Tonelli, Brad Cooper and Mike Wenden.

First prize in this event is a return trip for two to Fiji for a week, including accommodation.



Shane Gould

VIKINGS PAIR GO TO CITY

by MAX UECHTRITZ

GOLD Coast rugby league representatives Jim Heery and Ben Johnson have signed with Brisbane clubs Brothers and Valleys respectively.

That completes the quota of three local State League players allowed to shift to Brisbane for next season.

Tugun utility Pat Shepherdson was the first to make the move when he signed with Brothers last week.

There was a mad rush between several other Vikings but Burleigh prop Heery and Nerang centre Johnson were the first to have their registrations lodged with the Queensland Rugby League.

Johnson's Nerang and district team-mates, half-back Steve Kavanagh and

second rower Mark Pocock and Tugun lock Steve Wilson also were keen to play in Brisbane.

Pocock and Wilson probably will stay on the Coast but Kavanagh, a Queensland Country representative this year, seems certain to be lost to New South Wales.

"That's it then. I doubt if I'll be coming back to the Coast now," Kavanagh said from Sydney yesterday when he heard the news.

Kavanagh was not happy with the money situation on the Coast this year and was only going to

stay in Queensland if he could get a Brisbane contract.

West's expressed interest in the talented scrum feeder but moved too slowly.

Kavanagh said there was a strong chance he would clinch a well-paid captain-coach job in NSW country, possibly in the Taree district.

However, he said he would listen to any offer from the Gold Coast.

Johnson said yesterday he and Pocock had intended going to Brisbane together but, when time was running out last week, Pocock was up in the air about his future.

"Because of the quota I

thought I'd better move as quickly as possible," the speedy three-quarter said.

Johnson has the ability to become a big success at Valleys playing outside of men of the calibre of Mark Murray and Wally Lewis.

Country forward Heery should be assured of a position in the Brothers pack and has the size, authority and attitude to make a name for himself in Brisbane.

He and Shepherdson should flourish under the coaching of former Test halfback Tommy Raudonikis. Ironically the Brethren will play Gold Coast in the opening match of next year's State League.