

## Top star on sand

BEACH volleyball will be a featured event at this weekend's St Kilda Festival.

A star-studded field is expected to line up for Sunday afternoon's Virgin Blue Victorian Open on St Kilda beach.

Headlining the field is three-time Olympian Josh Slack, dual Olympian Tamsin Barnett-Hinchley and Olympian Luke Campbell.

Also scheduled to compete are Brett Richardson, who plays on the FIVB World Tour, and Australian Under-23 Junior Beach volleyball champions Mariafe Artacho-del Solar and Cedric Legrand.

A 220-seat grandstand will provide premier viewing of the proceedings.

A bonus pool of \$10,000 and individual event prize money is up for grabs.

Three-time Olympian Josh Slack is scheduled to play at the St Kilda Festival.



## Saints stay on top, but Quiney sidelined

Premier | Brad Beitzel

HERE'S the good news: the Saints remain on top of the season ladder.

Now the bad: Rob Quiney, who has red, black and yellow streaming through his veins, had to withdraw from the One-Day final on Sunday with a nagging groin injury.

St Kilda defeated the Hawks by 256 runs on Saturday at Monash University.

The two-day game concluded with the Saints chasing an outright, but they ran out of time.

After declaring overnight at 9/359 their attack routed the second-last Hawks for 9/103 all out, with fast-medium bowler Dale Christie unable to bat with illness.

In their second dig Hawthorn-Monash went through to 5/177.

But St Kilda captain Graeme Rummans said: "It's always difficult getting 20 (19 wickets) in a day and things (conditions) always improve".

He saved his quicks for Sunday and left-arm spinner Michael Beer sent down 32.3 overs and returned 7/102 for the day.

"Very good Beery," was Rum-

mans' summation of a bowler who has interest from state selectors. Quiney supported from the sidelines on Saturday, despite the setback of being ruled out from the final.

An early salvo was sent with PC's official scores website displaying before the final began on Sunday morning, St Kilda 1/10 after five overs.

Prahran has played pranks in its team selections during the season, too. Ironically, the joke was close to reality with St Kilda winning the toss and falling to 2/0 after losing Damon Rowan and Rummans for ducks.

In the 25th over it was 3/63.

■ In Sub-District cricket, Elsternwick (4/91) is closing in on victory against Broadmeadows (108) and Caulfield is 1/10 in reply to Sunshine's 205.

Adam Fraine took 4/24 off 12 overs (five maidens) and fellow spinner Mark Quinn 3/9 off 5.4 for the Wicks.

In the reply Elsty slipped from 0/33 to 3/36, losing Cam Christiansen (21), Fraine (0) and Rohan O'Neill (0) but opener Keegan DeRidder is unbeaten on 42.

# Love hungry to coach

## Streaking Port prevails

Football | Paul Amy

COLOURFUL former league footballer Jason Love will go to the AFL Victoria appeals board in a bid to be registered to coach Port Melbourne Colts Football Club this year.

Love has been out of football since the infamous brawl before the start of the 2004 AFL Cairns grand final between North Cairns Tigers and Port Douglas Crocs.

The ex-North Melbourne and Sydney forward believes his suspensions of three and five years were to be served concurrently.

He says he has served his time and is "desperate" to coach again.

## Says he's served his time for brawl

But AFL Cairns says Love is banned until the end of 2012 and AFL Victoria has so far refused to accredit him as a coach.

It's believed part of the Colts' case will also be based on the fact that no appeal avenue was open to Love after the original suspensions.

Love has been taking training at Colts, whom he coached in 1995. The senior team improved to miss the finals only on percentage, and the reserves and Under 18s won grand finals.

Love told the *Leader* last Friday:

"I had one indiscretion in eight years of coaching and haven't I paid for it? I've expressed remorse (about the brawl) many times. I just want to get back into it with the Colts, coaching footy."

If necessary, he said, he would be prepared to coach with a suspended sentence hanging over him.

AFL Victoria coaching development manager Steve Teakel said Love faced tribunal hearings in 2004 and 2005 and had been suspended for striking two players, for "conduct unbecoming of a

coach" and for "conduct like to bring the game into disrepute".

He said Colts were entitled to appeal through AFL Victoria's independent panel.

Love played for Port Melbourne in the VFA before gaining a chance at North Melbourne, then Sydney. He finished with 45 games with the Roos and 23 with the Swans, winning the goalkicking title in 1992.

The Colts have lost some key players in the off-season, with Brett and Danny Jacobs moving on (Brett is coaching Sunshine and ex-Essendon and Hawthorn defender Danny has crossed to St Kilda City) and Jase Perkins trying out at Werribee.

Baseball

PORT Melbourne won its fourth straight State League division two game on Saturday, edging Ormond/Glenhuntingly 2-1 at Murphy Reserve.

The victory moved the Mariners to within three games of fourth placed Williamstown and a spot in the finals

Port (9-10) plays at Melbourne (13-5-1) on Sunday.

The wind was blowing out at St Kilda and the Saints took advantage of the conditions to thump Preston 23-3.

The Saints (10-8) play at winless Footscray (0-18) on Sunday.

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