



# Kimba claims last-over thriller

## NORTH & WEST

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**CRICKET:** In a dramatic finish, Kimba dismissed the last Port Lincoln batsman with two balls remaining to win back-to-back Eyre Peninsula Henderson Shields at Port Lincoln's Centenary Oval last weekend.

With 10 runs required off the last two overs the crowd was kept spell-bound as the exciting conclusion unfolded.

In the end, tail-ender Luke Strudwick set off for a run, but was stranded much to the elation of Kimba and its supporters.

The final score was Kimba 9/181 to Port Lincoln 178. Man-of-the-match was Liam Whitwell.

In other cricket news, Central Whyalla captain returned to his best with 128, putting his team back in the mix for another grand final by defeating top team North.

In other top performances around the region, youngster Tom Davey hit 165 for Port Niell, Craig Wheare made 134 not out for Lock, while at Port Pirie Rob Anderson took 7/26 for Wandearah.

In the Country Carnival both Eyre Peninsula and Upper North finished down the list but Peter Bessen, Jeremy Edson and Buckleboo's Shannon Larwood were named in the SA Country team.

The Eyre Peninsula team that finished equal fifth received the Spirit of Cricket Award from the umpires.

**REGATTA:** The 2008 Lexus Lincoln Week Regatta has more racing divisions than in recent years with Etchells being introduced.

Along the lines of a sloop, the boats can be handled by a crew of three or four and are becoming popular. They are one of the quickest, light air dinghies on the water.

Boston Bay will be a hive of activity once the Adelaide to Port Lincoln Blue Water Classic boats, numbering about 90, clear the waterways.

**FOOTBALL:** Country football may still be a few weeks away but already administrators are worried about a lack of umpires.

Coaching and fitness regimes are available and the boundary umpires can soon become part of the Central corridor.

At Port Lincoln only 10 umpires have announced their availability so far.

The position is understood to be the same in all leagues.

**BOWLS:** Lawn bowls is not necessarily for older people, so says 13-year-old Brody Kemp of Port Germein who lines up as lead for his Mahood Division senior team.

Brody began his training from a very early age.

In other news, the Port Lincoln team of Geoff Arbon, Doug Cummins, Peter Myers and Don Travers won the men's fours at Arno Bay while at Cummins, Ethel Taylor of Coffin Bay won the Southern Eyre Peninsula singles title.

**RACING:** A country race meeting with plenty of prizes for the patrons is being held at Lock on Eyre Peninsula today.

There are six events with punters looking at the form in a lead-up to the Port Lincoln Cup Racing Carnival from March 4-6.

Interstate guests for the Lincoln Cup will be Doug Walters and former jockey Malcolm Johnston with a special get together in the Racecourse Pavilion on the Wednesday evening. In an early form guide from the latest Port Lincoln meeting, Manaway was an impressive winner in the first, Cumquat led and won in the second, Boy John, carrying 63kg, saluted in the third, Beauvoury claimed the fourth, Taking Charge claimed the fifth and Sonic Lad finished full of running in the 1750m sixth.

In Error scored a comfortable win in the seventh also over 1750m, while Alyffia reversed her last to win over

1250m.

Michael Hoppo is in top form and will be worth following after four winners at Lincoln last Sunday.

**HOCKEY:** A trip to Singapore in April is on the agenda for Steel City club player Nick Theologou after being selected in the Australian Country side.

He is the only person to be picked from South Australia. He will be involved in six games - two against national sides and four against state sides.

**TENNIS:** The town and Ravenale courts will be in full use today as youngsters wield the racquets in the Pizza Haven Junior Age tournament at Port Lincoln.

Budding champions will impress and play for monetary prizes.

Players from all over Eyre Peninsula will take part in one of the most important competitions in their tennis year.

**CYCLING:** Cyclists will soon be seen more readily at Port Lincoln with pedallers adopting a City Pride strip to signify their allegiance to their home city with green, blue, red and white the colours. Sponsorship will be allowed, with safety one of the major considerations.