

GLENELG WIN THRILLER BY NINE POINTS

Glenelg won its first premiership in front of a crowd of 30,045 in a match fought at a killing pace.

Setting the speed the Tigers maintained it in astonishing fashion even when threatened by Port Adelaide's cool, systematic football.

A remarkable feature of the game was the Bay's ability to answer every challenging goal by Port thus enabling it to hold a slender lead for most of the game.

Just before the end however the Magpies managed to tie the score and it seemed to gain a grip of the game for which it had striven for more than three quarters. At the close through freak marking by Johnston and another surge of determination saw Glenelg claim victory.

Port Adelaide scored the first goal but such was the Tigers pugnacity that they never again took the lead. Half-way through the first quarter the scores were tied on 2.2 but Glenelg drew away to a three goal lead shortly before the second quarter began and after exciting goal for goal exchanges increased its lead to four goals before half-time.



Bruce McGregor ... coached Glenelg to their first premiership.

At this stage lax kicking by Port threw away a great opportunity to overhaul Glenelg and five shots before the long interval and the first after the break brought six successive behinds. Glenelg's reply was to take its score from 9.8 to 13.8 in four scoring shots and at three quarter time the Magpies trailed by 17 points.

Two goals to Port at the start of the final term however reduced the Tiger's lead to five points before Glenelg responded with a goal and two behinds to regain a comfortable lead.

Johnston, at this point rose to great heights to dominate the rucks and knock the ball into the open spaces with powerful punches but the Magpies summoned reserves of energy they did not know they possessed.

Dermody's dashing play on the wing was rewarded with a goal from Prideaux and although two attacks were repelled Dermody sent the ball in for a goal from Quinn and the scores were tied.

The tension and excitement was painful as Goldsworthy, a leading figure for Glenelg at centre half-forward came to the centre took the ball and through a succession of handpasses was kicked to the goalsquare where Johnston soared feet above the pack to mark and kick a goal which restored the lead to his side. The crowd, hysterically pro-Glenelg, roared again when Jack Owens capped it with another goal.

Still Port came again with the margin reduced to six points following a goal by Quinn but Glenelg made the game safe by adding three points in a row.

Immediately the bell rang players all

but collapsed in several parts of the ground and the crowd rushed on to the field to lionise the Glenelg players.

Bay coach Bruce McGregor was beside himself with excitement and pouncing on rover Colyer carried him in his arms, delightfully hugging him. Other players walked from the field arm in arm.

Glenelg 5.4 10.8 15.10 18.15 123
Port 2.4 6.13 11.17 16.18 114

SCORERS — GLENELG: Goldsworthy 4.2, Owens 3.3, Colyer 3.0, Johnston 3.0, Bergin 2.1, Percy 1.5, Link 1.3, Leak 1.0, rushed 0.1. PORT: Quinn 5.2, Hollingsworth 4.7, Prideaux 4.2, Hender 2.1, Reval 1.1, Yates 0.2, Ween 0.2, Hooper 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Goldsworthy, Colyer, Link, Sallis, Johnston, Brock. PORT: Dermody, Quinn, Hollingsworth, Whicker, Bampton.



'Blue' Johnston, Glenelg's 1934 Magarey Medallist and a matchwinning player in the closing stages of the grand final.



Bob Quinn ... 5 goals in an inspired roving display.