FOOTBALL SECTION

Steve McKee on Grand Final Prospects

CONDUCTED BY ROY COLMER

ALL BAY MEN ARE FIT

Unaltered Team

WITH all players available Glenelg are likely to put the team that defeated Sturt into the field for the grand final against Port on Saturday.

The tigers benefited from the last two games, and are likely to adopt a close checking policy on Saturday in an endeavor to combat Port's aerial stars. The Bay men will rely on pace and ground work, and for this purpose the eighteen that defeated Sturt could not be bettered.

Birrell, who made a promising first appearance in league company against the double-blues, was suffering early this week from a slight attack of influenza, but he is expected to be fit for the game on Saturday.

Rosewarne has recovered from the shoulder injury that caused his retirement from the semi-final, and will be available for selection.

Looking over the probable Glenelg team, it is apparent that they should register a far better performance than they did in their first major round game. They have recovered from the stage fright that hampered their play on that occasion, and no doubt will settle down to hard, fast football early in the contest.

James will have the task of guarding Ween, and he is expected to do much better than on the last occasion. Griffiths, one of the most consistent players for Glenelg, will be the permanent back pocket man, and Hale will be on the other side of James. The veteran will change from the left pocket with Olliver.

Brock will be at centre half-back again. He played finly there against Sturt, and successfully checked Mussman. Birrell will be at half-back right, and he will be opposed by a high-marking forward in Prideaux. As in the last game, Whittaker will have Wightman to watch.

The brilliant performance of Sallis against Day gives Glenelg every reason to feel confident that he will provide a strong post at centre on Saturday.

Hill and Shakes look certain to be on the centre wings. Hill is one of the veterans of the side, but if he reproduces the form shown by him in the last game he should prevent Port gaining a safe avenue of attack along his wing.

Goldsworthy's high marking at centre half-forward may trouble the magpies. He outpointed Sims badly in the last game, and Glenelg are looking to him to provide them with a road to goal on Saturday. His play would be improved if he were to adopt a long kicking game, instead of attempting to pass the ball to players near the goalfront.

Bergin is developing rapidly into one of the best half-forwards in the game, and Port can expect trouble from him. Leak will be on the left half-forward flank.

Glenelg will rest their followers at full forward, and have Owens in the right forward pocket as their chief scoring medium. The rovers will share the other forward pocket.

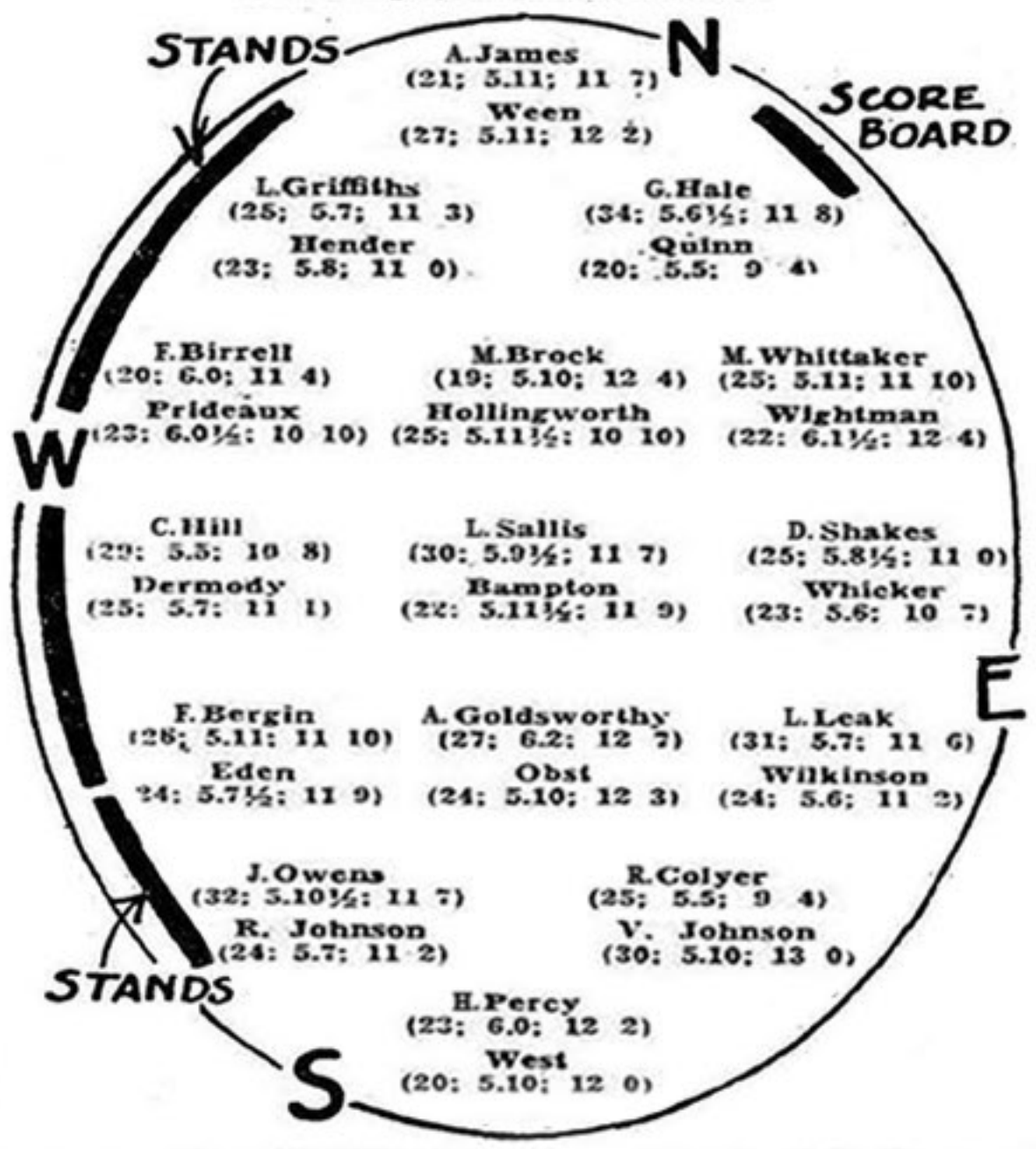
Johnston's form as the leader of the first ruck will be watched with keen interest. He has been below his usual form in the last two games. Link and Colyer will be the rovers, and the Port small men will have to be at their top to outpoint them.

The Bay players will be given a lecture tonight by their coach (Bruce McGregor).

TWO HARD WORKERS for Glenelg—F.Birrell, who played his first league game in the final, and K. Olliver, vice-captain of the team.

How Teams May Be Placed

Port kicking up and names underneath



Rucks.—Port—Yates (22; 6.1½; 13 2); Reval (23; 5.7; 11 8); Hooper (22; 5.4; 10 2); V. Johnson, Wightman, Quinn. 19th - Jacquier

Glenelg—G.Johnston (27; 6.0; 13 0); K.Olliver (28; 5.10; 11 7); A.Link (23; 5.6½; 10 5); Percy, Hale, Colyer. 19th - R. Rosewarne

PORT SHOULD SUCCEED IF WEATHER IS FINE AND CALM CONDITIONS PREVAIL

Glenelg Likely to Reveal Greatly Improved Showing

The grand final game between Port and Glenelg on Saturday—it will be their fourth meeting for the season—marks the end of the keenest fight for the premiership since the inception of the district system in 1897.

It has been a season remarkable for fluctuations of form, and it is fitting, therefore, that Glenelg should have gallantly eliminated Sturt and made themselves contenders for the highest honors of the season.

To have survived such a terrific trouncing as they did at the hands of Port, and then to have come back to winning form against a team which on paper appeared certain to defeat them, speaks volumes for the morale of the Bay team.

Their victory against Sturt makes it fairly certain that the game on Saturday should be a fitting climax to a season which has provided many thrilling encounters.

Instead of the Glenelg defence constantly being called into action immediately following the umpire's release at centre, as they were against Port, Sallis, by his swift dashes, time and again set the Bay attack in motion.

Sturt played like a well-balanced and high-spirited combination when they gave Torrens their quietus. There were no weak points in the double-blue combination on that occasion.

Against Glenelg Sturt began uncertainly, hung on until three-quarter time chiefly through the steadiness of their full backs, and then floundered aimlessly while Glenelg went brilliantly ahead to make the game safe.

It was a complete reversal of form, and from the mass of bewildering contradictions it is difficult to find a sound premise upon which to theorise upon the probable trend of play in the grand final.

The elements undoubtedly conspired to bring about Sturt's downfall. Glenelg caught the double-blues on a day when high-marking strength, the weapon that smashed Torrens' resistance, was totally discounted. A strong cross-field breeze made marking difficult.

I am not seeking to excuse Sturt's defeat by stressing the point unduly. It was the fortune of war, and after all the best team is the one that can adapt itself to any conditions.

Sturt proved themselves a good side under calm conditions during the qualifying round, but Glenelg were clearly the better team last Saturday, and although the margin of victory was not decisive the Bay team's victory was no fluke.

Weak points against Port—across centre, the roving, and defence—were transformed into matchwinning strongposts by the excellence of Sallis, Colyer, Link, Shakes, Hill, Brock, and Griffiths, and the steadiness of the remainder of the team also helped.

Against Port the Glenelg men who played to form could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Everyone played an efficient part against Sturt.

And the stars who were totally ecilpsed by the dazzling brilliance of the magpies, played football of the highest class to put Sturt out of the running.

Johnston was an exception. He was useful, the prevailing conditions giving him only rare opportunities of exercising his high-marking talent.

Sallis and Colyer were the leading spirits in Glenelg's transformation. Sallis controlled the midfield action throughout the game. His brilliant groundwork and unrelenting determination were features of the play.

Colyer played his brilliant attacking part on similar lines. The Glenelg midget frequently threw the Sturt defence into dismay by the penetrating power of his rushes.

Colyer gave a delightful display of running with the ball—one of the lost arts of the game. It was never overdone, but the Glenelg player covered such distances with the pace on that the Sturt backmen were always in doubt whether to come out to intercept, or to "cover up" close in to goal.

Once Glenelg forced the ball over centre Sallis, Hill, and Shakes made it difficult for Sturt to get it away from their defensive end, and with Goldsworthy playing his best game of the season, the Glenelg attack improved out of all knowledge compared with their performance against Port.

How much of the improvement can be attributed to a difference in the quality of the opposition, or to Glenelg's overcoming that "stage fright" which supporters allege palsied their scoring arm on their first semi-final appearance, can only be proved when the two teams measure strides in the grand final.

Given the same calm conditions as obtained when Port gave their classic display of team work, I have no doubt regarding Port's ability to reproduce their form. But I would expect Glenelg to maintain the brilliance which han them within striking distance of Port early in the third quarter, until much later in the day.

NO CHANGES IN PORT TEAM

All Men are Fit

PORT are not likely to make any changes in their team for the grand final against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. The magpies have moulded a strong side, and they are confident of winning the premiership.

Officials at Alberton are pleased at the fine performance of the team this season. There were times during the minor round when their position appeared to be hopeless. Injuries badly weakened the side; but the injured players returned in time to allow the team to win their way through to the major round.

After their fine performance against Glenelg in the second semi-final, Port were wise not to alter the eighteen. Eden and Prideaux have recovered from the wrist injuries that recurred after the last game. West, who was slightly hampered by knee trouble, is reported to be fit again.

Port do not consider that the rest last week has harmed the players in any way. They trained well on Tuesday night, and are expected to take the field as fit as hands can make them.

The powerful kicking of West was a feature of the training this week, and he will be at full back again in the big game on Saturday. He is one of the most improved men in the game.

R. Johnson will be retained in the left back pocket for the purpose of checking Owens, while the other back pocket will be filled by one of the resting ruckmen. V. Johnson will open there, and he will be relieved by Reval.

Wilkinson's brilliant effort at half-back left in the semi-final should assure his retention in the position. He lacks inches for a half-back, but makes up for this by fast determined ground play. Obst will be at centre half-back, and he will have Eden on the other side of him.

The magpies expect that Bampton's exceptional pace will allow him to hold Sallis at centre, and they are looking to Dermody and Whicker to hold the centre wings safe for them.

There will be three tall players across the half-forward line, and here Port anticipate an advantage. Hollingworth, at centre half-forward, is the star of the line, and Port can be expected to make most of their drives through him.

Prideaux will be stationed on the left flank, and the other wing position will be shared by Wightman and Yates.

Ween is certain to be placed at the goalfront again, and the magpies will have Hender in the right forward pocket. It is possible that the Aldgate man may take a turn on the ruck fringes, but he will be in attack for the greater part of the game. The other forward pocket will be shared by the two rovers Quinn and Hooper.

The rucks will be strongly manned, with Yates and Reval in the first pack and Wightman and V. Johnson in the second. Hooper will be the first rover, and he will be relieved by Quinn.

Although McFarlane, the former University half-back, is in training it is likely that Jacquier will be the nineteenth man again. He has had ruck experience, and could play either in a forward or back position.

Port players will be given easy work at training tonight, and in addition to being entertained at supper will be lectured by their coach "Buck" Ashby.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Grand Final

Port v. Glenelg, Adelaide Oval.

Should a blustering wind again prevail, Port will be adversely affected to a much greater degree than Glenelg.

Port need a calm day to exploit those flashing foot-passing chains that are the basis of their team work. Glenelg have not such a highly developed team sense, although they are capable of working systematically.

Port have topped the 20-goal mark at each of their last three appearances—against South at Adelaide Oval; when they outclassed Torrens in the rain at Alberton, and against Glenelg in the semi-final.

The magpies will be favorites for the premiership when they go into action, but Glenelg have regained a belief in themselves that has completely destroyed the possibility of their suffering from an inferiority complex, begotten of stage fright.

Glenelg will put up a much stronger fight this time. And the weather may again be a determining factor.

Glenelg Win First League Premiership

CONDUCTED BY PERCY FURLER

BEAT PORT ADELAIDE IN INSPIRING GAME

Fast and Hard Bumping Play Delights the Crowd

GAIN VICTORY BY NINE POINTS

For the first time since they entered league football in 1921 Glenelg won the premiership today, defeating Port by nine points.

By setting a cracking pace from the outset Glenelg gained a lead which proved too much for Port. It was inspiring football, which delighted the crowd present at the Adelaide Oval.

Glenelg had never previously been higher than sixth on the premiership list, although it had had a number of first-class players in its ranks. Their combination today was excellent.

PORT.—Backs—V. Johnson, Eden, R. Johnson. Half-backs—Wilkinson, Obst, McFarlane. Centres—Whicker, Bampton, Dermody. Half-forwards—Wightman, Hollingworth, Prideaux. Forwards—Quinn, Ween, Hender. Ruck—Yates, Reval, Hooper. Jacquier (19th).

GLENELG.—Backs — Griffiths, James, Hale. Half-backs—Birrell, Brock, Whittaker. Centres—Hill, Sallis, Shakes. Half-forwards—Bergin, Goldsworthy, Leak. Forwards—Owens, Percy, Colyer. Ruck—Johnston, Olliver, Link. Rosewarne (19th).

Umpire—L. C. Thomas.

Attendance, 25,000.

Glenelg received an encouraging cheer as they filed on to the ground. Port, who were wearing white knickers, were given an equally rousing reception when they bounded on to the arena a minute later. Owens (Glenelg) won the toss and took advantage of a fresh breeze that blew diagonally across the ground, slightly favoring the northern goal.

Shakes got the ball away from a centre, and a free to Link saw Glenelg hot in attack. An overhead shot by Goldsworthy went out of bounds, and Port cleared. A brilliant chain of passes by Reval, Bampton, Hollingworth, and Hender flashed the ball to the other end, and Quinn goaled from a free.

Link was prominent in the Glenelg attack, and when Owens manoeuvred cleverly to outmark R. Johnson, he equalled the score. Outpacing the opposition, Leak and Link raced goalward again. Percy marked safely and goaled.

A. Link

The game was opening in brilliant fashion, and kept the crowd on its toes. Sallis drove into Percy, who marked against two opponents. His shot from a long way out brought a point. Reval and Bampton brought Port into attack, and Hollingworth ran in leisurely to even the scores with a goal.

Goldsworthy kicked a goal for Glenelg, and narrowly missed another with a left-foot snap. Percy, who was marking brilliantly, got a point with a long shot. Glenelg were outpacing Port, and were doing practically all the attacking.

Hender led out cleverly to receive from Hollingworth and brought Port within a point of the opposition with a goal. From the bounce Leak raced straight down the field and goaled.

A free to Bampton put Port in attack but Percy returned the ball. Sallis was getting into his stride at centre, and twice drove the ball forward. Dermody was prominent in a Port breakaway, but after marking well Hooper got only a behind from easy range.

Dermody eclipsed Hill, who had sustained a heavy fall in the early stages of play, and was Port's main avenue of attack. But the Port forwards could make little use of the opportunities provided, being cleverly checked.

Goldsworthy added a goal for Glenelg before the bell.

First Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG . .	5	4	34
PORT	3	4	22

Percy and Link attacked when the second quarter opened, but Owens failed to hold the ball. Hill and Goldsworthy drove it in again, and Owens scored a goal from a free on the boundary.

Once more Dermody showed his brilliance, but Hollingworth's long shot was not accurate. Port maintained the pressure, and success came when Reval found the goal. Glenelg responded with a fierce thrust capped by a goal from Colyer.

It was inspiring football. Dermody put Hollingworth in the way of getting his next goal. Goldsworthy retaliated with a goal from a long shot for Glenelg. Obst, who had been consistently beaten by Goldsworthy, was taken from half-back and replaced by McFarlane, a Port recruit.

A shot by Owens was touched on the line by Eden, and R. Johnson marked a hot shot from Colyer in the goalmouth a moment later.

Weight was now being used freely by Port in an effort to unsettle Glenelg. Both teams temporarily lost their accuracy, Glenelg scoring three behinds and Port two before Johnston secured at the throw-in from the boundary and ran in to goal. James went a long way out of the goal to cover Ween, and a long shot by Hollingworth bounced through for full points.

Reval battled grimly to drive Glenelg out, but Sallis and Link sent the ball back. Johnston marked brilliantly in the bunch in the goalmouth, and a goal resulted. Glenelg were a vastly different proposition from what they had been in the first semi-final.

A long shot by Prideaux was touched on the line by James, who had to fly high to reach the ball. James was again seen to great advantage when he marked a shot by Hollingworth. Five points came to Port from Yates (2), Quinn, Prideaux, and Hollingworth, when they were desperately in need of goals. Port were attacking when the bell sounded.

Second Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG . .	10	8	68
PORT	6	13	49

The game was easily the most spectacular of the major round, and the huge crowd which packed the stands and mounds was kept at a high pitch of excitement.

Ween was goalkeeper, Prideaux was at full forward, and Eden was on the half-back line for Port on resumption. Dermody and Hooper started an attack, but Reval followed some good play with a weak kick, which brought only a behind. But Prideaux scouted, marked, and goaled.

Glenelg were soon in their stride, and Olliver started a move that brought a goal from Goldsworthy. Hollingworth and Quinn put on points for Port, and then Hender received close in from Reval and goaled.

Leak and Percy combined well to enable Colyer to goal and then Reval, who was the most powerful influence in the ruck, sent to Quinn, and a goal was added for Port. Prideaux's long shot went out of bounds, but securing again he dashed in and kicked a goal.

Port were now only four points behind. Glenelg improved their position with a goal from Colyer. Olliver marked well to check a Port onslaught, and Link rushed a point. Marking the kick-off, he added another.

A shot by Leak fell short, and Wilkinson cleared brilliantly. Reval was still the greatest danger to Glenelg. Colyer took Glenelg to within scoring range, and Bergin kicked a goal. A free to Hender saw Port threaten danger but James got the ball away in dashing style.

Play was more congested than in the first half. Griffiths and Whittaker shone in defence. There was a lot of scrambling play in Glenelg territory before Hollingworth goaled from a free.

Johnston and Link were away in a flash. A long kick by Link was misjudged by the bunch in front of the goal, and flew over their heads for full points. Glenelg were attacking at the bell.

Third Quarter

GLENELG . .	15	10	100
PORT	11	17	83

With a 17-point deficit Port settled down with fierce determination. Reval and Hooper carried the ball forward, and Quinn goaled with an overhead kick. Dermody raced down the centre, but the attacked crumpled. Griffiths was given a free. James cleared a low shot by Prideaux. Port were doing all the attacking.

Prideaux marked close in from Wightman, and with a goal carried Port to within five points of their opponents. Marking a mis-kick by Leak, Bergin drove the ball in, but R. Johnson sent it back. A powerful knock by Goldsworthy sent the ball direct to Bergin, who ran in and goaled.

A skyscraping mark by Johnston stopped the Port breakaway. A moment later he repeated the performance. Bergin flew through the bunch to mark at midfield, and Owens kicked a behind from a free. He added another with a snapshot.

Glenelg were on top again and had Port on the defensive. Flying high Hollingworth outmarked two opponents. His kick lacked direction—a behind was signalled. Dermody sent to Prideaux, who goaled. Port were now six points behind.

Dermody was again the damaging influence when Quinn was enabled to goal, and equalise the score. Excitement was at fever heat. A safe mark by Whittaker and a free to Goldsworthy saw Link in possession. Johnston towered above all opposition to mark in the goalmouth, and Glenelg were a goal ahead.

Two Port players colliding allowed Birrell to mark unopposed. Marks by Goldsworthy and Owens culminated in a goal from the latter. Port dashed forward, but Griffiths cleared. Playing with superb skill Dermody launched another attack, and this time Quinn mapped a goal.

Whittaker and Hill sent Glenelg goalward, and a point was rushed by Johnston. Reval tripped Hale as he attempted to break away, and fists were raised before other players separated them. The same players clashed again a few moments later.

Hale left the field and Rosewarne took his place. Port were handling their opponents too much. Their forwards were also disorganised, and could make no use of the opportunities provided for them. Glenelg were still attacking as the bell closed one of the most thrilling grand finals seen in this State.

Stars Of Big Game

JOHNSTON gave a sound ruck display. His towering mark on the goal line in the last quarter was the turning point in a game which threatened to slip away from Glenelg.

GREAT credit was due to Sallis for his sterling game at centre. He used every opportunity to best advantage, his clever ground play contributing much towards Glenelg's victory.

A. Goldsworthy

TIGERISH determination and speed by Link and Colyer found them leading many Bay attacks.

GOLDSWORTHY was a match-winner for Glenelg. He was at his top right from the outset, and gave Glenelg definite strength at centre half-forward by brilliant marking.

JAMES showed perfect judgment in goal. His strong play and safe marking repeatedly barred Port's progress.

LEAK sparkled at half-forward in the opening stages. His fast dashes resulted in the Port backmen often being found out of position.

EDEN carried out his many duties in characteristic style. Strong kicking and determination found him fighting out the issue on many occasions.

McFARLANE, the Port recruit, showed strong marking ability. When he becomes accustomed to league ranks he should be a valuable unit to the magpies.

WEEN played serviceably without ever being an outstanding success.

R. Quinn

REVAL bore the brunt of the ruck work for Port. He tried to do too much, however, and consequently nullified much of his good work.

QUINN roved with brilliant dash. He went into the packs with determination, and was responsible for a fine exhibition.

DERMODY showed flashes of brilliance, but was never outstanding in a Port team below top form.

Final

	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG . .	18	15	123
PORT	16	18	114

Goalkickers.— Glenelg—Goldsworthy (4), Owens, Johnston, Colyer (each 3), Bergin (2), Link, Percy, Leak. Port—Quinn (5), Hollingworth, Prideaux (each 4), Hender (2), Reval.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Sallis, Goldsworthy, Colyer, Link, Johnston, Whittaker, Shakes. Port—Quinn, Dermody, Reval, Ween, Hooper, Eden, McFarlane.

ATTENDANCE SHOWS DECREASE

The attendance at the grand football final today showed a decrease of 3,399 compared with the grand final last season.

The crowd at today's match aggregated 30,045.

Glenelg Win First League Premiership

CONDUCTED BY PERCY FURLER

Dazzling Football, And Determination

FACTORS THAT GAVE SUCCESS TO GLENELG

(By Percy Furler)

Glenelg well won the 1934 premiership today by a display of dazzling football intermixed with bulldog determination.

Seriously threatened by Port in the last term, they met all the demands upon their strength. Port's poor kicking for goal was largely responsible for their defeat, but this must be classed as bad football, and not bad luck.

Glenelg were quickly in their stride. From the outset it appeared that there was to be no quarter asked for by either side. By solid bumping and clean exchanges the players had the crowd keyed up in anticipation of a stirring struggle.

Glenelg's two goals in quick time made Port struggle to counter this early success of their rivals. Faulty kicking and misunderstanding between Port in their forward lines allowed Glenelg to break away.

Helped by dazzling ground play and a perfect idea of spoiling in the air, Glenelg were successful in reducing Port's forward line from expected outstanding strength to one of ordinary power.

Goldsworthy was in top form at centre half-forward, and made Glenelg a fairly safe avenue of attack by a direct route. I could not understand the foolish attempts at clearing by the Port backline. Seasoned footballers were resorting to handball and short passing, which gave the nippy Glenelg forwards every chance to dash in and intercept.

Bampton lost all sense of direction, and knocked out to Link, whose outstanding pace allowed him to run through to goal. Short passing by Glenelg allowed Port to break through, and grand work by Dermody saw Port threaten danger. A lightning-like thrust by Glenelg found Goldsworthy goal without a Port man touching the ball.

Glenelg had sparkled in the first term, playing dashing football.

Leading out in perfect fashion, they added a goal immediately on resumption. Port, themselves fast, were unable to counter the lightning-like rushes of their opponents.

Johnson, to buttress the centre half-back, sent McFarlane to fill the post. The move was certainly warranted, as Goldsworthy had dominated the play in that part. Port were badly rattled, and had Reval connected when he threw his feet into a bunch the consequences may have been serious.

Port were definitely unable to keep pace with Glenelg, who raced away in dashing style.

Sallis, at centre, was again a star. With his brilliant ground play and anticipation he made the pivot a strong post. Port broke away with a perfect chain of passes, but Hender kicked poorly. Continued attacks by Port produced only singles, and Prideaux, who had been in eclipse, hit a post from point blank range.

Glenelg had earned their 19-point lead at half-time, and it appeared to be a question of whether they could keep up the cracking pace which they had set from the outset. Perfect football had been played with Glenelg leading in every phase of the game.

Port forged forward on resumption, and clever shepherding by Hender allowed Prideaux's kick to bounce through. Port were now playing with more zest, and doggedly fought their way forward.

Showing more system than Glenelg for the first time during the day, Port gradually overhauled their opponents. Glenelg appeared to be weakening.

I do not think there is a team playing who could keep up with the phenomenal pace set by Glenelg in the early stages. Glenelg scouted better, and frequently turned Port back.

Port were badly let down by the forwards, who were constantly out of position. Port determinedly fought goalward, and had they possessed a forward of class they may have materially strengthened their position. Except for spasmodic flashes Port had not produced any of the brilliance which characterised their play in the semi-final.

SCORES EQUALISED

Port dashed forward in the last term, and goaled immediately. Carrying on with their strong attack, Prideaux placed them within five points of Glenelg and the crowd was worked up to a high pitch of excitement. Port anxiety let them into trouble. A misunderstanding by three backmen let Glenelg in. Johnston now flashed into the picture, and sent Glenelg forward.

Reval was spoken to by the umpire for an incident in front of the stand. He appeared to run through, connect with his foot, and a Glenelg man sank to the ground.

The crowd went wild with excitement when Quinn made the scores equal, but Johnston soared over the pack immediately after to regain command. Glenelg fought strongly to hold off a determined bid by Port.

Port players lost control of themselves. In the heat of the moment Obst appeared to throw the ball in the umpire's face. Then a Port player showed poor sportsmanship when he met an opponent with a miserable attempt at manhandling and ju jitsu tactics which did not please his own team mates or the spectators.

Whatever chance Port had of snatching victory they threw away by their bad tactics.

The bell range amid tumultuous cheering for Glenelg.

Players Reported

Three Port players were reported by umpires following incidents in the last quarter in the league grand final.

Reval was reported by Central Umpire Thomas for having allegedly hacked Bergin and Hale, of Glenelg. The goal umpire, Monten, and boundary umpire, Hill, reported the same player for having allegedly hacked Hale.

Central Umpire Thomas, Boundary Umpires Russ and Hill, and Goal Umpire Monten reported Wightman for having allegedly thrown the ball away in the last quarter.

Obst was reported by Central Umpire Thomas, Boundary Umpires Russ and Hill, and Goal Umpire Monten or having allegedly thrown the ball at the central umpire in the last quarter.

Ground Duel by Rovers in Grand Final

THE BIGGER MEN in the left of this picture seem to have shepherded each other out of the play, but two rovers, Hooper (Port) and Colyer (Glenelg), are going for the ball. an incident during the grand final game at Adelaide Oval. The players who can be recognised are (from left)—Ween (Port Adelaide), Wilkinson (Port Adelaide), Hooper, and Colyer.

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Passing By

By Mr. Pim.

"We'll wander through the streets and note
The qualities of people."
—Shakespeare

...atulations to Glenelg

CONGRATULATIONS to Glenelg on winning the league football premiership. I confess I was one who did not think they could get there, after the way Port Adelaide defeated them in the semi-final.

Bruce McGregor, coach, told me yesterday that he thought Port and Sturt underrated Glenelg, and I think that is correct. Both seemed confident they could apply the pressure in the last quarter, and win. Unfortunately for their plans, Glenelg also had something in reserve.

I judged from my talk with McGregor that he aimed to upset his opponents' system by impressing on his men that they must keep in front of the Port players they were standing. In that he succeeded.

He did not agree with me that the turning point in the game came when Johnston, of Glenelg, took a mark in the goalmouth. He thought it came when Johnston, while near the centre, took a remarkable one-arm mark, and thus checked Port's progress towards the goal.

Youngest Half-Back Line

GLENELG had three local juniors in the half-back line. It is said that a younger half-back line has never played in a final in this State.

The players were Brock (19), Birrell (20), and Whittaker (20). Whittaker played his first league game about half-way through the minor round, but Birrell has played in only two games—the final and the grand final. Brock has played two seasons. All are from local junior teams. Sallis, Johnston, and Link, three star players, are local lads.

Credit Due To Bruce McGregor

MUCH credit for Glenelg's dashing victory today must be given to their coach (B. McGregor). McGregor came from West Broken Hill, the same club which gave Glenelg their leader, Jack Owens, and he quickly earned a reputation as a player of outstanding ability. His strong and scrupulously fair methods twice earned for him the Magarey Medal.

It must have been particularly pleasing for McGregor to see Johnston annex the same honor in the season that Glenelg won the premiership. In his second season as coach of the Bay side, McGregor's efforts with his young charges have reaped their just reward, and there was no prouder man at the conclusion of the match than the former State skipper.

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BRILLIANT AT FORWARD
Goldsworthy's Marking
OBST BEATEN

(By Roy Colmer)

GOLDSWORTHY'S brilliant effort at centre half-forward for Glenelg was the outstanding performance of the league grand final up to half-time. He outmarked Obst repeatedly in the first quarter. Johnson sent McFarlane across to check the Bay man early in the second quarter. Even then Goldsworthy continued to do much valuable work.

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PACE was the secret of Glenelg's success. They had the edge on the magpies all the time, and consequently earned many free kicks because Port handled the man.

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SALLIS has to take a great share of the credit for Glenelg's fine lead at half-time. He made a strong post of centre, and many drives were started by the determined ground work of this fine player.

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CONTRARY to expectations, Glenelg met Port at their own game, sending the ball high up until half-time gave them a strong call in the air.

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FEW of the Port men revealed the power they showed in the second semi-final. They were meeting a team far in advance of that they were pitted against in the second semi-final.

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COLYER and Link played brilliant football for Glenelg. Their fast dashes from the ruck fringes and clever position play when in attack gave the tigers many opportunities to score.

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HOLLINGWORTH was the best of the Port forwards, although his kicking was not up to standard. He was more closely checked by Brock than on the last occasion, and Port found many of their drives breaking down at that point.

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THAT Port were worried by the determined showing of the Bay men was demonstrated in the second quarter, when V. Johnson called Ween on to the ball. The magpies were not doing at all well in the packs, and Ween was responsible for the recovery made by Port late in the second term.

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PERCY was the star for Glenelg early in the piece by his fine high marking at the goal front and also when following.

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OWENS' goal at the opening of the second quarter was a gem. He was given a free kick from an acute angle at the southern end, but his shot sped through from his boot.

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QUINN, Hender, and Hooper played useful football at times for the magpies, but their displays were not up to that shown by them in the second semi-final.

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DERMODY was the only member of the Port centre line to beat his man. Shakes defeated Whicker, who made many mistakes. Some of Dermody's high marks were crowd-thrillers. His lever turning and exceptional pace got him out of difficulties time after time.

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Glenelg 1934 Premiers

WINS THRILLING MATCH BY NINE POINTS

Port Adelaide Unable To Match Glenelg's Great Pace

TEAMS LEVEL IN LAST QUARTER

By ROVER

Setting the pace from the start, giving Port Adelaide little chance to drop into the machine-like system which had established it as a firm favorite for the 1934 title, and beating off a strong challenge in the last few minutes, Glenelg brilliantly won by nine points the League football grand final and the premiership, at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

It was one of the most thrilling matches in the memory of any of the 30,045 people who witnessed it. Fought at a killing pace, the players were forced to endure a more gruelling contest than they had probably ever before experienced. Having set the speed, Glenelg maintained it in astonishing fashion, clapping on even greater pace when challenged by Port Adelaide, whose efforts to produce the cool, systematic football which had been a feature of its play in earlier matches, were obviously upset by the dash and verve of the opposition.

A remarkable feature of the match, and indicative of the determination of the winning team, was that, almost invariably a challenging goal by Port Adelaide would immediately be answered by a similar score by Glenelg. By this means not only did Glenelg hold a slender lead practically throughout the game, but it caused Port Adelaide's early sang-froid to give way to concern, and finally to panic in the closing stages, when, with the last few minutes ticking away, its fiercest efforts could not bring the goal which would give it the lead.

The teams were level a few minutes before the finish, and for a few seconds Port seemed to have the grip of the game for which it had striven for more than three quarters, but before freak marking by Johnstone and another surge of fierce determination by the Glenelg team generally, Port quailed, and was beaten.

THE progressive scores are an excellent indication of the game. Glenelg's speed and new-found pugnacity is reflected in the fact that Port Adelaide, after scoring the first goal of the day, did not thereafter hold the lead at any stage, though on several occasions it drew to within striking distance, only to see Glenelg shoot away again. Half-way through the first quarter the scores were level at 2.2, but Glenelg drew away to a lead of three goals shortly after the second quarter began, and after exciting goal-for-goal exchanges, increased its advantage to more than four goals shortly before half time.

It was at this stage that Port Adelaide threw away, by laxity in kicking in the forward lines, a golden opportunity to at least overhaul Glenelg. Its last five kicks at goal before half time and its first one on the resumption brought points—six behinds in a disheartening row. Glenelg's reply was to take its score from 9.8 to 13.8 in four scoring shots. Port was left apparently hopelessly behind, and it entered the last quarter with a deficit of nearly three goals.

Port's Challenge

Two goals early in the fourth term brought the crowd to its feet, the scores then being—Port Adelaide 13.17, Glenelg 16.10—a differenec of only five points—but, as had happened throughout the match, Glenelg responded fiercely, a goal and two behinds putting the scores out of touch again.

Johnston, who was playing magnificently in view of the fact that he had an injured leg, rose to great heights, literally and metaphorically, dominating the ruck and knocking the ball into the open spaces with powerful punches. Excitement was intense as Port fought to regain a challenging position. McFarlane, brought into the side from the University team in Amateur League, marked brilliantly in the Port half-back line, and, with defeat staring them in the face, every Port player summoned reserves of energy he did not know he possessed, to beat back Glenelg attacks and to get the ball forward.

Dermody's dashing play at centre wing—he literally ran himself to the ground in his lion-hearted effort—was ultimately rewarded by a goal from Prideaux. Twice repelled, Port again sent in by Dermody, scored another goal from Quinn. This goal made the scores level.

The tenseness of the excitement was almost painful as the ball was bounced in midfield. Goldsworthy, who, at centre half forward, had been a leading figure in the Glenelg side throughout the match, came out almost to centre, to get the ball and from him it flashed from man to man until Johnson—playing a match winning quarter—soared feet above the pack in the goal mouth to mark and kick the goal which restored the lead to Glenelg. The crowd, definitely pro-Glenelg, was hysterically delighted when Owens capped it with another goal.

The players of both sides were palpably exhausted. Physically "done," the nervous tension kept them on their toes, and it was not altogether surprising that frayed tempers found an outlet in two or three outbursts of "temperament" on the part of disappointed Port Adelaide players. This display of feeling, however, played havoc with the side's prospects, for by that time Quinn had scored another goal for Port, making the difference only six points, but Port had come to the end of its tether, and Glenelg made the game safe by scoring three behinds, the first of which was as good as a goal to it.

Strain On Players

Immediately the bell rang, players all but collapsed in several parts of the ground. Dermody was "all in," and so were many others on both sides as they limped painfully off the ground. The gatemen found difficulty in restraining the crowd from rushing on to the ground to lionise the Glenelg players. Bruce McGregor (coach of Glenelg) was beside himself with excitement, and, pouncing upon Colyer (Glenelg rover), carried him in his arms, delightfully hugging him. Other players, as much for the additional support, as for felicitation, walked with arms about each other from the ground. Scores:—

First Quarter

Glenelg, 5 goals 4 behinds (34 points).
Port Adelaide, 3 goals 4 behinds (22 points).

Half-time

Glenelg, 10 goals 8 behinds (68 points).
Port Adelaide, 6 goals 13 behinds (49 points).

Third Quarter

Glenelg, 15 goals 10 behinds (100 points).
Port Adelaide, 11 goals 17 behinds (83 points).

Final

Glenelg, 18 goals 15 behinds (123 points).
Port Adelaide, 16 goals 18 behinds (114 points).

Scorers of goals and behinds—Glenelg, Goldsworthy, 4 goals 2 behinds; Owens, 3.3; Colyer and Johnston, each 3.0; Bergin, 2.1; Percy, 1.5; Link, 1.3; Leak, 1.0; and one behind was knocked.

Port Adelaide—Quinn, 5.2; Hollingworth, 4.7; Prideaux, 4.2; Hender, 2.1; Reval, 1.1; Yates and Ween, each 0.2; Hooper, 0.1. One of Prideaux's kicks hit a goalpost.

Goldsworthy's Marking

When it entered the major round Glenelg was not generally regarded as a high-marking team, but it has not been definitely beaten in the air in any of its three matches. On Saturday Goldsworthy was one of the principal match-winning factors at centre half-forward. His marking and kicking were always a source of danger to Port Adelaide. Colyer and Link were amazingly fast rovers, and their dashes with the ball were probably more demoralising to Port than anything else. Sallis, while not so completely in command as in the previous match, was almost unbeatable at centre, and Leak, Shakes and Hill supplemented the pace and dash of the two rovers already mentioned. Johnston reserved his best efforts for the critical stage in the last quarter. His freak one-handed mark at half-back stopped a threatened breakaway by Port Adelaide, and he clinched the game for his side with his mark in the goalmouth at the other end a few minutes later. Whittaker, Brock, James, and Birrell were stout defenders, and Bergin a brilliant half-forward flanker. Percy and Hale marked strongly and rucked rigorously respectively.

R. Birrell

Great Wing Play

Every ounce of Dermody's strength and stamina was spent in his effort, particularly in the last quarter, to bring victory to his side. His brilliant marking, and remarkable speed and cleverness in finding openings through which to launch virile attacks, made him a particularly painful thorn in Glenelg's side. Quinn capped a good season with his best roving effort. Like his more famous brother, he tempers even the most torrid exchanges with a coolness which enables him to perceive the right thing to do. He kicked accurately when trying for goal—something Hollingsworth could not do. This fine half-forward handled the ball as much as any other placed man on the ground, gaining possession with great brilliance on occasion, but four goals from 11 scoring shots discounted much of his good work. Whicker played one of his best games at centre wing, and Sampton completed a centre line which, on the day, had at least as much of the play as the opposition. Hender and Hooper were occasionally brilliant and always useful, but were not the force they have been in previous matches. Reval seemed unable to find a man to whom to send the ball, and many of his brilliant runs ended in disaster. Nevertheless, his determination and stamina were commendable. Eden (who, in the absence of West through injury), took over the goalkeeper's position, and R. Johnson were the best of the defence, though McFarlane, playing his first League match, marked brilliantly in the last half. Prideaux marked well at times in the forward lines.

A Reval

L. C. Thomas umpired well.

FOOTBALLERS REPORTED

Port Players To Be Charged

Arising from incidents which occurred in the last quarter of the grand final football match at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday, three Port Adelaide players are to be charged before the League commissioners (Messrs. T. S. O'Halloran, K.C., E. Millhouse, and J. J. Woods).

A. Reval, for having, it is alleged, hacked Bergin and Hale, is to be called upon to answer charges laid by L. C. Thomas (field umpire), S. A. D. Hill (boundary), and J. F. S. Monten (goal).

C. Wightman, on reports to be made by Thomas, Hill, Monten, and G. Russ (boundary umpire), will answer a charge of having thrown the ball away.

K. Obst, for having, it is alleged, thrown the ball at the field umpire, is to be reported by the field umpire, both boundary umpires, and Monten (goal).

South Melbourne's Goal Kick Registers 148th For Season

MELBOURNE, October 7.

In a game brimful of sparkling incidents, despite a sloppy ground, South Melbourne proved too good for Geelong in the League preliminary final at the M.C.C. on Saturday and won its way to the grand final against Richmond. South Melbourne's pace, dash, and superiority in the ruck and in the centre overcame the Geelong team, which fought strongly to the last ditch but was more handicapped by the conditions than its rivals.

R. Pratt, the champion South Melbourne goalkicker, was unbeatable on the forward line. He kicked six goals in the match, bringing his total for the season to 148 goals.

Association Grand Final

Playing with the system and speed which have characterised all its matches this season, Northcote convincingly defeated Coburg, and won the premiership in the grand final of the Association on Saturday. This is the third year in succession in which Northcote and Coburg have met in the grand final, and it is the third successive year that Northcote has won the pennant.

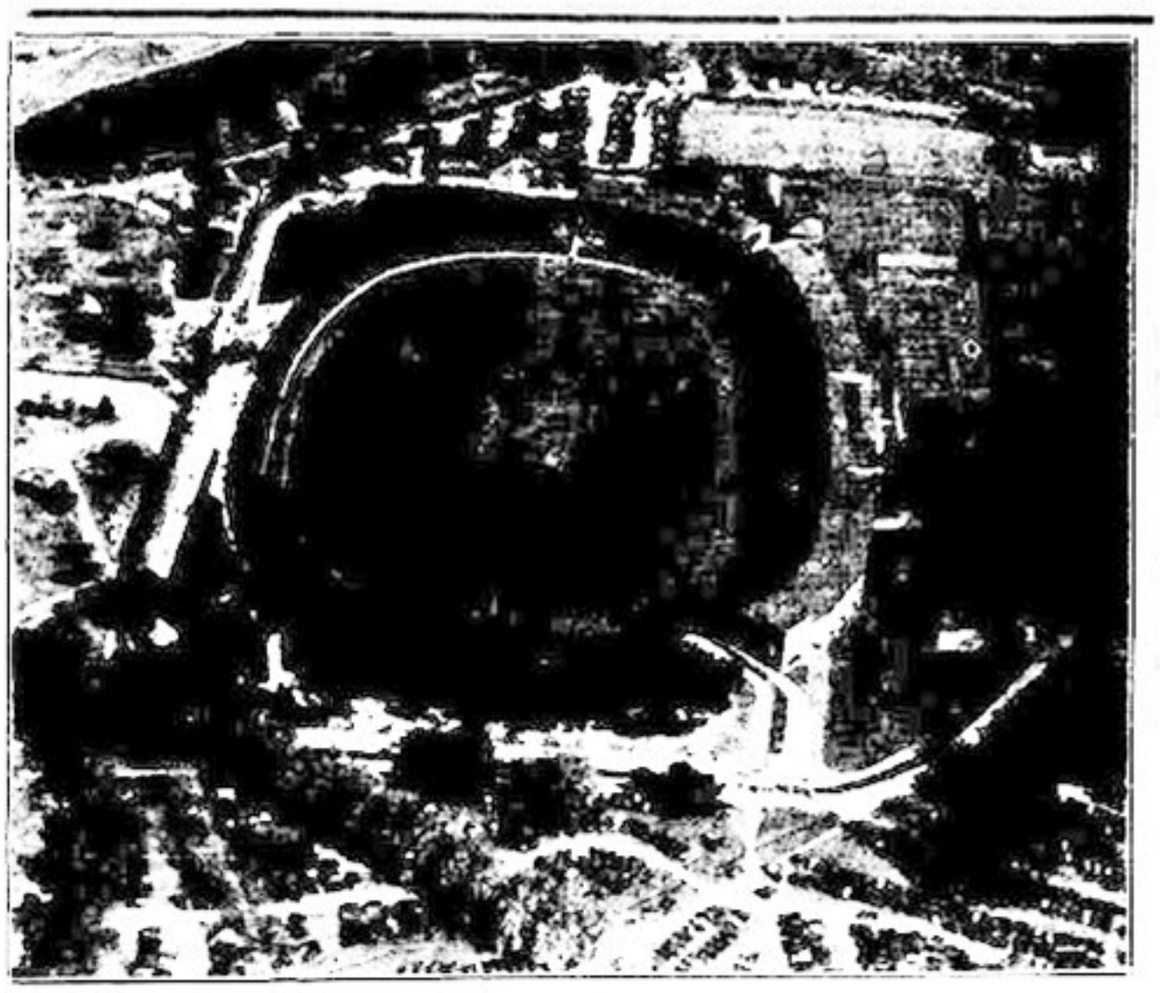
Coburg was handicapped by the absence of its leader, George Rudolph, but even with him in the side, Coburg would not have won. Northcote has thoroughly deserved its premiership.

The final scores were:—Northcote, 19 goals 16 behinds; Coburg, 10 goals 9 behinds.

WEST PERTH WINS W.A. FINAL

PERTH, October 7.

Figuring in a W.A. Football League final for the first time in 19 years, Victoria Park met West Perth yesterday, but was defeated by 35 points. The final scores were:—West Perth, 9.14; Victoria Park, 4.9.



AERIAL VIEW of the Adelaide Oval and Memorial Drive tennis Courts on Saturday. On the Oval the grand final football match, in which Glenelg beat Port Adelaide, was in progress; on the Memorial Drive courts, the opening matches of the S.A.L.T.A. district tennis season were played. Cars parked for the football are also shown among the trees in the foreground.

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