

Magarey Medallist, a Policeman, Thinks He is Lucky, But

Friends Disagree

ALTHOUGH most football followers will agree that he has earned the honor, G. B. Johnston, Magarey Medallist for 1934, considers he was lucky to top the poll.

The fairest and most brilliant player in the league is a mounted constable, stationed at the Adelaide Police Barracks. He was congratulated by his comrades today, and "Blue," as he is known to thousands of football enthusiasts, made no secret of the fact that he was a pleased man.

In addition to the congratulations of his comrades at the barracks, he was kept busy answering telephone calls this morning. "I have just about worn my boots out running to the phone," he said.

Johnston thought that Len Sallis, the Glenelg and State centre man, would have gained the medal. "I was hoping that Len would get it," he said. "He has been playing consistently well throughout the year. He has been runner-up twice, and so I would have liked him to have won the medal this year."

The medallist is 27 years of age, and has been in the Glenelg team for seven



G. B. ("BLUE") JOHNSTON, photographed today with his mount, Cora.

seasons. He started in 1927, but spent one season in the South-East.

One of the most brilliant footballers in league football, Johnston has played a big part in Glenelg's entry into the league finals this season for the first time in the history of the club.

At his best, he is a crowd thriller with his brilliant leaps for the ball. In most games this season he has played a match-winning part, and his brilliance was never better shown than in the interstate game against Victoria at Adelaide Oval this season.

In that game Johnston was opposed by some of the highest marks in the Victorian League, but he soared over them in the crushes to gather in the ball.

He was a member of the State teams to play in Perth and Melbourne also.

Although he has been showered with congratulations today, Johnston's happy hour will come tonight when he goes to the Glenelg Oval for training.

There will be a reception waiting for him there, and no doubt the medal winner will be made to change his view, and think that luck did not play such a big part in his success.