FOOTBALL SECTION

Steve McKee Discusses League Position

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WINS FOR GLENELG AND PORT ARE VITAL

North Are in Good Position

The fight for positions in the final four will be resumed with redoubled intensity on Saturday, when all four league games will have a bearing on the ranking of teams in the premiership table.

Chief interest remains centred in the tussle for the two minor positions, for which

West, Glenelg, Norwood, and Port are competing.

Torrens and Sturt, well clear of the field, can afford to contemplate the concluding

phase of the qualifying round with complacency.

They have no team-building problem to solve. Balance has been attained at all points, and, apart from replacements made necessary by injuries, the teams that will give battle for Torrens and Sturt will differ very little from those at present in action.

Torrens and Sturt have a great Glenelg. Norwood, and Port in the chance of repeating last season's minor round. achievement of leading the field when the eliminating process is completed. And the advantage which first or secand position bestows will keep those teams striving their utmost to secure

North are the only team in the competition with a real chance of displacing Torrens or Sturt. Unsteadiness in defence and the lack of a highflying full back combined to bring about North's successive defeats by Sturt and West, but that defect will be largely remedied when Fleet returns to the goal line.

North are favorably placed with four of their remaining seven games to be place. played at Prospect.

The team has such tremendous scoring potentialities, and is so well equipped across centre, in the rucks, and attack, that I have no doubt about their surviving the minor round.

But what of the teams lower in the table? West have apparently recaptured the form which enabled them to win three of their first four engage- five of their remaining six engagements. ments of the season, but the red-andblacks have before them the most severe contract of all teams.

West have won twice at Adelaide Oval this season, against North and Norwood respectively. At Wayville they defeated Glenelg, Torrens, and

North, and drew with Port.

They have two more games at home, with South and Norwood. Form points to West winning both, but their chance of reaching the major round principally depends on their ability to develop winning form on suburban grounds.

West have yet to play at Thebarton,

It depends upon the fluctuations of

When West lost winning form towards the end of May it appeared that they would quickly drop out of the fight.

Whether the red-and-blacks can reach the major round depends a great deal upon the result of their second meeting with Glenelg at the Bay Oval, in the penultimate series of qualifying games, and their clash with Norwood at showgrounds a week earlier.

West must win these games to put Glenelg and Norwood out of the run-towards which several factors adverse ning, and to prevent Glenelg, Norwood, to South Australia operated, our reor Port from superseding them in fourth presentative team has worthily upheld

Never has the need of maintaining winning form on home grounds been more pressing than at present. failure to do so by either Glenelg or Port on Saturday will make their ultimate exclusion practically certain.

Glenelg have such a weak percentage record that a defeat will drop them down to sixth position. Then it would become imperative for Glenelg to win

The break occasioned by the absence of the State team at Perth may upset form.

Lack of a hard game for a fortnight often begets slackness in a league team, and revives conditions similar to those at the beginning of the season, when the settling down process makes form difficult to anticipate.

And the fact that the State side will arrive home tomorrow night makes it probable that team stars will not shine with their customary brilliance on Saturday.

The success of South Australia in the Alberton, Unley, Glenelg, and Pros- second game with Western Australia pect. Success in two of these games on Tuesday has restored the confidence coupled with two wins at home would of the local football public, which rebe certain to carry West into the major ceived a heavy jolt when news of the round, and one win fewer may suffice. first debacle in Perth came to hand.

fortune attending the endeavors of game was the reversal of form shown Glenelg, Norwood, and Port, but I be- by the West Australian attack. Their lieve that "percentage" will determine deadly accuracy in the first struggle fourth position if fewer than 19 pre- with a ball which would quickly bemiership points are earned by West, come difficult, although changed every

> King has played fine football at centre for the double-blues, but as he is equally at home at centre wing, Sturt should receive good service from him.

Aistrope has shown improved form at training, and should be ready for promotion whenever the opportunity presents itself. With the three halfback men playing well, and Sims to come back, it seems that Aistrope will have to wait a little longer before getting a chance to return to the eighteen.

ONE CHANGE BY STURT

Parsons to Play

STURT may have only one change in their side this week, and should be represented by a very strong eighteen.

Parsons has recovered from a thigh injury, and will be fit to play. The return of the captain will mean that the defence will need to be reorganised to make room for him.

It is likely that Parsons will return to half-back, and if so many placings may be changed. Thomas may be used solely as a follower, and if so the halfback line may be Tuohy, Parsons, and

Mussman played so well at halfforward against Norwood that a place in the outer attack will have to be found for him. It is possible that the selectors may decide to shift Day to centre to allow Mussman to play at centre half-forward. This would allow King to return to centre wing, and mean the shifting of Reeves to a halfforward flank.

FARMER'S 100th GAME

Ken. Farmer, North captain and full forward, will play his hundredth game for the team on Saturday. He started with North in 1929, and since then has kicked 562 goals for his club.

Farmer has registered 100 goals or more in each of the last four seasons. He played against Victoria in Adelaide this season, and in the two matches, against Western Australla in Perth.

HOW TEAMS STAND

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Saturday's Games

South v. Sturt, Adelaide Oval. Torrens v. West, Thebarton

Port v. Norwood, Alberton Glenelg v. North, Glenelg Oval.

quarter, was followed by a comparatively poor performance under more favorable conditions.

But South Australia's greatly improved display on a firm turf will at least influence Perth enthusiasts towards a more favorable estimation of the game as it is played in this State, and give them an idea of the manner in which the overthrow of Victoria was accomplished a month earlier.

In spite of last Saturday's reverse, the football prestige of the State this

And now the selectors must concen-A trate upon organising a side that will go to Melbourne with a chance of completing the season's interstate programme successfully.

SCHULTZ IS INJURED

Norwood's Task

JORWOOD will be without their star full forward Schultz this week, TT is likely that North will be withand the forward line may have to be reorganised to fill the vacancy.



B. Palmer

the muscles of his since then. laide. He remained cide to play him. in hospital until some time.

Palmer at the goal- wishes. front. He has had

into the air for a small man.

Another move that may be considered would be to change the followers ciation team who may be given consifrom the goalfront. This has been deration in the near future. He is an son, and West are still persisting with only to improve his kicking to develop the policy.

P. McCallum is still suffering from a hip injury. He trained lightly on Tuesday, but his inclusion in the side for the game against Port at Alberton is doubtful.

Maddern has not resumed training. He acted as nineteenth man for the association team last week, but suffered a recurrence of a knee injury. He may not be able to play again for at least a fortnight.

Edwards is making a slow recovery from a broken bone in a foot. He is able to walk about without the aid of crutches, but he is not likely to play for a long time.

Norwood defeated Port when they met earlier in the season, and expect to make the magpies play at top form when they meet on Saturday:

GAPS IN BAY TEAM

GLENELG are doubtful whether they will have the services of Link for the big game against North at the Bay Oval on Saturday. The rover had to stand down from the two interstate games in Perth, and his inclusion against the red-and-whites is doubtful.

Bergin is suffering from an injured ankle, and will not be able to play, while James, also suffering from a leg injury, will be out of action for a short

The injuries will mean that the Bay selectors will have to find a centre wingman and a full back. Filling the full back vacancy should not be difficult. for Whitaker, the association team's goalkeeper, has shown fine form in recent games. It seems certain that ne will be included.

Centre wingmen are scarce at Glenelg, and so the replacing of Bergin may give the selectors cause for thought. In view of the fact that the game will be played at Glenelg, it is possible that Seeley may be brought back into the team.

Jacka and Colyer have recovered from the injuries received at Thebarton, and will be fit to play this week. Jacka's return should allow Glenelg to field a very strong half-back line.

Colyer's return will be particularly welcome because of the doubts concerning the fitness of Link. There is not a better rover in the league than Colyer when he is in form.

Michalanney is still on the injured list, and will not be able to play this

Glenelg introduced a white ball for training purposes last week, and it proved a great success. Players arriving late for training at the Bay oval have to do their training with the aid of electric light, and the white ball has been of great assistance to them.

FLEET STILL DOUBTFUL

North Problem

out Fleet again this week. He injured a shoulder against Torrens at Schultz injured Prospect, and has been out of action

back in a bad fall With Owens in opposition the redat Port Pirie while and-whites need Fleet badly for this playing with Nor- game, but a try-out early this week wood on tour, and showed that the fullback has not rewas taken to hospi- covered. He trained lightly, and if tal when the team the injury shows sufficient improvereturned to Ade- ment tonight the selectors may de-

It is doubtful whether the red-andearly this week, and whites will make any changes in the will not be available defence this week. Burton has done for selection for so well as a ruckman and forward that he may not be shifted to centre In the absence of half-back. It is known that Burton Schultz the redlegs desires to be retained as a follower, may decide to play and the selectors may respect his

There is a chance that Rush, a fine there, half-back with the association side, and on his general may be given another chance in league play this season company. He played with North should be able to hold the position. He when only 17 years of age, but since is a smart ground worker, and gets well then has developed into a solid defender.

Strauss\is another man with the assotried by other league teams this sea- exceptionally good mark, and needs into a first-class player.

If Rush is brought into the side it is possible that Manglesdorf would be shifted to a back pocket, and Foulis used either as a rover or in attack.

Hemers resumed training with the side this week after a spell in the country, and it is likely that this fine rover will find a place in the side again. Bowman and Hay played so well against North, however, that no changes are likely to be made this

McNamara is certain to be at full back if Fleet is unable to play, and his speed may allow him to check Owens.

Great interest has been aroused among North supporters by the Ugly Men's competition in aid of unemployed players. A dance for the candidature of D. McInnes will be held on August 1.

Torrens, Sturt, Port, | Five Teams Fighting For | South the Only Side And Glenelg Win | Last Two Places in Four |

With Little Chance

CONDUCTED — BY — PERCY FURLER

NORTH'S FOOTBALL BELOW ASSOCIATION STANDARD

Outclassed All Over Ground In Losing Heavily to Glenelg

WEST TIRE BADLY IN LAST TERM

The defeat of North and West in league football today and victories by Glenelg and Port make the fight for the final four intensely interesting. Torrens and Sturt seem to be definitely established in the four, but for the other two places five teams are fighting. South are the only team who seem to be out of the hunt.

Glenelg's stylish defeat of North definitely places them in the fight. Outclassed all over the ground, the red-and-whites played disgraceful football, and on today's performance were not up to association standard. North are carrying too many passengers, and only a striking reversal of today's poor form will make them serious contenders for premiership

Torrens' win over West was due to superior stamina. Both teams played determined football. though West were faster to the ball in the first half, they tired badly in the final term, and allowed Torrens to have practically all their OWB WRY.

After having kept up with Port for three terms, Norwood were unable to withstand a determined last quarter burst by Port. The high marking and better system of the magples were the deciding factors in a vigerously fought game.

In a poor match at Adelaide Sturt overwhelmed South in the last half to register a comfortable victory. Although the Sturt forwards kicked badly, they never appeared in tanger of defeat.

NORTH'S WEAK LAST QUARTER

WITH a withering last-term burst that was marred only by inaccurate goal shooting, Glenelg defeated North at Glenelg in a game in which they had been superior throughout.

Norths' only last quarter score was a point a minute before the bell. For three terms, in spite of Glenelg's greater dash and more effective bumping, only a few points separated the

NORTH.—Backs—Foolis, Fleet, Nettle-feld. Half-backs—Mangelsdorf, Burton, Centres-Mackay, Knuckey, McNamara. Forder. Half-forwards-Melvin. Hayden, Burns. Forwards-Hay, Farmer. Strauss. Ruck-Walter, McInnes, Bowman, Taylor

GLENELG .- Backs-Griffiths. Whitaker. osewarne. Half-backs-Wells, Brock. Hale. Centres-Shakes. Sallis, Hill. Half-forwards-Cornellus. Goldsworthy, Leak. Forwards-Owens. Percy. Edwards. Ruck-Johnston, Olliver, Link. Cox () Umpire—G. R. Allen. At Glenelg, Attendance, 3,000.

Kicking with the breeze after having won the toss, Glenelg were hled up for a while through the strong defensive work of Fleet and Manglesdorf. But with Johnston marking brilliantly the ball was rammed back into Glenelg goalmouth every time it came out.

After Johnston had booted the ball in. Owens got his left foot to it as it bounced, and the first goal came up for the seasiders. Immediately afterwards Johnston, leaping high at half-forward, capped a burst of aerial supremacy with a goal.

Farmer stopped the run with a point, but when Fleet at the other end tried to clear Goldsworthy snapped the ball up and goaled.

The quarter had been in progress for 19 minutes before North's first goal came up as a result of a mark by Farmer. After Johnston had pulled down another dazzling mark and goaled, Farmer put on his second major for North.

First Quarter GLENELG .. . NORTH

Although Glenelg continued to exert an advantage in the ruck, North did most of the attacking for the first 10 minutes of the second term, but could not force their way close enough to goal to press home the opportunities that Knuckey, at centre, gave them.

Mackay was limping, and Burns, Rosewarne, and Cornelius had to receive treatment from the trainers as a result of the hard bumping exchanges that characterised the play.

Owens goaled for Glenelg, and then Hay flashed into the picture with two quick goals from snaps. After Farmer had booted across the goal, Hay took a mark that thrilled the crowd and got

his third successive goal. North were ahead for the first time, but Glenelg soon snatched the lead back, Link goaling from a snap.

PORT NORWOOD Goalkickers.—Port—R.	18	11	119
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(each 4), Hollingwo	rth.	H	ooper,
Prideaux, Bampton, Br	own	(ea	ch 2).
Norwood-Brown (4), (G.	Page	(2),
(each 4), Hollingwo Prideaux, Bampton, Bro Norwood—Brown (4), (Kranz, O'Brien, Woodro	ofe,	Pal	mer.

Players.—Port—R. Johnson, Hollingworth, Hooper, R. Quinn, Reval, Wilkinson, Allingham. Norwood— Bice, A. Chinnery, Allington, O'Brien, Brown.

STURT 16 24 SOUTH 10 12

Gealkickers.-Sturt - Morton (5), Mussman (4), Baxter, Wundersitz, Sawatzke (each 2), Golding. South-Munro (5), Murdy, Hall (each 2),

Best Players.—Sturt - Tuchy. Sawatzke, King, Mussman, Morton, Baxter. South-J. Cockburn, Murdy, Tully, Munro, Hall, Rosewarne.

TORRENS 13 15

Goalkickers. - Torrens - Wilson. McLoughlin (each 3), Baird (2), Waite, Coulter, Theakstone, Pontifex, Bridgman, West-Kean, Parry (each 3), M. Jarvis, Heddle, Smith.

Best Players.-Torrens-Read, Foote. Shepherd, Adcock, Wilson, Downs, Coulter, Simpson, West-Parry, Webber, J. Bennett, Mattiske, Connell, C. Bennett, Matthews, Simons

Just before half-time Farmer made the scores equal with a goal

Half-time Pts. GLENELG NORTH

Farmer, who had been comparatively quiet in the first half, seemed to regain his aerial judgment, and he twice beat the smaller Glenelg backs pointless. He got a goal with his second attempt. Goldsworthy evened the scores again with a goal from a

An electrifying dash from the back lines by Hale opened the way for a series of clever hand passes.

Burton's high marks were stopping many attacks, but a misunderstanding between Hay and Walter at centre let Glenelg through. While each was waiting for the other to take the mark. Sallis dashed through and his long. low pass was grandly marked by Owens. He goaled.

Then came Glenelg's best burst since the first term, but three points were the only result until a bad short by Percy luckily found Llnk, who slipped through a crush to goal.

Third Quarter G B. Pts. GLENELG 9 12 NORTH 8 10

A beautiful kick by Sallis was followed by a falling mark by Goldsworthy, and Glenelg's lead was increased by a goal.

Glenelg were too dashing for North. Only the seasiders' inaccuracy at long range prevented them from building up a winning lead.

The ball did not cross the centre line into North's territory for some time, and when it did Glenelg scrambled their way out of danger.

Link, Goldsworthy, and Owens with goals put Glenelg in an unassailable position. North's only score for the quarter—a point by Bowman—was kicked only a minute before the bell.

Final Pts. GLENELG 13 18 NORTH 8 11

Goalkickers.-Gleneig-Owens, Goldsworthy (each 4), Link (3), Johnston (2). North-Farmer (4), Hay (3). Bowman.

Best Players.-Glenelg-Link, Johnston, Brock. Wells. Goldsworthy, Shakes. North-Knuckey, Hay, Buston, Farmer, Walter.

HOW GAMES ENDED

Alberton 18-11 d. Norwood 10-14 Port Adelaide 16-24 d. South 10-12 Sturt Glenelg Glenelg 13-18 d. North 8-11 Torrens 13-15 d. West 9-12

HOW TEAMS STAND P. W. L. D. For Agst Pts % Torrens 11 8 3 - 1030 920 16 52.82 Sturt 11 8 3 - 1085 1003 16 51.96 11 5 5 1 1119 1006 11 52.66 North West 11 5 5 1 1119 1146 11 49.40 Glenelg 11 5 5 1 1091 1184 11 47.96 11 4 6 1 1221 1151 9 51.48 Port Norwood 11 4 7 - 1104 1247 8 46.96

South 11 3 8 - 1216 1328 6 47.80

North Outbumped and Outplayed, Says Furler

GLENELG ALWAYS SLIGHTLY SUPERIOR Bigger Winning Margin But For Poor Kicking

(By Percy Furler)

Holding North down to a solitary point in the last term at the Bay, Glenelg outbumped and outplayed the red-and-whites. Glenelg were always slightly superior, and but for bad kicking would have won by a larger margin.

less nature. Johnston, prominent early and Farmer narrowly missed from with spectacular leaping, started long range. Shortly afterwards he out-Glenelg forward on a systematic burst pointed Whitaker to make amends with that yielded a goal from Owens, whose a goal. Goldsworthy evened the scures fask was made easier by three North when Glenelg cleared from the ruck. men jumping together.

judgment in their despatch. They re- best days only to see Percy kick peatedly forwarded to the area where poorly from point-blank range. Johnston was playing, who consistently outmarked the opposition. The Bay men were playing solid football, and attacked incessantly through the legitimate use of weight, which North were unable to match.

Fleet was the outstanding player in the North defence. With uncanny judgment he turned the Bays back Owens. A goal followed

on many occasions. Knuckey was having the better of matters at centre, where Sallis ap-

peared tired following his trip to the West. Farmer posted North's first goal when Glenelg were threatening to build up a useful lead, but Johnston ploughed through the crushes to retaliate with a beautiful kick.

FLEET'S FINE DEFENCE

Glenelg had easily more of the play than the red-and-whites, and it was only the sterling defence of Fleet that prevented them from building up a big lead.

North attacked by means of plodding methods to register three points immediately the second term began. The red-and-whites were not playing with any system in their forward lines, being content to attack by long-kicking methods.

Glenelg returned to the attack, and in contrast to the forward play of the red-and-whites placed Owens in possession to score full points. The Bay whites, and although the game was not prevent Glenelg from winning. productive of high-class football its tense nature kept the interest high.

THREE IN SUCCESSION

Hay was scouting excellently in the Sallis emerged from his lethargy at centre and was responsible for many Glenelg attacks.

The scores at half-time were even, but on the play Glenelg were unfortunate in not holding a lead.

Stab Kicks Flick Passes



KNUCKEY North's best man. Cool and resourceful, he seldom failed to dispose of the ball to advantage.

MATTISKE gave | a first-class display at full-back, where he pletely shut out Pontifex until the issue had been virtually placed beyond doubt.

L. Knuckey

VELLS and Brock were the outstanding Gleneig backmen. Wells marked brilliantly, and kept North of in the last term.

Play in the early stages was of a list- | North attacked on the resumption,

Hale dashed from the back line to The red-and-whites showed little relieve the pressure in the style of his

North were now playing with more understanding and their forwards kept the Glenelg back men busy. Goldsworthy was lagging behind Burton, and Gleneig broke down often in this position. Sparkling work by Sallis was followed by a skimming kick, which was brilliantly marked by

PROMISE OF HARD FIGHT

Johnston missed badly immediately afterwards, after having outmarked a bunch. With Johnston out of the Bay rucks Walter was playing soundly for North, but the red-and-whites could not break through.

Promise of a hard fight found North attacking from the bounce, but Burns spoiled an opportunity by over-running with the ball.

A spectacular mark by Goldsworthy in the goalmouth produced full points. Glenelg lost golden opportunities of clinching the game by poor kicking in their forward lines.

Johnston was perceptibly tiring, but he flashed into prominence with a towering mark. North took the ball into their forward lines for the first time for the quarter after 10 minutes of play

ISSUE BEYOND DOUBT

An immediate clearance found Link place Glenelg further in the lead with r roal. The Bays were racing North men were out-bumping the red-and- to the ball, and only a miracle could

A perfect flick pass by Goldsworthy was penalised by the umpire, but the same player put the issue beyond doubt immediately after with a goal.

North were outpointed in every posi-North forward lines, and kept his side tion on the field, and the only interestin touch with three goals in succession. ing phase of the game was how much Glenelg would win by. With a minute to go, North registered their first score of the quarter-a point to Bowman.

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GUAIRICKETS					
		Today	Total		
Munro	(South)	5	70		
Farmer	(North)	4	59		
Bennetts	(West)	-	58		
Prideaux	(Port)	2	53		
Schultz (1	Norwood)	-	48		
Owens (Glenelg)	4	41		
Brown (1	Norwood)	4	38		
Morton	(Sturt)	5	34		
Link (Glenelg)	3	33		
Wundersit	z (Sturt)	2	26		
Pontifex (Torrens)	1	25		

HILL played one of the best games of his career for Glenelg at centre wing. Opposed to Mackay, he was consistently under notice, and had the befter of matters. with the interstate wingman.

JOHNSTON, of Glenelg, gave another fine exhibition of marking against North. He was unbeatable in the air, and gave Glenelg an advantage in the packs. His energetic play after his interstate trip found him very tired at the close of play.