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L. KING, Sturt centre wingman, who has played fine football on the centre line this season.

MAGAREY MEDAL PROPECTS

Task for Umpires

(By Steve McKee)

The selection of the Magarey Medalist is an interesting feature of every season, and with the qualifying round ending on Saturday umpires will complete their allotment of votes which will decide the 1934 recipient.

"Fairest and most brilliant." Can umpires adjudicate correctly? I think not.

The present method of awarding the Magarey medal is not ideal. Field umpires have a task demanding intense concentration in controlling a game, one that definitely will not permit them accurately to assess comparative skill in most cases. Occasionally a player is outstanding in a game, allowing umpires to make a simple choice, but only occasionally. In most games there are several players closely competing for the points which are awarded, and umpires cannot reasonably be expected to sort the men out in correct order from the welter of incident that occurs.

Subscribing to the view that impressions gained during the latter stages of a game will in most cases cause umpires to forget the brilliance of players in the first half strengthens the contention that the present method could be improved upon.

Umpires should record their preferences at the end of each quarter to guard against this happening, and make a final choice after the game's ending.

Early brilliance would not then be entirely overlooked, as is probable at present, and it would be a simple and inexpensive matter for the league to effect this improvement, while maintaining the present desirable secrecy of umpires' decisions.

While claiming that the system is imperfect, it cannot be doubted that the originator of the award, the late Mr. W. A. Magarey, rendered the game a great service when he conceived the idea of encouraging fair and brilliant play 37 years ago. Many famous football names are included in the list.

Followers, rovers, centres, and half-backs have monopolised the honor. No player permanently stationed in attack has ever won a Magarey Medal.

Farmer created a new Australian goalgetting record in 1931 through a series of particularly brilliant efforts, but he did not win the Magarey Medal.

Only one player regularly at the attacking end appears to have a chance this season—M. Murdy, South's tall half-forward.

Running through a list of "probables," Torrens appear to have the greatest number of players who would have earned votes. Conroy, Pontifex, P. Read, Adcock, Quinn, Bridgman, and Foote have all been outstanding on occasion, but none other than Adcock has held his form consistently enough to total a winning number of votes.

Port's interstate roving pair, Hender

GLENELG TO BE STRONG

James May Return

GLENELG may be able to strengthen their team this week for the game against Norwood at Norwood Oval. The Bay team caused a surprise when they downed the redlegs on the same ground in June, but they are confident that they can win the double, and so qualify for the finals.

Bruce McGregor (coach) gave his charges only light work on Tuesday, but the players are likely to be given smart training tonight.

Olliver, the vice-captain of the team, is on the doubtful list. He received a knee injury against West, and may not be able to play on Saturday.

Hill, who left the field in the third quarter of the West game, is suffering from a thigh injury, but he is expected to be fit to play.

James will be available for selection this week. He was included as the full back against West, but had to withdraw because of influenza. It is likely that he will be included.

Jacka and Cornelius, who were not available last week, will be in the hands of the selectors this week. Jacka trained very well on Tuesday, and he should have a good chance of being included on the half-back line. Cornelius would be considered for a place on the half-forward line.

The return of James and Jacka would increase the height of the Bay defence. This would be welcome in view of the highfliers likely to be encountered at Norwood.

Brock, centre half-back for the team, did not train in Tuesday. He is suffering from a leg injury, but should be fit to play this week. Edwards is another receiving treatment for knocks received in the West game.

Glenelg officials are pleased at the support given the club by the Glenelg Association. This was formed about two seasons ago to provide a recruiting ground for the senior team, and has been a success in this regard.

NORWOOD OUT TO BEAT GLENELG

NORWOOD are determined to finish the season by winning their last match, and if they succeed in their endeavor Glenelg, who meet them at Norwood Oval on Saturday, may drop out of the leading four.

The redlegs make no secret of the fact that they are out for victory, and football followers should be treated to a hard-fought game, with each team putting every ounce of weight into the encounter.

Although some of the players who were in the field against North are suffering from slight injuries, Norwood should have a strong team out against Glenelg.

Blanchard is suffering from a knock on the side, and may not be able to play. West, suffering from an ankle injury, will not be available for selection.

The redlegs will be strengthened by the return of W. McCallum, who had to withdraw from the team last week because of influenza. He has recovered and trained on Tuesday.

Krome could not follow his employment this week because of influenza, but he is expected to be fit to play on Saturday.

and Hooper, have rarely been below par during the season. I expect to find them close to the top of the list.

STURT "PROBABLES"

King, Tuohy, and Wundersitz, impress me most among the Sturt players, but all three have had lapses of poor form which may be fatal to their chance.

Glenelg have three genuine candidates in Johnston, Sallis, and Link, whose competitive brilliance may, however, spread the voting. Sallis has previously gone close to winning the game's highest individual honor, and had Link not missed several games last

MOST PUZZLING FINAL ROUND IN FOOTBALL HISTORY

Fight for "Four" at All Ovals

The most intriguing qualifying round in the history of league football will reach a thrilling climax on Saturday. The composition of the "final four" will depend upon results at Alberton, Norwood, Unley, and Prospect.

Torrens are certain of inclusion, and Sturt, having to face South at Unley, can be safely rated as semi-finalists. But there the certainty ends.

Fully seized with the importance of improving their "percentage," Port strained every nerve to record the most decisive win of the season against South at Adelaide Oval last Saturday, but in spite of their colossal winning margin the magpies cannot afford to lose at Alberton in their final qualifying engagement.

North's record in match points is so close to that of the magpies that the combination of a three-goal defeat of Port and a five-goal winning margin to North will drop Port to fifth position if Sturt and Glenelg also succeed.

A similar state of affairs obtains in connection with Glenelg and West. Should Glenelg be beaten by three goals at Norwood, and West defeat North by a similar margin at Prospect, West will secure fourth position.

Port's smashing defeat of South, following immediately upon the latter's sensational overthrow of Torrens, suggests that the magpies will comfortably account for the gold-and-blues on Saturday. If Port win they will deprive Torrens of top position, to which they have clung practically throughout the whole of the qualifying round.

Port's form has been so solid during the past month, with younger players like Hollingworth, Yates, Quinn, West, and Obst playing fine football, that they must be rated as formidable contenders for the 1934 premiership.

Port have attained sound balance at every point, and have moulded into a smoothly running football machine. As they stand on the threshold of the major round they are an efficient combination, while Torrens and Sturt are beset by attacking problems.

But while Torrens are almost wholly lacking in football finesse—Downs, Foote, and McKnight were the only players revealing a complete understanding of well-governed despatch against Sturt—their robust, tearaway style, capped by the priceless football virtue of high courage, can smash the most systematic opposition.

If Torrens have Shepherd and Hanrahan operating on the centre flanks I expect a great fight at Alberton: in fact, a full-dress rehearsal for a later meeting on the Adelaide Oval.

The Torrens defenders have had fewer points scored against them than any other backline this season, and Port's forwards have outscored their opponents.

So Port's attacking rapier will clash with Torrens' defensive broadsword, and while the result is of no great importance, the game should throw definite light upon the premiership prospects of Port and Torrens.

I write that the result is unimportant with the fact clearly in mind that the "double chance" depends upon the outcome.

And supporting this contention, I would mention that since the present method of deciding the major round was introduced, the team topping the table at the end of the qualifying round has yet to win a premiership.

Port held the position in 1931, and finished third. North failed a year later, and last season Sturt did not reach the grand final after leading the field into the major round.

The winners of the first semi-final have an ideal preparation for a grand final, while the week's spell proved fatal to Sturt in 1931.

season he would probably have succeeded.

Parry and M. Jarvis are West's most likely aspirants, while Farmer, Knuckey, and Burton clearly stand out for North. Burton must have scored heavily before he was put out of action.

Allington has had a great season with Norwood, excelling at full back, half-back, following, and half-forward. Injuries have also prejudiced his chance, but the brilliant redleg should figure prominently in the list.

LEAGUE TABLE									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%	
Torrens	16	10	6	-	1482	1370	20	51.96	
Port	16	9	6	1	1777	1513	19	54.01	
Glenelg	16	9	6	1	1705	1634	19	51.06	
Sturt	16	9	7	-	1521	1532	18	49.82	
North	16	8	7	1	1725	1487	17	53.70	
West	16	8	7	1	1637	1597	17	50.62	
Norwood	16	5	11	-	1542	1807	10	46.04	
South	16	4	12	-	1575	2024	8	43.76	

Saturday's Games

LEAGUE

Norwood v. Glenelg, Norwood Oval.
Sturt v. South, Unley Oval.
North v. West, Prospect Oval.
Port v. Torrens, Alberton Oval.

ASSOCIATION

Grand Final—North v. Port, Adelaide Oval.

The coach of a resting team is in a quandary endeavoring to keep his charges up to concert pitch, while the team going into match action builds an improving morale with each success.

Although the Alberton game will monopolise the attention of the Port and Torrens followings, the football world in general will follow with particular interest the trend of events at Norwood, where Glenelg will be striving to attain semi-final rank after 15 seasons of unsuccessful endeavor.

I can recall the days when West and Sturt were in their football infancy, and when the older clubs used to amass tremendous totals against them.

Glenelg had the same experience from 1921 until 1926. From the latter year onwards they became a stronger force, but prior to this season had not risen above sixth position.

Now Glenelg are within striking distance of second position. Should they defeat Norwood they will share the "double chance" with the winners of the Torrens-Port clash.

But if they fail Glenelg will miss a place in the major round, and their failure will be regretted.

That Norwood will make Glenelg earn semi-final rank goes without saying.

Apart from Torrens, Port are the only team that can suffer defeat on Saturday and yet survive. Should the magpies fail in company with Glenelg and North, Port would not be lower than third.

Glenelg must win to avoid elimination. Should they do so, I anticipate that Port, Glenelg, Torrens, and Sturt will comprise the final four in that order, with the latter two contesting the "knock-out" semi-final a week from Saturday.

Murdy I have already referred to. He has played magnificently with a weak team. Cockburn, the greatest junior of the year, has also starred for South, but Murdy will probably monopolise the voting among the blue-and-whites.

Narrowing down the field, and judged on what I have seen during the season, the 1934 Magarey Medallist may come from G. B. Johnston, Sallis, Murdy, Hender, Hooper, Burton, and Knuckey.

Football Minor Premiership and Double Chance to Port

GLENELG, TORRENS, AND
STURT IN MINOR PLACESWinning Teams Handled Greasy
Ball More Accurately

PROSPECT MATCH WAS KEENEST

Results of the final series of the most remarkable minor round in the history of league football caused a reshuffle in positions on the premiership table. Torrens, after leading practically throughout the season, as a result of their defeat today, are relegated to third position on the list.

Port's determined fight in adverse circumstances was a great effort, and they will now benefit by the double chance offered under the present system of deciding the finals.

Glenelg, after 15 years of stanch trying, entered into final discussions for the first time. Even if Glenelg fail to survive the major round, success in reaching the four will give them greater incentive in future seasons.

Torrens and Sturt have been disappointing towards the end of the season, and while at different stages both had a chance of enjoying the double chance, one of them must finish their season next Saturday, except in the event of a drawn game, such as occurred between North and Norwood last year. North for the first time since 1929 find themselves out of the major round. The red-and-whites have moulded into a strong combination, and would have offered serious opposition had they scraped into the four.

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Farmer (North)	13	106
Bennetts (West)	-	86
Owens (Glenelg)	4	76
Munro (South)	-	74
Prideaux (Port)	-	72
Schultz (Norwood)	2	66
Brown (Norwood)	5	57
Link (Glenelg)	5	49
Wundersitz (Sturt)	1	43
Parry (West)	7	40

GLENELG SUPERIOR IN SECOND HALF

AFTER Norwood had held them for two quarters, Glenelg struck form, and won easily at Norwood. Glenelg's chances were jeopardised early by the weakness of the forwards, but with a burst of accuracy in the second half, and generally superior play, they took command, and won by seven goals. It was not an impressive performance on Glenelg's part, but conditions were against good football.

NORWOOD Backs—A. Chinnery, Woodroffe, G. Page. Half-backs—Nelson, H. Page, Lines. Centres—Jones, Hickman, Brice. Half-forwards—Allington, McLean, W. McCallum, Forward—Sisson, Schultz, L. Chinnery, Ruck—P. McCallum, Kranz, Brown. Buttery (19th).

GLENELG Backs—Griffiths, James, Rosewarne. Half-backs—Wells, Brock, Whittaker. Centres—Colyer, Sallis, Shakes. Half-forwards—Bergin, Goldsworthy, Leak. Forwards—Owens, Percy, Edwards, Ruck—Johnston, Hale, Link; Carlos (19th). Carlos replaced Shakes (shoulder injury) in the last quarter.

Umpire—H. G. Rosewarne.

Krome and Huxtable were not available for Norwood because of influenza, and Nelson and Kranz were included. Norwood won the toss.

Repelling Norwood's opening attack, Glenelg attacked, and Owens and Johnston kicked two quick goals.

The players were finding difficulty in handling the slippery ball. Glenelg were superior in the air at the start, and although Norwood's marking improved, it was not until Schultz received just in front that their first goal came.

Determined play by Brown brought another, and then J. Chinnery snapped full points. Fairly heavy rain was now falling. Norwood had taken charge, and were in possession near goal when the bell rang.

First Quarter	G.	B.	Pts.
NORWOOD	3	1	19
GLENELG	2	2	14

With the rain slowing up the game, and Glenelg's consequent loss of advantage in speed, the bigger Norwood men took charge, and Schultz got his second goal from an angle shot.

After Owens had kicked two behinds for Glenelg, Goldsworthy scored full points. Link missed, and then Owens got his second, giving Glenelg the lead.

Link put on Glenelg's fifth, and Brown put his boot to the ball to score his second for Norwood. Link was unlucky not to get another when Owens gave away a free to Woodroffe as Link's long shot bounced through.

Glenelg's seventh behind for the quarter came from Bergin. It was still raining steadily. A knock from the pack on the boundary line allowed Brown to score a goal from the side of his boot.

Percy and Leak added goals for Glenelg on the bell.

Half-time	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	7	10	52
NORWOOD	6	3	39

The centre was practically a mud patch when the game was resumed, with the players wearing long sleeves. Playing with system, Glenelg swept down and Edwards goaled. Woodroffe stopped another attack, and then Brown goaled for Norwood. Owens, after having marked nicely, missed because of over-anxiety.

Holding a strong advantage across centre Glenelg were now on top. Scouting well in front Link scored three goals. His success compensated for the weakness of the regular Glenelg goalkickers. J. Chinnery added another for Norwood, and Owens, with the assistance of Sallis and Shakes, replied with full points for Glenelg.

Third Quarter	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	12	14	86
NORWOOD	8	4	52

Leak secured Goldsworthy's long kick to the goal-mouth and snapped full points. Sallis continued to dominate the centre, initiating many Glenelg attacks. Owens, now playing much better, snapped full points from an angle.

H. Page sent Norwood forward, and their first score for the quarter—a behind—resulted. Then Hickman, who had been transferred from centre to forward, received from Sisson and goaled.

A series of passes carried the ball to Glenelg's area, but Owens missed. Link added his fifth major.

After J. Chinnery hit a post Brown snapped his fifth for Norwood, and Goldsworthy replied with full points. Shakes, who had injured a shoulder, left the field just before the bell, and Carlos took his place.

Final	G.	B.	Pts.
GLENELG	16	17	113
NORWOOD	10	10	70

Goalkickers—Glenelg—Link (5), Owens (4), Leak, Goldsworthy (each 2), Edwards, Percy, Johnston. Norwood—Brown (5), Schultz, J. Chinnery (each 2), Hickman.

Best Players—Glenelg—Sallis, Link, Leak, Shakes, Griffiths, Hale. Norwood—Woodroffe, Brown, H. Page, J. Chinnery, Lines, Allington.

AT THE MATCHES

Alberton (Port v. Torrens)	9,000
Norwood (Glenelg v. Norwood)	4,250
Prospect (North v. West)	3,709
Unley (Sturt v. South)	3,000
	19,959

HOW GAMES ENDED

Alberton					
Port	21-13	d.	Torrens	9-14	
Prospect					
North	20-10	d.	West	18-10	
Norwood					
Glenelg	16-17	d.	Norwood	10-10	
Unley					
Sturt	15-13	d.	South	6-15	

HOW TEAMS STAND

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts	%
Port	17	10	6	1	1916	1581	21	54.79
Glenelg	17	10	6	1	1818	1704	21	51.62
Torrens	17	10	7	-	1550	1509	20	50.67
Sturt	17	10	7	-	1624	1583	20	50.64
North	17	9	7	1	1855	1605	19	53.61
West	17	8	8	1	1755	1727	17	50.40
Norwood	17	5	12	-	1612	1920	10	45.64
South	17	4	13	-	1626	2127	8	43.33

Stab Kicks And Flick Passes

BRIDGMAN'S safe play at the goal-front made him outstanding in a defence that was completely overshadowed by the method and dash of the Port forwards. He effectively checked Ween after the latter forced Conroy's transfer to a back pocket.

MCCARTHY was consistently under notice for South. Another player who proved up to the standard of Sturt was L. W. Cahill, a wingman.

TWO of the best goals of the match were scored by Day (Sturt) against South. One powerful kick produced full points from near the centre. Golding combined the duties of rucking and forward work effectively.

FOOTE battled courageously against odds at half-forward for Torrens. He worked tenaciously to overcome a defence that was sound in all checking methods.

R. QUINN'S roving and sound foot passing frequently nonplussed Torrens' defenders. He got three goals, and was indirectly responsible for a considerable portion of Port's big score.

FARMER was at his top in the match against West. His effort of kicking 13 goals from 16 shots with a sudden ball, was outstanding. His ground play has improved considerably this season.

PACE WINS HARD
GAME FOR STURT

ALTHOUGH the first quarter was evenly contested, South were no match for Sturt in the later stages of the game at Unley. The home team won because of faster and more determined football.

Sturt, already weakened by the absence of a number of regular players, took the field without Sims, who was suffering from influenza. Tuohy replaced him at centre half-back.

	G.	B.	Pts.
STURT	15	13	103
SOUTH	6	15	51

Best Players.—Sturt—Baxter, Golding, Biggs, Tuohy, Smith, Longmore, Day. South—Murphy, Cockburn, L. W. Cahill, Ryan, McCarthy, Rosewarne, Tully.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Biggs (4), Day, Smith, Longmore, Baxter, Golding (each 2), Wundersitz. South—Rosewarne (3), Murdy, Masters, Ryan.

EARLY FAULTS
REMEDIED BY NORTH

A WELL-SUSTAINED third term burst during which they overcame their earlier faults—failure to keep position and weakness in defence—put North ahead at three-quarter time against West at Prospect. They comfortably held their lead in the final term.

Farmer again took his goalkicking tally to three figures with a phenomenal wet ball performance. He kicked 13 goals from 16 shots, two of which went out of bounds.

	G.	B.	Pts.
NORTH	20	10	130
WEST	18	10	118

Goalkickers.—North—Farmer (13), Martin, Hemers (each 2), Nettlefold, Melvin, Batt. West—Parry (7), Bennett, Heddle (each 3), Jackson, J. Hill (each 2), Amos.

Best Players.—North—Farmer, Hemers, Batt, Rush, McKay, Knuckey, and B. Burns. West—Parry, Webber, J. Hill, Tonkin, Jackson, Heddle.

REVAL was outstanding for Port with heavy ruckwork and accomplished defensive skill. He stood up to a severe buffeting without finching.

HOLLINGWORTH played great football while getting five goals from half-forward for Port. Both when the ball was dry, and also when the difficult conditions prevailed during the greater part of the match, he showed a complete knowledge of attacking tactics.

ONE of the most promising first appearances in league football for the season was made today by Biggs at Unley. This Sturt junior led out smartly and kicked four goals. He has been playing brilliantly for the association team in recent games.

THE strength of Norwood's defence enabled them to hold Glenelg for the first half today. Woodroffe repeatedly saved in the goalmouth, and he was Norwood's best player.

SALLIS' domination of the centre play was almost a match-winning factor for Glenelg. From this position he turned many Norwood thrusts and initiated successful Glenelg attacks. He was in the picture from beginning to end.

J. HILL was the outstanding player in the West forward line up to half-time. When the ball became sodden his effectiveness was greatly affected.

GLENELG'S three rovers, Link, Leak, and Edwards were in great form today. Link's three goals in succession in the third quarter greatly heartened Glenelg, and he scored five for the match.

JACKSON was one of West's best men. His strong ruck work was responsible for West's power early in the game.

SELBY Chinnery played well in checking Owens. He spoiled and out-marked the Glenelg captain frequently, restricting him to four goals. Owens was not accurate today.

PORT OUTCLASS
TORRENS

Port outclassed Torrens at Alberton in one of the most spiteful matches of the season. The football was particularly brilliant until rain began to fall. Then it developed into a series of scrambles, in which tempers were often lost.

Five players were reported.					
PORT	21	13	139		
TORRENS	9	14	68		

Goalkickers.—Port—Hender, Hollingworth (each 5), Quinn, Brown (each 3), Ween (2), Wightman, West, Hooper. Torrens—Foote, Coulter, McKnight (each 2), Waite, Wilson, Frogley.

Best Players.—Port—Hollingworth, Quinn, Hooper, Hender, Obst, Dermody, Reval, Yates. Torrens—Quinn, Waite, Bridgman, Foote, Coulter, Willson, Frigley, Pontifex.