

Round 12

2nd Semi Final

Prelim. Final

MAGPIES HAVE 26-PT. VICTORY

By Vic Johnson

In a hard, gruelling game Port-Torrens won their way into the league grand final by defeating West-Glenelg by 26 points at Adelaide Oval today.

Port-Torrens were always going a little the better of the two teams, and their success was due in no small measure to the grand ruck work of Tom Kellaway, who was playing his first league match for 12 months.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port-Torrens	3.3	7.6	10.10	14.15	99
West-Glenelg	2.6	4.9	5.11	10.13	73

PORT-TORRENS—Backs: Martyn, Obst, Dearing. Half-backs: Cox, Thiele, McFarlane. Centres: M. Nicholls, L. Roberts, R. Roberts. Half-forwards: Franklin, Sampson, Woods. Forwards: T. Nicholls, Kellaway, Shaw, Ruck; McLean, Reval, Hoffman, Fletcher (19th).

Sampson (leg injury) replaced by Fletcher in third quarter.

WEST-GLENELG—Backs: Brown, Powell, Corbett. Half-backs: Sotiroff, Keane, Masters. Centres: Fimeri, Robjant, Souter. Half-forwards: Chynoweth, Monahan, Thatcher. Forwards: Churchett, Austin, Boyall, Ruck; Smith, Taylor, McArthur; Hannaford (19th).

Taylor (leg injury) replaced by Hannaford at three-quarter time.

Umpire: K. L. Aplin.

Estimated attendance, 14,000.

Reval was the most prominent figure early in the game, his ability to play the loose man creating opportunities for Port-Torrens. They showed an early superiority in most positions, but the sturdiness of West-Glenelg's defence made them earn every kick, and the disadvantage of kicking into the wind was not assisting them.

Then the tigers took a hand, but four successive shots resulted in behinds.

The game was not equal in pace to that of the first semi-final. Both teams were deliberate in their actions and were content to play to the set positions with long kicks.

The magpies at the end of the first term led by three points, but West-Glenelg soon wiped off the deficit. Then Kellaway's great ruck work restored the balance to the magpies.

Despite the use of the wind, Port-Torrens did not make the expected headway. West-Glenelg beat them across centre, and the magpies' foot-passing was bad. Clever tackling by West-Glenelg forced them into punt-passing.

Again Kellaway's ruck work came to the magpies' rescue. He out-reached everyone, and Port-Torrens' lead at this stage was almost solely due to his efforts.

West-Glenelg, however, maintained dogged resistance, and although Port-Torrens steadily increased the lead they had swung Kellaway to centre half-forward.

The game was at a most interesting stage at half-time, the magpies leading by 15 points.

Boyall was at the goalfront, and Austin at half-forward left for West-Glenelg when the game was resumed. Powell took Taylor's position in the ruck, Taylor going into goal.

Then the game of football was abandoned for a while, both teams concentrating on the use of weight.

The certainty of players doing the wrong thing was greater than their doing the right, and in the hustle and bustle Port-Torrens lost Sampson. Fletcher took his place. Shaw was brought to centre half-forward, Fletcher going to the forward pocket.

After 30 minutes of play, Kellaway obtained the first goal of the term, and then McLean sent the magpies farther ahead with another.

Thatcher with a grand dropkick raised the tigers' hopes with a goal, but the magpies went away again, and were 29 points in front at the last change.

Taylor was missing from West-Glenelg ranks when play was resumed. Thatcher was at centre wing, Souter roving, and Hannaford at half-forward. West-Glenelg gave the magpies a hectic time for some moments, but Cox, Thiele, and McFarlane formed a sturdy defence, which the tigers found hard to break.

The hard game began to take its toll of players, and with Port-Torrens practically certain of victory, interest left the game.

Goalkeepers—Port-Torrens: T. Nicholls, Shaw (each 4), Franklin (2), McLean, Reval, Kellaway, Hoffman. West-Glenelg: Austin, Boyall, Thatcher (each 2), Monahan, Chynoweth, Churchett, Hannaford.

Best Players—Port-Torrens: Kellaway, Thiele, Cox, Reval, McFarlane, T. Nicholls, Dearing. West-Glenelg: Powell, Smith, Thatcher, Souter, Taylor (until injured), Corbett, Keane.

NORWOOD-NORTH WIN BY 42 Pts.

By Vic Johnson

Playing all over West-Glenelg, Norwood-North won the preliminary football final at Adelaide Oval today by 42 points.

Kicking with deadly accuracy for goal, Norwood-North gained a big enough margin in the third term to assure them of victory.

The redlegs' victory was well earned, and they will now face Port-Torrens in the grand final next Saturday.

Norwood-North. — Backs: Holmes, Martin, Price. Half-backs: Solomon, Lush, Hogan. Centres: Bell, Pash, Le Page. Half-forwards: Keadle, Reilly, Sawley. Forwards: Arbon, Isaac, Searle, Ruck; Henderson, Hoskins, Oatey, Danzigerfeld (19th).

West-Glenelg. — Backs: Chynoweth, Powell, Toms. Half-backs: Brown, Keane, McArthur. Centres: Souter, Robjant, Fimeri. Half-forwards: Monahan, Boyall, Lawrence. Forwards: Corbett, Austin, Churchett, Ruck; Smith, Taylor, Westley. Hannaford (19th).

Westley (heavy knock) replaced by Hannaford in third quarter.

Umpire: K. L. Aplin.

Estimated attendance, 20,000.

Norwood-North placed Sawley in the first ruck with Henderson, Hosking going to half-forward. Before the game began it was most noticeable that the tigers' leader, Colin Smith, was nursing an injured foot.

Norwood-North generally proved too strong in the air, but West-Glenelg used bustling tactics to offset this advantage early in the game.

Reilly, playing the centre half-forward position to perfection, let the redlegs in for their first two goals, despite solid defence work by Taylor and Powell.

The redlegs led by 16 points at the first change.

A fine chain of foot-passing gave Isaac his third goal immediately on resumption of play, and when Sawley made no mistake straight afterwards the reds were 29 points clear.

Then Smith infused some life into the West-Glenelg rucks, and two quick goals put them in the picture again.

With Robjant and Souter both playing tirelessly across centre, West-Glenelg found new life to reduce the margin to 12 points.

Boyall was of great value to West-Glenelg, his great marking near centre being a stumbling block to Norwood-North, and when the long interval was reached 12 points still separated the teams.

REDLEGS TOO GOOD

When the third term began both teams entered into the fray with a will. Norwood-North still very systematic and steady, West-Glenelg ragged and determined.

The pace of both teams slackened, but the redlegs still held the advantage there, and several of West-Glenelg's big men were much quieter than in the earlier terms.

Keane, at this stage, was outstanding in defence for West-Glenelg, but Martin did a similar job for Norwood-North, and Arbon's tireless roving also proved of great assistance to them.

West-Glenelg lost Westley at this stage, Hannaford replacing him. Sawley instantly put the reds 34 points in front with his third goal, and Isaac made the game look safe with his fifth.

West-Glenelg had by this stage seemingly gone to pieces.

Norwood-North were deadly with their shooting for goal in this term. From eight shots they scored seven goals one behind to lead 41 points at the final change.

Austin moved from the goalfront into the ruck for West-Glenelg and teamed up with Powell. Lawrence was at full-forward, Toms in goal, and McArthur in a forward pocket.

With the term more than half-way through, Norwood-North were 49 points clear, and ran out very easy winners by 42 points.

Goalkeepers—Norwood-North: Isaac (7), Sawley (4), Arbon, Searle (each 2), Oatey, Reilly, Hoskins. West-Glenelg: Austin (3), Churchett, Lawrence (each 2), McArthur, Souter, Westley, Boyall, Hannaford.

Best Players—Norwood-North: Sawley, Martin, Isaac, Arbon, Reilly, Oatey, Hogan. West-Glenelg: Powell, Taylor, Robjant, Keane, Souter, Boyall, Fimeri.

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Isaac (N.-N.)	7	41
Shaw (P.-T.)	—	48
Scott (St.-S.)	—	39
McLean (P.-T.)	—	30
Westley (W.-G.)	1	28

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	P.c.	Pts.
Pl.-Torrens	10	2	1215	925	56.7	30
Wt.-Glenelg	5	7	1107	1007	50	10
Nwd.-Nth.	5	7	1004	1109	47	10
Sturt-Sth.	4	8	1012	1107	45	8

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Port Outplay Tigers, Win By 31 Pts.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Pl.-Tor.	3.4	8.13	11.15	17.19	121
West-Gl.	0.3	4.5	7.9	13.12	90

By Vic Johnson

PLAYING a grand game of football, Port-Torrens defeated West-Glenelg by 31 points at Adelaide Oval today. The magpies owed their victory to brilliant high-marking and accurate foot passing.

West-Glenelg. — Backs: Thatcher, Powell, Codd. Half-backs: Masters, Sotiroff, Brown. Centres: O'Donoghue, Robjant, Fimeri. Half-forwards: Souter, Smith, Hender. Forwards: Slattery, Austin, Boyall, Ruck; Chynoweth, Corbett, McArthur, Churchett (19th).

Smith (injured knee) replaced by Churchett at half-time.

Port-Torrens. — Backs: Martyn, Obst, Sampson. Half-backs: Cox, Thiele, McFarlane. Centres: M. Nicholls, L. Roberts, R. Roberts. Half-forwards: Meredith, West, Woods. Forwards: Franklin, Shaw, Dearing. Ruck: McLean, Reval, Hoffman, Valaderes (19th).

Meredith (leg injury) replaced by Valaderes in the last quarter.

Umpire: H. H. Plumstead.

Estimated attendance, 5,000.

Early in the game it appeared as though West-Glenelg had a set plan—Chynoweth to oppose McLean and the other follower to check Reval. But despite numerous tiger drives the magpies' back line, with Cox leading them, stood firm.

Although scoring was slow, the football was of a high standard, both teams showing fine combined play. The defence of both teams rose to great heights, but gradually Port-Torrens' marking power began to tell the tale, and with a little more accuracy in their goal shooting they gained a useful advantage, despite a stubborn defence headed by Powell.

Smith was forced to vacate the centre half-forward position for the tigers to check the magpie ruck, but Port-Torrens had struck top form.

TIGERS UNBALANCED

West made centre half-forward a safe avenue for Port-Torrens, and with the other magpie forwards playing with precision, matters became serious for the tigers.

The machine-like movements of the black-and-whites unbalanced them. One or two West-Glenelg players tried to instil some semblance of combined effort into the side, but it was not until close on half-time that Austin raised their second goal.

Although hotly pressed by West-Glenelg after half-time, Port-Torrens managed to stave them off until the fierceness of the attacks got the upper hand, and twice Boyall goaled to break the magpie lead down to 20 points.

Colin Smith, with a knee injury, had been replaced by Churchett at half-time, and, in the circumstances, the tigers' burst was all the more meritorious.

Obst, in goal, pulled Port-Torrens out of trouble on many occasions, Codd doing similarly for West-Glenelg.

West-Glenelg in the third term scored 22 points to Port-Torrens' 20 points, but the magpies still had a 30-point lead at the last change.

Meredith was missing from the magpies for the last term, Valaderes taking his place at half-forward right. Port again settled down to fine football, and increased their advantage to 43 points. Another tiger burst brought goals from Hender and Austin, which reduced the deficit to 30 points.

But the magpies had the situation well in hand, and won by 31 points.

Goalkickers—Port-Torrens: Shaw (6), McLean, Hoffman (each 4), Sampson, Wood, Franklin. West-Glenelg: Austin (3), McArthur, Churchett, Hender, Boyall (each 2), Slattery, Robjant.

Best Players—Port-Torrens: Thiele, L. Roberts, Cox, Obst, West, McLean, Shaw. West-Glenelg: Powell, Chynoweth, McArthur, Souter, Codd, Masters, Fimeri.