

REDLEGS OVERWHELM BAYS FOR TITLE

Game was won and lost by half-time

By HAYDN BUNTON, as told to Lawrie Jervis, jun.

Norwood won the 1950 league football premiership from Glenelg by 47 points at Adelaide Oval today because they won in at least 15 out of the 18 positions on the field. That's how complete their victory was—and how poorly Glenelg played.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	7—5	8—6	12—9	15—16	106
Glenelg	2—2	5—5	6—7	8—11	59

Under pressure today, I think Glenelg tried to play a yard faster than they really can. Last Saturday, against Port, they had one of those days when everything goes right.

Today, they tried too desperately to reproduce that form, and failed. Their field kicking was the poorest I've seen from them this season.

The margin at the finish could have been more if Norwood had played ruthlessly all out in the last quarter.

But they let up when even the most ardent Bay enthusiasts could see that the Redlegs were so superior that it was just a matter of "by how much".

The only Norwood players who did not win their positions for the day were Giles, at centre half-back, and Neville Way, at full forward, while Pedder was overshadowed by Window.

The game was won and lost in the first half. If credit can go to one man for that result, it would be to Norwood captain-coach, Jack Oatey. He created countless opportunities by dashing roving for his forwards in the first term.

In the second term, when the Bays made a great effort to overtake their 33-point lead, Oatey played a kick behind the play.

The Bay offensive was so strong that for almost all the term Oatey was roaming in the backlines.

Time and again, until repetition became almost monotonous, he smashed the Bay drives. More than any other Norwood player, Oatey kept the Bays out when their attack was at its most desperate and dangerous.

After that momentous quarter, when Oatey crippled Bay attacks and broke the back of their will-to-win—he was quieter. But he could afford to be. He had done the damage, and could sit back and wait for Glenelg to repair it, if they could.

Apart from the second term, when the Bays were well on top, the other three quarters were won by Norwood so convincingly that the last half was a poor spectacle. It was in marked contrast to the fire and brilliance of the first two quarters.

On the day, the Norwood centre line—Gallagher, Blackmore, and Olds—won well. The two Redleg half-back flankers, Edwards—a great game—and Merv Roberts beat their men. Mayo and Drage on the half-forward line won their positions narrowly, and Pedder was just beaten by Window.

Dalwood and Tilbrook played superlatively when resting forward, or in ruck, while LePage and Reimann, and to some lesser extent, Burke, would be winners on the day in their posts.

Reimann, as he showed earlier this season, has Churchett's measure.

The Bays could be excused for relying on Churchett today to give them goals after his display last week. But Reimann "breathed down his neck" all day. Churchett got one goal.

To add to Churchett's worries, the ball was not given to him in a way to make a goal-sneak happy. Usually it came high, from lofty and often erratic punts, rather than the well-placed driving passes or dropkicks which would have given him a chance.

In the second half Churchett appeared to be somewhat upset by his misfortunes, and was not the power he might have been.

Off to amazing start

There was a sensational start to the game, when immediately the ball was bounced, Olds picked up the hit-out, sent it straight down to Dalwood. In 18 seconds Norwood had their first goal.

The Bays then attacked twice, but could get only a point from Kempson, while Laffin, from about the same position, kicked short.

Norwood repelled yet another Bay attack, and from that move swung right into attack. Blackmore left-footed the ball in high to Rudd, who was on his own in a forward pocket, and he goaled. Drage (from a free Oatey (a snapshot), Mayo (a mark 30 yards out), and then Mayo again made Norwood 6—5 to 0—2 almost before the crowd could realise it.

Gallagher and Olds repeatedly drove the ball right into the forward lines with one good kick, straight over the half-forward line. Oatey, roving, was at his best.

Glenelg got their first goal from Crabb, when Reimann and LePage fought each other for the ball. Reimann hit over his head blindly into Crabb's hands.

Then Prior took a good running mark, sent the ball right down, and Churchett brilliantly marked Reimann to kick his only goal.

Marriott at this stage, could not be beaten, whether in ruck or resting while Edwards, on a half-back flank, did not miss a trick.

Tilbrook's goal gave Norwood a 33-point lead at the end of the first term.

By taking more of the ruck work Glenelg began to exert more pressure from the start of the second term. But they fiddled round with short passing for a while—at half-forward. Then Potter collared a short pass and goaled with a great, long punt. Haussen broke through a crush to hook another, and for the first time the Bays looked good.

Then Oatey moved into his customary defensive position—a kick behind the play—when things are getting grim for his side.

Some heat in game

The first Glenelg combined play -- and about the only flash for the match -- was a magnificent piece of work between Donaldson and Crabb in the left forward pocket. They handpassed the ball to each other twice to end with Donaldson punting a great long goal. It brought the "stands down" in applause.

Some heat crept into the game around the Bays forward lines. After Churchett had marked in a pack, right in front, amid some slyly shot flying fists it looked for a moment as if there might be some reportable offences.

Players cooled down, but tempers flared a few minutes later when Churchett and Reimann went for a mark together.

Glenelg missed two great chances to get within three points of Norwood when Churchett, 30 yards out in front and Donaldson from about the same distance and same position, missed easy shots. If they had

goaled, the scores would have been Norwood 7-6, Glenelg 7-3.

Even with Tilbrook's goal near the end of the term, the Bays would have been in a better position psychologically to go on with the game in the third term.

The Bays kept Norwood down to 1-1 for the term, a great performance after the Redlegs' first quarter dominance.

But the stiff battle against odds took its toll of Glenelg.

In the third term, Norwood went right away again.

Norwood still played the direct game -- straight down to the goalfront.

Olds, though obviously in trouble with a knee injury, was still a force, although McPherson had more of the play than he had earlier. Blackmore, well beaten in the second term by Trenorden, made a comeback, and Gallagher, though he didn't have it all his own way with Karutz, was dangerous every time he got the ball.

The ball in use in this term was obviously in poor shape. Neither side could drop kick it properly, and players began to use punts increasingly in an effort to deliver it successfully.

Interest left game

The Bays tried to go ahead with short passes, but more often than not their attempted passes to a team-mate lodged securely in an opponent's arms.

Dalwood kicked Norwood's twelfth goal for the game and the one which kept them 32 points ahead. In the last two games, Dalwood certainly has justified Norwood selectors' wisdom in "carrying" him through a long slump period in the middle of the season.

From almost a lone Glenelg sortie for the term, Hannaford goaled, but the interest had left the game because by this stage it was quite clear the Bays didn't have the ability to run down Norwood in the last term.

A new ball was used for the last quarter, and kicking improved again. But the last term brought football of very poor standard.

It was only a matter of by how much Norwood would win and main interest centred in individual happenings.

After a heavy knock, Prior, Glenelg centre half-forward, had to be assisted from the field with concussion, and from then on his opponent, Giles, had a few kicks. A few minutes later, Norwood's centre half-

forward, Mayo, was taken off on a stretcher after a heavy fall.

Norwood had not the slightest difficulty in increasing their lead to 47 points, and were going easily at the finish.

John Marriott was Norwood's best. Throughout the game whether in ruck or resting in the backlines, he was rarely beaten. Repeatedly, he stopped Bay attacks with great high marks.

Norwood's win

Edwards on a half-back flank was in great form and gave his opponent, Arthur Hannaford, very few kicks.

Tilbrook put on probably his best roving display ever, while Jack Oatey was at his masterful best in the first half.

It would be easy to name at least seven or eight who played very good games, but Dalwood (strong rucking and good marking), Reimann (blotted Churchett out of the game), Gallagher, Blackmore and Olds (the winning centre line) contributed much to Norwood's win.

If I had to rank Glenelg's best players among the 36, I would have to nominate at least half dozen Norwood men first. However, Clarrie Window (half-back), Barney Haussen (roving), or Bill Prior (centre half-forward) would be hard to beat among the Bays.

Haussen probably had easily the most kicks of any of the Bays. Bill Prior was well on top of Giles until he had to leave the field, but his kicking was uncertain. Window, though not the power he has been in some other games this season was fairly dependable.

Hunt (goalkeeper), Johnny Taylor (rucking), Trenorden (centre), Crabb (rucking), and Wickham (back pocket) were best of the others.



TOP—Norwood captain, Jack Oatey, tackled S. Wickham (Glenelg), who was in possession of the ball but released his grip when Wickham sprawled forward in this grand final incident at Adelaide Oval. Wickham was able to punch the ball clear.

Best Players -- Norwood: Marriott, Edwards, Tilbrook, Dalwood, Oatey, Reimann, Gallagher, Blackmore, Olds. Glenelg: Window, Haussen, Prior, Hunt, J. Taylor, Crabb, Trenorden, Wickham.

Scorers -- Norwood: Tilbrook 4.3, Mayo 3.1, Dalwood 2.2, Rudd 2.0, Pedder 1.1, Gross 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Drage 1.0, Way 0.5, LePage 0.1, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Hannaford 2.0, Churchett 1.3, Donaldson 1.2, Crabb 1.1, Haussen 1.1, Kempson 1.1, Potter 1.0, Prior 0.1, Miller 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Norwood, Back To Form, Convincingly Wins Title

By HARRY KNEEBONE

Those who had been inclined to underrate Norwood because, during the last couple of months it lost matches that didn't matter, were presented with indisputable proof of that team's strength in the one match that did matter—the grand final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

Except for the second quarter, when it flickered into some semblance of the form it showed in the preliminary final, Glenelg was overpowered and trailed far behind Norwood, which won the 1950 premiership by nearly eight goals.

It didn't take Norwood long to show that incentive was all that it needed to lift it right back to the outstanding form that characterised its early and mid-season play.

On the first brilliant thrust which scored a goal from Dalwood within 18 seconds of the first bounce there was the unmistakable stamp of the old confident speed and teamwork.

By the time the first quarter had got well under way, there was no doubt about the renaissance.

There were the flashing hand-passings, the blinding speed on the wings, the ruck strength, the purposeful dash to the ball and the ready, quick-witted co-operation of team-mates.

Norwood was so pronouncedly superior that, shortly before the change-over, it led 6.5 to 0.2 and Glenelg's position had become serious even at that early stage of the game.

From that point until just before half-time, Glenelg showed its undoubted fighting qualities by a prolonged rally which added 5.3 to Norwood's 1.1 to put the scores within touch at 7.6 to Glenelg's 5.5.

But that effort took the edge off Glenelg's speed and sapped its reserves of stamina to such an extent that from then until the end it could manage only 3.6 to Norwood's 8.10.

Roving Strength

Most telling factors in Norwood's victory and Glenelg's defeat were—

● Norwood's roving strength—Tilbrook played his best match of the year to dominate this phase of the game. Glenelg's lack of drive in this department. It sadly missed Brooker's terrier-like persistence.

● The ascendancy of Norwood's centre-line—Blackmore, Olds, and Gallagher. Glenelg's trio—Trenorden, Karutz and McPherson—battled hard, but at no time really held control in the important sector.

● The silencing of Churchett (one goal) by Reimann.

Although Hunt kept Way goalless at the other end, the spiking of Glenelg's main artillery-piece undoubtedly was one match-winning factor. Proof of this was given in the second quarter, when Glenelg's persistent attacking produced only 3.3, of which Churchett scored one behind.

Until Crabb's fine fervor flagged under the strain of

Season's Goalkickers

Player	Cl.	Rel.	Mchs.	Total
Churchett	(G)	1.3	28	105.61
McPherson	(WT)	—	18	61.37
Williams	(N)	—	18	59.64
Wills	(WT)	—	16	51.84
Bradford	(WT)	—	15	41.37
Dalwood	(N)	2.2	15	42.77
Williams	(FA)	—	17	60.30

RECORD ROUND

Saturday's great crowd of 50,489 (£4,852) topped a record major round for the SA Football League.

Although the grand final attendance failed to reach the 1946 grand final crowd of 53,473 the takings exceeded the 1948 figure of £4,092 (which included £1,000 gained through rain insurance).

The major round just completed established a dual record. The total attendance (153,282) exceeded the previous best of 149,370 in 1946 and the "gate" aggregate for this year's major (£14,319) surpassed the 1948 major round total of £10,681.

carrying the Glenelg ruckwork on his own shoulders, Norwood was beaten in ruck.

In the second half it wore ruck opposition down practically to nothing.

Marriott, Norwood's best ruckman, provided the only serious opposition to Crabb in the first half. Marriott earned his high place in the Norwood 1st of best players more by reason of his great marking and play in the field than for his work in the ruck.

In the over-all picture, Norwood appeared a well-balanced team, with no passengers and every man contributing to the victory.

The inability of its full forward to get goals presented no serious obstacle, for the spelling rovers and ruckmen and half-forwards converted with facile efficiency.

Glenelg, on the other hand, floundered and finally floundered because it could find no target for its approach shots.

Its list of goalkickers tells a sad, significant story.

Quarter	Norwood	Glenelg
FIRST QUARTER	1.3 (47)	2.2 (14)
HALF-TIME	6.5 (34)	3.3 (33)
THIRD QUARTER	12.9 (61)	6.7 (43)
FINAL	19.1 (115)	10.0 (60)

NORWOOD, 19 goals 16 behind (106 points).
GLENELG, 9 goals 11 behind (50 points).

Player	Goals	Points
Norwood—Tilbrook, 4.3; Mays, 3.1; Dalwood, 2.2; Rudd, 2.0; Pedder and Gross, each 1.1; Drage and Oatey, each 1.0; Way, 0.5; Gallagher and Le Page, each 0.1; Knorcked, 0.1		
Glenelg—Hannaford, 2.0; Churchett, 1.3; Donaldson, 1.2; Kempton, Crabb and Heasler, each 1.1; Potter, 1.0; Prior and Miller, each 0.1; Knorcked, 0.1		

Tilbrook And Blackmore Star

Tilbrook's virile roving. Blackmore's dashing play in midfield and Marriott's brilliant marking were the outstanding individual features of Norwood's play.

These were approached in the Glenelg side only by Trenorden's vigorous effort at centre for Glenelg.

Points carefully awarded for good play in the grand final gave the following result (these are not a list of kicks obtained, but credit marks for play noticeably good):—

Player	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Tilbrook	4	11	15
Blackmore	3	11	14
Marriott	10	2	12
Olds	6	4	10
Gallagher	3	4	7
Oatey	2	4	6
Edwards	3	4	7
Reimann	3	4	7
Roberts	1	2	3
Giles	0	4	4
Dalwood	2	2	4
Le Page	2	2	4
Drage	2	1	3
Mays	1	2	3
Rudd	1	2	3
Way	2	1	3
Burke	2	0	2
Pedder	0	2	2
Gross (1/2h)	0	1	1
Total	46	48	94

Player	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Trenorden	4	4	8
Crabb	3	4	7
Karutz	3	4	7
D. Taylor	4	3	7
J. Taylor	3	4	7
Hunt	2	4	6
Heasler	2	4	6
McPherson	2	4	6
Wickham	4	2	6
Window	4	2	6
Donaldson	2	2	4
Prior	2	2	4
Kempton	1	2	3
Wright	1	2	3
Churchett	1	2	3
Chapman	1	2	3
Potter	1	2	3
Roehm (2h)	1	2	3
Hannaford	1	2	3
Miller (1/2h)	1	2	3
Total	46	53	99

(Note—Prior injured; was replaced by Miller early in the last quarter. Mays injured; was carried off a few minutes later. Gross taking his place. Trenorden injured left the field shortly before the same time. Roehm went on in his stead.)

Player	Norwood	Glenelg
Forward lines	12	11
Centre-line	12	28
Ruck lines	22	21
Back	24	26
Rovers	24	31
Totals	128	117



VICTORIOUS AND VANQUISHED captains after the league football grand final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. Jack Oatey (Norwood) being "chaired off" by delighted members of his team. Johnny Taylor (Glenelg) after conveying his congratulations, moves dejectedly towards the dressing room. Others in the picture are G. M. McPherson (Glenelg wingman) about to extend his hand to Oatey and A. C. Donaldson (Glenelg half-forward) shaking the Norwood captain's hand. Norwood won impressively by nearly eight goals.

"Three Factors Beat Glenelg" — Says Fos. Williams

Norwood's opening dash, Reimann's silencing of Churchett, and Oatey's tactics in playing a kick behind the play in the second quarter were the three principal reasons for Glenelg's defeat in the league football grand final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday, says Port Adelaide captain-coach (Fos Williams) in this commentary, written specially for "The Advertiser."



Fos Williams

By FOS WILLIAMS

The 1950 season finished without the expected thrills. The big game talked about all the week and the last-minute goal which was to snatch the premiership for one of the sides, did not eventuate.

Norwood took the field not quite knowing how good the Glenelg team was. They had played them a fortnight before and had scored a narrow victory. A week ago they had seen them play a match in which they had won in almost all departments and really looked a side which would take stopping.

I think this uncertainty as to their opponents' strength played a part in Norwood's premiership win, as from the first bounce each redleg player threw everything into the game, determined to beat his immediate opponent.

I attribute the win mainly to the evenness of the Norwood side. Only one of them failed all day and not very many of them were shaded in their positions.

Apart from this three factors stood out.

● Firstly, the opening dash and its success in scoring goals which unsettled most of the Glenelg defenders.

It was plainly seen that after the first quick goal the Glenelg backmen were over anxious. This over-anxiety often resulted in three of them flying against one opponent, with the Norwood players standing down and picking up the crumbs from which, very often, goals were scored.

In this opening success every praise must be given to Marriott, Oatey, Olds, Gallagher and Blackmore. These players time and again obtained possession and passed the ball over the half-forward line to the goalfront.

It might have seemed to some that in this first quarter Norwood had all the luck of the bounce and in gathering in stray kicks. This, however, almost always seems to be the case when a team has the edge in pace and is making the front position.

● Before the match began it was conceded that for the Bays to win, Colin Churchett must score at least five goals. The fact that Reimann kept him down to one was in my opinion the second factor in deciding the premiership.

In stating that Churchett failed it must be added that on no occasion did his team-mates try to pass the ball to him correctly.

● The third reason for Norwood's success was Jack Oatey's plan in playing himself a kick

behind the play in the second quarter.

If he had not done this, Glenelg could possibly have been in front at half-time, as they had 75 per cent of the play in that quarter, due mainly to the strong come-back of their wingmen, Karutz and McPherson, centreman Trenorden and Prior, who won his centre half-forward position.

Allan Crabb also played his best football during this quarter. Even as the play did go, Glenelg could have been within nine points at half-time as easy shots missed by Churchett and Donaldson made a great difference.

Merv Roberts I would name as the pick of the 36. He held his position safely throughout and cleared with strong and well-directed kicks.

Reimann, to hold Churchett to one goal, did more than was anticipated by the most ardent Norwoodite and the manner in which he did the job made him my second choice. Unlike his play in the second semi-final he made the ball his objective and gave no opportunity for free kicks to be awarded against him for interference.

For Glenelg I would name Prior, who until hurt was keeping one channel open to goal, as the best. After Prior left, Giles cleared on many occasions.

Ray Hunt did a grand job in keeping the Norwood centre forward goal-less, and he would be my next.

NORWOOD'S score on Saturday—15.16 (although the board erroneously declared it to be 15.14)—was exactly the score it kicked to win its last premiership (against West Torrens, in 1948).

(CHIEF benefactor of the Norwood club over many years is its president (Mr. F. T. P. Heidenreich).

On Saturday he headed the list of victory donors with the munificent gift of £52.

Other big donations were Mr. Moir, M.P., £10 and the Norwood Club, £20.

KEN Aplin has set up a record for umpiring league grand finals which may stand for scores of years.

Saturday was his sixth—1940, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1948 and 1950. Next best are J. J. (Johnny) Quinn and A. A. Raven (four each).

Victor And Vanquished

Round the Pickets

REFERRED to by the president of the ANFC and vice-chairman of the SANFL (Mr. Tony Kenny) as "a gentleman and a brilliant player," Ian McKay (North Adelaide) gave one of the best-delivered speeches ever made by a Magarey Medallist in publicly acknowledging the presentation of the award.

He drew applause—but nothing like the volume of that which greeted his appearance on the ground—by congratulating Allan Crabb on his feat in being runner-up two years in succession.

His hope that Crabb would gain some consolation by playing in a premiership side that afternoon was not fulfilled, but it was a nice thought.

THE march of the umpires—it's a pity it's not done to music—is now a feature of major-round game preliminaries.

The five umpires march in step and formation to the centre of the ground before breaking ranks.

The effect was heightened on Saturday by the appearance of the goal umpires in white hats—an innovation borrowed from Victoria.

"FIRST out, last home!" cried Glenelg supporters when Norwood took the field five minutes before the opposition.

The wait apparently didn't adversely affect Norwood.

When Glenelg did appear it was led on to the field by "Barney" Haussen, who had been accorded the honor to mark his 100th game for the club.

He tossed, too, but Oatey won it.

NORWOOD'S record of premiership wins is meritorious, and its period of ascendancy over the last few years is marked. Excluding the combined team competition during the war (when as Norwood North it won two premierships) it has won four league titles in the last seven years of the full competition.—1941, 1946, 1948 and 1950.

THE almost total eclipse of the rival full forwards was a feature of the grand final. Statistics reveal the completeness of their subjugation by goalkickers Ron Reimann (Norwood) and Ray Hunt (Glenelg).

N. WAY (NORWOOD)					
Marks	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Freee. recd.	—	—	—	—	—
Gained poss.	3	7	1	3	14
Handpass. rec.	—	—	—	—	—
Kicks	2	1	2	2	7
H/pass. made	1	1	1	1	4
Freee. given	1	—	—	—	1

C. CHURCHETT (Glenelg)					
Marks	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Freee. recd.	—	—	—	—	—
Gained poss.	1	—	—	—	1
Handpass. rec.	—	—	—	—	—
Kicks	2	1	1	6	10
H/pass. made	—	—	—	—	—
Freee. given	—	—	—	—	—

Analysis of kicks:—Goals, 0; behinds, 2; to team mate, 1; interceptive, 5.

1950 GRAND FINAL REVIEW

REDLEG RUCK, CENTRELINE

KEY TO PREMIERSHIP

By ROY COLMER

Norwood are my choice for the grand final to decide the league football 1950 premiership. The Redlegs meet Glenelg at Adelaide Oval tomorrow in a game which should be fiercely fought from first bell to last.

All teams so far have finished the season in the positions which they occupied at the end of the minor round. Whether this can be taken as an omen or not for the grand final remains to be seen. Norwood finished the qualifying series at the top of the list with Glenelg in second place.

There is little to choose between the teams on performances this season, when the greatly improved form of the Tigers over recent weeks is taken into account.

Norwood have won three of the four games in which the teams have been opposed this season. They won by 22-15 to 9-15 at Kensington Oval in May and by 20-16 to 12-4 at Glenelg Oval in August. Glenelg turned the tables at Norwood Oval on the last day of the minor round when they won by 14-16 to 13-17. Norwood won

the second semi-final by 13-10 to 13-5.

Glenelg have made a change with Donaldson replacing Brooker (injured). They were without Trenorden for the semi-final, but he returned for the preliminary final and will be at centre in the deciding game.

Norwood have not been as fortunate. They have lost one of their key men in Williams, who will be missed from the attack. He played a big part in the win by the Redlegs at Glenelg Oval in August. In the semi-final, sickness forced him to retire from the game at half-time.

There are two big Norwood barriers on Glenelg's road to the premiership. First problem for the Tigers will be the Norwood rucks and they will need to subdue the Redleg centre line.

Tactics expected

Tactics are likely to play a big part in the battle to gain supremacy in the crushes.

When Glenelg downed Port in the preliminary final, it was their rucks which paved the way. They are likely to find the Norwood followers, especially Marriott, a vastly different proposition in the coming game.

Norwood are rich in followers and it can be taken for granted that Oatey will work quick changes in the packs to maintain a hot pace if Glenelg threaten to take complete control of the close work.

If the Redlegs could maintain an edge in the packs, their rovers would be difficult men for Glenelg to check.

Another key section in the game is likely to be the Norwood centre line. Gallagher, Blackmore, and Olds gave Norwood good service in the semi-final against close checking opponents.

Blackmore could play a big part in the game with his long kicking from centre.

BAY STRONG POST

Don Taylor appears likely to provide one of the strong points for Glenelg at centre half-back. Chances are that Norwood will attempt to keep Taylor out of the game either by by-passing him or playing over him.

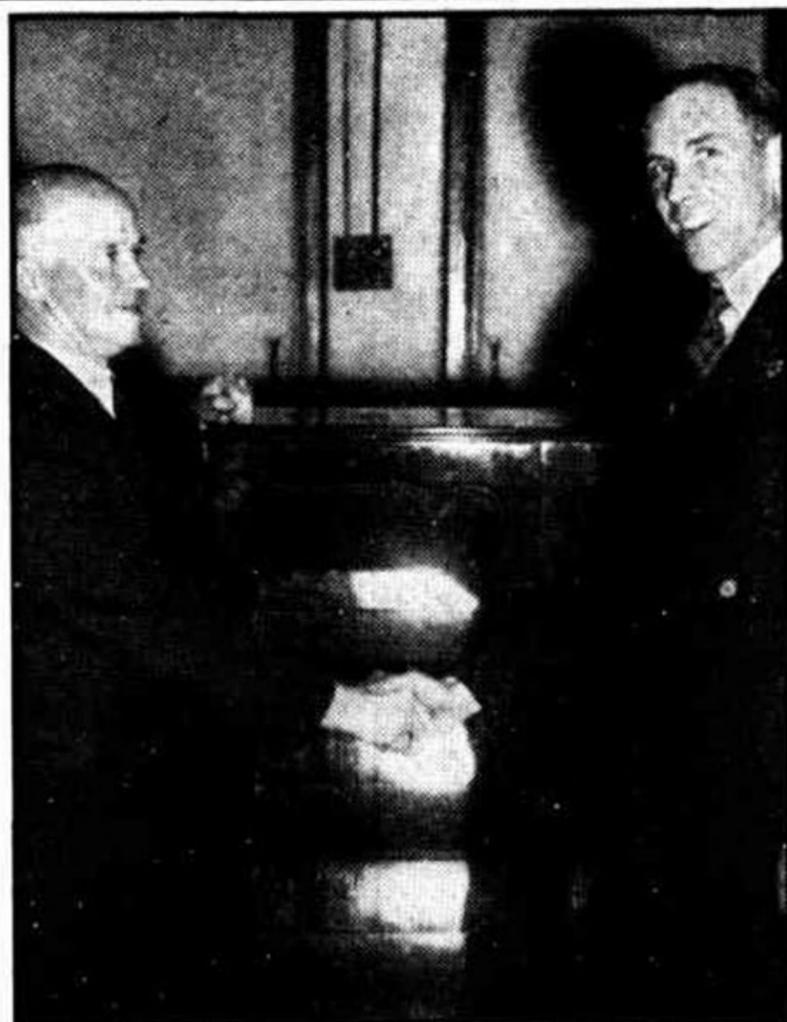
Churchett will be another danger to Norwood. The Glenelg goalsneak has reached top form in the major round. His brilliance in the preliminary final gave him eight goals against Port, and he is likely to present a problem to Reimann.

Although the Norwood rucks are expected to break even at the worst, they will not find the Glenelg followers easy to beat. Johnny Taylor has his charges in fine condition. Crabb, Laffin, Potter, and Taylor himself, are a vigorous band of ruckmen, and they can be expected to fight every inch of the way.

Glenelg are a confident side, playing the type of football that wins premierships, and they have the condition to be full of

running at the end of a hard-fought game.

I believe that Norwood are not likely to become rattled by a Glenelg onslaught, and it could be that the steadiness of the Redlegs under pressure in the closing stages would give them the premiership.



IAN McKAY (North captain) was presented with "The News" trophy for the best league footballer of 1950 at a club dinner last night by Roy Colmer, "The News" football writer. McKay will receive the Magarey Medal before the start of the grand final tomorrow.

Third match for title

Flinders Park (minor premiers) and Riverside meet tomorrow for the third successive week to decide the Amateur League Grade A II. title. Tomorrow's game will be played at Thebarton Oval.

WRITERS DIVIDED

Opinions of football writers of "The News" and "The Mail" are equally divided between Norwood and Glenelg as the likely winners of the grand final.

Opinions are:—

JEFF PASH.—For this match forward strength seems almost equal. On the centre line Norwood are more likely than Glenelg to develop a winning break. In the rucks forces are again evenly divided, with the Norwood rovers likely to prove dangerous in the last quarter.

On present form the Glenelg defence will be harder to penetrate than Norwood's. Accordingly, in what promises to be the match of the year, I choose Glenelg.

JOHN STEVENS.—Norwood. In spite of Glenelg's great determination, they will probably feel the strain of playing three hard matches in a row.

RAY BARBER.—Glenelg have the resources and confidence to take the premiership. With Trenorden back, the Glenelg centreline will not be easy to beat. Norwood have no equivalent to Churchett.

HAYDN BUNTON.—Norwood have a potential matchwinner in their centre line, reinforced by the sharp roving of Jack Oatey. I do not think Glenelg will be able effectively to subdue this line, and that should give the Redlegs just the little extra power to win.

COLIN HAY.—Glenelg. I think they will have the best of the ruck duels, and their defence is extremely tight. At the other end they have a matchwinner in Churchett. However, if Norwood get on top across centre, the Tigers might be lagging.

Chosen sides compared

(Norwood kicking up and names underneath.)

	Hunt (32; 5.11; 11.7)	
	Way (26; 6.0; 11.2)	
J. Taylor (31; 5.11; 13.0)		Wickham (23; 5.7; 12.8)
Dalwood (28; 6.3½; 14.2)		Tilbrook (23; 5.5; 11.2)
Window (29; 5.10; 13.0)	D. Taylor (28; 6.0; 12.9)	Wright (19; 5.11; 11.6)
Pedder (20; 5.8½; 11.7)	Mayo (24; 5.11; 12.7)	Drage (28; 5.7½; 12.0)
Karutz (27; 5.10; 13.2)	Trenorden (27; 5.8; 12.7)	McPherson (25; 5.7; 11.0)
Gallagher (24; 5.9½; 11.6)	Blackmore (27; 5.10; 11.7)	Olds (23; 5.4½; 10.3)
Hannaford (31; 5.11; 12.6)	Prior (25; 5.11; 13.0)	Donaldson (27; 6.0; 13.0)
Edwards (19; 5.8; 12.6)	Giles (23; 6.1½; 13.9)	Roberts (26; 5.10; 11.7)
Kempson (19; 5.10; 11.0)		Laffin (23; 6.3; 14.9)
LePage (24; 5.9½; 12.7)		Burke (24; 6.2; 14.0)
	Churchett (24; 5.11; 13.0)	
	Reimann (22; 6.1; 13.6)	
	Rucks—Norwood: Marriott (20; 6.2½; 15.0), Rudd (24; 5.11½; 12.7), Oatey (30; 5.6; 12.12); Dalwood, Burke, Tilbrook, Glenelg: Crabb (27; 6.2; 14.0), Potter (21; 6.0; 12.8), Haussen (26; 5.8; 11.0); Laffin, J. Taylor, Kempson.	
	Reserves—Norwood: Gross (19th), Warren (20th), Heidenreich, Partridge. Glenelg: Miller, Boehm, Cock, Vale.	

PLAYERS' VARIETY OF JOBS

Office workers predominate in the Norwood and Glenelg teams to clash in the grand final tomorrow. Nine of the 36 are clerks.

Five Norwood and four Glenelg players are office workers. They are Gallagher, Roberts, Reimann, Giles, Burke, (Norwood), Don Taylor, McPherson, Hannaford, and Churchett (Glenelg).

Occupations of the other players vary greatly.

Crabb (Glenelg) is an airline pilot, and Way (Norwood) is a doctor at Royal Adelaide Hospital. LePage (Norwood) is a medical student, and Marriott

(Norwood) is a dental student at Adelaide University.

Oatey (Norwood captain) is a printer, while Johnny Taylor (Glenelg captain) is a foreman.

Pedder (Norwood) is a joiner, and Rudd is a hairdresser.

Potter and Haussen, who will be associated in the first ruck for Glenelg, are fitters.

Dalwood (Norwood) is a metallurgist.

Mayo (Norwood) has one of the most unusual occupations among league footballers. He is a textile weaver.

Window and Wright (Glenelg half-back flankers), together with Tilbrook (Norwood) are

drivers. Hunt (Glenelg) is a tailor, and Wickham, who plays alongside him in a back pocket, is a tram conductor.

Edwards (Norwood) is a metal worker. Trenorden, who will be at centre for Glenelg, is a motor trimmer, while Blackmore, who will be his immediate opponent, is a salesman. Donaldson is another salesman in the game.

Laffin (Glenelg) is a moulder. Kempson is a carpenter, and Karutz, a fireman at Glenelg Fire Station.

Drage (Norwood) is a painter, and Olds, Norwood wingman, who is the smallest man in the game, is a storeman.

SOCCER FOOTBALL

Final of H. Pozza Trophy
Cumberland v. Birkalla
MORTLOCK PARK, 3.10 p.m.

Final of H. Pozza Cup
Woodside v. Belgrade
ALLENBY GARDENS, 3.10 p.m.

Final of S.A.S.F.A. Cup
S.A. Postal Ins. v. E.T.S.A.
ALLENBY GARDENS, 1.30 p.m.

Final of Rowley Cup
Birkalla v. Sturt
MORTLOCK PARK, 1.30 p.m.

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League Grand Finalists Both Lose Key Players

By HARRY KNEEBONE

Both Norwood and Glenelg will take the field for the league football grand final at Adelaide Oval tomorrow without the services of key men.

Williams (centre half-forward), and Hall (ruck) were not available for Norwood owing to sickness and injury respectively, and Brooker (Glenelg rover) developed a swollen knee during the week.

The selectors, however, have overcome their difficulties with a minimum of upsetting changes.

- Glenelg has called Kempton from a half-forward flank to the second roving position, and filled the half-forward gap by the inclusion of Donaldson (19th last Saturday).
- Giles, having recovered from his eye injury, returns to take the centre half-back position for Norwood. Pedder and Budd also have been included, filling half-forward and ruck vacancies.

Norwood's repairs called for more extensive changes than did Glenelg's. Mayo has been allotted the responsible centre half-forward post, and Giles's reappearance releases Burke for the second ruck, where he may be happier than he has been at half-back.

Despite the apparent seriousness of the loss of the services of the players not available, the

remarkably open appearance of the match does not seem to have been greatly affected.

There is no good reason in the team chosen last night why Glenelg should not reproduce its form of last Saturday. If it does it could win the premiership.

The only factors which may work against a repetition of that form by Glenelg are an improvement by Norwood and Glenelg's inability to play as well as that on two successive Saturdays.

Glenelg's Two Tough Games

Glenelg has fought into the grand final the hard way, playing two tough games to get there. Norwood has played only one since the minor round ended four weeks ago.

Whether the hard match play counts in Glenelg's favor or not and whether Norwood's comparative inactivity is beneficial, neither the statistics of previous years nor haphazard guessing can satisfactorily answer.

The effects of either would vary with different teams. Some teams may need plenty of work to hold their form at this stage of the season; others would regain it by spelling from serious match play.

Norwood, I think, is in the latter category. It showed such outstanding form earlier in the season that it is difficult to believe that it can continue to play so much below that standard as it has recently.

The incentive of tomorrow's game, the big prize to be won, should bring out the best in Norwood and that, as it has proved before, may be a little too good for the undoubtedly improved Glenelg side.

But whoever wins will not succeed without first overcoming fiercely determined resistance.

Tomorrow's Stars



TOMORROW'S League football grand finalists—Norwood and Glenelg—prepare for the 1950 premiership battle at Adelaide Oval. Top left—Cliff Brooker, Glenelg rover, enjoys his warm shower after training. Top right—Ron Reimann, Norwood goalkeeper, makes a dash with the ball at practice. Bottom left—Neville Way, Norwood forward, exploits his characteristic punt on training night. Bottom right—Allan Crabb, Glenelg ruckman, photogenic, even in a towel, exudes cheerful confidence.

Tomorrow's Programme

ADELAIDE OVAL

- 12.40 p.m.—Senior Colts grand final (West Torrens v. Port Adelaide).
- 2.20 p.m.—Presentation of 1950 Magarey Medal to Ian McKay (North Adelaide) by Mr. A. Kenny (president Australian National Football Council and vice chairman of the SA National Football League).
- 2.29 p.m.—National Anthem.
- 2.30 p.m.—League grand final (Norwood v. Glenelg).
- 3.5 p.m. (approx.)—Arrival of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor (Sir Mellis Napier) and Lady Napier at half-time interval. SA Amateur Athletic Association oval run.
- 4.50 p.m. (approx.)—Finish of grand final.

Round The Pickets

MOST fervent barrackers in the league are Glenelg's enthusiastic supporters. Previously they made up in noise what they lacked in numbers. Now they're getting the numbers and the volume shows a corresponding increase.

For persistent, patient loyalty one Glenelg supporter probably has no peer.

She is Miss E. Southcott, of Jetty road, Brighton, who has missed only three games played by the Tigers since their entry into the league competition in 1921.

The three blots on her escutcheon are excusable. One match she missed because of a tram strike, another through a family bereavement and she couldn't attend the other owing to illness.

BUTTONS in the colors of the grand final clubs will be on sale at Adelaide Oval tomorrow. Proceeds will be in aid of Legacy Club funds.

SA League's official programme "Football Budget," while it contains notes of unusually high standard from this year's contributor (Roy Brown), nevertheless suffers sadly in comparison with the Whyalla League publication.

As if to rub it in the Whyalla League rounds off its season by producing a "Year Book," an excellent 16-page booklet summarising the season's statistics and records.