GLENELG DOWN PORT BY 44 POINTS Play best football for season

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

Playing their greatest football for the season and for many years, Glenelg thrashed the hide off Port in the preliminary final at Adelaide Oval today to win by 44 points.

Glenelg will now meet Norwood in the grand final for the premiership next

Saturday.

Whatever the outcome of the premiership fight, the game p will be memorable for Glenelg supporters, because Colin Churchett in the second quarter kicked his fourth goal for the game to reach 100 goals for the season.

He is the first player to do this since 1940, when Ken Farmer (North) kicked 123, and Beau Morton (Sturt), got 102.

Churchett is only the second Gleneig player ever to kick 100 Famous left-foot goalsneak Jack Owens kicked more than 100 in 1932,

Churchett received a very fitting ovation from the crowd. when he punted the goal six minutes after the start of the second quarter.

Port were solid favorites before the game, but by half-time any money could have been bet about their chances.

Rather amazingly, at this end of the season, Gleneig seem to be improving with every game.

They are hitting their opponents even harder than earlier in the season. Their system today is even better than they showed in the game against Norwood in the last minor round game.

Their performance today was a great tribute to the standard of fitness on which captaincoach Johnny Taylor has insisted throughout the year.

Taylor has brought Gleneig to their peak at the right time and further, in contrast to their individual play during the earlier part of the season, the Bays are now moving like a real, systematic premiership side.

In the third quarter today, Glenelg played with magnificent understanding, whereas in the past every man has tried to get a kick of some sort. Tolay, players made certain that the ball went to a team-mate in every possible way.

If they couldn't foot-pass it, they knocked it along the ground, or hand-passed, or even kicked it off the ground - anything, so long as the ball went to a team-mate. That is team play.

On their showing today, the Bays are going to make things extra tough for Norwood next Saturday. There was not the slightest element of fluke or luck in Glenelg's win.

Across centre, where Port thought they would have a slight margin, the Bays won the line on the day.

Hewitson (Port) and McPherson had a great tussle, with Hewitson probably the winner over the four quarters. centre, after Boyd (Port) had had most of the play in the first quarter, Trenorden gradually gained the upper hand for Glenelg, while Karutz did a little bit better than break even with McDonald on the other wing.

	lst	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Slenelg		9-5	107	15-8	98
Port	32	5—5	65	8—6	54

Bays exert pressure

The first quarter Port were well in front in the ruck, where Marrett was unbeatable. Early he looked as if he might be the matchwinner for the Magpies. particularly as Fos Williams was roving well

There was a sensation a few minutes after the start when "Blick" Williams, on Port's halfforward line, turned his back on a pass from his brother Fos in a good position. Williams went off the field escorted by trainers with what appeared to be a broken collarbone.

strength

From a bounce in front of knock and hooked a beautiful had kicked one early for Port. left foot map through.

take Whitaker's pass Wille, kick was short, but Marrett pulled down a great mark on an acute angle and just missed

Although nearly spoiled by Lees a minute later. Marrett secured another mark and goaled. At this stage he was by far the most dangerous Port player.

Then Glenelg went forward again. Churchett got his ninetyeighth for the season, and then Brooker found Churchett with a half distance punt pass and the Bay goalsneak had no trouble in putting up ninety-ninth.

Shortly afterwards Churchett marked within good range.

The crowd walted for him to put his century goal through but Churchett must have had an attack of nerves, and from a fairly casy shot missed.

In the meantime Marrett kicked Port's second goal, and Boyd, after following the ball Any man who kicks eight through brilliantly from centre. got their third goal.

There had been nothing in the game. Port had won the ruck, but the Bays were stronger in defence,

The Bays ran away in the second term, in a brilliant display of combined play. First of all. Port attacked, and Whelan and Carr got goals—but Gleneig's star ruckman, Alian Crabb, suddenly came good. For the rest of the quarter he dominated the Bays' game in so much as he gave them that extra drive which they had been lacking.

Crabb played a great game in this term, either in the pack or

resting.

Churchett's hundredth goal was the starter, then Crabb got one from 10 yards out, on an

Bill Prior had by this time established complete ascendancy at centre half-forward for Glenelg. Dayman was no match for him.

He, Churchett again, then Laffin, from an easy 2-ft range shot after a bounce in the goal square, and Potter, all got goals. The power of Potter, playing only his second game, was a great influence for Glenelg

The Bays obviously were not carrying so many men under form as they did against Nor-

At half-time, the Bays were four clear goals ahead, and looked sufe.

Third term hardest

But the third term proved Mills got the first goal in the the hardest of all. Play swung match, but from then on the from end to end, with neither Bays began to assert some team able to carry home attacks.

Churchett got the Bays' only goals Churchett collared the goal for the quarter after Mills

That quarter sounded the Play swung to the other end. deathknell for Port. They had where Mills led beautifully to shown signs of becoming disorganised by the fast-moving, hard-hitting Glenelg team in the second term.

> In the third, Port began to panic. From then on, they were gone. The Bays sensed victory, and pressed on ruthlessly.

> In the last quarter, the Bays took complete charge. left yards behind their opponents, were swept aside like leaves in a gale.

> It became so one-sided that in the later stages of the last term many Bay players were obviously not interested.

● For Glenelg, Allan Crabb played a superb game, particularly in the second term. He began slowly, but of all people, he probably contributed most to the four-goal lead which the Bays took by half-time. He rucked strongly and when resting, did everything asked of him.

goals in a preliminary final is good. Churchett earned every goal today. He has an almost uncanny notion of where the posts are.

 At centre half-forward, Bill Prior has shown himself a find for the Bays. His game today could hardly faulted.

 There were few, if any, of Glenelg who did not play well, but best of the others were Trenorden (centre), Brooker (roving), J. Taylor (ruck), D.



GLENELG CAPTAIN, Johnny Taylor, after the match.

Bunton tips Norwood

In spite of Gieneig's very convincing win over Port today. I still think Norwood will take out the grand final next flat-urday although not by very mush

Norwood's centre line, plus the Onley powerpoint, in the danger to Gieneig. With such circugth across centre, the odds the toll into their attack lines from the centre bospae, which menns Cleneig will have to start their drives from their half-back lines.

There is very little between the Hays and Norwood, as proved by their suspe last flaturday but the drive which Crabb gave Gleneig today, but which was missing last week, could well be missing again next Balurday.

Taylor half-back), (centre Potter (ruck), and Window (half-back).

- Alan Greer, on a half-back flank, won his post all day for Port. He cleared repeatedly with strong dashes, followed by a good, long kick. He was at his best in the first half.
- Parham, also on the halfback line, and Marrett, rucking or resting were next best, with rover Ray Whitaker, cool and accurate as usual, little behind.
- Hewitson gave Port some drive through the centre wing early, but McPherson made him earn all his kicks later.
- Boyd, although he had many kicks in the open going, did not give Port consistent drive. Fos Williams was not as brilliant as usual, but did well.

Best Players

Glenelg-- Crabb, Churchett, Prior, Trenorden, Window, Brooker, J.Taylor, D.Taylor, Potter.

Port-- Greer, Parham, Whitaker, Hewitson, Marrett, Boyd, F.Williams.

Scorers

Glenelg-- Churchett 8.1, Prior 2.0, Potter 2.0, Crabb 1.0, Laffin 1.0, Trenorden 1.0, Brooker 0.4, Kempson 0.2, rushed 0.1

Port-- Whitaker 2.0, Mills 2.0, Marrett 1.2, Whelan 1.1, Boyd 1.0, Carr 1.0, Fletcher 0.1, Lees 0.1, F.Williams 0.1

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Glenelg To Meet Norwood In League Football

Grand Final

By HARRY KHEEBONE

Glenela and Norwood will play off in the league football grand final next Saturday for the 1950 premiership.

By an impressive seven-goal victory over Port Adelaide in the preliminary final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday, Glenely thoroughly earned and deserved grand final qualification.

Matching Port Adelaide's speed in the early stages Glenelg maintained the pressure and overwhelmed the opposition in the last three quar-From shortly after the second quarter began until the final it acored 12.4 to Port Adelaide's 34 (two goals of which were kicked when the result was beyond doubt.

It was a most convincing performance which should win it day's crucial match

though it would repeat its feat men. against West Torrens in the semi-final and when a few Crabb's minutes of the second quarter had gone it led 5.2 to 3.3.

serious opposition to Glenelg The latter, exhibiting confidence and skill of high order. raced away to a commanding

With about 10 minutes to go Glenelg had more than doubled Port Adelaide's acore at 13.7 (85) to 6.6 (42), the latter havearly in the second quarter.

Glenelg held the upper hand and had no passengers, whereas Port Adelaide, a dispirited fumbling shadow of the team which ousted West Torrens, had He earned each of his eight only Williams (roving) and Greer (half-back flank) as strongpoints.

The vaunted Port Adelaide centre line was vanquished at all three points, especially in midfield where Trenorden came right back to top form to provide Glenelg with a wide straight road to goal

Port Adelaide's ruck, which had served it well in recent matches. was overpowered. Marrett being rarely in the picture in that capacity and Orowden being forced into extrava. nelg (League grand final). gant ineffectual leaps

Most important factor in the result was the failure of the Port Adelaide rovers to exert their expected influence on the play.

This was not principally due to the dominance of the Olenely rovers-although they Brooker the combined effect of Glenelg's forward. Window. D. Taylor ruck ascendancy and the bril- and Wright (half-back). J many supporters in next Satur- liant, yet safe marking of the Taylor (particularly in defence) Port Adelaide began as for the Port Adelaide small forward. Potter and Lamn

Influence

Crabb had a great day. In token of the fact that it was his But that was the end of its hundredth league match, he led the team on to the field at the start and after half-time, tossed for ends and won it and shared with Fos Williams the distinction of being the best man on the ground.

His well-directed propelling of the ball from ruck and his form. He was a dashing defenstrong, safe marking, consti- der. ing kicked only one goal since tuted the greatest individual factor in the victory

almost everywhere on the field den's effort at centre has been 'rover, who hit his straps too

Churchett, too, played an invaluable part in the win.

Next Saturday

ADELAIDE OVAL 12.40 p.m.-West Torrens v. Port Adelaide (Senior Colta grand final).

2.20 p.m.-Presentation of 1950 Magarey medal to lan McKay (North Adelaide) by Mr. A. Kenny (president Australian National Football Council and vice-chairman SA National Football League).

2.30 p.m.-Nerwood v. Gle-

Figal Crowd

paid £1,536 to see Glenelg beat Port Adelaide at Adelaide OVAL on Satuday set a dual attendance-taxings record for a league preliminary final

When West Adelaide defeated Port Adelaide in the 1947 preliminary final, the attendance was 35,705, and the takings at last year's preliminary final, when West Torrens ousted Nor-

goals, several by astonishing was his best effort for the

in particular, did well-but to team were -Hannaford (halfwinner. There were no crumbs Brooker (roving). Prior (half-(ruck) and Karutz (wing)

> than did Fos. Williams to lift a beaten team. Roving to vanquished rucks, he had to get the ball the hard way. Yet he got it often, only to have the heart-breaking experience of seeing his gallant work rendered fruitless by Glenelg general superiority.

within coo-ee of his captain's

Russell (back pocket), and in the closing stages, in goal). The importance of Trenor- Parham (half-back), Whitaker late to have much effect on the game) and Fletcher (a typically solid effort in ruck; were the best of a remainder far below average form. Scores: -

Gleneig 3.3 (?1), Port Adelaide 3.5

THIRD QUARTER

GIENELG. 13 cls. # bbds. (M pts.). PORT ADELAIDE, 8 cls. 4 bbds.

Whelen, I !: Boyd and Carr. rach 1.0

Record Preliminary

The 38,476 people who

wood, were £2,524.

leaping and flawless judgment in marking and kicking. It

Others to play well in an even

No man has striven harder

Greer (half-back flank) was the only Port Adelaide man

HALF-TIME Gleorig 9.5 1391, Port Adriaide 3.5

Gleneig 10.1 (61), Port Adelaide 4.3

GOALESCHERS:-G | . n . | g-Churchett, S.I. Prior and Potter, each TA: Crabb, Latte and Trenorden. rach 1.0; Brooker, 8.1; Krupson, 6.7; rushed, 81. Fort Adrialde Mills and Whiteher, each 7.8; Marrett, 1.2; Williams, Fletcher, and Lees, each

Churchett Sets Club Goal-Kicking Record

Colin Churchett. kicking eight goals on Saturday and taking his total for the season to 104, set a goalkicking record for Glenels in league football

o His total is the highest ever recorded by a Glencke PLAYET

· He is the first league player to reach 100 goals in a season since 1941.

Churchett's record of 104 goals exceeds 102 scored by Jack

Owens for Glenelg ın 1932. when left-foot that headed TETE the eague 6 o a ! kicking for the fourth time.

Gienelg did main in the major round that year, and



Ken Farmer (North Adelaide) who, at the end of the minor round, had kicked \$8 goals, went on in the major round to inthat total to CLEANE equalling Owens's tally

The last time a player reached 100 goals in a season was in 1941, when Bruce Schultz Norwood, kicked 100. His feat was the more meritorious in view of the fact that he did not play in the last four matches of the minor round, nor in any of the major round games played by Norwood.

Farmer, in that year, kicked 87 goals.

On Saturday, Churchett Was the centre of interest early in the game. His total was 96 when the match began, and he kicked three goals in the first quarter

He took a soaring mark behind the pack, shortly before the quarter ended, but misacked-his only miss for the match.

Very soon afterwards he had the ball on his own with an open goal before him, but the siren signalling the end of the quarter robbed him of another opportunity to reach his century.

He achieved his objective midway through the second quarter when Crabb sent him a nicely-judged middle-distance kick, about 40 yards out from goal

goalkickers this Leading season are:--Sat M'rs Total

8.1 19 104.58 Churchett (G) Mehaffey (WT). Williams (N). 53.44 Willis (WT) 41.37 Bradford (WT). -Williams (PA) .. 0.1 17 40.30 Dalwood (N). . . -18 40.25

THE "key" positions did not exert a great influence on the play in Saturday's preliminary final, but the statistics of the D. Taylor-Whelan and Prior-Dayman ducis are interesting nevertheless:-

D. TAYLOR (G) Marks Galace persession Frees received Hand-passed Kichs PRIOR (G) Marks Gained possession Frees received .. Frees Elven Hand passed ..

"Achuman took over at contre half. back in the last quarter, Dayman goures for that quarter are included instruct of Dayman's.

High-Leaping Ruckmen In Action



RICK BATTLES, in which Glenelg held the upper hand, were an important factor in the league football preliminary final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. From left:- D. Laffin (Glenelg), K. Growden (Port Adelaide), C. Brooker (Glenelg), and A. Hannaford (Gle nelg).

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FOOTBALL FINAL REVIEW

PORT ROVERS AND CENTRES IN KEY ROLES

By ROY COLMER

Port are my choice for the league football preliminary final, in which they meet Glenelg at Adelaide Oval tomorrow. I consider their rovers and centre line should give the Magpies a winning advantage.

Port and Gleneig will be right to meet Norwood in the grand final.

the two teams in a preliminary When they met in the major round of 1934, Port won the second semi-final, Glenelg turned the tables in the grand final.

Form in the finals so far points to Port as the likely win-The Magpies showed brilliant speed to gain their early lead over Torrens in the first semi-final. Then, when the edge went off their pace, they played with steadiness to beat off the Torrens challenge late in the game.

Glenelg outpaced a sluggish Norwood side in the early exchanges of the second semi-final, but they lost formation through over-anxiousness when they were striving to regain the lead in the last quarter.

HARD-FOUGHT GAME

Everything points to the pre-liminary final being a rugged, hard-fought game, with the teams locked together for most of the journey.

Any early ideas that Gleneig could be taken cheaply were denied completely by their form over the last few weeks of the minor round.

Glenelg proved themselves to be true premiership contenders by their fight against Norwood in the second semi-final. Port did not need that display to convince them of the strong opposition to be expected from Glenelg.

The Magpies had Dick Rusbattling in the final for the sell to thank for their win over Glenelg at the Bay Oval in the minor round. Furthermore, Russell is likely to be one of This is the first meeting of the chief obstacles in the way of a Glenelg success in the coming game.

Both teams have strong Don Taylor will be a points. difficult man for Port to pass. He regained his top form against Norwood, and Whelan would need to reproduce his brilliant form of the first semifinal to have a chance of giving Port a road through to goal.

It would not surprise if Taylor were to force Port to attempt to open a road through their half-forward flanks.

Churchett will be another danger to Port, but he will be opposed by a close-checking defender in Schumann.

Glenelg will be looking to their followers to prevent the Magpies from gaining complete control of the close work.

STAR MAGPIES

Port have four men who could provide the deciding influence of the game. They are their two rovers, Williams and Whitaker, together with Boyd at centre and Russell in defence.

Glenelg would need to improve on their showing in the second semi-final to hold the rovers and the Port pivot.

Hewitson and McDonald are expected to balance the Port centre line.

The game is likely to be fiercely fought, but the pace and drive of the Port rovers and centres should allow them to build a winning score.

Chosen sides compared

(Port kicking up and names underneath)

(32, 5.11, 11.7) Mills (26, 5.9, 11.0)

D. Taylor

(28, 6.0, 12.9) Whelan

(20, 6.3, 14.5)

Trenorden

(27, 5.8, 12.7)

Boyd

(22, 5.11, 12.0)

Prior

(25, 5.11, 13.0)

Dayman

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> Hannaford (31, 5.11, 12.6)Parham (21, 5.10, 12.0)

> > Brooker (28, 5.8, 12.6) Russell (28, 5.9, 13.5)

Wickham (23, 5.7, 12.8) Whitaker (19. 5.9. 11.0)

Wright (19, 5.11, 11.6) (19, 5.8, 11.2)

> McPherson (25, 5.7, 11.0) McDonald (25, 5.6, 10.12)

Kempson (19. 5.10, 11.0) Greer (22, 5.9, 11.10) Laffin (23, 6.3, 14.9)

Abley

(19. 6.0, 13.0) Churchett (24, 5.11, 13.0) Schumann

(31. 5.11), 11.7) Rucks.--Port: Marrett (25. 6.4, 14.3). Fletcher (25. 5.10. 12.5), F. Williams (27, 5.8, 11.10); Growden, Abley, Whitaker, Glenelg: Crabb (27, 6.2, 14.0). Potter (21, 6.0, 12.8). Haussen (26, 5.8, 11.0); Laffin, J. Taylor, Brooker.

Reserves.-Port: Gregg. Carr. Thompson. Farr. Donaldson, Boehm, Miller.

Tigers favorites

Glenelg are favored to win give them a winning advantage. News" and "The Mail." Opinions are:-

back strength may be the de- factor. and across centre, but Glenelg's company. advantage.

Ray Barber .- With the ex-Glenelg are likely to be a twogoal better side this week—sufficient to beat Port. Fos. Wilbiggest danger to Gleneig.

my tip. Their half-backs may tory.

by most football writers of "The Port should have the edge with their rovers and across centre.

Jeff Pash.—Forward Colin Hay.-Gleneig's half- looks like being the deciding Glenelg are slightly ciding factor in what promises more impressive than Port at to be a very even match. Port half-forward, and Churchett is should win with their rovers worth a lot to his side in any Altogether a close steady defence may counter the game is expected, and my guess is Glenelg.

Haydn Bunton.-Port appear perience gained last Saturday, to have a little extra strength in the same departments that gave Norwood their narrow win last week-across the centre liams and Whitaker present and in the rovers. I think this little extra power will be just John Stevens.—Glenelg are enough to give the Magpies vic-

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ROY COLMER'S FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT

GLENELG RUCKMAN TO PLAY 100TH GAME

Allen Crabb, Glenely leading ruckman, will complete 100 games in league company in the preliminary final against Port at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

Crabb made his first appearance in senior football with the West-Gleneig side in 1942, the first season of the group team competition.

On his return from active service, he joined Glenelg and has been one of their star players in recent years. He first gained inclusion in State side in 1946.

Barney Haussen is another Glenelg man within reach of the century. He will make his ninety-ninth appearance in the preliminary final. He began with Gienelg when normal league football was resumed in 1945.

ONE CHANGE LIKELY Olenelg are expected to make only one change in their team

for the game on Saturday. Ray Cock will not be able to play because of an ankle injury. He received the injury in the semi-final, but left for Broken Mill immediately after the game to join the Glenelg second eighteen on a holiday trip. On his return it was found that the injury had not responded to treatment.

Bill Trenorden has recovered from the leg trouble which kept him out of the semi-final and seems certain to fill the vacancy at centre

There will be six changes in the side which met Port at Gleneig Oval in the minor

Laurie Taylor, Boehm, Rob-jent, Miller, Walding, and Rundle played in that game Taylor and Robjent are on the injured list for the preliminary

Men filling the vacancies are Hunt, Prior, Wickham, Karutz, Wright, and Potter.

Crabb and Wickham did not train early this week. Crabb was prevented by his employment and Wickham was suffer-

ing from a cold Glenelg were given light work at training on Tuesday and finished with physical training in the clubroom.

ALLAN CRABB, Glenelg follower, will complete 100 league games on Saturday.

TOP FOUR ON LIST

BAYS NEVER OUT OF

Glenelg were never out of the top four on the league premiership list throughout the minor round, but Port were out of the leading division on three occasions. The Magpies were last after the first series of games, but rose to the leading division in three w:eks.

Glenelg were at the top of the list for the first three series They got away of matches. to a flying start by downing Port at Alberton. They won by

17—16 to 6—8. Big wins followed over South at Adelaide Oval and Sturt at Glenelg.

North were the first team to beat the Tigers. They won by 16—11 to 9—16 at Prospect. This defeat caused Gleneig to drop to second ranking.

The Tigers sprang a surprise in the following game when they won from Torrens at Glenelg, but they suffered their second defeat in the following series, when Norwood trounced tion. them badly at Kensington.

FELL TO FOURTH

as a result of their defeat by Norwood, but they got back to second ranking with wins over West at Adelaide Oval and South at Glenelg.

The defeat by Port at the Bay ground did not cause Glenelg to lose position. They won Alberton in their next engagefrom Sturt and North at Uniey |ment. and Glenelg in the following fortnight.

Their performance in beating North was a brilliant effort, because they conceded a big start early, and made a fighting recovery.

Torrens downed Gleneig at Thebarton in the last series before the break for the Brisbane carnival, and the Tigers were beaten again by Norwood Kensington, but West caused a on the resumption of league games.

FOUR WINS GAINED

Gleneig fell to fourth position as the result of the Norwood defeat, but they finished the minor round with four wins to take second place from Port on percentages.

Port lost two of their first four matches. They were last on the list after their defeat by Glenelg at Alberton. The went to sixth by downing Sturt at Unley and reached the top four for the first time, when they beat South at Adelaide Oval in the third series

Torrens scored the second win over Port in the following series, and the Magpies slipped down the ladder to fifth posi-

Beating North at Alberton in the fifth series. Port regained a place in the top four, and re-Glenelg fell to fourth place mained in the top division for the remainder of the season.

CLIMBED LADDER

Their win over North sent them into fourth place, and they climbed a rung on the ladder by defeating West at

Norwood bundled Port back o fourth place by downing them at Norwood.

Port won eight of their next nine matches. Their only defeat in that period was by Torrens at Alberton. They were in third place until the resumption of

major upset on the last day of the minor round by scoring from Port at Adelaide Oval

Bays heavier: Port younger

well matched physically in the preliminary final. Tigers, on average, will be slightly taller and heavier than Port, but the Magples will have an advantage of more than two years in age.

The likely Glenelg side average 5 ft. 101 in. and 12 This makes them st. 7 lb. a quarter of an inch taller and 2 lb. heavier than Port. Average age of the likely Port side is 23 years eight months, while Glenelg average 25 years nine months.

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