

PORT NEVER IN ANY DANGER

Rucks and centreline too good for Bays

By VIC JOHNSON

After Churchett had goaled for Glenelg in the first minute of the preliminary final at Adelaide Oval today, Port took charge and were never afterwards in danger of defeat.

They finally won their into the grand final by 58 points.

Port did not repeat their dismal second-half failure of last week, although many could have been excused for expecting it.

Glenelg did make a spirited third-quarter bid, but it was not sustained in the final term.

Glenelg I think failed for two reasons.

It is impossible to win matches with players who are not 100 per cent fit and the Bays had at least three handicapped players today.

And Glenelg's vaunted ruck power did not function. Port having too long a string of followers.

Churchett's trial

Churchett, Glenelg's full-forward had a try-out before taking the field. He played with his left ankle heavily bandaged.

Rundle, who was standing by to take Churchett's place, if necessary, was named as a reserve, and so was De Cure. Port were as chosen.

Umpire K. L. Aplin had charge of the game, which was played on a firm turf with the breeze favoring the grandstand wing. Port captain Williams called correctly and chose the northern goal.

Glenelg went forward from the first bounce and

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	6-7	12-12	14-16	17-22	124
Glenelg	1-2	5-4	9-10	9-12	66

Churchett got his goal up with a punt kick.

That was his only one for the game. It was obvious that his tally, 1 goal 5 behinds, was the result of his being unable to put any weight on his left ankle.

Took charge

Port then took charge. Winning the bounce and usually the throw-ins, they went too fast for Glenelg.

Williams and Whitaker roving strongly, gave the rucks real support. A clear ascendancy across centre was another factor.

Wickham was under notice for strong work in defence for the Tigers, but generally the side was well subdued.

Taylor (Glenelg) and Boyd (Port) were both in the trainers' hands in the first term which the Magpies finished leading by 35 points.

In the first term Port took 19 marks to Glenelg's 9 and received 9 frees to Glenelg's 2.

Bays improved

Glenelg did better in the second term as a team, but

could not prevent Port from going further ahead.

McPherson was Glenelg's star in the second term. He obtained two goals from clever leading.

But Port were not idle, Zucker and Whitaker each getting two goals for their side.

Davies flashed into prominence late in the quarter for another two goals for Glenelg.

The defence of both teams worked overtime in an attempt to break up attacks. Taylor and Wickham did well for Glenelg and Russell and Parham for Port.

Port had got away to a 50-point lead at half-time.

Port took 17 marks in the second term and Glenelg 9. The Magpies obtained three frees and Glenelg 12.

Effective move

Alf Bailey was replaced by Guy at centre for Glenelg after half-time, Bailey going to half-forward right. Prior replaced Bone, injured.

The move at centre brought results. Guy, who had been prominent at half-forward and on the

ball did much better than Bailey and had a big hand in Glenelg's best quarter.

Guy's opponent, Boyd, was still badly shaken from a knock he received in the first quarter.

At the same time the move weakened the Glenelg packs where, as I have said, Guy had played well.

Davies, now playing better, goaled for Glenelg, and McPherson quickly posted his third. When Davies again put McPherson in possession for another goal, spectators began to wonder.

But although Port had slackened considerably, they were still playing well enough to hold their matchwinning lead.

Motley, very valuable at half-forward right, had goaled early, and late in the quarter Kretschmer got another. Crabb replied for the Tigers near the end of the term.

Good enough

The Magpie margin had been broken down to 36 points at three-quarter time and that looked good enough, as Glenelg had done better than in the first half.

Port took 19 marks in the term and Glenelg 21. Port received two frees and Glenelg five.

Port lost McDonald early in the last quarter. Hayes went to centre wing and Leaver to the forward pocket.

Boyd resumed charge of centre in the last quarter, his fine speed earning plenty of applause. Guy was always willing to contest it with him.

Glenelg faded right out of the picture in this final term. Their rucks were done to a frazzle, and any opportunities they may have had, died through fumbling and miskicking.

Taylor left the ground. He had been "carrying" an ankle since the first term. Rundle replaced him, but to add to Glenelg's worries Marrett retired for Port and Trowse, a fresh ruckman, was brought on.

The game ended very tamely.

In the last quarter Port took 17 marks and Glenelg nine. Port received five frees and Glenelg five.

For the game, Port took 72 marks and Glenelg 48. Port received 19 frees and Glenelg 24.

Fair fight, says Fos to Glenelg

Pat Hall, Glenelg captain-coach, and other Glenelg officials went to Port's dressing room within a few minutes of the final siren and congratulated them.

Then Fos Williams, Port captain-coach, returned the compliment.

In the Bays' room, he said: "You did a mighty fine job. It was a pretty hard game but you fought fairly. When we got the breaks in the end, you did not try to cripple us to put us out of next week's game."

Big Bob McLean, Port Adelaide secretary, said Port had felt like forgetting today's game after their display against Torrens last week.

"Why didn't you?" chipped in a Glenelg supporter ruefully.

Williams best

Williams is my No.1 for a splendid tireless roving exhibition and clever forward work. He did not spare himself to make sure there was no repetition of last Saturday.

Zucker was invaluable, his five goals and good hitting-out, playing a telling part.

Motley held his half-forward flank throughout. Whitaker was under notice for his usual cleverness, Boyd and Jaggard gave Port power across centre, and Marrett did finely in ruck.

Guy was Glenelg's best with a good effort at half-forward and later at centre.

McPherson was accuracy itself in attack despite Russell. Davies, not himself, tried hard and improved as the game went on. Crabb gave him good support against strong rucks.

Wright did fairly well at half-forward but kicked inaccurately, while Wickham, in defence, and Marshall, at centre wing, were also under notice.

Best Players-- Port: Williams, Zucker, Motley, Whitaker, Boyd, Jaggard, Marrett.

Glenelg: Guy, McPherson, Davies, Crabb, Wright, Wickham, Marshall.

Scorers-- Port: Zucker 5.2, Williams 3.4, Whitaker 3.3, Motley 2.3, Leaver 1.2, Growden 1.1, Dittmar 1.1, Kretschmer 1.0, Garland 0.1, Hayes 0.1, McDonald 0.1, Jaggard 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: McPherson 4.0, Davies 3.1, Churchett 1.5, Crabb 1.0, Wright 0.4, Laffin 0.1, Potter 0.1.

Replacements-- Bone (Glenelg) injured leg, replaced by Prior in third quarter. McDonald (Port) injured ankle, replaced by Leaver in last quarter. Marrett (Port) injured arm, replaced by Trowse in last quarter. Taylor (Glenelg) injured ankle, replaced by Rundle in last quarter.

Decided to play 10 min. before start

By HUBERT BIGGS

Glenelg's star goalsneak, Colin Churchett, did not make up his mind whether he would play until 10 minutes before the start of today's preliminary final against Port.

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He gave his injured ankle a thorough try-out in a run behind the Adelaide Oval grandstand. He said he was satisfied, but his ankle was so swollen he was unable to lace his boot closer than a 2-in. gap at the top.

The Bays took no chances when Churchett decided he was fit. They changed their two reserves to have association goalgetter, Rundle, as one of them.

PORT Adelaide's tenacious little captain-coach, Fos Williams, the popular vote of critics as the best man on the ground in the preliminary final, showed unerring judgment in the way he got the Magpies' fifth goal.

The ball deceived a half-dozen big men, who flew high in a crush, while Williams waited alertly a few yards behind them.

He pounced on the ball as it landed over the heads of the others, and snapped the goal.

NO. 11 proved unlucky to both teams in the match. Wearers of this number—Don Taylor, for Glenelg, and Davey Boyd, for Port—had to be treated by trainers within a few minutes of each other as the first casualties for the game.

Taylor hurt an ankle, and Boyd collected a nasty hit on the nose. Both resumed after treatment.

THE final selection played by the Hindmarsh Band just before the third quarter began was "Doggie in the Window."

This popular song had hardly finished when a dog ran on to the oval.

And the dog's colors? Black and white, of course.

It was a happy omen for Port, who made their half-time lead even bigger before the final siren.

CAPS knitted in the rival colors of Glenelg and Port were never more popular than they were today at Adelaide Oval. They added carnival touches to a scene already gay with streamers, flags, and buttons among the crowd.

GLENELG half-back flanker, Kempson, proved the wisdom of the adage, "Never say die," during an incident near the eastern boundary. Beaten for the ball, he followed it up with great persistence, and finally raced round an opponent to retrieve it.

SMOOTH combined play was a highlight of Port's triumph. On one occasion when Fos Williams, captain of the Magpies, gathered the ball in on the run, he whipped it over like a flash to his vice-captain, Alan Greer.

THE big crowd rubbed its eyes at the amazing change which came over the curtain-raiser game towards the end of the sec-

ond quarter. A goal had not been scored by West or Torrens association teams in the first 43 minutes' play. Then the Torrens men broke loose with seven goals in 12 minutes!

FOS Williams was adjudged Port's best man by his club's selection committee.

Glenelg trophies went to Guy, Davies, Edwards, McPherson, and Brian Wright.

THE Tigers led in today's game for a few minutes right at the start. Seaside followers were overjoyed when Colin Churchett snapped a goal for them 45 seconds from the start. But Port soon overtook the Bays, and did not look back.

HAROLD McDonald, Port wingman, left the oval just before the end, but he said he would be fit for next week's game. Davey Boyd, centreman, who received a heavy knock in the nose early but stayed on, and said he would be all right for the grand final.

GLENELG'S casualties were half-back Dick Bone (bruised ribs) and Don Taylor (injured ankle). Reserves Prior and Rundle replaced them.

ONE OF THE exciting moments in the Port-Glenelg final at Adelaide Oval this afternoon, Port ruckman Tom Garland (left) spoils a mark for Glenelg captain-coach, Pat Hall, in front of the Bays' goal while Alan Greer, of Port (right), waits to clear.



Port To Play Torrens For Coronation Title

by HARRY KNEEBONE

West Torrens and Port Adelaide, the outstanding teams of the league football season, will meet for the Coronation premiership in the grand final at Adelaide Oval next Saturday.

Port Adelaide won its way to the grand final by a convincing win of nearly 10 goals over Glenelg in the preliminary final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

Glenelg made a gallant, if despairing, effort in the third quarter to challenge the general superiority Port Adelaide had established.

But although it out-scored Port by four goals to two in that term, Port still held a commanding lead of six goals when the last quarter began.

Glenelg contributed much to the vehemence of its downfall by the fact that it fielded unfit players.

Davies, although he battled on grandly, and Alf Bailey were flu victims who probably would not have played had the game been an ordinary minor round encounter.

Churchett's ankle was so weak that he had to have a trial behind the grandstand a few minutes before the game to convince himself and officials that he would be able to play.

His painful, restricted movement on the field was ample evidence that he should not have played.

Port Adelaide, too, had a man, but only one, who was not 100 p.c. fit.

He was McDonald, the wingman, whose ankle finally gave out in the last quarter after obviously affecting his play before that.

Saturday's Statistics

Scores At Glance

1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts.
Port Ad. 6.7 12.12 14.16 17.22 124
Glenelg 1.2 3.4 8.10 9.12 66
Best players:—Port Adelaide—Williams, Boyd, Motley, Garland, Whitaker, Zucker, Gleneag—Guy, Davies, Crabb, Wickham, Marshall, McPherson.
Goalkeepers:—Port Adelaide—Zucker, 3.2; Williams, 3.4; Whitaker, 3.3; Motley, 2.3; Leaver, 1.2; Dittmar, Gowden, each 1.1; Kretschmer, 1.0; Garland, Hayes, McDonald, Jaggard, each 0.1; knocked, 0.2; Zucker and Gowden hit goalposts. Glenelg—McPherson, 4.0; Davies, 3.1; Churchett, 1.3; Crabb, 1.0; Wright, 0.1; Laffin, Potter, each 0.1.

ALLAN REVAL Says:

Followers Played Biggest Part In Port's Win

The surprise ascendancy of its followers was the biggest factor in Port's win.

With the big fellows' efforts capitalised by brilliant roving by Whitaker and Williams, Port was able to keep the pressure on the Glenelg defence.

Shed of their usual protection of winning rucks, the Glenelg defenders could not cope with the onslaught.

However, it is questionable whether the same results would have been achieved if Port had faced a more experienced and confident defence.

Mishandling in Glenelg's defence was responsible for many of the winner's scoring opportunities in the first half.

Overall, Port played as if its players carried a chip on their shoulders. And Glenelg was prepared to knock it off.

Collingwood's First Title For 17 Years

MELBOURNE, Sept. 27.

Collingwood won its first premiership for 17 years and ended an amazing three-year dominance of Victorian football by Geelong with a 12-point victory at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday.



Port Adelaide rover Ray Whitaker received a free following this incident with Glenelg ruckman B. Potter in the league football preliminary final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. Whitaker scored a goal from the kick.

Leading Goalkickers

	Sat. Mchrs.	Total.
Mayo (N)	—	18 78.55
Churchett (G)	1.5	20 71.61
McKenzie (NA)	—	18 60.55
William (WT)	—	17 58.45
Bradford (WT)	—	17 51.33
Head (NA)	—	17 47.32
Head (WT)	—	16 46.28
Hall (G)	0.6	18 44.20
Brown (WA)	—	18 42.37

Mayo now is beyond challenge as the leading goalkicker for the season.

Harry Kneebone's Story Of Match

It was ironical that two of Glenelg's sick and crippled players — Alf Bailey and Churchett—figured prominently in Glenelg's opening attack.

Bailey had the first kick of the match, and Churchett, marking Guy's waist-high long pass, had the first goal on the board from easy range within 45 seconds of the bounce.

That, virtually, was the end of Glenelg until mid-way through the second quarter, for it could add only two behinds, while Port Adelaide, driven in by Boyd and McDonald from centre and spurred by lively roving by Williams and Whitaker, added 8.8.

Motley, marking brilliantly behind the pack in a pocket—he gets off the ground sensationally for his lack of inches—kicked the first of Port's eight goals and Whitaker, handling the ball cleverly at half-forward left, kicked one at the end of the first quarter and followed it with two more immediately the second quarter began.

At that stage—a few minutes after the start of the second quarter—Port led 8.8 to 1.2, and had a firm grip that only the most unlikely repetition of West Torrens' second half could shake.

Toward the end of the first quarter, Glenelg half-back Don Taylor was standing helplessly doubled over an injured ankle. He was in the hands of the trainers for some time and in that time Port fairly streamed through the Glenelg defences.

Dittmar, Taylor's immediate opponent who had been trying to draw Taylor out of the game, burst into great prominence.

Zucker began a fine performance at the goalfront and on the ball by presenting a high-marking problem to the Glenelg full backs, and he kicked the first of his five goals—a fantastic effort, left-foot from the left pocket.

Vigorous Play

Some vigor bordering on venom was infused into the play, the first instance being the crashing of Jaggard after an encounter with Hall.

Jaggard was in the hands of the trainers for several minutes.

Boyd went down following a blow in the face—a swinging back-hander as his Glenelg opponent sought to break free with the ball—and he, too, needed considerable attention before he could resume.

Glenelg's first goal since the first minute of play came half way through the second quarter, when Davies got into the play with something like his former verve.

Davies, carefully drop-kicked the goal and McPherson clapped on a couple more for Glenelg's score to take on a slightly healthier aspect.

Port, however, assumed control again, Zucker, intelligently fed by Whitaker getting two of the four

goals Port added before half-time.

Davies' goal from a free was but a belated flicker of Glenelg's form shortly before the siren.

Glenelg prefaced its third-quarter bid by replacing Bone (injured leg) by Prior before play was resumed and switching Guy (half-forward right) and A. Bailey (centre).

Guy proceeded to verify his good form of the first half at half-forward and on the ball by shutting out Boyd for the greater part of the third quarter.

Glenelg fought back well, but could not establish a supremacy strong enough to permit the goals to come as freely as needed.

It had 16 scoring shots to Port's six during this quarter.

Churchett's inability to get goals—he kicked four behinds in that term—was a discouraging factor, and Glenelg still was six goals behind when the last quarter began.

Crabb was limping and Davies was exhausted early in the last quarter, and Port's rucks which had held the upper hand, in that they had stifled Glenelg's strength, really came into their own.

McDonald's ankle gave out and he was replaced by Leaver. Marrett (injured arm) went off in favor of Trowse.

Glenelg also lost Taylor, whose ankle had handicapped him since the first quarter. Rundle took his place.

Despite the presence of these fresh players on the ground, the quarter dragged on uninterestingly. Port was too far ahead to be challenged and Glenelg was too exhausted to make a serious game of it in the closing stages.

Determined Leader

Williams was a determined leader of the winning side. He set the example for pugnacious confidence that his side followed somewhat more spiritedly than it did against West Torrens.

He and Whitaker capitalised on the increased opportunities at the bounces and throws-in, and their disposal gave Port a great advantage.

Boyd, despite the fact that he was practically blanketed in the third quarter, was such a driving force in the rest of the game that he deserves high ranking.

Motley (half-forward), Garland (his best game for the season in ruck) and Zucker (Port's best full forward effort for the year) were the best of the rest.

Guy's dash and fast ball-handling made him one of the most prominent players afield, whether at half-forward on the ball or at centre.

Davies, fighting the after-effects of flu, dogged himself into spasmodic bursts of his well-known brilliance. He ran himself into the ground in ruck, especially in his team's third quarter bid.

Crabb although up against tougher opposition than he has had in ruck in recent matches, managed to contribute more than his share of vigorous work in his team's ruck efforts.

Wickham (back pocket), Marshall (wing) and McPherson (roving) also were prominent.

Not One Weakness In Port's 18

By JIM DEANE, 1953 Magarey Medallist, who is the guest writer for "The Advertiser" during the final league matches.

Port Adelaide played the near-perfect game to overwhelm Glenelg in the preliminary final at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. There was not one obvious weakness in Port's 18.

It was a great trial for Port's premiership encounter next weekend.

West Torrens will certainly have its work cut out.

Many a time on Saturday, Port was playing like a machine. Rovers Williams and Whitaker set the pace with football of the highest standard.

Glenelg, however, must be congratulated for having reached the preliminary final. It was unfortunate it had so many players of doubtful fitness—in fact, at some stages it almost seemed the entire side had been afflicted with the flu epidemic.

Led by the dashing Motley, Boyd and the cool Whitaker, Port assumed more purpose in its moves than Glenelg to open up a good early lead.

Dittmar had a part in Port's first three goals, making the most of the time his immediate opponent, Don Taylor, was in the trainers' hands with an ankle injury.

Strong Bustling

As Port continued to drive the ball forward by its strong bustling tactics rather than to any set plan, Williams more and more asserted himself as a constant goalscoring menace.

Because of the hard tackling and rigid checking, the general field kicking degenerated badly. At the end of the term, too, two incidents saw "feeling" creep into the game.

Down 6.7 to 1.2 when the second quarter began, Glenelg now had the chance to repeat its great comeback of the first semi-final against Norwood.

Glenelg actually did revive in the grand manner. Three goals came rapidly, even though the first two were more Port's errors than Glenelg's good play.

But there was little Glenelg could do to halt the remorseless Port machine. Zucker was in ruck and playing like a matchwinner.

Port's three brilliant half-forward "babies"—still eligible Colts, Hayes, Dittmar and Motley—refused to be beaten. What a sad contrast to Glenelg's forward division where Davies was the only man putting any real vim into his work.

Potter's Role

I thought it unusual, particularly close to half-time, to see Potter, the man who had had such a big share in Glenelg's first semi-final recovery, still in a back pocket while the Glenelg rucks were being soundly thrashed.

Port pressed merrily on to a 50-point lead at half-time, and seldom, if ever, have I seen as many clean break-aways from the centre bounce as Port was managing.

After the interval Glenelg opened with much more system, but even so its efforts still looked puny against Port's more direct, tear-away thrusts.

Guy was switched to centre—flu sufferer Alf Bailey going to a half-forward flank—and unwinding a dazzling display for a time rejuvenated Glenelg. Potter, too, was at last in ruck and doing well.

The game itself improved, and for the first time in the afternoon Port's dynamic half-forward line was subdued, if not suppressed.

Whitaker was still roving grandly, and was absolutely

the best man on the ground.

He is the type of player whom you have to play either with or against really to assess his value to the side. Saturday's performance left no doubt in my mind he is the best rover in the State.

With its task hopeless when the final term began, Glenelg fizzled out quickly and Port contented themselves with merely hanging on to its huge lead.

Best Players

Next to Whitaker as Port's best was Fos Williams for a fearless, tigerish roving display. Boyd played with his usual dash, using penetrating kicks.

Playing with unmistakable confidence, Zucker was not only a danger in front of goals, but also gave Williams and Whitaker an armchair ride whenever called on to the ball.

Marrett was the best ruckman afield, his understanding with Williams being a highlight of the game. Hayes, Dittmar and Motley were also major factors in Port's win.

Davies ranks as Glenelg's best. Though I have seen him play with more dash, he was the only man to try to instil system into his side.

Guy ranks close to Davies. On the ball, he was the only Glenelg player to offer any opposition to the match-winning Williams and Whitaker, and his third quarter at centre was brilliant.

Best of the others were Wright (spasmodic against a hard-checking Clift), McPherson (not sighted roving, but useful at the goalfront), Taylor (never stopped trying), and wingmen Edwards and Marshall.

Bay rucks should give win BIG GAMBLE ON STARS' FITNESS

By LAWRIE JERVIS

In spite of the fact that Glenelg are taking a big gamble on the fitness of three star players — Churchett, Alf Bailey, and Davies — I think their rucks are so much more powerful than Port's that they will win tomorrow's preliminary final at Adelaide Oval.

Any suggestion that Churchett, Bailey and Davies have recovered from their injuries and illnesses is nonsense.

Glenelg have taken a calculated risk that champions half-fit are a better proposition than fully fit mediocre players. And the three players affected are among the most important to the team.

Davies will probably come up fittest of the trio, as he has rested all the week with his attack of influenza, while Alf Bailey is likely to be most severely affected, because he contracted his heavy cold only yesterday.

And that there is still doubt about Churchett's ankle coming good by tomorrow is shown by the inclusion of association goal-sneak Brian Rundle in the reserves.

Port have substantially improved on last week's team by the reinclusion of Harold McDonald on the wing, which has allowed Hayes to return to his natural place at half-forward.

Sounder forward

The substitution of ruckmen Growden and Kretschmer for Whelan (injured) and Trowse (omitted) is neither gain nor loss. Zucker's return after missing last week because of suspension, in place of Coldwell (injured), gives the forward work a sounder appearance, and will also give some strength to the rucks.

But Port's five ruckmen — Marrett, Garland, Growden, Kretschmer, and Zucker — taken in aggregate, fall well below the strength of Glenelg's five — Crabb, Davies, Hall, Laffin, and Potter.

It was when Port were beaten in ruck after half-time last week by Torrens that they were pushed aside with an ease amounting almost to non-chalance.

Bays lack rovers

Their rovers, Williams and Whitaker, who had been two of the best three on the field to that stage (Jaggard was the other), hardly had a touch in the second half.

Glenelg on the other hand, have no one to scout the fringes so powerfully as did the three Torrens rovers, backed by the ruckman rover — Pyatt and Bill Hank, last week.

The whole trend of last week's game was dictated by the rucks. Port played very smoothly in the first half when their rucks were winning well and the reverse was the case in the second half.

Tomorrow, I think the Bay rucks can exert more pressure in the first half than Torrens did.

Port attacks tomorrow will have to be made either through the half-forward flanks, or right over the top of Bay centre half-back Don Taylor, who should well hold Dittmar.

Hayes is the danger point across half-forward. Glenelg have tried to cope with him by bringing in Kempson, who has more pace than the other half-back flankers tried lately, but Ha — looks a sure winner there.

Across centre, the key is undoubtedly Boyd at centre. T — Marshall, McDonald and Edwards-Jaggard duels could be even.

At Alberton, seven weeks ago, Bailey had the drop on Boyd when Glenelg won.

At Glenelg three weeks later, Port thrashed Glenelg, who had started with Bailey at centre half-forward and Davies at centre and Wright at half-back.

Then they made what appeared to be panic changes at half-time. That day, Boyd was a tremendous factor at centre, while Churchett got only one goal against Abley.

Centre factor

If Boyd gets right on top at centre tomorrow his raking long kicks into the goalfront, to a rapidly changing succession of tall

Port ruckmen, will keep the Bay defenders under such sustained pressure that many attacks must get through.

Greer is back to his best form and could close his flank.

Port are capable of great brilliance, once they get moving.

But I cannot forget the Alberton match, when after playing like a team inspired in the third quarter, and swamping Glenelg, they were beaten down in the last quarter.

Port's defence overall is not as strong as it used to be. Their last-line, with Abley and Russell working with great understanding, is fine. But they could lose across half-back, where Bay flanker Guy is playing well, and centre half-forward Wright needs only a few chances to be very effective.

HOW TEAMS LINE UP

(Port kicking up and names underneath)

Ray Bailey
(22: 5.11: 11.9)

Zucker
(24: 6.3: 14.7)

Potter
(24: 6.0: 13.0)

Growden
(28: 6.2: 14.4)

Kempson
(22: 5.9: 11.3)

Hayes
(18: 5.10: 11.10)

Marshall
(21: 5.8: 10.5)

McDonald
(28: 5.6: 11.0)

Guy
(21: 5.8: 11.7)

Parham
(24: 5.10: 11.7)

McPherson
(28: 5.6: 11.2)

Russell
(31: 5.8: 13.6)

Taylor
(32: 6.0: 12.9)

Dittmar
(18: 5.11: 11.10)

Alf Bailey
(21: 6.0: 11.3)

Boyd
(25: 5.10: 12.3)

Wright
(21: 5.11: 12.0)

Chiff
(22: 5.11: 13.2)

Laffin
(26: 6.4: 15.0)

Kretschmer
(22: 6.2: 13.7)

Churchett
(27: 5.11: 13.12)

Abley
(22: 6.1: 13.2)

Wickham
(26: 5.7: 12.6)

Whitaker
(22: 5.9: 11.2)

Bone
(20: 5.9: 11.1)

Motley
(18: 5.10: 12.0)

Edwards
(20: 5.8: 10.3)

Jaggard
(20: 5.8: 11.3)

Crabb
(30: 6.2: 14.2)

Greer
(28: 5.9: 11.11)

Laffin
(26: 6.4: 15.0)

Kretschmer
(22: 6.2: 13.7)

Rucks: Port—Marrett (28: 6.4: 14.7), Garland (27: 6.1: 14.3), Williams (30: 5.7: 11.12), Growden, Kretschmer, Whitaker, Glenelg — Davies (21: 6.1: 12.5), Hall (24: 6.3: 13.3), King (23: 5.6: 11.0), Crabb, Laffin, McPherson.

Reserves: Port—Trowse (22: 6.2: 14.3), Leaver (23: 5.9: 11.0), Glenelg—Prior (28: 5.11: 13.0), De Cure (19: 5.7: 10.10), Rundle, Matters, Bailie.

Umpire: K. L. Aplin.

PORT'S captain-coach Fos Williams' smile, as he listened in to Glenelg's announced team last night, looks one of anticipation of victory to come.



GLENELG captain-coach, Pat Hall, with his mother at home last night after the team for tomorrow had been chosen. One of the youngest coaches in the league, it will be a feather in Hall's cap if he can take Glenelg to a grand final in his first season as their coach.

WRITERS TIP—

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Port have a slight margin, says Oatey

By JACK OATEY

Port are my choice in the preliminary final against Glenelg tomorrow. I expect their form to show a vast improvement on that last Saturday in the second half when they were annihilated by Torrens.

Perhaps the desultory play of Torrens in the first half, plus a five-goal lead, which, under the conditions, looked a match-winning one, lulled Port into a false sense of security, causing a loss of concentration which they could not regain when Torrens unleashed the full force of their big guns both from the ruck and up forward.

No doubt Port will have profited from this experience and tomorrow will be sure to make every post a winning one.

The hard-hitting nature and speed of last week's match could be of great benefit to Port as some of their players appeared to need match-hardening.

Glenelg, after much speculation as to probable loss of players through sickness and injury, have been able to field what, on paper, looks their strongest side for the season.

Port, although losing two ruckmen through injury, will, I feel, be more than compensated by the return of McDonald and Zucker.

While the winning of the rucks and centreline will have a big influence on the game, I think more important still is the need of a smooth working attack which can finish off any strongpoint developed further afield.

In this respect, the return of Hayes to the Port half-forward line, and Zucker as goal-sneak, gives the impression of a stability and evenness that was missing in their forward work last week.

The winner of the Abley-Churchett duel could be the deciding factor of this game.

Although Glenelg's forward division has great potential I think their champion 'sneak, Churchett, must get among the goals for them to win.

The powerful Glenelg rucks, equipped both physically and in speed to control this department, are likely to put Port on the defensive from the first bounce.

Port should get great drive from the centre line with McDonald back on the wing, and this would cut down the value of Glenelg's ruck strength.

Port, through Williams and Whitaker, may also hold the balance of power on the fringes, although King, the Glenelg rover, would only have to reproduce his first semi-final form to neutralise any break-aways by the Port pair.

I feel that Port have a slight margin in their favor, as both sides rely on the brilliance of individuals more than on concerted team work, and this should allow them to go into the grand final.

STATISTICS POINT TO BAY WIN

If statistics meant anything, Glenelg would beat Port by four points tomorrow.

In 18 minor round games and one semi-final Glenelg amassed 1,803 points, for an average of 94.9 a match.

Port have kicked 1,719 points for an average of 90.4.

What those averages don't show is the way Port blotted the Bays' record by keeping them down to 4-12 last time they met—Glenelg's lowest score for the season.

The season's tallies do indicate, however, the accuracy of Glenelg's forwards. They have kicked 256 goals 266 behinds to Port's 237 goals 297 behinds.

Glenelg 10 times topped 100 points a match, Port thrice.