

FOOTBALL SECTION

# Even Game in Second League Semi-Final

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L. WELLS, who will be on a half-back wing for Glenelg against Port in the second semi-final on Saturday.

## ALL BAY MEN AVAILABLE

No Changes Likely

WITH all players on the training list available for selection, Glenelg should be strongly represented in the second league semi-final against Port at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

Olliver, vice-captain of the team, who received a leg injury in the game against West at the Bay Oval, has recovered. He trained lightly on Tuesday.

It would not surprise if the Glenelg selectors decided to place the same team in the field as that which defeated Norwood at Norwood Oval in the last match of the minor round.

Bruce McGregor (coach) will have the entire training list at work at the same time tonight. He has given instructions that no player is to take the field until all the men are ready to start training.

### STRONG AT CENTRE

The Bay men are looking to Sallis to make centre a strong post for them. He will be opposed to a fast man in Bampton, but the State man is expected to hold the Port pivot.

Colyer made a success of his first trial at centre wing against Norwood, and with him and Sakes in form Glenelg consider that they will be able to hold the two wing positions. Colyer has plenty of pace, while Shakes has shown that he can trouble the best of the other flankers.

Glenelg will pin their main hopes to Johnston, whose high marking should make him an attraction. His strong ruckwork and brilliant marking have been big factors in the Bay team reaching the finals for the first time in their history.

Johnston, Hale, Percy, and Rosewarne are expected to be the main ruckmen, but Glenelg have two other followers to call on if a breakdown threatens.

### RESERVE RUCKMEN

Goldsworthy, although certain for the centre half-forward position, will, no doubt, take a turn on the ball, while Wells could be used as a ruck shepherd.

No changes are likely to be made in the defence for the game. Brock will be the centre half-back, with Wells and Whittaker on either side of him. James will be at full back, with Griffiths as the permanent back pocket man.

Bergin, who will come from Gladstone for the game, seems certain to be at half-forward right. He came to the Bay team as a centre wingman, but has given good service at either half-forward or half-back.

Leak, the other half-forward wingman, can be expected to provide relief for both Link and Edwards when the rovers are resting.

Glenelg can be expected to persist in their policy of changing the ruckmen from the goalfont, and so Percy, no doubt, will be at full forward at the start of the game.

Owens will be in the right forward pocket, and one of the resting rovers will be on the other side of the goal.

## PORT'S BETTER BALANCE MAY ENABLE MAGPIES TO WIN

### Glenelg Should Put Up Great Fight

(By STEVE MCKEE)

The elimination of Torrens has cleared the way for the second semi-final between Port and Glenelg, the oldest and youngest of league teams. Glenelg's first entry into the major round is the most popular circumstance of the season, and their form in their three appearances at Adelaide Oval during the qualifying round indicates that they will strongly challenge Port for the right to contest the grand final.

Given fine weather, I expect Port and Glenelg to provide one of the most brilliant semi-finals of recent seasons, as both teams gave definite evidence of their adaptability to adverse conditions on the last day of the minor round, when Torrens and Norwood were decisively beaten.

Port have the best balanced combination of the season. The sage experience of seasoned exponents like V. Johnson, Reval, Ween, Hender, Eden, R. Johnson, Hooper, and Dermody, blended with the youthful brilliance of Obst, Hollingworth, Yates, and Quinn, provides a solid foundation.

West, one of the most improved men in the game, Wilkinson, and Whicker are dependable rather than brilliant, while Wightman and Bampton are the only members of the side whose form is subject to wide fluctuation.

Port have developed sounder teamwork than any other league eighteen this season. This teamwork makes Port a formidable side, even when the players referred to are not on their game.

When Wightman and Bampton strike one of their brilliant days the magpies become an irresistible football force.

Can Wightman match the peerless "Blue" Johnston in the air, and will Bampton's brilliant pace suffice as a foil to the all-round artistry of Sallis at midfield?

Glenelg's fortune is largely bound up in these questions, and the answers can only be supplied by the trend of events on Saturday.

Torrens refused to recognise that ruck weakness precipitated their collapse against Port at Alberton.

Frogley and Bridgman were withdrawn from the rucks to bolster weak points in the semi-final against Sturt, and Torrens completely lost offensive power, while the double-blues secured a grip of the game that was not subsequently relaxed.

Glenelg, at all costs, must maintain ruck strength and prevent Port from getting the ball down to their high-marking forwards too often.

The Glenelg defence will be out-reached at several points, and if the Port followers should overpower the Bay ruckmen it is probable that the magpie forwards will gain a decisive aerial supremacy, just as Sturt did after half-time against Torrens.

Port's first ruck in recent games comprised Yates, Reval, and Hooper, but it will surprise me if Wightman does not replace the firstnamed in opposition to Johnston.

The composition of the teams will vary from those that represented Port and Glenelg when they met in the minor round. Thirteen men of the team that kicked a record score for Port against Glenelg at Alberton will be in action on Saturday, but the Glenelg side has been greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Percy, Goldsworthy, Whittaker, Wells, and Rosewarne.

In the return match at Glenelg on June 30 Port were defeated by nearly five goals, a remarkable reversal of form, but which can be partly attributed to the absence of V. Johnson, Obst, Quinn, Wightman, Ween, and Yates.

This win marked the beginning of Glenelg's brilliant climb from seventh position in the league table to their present prominent place. During this period they steadily acquired greater power, and completed the qualifying round in a manner befitting a genuine semi-final side.

Although lacking a high-marking defender—a Scott or a Moriarty would make Glenelg a premierships side—the Bay team is by no means outmatched by Port.

Johnston and Sallis are stars who may give Glenelg two strong posts around which the side will build a potent offensive strength.

And against Port's power overhead Glenelg will stack that bustling brilliance in groundwork, which is the source of their greatest strength as a team, and which has carried them so far along the premierships path.

Port appeal more strongly to me because of their greater stability at all points, and their lesser dependence upon the outstanding power of individuals.

Glenelg are supremely confident that they can accomplish the overthrow of the magpies, and it should be a great struggle.

## Saturday's Game

LEAGUE  
Second Semi-final

Port (first) v. Glenelg (second),  
at Adelaide Oval.

### PORT AT FULL STRENGTH

#### Players Return

PORT will have their strongest possible team in the field for the second league semi-final against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. The magpies have lost Allingham and Brown by suspensions, but they will have R. Johnson and Prideaux to go into the side.

It would not surprise if Port were to depart from their usual placings this week in order to check Glenelg at vital points. R. Johnson, in ordinary circumstances, would be certain to be placed on the half-back line, but it is possible that he may be given the task of checking Owens.

Wilkinson and the resting ruckmen would be available for the other back-pocket position, and it is likely that Wilkinson will be sent to a half-back flank to oppose Leak.

#### HALF-BACK PLACINGS

Obst has played so solidly at centre half-back that he is not likely to be shifted, while Eden will be the other half-back man.

The brilliant West will be at full-back, having recovered from the slight leg injury that hampered him against Torrens at Alberton. His pace and high marking should provide one of the tit-bits of the game, especially as he will be opposed by two highfliers in Johnston and Percy.

Port will be looking to their centre wings and forward line to provide their main strength.

Dermody and Whicker are certain to be on the centre wings, and it is likely that there will be a trio of highfliers across the half-forward line.

Hollingworth has shown brilliant form at centre half-forward this season, and it is likely that he will have Prideaux and the resting ruckmen on either side of him. In this case Wightman and Yates will share a half-forward wing position.

#### WEEN AT FULL FORWARD

There is a possibility that Port may consider shifting Ween to half-forward and allotting the full-forward position to Prideaux, but it is hardly likely that this will be done. Ween has played fine football at the goalfont, and has made full use of the small men in the forward pockets.

The magpies will have the packs strongly manned. Yates and Reval will lead, and they will be relieved by Wightman and V. Johnson. It would not surprise, however, if Wightman opposed Johnston in the packs throughout the game.

Three rovers are available to Port in Hooper, Quinn, and Hender, but it seems certain that Hender will spend the greater part of the game in a forward pocket.

One player stands out for the position of nineteenth man. He is Jacquier, who showed fine all-round form with the association team towards the end of the season.

### PORT STRONGLY FAVORED

PORT are hot favorites for the second league semi-final, judging by the opinions expressed this week by league officials and players. The best wishes of most football followers go out to Glenelg, however, who will be participating in a major round game for the first time in their history.

Many of those from whom opinions were obtained made no secret of the fact that while they thought Port would win, they were hoping that the Bay team would be victorious.

Opinions, obtained from players and officials of teams not participating in the semi-final, were as follow:—

C. B. Parsons (Sturt captain)—There should be little between the teams at the finish, but if Port are at the top of their form I think they will win.

S. M. Pontifex (Torrens leader)—I think Port will be very hard to beat. S. Chinnery (Norwood captain)—I think Port are certain. They look like going top this year because they are better balanced than any other team in the competition.

H. Fleet (North full back)—Port, but if the game is played under wet conditions I fancy Glenelg.



FRIENDLY RIVALS. The opposing captains—J. Owens (Glenelg) and V. Johnston (Port).

MEN IN THE BIG GAME—Top Left—G. B. Johnston, Glenelg's brilliant ruckman, and (bottom left) the man who will oppose him—C. Wightman, tall Port follower. Above—N. Hender, who will be in a forward pocket for Port.

MEN LIKELY TO SHINE—Top Right—W. Yates, Port ruckman, who came to the team from Gladstone. He has shown brilliant form this season. Bottom Right—K. Cotyer, who is expected to improve the balance of the Glenelg centre line. He will play at centre wing. Left—A. Link, whose pace and determination on the ruck fringes for Glenelg may trouble the magpies.

# Great Win by Port in Second Semi-Final

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## BRILLIANT EXHIBITION IN SCORING BY BIG MARGIN

### Strong Premiership Favorites Because of Impressive Victory

#### GLENELG BEATEN BY 65 POINTS

Defeating Glenelg by 65 points in the second league football semi-final, which was played under ideal conditions at the Adelaide Oval today, Port left no doubt about the strength of their claim for premiership honors.

Except for about 15 minutes at the end of the second quarter, Port never lost their grip on the game. There was not a weak link in their combination, and they finished the match more impressively than their opponents.

Glenelg were outclassed on position play, and could do nothing to cope with the rugged go-through methods of their opponents. With a fortnight's rest before their players, which will enable them to recover from any minor injuries received today, the premiership prospects of Port are extremely rosy.

Next Saturday Sturt will play Glenelg in the final, and the winners of that game will play off on Saturday week.

**PORT.**—Backs—V. Johnson, West, E. Johnson. Half-backs—Wilkinson, Obst, Eden. Centres—Whicker, Bampton, Dermody. Half-forwards—Wightman, Hollingworth, Prideaux. Forwards—Hender, Ween, Quinn, Ruck—Yates, Reval, Hooper, Jacquier (19th.)

**GLENELG.**—Backs—Griffiths, James, Rosewarne. Half-backs—Wells, Brock, Whittaker. Centres—Colyer, Sallis, Shakes. Half-forwards—Bergin, Goldsworthy, Leak. Forwards—Owens, Percy, Edwards, Ruck—Johnston, Hale, Link, Cornelius (19th.)

Rosewarne (injured) replaced by Cornelius in the third quarter.

Umpire—L. C. Thomas. Attendance, 21,000.

Perfect conditions prevailed. A light breeze blew almost directly across the oval, and when Owens, the Glenelg captain, won the toss he pondered for some moments before electing to kick first to the northern goal.

Wilkinson turned an early Glenelg advance, and Hollingworth secured a single from a free. Yates was awarded a penalty, and he drove the ball into Reval, who ran in to goal for Port.

Glenelg replied with a quick thrust, and when Percy marked from Leak close in, he had little difficulty in goaling. Port took up the attack again at good pace, and Prideaux sent the ball to within scoring range. A long shot by Hollingworth went out of bounds.

James, Johnston, and Bergin got the ball to the other end, where Owens attempted a goal with a kick off the ground. Only a single came, and the same result followed a long shot by Link.

Then Colyer raced in from the wing, and Owens took a beautifully judged mark, which he followed up with a goal. Port raced away, and were soon threatening danger.

A shot by Ween went out of bounds, but quickly making amends with a fine mark, he goaled. Another thrust saw Quinn mark from Prideaux, and put on the third goal for Port.

Eden and V. Johnson were coping effectively with the Glenelg attack, and Griffiths held the magpies up at the other end. Owens marked cleverly from Leak, and a beautiful long punt produced a goal. Glenelg were now a point ahead.

Ween soared over the crowd to mark the ball within scoring range, but his kick went astray. Hooper also kicked poorly before Hender broke through with a goal.

James and Sallis took the ball out of the danger zone, but Obst, marking safely, sent it back. Hollingworth, who was doing well at centre half-forward, put on Port's fifth goal.

Glenelg could not get past the Port half-back line, where Obst was playing dashing football. Another goal put Port 18 points ahead. Hender added a goal for Port on the bell.

#### First Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT . . . . .	7	5	47
GLENELG . . . . .	3	3	21

Sallis intercepted a kick by Obst, and sent on to Johnston, who scored a point. Successive frees to Colyer and Link saw Glenelg go forward. Bergin marked, a good kick fell short, and R. Johnson cleared. Glenelg continued to press the attack, and Leak picked up smartly to goal.

Sallis was holding the centre safely for Glenelg, but Dermody and Whicker were shading their opponents on the centre flanks.

Ween goaled for Port, and then, after having marked well from Goldsworthy Owens could do no better than register a behind.

Port were handling the ball more surely than their opponents, who were inclined to fumble.

Hooper got the ball cleverly out of a scrimmage at centre, but Prideaux nullified his work by kicking out of bounds.

A free to Griffiths temporarily eased the tension, but Whicker raced in from centre to goal with a long shot. Then Yates marked in a bunch to add another. When Quinn marked on the line Hooper led out cleverly to receive the ball. His shot brought up Port's eleventh goal.

Glenelg's supporters were heartened when Goldsworthy rushed a quick goal and Percy added another almost immediately afterwards. Percy had been interfered with a few yards from goal.

Following this success, Glenelg threw themselves into the play with added determination, but the Port defenders made it extremely difficult for them to score.

Port took charge again before long. James, Griffiths, and Whittaker, however, held them down to a single.

Owens opened a scoring burst with a point, followed by a goal. Bergin followed with a single from easy range, and Wells battled courageously to goal and bring Glenelg within three goals of the opposition.

Two additional singles were added by Glenelg who were still attacking at the bell.

#### Half-time

	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT . . . . .	11	7	73
GLENELG . . . . .	8	9	57

Glenelg had changed the whole outlook of the game in the last 15 minutes before the long interval. On resumption Johnston secured at the bounce and a series of marks by Goldsworthy, Leak, and Owens culminated in a goal from the lastnamed.

Rosewarne left the field after having fallen heavily in a scrimmage near the Port goal, and Cornelius came on in his place.

Hooper capped some clever work with a goal, and Hender followed with another. Then Reval and Ween gave Hooper another chance, but a well-judged mark by James eased the tension.

Sallis was playing a great game at centre. He sent to Johnston, but the attack petered out on the goal line. A flying mark by Johnston brought Glenelg into the picture again. Percy marked his kick and goaled.

Wightman paved the way for the next goal from Hender, and then Hooper had the misfortune to hit a post. Port were keeping their positions better than Glenelg, and were reaping the benefit. Griffiths and James held up successive attacks, but when Quinn sent in with a skimming kick there was no doubt about the result—a goal.

Port were steadily consolidating their position. Wightman enabled Ween to goal, and then Hollingworth added another. Port had put on 30 points without a score from Glenelg. They had the Glenelg defence disorganised, and did not let up for a moment.

Hale and Whitaker at last enabled Glenelg to break away, but a scintillating chain of passes between Obst, Wightman, and Quinn saw Port attacking again. Whicker sent to Hollingworth, and a goal came.

Glenelg got the ball away again, but their forward work was not convincing. The ball was kept there for several minutes before they increased their tally. They were 52 points behind, a

## Magpies Play Like Potential Premiers SPARKLING FOOTBALL IN STYLISH VICTORY

(By Percy Furler)

Playing sustained, sparkling football, Port stylishly defeated Glenelg in the second semi-final today. On their exhibition today, Port look to be potential premiers. They combined strong, high marking with brilliant ground play.

Port, who quickly jumped into their stride, were favored by their height in the forward lines, where Prideaux early set them in motion.

What Glenelg lacked in reach they made up for in pace, and the snappy ground work of the defenders saw many clearances from dangerous positions.

Port produced sparkling football, and a chain of perfect foot passes, set in motion by Yates, resulted in Quinn goaling. Shortly afterwards R. Johnson hoisted Owens out of position, but the breach was missed by the umpire.

Reval was trying to do too much. After having beaten a man he was in a position to send the ball forward, but his attempts to pass other opponents resulted in his losing possession.

Port's rucks were a powerful force. Yates and Johnson were leading the packs in great style, and invariably sent the magpies forward from the bounce.

The magpies' forward division revealed perfect combination. Prideaux, Hollingworth, and Ween gave them an outstanding advantage in the aerial encounters, and this trio was supported by snappy ground play by Quinn and Hender.

#### POTENTIAL STARS

In Yates and Hollingworth, who should improve with more league experience, Port have two potential stars in their side.

Johnston, Glenelg's star highflier, was being closely checked by the magpies, and was often opposed by three Port men.

Umpire Thomas brought roars from the crowd when he took the ball from Sallis, who had cleanly marked it, and awarded a free to his opponent. This resulted in a goal to Port as the bell rang. Sallis was proving too strong for Bampton at centre, and clean handling and clever turning saw him send his side forward.

The football was of a high standard,

seemingly hopeless position against a team of the calibre of Port.

#### Third Quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT . . . . .	18	14	122
GLENELG . . . . .	10	10	70

Sallis had gone to the half-forward right flank, and Cornelius was at centre. Cornelius drove goalward, and Owens secured a single. Reval and Whicker took the ball to the other end, where Hender goaled from an acute angle. Prideaux marked from Griffiths and flashed the ball to Hooper, to see Port's twentieth goal go up.

Reval was having a powerful influence on the game. His ruck work was of a high order, and he was always in position to break away.

Securing at centre, Reval dashed down the field to goal. Once again he was in position to receive from Eden, but Hale returned. West marked in the goal mouth and cleared, but Glenelg came again. Percy marked in a bunch and brought up Glenelg's first goal for the quarter.

Hale and Shakes put Goldsworthy in possession but he kicked into the man on his mark, and Eden defeated four opponents to get the ball away. Port were still full of fight, and two behinds were followed by a goal from Prideaux.

R. Johnson had been brought out to half-back to watch Sallis.

A mis-kick by Sallis was smartly picked up by Link, who goaled.

The players of both teams were showing the effects of the fast and vigorous play. The pace of the game had slackened perceptibly.

Port, however, appeared to have sufficient in hand to hold Glenelg in check. The crowd was unusually quiet. In the earlier stages there had been considerable support for Glenelg, but now that their hopes were dashed there was only a faint cheer when Owens marked and goaled.

West was stationed in attack. Port were attacking almost incessantly, and Hooper goaled in between a succession

Both sides used perfect foot passing when attacking. Port were more sure than the Bays in attack. Dermody at centre wing was breaking away to intercept the knock and effective short passes from the ruck.

Glenelg issued a strong challenge, but were unable to overcome the handicap of Port's aerial supremacy. Two bad mistakes by Obst, who threw away golden opportunities by running with the ball, let Glenelg in, and Owens cleverly snapped a goal.

Port were wilting under the pace and determination of Glenelg, who were easily the better side at this stage. Leak was forcing combination into the attacking division by his clever play, and the crowd was on tip-toe when Glenelg finished the quarter with a dazzling burst to get within 16 points.

#### SOLID BUMPING

It was evident that Glenelg were attempting to beat Port by speed. They dashed away on resumption, but Port countered by slowing up the game and resorting to perfect foot passing.

Good solid bumping was indulged in by both sides, and the exchanges were fought out in a great spirit.

Johnston brought roars of delight from the sympathetic crowd when he soared high and forwarded to Percy, who kicked truly. The tall Glenelg ruckman was now following in his best style.

Port were definitely on top, and their play was well up to premiership standard. V. Johnson was filling the captain's part in great style. As well as playing a serviceable game, he showed sound judgment in the handling of his men.

Continuing their powerful run, Port raced away at the opening of the last term. Reval tore through the crushes to score full points, and Glenelg were up against it. Glenelg's earlier efforts were beginning to tell, and Port did not look in danger of defeat.

They increased their lead by means of brilliant foot passing, which left Glenelg standing. The game ended very tamely, with Port leading in every part of the field.

of behinds. Port had the ball in their forward lines at the bell.

#### Final

	G.	B.	Pts.
PORT . . . . .	23	21	159
GLENELG . . . . .	13	16	94

**GOALKICKERS.**—Port—Hender (5), Hooper (4), Ween, Quinn, Hollingworth (each 3), Reval (2), Whicker, Yates, Prideaux. Glenelg—Owens (5), Percy (3), Goldsworthy (2), Link, Wells, Leak.

**BEST PLAYERS.**—Port—Quinn, Reval, Yates, Whicker, Dermody, Obst, V. Johnson. Glenelg—Leak, Bergin, Whitaker, Shakes, Goldsworthy, Sallis, Johnston.

24,934 AT TODAY'S SEMI-FINAL

## Stars Of Big Game

**LEAK** was a star for Glenelg. When used as a rover he was always in the thick of the fray, and when at half-forward he made position cleverly.

**BERGIN** impressed with a stylish exhibition at half-forward. With further experience he should prove a valuable member of the Bay side.

**JOHNSTON** struck a purple patch just before half-time, but after the long interval was much quieter than usual.

**SHAKES** was effective at centre wing in the early stages, and many of his side's advances were initiated by him.

**SALLIS** played serviceably at centre in the first half, but from then on he and Bampton provided many stirring struggles.

**WHITTAKER** was one of Glenelg's best defenders. His strong play was the outstanding feature in the Glenelg back lines.