

GRETA DISTRICT FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIP.

The final match for the Fifteen Mile Creek Association Premiership took place between Greta South and Glenrowan on Saturday. The Greta West Recreation Reserve—a pretty spot situated on the Fifteen Mile Creek, near the Greta bridge was the scene of action. Both teams brought a large following of supporters, and the gathering comprised 250 to 300 people, including a good number of the fair sex. The Association comprises Greta South, Myrree, Glenrowan, and Whitfield football clubs. A round of home and home matches were played, and the leading teams played off for the minor premiership. Greta South won every match till they met Glenrowan for the Premiership on Saturday week. The latter with the aid of a strong breeze kicked four goals in the first quarter, and Greta failed to overtake them. Glenrowan were confident of being able to repeat the dose on Saturday, and brought the following team:—A. Bailey, J. Reardon, M. Nolan, J. Green, W. Green, M. Tilly, W. Tippett, S. Vale, H. Hennessy, E. and D. O'Keeffe, T. McAuliffe, D. Carmichael, G. Graham, C. Pritchard, S. Yeoman, and C. Keenan (captain). Greta South had their strongest team in the field. Several of their men who were too ill to play in the previous match, were out again, and fit for the fray. King Beattie led the team as usual, and it comprised, P. and W. Tanner, J. and C. Watson, W. and H. Ryan, J. Dinning, C. Murphy, A. and W. Mahoney, A. Saunders, A. Share, J. Murray, T. Westwood, W. P. Tanner, R. Beattie and H. Wallace. M. Walsh, of Benalla, had charge of the game, and a couple of boundary umpires gave him valuable assistance.

Beattie won the toss and elected to kick towards the south goal. Glenrowan were first to move and soon had the ball forward. There was a good deal of fumbling, but Boliver Green was conspicuous for good play. The ball was round the Greta South sticks for some moments and a running shot would have scored a goal only for Green stopping the ball, and he missed badly for a minor. Greta now took a turn with much better results. They worked the ball around the wing and a smart pass from W. Ryan to W. Tanner resulted in a goal being scored. Greta continued the attack, and W. Tanner from a scrimmage cleverly scored a goal. Boliver Green had

to leave the field at this stage, having received a kick on the hip. Without him Glenrowan seemed to lose heart, and their opponents had all the best of the play for a while. A long shot by W. Tanner was marked in goal. A few minutes of even play followed, S. Yeoman showing good form. T. Tippett in going for a mark was charged by an opponent and laid out. The game was tame till quarter time, when the scores were—Greta South, 2—1; Glenrowan, 0—1.

Glenrowan opened well on resuming and a smart piece of play by Reardon resulted in a behind. Greta South livened up and in a few minutes practically put the result of the game beyond doubt. C. Watson secured and with good judgment passed to Mahoney, who scored a goal. Greta South early passed to W. Tanner, who was very busy forward. He notched a sixer. A long interval of give-and-take play followed and neither side could score till Mahoney kicked a behind and then a goal in a few minutes. Glenrowan pulled themselves together, and M. Nolan had a fairly easy chance, but missed. Pritchard from a free, scored a behind, and H. Hennessy failed to make use of a good opportunity. At half-time the scores were:—Greta South, 5—2, Glenrowan 0—3.

The rest of the game needs little description, Glenrowan played without determination or system, and the Greta South lads, knowing they held them safe, eased off. The game in consequence became tame and uninteresting. The barrackers who in the opening quarter aroused a little excitement became silent, in fact, the ladies were the only section of the crowd who maintained anything like enthusiasm or interest till the end. At three-quarter time the scores were—Greta South, 5—6; Glenrowan, 0—5.

The final result was:—

Greta South: 5 goals 7 behinds.

Glenrowan: 8 behinds.

It was generally agreed that the better team on the day won. The premier team includes many first-class footballers; in fact, each is well worth his place in the team. They all played well on Saturday, but W. Ryan shone out conspicuously and will probably be awarded the medal for the best all round player in the team. The outstanding feature of the game so far as the losers were concerned, was the fine defence of S. Vale, who saved his side repeatedly. Many others also played well at times, but they were out-classed. M. Walsh gave every satisfaction as umpire.