

FOOTBALL NEWS

ECHUNGA WINS LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Despite the heavy nature of the Strathalbyn oval good football was witnessed on Saturday last, when the Echunga team, after winning their three matches, secured honors in the lightning premiership. The first match was approximately 20 minutes late in starting, but with quick changes the last game was commenced practically on time. At the conclusion of the contests the Mayor of Strathalbyn (Mr. N. D. Richardson) congratulated the winners and also the other teams on their fine displays given that afternoon. Umpires Irish and Hirst had charge of the games, and each had three games to referee, giving satisfaction with their decisions. It was noticed that practically every team had one or two prominent men absent, but this did not in any way mar the standard of football played.

Milang and Callington started the premiership going, but the lakesiders proved too good for their opponents, and had the easiest win of the series. Echunga was superior to Macclesfield in a good display, the former winning by 13 points. The last match of the first round between Meadows and Kangarilla gave the large crowd present some thrills, with football improving as the game continued. The Meadows team won this match by the narrow margin of four points. The first semi-final between Strath. and Milang was very even, and was anybody's game right up to the final bell. The local eighteen eventually won by one goal. Echunga had a little the better of the match with Meadows in the second semi-final and had two goals to spare when time was up.

The stage was now set for a good final and the crowd was not disappointed, as right to the finish it was anybody's game, first one side and then the other having the advantage, Echunga having one point to spare when the final bell rang. Many individual displays of good football was witnessed during the day, but perhaps one who stood out most prominent during the day was Grimwood, the Meadows rover. For the premiers Hampden, Wickham, Blaser and Knight were perhaps the best of an even eighteen. To name the best of the runners-up is rather difficult, as all "pulled their weight," but

perhaps Megaw, Moore, Paffant, Drever, Heading and Weidenhofer were slightly to the fore.

Results:—

First Round

Strath. A. forfeit from Strath. B.
Milang 6—5; Callington 0—1.
Echunga 4—4; Macclesfield 2—1
Meadows 4—1; Kangarilla 3—3

Semi-finals

Strath. A. 4—2; Milang 3—2
Echunga 3—3; Meadows 1—3

Final

Echunga 2—4; Strath. A 2—3.

FOOTBALLERS CHURCH PARADE

On Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church a Footballers' Church Parade will be held, and it is hoped that a large number of players and supporters will attend. The popular local full forward (Rev. A. W. Beecher) will be the preacher.

Members of the Club will assist in the service, and following this a social hour and supper will be held in the Sunday School Hall. Footballers will meet outside the Church at 6.45 p.m.