



GRAND FINAL 1975



This was the result of the 1950 Grand Final:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	7-5	8-6	12-9	15-16	106
Glen.	2-2	5-5	6-7	8-11	59

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Marriott, Edwards, Tilbrook, Dalwood, Oatey, Reimann, Gallagher, Blackmore, Olds. **GLENELG:** Window, Haussen, Prior, Hunt, J. Taylor, Crabb, Trenorden, Wickham.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Tilbrook 4.3, Mayo 3.1, Dalwood 2.2, Rudd 2.0, Pedder 1.1, Gross 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Drage 1.0, Way 0.5, LePage 0.1, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Hannaford 2.0, Churchett 1.3, Donaldson 1.2, Crabb 1.1, Haussen 1.1, Kempson 1.1, Potter 1.0, Prior 0.1, Miller 0.1, rushed 0.1.

ON THIS DAY 25 YEARS AGO

By Mike Quirk

The people from the Bay meant business as they drove up Anzac Highway to Adelaide Oval behind a snarling, caged circus tiger.

Beaten by Norwood by five points in the second semi-final a fortnight earlier, the Tigers were confident of turning the tables.

It was grand final day 1950 and the fierce tiger reflected the Glenelg players' mood.

The determined Norwood side was not amused, though.

Redlegs winger Sam Gallagher and half-back flanker Merv Roberts, bags in hands, walked slowly past the tiger as they entered the oval, already packed to bursting with the then record crowd of 53,473.

"I'd like to beat this mob, Rob," Sam said quietly to his teammate.

"Yes," replied the tough defender, and the seal was set on Glenelg's fate.

Downfall

"That tiger was one thing that did strike me that day," Merv Roberts recalled today.

"It really upset us," he said.

It was anybody's game as the two sides took the field.

Glenelg, after going down narrowly to Norwood at their last encounter, had demolished Port in the preliminary final seven days earlier.



But two goals — one by each side were to spell Glenelg's downfall.

The man who kicked the first of them—Norwood and State ruckman Peter Dalwood remembers it vividly.

"We got it within 18 seconds of the start," he said as he relaxed over lunch at his Tranmere home.

"It must have demoralised Glenelg," he said.

"I started in the forward pocket and John Marriott opened in ruck.

"The umpire bounced the ball, Marriott jumped and tapped the ball down to Jack Oatey.

"Jack whipped a handball out to Doug Olds on the wing and he kicked long towards the goals."

The story gets slightly confused after Doug Olds dispatched the ball. Full forward Neville Way, who

A snarling Tiger was silenced...

had missed most of the season because of medical studies, led out but, surprisingly, Olds' kick did not hit him on the chest and went over his head.

The Norwood supporters' groans turned to wild cheers, however, as the lumbering Dalwood, marked on his chest in the goal square.

Peter Dalwood, as tight-lipped as ever, smiles when you suggest it was a lucky goal.

"These things are planned," he said with a grin.

Sam Gallagher and rover Peter Tilbrook tell different stories.

"It was planned up to Doug Olds," Sam said today.

Carved

"But he miskicked and Peter was lucky to be in the right place," he said.

Doug Olds, Sam Gallagher and Norwood's top centreman Lionel Blackmore were unbeatable that day.

With captain-coach Jack Oatey they carved Glenelg apart in that first quarter.

Dalwood's goal was followed by one from Mick Rudd who took a pass in the forward pocket from Blackmore.

Doug Drage followed with a goal from a free, Jack Oatey snapped another, Max Mayo put through two

LEFT: Former Norwood ruckman Peter Dalwood who starred in their 1950 premiership win, looks through an old scrap book with his son, Grant, 19, captain of Norwood's Under 19 side, and a contender for a place in Norwood's Reserves team on Saturday. **RIGHT:** Doug Olds pictured at work . . . 25 years ago he helped carve Glenelg's defence apart.

NORWOOD captain Jack Oatey is chaired off Adelaide Oval by some of his players after the 1950 premiership win. From left: Brian Burke, Peter Tilbrook, Doug Olds, Oatey, Bob Edwards, John Marriott, Claud Gross (partly obscured), Peter Dalwood, trainer Doug Larner, Bill Pedder and Merv Roberts (in front).

Jack Oatey has difficulty remembering the match, but he again played a vital role in the second term.

After roving practically non-stop in the first quarter, he played loose in defence a kick behind the play in the second and repeatedly turned Glenelg out.

Celebration

At half-time the Tiger was still snarling, but only the one outside the oval.

John Marriott played magnificently all day and Dalwood dominated the rucks.

After the game, players, relatives, friends and supporters ended up back at the clubrooms for a well-earned celebration. They had reason.

Apart from the premiership, it was the end of training for nearly six months.

"In those days just about everyone started training in early March," Merv Roberts said.

"You didn't need so much training then."

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