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EXPERTS ARE EQUALLY DIVIDED ON SEMI-FINAL

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YOU BEAUT — WE'VE MADE IT! Happy Glenelg players gather round their captain-coach, Neil Davies (second from left, in front), after they defeated North at Prospect this afternoon — and won their way into the four. Glenelg were last in the four in 1953 — and before that it was 1934, when they won the premiership.

By SAM GALLAGHER

The Sunday Mail football writers are divided on the winner of next Saturday's first league semi-final.

Gil Langley and Jeff Pash say Sturt, Vic Johnson and I go for Glenelg.

Three weeks ago Sturt were challenging West for the double chance.

But hampered by injury, the Blues have lost their last three games.

Their battle with the fast-finishing, confident Tigers should provide a thrilling opening to the 1959 major round.

Here are the forecasts of The Sunday Mail football writers for the first semi-final:—

Form is not re-assuring

VIC JOHNSON: I am choosing Glenelg to defeat Sturt.

A couple of weeks ago I would have had little hesitation in choosing Sturt, but the Blues' form of late has not been reassuring. They have lost their last three games to Torrens, Port, and Norwood.

Against that, Glenelg have won their last four games, and I believe they will take the field a fitter team than their opponents.

Goodchild's return is valuable to Sturt, but then Fitzgerald and Douglas, two of Sturt's stars in attack, are under a cloud.

The ovals are hard through lack of good rains, and players with doubtful legs or ankles could become a disadvantage. I think Glenelg can reverse the decision of their last meeting.

Superior attack

JEFF PASH: I have a fancy for Sturt, because I think their attack at its best is superior to that of Glenelg.

Results of the last few games have not been reassuring in themselves, but I am assuming both Fitzgerald and Douglas will be fit and that Halbert and Goodchild will be fully conditioned by next Saturday.

In defence and about the ruck fringes, Glenelg seem to me the more capable.

Their timing is better. They reach the finals at their top. Yet I still respect Sturt's higher percentage and the big game of their stars.

Goodchild is matchwinner

GIL LANGLEY: I expect Sturt to scrape in.

Glenelg played better football of late, but will they be able to counteract Sturt's mainstays?

Goodchild is Sturt's life-saver, and in my book is their best player. With a game under his belt he could be a matchwinner.

Confidence is Glenelg's saviour.

Rovers could play a leading role, with Richens and Rigney being magnets on the fringes. The Sturt rover is a good checker.

Roving is brilliant

SAM GALLAGHER: Glenelg have finished the

minor round on a high note. They have won their last four games. Sturt have lost their last three.

Much will depend on whether Sturt, with Fitzgerald and Douglas to return, can re-establish their former power in attack.

A feature of Glenelg's late arrival in the final four has been the brilliant roving of Colin Richens and the sudden discovery of fine teamwork.

However, Sturt's rovers, Rigney and Dunn, also are playing well, and they are well backed up by Williams. Roving to Thompson, this trio could be hard to stop.

Everything points to a thrilling encounter, but I lean to Glenelg. They have reached their peak at the right time, while Sturt are struggling to find their earlier certainty.

Glenelg's last-minute inclusion in the final four at the expense of West Torrens was not achieved without anxiety.

Vic Johnson, who saw the match at Prospect, reports that North won both wings in the first term and had a brilliant spearhead in Don Lindner.

Lindner got three goals in the first quarter, and North's rovers were on top. Richens found touch in the second quarter to put the Bays back in the game.

There was little in it from then on, but the Bays' more even teamwork and better attack finally won the right to contest the first semi-final. Glenelg won by 12 points.

17th victory without loss

At Alberton, Torrens went down fighting to the mighty Magpies. Outplayed in the first term, the Eagles fought back well to be only three points down at three-quarter time.

A winning centreline was the main reason for the strong finish which carried Port to a 37-point win.

This was Port's seventeenth win without loss, but it was not one of their best. A looseness across half-back and the failure of rucks and rovers to defend adequately was not in the best Magpie style.

Ted Whelan's steady influence obviously was missed.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Fast

At Alberton Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-4	8-9	10-10	16-17	113
Torrens	2-2	7-5	10-7	11-10	76

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Motley, Cahill, Obst, Blagrove, Zucker, Abley, Dittmar. **TORRENS:** Bills, Head, Livesey, Rawson, Searle, Ames, Hine.

SCORERS—PORT: Dittmar (7.5), Tull (2.3), Zucker (2.0), Obst (1.3), Mahney (1.2), Williams (1.1), Cahill (1.1), Luke (1.0), Thompson (0.1), Motley (0.1). **TORRENS:** Head (4.3), Clingly (2.1), Edwards (1.2), Ames (1.0), Morrell (1.0), Townsend (1.0), Slaven (1.0), Livesey (0.3), Russell (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Livesey replaced by Fischer in the last quarter.

At Prospect Oval

Glenelg	2-2	10-4	11-8	15-13	103
North	5-1	8-1	10-8	13-13	91

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Richens, Leahy, Howard, Fraser, Butler, Webber, Pemberton. **NORTH:** Gilbourne, D. Lindner, Barbary, T. Lindner, Whitford, Sheppard, Simmons.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Pemberton (4.2), Howard (4.1), Richens (2.1), Hewett (1.5), Hill (1.1), Webber (1.1), Cullen (1.0), Fraser (1.0), Dickinson (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** D. Lindner (6.1), Marsh (2.1), Hughes (1.2), Yates (1.2), Johnston (1.1), Whitford (1.1), Sheppard (1.0), Pascoe (0.2), Bubner (0.1), Koerner (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: D. Blackburn (badly injured ankle), replaced by L. Nugent in first term; G. Fraser (foot injury) replaced by D. Chisholm in last term. **NORTH:** Ron Hewett (influenza), replaced by G. Johnston before game began.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	17	1	1935	1213	34	61.47
West	12	6	1864	1335	24	58.27
Sturt	10	8	1799	1663	20	51.96
Glenelg	10	8	1709	1738	20	49.58
Torrens	9	9	1528	1526	18	50.03
Norwood	7	11	1552	1717	14	47.48
North	4	14	1340	1783	8	42.91
South	3	15	1217	1969	6	38.20

HIGHEST LEAGUE LOWEST

West 33-23 (221 pts.) South 6-10 (46 pts.)
Port 29-19 (193 pts.) Glenelg 7-14 (56 pts.)

At Adelaide Oval

West	4-4	11-15	20-21	33-23	221
South	2-3	3-5	3-8	6-10	46

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Wright, Garnett, Gates, Chynoweth, Pfitzner, Johnson, Sims. **SOUTH:** Stafford, Christie, Kitchen, Jackson, Jones, Judd, Blum.

SCORERS—WEST: Wright (10.0), Sims (6.2), Garnett (5.3), Pfitzner (3.2), Day (3.2), Ryan (1.7), Chynoweth (1.2), Richardson (1.1), Johnson (1.1), Gates (1.0), Roach (1.0), De Broughe (0.1), rushed (0.2). **SOUTH:** Judd (4.1), Christie (1.2), Jakubowicz (1.1), Johnston (0.2), Westley (0.2), Blum (0.1), Yates (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Bailhache (heavy knock), replaced by Kimber at three-quarter time; Lapins (leg injury), replaced by Atkins in last term.

At Norwood Oval

N'wood	4-2	8-6	14-12	19-13	127
Sturt	8-4	10-8	12-12	15-19	109

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wells, Lill, Wedding, Miller, Nicholls, Cousins, McMahon. **STURT:** Caust, Rigney, King, Hunter, Thompson, Dunn, Goodchild.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Wells (5.1), Couch (4.0), Lill (2.3), Webber (2.2), Minervini (2.1), Cousins (1.1), Barratt (1.1), Wedding (1.1), Nicholls (1.0), McMahon (0.1), Stratford (0.1), Vivian (0.1). **STURT:** Rigney (4.1), Thompson (2.5), Dunn (2.3), Halbert (2.2), Hunter (1.2), Schoff (1.1), Kutcher (1.0), Rattigan (1.0), Clarkson (1.0), Williams (0.4), Goodchild (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Webber replaced by Carlaw in the last term.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Dittmar (Port)	7.5	15	66.51
Wright (West)	10.0	16	53.41
Judd (South)	4.1	17	52.46
Head (Torrens)	4.3	17	51.39
Clingly (Torrens)	2.1	18	51.37
Douglas (Sturt)	—	12	45.30
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	—	15	42.37
Pemberton (Glenelg)	4.2	14	40.25
Sheppard (North)	1.0	18	39.26

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	10,250
Norwood	10,200
Prospect	8,000
Adelaide	4,000

32,450

BAYS BATTLE AND MAKE FOUR

Flies for mark



F. PEMBERTON, of Glenelg (right), flies for a mark in today's game at Prospect Oval. At left is North player A. Cheek.

Glenelg's victory of 12 points over North at Prospect today, coupled with Torrens' defeat by Port at Alberton, has earned Glenelg the right to contest the major round.

By VIC JOHNSON

Glenelg's victory was not easily achieved.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen'lg	2—2	10—4	11—8	15—13	103
North	5—1	8—1	10—8	13—13	91

They were badly away in the first term when North led well, but fighting grimly when again seriously challenged towards the close of the game, saw it out to the bitter end.

Spearhead

North made no secret of the fact they would do their best to keep Glenelg out, and by then efforts today might easily have done so had they not faded towards the end.

It was hard to pinpoint any real match-winning positions early in the game. D. Lindner was the spearhead of most of North's drives, while Glenelg had a two-pronged lead first in Howard, later Pemberton.

Pascoe's failure at centre half-forward in opposition to Butler forced North to bring Lindner from the goalfont to open up that avenue, and thereafter North's scoring power diminished.

Throughout the game the balance of power swung from one side to the other.

At the opening of the game it was all Whitford and Barbary for North, then the Bay pair were swung over to give them the edge there.

Bays rallied

Towards the close of the game, North again assumed the ascendancy when Fraser was replaced for Glenelg, but by then the Tigers had the bit in their teeth and scented danger.

North's lead with the first use of a crosswind was more than useful at the end of the first term, but Glenelg rallied in the

second quarter, with some really purposeful football aided by accuracy, to assume the lead.

Fraser had covered Whitford in the second quarter, but the tall wingman and Barbary again got on top and Glenelg fell into the error of playing around the wings.

North had plenty of chances, Johnston playing well at half-forward, to take the lead, but their accuracy fell away considerably, and by this time Richens had found top form roving for Glenelg.

Not only did the chunky rover put his team into attack, but his fine covering of the North rovers when play was in that team's attacking area was invaluable.

Gilbourne for North at the other end was Glenelg's greatest bar to their scoring attempts, clearing



Leahy Don Lindner

time and again with splendid dropkicking.

Six points was the margin in Glenelg's favor when the last term began, and it was then North brought Don Lindner out to centre half-forward.

The wind had swung round slightly by now, and if anything, favored the northern end or Glenelg goal.

Amazing run

Richens gave Glenelg a very valuable goal on re-

sumption, but Hughes and then Marsh each goaled for North to make the scores level.

Richens again came to the Tigers' rescue with a goal and was then instrumental in Pemberton getting his third.

And with a couple of points thrown in, Glenelg led 14 points.

North had more chances, but despite Whitford's amazing run and goal, which brought North to within six points of Glenelg, Pemberton ended it when he marked close in and goaled.

Richens, after a slowish start, is my best for Glenelg. His power after half-time had a noticeable effect on the game. Others to do well were Leahy, Howard, Butler, Webber, Pemberton, and Fraser.

I think Gilbourne was again North's best. He was consistently good in defence.

Others in the picture were Don Lindner (six goals), Whitford, Barbary, T. Lindner, Sheppard, and Simmons.

Blackburn may miss final round

Glenelg follower Doug Blackburn badly injured an ankle against North today and will probably miss the major round.

Glenelg secretary Mr. R. Curnow said tonight that Blackburn's ankle was very swollen and apparently badly sprained.

"We won't know until the swelling does down, but it will be a miracle if he's all right by the semi-final against Sturt next Saturday," said Mr. Curnow.

STAB KICKS

WALLY Dittmar's seventh goal today was the result of a magnificent dropkick from centre half-forward.

This was the kick Port supporters had been waiting for. Several earlier efforts from long range had not been timed in the usual Dittmar style, and had brought only behinds.

Dittmar stays at the head of the goalkickers with 66.

FORMER Glenelg player, Brian Rundle, now captain-coach of Brighton in amateur league Grade A2, has had a most successful season, personally and as coach.

His side today won the A2 final from Kenilworth, and Rundle kicked three goals to top the century. His total for the season is 101.

WITH six goals Don Lindner headed North's goal-getting today against Glenelg.

At one stage he had kicked all of North's score, three goals one behind, in the first term.

MAL Whitford, North

wingman, was responsible for an amazing effort against Glenelg.

Gaining possession near North's half-back line, he outpaced the opposition to run right to the North goal and kick a full-pointer.

The ONE-EYED BARRACKER

YOU little beauties — We're in the fight for the first time for six years! Remember how we went then? Won the first semi, and lost the preliminary final to Port.

Go one better this year, boys. No doubt about the redhead, Col Richens. He saved himself a bit today and only produced the goods when we wanted them most, in the second and last quarters.

I can tell you right now who'll be Mr. Foot-

ball next year, and it won't be Fos Williams. It'll be the redhead.

Rex Leahy did a mighty job. Won half-forward, then won half-back. How's that for a flexible team? We might play Richens in ruck next week just to confuse Sturt.

Thought Whitford was going to win it for North by himself in the first quarter, but Graham Fraser soon showed him where he got off, when Fraser went on him

Oh...what a scramble!



DOWN ON ALL FOURS goes Glenelg half-forward, B. Hill, in this scramble for the ball, with North Adelaide backman, T. Lindner, at Prospect today. North players, A. Cheek (left) and D. Gilbourne, are racing in to help.