

# ROVERS LIFT BLUES TO NARROW WIN

In slippery, wet conditions, Sturt struggled to a narrow 5 point win to gain the right to a berth in the preliminary final.

Glenelg began well, but despite having most of the play, could not break through the tight Sturt defence led by Brenton Adcock and Bruce Jarrett. The Bays scored points from Ray Button and Brian McGowan, but it was Sturt that scored the first goal of the match at the twenty minute mark of the term.

The goal was a result of brilliant teamwork from Daryl Hicks, John Halbert and the scorer Leigh Whicker.

Eight minutes in to the second term Glenelg scored their first major from Ray Button and within 30 seconds, Colin Rice had added another goal. Sturt quickly replied through Tony Clarkson, but then Brian McGowan kicked his first goal for the Bays. So there were suddenly goals galore!

Glenelg were looking quite dangerous as Bob Anesbury was well on top at centre, Doug Long and Ray Button were elusive across half forward and Haydn Linke was strongly opposing Sturt's brilliant John Halbert. At half time, Glenelg led by 13 points.

The third term saw Sturt move Ted Langridge to half forward and Daryl Hicks into the roving division. Suddenly Sturt exploded to score 4 quick goals from John Halbert (2), Roger Dunn and Ted Langridge to snatch the lead. However Glenelg soon replied with goals to Doug Long and Neil Sutherland for the Bays to regain the lead once again.

Paul Bagshaw was now in control at centre for the Blues, rovers Roger Dunn and Daryl Hicks were dominating around the packs, Rick Schoff and John Halbert were looking dangerous at half forward and the Blues defence was rebounding strongly. At "lemon time", the Tigers clung to a one point lead.

In a cliffhanger final term, the Bays drew first blood with a goal to Brian McGowan. However, Sturt gradually gained momentum to hit the lead and draw away to a 15 point margin, half way through the quarter after two long goals from John Halbert, despite a goal in reply from the Bay's Geoff Payne.

Then with just 5 minutes to play, Sturt full forward Ross Sawley kicked his third goal of the match to give Sturt a 17 point lead.

However, Glenelg would not give up and quick goals from Harry Kernahan and Ray Button left the Tigers again only 5 points down. Then in the final minute, rover Brian McGowan was penalised for running too far, after marking the ball just 50 metres from goal. Sturt ran out winners by 5 points.

Sturt	1.1	3.4	7.12	12.14	86
Glenelg	0.2	5.5	8.7	12.9	81

**BEST** — Sturt: Halbert, Adcock, Dunn, Clarkson, Bagshaw, Langridge, Raymond, Hicks. Glenelg: Richens, D. Long, Kendall, Edwards, Peek, McGowan, Anesbury.

**SCORERS** — Sturt: Halbert 4.3, Sawley 3.4, Langridge 1.4, Dunn 1.0, Clarkson 1.0, Whicker 1.0, Hicks 0.1, Schoff 0.1, rushed 0.1 Glenelg: Button 3.3, McGowan 3.0, Rice 2.0, D. Long 1.4, Sutherland 1.0, Payne, 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Sinclair 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS** — Sturt: Whicker (lost contact lens) by Webster, half-time, Cunningham (slight concussion) by Clarke, last quarter. Glenelg: Sutherland by Blackburn, last quarter.

**UMPIRE** — K. Cunningham.

**Attendance** — 26,592.

The first semi-final statistics showed that the first half belonged to the Tigers, but after half-time the Double Blues made the run that carried them to victory.

The Glenelg rovers, Brian McGowan and Colin Rice did the job expected of them in the first half with their ruckmen contributing a good percentage of opportunities.

Tony Clarkson's opening was good but when he was joined by a tough blocking effort from Malcolm Hill in the second half the Sturt following division got right on top and started the Double Blue recover.

ABLEY	22	4	—	2
BLACKBURN	1	1	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46</b>

A summary shows:

	Kicks	Marks	H'pass	Frees
1st Quarter	75	17	7	13
2nd Quarter	73	9	10	15
3rd Quarter	64	10	6	5
Final Quarter	49	10	4	13

Kicks credited to goalkeepers Jarret and Abley include the kick-offs. Glenelg ruckman Sutherland's total includes a kick-off when he substituted for Abley, who was injured at the time.

## STURT

	Kicks	Marks	H'pass	Frees
HILL	7	—	—	5
CLARKSON	11	3	5	6
MURPHY	17	5	—	—
SADDINGTON	6	4	2	—
DUNN	20	1	5	9
LANGRIDGE	15	4	7	2
SAWLEY	12	3	4	4
CHESSELL	10	—	1	—
HALBERT	21	9	3	5
WHICKER	2	1	3	1
RAYMOND	16	3	6	1
BAGSHAW	21	5	5	—
HICKS	13	—	9	1
CUNNINGHAM	8	—	2	2
SCHOFF	11	4	2	2
SHORT	11	2	1	1
ADCOCK	11	1	3	3
JARRETT	17	2	—	4
WEBSTER (19th)	4	2	—	—
CLARKE (20th)	1	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>46</b>

A summary of kicks, marks, handpasses, and frees shows:

	Kicks	Marks	H'pass	Frees
1st Quarter	52	10	7	17
2nd Quarter	57	9	19	9
3rd Quarter	72	22	12	11
Final Quarter	53	8	20	9

## GLENELG

	Kicks	Marks	H'pass	Frees
PAYNE	12	2	—	4
KERNAHAN	12	2	2	5
SUTHERLAND	11	1	2	1
PARKER	7	4	1	1
RICE	17	—	1	3
MCGOWAN	22	5	3	4
SINCLAIR	6	2	1	—
WESTLEY	6	3	2	5
D. LONG	17	4	4	4
BUTTON	13	2	2	4
PEEK	21	1	3	3
ANESBURY	21	5	—	1
EDWARDS	9	2	—	4
J. LONG	9	1	3	1
LINKE	17	3	1	—
KENDALL	15	1	2	3
RICHENS	23	3	—	1



Brenton Adcock... a fine player for Sturt in their first Semi-Final win over Glenelg 16 years ago.