

SOUVENIR OF 1964 FIRST SEMI-FINAL



Halbert was the best

John Halbert, Sturt's centre half-forward, was unanimously adjudged best on the ground by the Sunday Mail football experts in today's semi-final against Glenelg.

Here is how they voted, giving three points for first choice, two for second, and one for third.

Sam Gallagher

Halbert (Sturt)	3
Adcock (Sturt)	2
Richens (Glenelg)	1

Bob Hank

Halbert	3
Peck (Glenelg)	2
Bagshaw (Sturt)	1

Stan Wickham

Halbert	3
Adcock	2
Richens	1

Totals: Halbert 15, Adcock 5, Richens 4, Peck 3, Dunn 2, Bagshaw 1.

Bill Henderson

Halbert	3
Dunn	2
Peck	1

Dean Stringer

Halbert	3
Richens	2
Adcock	1

SOUTH NEED BIT MORE SPEED

By DOUG
THOMAS

There is only one way Port Adelaide can be beaten in my book—and that's by speed and more speed.

West have proved this over the years. In the three years previous to 1964, West beat Port five times out of six games by constructive speed.

I don't think South have the necessary speed to beat Port next Saturday.

South certainly have speed in some spots, particularly on the wings. O'Brien and Ploenges are racehorses, and will probably be too fast for the Port pair, Hudson and Errey.

But where do they go then? Alexander is not quick at centre half-forward.

Port have never claimed to be a fast side. They have won all their matches, as far as I'm concerned, with sheer brute strength.

They've got big chaps in the right positions.

Take Ian Hanaford, for instance. If he is at full-forward, it will take Durbidge all his time to cope with his height. Hannaford is no speedster, but at the goalfront he gives the rest of the side some thing to kick to, height and strength.

Beauty, at centre half-forward, is no "monte" to win a Stawell Gift, but uses his great bulk to position himself. He will need all of his bulk, though, against Dick Jackson.

Nobody pushes "Jacko" aside easily, and he's just as likely to brush them away

I think Port will win, but they won't get there the easy way.

What they may gain in the set positions, they will lose in the ruck. Port's rucks—Philp, Spiers, Marrett, and Traynor do not impress me as much as Darley, Kerley, Christie, and Kantilla.

As far as rovers go, I think Port will have an edge. Trevor Obst is a good rover in my book, and he and Potter could be too strong for Day and White.

"Keri" knows just as well as I do that to beat Port you must have speed. Ross could be the boy.

South were in trouble against us on July 18 when the State team was away, and South were without Darley, Schmidt, Kantilla, and Ian Day was out hurt.

"Keri" had to make plenty of changes, and one of them was Ross to the half-forward flank first, then into a forward pocket. He kicked two goals against the wind and they helped to sink us.

On the way South have positioned their ruckmen this year. I think Kerley is a certainty to drop back and stay around centre and use himself and Backman to keep Peter Obst under control.

Fos Williams has always dropped a ruckman back around the centre, so it will be interesting to see who beats whom.

Port have got to get over Darley. He is the best knock ruckman to hit this State since John Marriott. He marks the high ones, can get down to the low ones, and for a big man his kicking is well above average.

STRONG BACKS

Ross will have a tough contract against Hayes. In fact, all of South's half-forwards will find it hard to get kicks.

If Port get their old line of Hayes, Cooper, and Motley, they get the extra height at centre half-back which they have obviously been looking for.

South could win both wings through Ploenges and O'Brien, and I think they will win centre, not through Backman beating Peter Obst so much as by the tactics South will use.

Port's strength is clear in their backlines. They're good. I don't see Roennfeldt getting any goals—or very few, anyway—on

Sturt won this the hard way

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt won their way into the league preliminary final in a game climaxed by a series of controversial incidents in a thrilling last quarter.

In the first half Glenelg looked clearly the better side. They made front position, their rovers—McGowan in particular—were on top, and Doug Long was in command at centre half-forward.

Sturt began well on the wings but Anesbury at centre was a clear winner in the first quarter.

Sturt's main source of drive throughout the first half was down the middle through Halbert.

The Sturt skipper was strongly opposed by Linke in the first half, but came into his own after half-time.

But Glenelg's game in the first half was far more versatile. Both Long and Button were dangerous across half-forward, and the rovers were quick to convert any opportunities particularly in the second quarter.

Half-way through the term Sturt were playing without confidence.

Sturt's position changes in the third quarter swung the game.

Langridge to half-forward left, where Kendall had played an almost faultless first half, was the most significant.

In addition, the switch of Hicks and Dunn's determined last half stopped Glenelg's drive from McGowan and Rice who had threatened to play decisive roles in the first half.

Sturt came out after half-time a much more determined side and it was thrilling football as the Blues took the lead, but quickly lost it when Glenelg drove through Long and Westley.

Seven behinds

At this point Hill came strongly into the game in ruck and Bagshaw's control at centre gave Halbert and Langridge the run through at half-forward.

But Sturt got seven behinds in a row to trail by a point at the last change.

Long, at centre half-forward, was now the Bay's big hope. He was more strongly opposed by Webster than by Schoff, but still

was a big danger to the Blues.

At the other end of the ground Halbert likewise was Sturt's star, and Glenelg switched John Long to oppose him early in the last quarter.

Alongside Halbert, Langridge gave a great exhibition in the second half, and Schoff, too, switched from centre half-back, threw himself into the game with great determination in a punishing last quarter.

From 17 points down, the Bays came back with tremendous spirit in the closing stages. Anesbury fought back into the game at centre, Peek sustained his game on the wing, and the rovers made a desperate last bid.

The four controversial incidents in the last quarter had the crowd in uproar.

First of the sensations was when the Blues led by nine points.

Their captain, John Halbert, marked and went back to take his kick.

Glenelg's Colin Rice, running past, knocked the ball as Halbert was kicking.

Umpire Cunningham awarded the Blues' skipper a 15 yarder and Halbert's shot brought a goal.

Rice's alleged words to the umpire immediately afterwards resulted in him being reported for using abusive language.

Rice was the victim in the next incident. Sturt led by 10 points

when Rice kicked straight. But the margin did not become four points.

Glenelg's Sinclair clashed with Adcock, was penalised for interference, and the goal was disallowed as Adcock was given a free.

Ross Sawley put the ball between the goalposts when Sturt led by 16 points.

That was the cue for a hail of cans, fruit peel, and other objectives hurled by angry Sturt supporters behind the goal at the cathedral end.

Penalised

In a last-ditch fight, Glenelg goaled from Kernahan and Button and the margin was five points.

Brian McGowan was freed 50 yards out for the last of the sensations.

A goal would mean a win to Glenelg, by one point.

And that would have been a duplication of the finish to the Sturt-Glenelg first semi-final of 1959.

On that occasion Fred Pemberton goaled for Glenelg on the bell for a one-point victory.

But today McGowan did not score.

He tried to run round his mark, umpire Cunningham gave a free, and Sturt cleared.

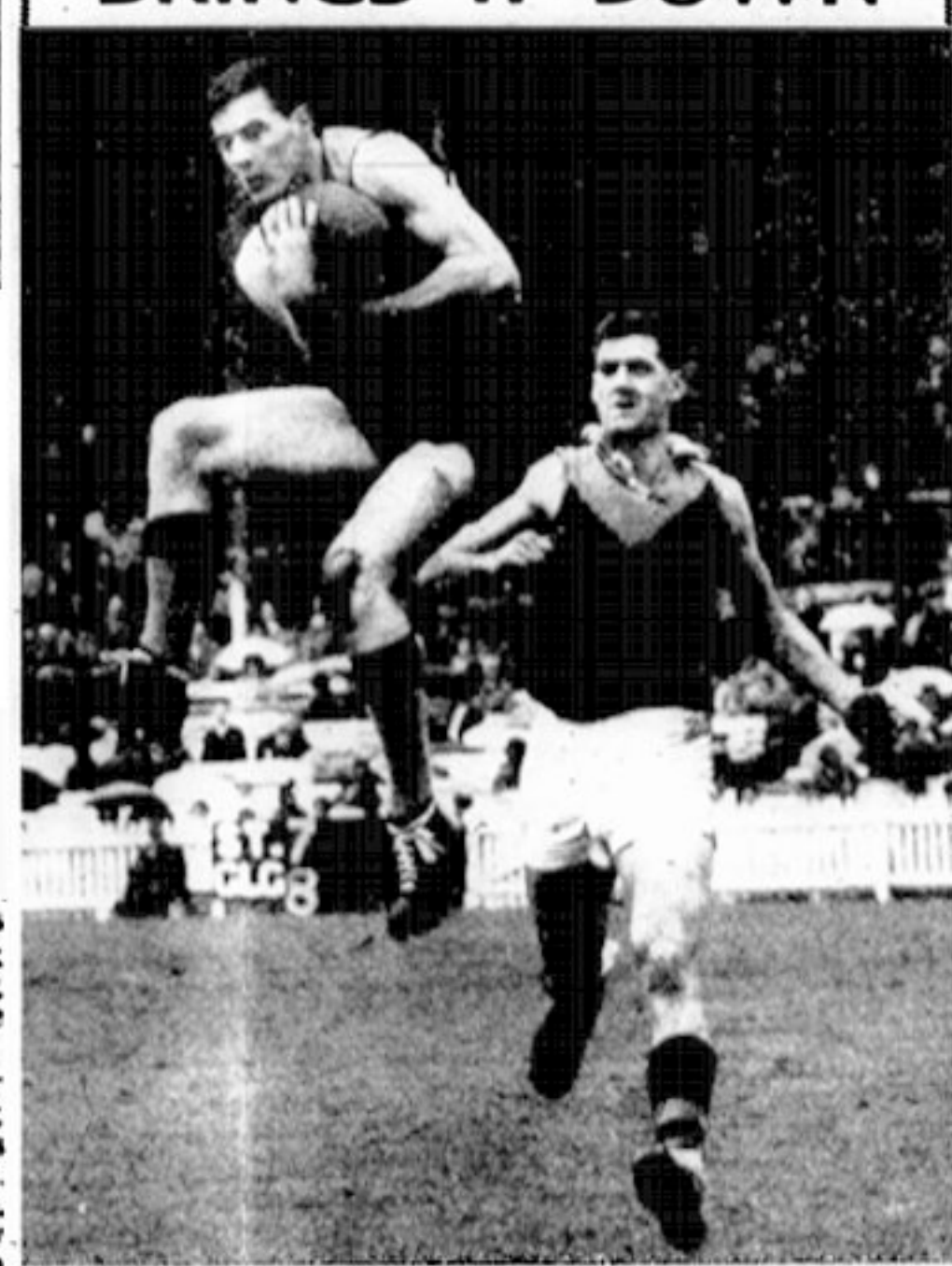
And there was no further score before the final siren.

It was a thrilling game, and in the conditions a game of good standard.

Having survived this one, the Blues are not altogether without hope for the next big one.

Their young players acquitted themselves admirably, and will be all the more confident for getting through a game which had to be won the hard way.

BRINGS IT DOWN



STURT HALF-BACK Vern Webster brings down a screamer in the first semi-final at Adelaide Oval as Glenelg's Doug Long runs in behind.

Elleway. The only chance is if Elleway has to punch the ball away and the South rovers could get into the act then.

If Darley and Kantilla have a good day marking, they will hold a lot more around the oval than the Port rucks. This won't be good enough to get South home, though.

All in all, I think this could be a good one for the public to see—a real heart-stopper, with Port's grand final experience and a bit more overall strength to nose home in front.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying publicly "Congratulations" to Geoff Motley. It is one of the most popular medal wins in my time, and I class it an honor to have

played against him. "Mots" would be the only player I have ever played against who won't have a go at you. He's a credit to our national game, and I'm sure Mr. Magarey had this type of player in mind when he gave his award to league football.

BAY MAN REPORTED

C. Rice, Glenelg rover, was reported by umpire K. Cunningham on a charge of having used abusive language in the last quarter of the semi-final at Adelaide Oval today.

STURT ROVERS GAVE VITAL LIFT

By DEAN STRINGER

Bay rally
just failed

Lifting their roving in the second half, and with Halbert and Langridge showing the way through half-forward, Sturt won a thrilling first semi-final by five points from a fighting Glenelg.

Sturt looked set for a convincing win when they led by 17 points with only minutes left, but a desperate Bay rally almost turned the tables.

THE BIG GAME AT A GLANCE

Ground: Slippery. Weather: Overcast.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1-1	3-4	7-12	12-14	86
Glen'lg	0-2	5-5	8-7	12-9	81

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

SCORERS—STURT: Halbert 43, Sawley 34, Langridge 14, Dunn 10, Clarkson 10, Whicker 10, Hicks 0.1, Schoff 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Button 33, McGowan 30, Rice 20, D. Long 14, Sutherland 10, Payne 10, Kernahan 10, 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.

BIG MATCH STATISTICS

Compiled by BOB HANK and
BILL HENDERSON

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 did on top and started the job expected of them Double Blue recovery. In the first half with their ruckmen contributing a good percentage of opportunities. Clarkson's opening was good but when he was joined by a tough, blocking effort from Hill in the second half, the Sturt following division got right

the job expected of them Double Blue recovery. The relative values of the ruckmen are not shown in the statistics as their ruck knocking is not included. The impression gained was that Sturt improved as the game went on and this was borne out by their superior counts.

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	—	—	—
TOTAL	234	49	58	46

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

	Kicks	Marks	H'Pass.	Frees
First Quarter	52	10	7	17
Second Quarter	57	9	19	9
Third 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
ABLEY	22	4	—	2
BLACKBURN	1	1	—	—
TOTAL	261	46	27	46

A summary shows:

	Kicks	Marks	H'Pass.	Frees
First Quarter	75	17	7	13
Second Quarter	73	9	10	15
Third Quarter	64	10	6	5
Final Quarter	49	10	4	13

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

In wintry conditions Halbert won the toss for Sturt and kicked towards the southern end. had been falling during the morning made the turf wet and slippery, but the ground was firm over the whole oval.

Sturt were unlucky to lose Desmazures (ill), Saddington coming into the side.

Umpire was to be B. A. Lees, but was replaced because of flu, by Ken Cunningham.

Glenelg scored first when Button, kicking off the ground, managed a point.

Umpire Cunningham left no doubt in the minds of players right from the start by paying marks freely to the man in front.

A clever knock from Kernahan to McGowan allowed him to find Sinclair 30 yards out, but his kick was off line.

The first seven minutes had been all Glenelg, with the ball not going behind centre but they could not do anything with it up forward.

Best play

Sturt had a chance after eight minutes, but Abley and Richens kept them down to a point.

Sturt's best piece of play, from Halbert to Sawley, saw the forward mark but Cunningham ruled against him for a push.

The first 15 minutes saw Glenelg still looking the more dangerous.

The Bay wingers had switched, and Edwards was winning more than his share of kicks.

The centre duel had easily been in favor of Glenelg, where Anesbury was playing well.

A Sturt drive started by Hicks at half-back on to Halbert to Whicker allowed him to kick first goal after 20 minutes.

Halbert towards the end of the quarter was giving Sturt a lot of drive, but was finding difficulty in passing accurately to his forwards.

The first quarter had not given any real lead as to the winner.

Neither side had been able to gain any ascendancy.

Glenelg had looked the better early, but as the quarter was drawing to a close Sturt began to come back strongly.

First quarter scores were, Sturt 1-1, Glenelg 0-2.

Schoff ran off during the break for attention to a leg bandage, and was a minute late returning.

Sturt opened well as Halbert drove the ball well within range, but Richens, in a back pocket, was keeping them out.

Neither Glenelg rover had shone out as expected. Both McGowan and Rice were getting some kicks, but they were not greatly influencing the game.

Six minutes had gone before Doug Long's snap hit the post, the first score for the term.

The crowd was beginning to heckle umpire Cunningham for the number of frees he was giving—30 for the first term.

A good passage of play by the Bays saw Button take a fine mark and kick accurately for Glenelg's first goal.

Rice followed with a quick snap within 30 seconds to give the Bays a nine-point lead.

Clarkson put life into Sturt fans when he marked strongly and kicked accurately. Both teams had started to try to open up the game.

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McGowan showed a ton of courage, dodged four opponents cleverly, and goaled again for Glenelg. The standard had lifted considerably.

Both centre half-forwards were doing well. Long and Halbert were playing well in front of their opponents, and seemed too fast for them.

Langridge, roving well for Sturt, was creative whenever he got possession.

A bad miskick by Schoff allowed Button to pick up and kick Glenelg's fourth goal. Rice followed with a lovely snap a minute later.

Glenelg now began to look dangerous. They were finishing off their drives better as they had more players in touch up forward.

Sturt on the other hand were relying on Halbert to get things going.

With five minutes of term left, it was evident that Sturt would have to tighten up in defence. Glenelg forwards were being given far too much freedom.

Sturt kept the scores in touch when Sawley was freed in the square, and made no mistake.

Glenelg deserved their 13-point lead at half-time.

Half-time scores were Glenelg 5-5, Sturt 3-4.

Sturt shifted Schoff to a half-forward flank, and had Webster in his place.

Whicker was off the ground and Chessell on a wing with Hicks roving.

Sturt opened with a good goal from Dunn in the first 90 seconds, after umpire Cunningham failed to allow a mark to Linke that looked fair.

Crushes

Opening up the game cleverly and showing much more speed, Sturt allowed Langridge to goal beautifully, to be within one point of Glenelg.

The game had suddenly come to life as players began to tear into the crushes, but it was all Sturt at this stage, as Halbert kicked another from long range. The Sturt defence had tightened considerably cutting down the Glenelg avenue of attack.

Halbert scored another goal from a kick off the ground as the Sturt attack continued to get on top.

Glenelg, coming back strongly, through Long, drew again to within four points of Sturt.

Sutherland gave Glenelg back the lead within 60 seconds when he marked strongly and kicked accurately.

The wing positions which had clearly been held by Glenelg early in the game, had been shut out and Bagshaw at centre had outpointed Anesbury for the quarter.

McGowan, roving well, lengthened Glenelg's lead when he ran into an open goal and kicked straight.

Schoff, playing much better at half-forward this term, had a chance but his kick was off-line. Sawley, also from a snap, was unlucky to miss.

Sturt's lead would have been much greater had it not been for the grand defence of Richens in a back pocket.

Halbert continued to drive Sturt in with well-directed kicks, but Lang-

ridge's shot after the bell was again off the target.

Sturt should have had a big lead as they had played well, but could only kick four goals from 12 shots.

Third quarter scores were Glenelg 8-7, Sturt 7-12.

With a point separating the teams, it was all set for a thriller of a last quarter.

Glenelg opened with a goal from McGowan, freed within range. Glenelg had D. Long in ruck with Kernahan at half-forward.

Long immediately lifted the Bay rucks, giving Rice and McGowan more chances.

A good forward move by Glenelg resulted in only a point.

From the kick-out, Sturt took the ball around the flank and Hicks, playing magnificently, got the ball on to Dunn who gave it to Halbert to goal.

With a 10-point lead after 10 minutes, Sturt appeared to be going a little better, but Glenelg were fighting hard.

The game was still being played at a cracker pace, although some players were becoming weary.

A clever drive, which put the ball through the goals was disallowed by umpire Cunningham, who ruled a throw against Halbert.

Glenelg took the ball back into attack, but their forwards were not finding it as easy as in the first half, and several attacks were easily broken up by Sturt.

Halbert, spearhead of the Sturt attack, virtually sewed up the game when he marked 50 yards out.

As he was about to kick, Rice ran from behind Halbert's mark, and the Sturt man was given a 15-yard penalty. Halbert made no mistake.

Disallowed

But Glenelg came back when Payne kicked off the ground for a goal.

Seconds later, Glenelg were unlucky as Rice goaled, but Sinclair dropped a Sturt defender, and the goal was disallowed.

Cunningham was taken off on a stretcher with six minutes to play and replaced by Clarke.

Sawley made it tough for Glenelg when he goaled with five minutes to play.

Another Sawley snap that everybody except the goal umpire thought was a goal, gave Sturt a 17-point lead.

Sturt had finished better than Glenelg, and their play since half-time had been too good.

But Glenelg were still going, and after a goal by Kernahan, one by Button put them within five points.

McGowan, after taking a good mark, attempted to run round the man on his mark and was penalised for running too far.

A goal at this stage would have put Glenelg in a position to win.

With 30 seconds to play, Glenelg were still attacking but could not get through although within 20 yards of the goal.

Final scores were Sturt 12-14, Glenelg 12-9.

Goal umpire was in real peril

STAB
KICKS

By STAN WICKHAM

Had Sturt lost today's semi-final, one of the goal umpires would probably have been lynched by their supporters.

In the last term Sturt full-forward Ross Sawley kicked truly, the ball going through by at least 18 in.

But the goal umpire, to the amazement of all, signalled a point.

Sturt were then 16 points clear and going well. But when Glenelg came back with two goals to be only four points down, the Sturt supporters began hurling things at the goal umpire.

After a couple of minutes the goal area looked like the Central Market on Fridays!

THERE were more incidents in the last term than for the rest of the day and each incident cost Glenelg dearly.

●Kernahan dropped a sitter. Sawley goaled. ●Rice interfered with Halbert's set short

Halbert gained 15 yards and goaled.

●Rice goaled for Glenelg. Sinclair grabbed a Sturt man. Goal disallowed.

●McGowan, 45 yards out, ran around Hill — kicked. Button marked — free against McGowan for running too far.

DESPITE the rain, the crowd got their money's worth today as the lead chopped and changed many times. Both teams turned on a fire-eating display of determined football that was well worthy of any final.

The game was the best first semi-final I have seen for a long time.

STURT half-forward Leigh Whicker was a casualty in the first minutes of play when a contact lens was jolted from his eye.

Four Sturt trainers spent most of the term vainly searching for the lens.

Whicker stayed on till half-time, but he couldn't focus properly and was replaced at the break.

THE slippery conditions must have been very difficult for players, and much manhandling brought forth a great crop of frees.

Ninety-two frees were awarded for the day, 46 to Glenelg, 46 to Sturt.

In the first term, Umpire Ken Cunningham awarded a record 30 frees; 17 to Sturt and 13 to Glenelg.

The game is over 100 minutes plus time on. This put the awarding of frees at the rate of one free every 65 seconds.

PENALTY SIN -KERNAHAN

The penalty awarded against Glenelg rover Brian McGowan in the last quarter of today's Sturt—Glenelg semi-final was the biggest sin in league football this year, Glenelg's captain, Harry Kernahan, said tonight.

McGowan was penalised by umpire Cunningham in the last two minutes of play when he ran around the man on his mark.

McGowan's kick was marked by Button (Glenelg half-forward), who set himself for a goal, but the ball was given to Sturt.

Kernahan added: "I agree that McGowan ran about 30 yards but 25 of them were behind his mark."

"I thought we could have won it from there if Button had goaled.

"I thought Hicks and Dunn were the wreckers as far as we were concerned for their play in the third quarter.

"If they had not been so damaging, it could have been a different result."

"Naturally, I am disappointed, but I was pleased with the way our fellows fought on.

Kernahan disagreed with umpire Cunningham's interpretation of the holding-the-man rule.

He said: "The umpire gave frees to the rovers in front position playing the ball in front of them, when I thought it should have been a holding-the-ball decision."

John Halbert, captain of Sturt said: "I did not really think at any stage we had lost it, but I had anxious moments."

"I was worried after the first half, but after half-time we went much better.

"Dunn was right in the game and Hicks made a big difference when he was shifted to the forwards and to roving.

Clear winner

"Bagshaw was a clear winner at centre.

"But I was a bit worried in the last couple of minutes when Glenelg got so close. However, our boys held on.

"We learnt something from today's game. We have got to get away to a better start.

"We had about 13 or 14
—I don't know how many

—players who were in their first finals game today.

"It may be one reason why we were slow to begin. But now they know how hard a finals game is.

"I think we will do even better next time. Our win will be a tremendous morale booster. I am looking forward to future games with confidence."

Jack Oatey, Sturt coach, said: "Hicks' move at half-time seemed to lift the team and the rest of the players joined in. I thought it sparked us off."

"We fought it out to the finish. You must remember finals are hard, tough games and this was no exception.

"Glenelg had the chances the same as we did, and they could have won it, but I think we may have finished a little better than they did. The scores suggest this."

Len Fitzgerald, Glenelg coach, said: "We played

well in the first half but we did not capitalise fully on our opportunities.

"The turning point came in the third quarter. Sturt's run-on play and the shifting of Hicks were the primary causes.

"We had just as many strongpoints as Sturt, as the scores indicated.

"I did not really give up hope until the final siren. "I am disappointed, but

I liked the way our chaps fought it right out to the finish. They did everything asked of them.

"I do not think McGowan ran more than 10 yards over his mark.

"Sturt are a good team, but I think they might rind South and Port a little too tough."

Tas. grand final

HOBART, Sat.: In the Tasmanian Football League grand final today Sandy Bay, 11-11, defeated New Norfolk, 9-11.



BAYS HAVE FORM MEN TO DOWN STURT



I select Glenelg to win the first semi-final next Saturday, mainly because in two games this season against West Sturt have been most unimpressive.

Harry Kernahan is not playing well for the Bays, but despite this, I think Bay rovers Col Rice and Brian McGowan will "shark" enough Sturt knocks to make up for those they don't get from Kernahan.

Schoff's position key to result

When we played and beat Sturt twice, I don't think there was one position on the field which we lost. We either shared it or won it well.

Sturt's half-forward line was completely killed, yet ours was well on top. Sara, Hughes, and Burkett did a lot of good work for us.

I think a lot depends on where Rick Schoff plays for Sturt. He was at centre half-back today. But I think he would be more dangerous at centre half-forward.

Glenelg have a good centre half-back in Haydn Linke. Or I'll put it this way—every time we play the Bays, Linke plays well. I don't know how he goes in other games, but I can only work on what he does against us. If Schoff were at centre half-forward, maybe Linke would find it hard. But if Halbert is there, I tip Linke to go well.

Taking a look over the respective teams, wherever I look at the players and what are claimed to be Sturt strengths, I find

Glenelg have strength in the same position to offset it.

Dunn and Rigney may rove well. But Rice and McGowan are the counter to these.

Against us last time, Glenelg's John Long at centre went very well against Bobbie Day. Yet Day beat Halbert easily when we met.

Glenelg half-forward Ray Button "burnt" against us, and beat Jeff Bennetts, yet Bennetts was one of our best against Sturt.

I feel that over the field the Bays have got enough good players spotted around to just get home. Richens in the back pocket the rovers, Button, John Long, and Doug Long—all of these give Glenelg a better spread of players.

Halbert has got to go well for Sturt to win, whether he is at centre or centre half-forward. He has to give Sturt a lift for them to have any chance.

It depends, also on how Sturt place their side. When we last met Glenelg, Button was devastating. Bennetts is a ball player, and kept going for it. If we had swung Rod Pope across, Button could not have done so well, as Pope is a half-back who plays close. He is all over his opponent like a rash.

This is the type of half-back Sturt will have to put on Button.

Ross Sawley at full forward is another who did not impress against us. He kicked only a couple of

goals, while at the other end, Bruce Jarrett had four kicked on him by young David Bertelsmeier.

The thing that makes it very difficult for me to go for Sturt in any way, is that we have beaten them so easily twice this season, yet the Bays have beaten us.

On those four results Glenelg appeal to me as a team good enough to win the first semi-final.

I will say this—the last time we beat Sturt, our run-on game clicked, and not too many other teams would have beaten us. We could not get the same run-on game going against the Bays.

Sturt must have played well in a lot of their other games. It is just that they haven't played well against us, and I can only go on that form.

I think the Bays are a better side than they have shown. They have the material, I reckon, to be winning a bit more easily, and a few more matches.

DAN RUSSELL



WRAPS UP THE MINOR ROUND

AT NORWOOD, THERE WAS A GRIM, LAST-DITCH GATHERING OF EAGLES.

HOWEVER, THERE ALSO A SLATHERING OF MAGPIES, WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE MURDERED 'EM!

TO WRAP THINGS UP BEYOND DOUBT, THE TIGERS REPEATED THEIR TRICK OF 1958 and '59, COMPOUNDING THE FELONY BY THE RUTHLESS KILLING THEY MADE, AT THE BAY...

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER

YEAH—BEFORE YOU FELL!

THE OTHER MATCHES WERE OF ACADEMIC INTEREST ONLY.

ALSO RAW

GOALKICKER WAS PRETTY WRAPPED UP LAST WEEK. TODAY THE STRING WAS TIED BY STURT'S

ROSS SAWLEY

65 GOALS

(BUT HE'S NOT RETIRING)

AND NOW, IT'S 4-WARD MARCH! (SEE YOU AT THE FINALS)



BEST AFIELD AT NORWOOD

JEFF POTTER

MAGAREY MEDAL TIP? I'M COMING OUT ON A LIMB... MY DARK HORSE FOR FAIREST AND BEST IS

DAVID KANTILLA



AND A FAREWELL RAP-UP FROM THE BARRACKERS



GLENELG versus STURT

• *Two victories over Bays this year* **CONFIDENT STURT CAN EXPECT WIN**

By LAWRIE JERVIS

Sturt already have beaten Glenelg twice this season by handy margins.

This must give them a more confident approach to tomorrow's cut-throat first semi-final at Adelaide Oval than Glenelg.

When Sturt are in a confident frame of mind their run-on game clicks, and I feel they will open better than the Bays and keep going for a narrow win.

First semi-finals are notoriously desperate, tension-packed affairs. The loser gets no second chance. It is the end of the road for this year.

What makes this one of the most difficult semi-finals in years to predict is that both teams are capable of brilliant bursts of football.

And they can play like second-raters.

Sturt's good days have been excellent football. On their worst, they have been horrible.

Glenelg probably have more potential, particularly because of their fine rovers Colin Rice and Brian McGowan.

Rovers can make or break a side. Because of this, it is certain Sturt will take positive measures to blanket Rice and McGowan.

Throughout the year the Bay rovers have been prominent in every good Glenelg win. Without them, Glenelg may not now be in the semi-final.

During the year both teams have proved capable of kicking big scores. It has been just as well, because their defences too often have proved so weak.

In the opening round of the year Sturt played beautiful football at Unley to be 10 goals in front

at the last change. Then Glenelg unleashed a tremendous last-quarter burst which produced 9-3. It still was not good enough, and Sturt won by 23 points.

In the return game at the Bay on July 18 Sturt led all the way and won by 19 points in spite of another strong last quarter by Glenelg.

Three weeks ago Sturt's half-forwards could not get a kick against West. A week later Glenelg's half-forwards were in the same boat against South.

But neither side's half-backs tomorrow are as strong as West and South's.

Vital duel

The form player undoubtedly is Sturt's centre half-forward John Halbert. He is marking the ball overhead as if he owned it.

His duel with Haydn Linke will not only be one of the individual highlights of the match, but will be important to Sturt's success.

Linke is one of the hardest centre half-backs to beat in the league. He very seldom plays a poor game—but did last week.

That could be the one poor effort he needed to work out of his system for the year. He and Halbert are well matched physically. Both are strong and game, but Linke very seldom goes for the spoil, and this could make Halbert a winner.

Sturt are a taller side than Glenelg. They have 11 six-footers scattered around the field, to Glenelg's eight.

This is most marked across centre where Bruce Raymond, Paul Bagshaw, and Darryl Hicks are all taller and heavier than Merv Peek, Bob Anesbury, and Garry Edwards, by good margins.

In fine weather and with a dry ball, the Sturt centreline should outmark their opponents. But that is all, for Peek and Edwards have been playing consistently well for many weeks now and could give the Bays an edge on the wings, with Bagshaw possibly a winner at centre with his long kicking and strong marking.

Just as Halbert's success is needed for a Sturt victory, so too must Doug Long succeed against Rick Schoff to keep the Bays in the fight. Long probably has better flankers in Bob Westley and Ray Button than Sturt have.

Westley has played well lately, and Button is the one player capable of swinging a game with a brief burst.

Lost edge

Terry Short has lost the edge of his peak form which he reached halfway through the year, and Neville Cunningham has

been in and out of the side because of injuries lately.

At his top, Button is a dynamic half-forward, while Long's speed and high-marking will be better suited by the wide reaches of the Adelaide Oval. At the Bay a fortnight ago he was cramped for room and checked out of the game.

Neither side appears able to establish any great ruck ascendancy. Glenelg have been quick to recognise Geoff Payne's fine form lately by promoting him to first ruckman to challenge Tony Clarkson and Malcolm Hill.

He is marking well around the field as well as hitting-out strongly. Glenelg could not handle Clarkson last time, but Payne will be his equal this time.

Similarly, the two ex-Victorians Neil Sutherland and Malcolm Hill are likely to be level. Where Glenelg could possibly gain an extra edge is to give Doug Long a quick run every term, with Harry Kernahan dropping in to centre half-forward.

Damaging

Long gets up higher than Hill at the bounces.

Glenelg have a clear advantage in their rovers Rice and McGowan, who are better than Roger Dunn and Ted Langridge.

Sturt ruck-rover John Murphy is likely to be given the job of covering the Glenelg rovers at the centre bounces.

While Sturt may succeed in this, around the field Rice and McGowan will do plenty of damage.

Rice, who has courage to burn, will be the dangerous player around the goals, as he puts his body in where others would not drive a truck.

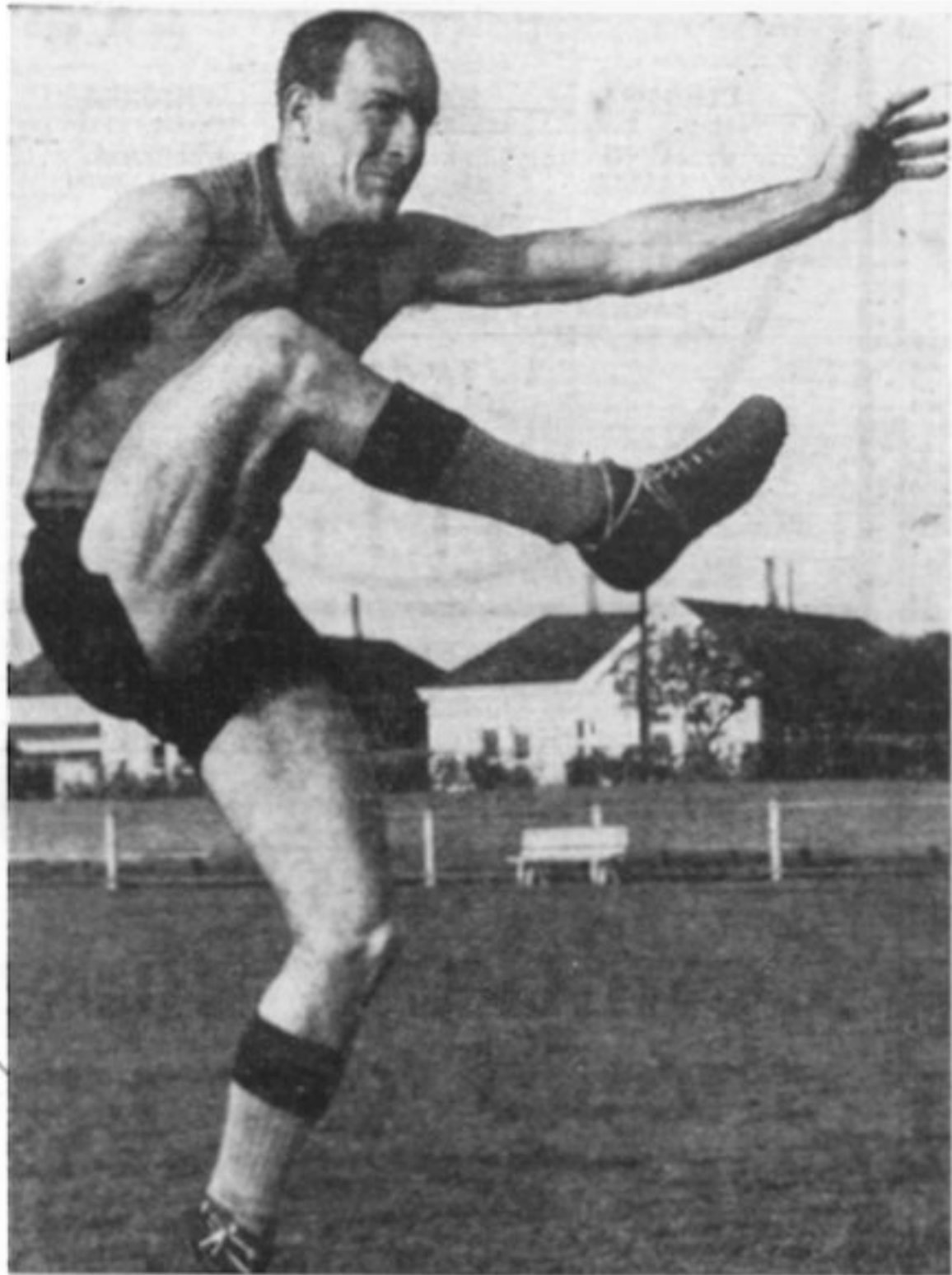
Sturt back pocket Brenton Adcock has been in better form than Colin Richens lately, but has tougher rovers to mind than Richens.

Both full-backs should win. Kev Abley kept Ross Sawley goalless last time, and Bruce Jarrett has only to continue his good form this season to be too good for Graham Sinclair.

For both teams, this is their best year since 1959, when they were opposed in the first semi-final.

Sturt were sixth, with 10 wins last year, and Glenelg seventh, with six wins. Glenelg have made the greater improvement this year.

However, there seems so little between the sides that tomorrow's result could easily be as exciting as in 1959, when Glenelg won by a point with the last kick of the day.



Captains of their teams for the first time in a semi-final, John Halbert (Sturt—top), and Harry Kernahan (Glenelg—above) trained enthusiastically last night in preparation for tomorrow's big game at Adelaide Oval. In 1959, last time Sturt and Glenelg were in the semi-finals, Halbert was vice-captain and centre; Kernahan, a ruckman, was a reserve.

Line down middle gives Sturt edge

They do not come any harder than this one to pick a winner by logical analysis.

There is a ton of talent in both sides, and a lot of inexperience to final football, especially in the toughness that goes with this knockout semi-final.

Both sides have definite claims where they could get on top. Sturt have the drives straight up and down the middle which are covered by their strongest and most experienced players who could get them a win.

NO RUCK SUPREMACY

On either side of centre they have a State-class player at half-back and half-forward, and the next kick back Jarrett in one direction and Sawley the other are both the equivalent of State class.

Apart from ability and experience Sturt also have the edge in weight, with the possible exception of long, who outweighs and outreaches Schoff.

Roving power

The couple of relative newcomers to final football at centre favor the Double Blues. Bagshaw could edge Anesbury out of possessions, and by the end of a tough first semi-final match this weight could be a big factor in Sturt's favor.

Apart from the positions down the middle the Bays on balance could have the edge in the remainder. There's no clear-cut winner in the rucks. The Bays possibly have a little more talent, but I doubt that they have the good average-season performances which Clarkson and Hill have given.

Also in the support rucks Sturt could catch back a little of their possible losses in the roving, where both Rice and McGowan look clearcut winners.

How much pressure these two can exert for the Tigers will depend on how free Murphy and Desmazures leave them to play

their own game, as I feel if checking is to be done it will be left to these two check and run-on rucks.

The Bays, with Kernahan no doubt expressly resting as a backman to counter the big jump of Clarkson in the pocket, is a little out of character as a check or run-on ruckman, and Parker hasn't the mobility to stop rovers, although he is a strong defence player. It may be that the Bays will leave him there quite a bit and let Kernahan and Long change at half-forward.

The Bays' late moves aren't the happiest approach to a final game, and the fact that Sturt have left things as much as they were in the final minor-round games and made only changes forced on them react if anything in their favor.

Misfortunes

Anesbury now at centre and John Long in the backlines doesn't add or detract in my mind. Long, if successful at half-back, will cover one of the Bay weak spots, and Anesbury is no stranger at centre, but he may be a little more susceptible to some heavy body clashes which inevitably are dealt out in final matches.

Across centre generally the Bays have a very light trio, all of them very talented, but can be run off the line of the ball by the



Rick Schoff

through, especially now they have Long as the big half-forward type just made to give the protection and the opportunities.

The burning pace of Short and Cunningham will cancel out Westley and Button in most things, although for the sensational things which win a final series Button might be the danger Sturt won't be able to keep in tow for the whole 100 minutes.

Schoff and Long are the likely types to turn on a hot clash, a no-holds-barred battle. Except for lack of match practice Schoff is a top-class half-back.

Master in air

He would have been there for the State if fit, but on the other hand Long probably has his best season yet behind him.

Both are pretty equal in most things, with Schoff quicker in reflex actions and in recovery, but Long the master of the air.

We can anticipate the same tough battle between Linke and Halbert, Linke the bulldog buzzing straight at the ball and on his best days almost impossible to move off and beat for the ball.

Halbert, on the other hand, has ability in his best days to command a position to such a degree that every one which hits his hands stays there. If this should happen it opens up all the finesse of the Double-Blues with rovers, flankers, and wingmen taking advantage of play-on football and quick drives at the goalline.

On the flanks, Kendall will win—and has for most of the year. Long is in the wait-and-see class, and this is one position both coaches will be looking at in the early stages.

Hard to hold

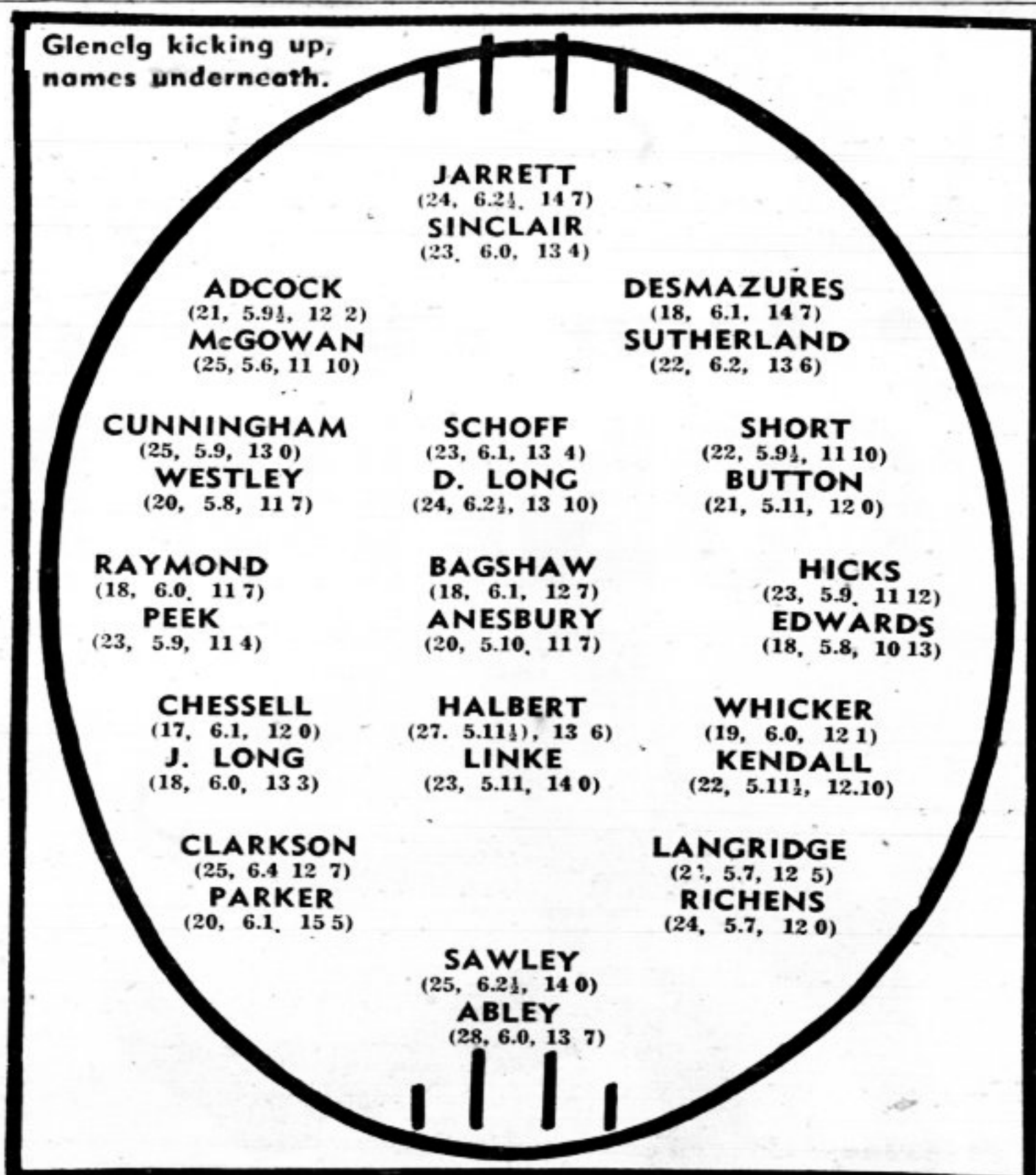
Sinclair is the quicker, dodgy type, and after the success West Adelaide smaller men had on Jarrett, Sinclair might unbalance the possibly more talented Jarrett who is more at home in competing against the bigger forward.

The high drives by Glenelg at the goalline, where Jarrett would be a definite winner, could be contested by Payne and Sutherland, with Sinclair providing an additional rover for the off-hands.

All rovers will need all their talents well and truly to the fore to get goals against Richens (who backs his judgment a little) and Adcock.

Also, I think the game will be too tight for Sawley to make the front position where he has to be to be the dominant goalscorer he has been in the last few Sturt outings.

In a nutshell because I don't see the winning Tiger rovers completely offsetting the anticipated Sturt winners down the centre, I'll pick Sturt.



RUCKS—Glenelg—PAYNE (22, 6.3, 13 10), KERNAHAN (26, 6.31, 13 7), RICE (25, 5.7, 11 4); SUTHERLAND, PARKER, McGOWAN. Sturt—HILL (25, 6.2, 14 7), MURPHY (20, 6.0, 13 0), DUNN (26, 5.81, 13 0); CLARKSON, DESMAZURES, LANGRIDGE.

RESERVES—Glenelg—BLACKBURN (24, 6.2, 14 10), HUNT (21, 5.10, 11 9). Sturt—WEBSTER (22, 6.11, 13 4), CLARKE (22, 6.0, 13 1).