# Great Recovery By Glenelg

By MERY AGARS

Trailing by 31 points early in the third quarter and seemingly beaten, Glenelg fought back to defeat league leader South Adelaide by nine points at Adelaide Oval yesterday. 

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Glenelgs' win heightened the battle for final four positions, with the first six teams now separated by only three premiership points.

Glenelg's recovery, one of the best of the season, produced a great finish for the crowd of 18,284.

Despite the magnificent roving of Colin Rice, Glenelg appeared to be falling rapidly out of the game early in the third quarter when two quick lengthened South's halftime lead of 19 points to 31 points.

It had paid dearly for mistakes and looseness in defence, and fumbling uncertainty and poor goalshooting in attack.

Then suddenly Glenelg lifted its game in both departments.

#### **SWITCHED**

Graham Sinclair, trans- Richens. forred to centre half-forward halfway through the second quarter, suddenly got on top of Dick Jackson, who had brilliantly blocked Glenelg's direct route to goal in the first half.

Centre half-back Haydn Linke and back pocketman Colin Richens found touch to take control of their positions—and the Glenelg resurgence was under way.

Four goals from six shots, without reply from South cut Glenelg's deficit to five points and put it back in the game.

It promptly fell 17 points behind again however, as South rushed on goals from Dick Roenfeldt and Peter Judd, but refused to become rattled.

With Rice roving in inspiring fashion and its four tall followers-Harry Kernahan, Neil Sutherland, Geoff Payne and Doug Long-all playing strongly. Glenelg fought back to be only nine points down at the last change.

#### THRILLER

The last quarter was a

thriller.

Glenelg picked up further drive when John Long got on top in the centre after an even duel with Lester Ross, and Garry Edwards, beaten for three quarters, produced a brilliant last quarter at centre mination, the constructive wing.

Two goals to McGowan. suddenly breaking loose in attack, put Glenelg five points up.

Wingman Gerry O'Brien streaked down the ground to take a handpass and goal to restore a point lead to South, then Kernahan kicked poorly for a point from easy range to level the scores.

break when Bob Anesbury and the irrespressible Rice goaled.

Under pressure for the and with its stars blanthree points, but found quarter. Glenelg's confidence too much.

#### CONFIDENCE

This confidence was reflected chiefly by the the key half-forward post second-half form of Payne. Sutherland, Linke

the game later. LEFT-Glenelg halfback Trevor Kendall juggles a mark as South Adelaide halfforward Lindsay Backman leaps in from behind in an attempt to punch the ball away.

> as Glenelg rover Brian McGowan closes in too late to smother the In the backkick. ground Glenelg ruckman Doug Blackburn falling over leaps South captain-coach Neil Kerley in a vain bid to reach Day.

Ross and the efficiency of full forward Dick Roennfeldt (five goals without a miss) kept it in the game until the closing minutes.

Both teams had key forwards out of touch.

Glenelg centre halfforward Ray Button was well beaten by Jackson early, was shifted to a halfforward flank and replaced Glenelg gained a valuable at three-quarter time.

#### REPLACED

South centre halffirst time in the match forward Lindsay Backman who had influenza, also was keted. South fought back shifted to a flank in the with courage and steadi- second quarter and reness to draw to within placed early in the third

> Glenelg profited by the of Sinclair transfer to centre half-forward. but the South attack lost power with Judd's shift to

A clear winner on his and flank, Judd faded out of

BELOW-South rover lan Day shoots for goal

The first three, after dropping easy marks in the first half, handled the ball surely overhead after half-time, while Richens. often caught out of position early, was defending brilliantly at the finish.

South's stars of the first half, ruckman Peter Darcentre half-back Jackson and half-forward Peter Judd, were blanketed in the second half.

But its overall deterplay of centreman Lester

### Premiership Table

		W.	L,	D,	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
SOUTH ADELAIDE		7	3	-	885	596	14	59.75
STURT		7	2	-	932	771	14	54.73
NORWOOD		6	2	1	883	676	13	56.64
PORT ADELAIDE		6	3	-	820	576	12	58.74
WEST TORRENS .		6	3	-	1002	722	12	58.12
GLENELG		5	3	1	905	813	11	52.67
NORTH ADELAIDE		3	6	-	777	807	6	49.50
WEST ADELAIDE		2	7	-	582	289	4	42.45
WOODVILLE		2	7	-	560	988	4	36.17
CENTRAL DISTRIC	T	_	9	-	451	1149	_	32.91

Goalkickers-Glenels - Rice. minimum 5.1; McGowan. Payne. Suther-land. 3.1; Sinclair. 1.2; Anes- Yesterday's Stars hury. Blackburn. 1.0; Button. C. Rice (G) .. .. 3 0.3; Kernahan, 0.2; Westley, P. Jackson (SA) .. 2 0.1. South Adelaide - Roenn - H. Kernahan (G) .. 1 Judd. 2.0; O'Brien, Nason, 1.1: Whitford, Shaw. 1.0: Kantilla. 0.1; rushed, 0.1.

Best players - Glenelg-Rice. Kernahan, Payne, J. Long. D. Long. Linke. South Adelaide -Jackson. Darley. Ross. Judd. Roennfeldt. Whitford.

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## Three New Players In State Squad

By MERV AGARS

The State selectors obviously took present form as their guide in bringing new players Colin Rice, Garry Window and Ross Sawley into the State squad for the game against WA at Adelaide Oval on June 27.

probably This also caused the omission of South Adelaide half-forward Lindsay Backman, who suffering from influenza, played poorly against Glenelg yesterday.

But it does not explain the omission of Glenelg Kernaruckman Harry han, who, in my opinion, has played well in his last two games.

In view of the poor form State ruckmen of all Wedding Bill except against Victoria on June 6. Kernahan's omission is a surprise.

the squad could be embarrassingly short of ruckmen as Fred Bills (injured) and Bob Philp have also been omitted from the squad.

Kerley's form is also a worry. He did not play well against Victoria and was below normal form against Glenelg vesterday

Rice Genelg rover earned a place in the squad - and a probable place in the team to meet WA - with a brilliant game yesterday following four strong efforts in the previous games.

Sturt full forward Sawley kicked five goals against Norwood on Saturday, is third on the league goalkicking list with 28 goals in nine games and comes into the squad as a rival for West Torrens's Geoff Kingston as State full forward.

has played Window strongly for Central District in most games this season and probably clinched a place in the squad with a win over Woodville centreman Bob Simunsen on Saturday.