

Great Recovery By Glenelg

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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.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fnl.	Pts.
GLENELG	3.3	5.4	11.9	17.12	114
SOUTH	4.0	8.5	13.6	16.9	105

Glenelg's 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 goals lengthened South's half-time lead of 19 points to 31 points.

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

Then suddenly Glenelg lifted its game in both departments.

SWITCHED

Graham Sinclair, transferred 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 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.

Glenelg gained a valuable break when Bob Anesbury and the irrespressible Rice goaled.

Under pressure for the first time in the match and with its stars blanketed, South fought back with courage and steadiness to draw to within three points, but found Glenelg's confidence too much.

CONFIDENCE

This confidence was reflected chiefly by the second-half form of Payne, Sutherland, Linke and Richens.

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

Both teams had key forwards out of touch.

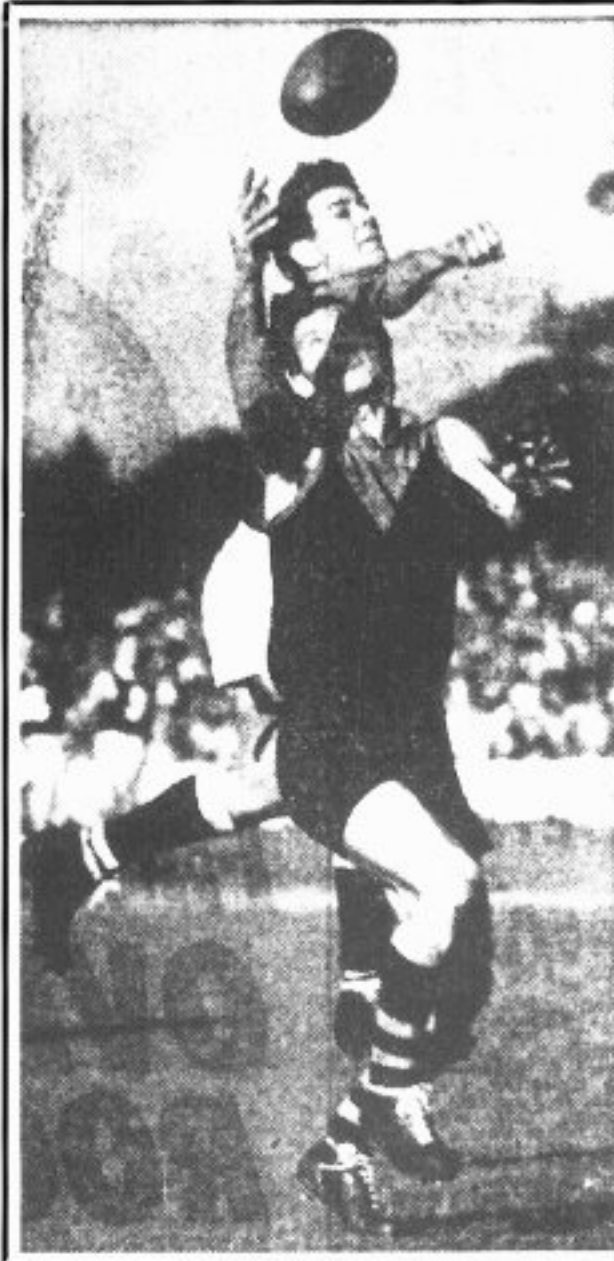
Glenelg centre half-forward Ray Button was well beaten by Jackson early, was shifted to a half-forward flank and replaced at three-quarter time.

REPLACED

South centre half-forward Lindsay Backman who had influenza, also was shifted to a flank in the second quarter and replaced early in the third quarter.

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

A clear winner on his flank, Judd faded out of the game later.



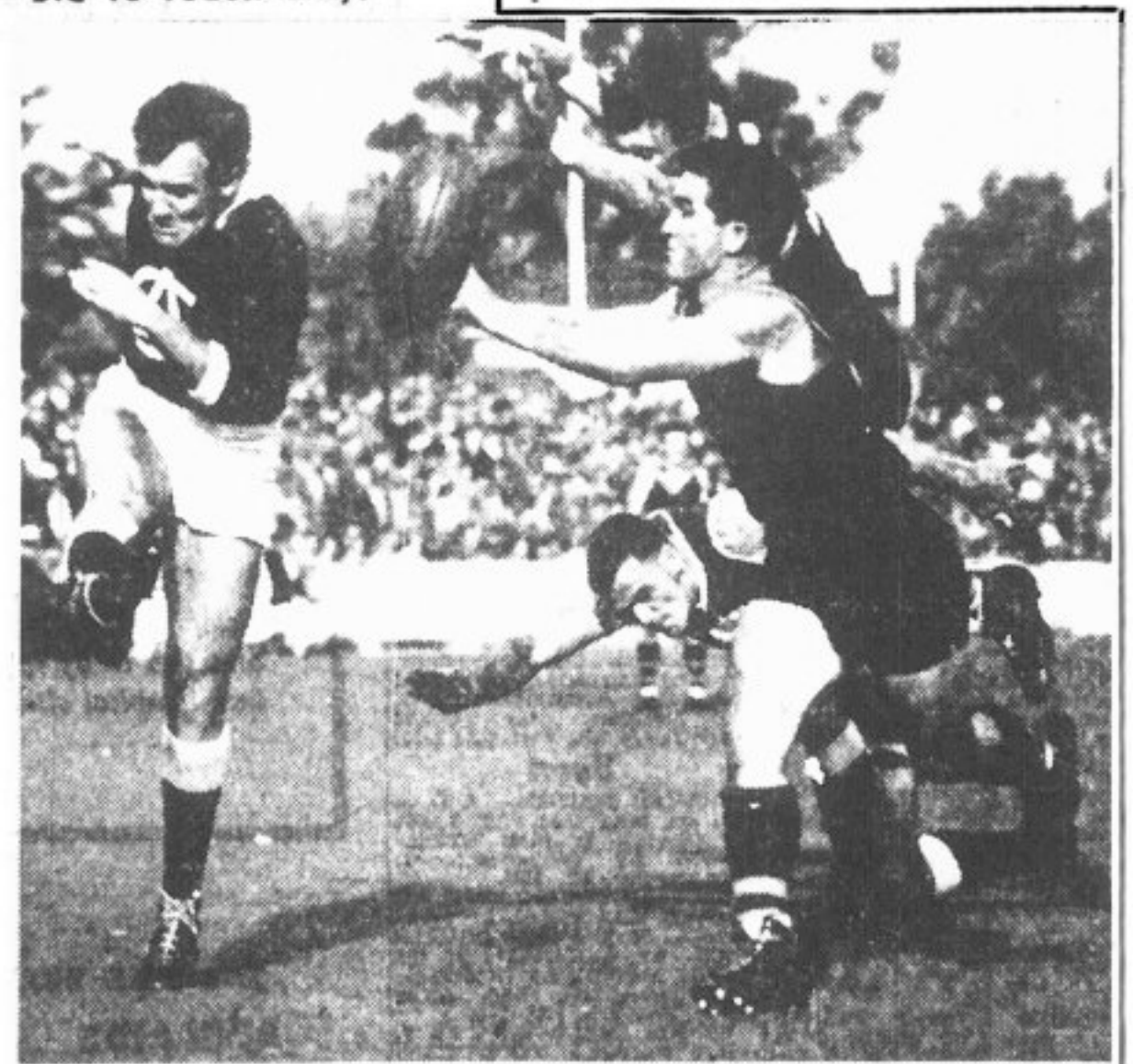
LEFT—Glenelg half-back Trevor Kendall juggles a mark as South Adelaide half-forward Lindsay Backman leaps in from behind in an attempt to punch the ball away.

BELOW—South rover Ian Day shoots for goal as Glenelg rover Brian McGowan closes in too late to smother the kick. In the background Glenelg ruckman Doug Blackburn leaps over falling South captain-coach Neil Kerley in a vain bid to reach Day.

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 Darley, centre half-back Jackson and half-forward Peter Judd, were blanketed in the second half.

But its overall determination, the constructive play of centreman Lester



Goalkickers—Glenelg — Rice, 5.1; McGowan, Payne, Sutherland, 3.1; Sinclair, 1.2; Anesbury, Blackburn, 1.0; Button, 0.3; Kernahan, 0.2; Westley, 0.1. South Adelaide — Roenfeldt, 5.0; Day, 3.1; Skuse, 2.3; Judd, 2.0; O'Brien, Nason, 1.1; Whitford, Shaw, 1.0; Ross, Kantilla, 0.1; rushed, 0.1. Best players — Glenelg—Rice, Kernahan, Payne, J. Long, D. Long, Linke, South Adelaide—Jackson, Darley, Ross, Judd, Roenfeldt, Whitford. Umpire—M. Posa.

Yesterday's Stars

C. Rice (G) . . . 3
P. Jackson (SA) . . . 2
H. Kernahan (G) . . . 1

Premiership Table

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
SOUTH ADELAIDE	7	2	—	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	789	4	42.45
WOODVILLE	2	7	—	560	988	4	36.17
CENTRAL DISTRICT	—	9	—	451	1149	—	32.91