

Tigers Respond To Kerley's Magic

By MERV AGARS

The first-up magic of Neil Kerley gave Glenelg supporters an unexpected thrill when their team beat North Melbourne by five points at Glenelg Oval on Saturday.

For the third time in his career Kerley has begun as coach of a league club with a win — twice with clubs which had finished bottom the previous year.

● **Tempers flared** after a clash between Glenelg wingman Rodney Cahill and North Melbourne ruckman Barry Pascoe, a former North Adelaide and SA player. The picture, taken seconds after the incident, shows (from left) Glenelg players Bob Anesbury and Cahill (on ground), North Melbourne's Mike Gaudion and Bernie McCarthy, umpire Mark Posa and Pascoe.

Glenelg, winner of only three matches last season, was transformed into a hard-hitting, determined, confident side which fought back from a 20-point half-time deficit.

The new technique and approach of the team was obvious from the first bounce but was best exemplified by the way it battled to victory against the wind in the last quarter.

The full-chested drives at the ball and fierce, quick tackling of the Glenelg players took North Melbourne by surprise.

Glenelg's winning margin would have been greater with more steadiness in front of goal.

Here Glenelg "blew" chances because it could not temper the headlong vigor infused into its game.

The Kerley impact was noticeable on all Glenelg players but most strikingly

GLENELG	3.4	3.7	8.12	10.15	75
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new facets of his game — Made him valuable long before his acknowledged marking ability became a force late in the game.

The introduction of tall ruckman Bruce Long at half-time was a match-winner.

Glenelg was beaten in ruck in the first quarter and this, plus wasted forward chances, was chiefly responsible for its half-time deficit.

MOMENTUM

Tom Morony and Des Staite fought back strongly in the second quarter but it was not until Long arrived that Glenelg developed drive from the rucks.

His cleanhit-outs gave Glenelg first chance at the ball and forced North Melbourne on to the defensive.

Glenelg had many fine players. Colin Richens roved well for three quarters and then defended brilliantly in the back pocket in the last.

Kerley was in great form with strong bodywork and ruck play; Staite and Doug Blackburn gave strong ruck support; Fred Phillis and Trevor Kendall completed a strong half-back line and Ron Redford was promising in the back pocket.

North Melbourne's best players were pacy back pocket Tom Allison, new half-forward Garry Farrent, full back John Dugdale, ruckman Denis McGrath, slightly-built rover Arthur Karanicolas and carnival wingman Mike Gaudion.

Riding High

Glenelg players Gary Edwards (left) and Fred Phillis carry coach Neil Kerley shoulder high off the field after their defeat of North Melbourne by five points at Glenelg Oval on Saturday. Kerley and his team received a tremendous ovation from the 7,000 spectators.

DETAILS

GOALKICKERS. — Glenelg — Anesbury 2.3; Hamilton, Staite, 2.1; B. Long, 2.0; Button, 1.1; Kerley, 1.0; Richens, 0.3; Pattinson, 0.2; Colbey, Morony, Cahill, 0.1; rushed 0.1. North Melbourne — Thompson, 3.2; Ibrahim, 2.1; Farrent, 2.0; F. Goode, 1.4; Goodingham, 1.1; Karanicolas, 1.0; B. Pascoe, McCarthy, 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—Glenelg — Linke, Richens, Kerley, Staite, Button, Phillis. North Melbourne—Allison, Farrent, Dugdale, McGrath, Karanicolas, Gaudion.

Umpire—M. J. Posa.
Crowd — 7,200



HAYDN LINKE . . .
best afield.

evident on half-back Haydn Linke and half-forward Ray Button.

Linke's bull-like tenacity blended perfectly with Glenelg's new style.

His vice-like marking and straight-ahead vigor made him the outstanding player on the ground.

Button showed he is a much more dedicated and complete player.

Strong tackling and determined ground play —

