

# 1969 GRAND FINAL

Sturt  
v  
Glenelg

In perfect conditions for football, with ground conditions ideal, Bob Shearman won the toss for Sturt and elected to kick to the scoreboard end with the aid of a light, southerly breeze.

The teams lined up as chosen, with Victorian and Richmond star Royce Hart at centre half-forward for Glenelg (National Services duties, and the fact that a draw in an earlier final had set our program on a week from the Victorians made it possible for him to play — for a reported sum of \$2000).

Sturt were first away, and Greenslade had goaled with only 40 seconds gone.

Hart handballed to Marker, who passed to Phillis for a reply.

Sturt again with goals to Nunan and Bagshaw — and all this within five and a half minutes of classy football.

**And then a sensation occurred.**

Royce Hart was sandwiched between two Sturt players and flattened. Although awarded a free kick he could not take it and was in the hands of trainers for about eight minutes.

After a magnificent first term Sturt led by four straight goals.

Shearman and Eustice were having a battle royal at the pivot with honors about even.

Goals to Ottens and Greenslade were replied with goals to Phillis and Marker.

The Tigers began peppering the goals, but were not getting full value from their kicks, and at half-time the scores were Sturt 10.7 to Glenelg 5.10.

The Blues were off to a good start again in the third quarter with a goal in 30 seconds, while Glenelg had to wait until Hart converted from a sensational mark at the 20-minute mark.

Three minutes later "Fred" Phillis gave the crowd the thrill they had been waiting for. Glenelg's seventh and his third goal saw him break the long-standing South Australian record of 135 goals.

At three-quarter time it was all over.

Sturt went on to finish off the last quarter and complete what had been a fantastic display of power and skilful football to win their fourth straight premiership.

Malcolm Greenslade finished the game with nine goals to equal "Grassy" Green's 1932 record.



● Royce Hart, who played at centre half-forward for Glenelg picks himself up to take a kick as Sturt's Brenton Adcock polices the mark. Peter Marker is in the background.



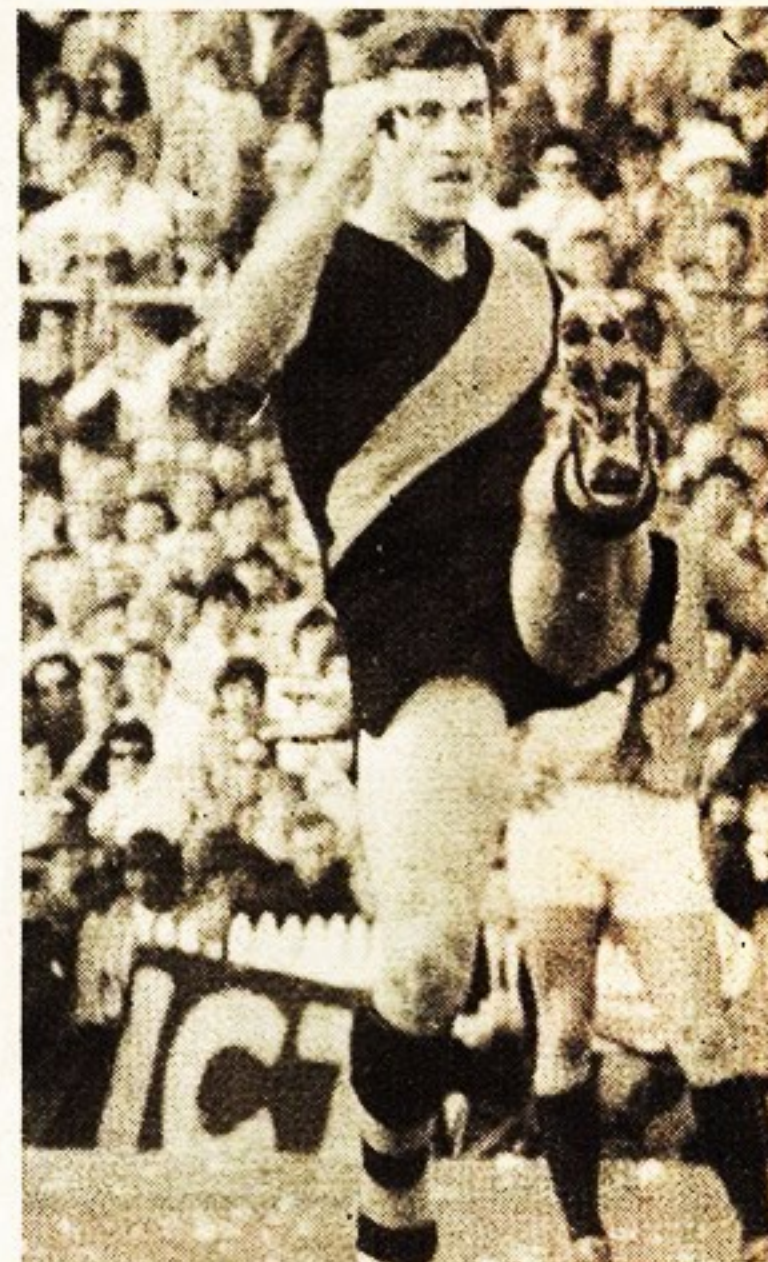
● Glenelg captain-coach Neil Kerley looks despondent following his team's 65-point loss to Sturt in the 1969 Grand Final. It was his final appearance in league football.

Sturt	6.3	10.7	16.12	24.15	159
Glenelg	2.3	5.10	8.13	13.16	94

**BEST PLAYERS — STURT:** Tilbrook, Greenslade, Hicks, Bagshaw, Adcock, Nelson, Chessell, Ottens, Wild. **GLENELG:** Marker, Crabb, Hart, Kernahan, Hunt, Voigt, Hamilton, Pattinson.

**GOALKICKERS — STURT:** Greenslade 9.4, Tilbrook 4.3, Ottens 2.2, Schoff 2.1, Nunan, Rigney 2.0, Clarke 1.1, Chessell, Wild 1.0, Bagshaw, Shearman, Nelson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Phillis 5.3, Hart 2.2, Voigt, Marker 2.1, Eustice, Rosewarne 1.0, Button 0.3, Hamilton, Pattinson 0.2, rushed 0.2.

**UMPIRE —** Bob Hall. **ATTENDANCE —** 55 600.



● "Fred" Phillis kicks his 136th record-breaking goal in the third quarter.