

BAYS BACK NEAR THEIR TOP



West outclassed

By SAM GALLAGHER

Showing a return to something like the irresistible form which carried them unbeaten through 11 games earlier this season, Glenelg outclassed West in the second half of the preliminary final today.

On the fast ground, the Bay's speed finally overcame West after the Red and Blacks hit the front late in the second term.



THE BIG GAME AT A GLANCE

Glen.	2-3	5-6	13-10	19-12	126
West	1-5	5-8	6-14	9-19	73

GERRY HARRISON'S BEST PLAYERS -
GLENELG: Eustice, Marker, Hunt, Kernahan, Rowe, Rosewarne, D. Phillips, Kerley, Pattinson.
WEST: Wallis, Verrier, Day, Hughes, Thompson, Fraser.

SCORERS—GLENELG: D. Phillips 73, Hamilton 30, Kerley 21, Voigt 21, Pattinson 20, Marker 12, Button 12, Eustice 11, Moss 01. **WEST:** Wallis 32, Burkett 21, Fraser 14, Pannenburg 13, Day 11, Jonas 11, Milsom 02, Russian 01, Weideman 01, rushed 03.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Eustice by Aneshury, final term; Button by Goldfinch, final term. **WEST:** Hewitt by Shueard at three-quarter time, Bertelsmeier by J. Hooper at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—R. Hall.

ATTENDANCE—37,654

THE MATCH IN FIGURES

Compiled by BILL HENDERSON
 and BILL SUTHERLAND

GLENELG STATISTICS

	Kicks	Marks	H/passes	Frees
Kernahan	4	—	2	—
Kerley	15	4	12	1
Morony	8	5	2	1
Pattinson	16	2	7	2
Voigt	16	1	5	1
D. Phillips	18	12	5	1
Marker	20	3	5	—
Moss	10	—	3	5
Hamilton	11	5	4	1
Rosewarne	14	6	9	—
Eustice	25	7	4	2
Crabb	12	2	5	1
Smith	11	4	3	1
W. Phillips	10	2	6	1
Colby	14	1	2	1
Hunt	9	2	—	—
K. Rowe	25	4	1	—
Goldfinch	3	—	—	—
Button	11	4	2	—
Aneshury	3	1	—	—
Total	255	60	77	18

Rowe's kicks include 10 kick offs

WEST STATISTICS

	Kicks	Marks	H/passes	Frees
Russian	5	—	3	—
Weideman	16	4	12	1
Verrier	16	7	1	—
Thompson	7	—	—	—
Pannenburg	17	7	3	1
Wallis	18	4	2	2
Jonas	4	2	2	—
Burkett	12	2	3	2
Milsom	9	3	4	1
Fraser	13	4	3	4
Bertelsmeier	3	1	3	—
Day	17	—	0	—
R. Hooper	15	2	4	3
Pope	13	2	—	3
Plew	5	1	1	1
Hewitt	9	2	2	1
Hughes	12	5	1	3
Bray	19	4	—	—
J. Hooper	6	1	2	—
Shueard	7	3	—	—
Total	223	54	52	22

Bray's total includes 12 kick-offs

West, however, were unable to produce the strong third quarter which had characterised their two previous games against Torrens.

Today it was Glenelg who got the vital break when the game was in the balance.

They kicked 8-4 to 1-6 and the game was all over at three-quarter time.

Glenelg's superior speed threatened to take them clear early in the game but the Tigers failed to make the most of their opportunities in attack.

Strong defence by Bray who held Phillips to two goals in the first half kept West in the game.

In control

But the West defence collapsed in the face of Glenelg's third term onslaught.

Winning rucks, a dominant centre line, and the dash of rovers Pattinson and Voigt made openings that Marker at half-forward and Phillips at the goalfront made the most of.

Kernahan's fine ruck game hit West where it hurt most.

He was in control at the bounces and throwing for most of the day.

The only lift West got in ruck was from Verrier's strong field play when they overhauled Glenelg in the second term.

Kernahan consistently out-positioned Russian to deprive West of one of their main sources of drive.

And the speed of the Bay rovers away from the ruck and also in the forward area was something West could not match.

Lacked pace

Pannenburg played a strong first half and was in the thick of West's second quarter challenge but after half-time was found wanting for pace.

Weideman was another who faded in the second half.

Even in the first half when he was most effective, the West captain-coach was forced into error a couple of times by the speed of Glenelg's tackling.

The pattern was set by the Bays early in the game.

West's first three scoring tries were behind that were forced through by the Glenelg defence before the West players could get a boot to the ball.

The Red-and-Black broke down almost completely in attack.

They switched Mason, and Jonas between full-forward and centre half forward without achieving any success in either position.

Upper hand

Burkett on one flank and Day and Fraser alternating on the other were then only effective players ahead of centre.

Glenelg on the other hand had Marker in command almost throughout. Hamilton useful on the other flank and Phillips progressively more dangerous at the goalfront.

When Rosewarne gained the upper hand on the wing after a fine start by Hooper Glenelg were in control right across centre and it became a matter of how much they would win by.

Eustice's tenacity at centre was a constant source of drive.

He in particular capitalised on West's mistakes and these became more frequent as the game progressed.

Rowe's return to the full back was a significant addition to Glenelg's power.

He was far too good in the air and kicked off with a power and consistency that made West's 19 behinds a considerable liability.

Alongside him Hunt's close checking of the resting rover was also an important contribution to Glenelg's win.

The Bays finished full of running in an impressive workout for the big one next week.

WHAT CAPTAIN-COACHES SAID



●NEIL KERLEY (Glenelg captain-coach)—I was thrilled with our second half when the boys settled down and lost their early nervousness. A good rest this week and we will come up fit and well for next Saturday.



●MURRAY WEIDEMAN (West captain-coach)—Let's face it, they were far too good. They survived the conditions far better than we did and functioned too well in their forward lines.

BEST MAN ON GROUND



Ken Eustice . . . voted best afield by football writers.

Jeff Bray held Phillips to two goals in first half



WRITERS' VOTES

Ken Eustice (Glenelg) was voted best man on the ground in today's preliminary final by SUNSET Mail football writers.

Here is how they voted:

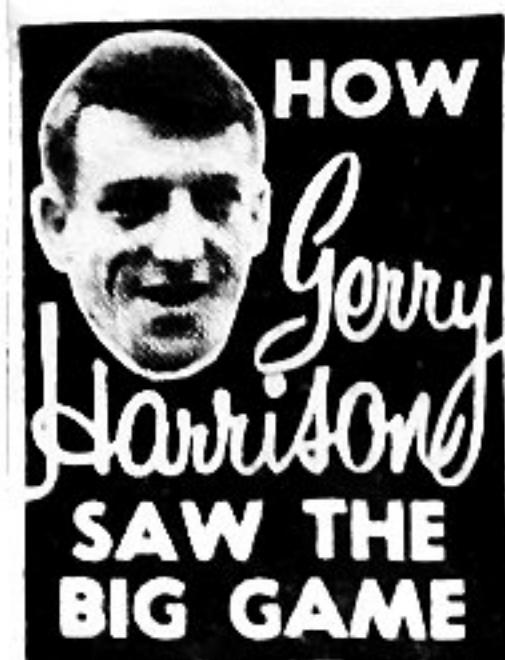
SAM GALLAGHER—Eustice (Glenelg), Marker (Glenelg), Kernahan (Glenelg).

STAN WICKHAM—Marker, Eustice, Pattinson (Glenelg).

BILL HENDERSON — Eustice, Marker, Rowe (Glenelg).

BILL SUTHERLAND—Eustice, Marker, D. Phillips (Glenelg).

GERRY HARRISON — Eustice, Marker, Hunt (Glenelg).



HOW
Gerry Harrison
SAW THE
BIG GAME

Bays' third term won it

With a magnificent burst of power to ball in the third quarter of the preliminary final today, Glenelg swept West aside to earn a grand final berth.

West had no answer to Glenelg's backing up and positive system and the Bays registered a matchwinning 8-4 for the quarter.



STAN WICKHAM'S STABKICKS

In the third term Glenelg poured in from all angles to kick 8-4 to West's 1-6, to virtually kick their way into the grand final.

DURING the second grand final the crowd in the stand and members enclosure were quick to recognise several well known personalities and applaud them as they moved to their seats.

The best round of applause went to boxer Lionel Rose who out-pointed the Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, and several prominent Sturt players.

THERE'S a time and place for everything and I won't have a bar of players having to line up before an important game as the players were compelled to today while the Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, was introduced to the captains and umpire Bob Hall.

Kerley was grim-faced throughout proceedings and even winning the toss after the PM had tossed the coin couldn't bring a smile.

GLENELG had 2-2 in the first 10 minutes and their half-forward line of Marker, Moss and Hamilton were in practically every move. Marker was the big danger.

KERNAHAN began in great fashion both with his ruck work and clearance from defence.

The way the play was directed around the flanks by both sides one got the impression that both teams were devoid of centre half-forwards.

WEIDEMAN set off on a nonchalant two-bounce sprint down the centre of the ground but Marker quickly braked him up and the West skipper was embarrassingly dispossessed of the ball.

WHAT a treat it was to see opponents Marker and Pope vie for the ball early in the second term as they both used beautiful bodywork and outstanding skill to offset each other.

PATTINSON was conspicuous with lightning dashes from the packs, direct hand ball and intelligent constructive play.

FUMBLES by Glenelg players Crabb and Hunt let West in for two quick goals just when West were finding goals hard to get. West hit the lead.

MOSS could become a force for the Tigers if he spent more time grabbing the ball and less throwing it away and staging for trees.

WHAT a battle Wallis put up before he snapped West's fifth goal in the second term.

He was caught between Glenelg defenders Hunt and Rowe alongside the behind post and showed outstanding ability to worm past the two and snap over his left shoulder.

GLENELG'S small men Pattinson and Voigt, with Hamilton were prominent early in the third term to engineer the play for two quick Bay goals.

EVERY time Glenelg full back Kevin Rowe kicked off the crowd gasped in admiration. His 70 to 80 yard screw punts repeatedly made the centre patch.

HEWITT and Bertelsmeier were replaced at three-quarter time by Jan Hooper and Shueard in an attempt to salvage the game with two fresh players. Shueard went to centre half-back with Hooper owing.

GLENELG centreman Ken Eustice read the play brilliantly to gather the ball in the forward pocket, side-step two opponents and with his twenty-fifth kick of the game snap a great goal.

Ken called it a day and immediately left the ground to give Bob Anesbury a run. This was at the 16-minute mark of the last term.

THE last quarter was a formality, especially when Voigt slammed in a great running goal in the first 30 seconds, but it was still a treat to watch the way Marker and Pope tussled for the ball with Marker undoubtedly taking the honors against the talented Pope.

WITH seven goals today Fred Phillis took his tally to 132 today, two behind Ken Farmer's all-time record set in 1936. With five at three-quarter time Glenelg players looked for Phillis in the last term, but he could only notch two more.

THEY say things happen in three's. The Balmain Tigers (Sydney rugby league), won their final last Saturday. The Richmond Tigers (Vic.) won their final today. How about the Glenelg Tigers next Saturday?

The weather was warm and the ground hard and fast as the unchanged West side took the field. Glenelg replaced Cornes with Button, Goldfinch and Anesbury were the reserves.

Umpire was R. Hall.

Kerley won the Prime Minister's toss and Glenelg kicked to the river end, favored slightly by a strong cross breeze.

Glenelg were first into attack through Voigt but Thompson saved for West.

The Bays were in again through Eustice, who was fouled after disposal and from a free upfield Phillis managed a behind.

A great snapshot by Pattinson gave the Bays the first goal of the match after seven minutes of play.

West attacked but apart from two good marks by Burkett they were always under pressure and two rushed behinds was the result.

Moss found Kerley unattended at centre half-forward and the Bays captain-coach made no mistake with a long screw punt.

West took over the attack, but they could not crack the tight Glenelg defence.

Fraser was at centre with Day at half-forward as West continued in attack but strong football by Pannenburg again resulted in a behind.

NO MISTAKE

Fraser kicked West's fifth consecutive behind but then goaled from a free with four minutes of time-or, played.

First quarter scores were Glenelg 2-3 West 1-5.

The Bays once more were first into attack for Marker to neatly find Voigt within easy range but he missed.

West again interchanged Day and Fraser and it was the latter who sent them in for another behind — their seventh.

Creative football by Pattinson made the play for Hamilton to run into an open goal for Glenelg.

It was Pattinson again playing on quickly from a free, who found Phillis alone in the goalsquare for Glenelg's fourth goal.

However, moments later Burkett made no mistake as he ran into an open goal after Verrier had made the play with a neat handpass.

Day, again back at half-forward snapped full points under severe pressure as West hit back hard.

A long dropkick from outside half-forward by Day hit the post as West grabbed the initiative.

Pannenburg broke from half-forward to goal on the run and at the 22-minute mark West hit the front for the first time in the game.

Phillis had a chance to restore the Bays' lead, but he kicked into the man on his mark — a shocking error.

Magnificent football by Wallis, as he beat two opponents to snap a goal sent West clear.

However, Phillis reduced the leeway to two points when he cleverly evaded three West defenders to run into the easiest of goals.

Half-time scores were West 5-8, Glenelg 5-6.

West had Milson at full forward Jonas at centre half — forward Fraser on a flank and Day at centre for the opening of the quarter.

Day sent West deep into attack but a free to W. Phillis held up the attack.

The Bays rebounded downfield through Kerley for Voigt to hand-pass to Pattinson for a quick goal to Glenelg.

After Eustice had just missed with a long shot West attacked for Burkett to have a chance but he also missed.

A kick off the ground by Button, registered another Glenelg goal and the Bays looked a much better side.

Phillis marked strongly to goal and the Bays had opened up a 17-point lead eight minutes into the quarter.

Eustice drove the Bays in deep for Phillis to win the bounce of the ball and break clear to kick the Bays' ninth goal.

Points to Marker and Phillis were followed by a strong mark and goal to Phillis — his fifth — for Glenelg to lead by 29 points.

West were being outplayed and were struggling to move the ball over half-forward as Jonas returned to the goalfront and Milson to centre half-forward.

Fraser found Wallis at half-forward and the West rover drove home a magnificent dropkick for their first goal of the quarter at the 24-minute mark.

However, the burst was short-lived and the Bays hit back immediately with a goal from Voigt.

Although harassed all the way Marker snapped from inside half-forward and the ball bounced through for another Glenelg goal.

A free to Kerley at centre half-forward resulted in the Bays' eighth goal for the quarter and they had cleared away to a 38-point lead at the last change.

Third-quarter scores were Glenelg 13-10 West 6-14.

The Bays careered into attack from the bounce for Voigt to goal after 30 seconds of play and West were in real trouble.

Marker's long shot raised only one flag but the Bays struck again when Phillis marked strongly to kick his sixth goal.

Loose men appeared everywhere as the Bays stormed through the West defence once more for another goal to Hamilton.

Although trailing miserably West penetrated the tight Glenelg defence for two consecutive points from Pannenburg.

Burkett broke through to goal for West but Glenelg were doing things easily as Eustice produced a tremendous individual effort to goal in reply.

After Kerley had pointed for the Bays, West again attacked for Wallis to find Jonas for a goal.

West were in again as Wallis penetrated the Bay defence once more to goal on the run.

However, the Bays again had an answer and Phillis marked to kick his seventh goal and seal the game for Glenelg.

Final scores were Glenelg 19-12, West 9-19.

Thirds grand final to Bays

Settling down quicker than Torrens and with a pre-arranged plan of two centre men John and Rawson Glenelg unsettled Torrens and went to an early lead in the Thirds grand final.

The Bays, with winning rucks led by Caldwell outmarked the Eagles all over the ground.

They ran riot in the second and third terms, with Wyatt, the Torrens goalkeeper, playing a lone hand to hold them out.

Glenelg slowed down in the last quarter enabling Torrens to stage a revival. But this was held in check by strong play from Vivian, who marked at will.

Glenelg went on to take a well-deserved premiership.

THIRDS GRAND FINAL
1st 2nd 3rd Fnl. Pts.
Glenelg 3.2 9.6 14.13 15.14 104
WT 1.4 4.5 7.5 10.10 70
Goalkeepers — Glenelg: Crawshaw 5 P. Osborn 4 T. Osborn 3 Colbey Ingham. Miller Torrens Price 4. Vawter 2 Willats 2. Kelly, Patterson Best Players — Glenelg: Vivian, John, Caldwell, T. Osborn, E. Osborn, Wyatt Leonard Price, Mar-Lipp, Rawson Torrens: tin, Wyld Paletic, Willats.

West Perth in one-sided win

PERTH, Sat.: In one of the most one-sided football grand finals seen here, West Perth beat East Perth by 73 points—21-21 to 10-14—at Subiaco Oval today.

West's captain-coach Graham (Polly) Farmer, realised his great ambition to coach a premiership side.

Ten minutes before the game ended Farmer sportingly ran off the ground to let Brian Sampson go on and share in the triumph.

WEST PERTH 6.12 10.14 18.19 21.21 (147)

EAST PERTH 2.2 4.5 4.6 10.14 (74)

GOALKICKERS — West Perth — Richards 7, Smeath 6, Miller, Wynne 2, Baker, Valli, Knell, Watling 1, East Perth — Dorrington 4, Bygraves 3, Tierney, Smith, Verstegen.

BEST — West Perth — Dempsey, Shinnen, Watling, Smeath, Farmer, Richards, Dragun, Knell, Valli, East Perth — McAullay, Haines, Brown, Smith, Graham, Gillespie, Evans, Dorrington.

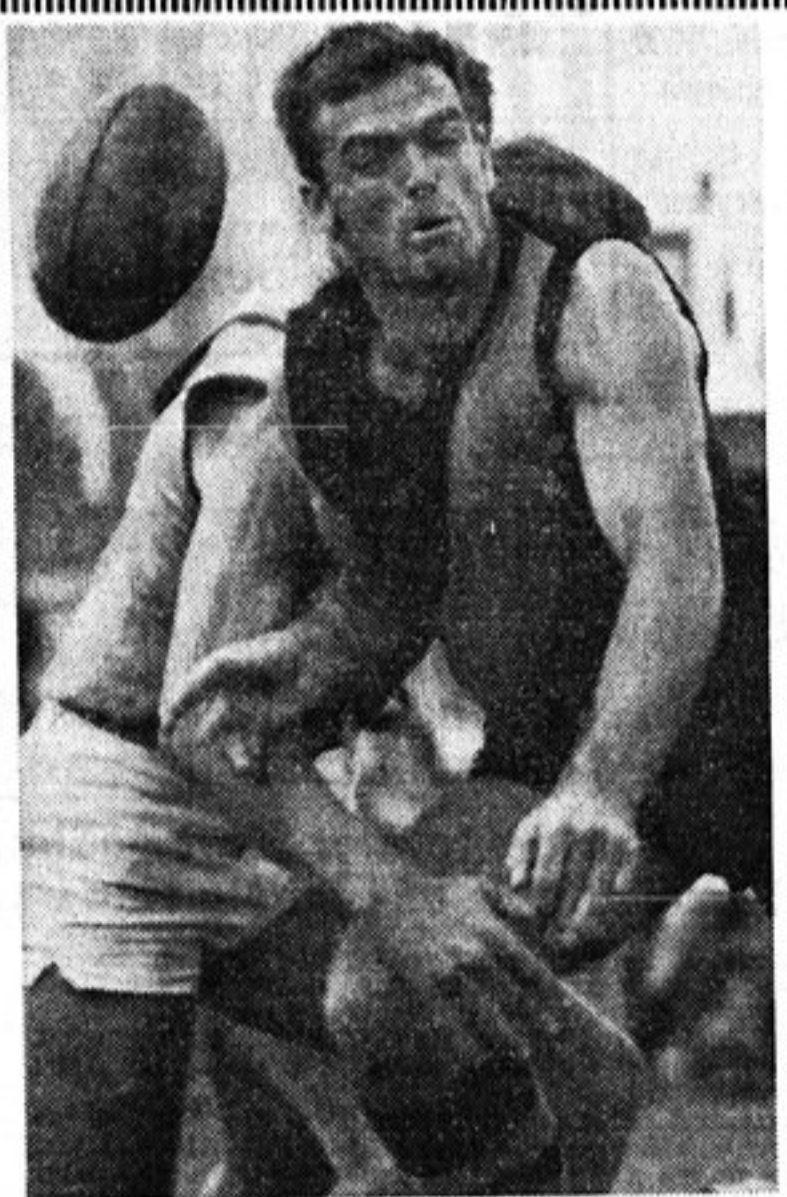
In Tasmania

The Tasmanian State premiership today resulted:

North Hobart 26-20 (176), **Launceston** 6-13 (49).

1969 FINALS SOUVENIR

LAWRIE JERVIS looks at the Preliminary Final



GLENELG captain-coach Neil Kerley in a study of grim determination. "The King," as Tiger fans call him, will have played his last league game tomorrow if Glenelg are beaten by West.

Tide turning for calmer Glenelg

Glenelg's tighter defence and heavier goalscoring potential make them my choice to defeat West in the preliminary final tomorrow.

They should earn the right to get another crack at Sturt in the grand final tomorrow week.

I expect Glenelg to be relaxed, yet nonetheless more determined than they were last week.

They kicked themselves out of the game in the first quarter against Sturt because of semi-final jitters. But it will be another pressure game. West have not got this far just by chance. They have played some great football this year of a quality which has well earned them the right to contest the preliminary final.

That alone proved West are fit, in spite of criticism this week of their training methods... not by me.

West's trump cards around the centre bounces are Aldo Russian, who gets his hand first to the ball so often; Weideman, with his slick and effective handpasses to get the ball out into the open, and Robert Day's great ability to win kicks at centre. Glenelg must cover this. They have the players to do it in

from 10 shots in the first quarter was a poor return which put them under pressure and forced them to struggle. More disturbing was the way Glenelg crumbled in the last quarter against Sturt. This was in contrast with the way West finished so strongly in the last quarter of their two clashes with Torrens.

But only two goals

Convincing

They were very convincing in toppling Torrens in the semi-final replay, and coach Murray Weideman, apart from his unquestioned value as a player, has the knack of getting the best out of his team with his presence on the field.

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Harry Kernahan, Neil Kerley and Ken Eustice.

Kernahan was not allowed to be effective last week, while Eustice was no match for Bob Shearman after the first quarter.

Day is a similar type to Shearman, able to deliver quickly a booming kick to the forwards.

Stronger

But I doubt that he can eclipse Eustice, and both are likely to get plenty of kicks. Neither will cut the other out of the game.

But Glenelg's centre line looks stronger than West's, with Laurie Rosewarne in great form.

If Rosewarne can play as well against David Bertelsmeier as he did against Daryl Hicks last week, Peter Marker will again be assured of a steady supply of chances.

Bertelsmeier had a good day against Torrens in the last game, and is taller and heavier than Rosewarne. But the Glenelg wingman, if he is not winning himself, makes it very difficult for his opponent.

I think Eustice and Rosewarne combined will give the Tigers an edge across centre, with Bob Hooper and Terry Crabb line ball.

With the exception of Marker, Glenelg got very little from their half-forwards last week.

One flank was completely unproductive. Kerry Hamilton's return to the half-forward right position should alter that.

Tomorrow, I will be surprised if Glenelg do not win across half-forward.

Rod Pope is a class half-back, matched against a class half-forward in Marker. That will be a fine duel.

But Darrell Moss and Hamilton could be a little too good for Graham Plew and Peter Hewitt. Hamilton can be a devastating player when in form, and early in the season was Glenelg's best half-forward.

West do not look so well off across half-forward. Simon Fraser will be the main danger. He is an elusive, fast-moving flanker of quality—a player equally at home in the demanding role of centreman.

This will be a real test

The disposal of the respective centre-lines will play a big part in which team gains the initiative across centre.

Both centre line trios will win their share of the ball, but it will depend on which one directs it best. On his form last week, Laurie Rosewarne will win his wing.

But David Bertelsmeier, Rosewarne's likely opponent, gets value for every kick as he so ably showed last Saturday week.

Terry Crabb would need to lift his game. I think he will, and he could have too much height and pace for Robert Hooper.

Ken Eustice and Robert Day are both great ball-getters.

Day's penetrative kicking always enables him to be of immense value to West.

Eustice, as usual, will gain at least 20 kicks.

Glenelg's half-backs, between them, won only 21 kicks and four marks against Sturt.

But Brian Colbey, Wayne Phillis, and Ken Smith will be better players tomorrow.

Planker Simon Fraser looks West's only possible winner across half-forward.

John Burkett is a clever enough type, but he lacks the physical strength to match it with either Colbey or Smith.

Peter Milsom's form was poor in both semi-finals against Torrens, and Wayne Phillis should account for him.

I thought back pocket Chris Hunt was Glenelg's best player last week.

He'll have to continue in that vein if he is to contain West's rovers, Gary Wallis and Jack Pannenburg.

David Jonas bothers all full backs with his speed and activity around the goal area.

Jonas, however, could be in trouble tomorrow if the ball is not delivered to him with a certain degree of accuracy.

Bay full back Kevin Rowe may need the run, but his height will worry Jonas.

Ian Verrier's high marking in the forward pocket will test Tom Moroney and Kerley.

GLENELG v. WEST

PRELIMINARY FINAL ADELAIDE OVAL 2:20p.m. GLENELG KICKING UP, NAMES UNDERNEATH

BRAY (31, 6.0, 14.0) D. PHILLIS (21, 6.1, 14.2)	HUGHES (28, 5.9, 12.7) VOIGT (21, 5.9, 12.0)	THOMPSON (26, 6.3, 12.10) CORNES (21, 6.2, 12.4)
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BURKETT (23, 6.1, 12.0) SMITH (22, 5.11, 12.5)	MILSOM (21, 6.0, 12.8) W. PHILLIS (19, 6.2, 13.10)	FRASER (23, 5.10, 12.10) COLBEY (22, 6.0, 13.1)
WALLIS (23, 5.9, 11.7) HUNT (26, 5.9, 11.3)	VERRIER (19, 6.2, 13.0) MORONY (23, 6.2, 13.7)	JONAS (20, 6.1, 13.7) K. ROWE (20, 6.3, 14.0)
Rucks: WEST—RUSSIAN (23, 6.4, 14.2), WEIDEMAN (33, 6.1, 14.7), PANNENBURG (22, 5.11, 13.0); Verrier, Thompson, Wallis. GLENELG—KERNAHAN (31, 6.3, 13.7), KERLEY (35, 6.0, 14.1), PATTINSON (24, 5.8, 11.6); Morony, Cornes, Voigt. Reserves: WEST—J. HOOPER (27, 5.8, 11.10), SHUEARD (22, 6.2, 13.1). GLENELG—GOLDFINCH (20, 6.3, 14.7), BUTTON (24, 5.11, 12.7).		

• Last season: First round: Glenelg 10-13 (73) d. West 6-10 (46) (Richmond). Second round: West 8-5 (53) d. Glenelg 7-5 (47) (Glenelg). This season: First round: Glenelg 18-18 (126) d. West 8-9 (57) (Richmond). Second round: West 15-9 (99) d. Glenelg 12-17 (89) (Glenelg).



WEST captain-coach Murray Weideman... a picture of concentration as he addresses his players. "The Weed" is one of SA's most colorful football characters.

Glenelg's rucks undoubtedly must inject more life into their games if they're to subdue Aldo Russian and Co.

I'm quite convinced that Kernahan, Kerley, Cornes, and Morony will win their share of knocks and be damaging in the field play.

Russian, of course, will often win the hit-outs. But Weideman will have to do most of the heavy work around the ground.

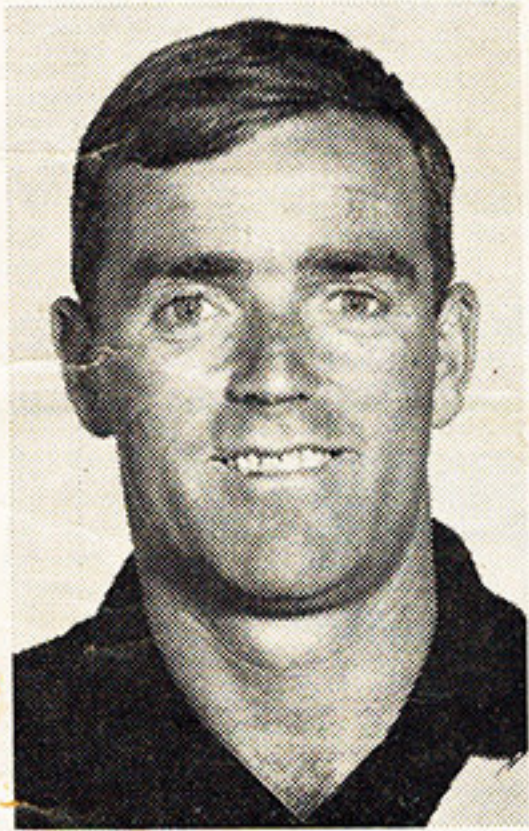
Although Rex Voigt did well last week, he and Keith Pattinson will need to be at their top to prevent West's rovers, Wallis and Pannenburg, from being the driving forces they were in both matches against Torrens.

As is the case with all finals, numerous "ifs" hang over tomorrow's game. Two surround Kerley and Weideman.

Either captain-coach could well inspire his side to victory.

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BEAUTIFUL KICKING

If ever being able to kick long, fast and straight was to be demonstrated, Bob Shearman did it last Saturday.

Everyone knows Shearman can kick a long way. But he showed his mastery of the art of getting the ball to the right spot quickly, in the way he found full-forward Malcolm Greenslade last week.

These are the goals which win finals.

★ ★ ★
Although Doug Long got the run-around from Malcolm Greenslade, he kicked off beautifully.

He was reaching 70 yards with his screw punts from the scoreboard end.



DOUG LONG

★ ★ ★
Some of Sturt's goals were out of this world.

One was the left-footer on the run from Sturt's giant ruckman Dean Ottens, just before the end of the first quarter.

Ottens made it look easy, but could he ever do it again?

Another was the one from John Tilbrook at the scoreboard end in the third quarter.

Tilbrook was hemmed in by a herd of Glenelg defenders, yet somehow broke clear enough to get his kick through the crush, and goal.

This, in spite of a pulled hamstring muscle received early in the game. Long had a painkiller at half-time.

★ ★ ★
The concentration of power in Sturt's attack

was shown in that three players — Greenslade, John Tilbrook and Rick Schoff—kicked 13.14 of the total of 18.16.

Greenslade got 6.5, Tilbrook 4.5, and Schoff 3.4.

Greenslade bettered his match average this season, and now has 76 goals in 15 games.

Fred Phillis, with four goals, now has 125 in 21 games.

★ ★ ★
Fred Phillis, in spite of his experience in State games, was plainly nervous when he lined up his first two kicks for goal.

He went back far enough from the man on his mark originally, then got the stutters in his run-up, which led him into getting too close to the man standing his mark.

This forced him to kick high, and lose direction.

He was a different player after half-time, though, and showed no hesitancy.

Not Many Close Ones

Strangely, preliminary finals have not produced a great number of very close finishes in the past 24 years since World War II.

Why, is difficult to pinpoint. But fairly comfortable wins have been the rule.

In 1965, Sturt beat South by seven points. In 1963 North beat Torrens by two points. In 1961, Norwood beat Port by two points. In 1948, Norwood beat West by four points, and in 1945, Torrens beat Norwood by four points.

Of these, Torrens and Norwood were the only teams to go on to win the premiership.

The effort of Torrens to come from winning the first semi-final against North in 1945, to the premiership was one of the most controversial.

Scores were level in the first semi-final when the final bell was sounded. In the uproar, umpire Ken Alpin did not immediately hear the bell, and Torrens' rover Jim Thoms kicked a goal.

It was not until then that Alpin heard the bell sounding. Torrens had won by that one goal.

Later than night the bell was torn from its mountings.

Torrens then went on to a narrow win over Norwood in the preliminary final, and beat Port by 13 points in the grand final.

It will always be speculated — particularly by North supporters — whether Torrens would have survived the first semi-final replay, if the game had ended when it should have — before Thoms' goal.

Today's contestants, Glenelg and West must have ample respect for each other, in the light of season's performances.

When they first met at Richmond, in the fifth round on May 3, Glenelg had a mighty win, 18.18 to 8.9.

Rowe, Hamilton, Kerley, Anesbury, Eustice and Kernahan all played well for the Tigers, with Hughes, Sara, Day, Thompson and Wallis best for West.

In the fifteenth round at Glenelg, it was West's turn. While they did not win by a big margin, they achieved decisive success by 10 points, 15.9 to 12.17.

West's best came from Russian, Hughes, Wallis, Shueard and Juan Hooper. Glenelg's best included Eustice, Rosewarne, Smith, Fred Phillis and Hunt.

West could hardly be faulted in the first semi-final and the replay.

They came from behind in the first half each time. A fortnight ago, in particular, they finished much more strongly than Torrens, and proved themselves a fit side.

In both games, the West rovers John Pannenburg and Gary Wallis were key figures, and with ruckman Aldo Russian could run Glenelg into trouble today.

Glenelg, surprisingly, were unable to command the ruck last week as was thought likely, and Harry Kernahan will be in trouble against Russian's long reach today.

Glenelg's goal shooting let them down last Saturday, and although Fred Phillis may not be so nervous early as last week, he has a tough full-back to beat in Jeff Bray, who has been most economical.

David Jonas showed great speed against Torrens, and he will worry Glenelg's full-back with his sharp leading and strong marking.

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Umpires' Notes

Umpires Coach, Brian Lees (Nude Nut) as known to a lot of his Umpires, is not to seek re-appointment next year as "Umpires Coach", will be missed by all especially as he was always 'Friendly', Firm and Fair. We know Brian will be a good 'Ambassador' for Umpires and wish him every success for the future.

Grand Final Cabaret at the Shandon Hotel now 4th October — not tonight.

Mystery Family Day, Sunday, 5th October. Pick up your instructions from 1 p.m. onwards on the day at Railways Oval. The weather would have to improve. See you all there.

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Sports Show Pars

The clash of the centremen today on the Adelaide Oval and tomorrow on the Channel 9 Sports Show. Throughout the year Channel 9 have had a dearth of centremen in their panel, Bob Shearman, John Cahill, Lindsay Head and of course today's stars Ken Eustice and Robert Day.

Either Ken or Robert will no doubt be very disappointed tomorrow and their comments will be very interesting.

★ ★ ★
Channel 9 are featuring a wealth of videotape in their Sunday coverage of all finals games backed up by competent comments by players concerned. This makes a post mortem of any game much more interesting to the winner.

★ ★ ★
Robert Day missed last week's Channel 9 Sports Show due to the flu. He will be back on deck tomorrow after today's important game. Last minute replacement last week was Rodney Pope.

★ ★ ★
Two happy people in Adelaide today are Miss Wendy Bice and Mrs. Phillis, mother of "Fred". Wendy, Fred's fiancee, and Mrs. Phillis will share the \$400 wig wardrobe from Feres Trabilis won by the Magarey Medallist. This was presented last Sunday on the Channel 9 Sports Show.

Not Short of Talent

Short by name, and short by nature. That's Sturt's 5.9 tall half-back Terry Short.

But although small in stature (he weighs only 11.10), he is big in performance.

This was evident again in the second semi-final when he convincingly won his half-back flank.

Short, who had the nail removed from his big right toe eight days before, took five marks against Glenelg, gave five handpasses and had 11 kicks.

And he restricted opponent Bob Anesbury to four kicks in three quarters.

Short, 27, has played 182 games. Having been on the scene for only nine years, his average is remarkable.

He is cool and unfurried under the strongest pressure and although built like a rover he compensates for lack of weight and height with his pace and anticipation.

Rex Voigt certainly played his part for Glenelg last week with a sound roving display, having 22 kicks and giving five handpasses.

He is equally at home in this capacity or at centre wing. And he admitted on TV on Sunday that he had no preference for either.

Voigt and Kerry Hamilton were recruited from Loxton in 1967.

Hamilton was given the thankless task of filling full forward, and although he had many good days, he found that his lack of inches (only 5.10½) was often against him.

Last year he found his niche at half-forward but was unfortunate to break his ankle in the 10th series.

He was a permanent again this year until the

15th series when he was forced out with injury.

When Roger Rigney bounced back for the third time in the last quarter last week after taking a few heavy whacks he reminded one of a boxer.

And like so many fighters who hit back, he came back with a goal in the time on period.

That was a memorable goal — although even now no-one is probably aware of it — but it was the 200th kicked by the 29-year-old Sturt rover.

"The Wombat" as he is affectionately known at Unley, has given great service again this year even though he was hampered by injury for a long period.

He has continued to burrow in after the ball — usually with success.

Rigney, now in his 11th league season, has played 173 games.

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DOES NOT MISS TEAM-MATES

Being unable to train at Glenelg has not hindered 21-year-old wingman Lawrie Rosewarne.

This was evident in last week's semi-final when he was the Tigers' best with an assured and polished display.

Most of his 24 kicks were placed to advantage while he also marked and handballed efficiently.

Rosewarne, with an insurance company at Whyalla, flies to Adelaide each week-end to play.

Officials get a bit edgy when the charter plane does not arrive on time. On one occasion, secretary Ray Curnow had to make a hurried trip to Parafield to collect him.

Rosewarne has played most of his league football at centre where he has succeeded because he is quick, strong, an excellent kick and can check as well as penetrate.

But he is equally effective on the wing where the same skills apply.

Rosewarne is a true product. He started his football at Forbes Pri-

mary School before graduating to Glenelg's Saturday morning junior league.

Then it was just a question of time before he moved through the Colts, Thirds to the league side.

Lawrie is a son of Clem Rosewarne, one of the top goalgetters in the 1930's.

Have you ever noticed a likeness between West Adelaide players David Bertelsmeir and Hal Shueard?

Each admits that he has been mistaken for the other at times. And this can be embarrassing.

"Especially when you have played well and someone says on the Monday that you had a bad day," Bertelsmeir said yesterday.

"It cuts the other way too," Shueard said, "What about when you have played badly and a chap compliments you on your game?"

The major round has been something of a jinx to Shueard.

Last year he was unavailable for the semi-final because of stomach injury. This year he sprained his ankle in the first semi-final and was forced to miss the replay.

Shueard, who settled down well at centre half-back late in the season, was S.A.'s most sought-after country recruit in 1964.

The 17-year-old Barmera youngster trained with South Adelaide, West Adelaide, Sturt and West Torrens.

He played in a West Adelaide trial but that night he and his parents kept an appointment with the then South Adelaide coach Neil Kerley.

Eventually, the smooth-moving, strongly-built recruit signed with West Adelaide.

WEST'S FINE RECORD

It has one of the smallest districts in the league . . . it also has one of the smallest bands of followers . . . and it lacks the glamour of some of the other clubs, but West Adelaide has a remarkable record for major round appearances since World War II.

Currently, West is appearing in its 15th major round in the 25 seasons played since World War II.

Today's match will be the club's sixth appearance in a post-war preliminary final.

Its record in these matches is good — it has won four and lost two.

Its last appearance in a preliminary final was in 1962, when it defeated Norwood but lost to Port Adelaide in the grand final by three points.

Its other preliminary final successes in post-war football were recorded in 1947 (Port Adelaide), 1954 (West Torrens) and 1965 (North Adelaide).

Its preliminary final losses were in 1948 (West Torrens) and 1957 (Norwood).

Altogether West has played in 30 major round matches since 1945 for 13 wins, 16 losses and one (today's) undecided.

It has played in seven grand finals for only two premierships — 1947 and 1961.

Its five grand final losses were all against Port Adelaide.

Those grand finals produced many hair-raising moments. Three times West was less than one straight kick away from premierships.

It lost by two points in 1958 and by three points in 1954 and 1962.

In 1954 and 1958 shots by West players hit goalposts in the dying moments of the game.

Ruckman Jack Richardson's post-hitting shot was probably the most memorable. It happened with only 90 seconds to go in the 1958 grand final.

Next morning it was discovered that the scene had been revisited during the night and the offending goalpost chopped down.

Later it was claimed that Richardson's shot had been touched by Port ruckman Ted Whelan before it hit the post.

West had a similar hard luck story in 1954.

Clear leaders early, West players were attacked by irate spectators as they left the field at half-time.

The incident had been sparked by an on-the-field fracas seconds before the half-time siren which began when West captain and centre half-back Brian Faehse flattened Port centreman Dave Boyd.

Then with the game hanging in the balance in a hectic last quarter, a shot by Jim Wright swung late in flight to hit a goalpost as West ruckman Glyn Williams stood on the goal-line prematurely applauding the accuracy of Wright's shot.

Only two premierships from 15 major round appearances is a poor reward for West's post-war efforts and it undoubtedly was unlucky on several occasions.

But it is in there with a chance again this year. Who knows? This may be West's lucky year.

KERLEY WILL BE MISSED

A league football major round without Neil Kerley? . . . It just won't seem the same.

Kerley's surprise announcement this week that he would retire at the end of this season means that one of the most colourful careers in S.A. league football is ending.

Perhaps the announcement should not have been such a surprise for Kerley is 35. But he has become such a part of the S.A. football scene that he had been regarded by most as indestructible.

In 14 full seasons of league football Kerley was out of the major round only once — last year.

From 1956 to 1963 he was a member of West teams which played in the finals every year.

In 1961 he took West to the premiership in his first year as captain-coach and failed by only four points to repeat the performance the next year.

Surprisingly replaced as West's coach the following year he was purely a player as the club finished fourth.

Then followed three memorable seasons with South Adelaide, during which he took the club from bottom to top in his first year as captain-coach and kept them in the top four throughout his stay.



NEIL KERLEY

Switching to Glenelg in 1967 he led the club into the first semi-final. A dramatic form lapse late in the season kept Glenelg out of the four — and Kerley out of the major round for the first time — last season.

Today's preliminary final against West Adelaide could be Kerley's last game of league football — although Glenelg supporters are hoping fervently that it is not.

Carlton coach Ron Barassi is setting a new high in discipline in the Victorian Football League.

At training at Princes Park, Melbourne, on Tuesday night of this week Barassi ordered two players back to the dressing room after they had appeared on the ground with holes in their socks.

"I won't tolerate any peek-a-boo football styles," Barassi was quoted by a Melbourne newspaper as saying.

"This isn't a junior club, we are professionals."

Goold, known in the Melbourne football world as "Mr. Elegance" because of his stylish dressing, covered the small hole in one of his socks with sticking plaster.

Crosswell covered the tiny hole in his sock by placing an extra bandage around an ankle.

"The hole in my sock was so small I could hardly see it," complained Crosswell, also known for his smart dressing.

"But with a grand final at stake I suppose everything counts."

Barassi also clamped down on odd-looking training guernseys, telling the offending players to change their garb for Carlton guernseys.

"It's Carlton in the grand final, no one else" snapped Barassi.

Barassi didn't stop there. Full back Wes Lofts, star half-forward Alex Jesaulenko and half-forward flanker Syd Jackson were each given a penalty of 20 press-ups for committing what Barassi termed "football crimes during training".

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5—WYATT, P.	
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11—CLARKE, C.	
12—WHITE, G.	
13—BAYNES, G.	
14—ATKINSON, D.	
15—ROBERTS, P.	
16—STALTARE, G.	
17—PATERSON, K.	
18—ROONEY, A.	
19—HANCOCK, G.	
20—TEMBY, P.	
21—WYLD, G.	
22—WILLATS, A.	
23—LAZAROFF, N.	
24—FREEMAN, R.	
25—RIGGS, R.	
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