



# BIG TEAM EFFORT WINS DAY

## Sturt for grand final

Sturt's typical display of skill and teamwork in winning their way into their fifth successive grand final makes the Blues clear favorites to win their fourth straight title.

Recovering from an aggressive start by the Tigers, Sturt were far more efficient in attack.



## THE BIG GAME AT A GLANCE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-2	11-7	14-8	18-16	124
Glen.	2-8	6-12	9-18	11-20	86

**BEST PLAYERS—STURT:** Shearman, Bagshaw, Schoff, Greenslade, Adcock, Nunan, Short, Wild, Tilbrook, Chessell. **GLENELG:** Marker, Rosewarne, Hunt, Pattinson, Cornes, Eustice, Voigt.

**SCORERS—STURT:** Greenslade 6.5, Tilbrook 4.5, Schoff 3.4, Ottens 2.0, Bagshaw 1.0, Rigney 1.0, Wild 1.0, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** Phillis 4.1, Pattinson 4.0, Moss 1.4, Marker 1.4, Voigt 1.2, Cornes 0.2, Morony 0.1, Anesbury 0.1, Eustice 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**REPLACEMENTS—STURT:** Rigney (shoulder) by Lauder, final term. **GLENELG:** Anesbury by Hamilton, three-quarter time.

**REPORTS—Kerley (Glenelg)** reported by field umpire M. Ducker for striking Chessell (Sturt) in the first quarter. Shearman (Sturt) reported by field umpire M. Ducker for kicking Hamilton (Glenelg) in the final term.

**UMPIRE—Murray Ducker.**

**ATTENDANCE—38,938.**

## THE MATCH IN FIGURES

Compiled by **BILL HENDERSON** and **BILL SUTHERLAND**

Bob Shearman's great second quarter at centre for the Blues with big driving kicks to full forward played no small part in the Sturt victory.

Kernahan's big ruck effort early in the third quarter enabled Glenelg to get within four points of Sturt, but the Blues recovered well.

Laurie Rosewarne was the Tigers' most consistent player with four even quarters of cool, constructive football.

Sturt midget rover Mick Nunan had 13 kicks for the match which, coupled with 17 effective hand-passes, ranked him very high on the winners' list.

### STURT

	Kicks	Marks	H/passes	Frees
Tilbrook	12	2	3	2
Clarke	13	3	3	3
Shearman	26	11	7	1
Hicks	11	2	3	—
Brooks	11	—	4	1
Nelson	7	2	3	1
Short	11	5	5	2
Wild	5	—	2	1
Chessell	12	1	8	2
Ottens	6	—	1	—
Bagshaw	18	5	4	2
Rigney	13	1	3	2
Nunan	13	1	17	1
Greenslade	12	6	1	1
Schoff	12	2	2	2
Burgan	9	—	4	2
Jarrett	27	4	1	—
Adcock	13	5	2	—
M. Hill	—	—	—	—
Lauder	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>

Jarrett's kicks included 20 kick-offs.

### GLENELG

	Kicks	Marks	H/passes	Frees
Kernahan	8	2	5	1
Kerley	11	3	3	3
Morony	7	—	3	—
Cornes	14	3	5	4
Pattinson	16	2	2	2
Voigt	22	2	5	2
D. Phillis	8	5	2	1
Marker	19	5	1	—
Moss	12	3	1	2
Anesbury	4	—	4	1
Rosewarne	24	4	3	1
Eustice	23	3	2	1
Crabb	10	2	—	—
Smith	9	1	—	—
Colbey	7	2	1	—
Hunt	14	3	—	2
D. Long	24	2	1	3
Hamilton	1	1	1	1
Goldfinch	—	—	—	—
W. Phillis	5	1	4	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>25</b>

Long's total included 16 kick-offs.

### • Bill Sutherland

The inclusion of Rowe to full back with Long back in ruck and Button and Hamilton in attack, should lift Glenelg enough to reach the grand final.

Although the 'Tigers' confidence received a severe jolt today, I expect them to recover and benefit from today's game.

Both Glenelg rovers will have to maintain today's form to hold Pannenberg and Wallis, and Kerley must lift his game as captain.

West Adelaide's confidence and Weideman's leadership are Glenelg's biggest danger.

### • Gerry Harrison

Although the Glenelg rucks were beaten today, this should be the section that will carry them through to the grand final.

West lack the "run-on" strength of the Blues, and the Bays will not be subjected to the same pace around the packs.

Admittedly, Glenelg's form will have to improve but their younger players would have learnt a good deal from today's encounter.

West are worthy contenders, but the Bays physical strength should carry them through in a close preliminary final.

## WRITERS' VOTES

The Sunday Mail football writers were unanimous in their choice of Sturt captain Bob Shearman as best on the ground in today's second semi-final.

Here are their best three players:

**Sam Gallagher—Shearman (Sturt), Bagshaw (Sturt), Rosewarne (Glenelg).**

**Stan Wickham—Shearman, Schoff (Sturt), Rosewarne.**

**Bill Henderson—Shearman, Rosewarne, Bagshaw.**

**Bill Sutherland—Shearman, Rosewarne, Nunan (Sturt).**

**Gerry Harrison—Shearman, Bagshaw, Schoff.**

## What coaches, captains said



● **JACK OATEY (Sturt coach)**—There was plenty of good football by both sides today. Opportunities were lost by both sides, but Sturt's ability to capitalise turned the game our way.



● **NEIL KERLEY (Glenelg captain-coach)**—They deserved to win. They played better football.

● **BOB SHEARMAN (Sturt captain)**—Our rucks started it. The rest followed suit. A great team effort.

## BEST MAN ON GROUND



Bob Shearman... unanimous choice of The Sunday Mail football writers.

## Three for Glenelg; two favor West

Stan Wickham, Bill Sutherland and Gerry Harrison, of The Sunday Mail football writers, choose Glenelg to beat West in the league preliminary final next Saturday. Sam Gallagher and Bill Henderson favor West.

### • Sam Gallagher

Glenelg's failure to match the Sturt rucks today suggests they will be in similar trouble against West next Saturday.

At their last meeting, Russian's dominance was a major factor in West's win.

Glenelg's last chance of pulling the game out of the fire today disappeared when Eustice's injury took him out of the game.

West will come up fresh, and as outsiders will relish the chance finally to prove themselves.

I think their rucks will bring the rovers into the game strongly enough for West to win.

### • Stan Wickham

Glenelg will take West next week. They'll win across centre and Wayne Phillis (flu today) will be fit and close West's direct road to goals.

Russian looms as a threat to the Bay rucks, as do rovers Wallis and Pannenberg, but Pattinson and Voigt did well today and will do their part.

Glenelg will play better, especially across half-back and half-forward, and will have learnt a lot from today's outing.

West have proved me wrong too often this year, but I reckon the Tigers will win and lift my sagging average.

### • Bill Henderson

Glenelg did not function as expected today. They had too many passengers, which West could easily capitalise on.

Jonas will be just as damaging as Greenslade was today. Even if Rowe is brought in, the West full forward could still slip away.

Glenelg will miss Cornes, although Doug Long may fill in well there, but Russian, Weideman, Pope, and Verrier all look impressive.

West tactics of switching Day and Fraser could overcome the enthusiastic Ken Eustice, who looked very weary after today's game.

West should win if they succeed across centre and in ruck, where Glenelg may be struggling to overcome Russian and Co.

## Captains reported

Glenelg captain-coach Neil Kerley and Sturt captain Bob Shearman were reported in today's league second semi-final at Adelaide Oval.

Kerley was reported by field umpire Murray Ducker for allegedly striking Sturt follower Keith Chessell in the first quarter.

Shearman was reported by umpire Ducker for allegedly kicking Glenelg half forward Kerry Hamilton in the last quarter.



# STURT SMASH BAYS' RUN

Producing a positive brand of systematic football, the Blues went straight into the grand final with a convincing win over Glenelg in today's second semi-final.

## STAN WICKHAM'S STABKICKS

The difference between the two teams today was Sturt's ability to pass the ball accurately and convert easily.

Glenelg missed too many easy shots and went the long way home round the flanks, where they were beaten.

WITH the reporting of Neil Kerley (Glenelg) and Bob Shearman (Sturt), three of the four final round skippers have been reported. Weideman (West) was reported in the first semi-final, then cleared.

THERE was a distinct difference in the manner both teams came on to the ground. Glenelg, out first, dashed, sprinted, and looked alert, whereas Sturt, 30 sec. later, entered at a slow trot, looking relaxed.

ANOTHER difference in the approach before the bounce was that Sturt moved around in circle work kicking the ball about while Glenelg walked around the centre pitch area in a compact group.

FIRST kick of the game went to Ken Eustice, but Wild blocked the kick — with his head — from 10 yards away and was knocked to the ground by the force. He was groggy, but soon recovered.

GLENELG had all the play for the opening seven minutes with their half-forward line prominent.

They kicked 1-3, but the Blues half-forwards Schoff and Tilbrook burst through with goals in the next minute to put Sturt in front with a minimum of tries.

AT the 20-minute mark, Fred Phillis took a flying mark and from 40 yards away looked a certainty to goal, but his approach was not smooth.

He got in too close to the man on his mark and lifted his kick out of bounds.

GREAT play Nunan. Caught on his left foot in the goal square with nowhere to go, he

quickly handballed over his head to Greenslade unattended, enabling him to run for an easy major.

SCHOFF was having a big influence on the game at centre half-forward.

Wayne Phillis could not find him.

At the nine-minute mark, Schoff broke loose again and kicked what looked to be a certain goal, but Greenslade, losing sight of the goal-line attempted to mark and juggled it over the line for a point.



Schoff

EUSTICE had won more kicks than Shearman, but the Sturt skipper had value from every kick and put a player on the end of practically every one.

Four goals up to half-time resulted from his great disposal.

Eustice was driving to the flanks and losing the effect of his kicks.

THE inexperienced Sturt rucks, Wild and Ottens, were having the better of Glenelg's Kernahan and company as far as hit-outs were concerned.

FROM a free to Nunan in the back pocket, Sturt relayed the ball brilliantly from the scoreboard end, down the eastern flank, by way of Chessell, Hicks, Shearman and Wild to find Greenslade marking on his knees in the goal square.

He notched his fifth goal just before half-time.

THE main reason why Sturt were 25 points ahead at half-time was they attacked down the middle and delivered the ball accurately to the player ahead.

Glenelg took the long way home through the flanks and kicked the ball high and aimlessly making the forwards' task difficult.

MOSS, on the end of a pass from Phillis, missed from 20 yards out in the first minutes of the third term to make his fourth point and three of them had been easy.

Three minutes later Cornes missed from the same position and the Bays were kicking away easy chances.

KERNAHAN took over the rucks in the third term and thumped Glenelg in.

So dominating was he that Glenelg exploded in support with three great goals in four minutes to reverse the difference to five points after eight minutes.

TILBROOK got possession at half-forward.

With two Glenelg men closing in on him, he stood still, undecided what to do.

Wayne Phillis, the Tiger's centre half-back, made up his mind for him by running straight through him and stretching him out full length.

Glenelg cleared.

GLENELG had 90 per cent. of the play in the third term but great defence by all the Sturt back men contained Glenelg brilliantly, while from two quick sortles over centre Sturt kicked goals from Tilbrook and Schoff to keep ahead.

STEADY rain fell during the third term, but the standard was still high.

It was highlighted by an exceptional goal by Tilbrook from 40 yards and hugging the scoreboard boundary.

A free for interference in the goal square was awarded against Sturt, and the goal was disallowed.

Apart from a brilliant opening, the Bays had no answer to the slick handball and accurate disposal of the machine-like Blues.

Intermittent showers appeared likely and the ground surface was slippery as the two unchanged sides took the field.

Umpire was M. Ducker. Estimated crowd was 40,000.

Kerley won the toss and Glenelg kicked to the river end, favored slightly by a cross breeze blowing towards half-forward.

The early play was all Glenelg as their pace and backing up continually carried the ball deep into attack. Voigt goaled at the six-minute mark.

### Hit back

Sturt hit back immediately as Chessell made the play for Schoff to belt him a long screw punt goal from outside half-forward.

A handball by Chessell to Clarke and a subsequent mark by Tilbrook brought another Sturt goal as the Blues displayed top form.

Glenelg penetrated the tight Sturt defence to rush a behind, but the Blues retaliated with another major, this time from Greenslade.

Eustice was winning kicks a-plenty at mid-field but Shearman's penetration already loomed as a big danger.

Five consecutive behinds—three of which were rushed—indicated the pressure confronting the Bays.

A magnificent handball by Nunan to Greenslade, unattended in the goal square, resulted in Sturt's fourth goal.

At the start of the time-on period the Blues had gone to a 12-point lead.

Glenelg produced the first piece of method for a long time when Rosewarne sent them in through Moss for Pattinson to snap full points.

But again the Blues had an answer and Ottens hooked a miraculous goal for a man of his inches.

First quarter scores were Sturt 5-2, Glenelg 2-8.

Marker anticipated well to take the ball off hands and goal on the run from half-forward to relieve for the Bays.

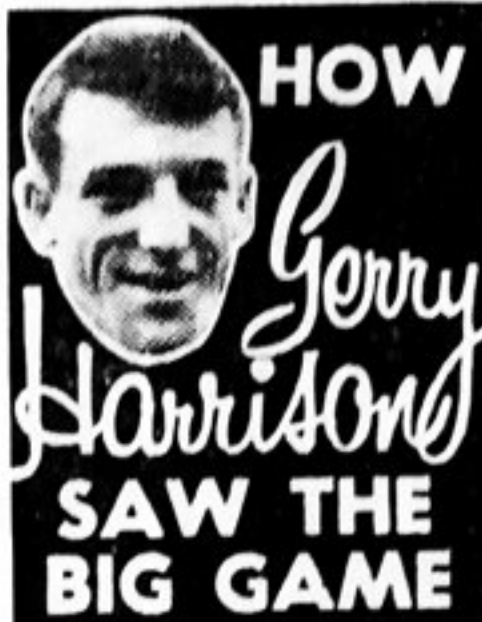
But relief was short as Hicks twice fired the Blues from centre wing for a rushed point and a goal from Schoff.

Greenslade, too fast for Long, led and marked well to goal and the Blues had lengthened their lead to 18 points.

Another Pattinson goal and the Bays had reduced the leeway to seven points in very quick time.

But again the Sturt machine churned out an answer in goals from Tilbrook and Greenslade.

The Blues' handball and accurate disposal were functioning well as they streamed goalward for another goal from Tilbrook.



Strong play by Marker moved the ball to Phillis for the latter to notch his first score of the game — a goal.

A magnificent passage of football, started by Nunan in the back pocket, carried the ball down the eastern wing

and ended with Greenslade marking Schoff's kick for Sturt's 11th goal.

Half-time scores were Sturt 11-7, Glenelg 6-12.

Glenelg drove deep to the square where Phillis marked by the behind post and passed to Moss directly in front but he missed once more.

Good football by Cornes to Kerley to Voigt resulted in Phillis running into an open goal to break the drought for the Bays.

A great mark by Marker sent the Bays deep into attack for Phillis to snatch a strong mark and kick his second goal for the quarter.

It was Phillis again making the play for Moss to goal as the Bays displayed renewed vigor.

### Brilliant

A brilliant passage of football received a just reward when Tilbrook snapped full points under severe pressure.

As had been the case all day, Sturt made the most of their attacks and from another lone sortie into the forward area Schoff goaled.

Bagshaw bobbed up with an amazing goal and the Blues had a watch-winning 20-point lead at the last change.

Third quarter scores were Sturt 14-8, Glenelg 9-18.

Glenelg replaced Anebury with Hamilton and immediately went into attack. Rosewarne found Phillis who goaled.

Glenelg moved Eustice to half-forward and swung Hamilton into centre, looking for a lift, but Sturt attacked for two behinds.

A brilliant passage of football sparked by Bagshaw ended in a long goal from Ottens and the Blues had cleared away to a 26 point lead.

Again the Blues displayed their supremacy as they sent the ball goalward for Rigney to chip in and snap full points.

With loose men across half-forward the Blues were in again through Bagshaw and Chessell for Wild to gather off hands and goal.

Final scores were Sturt 18-16, Glenelg 11-20.



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## STURT



JACK OATEY  
COACH

## GLENELG



NEIL KERLEY  
CAPTAIN-COACH

## IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME

It seems ages ago that Glenelg and Sturt last took the field — long enough for everybody to forget they are still around.

A fortnight's gap before the second semi-finalists take the field seems long enough. When it extends to three weeks as in this season, people are inclined to forget just what they were like last time up.

For Glenelg, it was a massive win by nearly 19 goals over Norwood at the Bay.

For Sturt, it was a tough battle to beat North by 18 points at Unley.

A feature of that game was how Sturt came home against the wind, and how two players—wingman Daryl Hicks and half-forward John Tilbrook played such important roles in the last quarter.

Both had done comparatively little for three quarters but they became the mainspring of Sturt's winning last quarter, Tilbrook capitalising on his speed to break clear and accept Hicks' deadly accurate footpasses.

Glenelg finished the season well, by winning the last five matches.

They rounded off with three heavy wins against South, Central and Nor-

wood, but probably their most satisfying victory was against North at Prospect in the seventeenth round.

Sturt's only real slip was against Woodville when they lost, in the nineteenth round.

Sturt and Glenelg have one feature in common—they both possess a good full-forward.

Fred Phillis, with 121 goals, has been a star for Glenelg this year.

Malcolm Greenslade has been almost as efficient for Sturt. He has kicked 70 goals in 14 matches, and that average of five a game, if maintained over a full season, would have given him a century too.

Both centremen, Bob Shearman and Ken Eustice are fine players, with contrasting styles.

Shearman gets great penetration with his powerful kicks to the goalsquare. Eustice is possibly quicker and faster at getting the ball onto either foot.

Both are completely fearless, and it is impos-

sible to name either one as a winner at centre beforehand.



BOB SHEARMAN

Sturt have been worried by the inexperience of their knock ruckmen this year—a hole left by the absence of their long-time winner, Tony Clarkson.

Glenelg, on the other hand, have been lifted in ruck by the return of Harry Kernahan.

Both teams are studied with talented foot-ballers, who play with method. That's why they finished in first and second position.

Today could produce another great battle.

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## PUT THE BRAKES ON

West's top ruckman Aldo Russian may not in fact look like captain-coach Murray Weideman, but split-second recognition is not always possible for an opponent.

Or, this is how it seemed last Saturday.

A top Torrens player was chasing the ball near centre, and seemed certain to get it, when Russian loomed up.

It looked like being a dead-heat over the last two yards.

But the Torrens player applied the brakes on his last stride so suddenly that Russian was able to get the ball easily. Russian played a very valuable game for West.

He repeatedly got his hand to the ball first at the "throw-ups" and set West on their way.

He was helped greatly by the way Weideman collared many indecisive knocks, but quickly shot them away with well-directed short and long handpasses.

"The Weed" certainly came good with a vengeance in the two semi-finals against Torrens.

He had 11 kicks, 10 handpasses in the first game, and another 11 kicks and 11 handpasses last Saturday.

He handled the ball 43 times in the two matches, which is great going for a ruckman.

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The attendance last Saturday of 26,315 took the season's total to 905,896. This compares with 929,668 after the second semi-final last year.

However, second semi-finals are always far better attended than the first semi-final.

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In 1962, Sturt won four games and finished second to bottom. In review-

ing the season, a football publication commented:

"Jack Oatey, whom many believe to be the best coach in S.A., had charge of Sturt for the first time.

"Sometimes you couldn't help feeling that Oatey and his players weren't operating on the same wave-length.

"It may have been expecting too much for Sturt players to absorb the finer points of Oatey's teaching in one season.

"And finer points are the crux of Oatey's method—handball with either hand, bullet-like footpasses, thinking two and three kicks ahead, blinding non-stop speed.

"West's technique still has it all. Sturt should have it.

"And when it does, it will become a power in S.A. football."

How true!

★ ★ ★

With at least two more games to play, possibly three, Fred Phillis could break the season's goal-kicking record set by Ken Farmer with 134 goals in 1936.

Phillis already has 121 goals. He seems assured of beating the 127 tally set by Doug Wade (Geelong) in Victoria.

Geelong are out of the finals.

The goal-kicking list is not an official function of the S.A. National Football League.

The list is an unofficial guide kept by newspapers who extend the tallies to the end of the major round.

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## DOMINANT GOALKICKERS

Opposing full-forwards in today's semi-final, Fred Phillis (Glenelg) and Malcolm Greenslade (Sturt), have dominated the goalkicking scene in S.A. league football this season.

Phillis, of course, became the first S.A. player to kick 100 goals in a league season for 18 years and his total now stands at 121.

Greenslade has reason to consider himself unlucky to miss six games through injury for he, too, could have topped the 100.



FRED PHILLIS

Sturt appears to have found more goalkicking alternatives to its full forward than Glenelg.

Besides Greenslade there were four Sturt players to kick more than 25 goals in the minor round—Mick Nunan

(48), Rick Schoff (31), John Tilbrook (30) and Keith Chessell (28).

The only other Glenelg player to exceed 25 was rover Keith Pattinson, who booted 36.

★ ★ ★  
For stability in the use of players this season Sturt and Glenelg, today's second semi-finalists, were almost on a par.

Sturt used 32 players during the minor round, Glenelg used 33.

Sturt had 16 of the 18 players who took the field for their opening minor round game still in their side for the last minor round game.

With Glenelg the total was 15.

The two Sturt players who were in the opening team but missing from the last were Brian Martin and Peter Endersbee.

Endersbee missed the last two minor round games because of injury.

The Glenelg players to "disappear" from the 18 who began the season in the league side were Terry Ebert and Kerry Hamilton (both in the Seconds) and Ray Button (injured).

Injury caused both Ebert and Hamilton to lose their league places initially and it is quite possible that had they remained fit throughout the year they would have retained their places.

However, statistics suggest that Glenelg was the more stable side throughout the season. Glenelg had 10 players who appeared in all 20 minor round games, Sturt had five.

The Glenelg players who did not miss a game were Chris Hunt, Ken Smith, Wayne Phillis, Fred Phillis, Ken Eustice, Harry Kernahan, Keith Pattinson, Laurie Rosewarne, Darryl Moss and Rex Voigt.

Rosewarne was a reserve once, Moss twice and Voigt three times.

Actually Eustice, Kernahan and Fred Phillis each played 23 games on end for each was in S.A.'s 20 for the three carnival matches in June.

Sturt's 20-game men were Keith Chessell, Terry Short, Phil Nelson, Darryl Hicks and Bob Shearman.



