

SAM GALLAGHER'S pen pictures of STURT . . . and GLENELG

1970 Grand Final

Here are Sam Gallagher's comments on players and their likely positions on the field in the league grand final at Adelaide Oval next Saturday.



Greenslade

● FORWARDS

MICK NUNAN (21, 5.5, 10.7).—An exceptionally creative rover whose courage and flashing handball constantly set up scoring opportunities for teammates.

MALCOLM GREENSLADE (22, 6.2, 12.7).—Fast-leading full forward. Not as accurate as in 1969 but has still averaged four goals a match. Kicked nine goals in last year's grand final.

DEAN OTTENS (23, 6.5, 15.7).—Form this season has confirmed his tremendous potential. South Australian football has produced few big men of this calibre. Can probably be as good as he wants to be.



Fred Phillis

● FORWARDS

KEITH PATTINSON (25, 5.8, 11.3).—Carnival rover in 1969. Form this season not as well sustained but since his return, following a six-match absence through injury late in the minor round has shown he is not far from his top

DENNIS (FRED) PHILLIS (22, 6.1, 14.2).—Opportunities have not been as numerous or as well presented as in his record breaking 1969 season but to top the century again speaks for itself.

GRAHAM CORNES (22, 6.2, 12.4).—Since returning from National Service training, has quickly settled into a place in Glenelg's ruck where his mobility has been a valuable addition to the Bays' strength.



Tilbrook

● HALF-FORWARDS

JOHN TILBROOK (24, 6.0, 14.10).—Given the run of the ball is one of the most exhilarating footballers in the game. Strength, speed and an explosive boot make him a matchwinner on his day.

PETER FRIEDRICH (21, 5.11, 12.10).—A great success in his first year of league football. His style at times is reminiscent of Carlton champion Alex Jesaulenko.

TONY BURGAN (20, 6.1, 12.7).—No player is a better example of Sturt's extreme flexibility. Has played both key positions in attack and defence this season. His switch to centre half-forward in the second semi-final was a decisive move.



Sandland

● HALF-FORWARDS

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TED OSBORN (19, 5.10, 11.0).—Glenelg's top Thirds player in 1969 has proved to be one of the season's best newcomers since making the side half-way through the season. Has all the essentials to develop into a top liner.

JOHN SANDLAND (21, 6.1, 13.0).—The Bays struck gold when they signed this former University centre half-forward. Marks with almost flawless judgment and has developed a fine sense of team play during his first season.

RAY BUTTON (25, 5.11, 12.7).—Came out of "retirement" to play the last six games of the minor round. Not as spectacular as he was before a severe knee injury but still a damaging player with a driving left foot kick.



Shearman

● CENTRES

BRENTON MIELS (22, 6.0, 12.2).—Last played for the Blues in the 1968 major round before entering National Service training. Recalled to correct a weakness on the wing, his semi-final game was highly competent.

BOB SHEARMAN (30, 5.10, 13.7).—His form at the pivot has lost some of its early season lustre but his skilful handball and powerful dropkicking are still a big Sturt asset. Joined the Blues in 1966 and has been a strong influence in their run of four straight titles.

PETER ENDERSBEE (21, 5.11, 11.10).—Dashing rover who could start on the wing if Nunan is fit. Has the ability to rise to the occasion and is running into form after recovering from injury.



Marker

● CENTRES

LAWRIE ROSEWARNE (22, 5.10, 12.0).—Consistent wingman who is rarely beaten for four quarters. His ability to place the ball to advantage is one of the Bays' most effective means of attack.

PETER MARKER (21, 6.0, 13.7).—Strong, courageous centre or half-forward. Took over the pivot in the first half of the season and again late when Ken Eustice was injured. Has the ability to lift the team by his fearless approach.

TERRY CRABB (20, 6.1, 12.7).—Fast, long-striding wingman. An uncertain kick but often manages to produce something extra in a tight finish.



Schoff

● HALF-BACKS

CLIVE BROOKS (25, 5.11, 12.7).—Lost form briefly late in the minor round but showed he has regained touch in the second half of the semi-final. A reliable defender who backs up strongly and drives into attack.

RICK SCHOFF (29, 6.2, 13.4).—A Sturt strongpoint in the semi-final in the position he has held in the past two All-Australian teams. In his twelfth season and still a terrific competitor. At his best in the big ones.

TERRY SHORT (28, 5.9, 11.12).—Experienced defender with 10 years of league football and more than 200 games behind him. A close checker with the dash and judgment to attack when the occasion arises.



Colbey

● HALF-BACKS

BRIAN COLBEY (23, 6.0, 12.1).—Has gradually recovered the form that won him all-Australian selection at the 1969 carnival. A dashing rebound player who puts the ball deep into attack.

DARREL MOSS (25, 6.3, 13.7).—Held centre half-forward for most of 1969 and has been at centre half-back since the eighth round this year. Has a good turn of speed for a big man but his role is almost entirely defensive.

KEN SMITH (23, 5.11, 12.5).—Not as consistently sound in defence as he was last year but produced his best at the right time in the first semi-final.



Adcock

● BACKS

BRENTON ADCOCK (27, 5.9, 13.2).—Form during the minor round was patchy, but returned to his brilliant best in the semi-final. Sometimes criticised for failure to check but gives the side great rebound with strong clearing dashes.

PHILIP NELSON (24, 6.2, 13.8).—Started the season in great style but following an early injury took a long time to regain form. At full back in the semi-final, he did not concede a goal.

KEITH CHESSELL (23, 6.1, 13.1).—Creative follower who usually manages to find something extra when the Blues are up against it. A competent reserve knock ruckman.



Caldwell

● BACKS

CHRIS HUNT (27, 5.9, 11.3).—One of the more experienced players in the side. First played in 1960. After three years coaching at Port Augusta found his niche last year in the back pocket.

NEVILLE CALDWELL (20, 6.3, 12.12).—Another recruit from last year's Thirds premiership side. At centre half back and full back he has justified the selectors' perseverance and looks like developing into a first class defender.

IAN HOCKRIDGE (22, 6.5, 13.7).—Former University ruckman who has shown steady improvement throughout the season. Now playing with much more confidence and assurance.



Bagshaw

● FOLLOWERS

GREG WILD (21, 6.3, 13.5).—Does the job in ruck with a minimum of flourish and maximum effect. Has steadily developed into one of Sturt's most valuable players.

PAUL BAGSHAW (24, 6.1, 12.11).—Many of the Blues' scoring thrusts have their initial impetus from his constructive football. In his seventh season, he personifies the skills which have lifted Sturt to pre-eminence.

ROGER RIGNEY (30, 5.7, 11.10).—In his 12 league seasons, the Wombat's courage and determination have been of inestimable value to the Blues. These qualities are never shown to better advantage than in finals.



Kernahan

● FOLLOWERS

HARRY KERNAHAN (32, 6.3, 13.7).—Although Hockridge, Wayne Phillis, and Cornes have eased the burden to some extent, the Bays still lean heavily on Harry's skill and experience in ruck. Took up where he left off when he rejoined Glenelg after three years' coaching at Whyalla.

WAYNE PHILLIS (20, 6.2, 13.10).—Given the big job of succeeding Neil Kerley in the sheet anchor following role, he has filled the bill admirably. Since switching from centre half-back has become a much more positive player.

REX VOIGT (22, 5.9, 12.0).—Strong and tireless rover with a fine sense of team play. Opens up the game with intelligent handball besides being a heavy scorer himself.



Yeo

● RESERVES

PETER YEO (23, 6.0, 12.0).—Has had a successful season with the Blues after transferring from Port. His versatility has enabled Sturt to use him in defence, across centre, and in attack.

BRUCE RAYMOND (24, 5.10, 11.12).—Held a wing for most of the season and did a good job in the second semi-final. The return of Nunan will probably see him on the reserves bench again.

DENNIS ELLIOTT (22, 5.8, 11.8).—Strongly built Seconds rover who impressed when he came on as a reserve in the second to last minor round game against Glenelg.



Eustice

● RESERVES

KEN EUSTICE (31, 5.10, 11.7).—A bad run of injuries has kept his form below that of 1969 when he won the club's best player award and was runner-up in the Magarey Medal. At his top an inspiration for his courage and will to win.

RICHARD MORGAN (20, 5.10, 11.9).—Capable reserve wingman. An accurate left foot kick, he made the most of his chances over the second half of the season.

JIM RAWSON (20, 5.10, 12.0).—Thirds rover who got his opportunity when the Bays were trying to stabilise a wing. Subsequently filled in as a rover and in both roles showed distinct promise.