Mail FOOTBALL





Sturt's triumph over the weather and a gallant Glenelg had the stamp of success.

The conditions — which did everything but aid their style - were a direct contrast to their last four successive premiership wins.

Sturt showed more than ordinary courage and endurance. In the circumstances it was a great contest.

Glenelg were quicker to adapt to the conditions in the first term when they went boldly to meet the ball and had winners in the key positions at centre, centre half-forward and full forward.

With a better result from their nine scoring shots, Glenelg could have led by more than their 14-point margin at the first change.

The Blues at this stage were kept in touch by Rigney's tenacity and Bagshaw's cool skill.

Greenslade loomed as the big danger in the second quarter when he kicked three goals in 12 minutes to give Sturt the

lead for the first time. Glenelg fought back strongly to ease to a narrow half-time lead but Sturt appeared to be getting the upper hand.

They established their superiority from the first bounce in the third quar-

Reverting to their check-side ruck pattern, the Blues were immediately driven into attack by Bagshaw, whose creative handball from the centre of the ground was decisive.

important Another Sturt move at this stage was the switch of Burgan to centre half-forward.

The switch was not as spectacularly effective as in the second semi-final but it did increase significantly Sturt's strength and drive through centre half-forward.

Schoff's determined comeback at centre halfback and a brilliant roving burst by Endersbee were other major factors in the Blues' commanding third

On the other hand, Glenelg's first half winners in Marker and Voigt fell away.

Voigt took a heavy knock in the second term 3rd

GOALSCORERS-STURT: Greenslade 6.1. brook 3.1, Burgan 1.2, Shearman 1.0, Wild 1.0, Endersbee 0.3, Ottens 0.2, Friedrichs 0.1, rushed 0.3. GLENELG: D. Phillis 4.2, Pattinson 2.2, Button 1.2, Sandland 1.1, Cornes 1.0, Rawson 0.1 Crabb 0.1,

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Bagshaw, Greenslade, Adcock, Rigney, Endersbee, Brooks, Burgan, Schoff, GLENELG: Marker, Rosewarne, Sandland, Kernahan, Colbey, Cornes, Voigt...

REPLACEMENTS .- STURT: Rigney by Nunan in the final term. Miels by Yeo in the final term. GLENELG: Eustice by Anesbury in the final term. Kernahan by Hockridge in the final term. ATTENDANCE: 48,575.

Bagshaw tops best players

Sam Gallagher: P. Bagshaw (Sturt), 1; P. Endersbee (Sturt), 2; P. Marker (Glenelg), 3. Bill Henderson: P. Bagshaw, 1; R. Rigney (Sturt),

2: P. Endersbee. 3. Bill Sutherland: P. Bagshaw, 1; P. Endersbee, 2; P Marker, 3.

Gerry Harrison: P. Bagshaw, 1; M. Greenslade (Sturt) 2; B. Adcock (Sturt), 3. Stan Wickham: P. Bagshaw, 1; R. Rigney, 2; P. Endersbee. 3

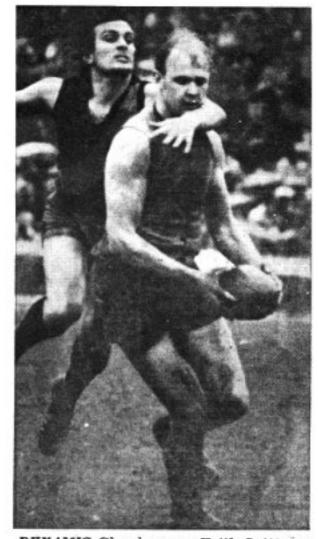
Doug Thomas: P. Bagshaw 1; P. Endersbee 2; Cornes (Glenelg) 3.

and Marker was also slowed down by a leg injury after half-time. In this term, it was the

Bays who began to fall into error and the writing was on the wall.



BODIES fly in the grand final at Adelaide Oval today. Glenelg half-back Ken Smith (centre) is up-ended as team-mates Wayne Phillis (in air) and Neville Caldwell (No. 23) join in. Sturt's Peter Endersbee and Malcolm Greenslade (partly hidden) also engaged in the fight for the ball as Dean Ottens (No. 27) waits on the outside.



DYNAMIC Glenelg rover Keith Pattinson grabs Sturt's Rick Schoff in a flying head tackle as the Blues' defender prepares to take his clearing kick in the grand final at Adelaide Oval today.

By Bill Henderson

Coaches, captains said:



JACK OATEY (Sturt coach): Easily the hardest grand final out of the six we've played in. Full credit to Glenelg. They put up a tremendous performance. That one burst in the third quarter enabled us to win.



BOB SHEARMAN (Sturt captain): Magnificent effort under trying conditions that were adverse for football. The whole team did something at some stage to make the win possible.



NEIL KERLEY (Glenelg coach): Sturt were too good on the day. They backed up well and put up a wonderful effort in the third quarter to take the game away from us. Their defence was very solid under pressure.



KEN EUSTICE (Glenelg captain): The better side won on the day. I felt the game slipping when Rex Voigt went out, but the boys fought it out well.

GRAND FINAL STATISTICS

STURT Kicks Marks H/passes Frees Bagshaw . Ottens . Chessell . Rigney . Endersbee . Greenslade . Burgan . . Friedrichs . Tilbrook . Shearman . Raymond . Brooks . . Schoff . . Short . . Nelson . Numan Total . Marks H/passes

243

First Quarter .

Second Quarter

Third Quarter .

Fourth Quarter

Sturt frees include two out of bounds on the full. Nelson's kicks include nine kick-offs,

GLENELG

Kicks Marks H/passes Frees Kernahan W. Phillis Eustice Sandland Button Rosewarne Marker Crabb Smith Moss Colbey Hunt . Coldwell Rawson Anesbury Total

Marks First Quarter . . Second Quarter . Third Quarter . Fourth Quarter . Total . .

WHY GLENELG



Applause for Bays

Well, we were beaten. But what a performance by a team that "fell in" the final four.

played that kick behind

the play cost us plenty

and his influence on Sturt in the third term

beat us was the Sturt

move at half-time of

Burgan to centre half-

Mossy had Friedrichs nicely in tow until then,

but his whole game

changed in opposition to

out some of the good bits.

Phillis kicked two goals

but it was Rex Voigt, on

both occasions, who made

selfish and neat pass to

Fred in the first five min-

utes while the second was

a gem of quick thinking

as he punched the ball

away from Adcock, to-

wards the goal, enabling

Fred to soccer it through.

Ten out of 10 for that

The way Marker and

Laurie Rosewarne placed

their body over the ball

and blocked kicks off the

boot in the first term was

inspiring stuff that had

an effect on the whole

like a charm in that first

term and it was only

when Graham Cornes was

denied a clean mark at

the 22-minute mark that

Sturt were able to get in

his class and ability at

centre half-forward all

day in opposition

John Sandland showed

It wouldn't surprise me

A "tiggy" free against

if Sandland has finally

convinced Schoff about

Eustice when Brooks was

the aggressor, plus a

silly, annoyed action by

Ray Button that cost us

another 15 yards, started

Sturt goalwards in the

lets fly with a perfect old

time flick pass, Ducker

lets it go, and Sturt get

their tails up from

To top it off, Brooks

for their first goal.

The defence worked

side.

Schoff.

retiring.

second term.

The first was an un-

Let's go back and pick

In the first term, Fred

Another feature that

was off the top shelf.

forward.

Burgan.

them possible.

Although all Tigers fans must. • By one-eyed be disappointed at not taking the big one out, I think we all were tremendously proud of every lad who played today.

No we couldn't even blame the umpire for losing as I feel Murray Ducker did a great job. It was hard on the players to play under such adverse conditions and it was just as difficult

for Ducker to umpire, We started off in fine style with Marker Voigt, Sandland, and Rosewarne leading the way with excellent body work to get to the ball while the whole team ripped into the Blues with plenty of gusto to have them struggling

'Smell of ball'

Sturt have always got away quickly to a good lead in their previous premierships, but so intense was the tackling by our boys that the Blues didn't score until the 12minute mark.

Our pressure eased in the second term to permit Sturt to get a smell of the ball, while in the third they took it away

from us. Why? There were several reasons.

Firstly Peter Marker, who had given us a good share of our drive in the first half felt the effects of a kick in the calf after half-time and couldn't get a run into his legs

He got the kick in the first 10 minutes of the game and although he didn't feel it much then. it tightened up badly when he stopped during the half-time break

Bang went our main source of suply

Rex Voigt was going great guns when he was spread out by a beauty in the second term to the extent that he didn't rea grand fight today. member anything of the first half and played the

Patto had to do the bulk of the roving after that, but under such conditions it was impossible and Rigney and Endersbee took control.

second in a partial fog.

Our failure to check Bagshaw at the bounces, throw-ins and when he

Glenelg barracker Stan Wickham

did not want to happen. killer for us.

Marker and Voigt were

Burgan ran through Mossy for a goal, Chris Hunt played from behind to allow Endersbee a good look at the ball, while Bagshaw and Rig-

Three goals down at the last change under the conditions was a big hurdle to overcome, but, by gosh, they had us screaming with those two goals in two minutes to

The returned soldier, Graham Cornes, started it off with a mark and kick to the square where Fred Phillis got rid of Nelson to let Sandland mark and goal. Good

From

possible. Burgan been treated like a school-

"Colls" had run out of legs at this stage, but it was a magnificent performance by him on the

Well that's it for this year.

But let's say a big. thank you to "The King"

This stamps him as being a top class coach. In congratulating Sturt. let us close off with this thought: You Blues had better give a better

account of yourself against Carlton next Saturday than has been the case the last two years.

Greenslade's resulting

That was a break we The third term was a

out of the picture, Ken Eustice was on one leg, and our defence, apart for Colbey, played too loose and away went Sturt with the game.

ney had a ball.

start the last term.

teamwork, that.

the bounce, Marker flashes a handpass to Voigt to find Phillis on the lead for the second and we all erupted.

Just when it all looked away again to set up a goal for Greenslade and then Tilbrook, who had boy footballer by Colbey all day, suddenly came good with three goals in the last term.

for getting what was really an ordinary side. into the grand final.

I CALL IT AS



BY DOUG THOMAS AS TOLD TO JOHN HEALEY

tootpall played in atrocious conditions at Adelaide Oval today was a smack in the eye for those who been have knockers of the South Australian standard this year.

The marking, the sure picking up of the ball, the accurate passing, long kicking, the surefootedness to amazing degree, and straight kicking for goal (21 goals out of 44 scoring shots) could have been features of a dry day.

Yet it rained for most of the four quarters.

Sturt and Glenelg did a lot for our game, and those who left the oval before the start because thev lacked shelter missed a real treat

Those who stayed have no reason to consider switching to that foreign hands-off game of football

ALTHOUGH it was anyone's game until the closing minutes. Sturt gained the vital edge in the third quarer when Endersbee's skilful roving earned him 13 kic's and Bagshaw excelled in the rack-rover role with six passes that set the Sturt machine moving with penetrating smoothness.

It was freely said this morning that the rain would be an advantage to Glenelg

But the heavy conditions hampered the orilliant Tigers as well as the spectacular Sturt men and the Blues' skill and class was as evident in the rain as it has been on a dry ground.

It was suggested on television this week that it would be good for football if Glenelg won.

Sturt proved they are the best team this year -as I predicted a couple of menths ago-and it's for the other sides to reach their standard.

The encouraging features are that Glenelg who scraped into the four took the game right up to the Blues and that there are other teams who gave the Tigere plenty of hurry

TODAY'S best players came in spasms.

Bagshaw is my choice as best with Endersbee second. and Glenelg's Cornes third.

There were many 8000 players other form whose wavered through injury or lack of opportunity.

Sturt lost nothing by keeping Nunan and Yeo on the bench. Endersbee and Rigney were stars, and any suggestion that the Wombat is on the way out was disproved.

Marker's exceptional form until half-time was one of the main reasons for Gleneig's first half lead. Voigt took a heavy knock early. but was still among the Bays' best. Colbey annihilated Tilbrook. Sandland and

battled Schoff draw Greenslade's game (six goals) was

typical Sturt full forward performance for a

Fred Phillis made the most of limited oppor-

SKILL **SHOWS OUT IN** MUD



D Baasharr



G. Cornes

ONE good first year player is reckoned a worthwhile find for a season.

Neil Kerley nas had much more than that in 1970.

The players who took Glenelg to the grand final included five in the first season - 25 per cent. of the Bays' preliminary final side.

They are Sandlands. Calwell, Hockridge, Osborn, and Rawson.

KERLS would have nothing to learn from Knute Rockne or high-pressure similar coaches of the American grid-iron game.

Harry Kernanan will testify to that after last week's preliminary final.

At three-quarter time coach Kerley was looking for a bigger effort from Kernahan and made a pointed reference to Harry's age (32).

Harry From Horse's reaction in the last term it was easy to see that he was not ecstatically happy about

He went so far back for his run-in at the first bounce for the quarter that if he had gone further he would have had to pay for

readmission. And he played a great last term

After the match Kerlev made his apology for his caustic remarks and indicated that the needle had been deliberately applied and had had the desired effect

Kerley admitted afterwards that he wouldn't have been surprised at three-quarter time if he had suddenly got a kick from a Horse

T seems standard procedure for Sturt to have unexpected players on the bench for the grand final.

previous vears In those who have not made the 18 have represented some formidable talent - John Murphy Brenton Miels. Halbert. Peter Endersoee, and this year Mick Nunan and Peter Yeo.

Obviously, the Blues have skill in reserve

VFL GRAND FINAL

MELBOURNE, Saturday: Carlton who appeared in a hopeless position at half-time, staged a dramatic fight-back to win their second premiership in three years with a narrow 10-point victory over Collingwood at the MCG.

At the start of the third term they kicked seven goals in 12 devastating minutes to bring themselves back into the

A match-winning move was made by Ron Barassi at half-time when he replaced second rover Bert Thornley with with lively Ted Hopkins.

In the last half Hopkins snared 11 kicks and kicked four goals, adding extra bite around the packs.

Other good players for Carlton were Brent Crosswell who continued his fine form from the preliminary final and Ian Robertson, who had interesting centre duel with Barry Price

Alex Jesaulenko who scored three goals, was a danger to Collingwood and was never really subdued.

Third time Collingwood, who have and great stamina that

It looked hopeless they never gave up. Collingwood's

not won a premiership since 1958, could be wondering what they have to do to win that elusive

It was the third time since that year they have been runners-up.

They led Carlton all day until the 20 minutes in the last term when they appeared "home and hosed.

Coach Bob Rose -- one of the most uniucky coaches in the past decade—was baffled.

It was a tribute to

Carlton's fighting spirit

players were Peter Mc-Kenna who kicked six goals-he had five up to half-time - and Wayne Richardson who gave the Magpies a lot of drive from the centre bounces. Goalkickers — Carlton:
Hopkins 4. Jesaulenko 3. Gallagher, Walls. Crosswell. Nicholis 2. Silvagni, Jackson. Collingwood: McKenna 6. Tuddenham 2. Dunne 2. Thompson 2. Britt. W. Richardson
Best Players — Carlton:
Crosswell. McKay. Silvagni,
Robertson Nichalls Rebertson, Nicholls, Jackson, Waffs, Jesaulenko, Colling-wood: Tuddenham, Dunne, M. Richardson, W. Richardson, Jenkin, Waters, McKenna, O'Celleghan, Price

good

REDLEGS MAKE IT TWO

By Barry Mair

Norwood made it two premierships in a row by mastering the wet conditions better than North Adelaide in the league Seconds grand final today.

8.7 14.10 94 7.8 8.14 62 Goalkickers—Norwood: Shil-labeer 4. Stasinowsky 3. See-kamp 2. Page. Menz. Mul-rancy. Haines. Veraguth. raney. Haines, Veraguth.
North: Sachse 4. Bevan, May.
Robran, Von Bertouch. Best
Players — Norwood: Page
French D. Woodcock, Dun-Best Dunlevy, Hillman. Seekamp, North: May. Payne, Von Bertouch Bevan, Burns, Plum-

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