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Before pouring it on



AT A GLANCE

GOALSCORERS.—GLENELG: D. K. Phillis 5.5, R. Voigt 3.4, Pattinson 2.1, Sandland 1.2, Osborn 1.1, Marker 1.0, Crabb 1.0, Button 0.3, W. Phillis 0.1, Cornes 0.1, rushed 0.2. PORT: Freeman 7.2, J. Cahill 2.3, Sorrell 2.3, Woite 1.0. Potter 0.1, Spencer 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST PLAYERS .- GLENELG: Marker, Voigt, W. Phillis, Moss, Colbey, Osborn, Cornes, Crabb. PORT: Light, Freeman, Ebert, McGie Nyland, Thiele. Errey,

REPLACEMENTS.-GLENELG: Rosewarne, by Eustice, last term. Pattinson, by Rawson, last term. PORT: D. Cahill, by Ede, third term (shoulder). Obst, by Pritchard, last term (bruised ribs). Attendance.—38,296.

Glenelg would have had only themselves to blame if they had lost the preliminary final.

They nearly kicked themselves out of the game in the first half.

Then they responded magnificently to Port's third and last quarter challenges to win their way into their second successive grand final.

performance stamped the third quarter and them as worthy contenders for the title.

Their superior speed had Port floundering and when the pressure was on at the finish, they went away to a convincing win.

The game followed much the same pattern as last week's second semi-final — Port's fighting spirit bringing them

The Bays' impressive back into the game in edging them to a one point lead in the last.

> After a scrambly first half, the game took a dramatic turn in the third quarter when Port switched Ebert and Woite and Sorrell broke loose at haif-forward

> It was a time for the Bays to rue the lost opportunities in the first

But Marker at centre and Voigt got them under way again and they had a little in reserve to withstand a potential matchwinning burst by Eric Freeman in the last quarter.

On the day, however, Port had to rely too ex-Cahili-Freeman combination to score

I thought Port may have made greater use of Cahill at half-forward

When he went there briefly in the first quarter. Port got into the

In the end with the loss of Obst and the consequent switch of Potter to the back pocket, the move was denied them But prior to this, Cahill would have given the half-forward line a badly needed boost.

With Moss in control at half-back and centre Marker on top at centre, Port were forced into the Ebert-Woite switch early in the third quarter

He more than made amends with a finishing burst,

Crabb Terry another to reserve his best for the finish and to atone for a mistake.

His over-running cost the Bays a scoring chance but with the scores tied at the 13-minute mark his goal gave Glenelg a valuable break.

His ability to get through for a goal at a vital stage in a close finish was once again demonstrated.

Port got a little more out of their following division through Thiele, but generally in this area, as against Sturt Port were outplayed.

Cornes' first half was good and Wayne Phillis, clusively on the John after three solid quarters lifted himself to great heights when the game was in the balance.

> Port's gamble in playing Darrel Cahill did not pay off. He could not compete in the air with Ray Button and Errey was switched in the second quarter.

Cahill was obviously hampered and the Magpies benefited from John Ede's entry into the game in the third quarter.

Dan Pritchard's replacement of Trevor Obst also reacted in Port's favor.

Pritchard drove in a couple of important attacks, while Potter took over capably in the back pocket.

Glenelg's move of playing the resting rover in the left pocket was again employed today.

It has the effect of restricting the back pocket players' chances to attack down middle of the ground.

The tactic was significant in Glenelg's win over Sturt at Unley.

Bruce Hyland's strong first half and Bruce Light's recovery from Lawrie Rosewarne's sound opening were a couple of bright spots for Port in a drab first half.

Nyland seemed to be slowed down by a knock in the third quarter and played a minor role thereafter.

PRELIMINARY FINAL STATISTICS By Bill Henderson

GLENELG Kicks Marks H/passes Frees £cks Marks H/Passes Frees Kernahan Spencer W. Phillis 13 Thiele Cornes 9 Milde 5 ockridge "oigt Salmon Pattinson Haslam D. K. Phillis .. J. Cahill Button Sardland Freeman Potter ·sborn Ebert Sorrell Rosewarne 9 Marker Nyland Crabb Woite Smith Light D. Cabill Moss Colbey Clayton Hunt Errey Caldwell Obst Eustice McGie Rawson Pritchard Total 252 Total Caldwell's kleks include 14 klek-offs. McGie's kicks include 20 kick-offs.

Coaches, captains said:



Glenelg frees include 8 kicking out in full.

NEIL KERLEY (Glenelg coach): I was very pleased with the way the boys came back after Port looked to have the upper hand. Our finish in the last 15 minutes was excellent, but we will need to improve our goalkicking to beat Sturt.

Port frees include four kicking out on full.



KEN EUSTICE (Glenelg captain): We won with another team effort through players concentrating on playing the ball. Every player, and particularly the younger members, gave everything to lift the side. After the first quarter I was confident as I thought Port would lose the run in their legs late in the game.



FOS WILLIAMS (Port coach): The freshness of Glenelg was very telling early, but I was proud of the manner in which we got back into the game. The breaks went a little their way in the end to give them the advantage. However, they deserved their win and should be a good force in the final.



JOHN CAHILL (Port captain): Congratulations Clenals. We were beaten by a better side at the finish.

FIRST TIME

They had also switched half-forwards. putting Sorrell on to the outer flank where he burst into the game for the first

Glenelg had to swing Ken Smith across in a counter move.

The Bays roving, with Voigt again in brilliant form, was far more penetrating.

And across half-forward the first half marking of Button — and Osborn's creative football put Port's defence under heavy pressure.

Osborn again pressed. He missed badly from an important set shot early in the last quarter, but the miss only made him more determined.

Marker best player

Doug Thomas: Marker (Glenelg) 1; R Voigt (Glenelg) 2; E. Freeman (Port) 3.

Wickham: Stan Marker 1; R. Voigt 2; D. Moss (Glenelg) 3.

Gerry Harrison: R Voigt 1; P. Marker 2; B. Light (Port) 3.

Henderson: P. Bill Marker 1; R. Voigt 2; E. Freeman 3.

Gallagher: Voigt 1; P. Marker 2; W Phillis (Gleneig) 3.

HOW GLENELG WON...

"Up, up, and away with the boys from the Bay."

That's the call to get with next week if you want to be on a winner.

Port have shown us no mercy in past years, so why should we be sympathetic in giving them a shot at the title in their Centenary Year?

Tell you what Port. We'll do you a favor and stop Sturt getting close to your six premierships in a row.

The game should have been safely in our keeping by the end of the first term and all over by half-time, but our goal shooting kept the Mag-pies in the picture.

Who cares about history and all that junk about the winner of the

tory and all that junk about the winner of the first semi-final rarely winning the grand final? History will be made next week judging from the mood the Bay boys

There are no union rules regarding how many times a player may handle the ball and Peter Marker and Rex Voigt observed those "no rules" in devastating fashion to be our best

Peter Marker had to bow to Woite early in the first term, but the centre champ soon changed that to control the centre patch and all points closely.

Rex Voigt is a fourquarter player of the highest order. He shirks no situation, nor does he squeal when things swing against him.

He is at his best in bringing less capable players strongly into the game.

Hung head

Marker—26 kicks—and Voigt 22 (all effective) tells the tale of the influence they had on the game.

Did I chortle when Fred took that mark to kick his hundredth goal. Sure he gave McGie the heave-ho, but it was well done and now Fred joins past champion Colin Churchett by kicking 100 goals in succes-

Full marks to the public for not encroaching on the ground when he kicked the goal, except for those six idiots down the river end who were soon given the boot by the attendants and

sive years.

Ray Button gave us signs of his brilliant marking (10 beauties) hest—but—oh!—the kicking. Kerl will have him banging them out of sight at practice this

I hung the head and moaned with the rest of you when Ted Osborne, Wayne Phillis, and "Buts" all plucked great marks in the last term, only to kick out of

DASHING Glenelg ruckman. Graham Cornes, has played his way into form after missing most of the season while in the Army. He played in the last minor round game, showing flashes of form, and his game in the first semi-final rated a special mention. Today's effort placed him high in Glenelg's TOP: With fellow ruckman Harry Kernahan waiting apprehensively for the crumbs. Cornes flies to take a mark. Port ruckman Kevin Salmon watches the "blond bomb-shell" from the ground. MIDDLE: Young fans mob their hero after today's win, BOTTOM: "Mr. Century," Fred Phillis, was not too lucky in this incident of play. His opponent, Lindsay McGle, sits on his shoulders as they vie for the ball. McGie was one of Port's best today.

By our one-eyed Glenelg barracker

bounds and into the man on the mark. Things were tight then.

Mossy didn't have all that many kicks at centre half-back, but all he allowed Ebert to get in the first half was what Paddy shot at

That's his job, to stop the opposition.

Handcuffs

Brian Colbey had the handcuffs on Sorrell for the first half, but the kid looked dangerous in the third term to kick 2-4 before Brian locked him up again in the last.

On the other flank, Ken Smith played another one of those unobtrusive games that rarely takes him into the best players—but neither does his opponent get there.

rerry Crabb had a fight on his hands against Nyland, but his second-half was at his determined best that had "Poppa" Alan puffing his chest out in the stand.

It is not for the record what "Poppa" Alan said when Terence went on a 20-yd run without bouncing the ball in the tense moments of the last session.

This little shrimp, Ted Osborne, learns something new each week about how to play half-forward. Although he missed that "gimme!" goal in the last term, he showed his class by hammering home a full-pointer when it counted,

That sinking feeling came into the stomach when Freeman holed out with those two goals to tie the scores early in the last term.

Where did we get our lift from at that stage?
I give Ken Eustice credit when "Kerl" slipped the leash off him to bring him on fresh. He gave bite to some tired

legs, and hearts pumped stronger with his presence!

Million dollars

Wayne Phillis found an extra bit as he hurled himself aloft for some important marks, while Terry Crabb's bouncing goal made us all feel like a million dollars.

The way the Bays shot through the supposedly tight Magpie defence at times made the Port backs look like the TV commercial on facial tissues — "Soft — absorbent—and pop up one at a time."

Don't let us overlook Chris Hunt's tight rein on the Port revers in the back pocket, as he eased us out of many a tight corner.

You can forget about those seven goals Freeman kicked, Nev Caldwell.

They were earned by brilliant play for ther afield that left you nowhere to go. A game as good as todays next week will do me nicely.

The slogging dept. —
the rucks — matched
anything Port could
throw at them while
Rex Voigt and Patto outroved Cahill and Haslam
stylishly.

Let's give a thought to the architect of it all — Neil Kerley.

Faced with the problems of out-of-form players, he stuck to his intuition and although realising how fortunate they were to make the finals he has lifted them to the grand final with well prepared training.

Next week ends it all and 36 years is a long enough wait for our second flag.

That won't be the only thing that will be flying down the Bay next week. We'll all be so high they'll have to close the airport.



TIGERS IN COLT LOSS

Speedy North defeated Glenelg in the Colts grand final today.

North who were first to the ball, broke clear away in the second quarter with a strong game from Wickham on the halfback flank.

He repeatedly cleared through North's pacy skipper Rogers on the

wing.

The Bays main strong point was O'Connor at centre half-back.

Both teams received drive from their centremen, who were outstanding. Bretag (North) and Gray (Glenelg).

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Carey White Marriott,

CALL IT AS SEE IT...

BY DOUG THOMAS AS TOLD TO JOHN HEALEY

It was a tremendous about-face for Port in the preliminary final today.

How many times through the years have they fought on to snatch victory when it seemed they must go under?

And how many times have supporters of their opponents complained about the generous treatment the Magpies have received from the central umpire?

It didn't happen in either instance today.

Port battled to the

Port battled to the final siren, but so did Glenelg, and the Tigers deserved their win.

And this was one day when Port weren't the umpire's golden-haired boys, and one day when Neil Kerley — never frightened to speak his mind about the man in white—must have been happy to remain silent.

Glenelg, in front at every change, will be worthy grand finalists against Sturt next Saturday (remember how they scraped into the final four on percentage only?) but there were many instances, four of them outstanding, on which Port have every reason to feel disgruntled.

oFred Phillis' 100th goal for the season (congratulations, Fred!) came after a flagrant push in McGie's back, and an easy mark.

he was about to throw the ball to the full back for an expected free.

• Spencer marked in the goal square, where he could hardly have missed (even today when so many chances were lost).

He grabbed the ball in a pack, lost hold, but immediately retrieved it, and umpire Max O'Connell called "play on."

Sorrell was 30 yards out when he marked the ball cleanly and again O'Connell decided it was no mark.

Late in the last quarter Glenely's Sandland flew with a big group and must have been the only one not to touch the ball before taking it from a succession of hands. But, he was given the mark

WHEN Port hit the front by a point half-way through the last quarter, Ken Eustice was loosening up on the boundary and when he went on he proved his worth.

After the game, a committeeman told him: "I didn't think much of your first half, but your last quarter was a bottler."

I DON'T remember Brian Colbey being shifted from a half-back flank because of poor form.

But today, he was moved to the other side away from Sorrell.

Wonder if Constable Colbey used up too much energy vesterday. Was he at the North terrace-King William street confrontation?

KERLEY SILENT FOR A CHANGE



Fred Phillis



Peter Marker

Freeman can be matchwinner

FREEMAN has shown in the past that he can be a matchwinner off his own boot.

He kicked seven goals today.

He didn't play against Sturt last Saturday because of a suspected pulled muscle.

But last Saturday morning he told Fos Williams he had had a run and felt 100 per cent. fit.

It's easy to think of might-have-beens, but what if Freeman had played against the Blues?

Port had the ball in their forward lines often enough last week to win.

PETER Marker was the best of Kerley's heroes.

He beat Woite and Ebert at centre, marked brilliantly, and gave an object lesson in ground play. He is a master at positioning his body over the ball.

Voigt and Pattinson combined superbly to rove the pants off Port's John Cahill, Haslam, and Potter.

Time and again they were left unchecked in the forward lines and if this happens next week Sturt could be in trouble.

DURING the season, I have been known to apply the initials CP to Moss (Can't play).

But today, he showed he can play. He repeatedly cut off Port's avenue to goal at centre half-back.