

Kerley scents a Glenelg premiership

By KEITH BUTLER

"A tremendous premiership portent." That was the brisk assessment of smiling Glenelg coach Neil Kerley after his team's 26-point win over Sturt before a crowd of 25,770 at Football Park yesterday.

Glenelg will now meet Norwood in next Sunday's second semi-final with the winner going into the grand final and the loser opposed to the winner of next Saturday's Port-Sturt first semi-final.

"That we could win as we did after some shocking kicking for goal suggests to me that we will take a power of beating," Kerley said.

And that Glenelg had 41 scoring shots — the highest number against Sturt this season — adds weight to Kerley's premiership confidence.

But there were two occasions when Kerley must have reflected on last year's grand final when Sturt came back against seemingly insurmountable odds to win.

After an even first half, during which Glenelg always looked the smoother, Football Park threatened to develop into a punishment pit with Graham Cornes the executioner when he led Glenelg in a magnificent burst to open up a 40-point lead.

But Sturt came back to make the difference 27 points at the last change.

Again in the final quarter it looked as if Sturt might again dwindle without distinction when Glenelg, now brilliantly led by Peter Marker booted 4.5 to a goal to stretch its lead to 50 points after 18 minutes.

Suddenly Sturt shook off its uncoordinated misery and in six minutes kicked five goals to be only 21 points down.

Sturt, however, never really looked like winning. Glenelg, which had a wider spread of strength throughout, steadied and time ran out for Sturt.

Because of the pressure exerted by Bob Tardif, Cornes and Colin Anderson, there were few occasions during the game when Sturt

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Sturt	3.3	6.6	9.8	15.10 (100)

was able to manoeuvre away from the square.

Rather was it an eager Glenelg which swiftly leaped from the square, harrying the defence under a hail of fast exchanges and then ripping into goal with unprofitable inaccuracy.

While Rick Davies carried the Sturt ruck load there were times when Sturt's usual architects, Paul Bagshaw, Mick Nunan and Brendon Howard, were forced to back turn into trouble.

Apart from Davies, Sturt's run-followers were lost around the ground.

Sturt players rarely ran up with the fall of the ball with any consistency and they were invariably pitted against odds at its fall.

The odd appearance in ruck of Peter Carey added to Sturt's problems and there were few occasions when it was able to pace it with Glenelg's spicy rovers, Greg Bennett and Daryl Rady.

Robbert Klomp at centre half-forward was smothered by the strength of Wayne Phillis. At full back Rex Voigt rarely made an error and Peter Anderson played with great effect.

Jim Rawson, who came into the side to fill virus-stricken Brian Colbey's place on a half-back flank performed superbly in putting the shackles on Michael Gra-

ham, who, however, was also a virus victim.

Even more serious for Sturt was the blanketing for most of the match of its expected strength across half-forward, even though wingers Tony Burgan and Brenton Miels pumped the ball forward.

It was rather ironic that Sturt should be eclipsed in its two expected strongpoints.

Its half-back line suffered heavily. Colin Casey could not handle the elusive Adrian Rebbeck, who slipped clear to snap some amazing goals but also missed some "sitters."

Carey was too powerful in the air at centre half-forward and he used his physical strength to make a very large hole in the Sturt defence.

Tony Lloyd had some success when switched to cover Rebbeck, but had it not been for the sterling defence of John Murphy and Bruce Winter in the last line, Sturt might have been swamped.

At the finish Sturt, without Davies and Howard, may have looked like a prize fighter who had absorbed plenty of punishment, but fighters come back and Sturt still has the skills to remain well in this premiership fight.

Goalkickers — Glenelg — D. Phillis, 6.2; Rebbeck, 3.3; Rady, Marker, 2.1; Weston, 1.3; Caldwell, 1.2; Carey, MacFarlane, 1.1; Cornes, 0.2; Bennett, McInerney, 0.1; rushed 0.6. Sturt — Whelan, 3.2; Graham, 3.1; Oatey, Burgan, 2.1; Davies, 2.0; Klomp, 1.4; Nunan, Miels, 1.0; Casey, 0.1.

Best — Glenelg — Carey, Bennett, Voigt, Rawson, Tardif, Rebbeck. Sturt — Davies, Murphy, Burgan, Winter, Nunan, Miels.

Umpire — R. Bennet.

Glenelg rover reported

Glenelg rover Greg Bennett was reported by field umpire Robin Bennet for allegedly striking Mick Nunan (Sturt) during the first quarter of yesterday's qualifying final at Football Park.

The charge will be heard by the league commissioners tomorrow night.

Reserves to Sturt

Sturt defeated Norwood 14.16 to 11.18 in the reserves qualifying final at Football Park yesterday.

Goalkickers — Sturt — Schultz, Hargreave, 3; Salmon, Underwood, Hunt, Heinrich, Harris, Hill, Sanders, Giles, 1. Norwood — Nalder, 3; Coligan, Pettingill, 2; White, Finemann, Colosanto, Thiel, 1.

Best — Sturt — Heinrich, Murphy, Leonard, Sanders, Richardson, Hargreaves. Norwood — Wark, Olsen, Beaverstock, Thiel, Howard, Packer.

UNDER 19
Qualifying final
Port 18.11, Norwood 10.21.
Elimination final
West 13.21, Glenelg 12.14.

UNDER 17
Qualifying final
Glenelg 14.14, North 13.13.
Elimination final
Norwood 9.18, Sturt 4.15.

Crowds
Football Park (Saturday)
(Yesterday) 16,585
25,770
Total
Season aggregate 42,355
801,336
Ground firm, weather fine and sunny.

Best on ground

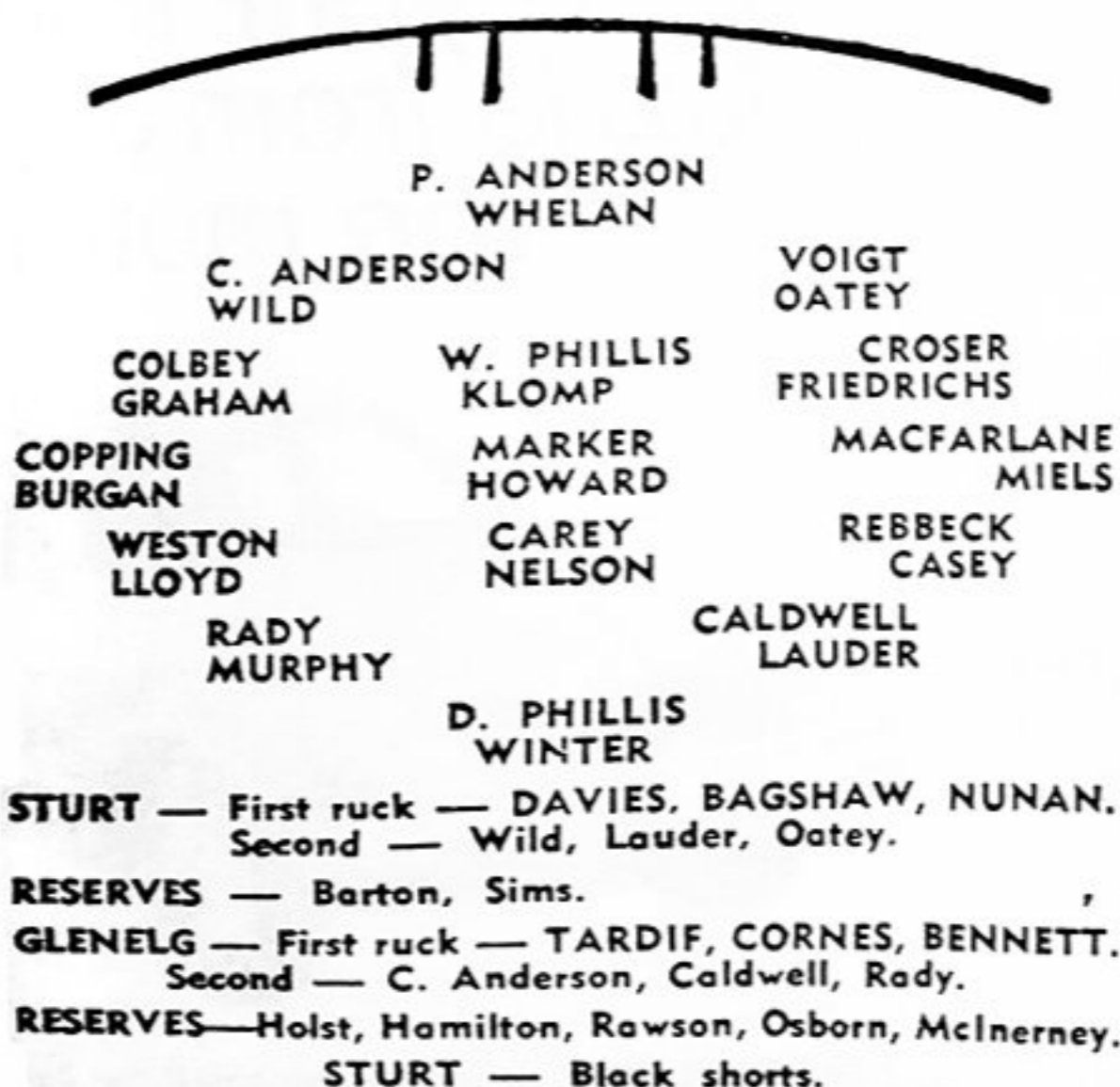
Peter Carey (G)	3
Rick Davies (St)	2
Greg Bennett (G)	1



Sturt full forward Ken Whelan marks over Glenelg opponents Rex Voigt (left) and Peter Anderson

Sunday's line-up

Sturt kicking up, names underneath



Leading goalkickers

D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	6.2	18	122.57
Whelan (Sturt)	3.2	22	80.45
Dillon (Norwood)	—	20	70.36
Reed (Central District)	—	20	62.29
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	—	19	57.38
T. Evans (Port Adelaide)	4.5	10	56.30
Robbins (South Adelaide)	—	18	49.41
Hill (North Adelaide)	1.2	17	49.31

Qualifying Final, 1975

Elimination Final

Port 11 - 32 98
North 8 - 20 68

Qualifying Final

Glenelg 17 - 24 126
Sturt 15 - 10 100

Next Week

First-Semi: Sturt v Port
Second-Semi: Norwood v Glenelg

1975 Qualifying Final

BAYS TRIUMPH IN CROWD PLEASER

The first half of the 1975 Qualifying Final proved to be a tight, crowd pleasing spectacle for the 25,770 patrons who attended the game.

The Tigers led narrowly at half time by four points, but Glenelg were far more impressive because of the constant pressure exerted around the centre by Bob Tardif, Graham Cornes and Colin Anderson, which prevented the Blues

from taking the ball away with any method or consistency. Although Rick Davies battled hard all day, it was Glenelg's rovers in Greg Bennett and Daryl Rady who usually beat the likes of Paul Bagshaw, Mike Nunan and Brendon Howard to the ball.

Glenelg kept Sturt's dangerous forwards in Ken Whelan and Michael Graham well in check as defenders Jim Rawson, Rex Voigt

and Peter Anderson formed a solid defensive line. The only line to put Sturt into a scoring position was the centre line where Tony Burgan and Brenton Miels more than held their own.

As the second half began, the Tigers suddenly exploded to slam on six goals without reply in a magnificent burst of power football, to set up a convincing 40 point lead.

Graham Cornes was the catalyst for the Bays as they forced Sturt into error as the Blues were rarely at the fall of the ball and continually playing from behind. The Blues defence was in tatters as Adrian Rebbeck proved too elusive for Colin Casey and Peter Carey was a powerhouse for the Bays at centre half-forward. Sturt's defensive line was barely held together by the efforts of Bruce Winter and John Murphy.

But Sturt came back late in the third term to score two goals and cut Glenelg's lead to 27 points and keep their slim hopes alive.

Again in the final term, Glenelg were the front runners as they added 4.5 to Sturt's one solitary goal to stretch the Tigers lead to 50 points at the 18 minute mark. The Bays threatened to run riot as players like Peter Marker cut Sturt's defence to pieces.

Suddenly the Blues shook off their lethargy to shock Glenelg with a brilliant six minute burst that netted five goals and leave Sturt with a deficit of only 21 points with the time-on period to go.

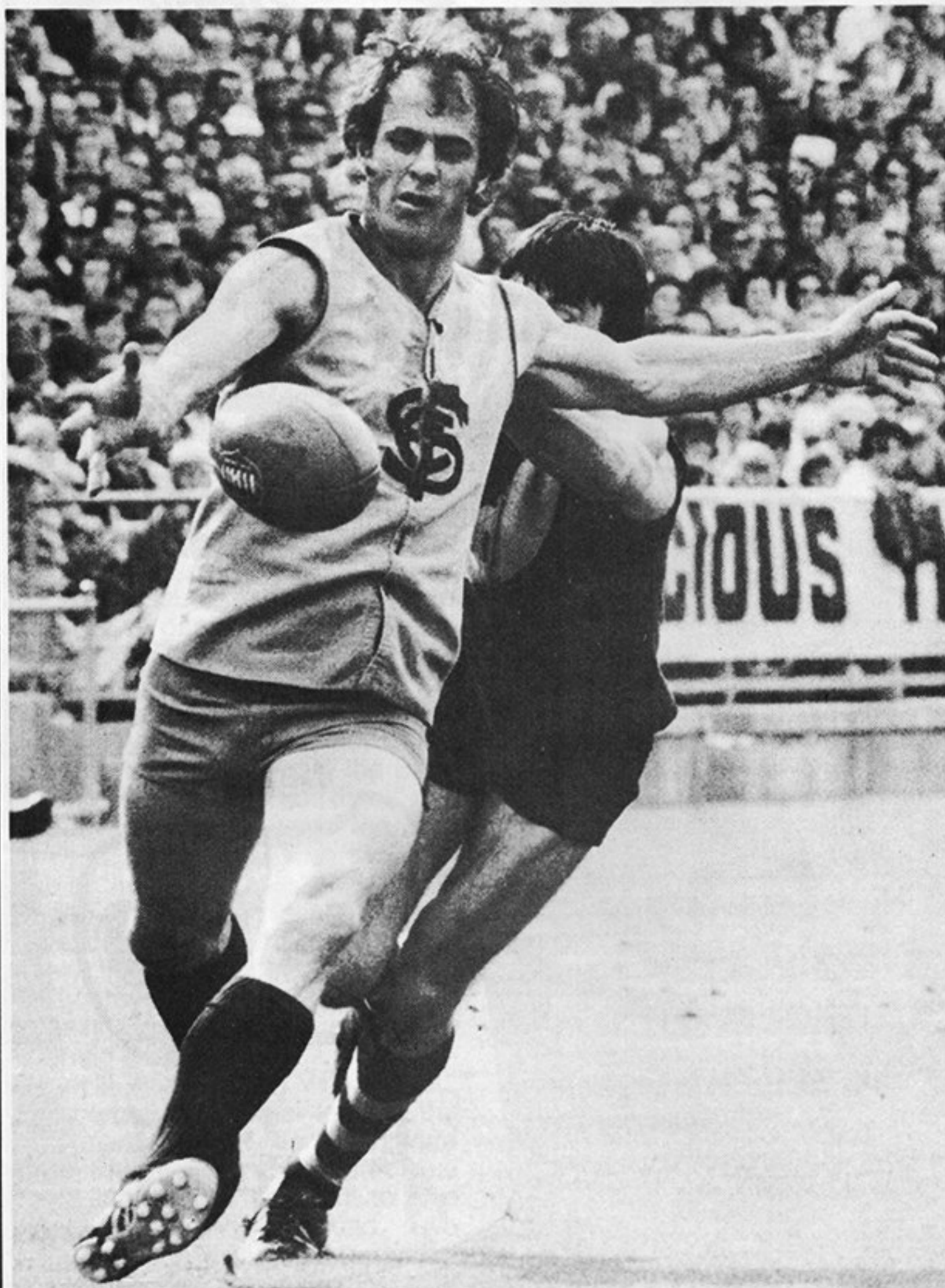
However, Glenelg steadied and held on grimly to record an exciting 26 point victory and advance to the Second Semi-Final against Norwood.

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SCORERS — Glenelg: D. Phillis 6.2; Rebbeck 3.3; Rady 2.1, Marker 2.1; Weston 1.3; Caldwell 1.2; Carey 1.1, MacFarlane 1.1; Cornes 0.2; Bennett 0.1, McInerney 0.1. Rushed 0.6; Sturt: Whelan 3.2; Graham 3.1; Burgan, R. Oatey 2.1; Davies 2; Klomp 1.4; Nunan 1, Miels 1; Casey 0.1.

Umpire: R. Bennett.
Attendance: 25,770.



Sturt's powerful ruck-rover John Murphy breaks away from Stephen Copping in the 1975 game.