

GLENELG BOUNDS INTO THE FINAL

By KEITH BUTLER

Glenelg bounded into the league football grand final with a 29-point win over Norwood in a magnificent second semi-final before a crowd of 32,719 at Football Park yesterday.

Norwood, the crown prince, top of the minor round after 16 straight wins, will this week play Port Adelaide for the right to meet Glenelg for the premiership.

In the last half yesterday Glenelg, like Mohammad Ali, performed everything from the double shuffle to flitting, floating and stinging.

In this period it overcame a packed Norwood defence in the third quarter, kicking 14.2 to 8.5 in the last half — the first 10 goals without a miss.

If one had to single out a key feature between the two teams it would be at full forward.

This was the big difference. Glenelg had Fred Phillis.

Although the strength and power of Wayne Phillis more than covered Ross Dillon at centre half-forward, Norwood through the skills of Rod Seekamp, John Wynne and its wingers Phillip Gallagher and Glen Rosser, got into attack as often as Glenelg.

It was an unfortunate day for Norwood.

It lost full back Ian Stasnowsky and followed with Mike Poulter within a minute of each other half way through the first quarter.

While Jim Michalanney, who came on from the reserves' bench performed splendidly, the quick reorganisation which Norwood had to undergo upset the side's balance.

And to add to Norwood's trauma was the very large and early threat of full forward Phillis — and slightly less, that of Peter Carey.

While Stephen Kerley at centre half-back was mostly able to subdue Carey, it was a lost cause against Phillis, who finished with six goals.

On the flanks Greg Rix and Rod Pope had their opponents well covered, although Adrian Rebbeck slipped clear occasionally.

There had been severe pressure on both sides to half-time during which Michael Gregg and Wynne had carried the ruck load against Bob Tardif, Colin Anderson, Graham Cornes and Neville Caldwell.

It was a vigorous start with Glenelg centreman Peter Marker downed twice in the opening 10 minutes, but he climbed off the grass to play a telling role in the finish.

There had been severe pressure on both sides in the first half, but in the third quarter Norwood's stacking of the defence appeared to frustrate Glenelg.

For most of the quarter Norwood had 13 men in defence.

With the wind behind it Glenelg, getting clear from the strong ruck work of Cornes, Tardif and Colin Anderson, together with John MacFarlane on a wing, ran into a conglomeration of defenders.

Norwood had as many as three men competing with Fred Phillis and often four against Carey.

It was successful in part. Phillis kicked only one goal in the last half, but while he was being given such close attention quick-silver rover Daryl Rady booted five goals.

Glenelg coach Neil Kerley answered these tactics by having a line of five men on the edge of the square and as fast as Norwood pumped the ball clear it was shanghaied back again.

At the 16-minute mark the difference was only 10 points in favor of Glenelg and with Norwood to come home with the breeze the Tigers looked anything but comfortable.

Out of the blue Glenelg's bouncy little rover Kym Hodgeman pulled down a mark. Rady followed with another goal in 30 seconds after which Fred Phillis outmarked two opponents in the square to add a third — all in six minutes.

Kerley said he had not been disturbed by Norwood's tactics.

"I did not believe the wind was strong enough to warrant such a jammed-up defence and was confident that we would still kick goals although I realised some would have to come from a distance," he said.

One was struck by the thought that Norwood might have become a little too defensive as in three magnificent late rebound shots from defence through Gallagher, Seekamp and Craig it added three quick goals to be down only 13 points at the last change.

It was then that with Carey called into ruck, Marker and Stephen Copping driving the ball wide to Caldwell on the flank, Glenelg streamed through a loose Norwood defence to kick four goals in the first seven minutes to open up a 37-point break.

Replacement Norwood full back Graeme Dunstan leans back in a desperate effort to prevent star Tiger goalsneak Fred Phillis from marking.

Phillis played a major part in Glenelg's march to the grand final.

He kicked six goals to be high among Glenelg's best players.

Glenelg	4.5	7.7	13.7	21.9	(135)
Norwood	4.1	8.5	11.6	16.10	(106)

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg — D. Phillis 6.1; Rady 5.0; Rebbeck 3.0; Caldwell 2.3; Carey 2.2; Hodgeman 2.1; Marker 1.0; Cornes 0.1; rushed 0.1. Norwood — Craig 3.2. Dillon 3.1; Rosser, Woodcock, 2.1; Nicholson 2.0; Roberts 1.2; Turbill, Taylor, 1.1; Poulter 1.0; Wynne 0.1.

Best — Glenelg — W. Phillis, C. Anderson, Caldwell, D. Phillis, Rady, Hodgeman. Norwood — Gregg, Rix, Wynne, Kerley, Seekamp, Michalanney.
Umpire — P. Mead.

