

Determination wins for Glenelg

Glenelg	3.2	7.5	11.7	11.10	76
Richmond	4.0	5.3	8.4	9.8	62

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Quick-tackling Glenelg provided a great fillip to the National Football League by defeating Richmond by 14 points in the opening match at Football Park yesterday.

In terms of intensity, effort and will to win Glenelg was supreme for the full 92 minutes.

The composure, steadiness and forthright approach were in marked contrast to Saturday's display against South Adelaide, when the SA league leader was beaten by 33 points.

"Armor-plated" half-backs Paul Weston, Jim Lihou and Brighton High School student Peter Johnston were major contributors to the win.

So were tenacious rovers Peter McInerney and Kym Hodgeman, who provided the link between midfield and the forwards.

And evasive half-forward Adrian Rebbeck played a crucial role by booting four goals in the first half for a morale-boosting 14-point lead at the interval.

The average SA fan has seen his pride go before a fall so often that he seldom accepts even short-term success as inevitable.

But with a 21-point lead at the last change, the advantage of the cross breeze and only 23 minutes to play, even the most pessimistic follower sensed victory.

Although Glenelg added only three points, it restricted a laboring Richmond to 1.4. None did more in the last term than glue-fingered Graham Cornes.

In this period many leg-weary Glenelg players ran on spirit alone — but Richmond had no more to offer because it had been ground into weary submission by the unyielding pressure and fighting spirit of the Tigers.

GOALSCORERS — Glenelg — Rebbeck, 4.0; McInerney, 2.2; Caldwell, 1.2; D. Phillis, Hercock, Copping, MacFarlane, 1.0; Hodgeman Cornes, Marker, 0.1; rushed, 0.3. **Richmond —** Monteath, 3.1; Heard, 2.0; Balme, 1.1; Thorpe, Edwards, Cumming, 1.0; Tschirpig, Miller, 0.1 rushed, 0.4.

BEST — Glenelg — Weston, Lihou, Cornes, Rebbeck, W. Phillis, McInerney. **Richmond —** Thorpe, Sheedy, Mattson, Lamb, Monteath, Carter.

Umpire — P. Mead (SA).

A disappointing crowd of 13,693 watched the match of four 23-minute quarters with no time-on.

Both teams were weakened — Richmond by the absence of Royce Hart, Kevin Bartlett, Kevin Morris, Dick Clay, John Pitura, Neville Roberts and Brian Wood; Glenelg by the loss of Brian Colbey, Peter Millard, Jim Rawson, Greg Croser, David Holst and Bob Paech.

Apart from the early ruck dominance of former Collingwood beanpole Robert Heard and a brisk opening for two goals in three minutes, the authority expected of a Victorian club team was missing.

This prompted Richmond coach Tom Hafey to say later: "Glenelg wanted to win more than we did. We didn't run enough."

"Without making excuses a lot of our fellows didn't put themselves into the game like they do at home."

"There were about six players who wouldn't have had three kicks each."

Hafey, who had no idea of Richmond's National League fixtures, said a club was always likely to get beaten when four premiership points were not at stake.

A grim-faced Kerley showed no elation at victory when confronted by local and Victorian Pressman — only anger that Richmond centreman David Thorpe had been named best afield by a combined vote.

"What about young Lihou?" was his opening gambit. "Didn't you notice him?"

And having made his point he

calmed down.

"We tackled well and we got the ball out to team-mates better than Richmond," he said.

"I was pleased with our rucks. Wayne Phillis had a bad hand and Peter Carey wasn't 100 p.c. fit. But they did a great job."

The only flashes of aggressive fire were provided by Richmond's most effective players David Thorpe and Kevin Sheedy.

Because of his balking, weaving and playing on, Thorpe has been tabbed a "show pony" footballer in some quarters.

But many times the demonstrative centreman has silenced his critics with his devastating football — and yesterday was no exception.

Wisdom, it is said, is knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

Early in the game the flamboyant Sheedy threw it around to the detriment of his side.

But a more disciplined No. 10 was far more resolute in the second half, when he created many openings with quick-thinking, play-on football.

Glenelg's next NFL engagement will be against Swan Districts in Perth on June 12. Victory would assure the SA club of a place in the semi-finals.

The first night fixture at Norwood Oval will be on June 1 when Port Adelaide will play Footscray.

The Spencer Gulf League defeated Southern 15.24 to 13.6, in the curtain-raiser at Football Park yesterday.

Heavily hit by injuries and employment Glenelg and Richmond have been forced widely to improvise for their clash in the National Football League match at Football Park today.

Seven members of the Richmond side which lost to Carlton on Saturday are missing.

They are Neville Roberts (concussion), John Pitura (ankle), Royce Hart and Kevin Morris (back injuries), Bryan Wood, Dick Clay and Kevin Bartlett (unavailable because of employment).

Glenelg named 22 yesterday, reporting it was impossible to place the team before locking at several players this morning.

Jim Rawson (hamstring), David Holst and Bob Paech (knee injuries), were casualties after Saturday's defeat by South Adelaide, leaving Glenelg without eight members of its 1975 grand final team.

There was some measure of compensation for Glenelg with the return of Peter Carey and John MacFarlane, both of whom have been out with injuries.

GLENELG	FOOTBALL PARK	RICHMOND
(possible placings only)		F.—Balme, Monteath, Stonehouse.
F.—Caldwell, D. Phillis, McInerney.		H.F.—Clayton, Edwards, Mattson.
H.F.—Rady, C. Anderson, Rebbeck.		C.—Cumming, Thorpe, Tschirpig.
C.—MacFarlane, Marker, Copping.		H.B.—McGhie, Bourke, Keane.
H.B.—Johnston, Weston, Lihou.		B.—Lamb, Jenkinson, Cloke.
B.—Voigt, Obst, W. Phillis.		1R.—Heard, Sheedy, Carter.
1R.—Carey, Cornes, Hodgeman.		2R.—Balme, Mattson, Stonehouse.
2R.—W. Phillis, Caldwell, McInerney.		Res.—Thompson, Bond.
Res.—Marriott, Kahl, Hercock, Pollard.		
Out of 20 — Rawson, Holst, Paech (all inj.).		
Into 22 — MacFarlane, Carey (recovered), Marriott, Pollard, Kahl.		