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# THREAT OF BLUE SLUMP

# Phillis boots Tigers back to top gear

Full forward Fred Phillis emphasised his importance to Glenelg by kicking 12 goals to spearhead the Tigers' whopping 82-point win over Sturt at Football Park.

It was Glenelg's highest score against Sturt, their biggest victory over them, and the highest-scoring game between the teams.

BY  ALAN SHIELL

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In winning so easily, the Tigers stole a huge psychological advantage over the Blues for their meeting in the qualifying final at Football Park next Sunday.

But next week's struggle is a final, and a different ball game altogether to the one yesterday, which had no bearing on the composition of the final five.

That still doesn't excuse Sturt for being thrashed so convincingly. no side, with any regard for its pride or prestige, allows itself to be licked to the tune of 13-14 goals.

Glenelg had winners everywhere. Indeed, it seemed almost unfair to name "only" 12 best players.

Fred Phillis was the biggest winner of them all.

## CRITICISM

Stung by abuse and criticism of his goalless effort against Norwood the previous week, Phillis burst back to his belligerent best, booting 12-3 from 17 kicks.

He attacked the ball confidently, marked strongly, and kicked with unerring accuracy, something he has not achieved often at Football Park.

He goaled with his only kick in the first quarter, kicked six goals from six kicks in the second term, added another goal in the third quarter, and notched four goals from five kicks in the last term.

His last goal, particularly, was 1969 vintage, the year he won the Magarey Medal and finished the season with 137 goals.

Phillis cleverly evaded a Sturt defender between the half-forward left flank and the pocket, ran around the boundary line, and steered the ball through the goal posts from the extremely acute angle, about 40 metres out.

Statistics show Sturt's ruckmen Rick Davies (seven), and Greg Wild (five) won only 12 hit-outs.

This was the beginning and end of the Blues' demise, as Glenelg were able to win the ball away from the centre-square repeatedly.

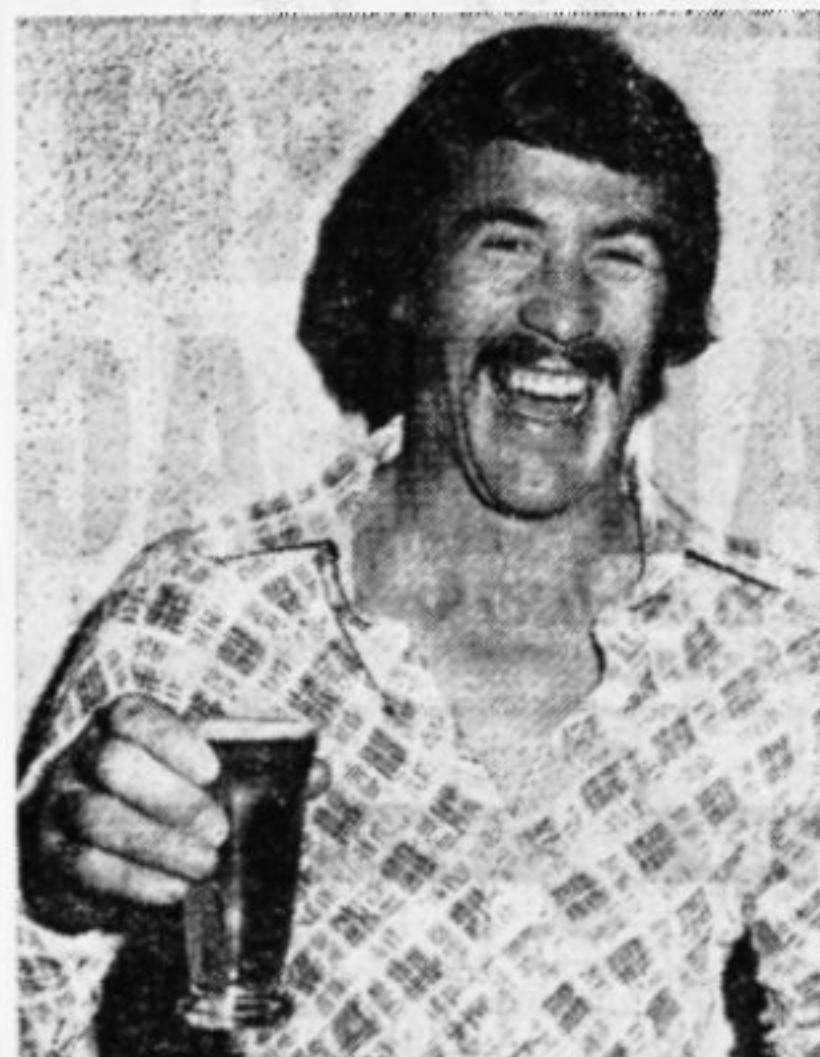
Bob Paech, Peter Carey, and Wayne Phillis won the majority of ruck touches for Glenelg, and Kym Hodgeman, Graham Cornes, Nev Caldwell, Darryl Rady, and Stephen Copping whisked the ball out of the square towards Phillis, who led intelligently.

In defence, Greg Croser and Rex Voigt gave nothing away on the last line, centre half-back Paul Weston had an absorbing tussle with Malcolm Greenslade.

Follower Colin Casey probably was Sturt's best player, and Robert Klomp, like his opponent Rady, did much good work at centre.

Sturt could not play as badly again. But was it their own doing, or should Glenelg take all the credit?

I'm inclined to think Sturt are in more trouble than we may realise.



## FRED BAGS A DOZEN...

Playing League football isn't all beer and skittles. But when you kick a dozen goals, like Glenelg full forward Fred Phillis did yesterday, then you're entitled to a beer. Phillis is pictured celebrating his tally—which also brought about a much-needed return to form—and the Bays power victory over Sturt. Phillis now goes into the finals with 88 goals—and a chance to notch another ton, his fourth in League competition. Picture by Brian Webber.

### ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-3	9-8	18-14	24-19	163
Nwd.	2-4	6-7	7-13	12-17	89

**BEST PLAYERS — PORT:** Ebert, Cunningham, Gerlach, Porplycia, Woite, Cahill, Light, James. **NORWOOD:** Craig, Gregg, Pope, Gallagher, Thiel. **SCORERS — PORT:** Gerlach 9-6, Cunningham 3.2, Cahill 3.1, G. Phillips 3.0, Whatman 2.2, Porplycia 2.1, Light 1.1, Granger 1.0, Kinnear 0.1, Woite 0.1, rushed 0.4. **NORWOOD:** Woodcock 2.3, Dunstan 2.2, Michalanney 2.1, Craig 2.1, Dillon 2.0, Gallagher 1.1, Wynne 1.1, Jenkins 0.4, Parke 0.3, rushed 0.1. **REPLACEMENTS — PORT:** Fragoment (leg) by Enright, third quarter James by Hynes in last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Rosser by Lokan and Wynne by Noble both in last quarter. **UMPIRE — Peter Mead.**

### RICHMOND OVAL

West	4-1	12-6	14-11	18-18	126
Wood.	4-7	8-9	12-14	15-16	106

**BEST PLAYERS — WEST:** Kennedy, Beswick, Grimwood, Ravlich, Leonard. **WOODVILLE:** MacVicar, Maylin, Stemper, Girardi, Cummins. **SCORERS — WEST:** Ravlich 7.3, Gurney 3.2, Hollick 2.2, G. Hewitt 1.4, Mueret 1.1, Donaldson 1.1, Summerton 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Grimwood 1.0, Buckley 0.2, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Mulvihill 4.1, Nicholls 2.3, Carty 2.2, Hine 2.2, MacVicar 1.2, Maylin 1.1, Hutton 1.0, Girardi 1.0, Cummins 1.0, B. Twelftree 0.2, L. Twelftree 0.1, Richards 0.1, rushed 0.1. **REPLACEMENTS — WEST:** Hollick by Storch, last quarter **WOODVILLE:** Bruce Twelftree (ankle) by Leon Twelftree and Scheer by Flynn, both last quarter. **UMPIRE—Ric Charlesworth.**

### PROSPECT OVAL

North	4-5	5-7	11-17	13-18	96
South	3-1	5-9	6-11	11-18	84

**BEST PLAYERS—NORTH:** B. Stringer, Jaworskyj, Cloke, B. Robran, Diorio, Roach, Hill, Baruzzi. **SOUTH:** Young, Hateley, Schultz, Keddie, Fry, Cutting, Minnis. **SCORERS—NORTH:** B. Robran 3.2; Doszna 3.1; Diorio 2.2; Sandland 2.0; R. Robran 1.2; Roach 1.2; Hill 1.2; Crouch 0.2; Baruzzi 0.1; Jaworskyj 0.1; rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Bennett 2.4; Schneebichler 2.2; Hateley 2.1; Robbins 2.0; McInnes 1.2; Baynes 1.0; Keddie 1.0; Minnis 0.4; Linke 0.3; Young 0.1; Cox 0.1; Cutting 0.1. **REPLACEMENTS—NORTH:** Hoekman by Sandland last quarter. **SOUTH:** Baynes (cut eye) by McInnes third quarter; Cox by Reimann last quarter. **REPORTS:** Crouch (North) by field umpire Argent for alleged interference with Argent in the last quarter. **UMPIRE: Laurie Argent.**

### THEBARTON OVAL

Cent.	7-2	15-7	19-10	27-17	179
Torr.	5-3	9-7	15-13	23-14	152

**BEST PLAYERS—CENTRALS:** B. Norsworthy, Skinner, Wyley, Mobbs, R. Cochrane, Wilson. **TORRENS:** Inglis, Mead, Alexander, Faletic, Wallace, Green. **SCORERS—CENTRALS:** B. Norsworthy 4.3; Reed 4.2; Wilson 3.3; Skinner 3.1; Mobbs 3.1; Prince 3.0; Sawyell 2.1; M. Norsworthy 2.1; Beythlen 2.0; Kreig 1.0; Heinrich 0.1; R. Cochrane 0.1; Bevan 0.1; rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** Faletic 5.1; Inglis 4.3; Forbes 4.1; Mead 3.1; Homan 2.1; Wallace 1.3; G. White 1.1; Green 1.0; Brice 1.0; Floreani 1.0; Miller 0.1; rushed 0.2. **REPLACEMENTS—CENTRALS:** Price by Bevan during final quarter. **TORRENS:** M. Cousins by Brice during third quarter, G. White by Goetz during final quarter. **UMPIRE: Robin Bennet.**

### ATTENDANCES

Football Park	10,716
Adelaide Oval	18,034
Prospect Oval	2,835
Thebarton Oval	2,315
Richmond Oval	2,639
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,539</b>

### NEXT WEEK

**SATURDAY**  
(Elimination Final)  
West v. Norwood, Football Park

**SUNDAY**  
(Qualifying Final)  
Sturt v. Glenelg, Football Park

By Alan Shiell

Are Sturt about to effect another big fade-out, similar to the one which saw them heaved out of last year's finals?

That will probably be the most discussed football topic this week in the build-up to the league finals next Saturday and Sunday.

Glenelg trounced Sturt by 82 points at Football Park yesterday.

Port had humbled Sturt by 28 points the previous week.

Last year, Glenelg defeated Sturt by 26 points in the qualifying final, then Port humiliated the Blues by 67 points in the first semi-final.

## CONCERN

Sturt could argue that yesterday's result didn't count.

It didn't either, in terms of either participation in next Sunday's qualifying final against Glenelg.

The ease with which the Tigers tore them apart must be of grave concern to the Sturt hierarchy today, as the postmortems continue at Unley.

Given Glenelg played the type of football that wins premierships, there was still no escaping the fact Sturt floundered in attack almost as miserably as they did in kicking only five goals against Port.

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**SCORERS.—GLENELG:** D. Phillis 12.3, Rebbeck 5.4, C. Anderson 2.1, Rady 2.1, Caldwell 2.1, Hodgeman 1.1, McInerney 1.0, Copping 1.0, Voigt 1.0, Cornes 1.0, Paech 0.3, Carey 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Greenslade 3.4, Barton 3.1, Cece 2.0, Nunan 2.0, Graham 1.3, Burgan 1.2, Klomp 1.1, Whelan 1.0, Pettin-gill 1.0, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS. — GLENELG:** MacFarlane (ankle) by Marker, third quarter. **STURT:** Bagshaw (bruised hip) by Pettin-gill, third quarter. **UMPIRE.—Bob Scholefield.**

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts	%
Port	17	4	-	2568	1902	34	57.45
Sturt	14	6	1	2491	1843	29	57.47
Glenelg	14	7	-	2800	2116	28	56.96
West	12	9	-	2171	1925	24	53.00
Norwood	11	10	-	2299	2164	22	51.51
Centrals	11	10	-	2153	2409	22	47.19
South	9	11	1	2217	2326	19	48.80
North	8	13	-	2014	2521	16	44.41
Woodville	6	15	-	2021	2546	12	44.25
Torrens	2	19	-	1394	2976	4	40.12

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Y'day	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	12.3	20	88.47
Gerlach (Port)	9.6	18	84.44
Reed (Centrals)	4.2	21	69.24
Bennett (South)	2.4	21	67.47
Michalanney (Norwood)	2.1	19	60.33
Pierson (West)	-	20	57.53