

OUR BEST THREE

1977 PRELIMINARY FINAL LIFT-OUT

TIGERS HIT BACK

TO WIN IT!

BY GRAHAM FISCHER

Classy Glenelg yesterday weathered the battering of hard-hitting West and then ran away for a 26-point preliminary final win and another clash with Port in next Saturday's grand final.

After a low scoring first three-quarters Glenelg broke the trend before a crowd of 27,833 to boot six goals in the final term and race away.

Glenelg coach John Nicholls was critical of West's hard-hitting tactics.

"I felt the injury to Rex Voigt and treatment handed out to Peter Carey were completely unnecessary," Nicholls said.

Voigt did not resume after half-time with a back injury and West centre half-back Bruce Stevenson was reported after an incident in which Carey was heavily felled.

It took Carey until well into the third quarter to shake off some of the effects of the knock, and he received yet another heavy blow to the head in the last term.

"I'm feeling a bit sore now, but with a bit of treatment I'll be A-1 for the grand final," Carey said with a smile after the game.

Glenelg were pleased with the performance of Graham Cornes (strained ankle ligaments), and Peter McInerney (cracked bone in a leg), who came through the game well, and will be much improved by the hit-out.

Cornes copped a blow to the base of the spine late in the game which caused him some inconvenience, but it is not expected to put him in doubt for next week.

Surrounded by weary but jubilant team-mates and excited supporters and officials, Glenelg's acting captain Wayne Phillis said the physically tough game would not do the Bays any harm for next Saturday.

"We're only one game away. We'll freshen right up for next week," he said.

"There is nothing like hard match practice to prepare a side for the ultimate of a grand final, and I'm sure Port are aware of this following last year," he said.



1 . . . Wayne Phillis (Glenelg) . . . his body strength in ruck gave Glenelg the edge at the bounces, and his aerial dominance around the ground stopped West many times.



2 . . . Neville Caldwell (Glenelg) . . . pushed Glenelg into attack relentlessly from the wing and, when given a job in the forward lines, carried it out to perfection.



3 . . . Paul Weston (Glenelg) . . . led a magnificent half-back line for Glenelg and provided enormous rebound at times — even to the extent of kicking a goal.



ABOVE: The Bloods . . . freed. Trevor Pierson attempts to lift his team with a spectacular leap which finished with a West Adelaide goal . . . even though Jim Lihou has the ball! Fred Phillis was penalised for shepherding, and Pierson goaled with his free.

WHAT CAPTAINS, COACHES SAID



John Nicholls

Glenelg coach JOHN NICHOLS: The lift of Paech, Caldwell and a few others around the ground, plus the continued brilliance of Weston spurred us to victory.

Our first term, when we held West, was also good. But we could have lost the game by failing to capitalise in the second term. I always felt we were the better side.

Captain WAYNE PHILLIS: Our first term was a key because I felt the wind was worth a good five goals. Also the moves of Caldwell on to the ball and Copping to full-forward gave us a lift.



Wayne Phillis



FOS Williams

West coach FOS WILLIAMS: It was a difficult day to handle the ball properly and our players were a bit slow to read the game. Pierson hitting the post in the third term and Meuret caught holding the ball early in the last term could have stopped us from at least getting a bit closer.

Captain BOB LOVEDAY: Glenelg took control in the first term and we failed to capitalise on a strong wind. Admittedly we held them in the second term, but they had the initiative. The only time we really played with confidence was towards the end of the third term.



Bob Loveday

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	0-3	3-8	5-9	11-14	80
West	1-4	2-5	5-9	7-12	54

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: W. Phillis, Caldwell, Weston, Paech, Carey, Hywood. WEST: Grimwood, Loveday, Buckley, Pierson, Williams, Hayes.

SCORERS. — GLENELG: Caldwell 2.4, Copping 2.1, McInerney 1.2, Bradley 1.0, Weston 1.0, Hywood 1.0, Lihou 1.0, Cornes 1.0, Farquhar 1.0, Carey 0.2, Hodgeman 0.2, Paech 0.1, W. Phillis 0.1, rushed 0.1.

WEST: Pierson 3.2, Buckley 1.2, Grimwood 1.1, Gurney 1.0, Loveday 1.0, G. Hewitt 0.1, Williams 0.2, Davoren 0.1, Donaldson 0.1, Whittington 0.1, Tait 0.1.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Voigt (back) in second quarter, Bradley (ankle) in final quarter.

REPORTS — B. Stevenson (West) by umpire Bennet for allegedly striking P. Carey in the side of the face with a raised elbow.

UMPIRES — Robin Bennet, Peter Mead.

ATTENDANCE — 27,883.

GLENELG

PLAYERS	1st Q.	2nd Q.	3rd Q.	Final Q.	Match Total	HIT OUTS	HAND-BALL	FREEES	MARKS	GOALS	POINTS
R. PAECH	4	2	2	3	11	13	12	3	8	2	11
S. COPPING	1	2	3	2	8	7	5	0	7	2	11
D. RADY	OFF	ON/3	7/OFF	OFF	10	1	1	0	3	1	11
G. CORNES	6	3	1	2	12	2	9	0	7	1	11
W. PHILLIS	5	3	4	4	16	10	1	1	10	1	11
M. FARQUHAR	3	OFF	ON/3	4	10	1	1	1	4	1	11
N. CALDWELL	3	4	6	7	20	9	2	1	10	2	14
D. HOLST	6	4	3	1	14	1	1	1	5	1	11
D. JOHNSTON	5	2	2	3	12	1	1	1	3	1	11
D. BRADLEY	2	1	2	3	8	1	4	1	7	1	11
P. WESTON	9	3	5	4	21	1	1	1	6	1	11
S. HYWOOD	4	6	2	3	15	1	1	1	5	1	11
R. VOIGT	2	5	OFF	OFF	7	1	1	1	5	1	11
D. PHILLIS	1	2	3	3	9	1	1	1	6	1	11
C. HERCOCK	4	5	7	1	17	1	1	1	4	1	11
P. CAREY	7	1	2	3	13	7	1	1	11	1	12
J. LIHOU	2	3	3	3	11	1	1	1	9	1	11
K. HODGEMAN	2	3	3	3	11	1	1	1	3	1	11
S. JACKSON	OFF	DID	NOT	PLAY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P. JOHNSTON	OFF	OFF	ON/1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
P. MCINERNEY	2	3	1	5	11	—	5	—	1	1	2
TOTALS	66	56	61	60	243	39	82	E	115	11	14

ROBIN BENNETT

UMPIRE: PETER MEAD

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WEST ADELAIDE

PLAYERS	1st Q.	2nd Q.	3rd Q.	Final Q.	Match Total	HIT OUTS	HAND-BALL	FREEES	MARKS	GOALS	POINTS
D. GURNEY	ON/1	—	1	1	3	15	2	N	3	1	—
M. DAVOREN	ON/3	OFF	OFF	ON/1	4	12	2	O	4	1	—
J. BUCKLEY	6	5	5	7	23	1	1	0	4	1	—
G. HEWITT	6	5	1	OFF	12	1	1	0	4	1	—
T. PIERSON	2	1	5	4	12	1	1	T	5	3	20
P. MEURET	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	4	1	—
D. DREW	4	1	1	2	8	1	1	1	7	1	—
M. WILLIAMS	4	2	6	3	15	1	1	A	4	1	—
R. DONALDSON	1	1	3	3	8	1	1	1	1	1	—
G. SUMMERTON	4	2	3	3	12	1	1	1	5	1	—
B. STEVENSON	2	1	3	3	9	1	1	V	6	1	—
D. HEWITT	6	5	2	3	16	1	1	A	3	1	—
K. BESWICK	—	DID	NOT	PLAY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
K. KOHLMANN	2	1	2	3	8	1	1	1	4	1	—
R. HAYES	3	5	4	3	15	1	1	1	4	1	—
D. KENNEDY	4	3	3	3	13	1	1	L	7	1	—
R. LOVEDAY	2	3	3	3	11	1	1	1	4	1	—
T. GRIMWOOD	3	7	5	2	23	1	1	A	4	1	—
P. KERSTEN	4	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	3	1	—
M. WHITTINGTON	ON/1	OFF	ON/1	OFF	2	—	—	B	—	—	—
S. TAIT	OFF	OFF	ON/2	4	6	—	—	L	—	—	—
TOTALS	58	65	51	65	239	33	63	E	65	7	12

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# MAIL FOOTBALL... 1977 PRELIMINARY FINAL

## IN THE END, WEST

It took a long time for Glenelg to get on top of West Adelaide at Football Park yesterday, but when they did there was no doubting who was better qualified to take on Port in the grand final next week.

West battled hard all day to keep in touch with Glenelg, but in the end there was nothing the Bloods could do to hold those Tigers.

And the man they knew they had to stop — Peter Carey — had a large part in their undoing.

West hit him hard early in the match and came very close to taking him out of it, but the big fellow made a marvellous comeback.

He had started brilliantly but after taking a heavy knock, wandered around the ground in a daze.

It was not until late in the third quarter that he began to recover. When he did, he really rubbed it into West.

When Carey began to come good he was sent into the backlines to stop West, who were kicking with the aid of a gale straight down the ground.

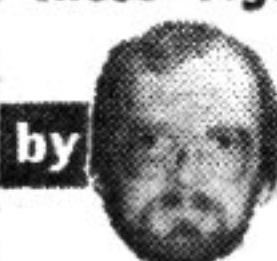
In the last five minutes of the third quarter, he took five telling marks to shut the Bloods out.

And in the final quarter, when given a run on the ball, it was Carey who gave Glenelg the sting they needed to shake off their persistent opponents.

But it was a great effort by the entire Glenelg camp that saw them shake West off.

It wasn't pretty football, but it certainly was pretty tough. Peter Carey will tell you that. So will Trevor Grimwood, who now has a black eye to go with his Magarey Medal.

There is no doubt that West can hand out the



by **STEPHEN MIDDLETON**

muscle as well as any other team, but there was also no doubt that they weren't in the same class as Glenelg when the Bays slipped into gear.

### Capitalised

The end came midway through the final term when Glenelg kicked four quick goals.

West were in front, running fiercely at the ball and were reading the play a little better around the packs. For the first time in the match, they had the Bay backline looking a little ragged.

It was the only stage in the game that either team had been able to capitalise on the use of the breeze.

West lost many opportunities in the first quarter, when they failed to finish off their attacks.

Trevor Pierson and Glynn Hewitt were moving well enough but once again could not kick goals.

Fred Phillis cut Matt Davoren out of the game when he was at full forward, and neither of West's rovers could convert.

It was a problem Fos Williams has faced many times already this year.

But in the second quar-

ter with the breeze at their backs, Glenelg did little better.

They had Wayne Phillis and Bob Paech dominating the rucks, but for a time they could not take the ball away cleanly.

What was keeping Glenelg in it was their complete control of the aerial contests, where they out-marked West all day.

Caldwell 10 marks; Carey 11 marks; Wayne Phillis 10 marks; Cornes 9 marks. The stats tell the story.

Given their second use of the wind, West were again unable to break away from the Bays during the third quarter.

But they were moving the ball well around the ground, with Bob Loveday and Trevor Grimwood showing the way for their team-mates.

Pierson goaled in the opening moments of the last term and West looked as if they might make it to the grand final, as Glenelg kicked a string of points to have a slender lead with less than 15 minutes to play.

But then it happened and Glenelg had four quick ones and the right to play again next week.

## UNABLE TO COPE

### AROUND THE GROUND

GLENELG coach, John Nicholls, certainly pulled some surprises in the side that took the field.

It was not the one that was named on Friday. Peter McInerney was a shock selection, Syd Jackson was dropped and Daryl Rady was a reserve.

—MIKE PILKINGTON.

GLENELG were greeted with some bad news as they ran on to the ground when the scoreboard flashed the result of the under 17 grand final in which Centrals toppled Glenelg 14-7 to 10-8.

It was a great performance by Centrals who finished fourth at the end of the minor round and had to win the elimination final, first semi-final and preliminary final to win the right to play in yesterday's grand final. Centrals are coached by former league player, Alan Stewart.

GRAHAM FISCHER

WEST Adelaide kept the crowd waiting before coming on to the field at the start of the game — and they did it again when they came out for the second half.

Glenelg players had been on the oval for some time and eventually coach John Nicholls took the unusual step of moving out on to the ground to speak to them rather than have them milling around the oval aimlessly.

—STEPHEN MIDDLETON

THE normally reliable Fred Phillis made a bad error at the 22-minute mark of the third term when he attempted to short pass to Daryl Rady after a West point.

West forward Trevor Pierson, lurking nearby, leapt high, gained an extra lift by putting his foot into Rady's side, and took a brilliant mark. Pierson goaled and Rady was taken from the ground by trainers.

—GRAHAM FISCHER

## BAYS' BURST — IT LOOMED FROM START

West were simply not good enough to match Glenelg's class.

I know it's not West's style to please the public by playing pretty football, but yesterday's final lacked a lot of lustre.

Throughout the game, I felt it was evident that sooner or later, Glenelg would kick away.

It took them to the last quarter for them to show their superiority in using the ball.

West gave themselves little chance of kicking a big score when they had first use of the breeze.

I could not understand their early tactics. It was obvious West wanted to block, smother and force the ball forward with brute strength.

With most of their players around the ball, West virtually had no one in their forward lines to take a mark.

The Glenelg run-on ruckmen were also allowed a free rein a kick behind the play.

West showed last week they had the ability to run the ball through their forward line and it was evident again yesterday.

I would rather have seen the West players keeping to their positions and trying to use the ball in a more sensible fashion.

Glenelg's defence against the breeze was first class.

Although West's defence lacked the same finesse and teamwork, their bustling tactics certainly paid dividends.

But West's biggest down-

fall was their lack of players to take the big marks. Glenelg jumped over the top of them all day.

Coach John Nicholls must have been pleased with the way his players attempted to get their game going all day.

It finally paid off.

Nicholls' moves throughout the game were right on the ball. His previous finals experience in the VFL as a player and a coach, held the Bays in good stead as there did not appear to be any panic in the Glenelg camp at any stage of the game.



Peter Carey... Nicholls let him settle down

### BOB SHEARMAN SAYS...



with Mike Pilkington

### Essential

I thought Nicholls did the right thing after Peter Carey was almost knocked out, by letting him settle down before asking him for anything special until after half-time.

Carey's performance was certainly an inspiration to his teammates after the attention he received.

West could not make any telling changes because they were not marking the ball nearly as much as Glenelg.

They needed more players to run the ball on and I don't think Fos Williams could have made any changes that would have helped.

If they are to be a premiership threat next season, being able to run the ball on smoothly will be essential.

Their side has plenty of youth in it and the experience gained from the three finals will be invaluable.

I thought Glenelg's best three were Wayne Phillis, Caldwell and Paul Weston and for West, Peter Meuret, Trevor Grimwood and Greg Summerton.



• ABOVE: A helping hand... Tiger defender David Bradley is carried from the ground by trainers after twisting his left ankle in the dying moments of the game. Bradley was one of Glenelg's best players until his accident.

• RIGHT: Bob Paech takes a strong mark in the tricky wind gusts at Football Park as West's Robbie Donaldson makes a futile attempt to spoil.



The action was fast, furious and rugged at Football Park. Here, umpire Robbin Bennet rushes towards West's Bruce Stevenson to report him after he felled Glenelg giant Peter Carey.