

**OUR  
BEST  
THREE**

**1977 PRELIMINARY FINAL LIFT-OUT**

**TIGERS HIT BACK  
TO WIN IT!**



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.

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.



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. RIGHT: The Bloods . . . floored. Captain Bob Loveday contemplates the post 100 minutes—possibly his last in League football—in the deflated atmosphere of the West Adelaide dressing rooms after the Preliminary Final.

**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 —** 27,833.

**WHAT CAPTAINS, COACHES SAID**



Glenelg coach **JOHN NICHOLLS:** 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.



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.



# MAIL FOOTBALL... ALL THE EXCITEMENT IN THE END, WEST UNABLE TO COPE

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 in to 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 foot-



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ball, 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 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 Phillips 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 quarter with the breeze at their backs, Glenelg did little better.

They had Wayne Phillips 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 Phillips 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.



• 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.

## INTERSTATE

St. George and Parramatta played a history-making nine-all draw after extra time and 100 minutes of bone-crushing rugby league in yesterday's grand final at the SCG.

After 10 minutes of each-way play the clubs were still gripped in an undecided result.

The rugby league executive immediately announced under the rules of the games that Saints and Parramatta will meet in a replay next Saturday afternoon at the SCG.

It's estimated the additional match will produce another \$200,000 plus gate

from attendance and TV fees.

Rugby league grand final scores at full time after extra time — St. George 9 drew with Parramatta 9.

**PERTH**  
Preliminary final — East Fremantle 17-14 (116) d. West Perth 15-11 (101).

**TASMANIA**  
Scottsdale 15-19 (109) d. North Launceston 10-10 (70). Penguin 11-18 (84) d. Coocoo 11-14 (80).