Superman Carey in full flight

By MIKE COWARD

Peter Carey, known as "Super" throughout the football fraternity, played like a superman to engineer Glenelg's stunning 40-point win over an uneducated West Adelaide in the qualifying final at Football Park yesterday.

The strength, brilliant aerial supremacy of Carey, Wayne Phillis, who led the side with great gusto and character, and Bob Paech was simply too much for West to combat.

Dexter Kennedy and David Gurney, West's feted ruckmen during the year, were completely outclassed.

Glenelg demonstrated greater poise, maturity and skill before a crowd of 24,510.

Its football into the disconcerting south-easterly wind in the third term was probably its best for the season.

Glenelg was superior in every facet of the game. It was quicker, harder, more disciplined and its players revealed that they have mastered the game's fundamentals.

They again illustrated that there is no substitute for one-grab control and a preparedness to run and use the ball.

When West did take control of the ball, mainly through the spectacular and courageous endeavors of Mark Williams and Kevin Beswick — whose body again took a dreadful pounding — it was unable to use it with any method.

With a few notable exceptions, the West players did not have sufficient pace to thrust clear of their hard-tackling opponents, and resorted to punting and praying.

Glenelg was as undaunted as South on Saturday when it lost the toss and was forced to kick into the wind.

It was relentless in its attack on the ball and in 12 minutes had run the ball through the bewildered West defence for four goals.

Although West got to within a goal by quarter time, it never truly recovered from the onslaught and its traumatic, psychological side-effects.

Glenelg, which lost flustruck John MacFarlane before the game, began with Carey in ruck, Paech at centre half-forward. Wayne Phillis in a forward pocket, Steve Copping in the centre, Chris Hercock in back pocket, Jim Lihou changing as a follower at halfforward, Syd Jackson at half-forward, Steve Hywood at half-back and Daryl Rady sharing the scounting with. Kym Hodgeman.

The three-way interchange of Carey, Paech and Wayne Phillis on the ball, at centre half-forward and forward pocket threw the West camp into total confusion.

Whether or not their switches were orchestrated from the bench, they were always beautifully timed. Whenever their frustrated opponents believed they would be given a moment to catch their breath, they were assigned another demanding contract.

Paech and Wayne Phillis rucked so well, Carey was able to spend much of his time at centre half-forward. He patrolled the zone with great authority and as the game progressed, it became more inevitable that he would intercept every long ball delivered in his general direction.

He not only marked beautifully but greatly contributed to the apoplexy experienced on the West bench by kicking eight goals without a miss of Glenelg's unnerving 20.6.

Carey Paech and Wayne Phillis, a formidable player when he takes control of the ball first-time as he did yesterday, provided Hodgeman, Rady and David Holst, whose first hour was brilliant, with sufficient opportunities to run the ball through West's inadequate half-back line.

Although Hodgeman played his best football in patches and tended to kick around his body, he was easily the most productive rover afield and a constant source of supply for Carey and his eager colleagues near goal.

West didn't help its cause in the third quarter. Kicking with the wind and presented with its last chance to get back into the encounter, it haphazardly attacked the wrong flank, permitting Rex Voigt, stationed in the north-eastern pocket, to celebrate Father's Day in great style.

West will need to take stock immediately or its season will end more abruptly than seemed possible before yesterday. GLENELG 4.2 9.2 16.2 20.6 (126) WEST 3.2 5.3 10.6 13.8 (86)

GOAL KICKERS: GLENELG -- Carey, 8.0; Jackson, 3.0; W.Phillis, Avery, 2.2; Rady, 2.0; Holst, Hodgeman, Lihou, 1.0; Paech, 0.2. WEST -- Davoren, Pierson, 3.1; Buckley, 2.0; Loveday, Grimwood, 1.1; Gurney, Kerston, M.Williams, 1.0; Mueret, 0.1; rushed, 0.3.

BEST: GLENELG -- Carey, W. Phillis, Hodgeman, Paech, Caldwell, Holst, Voigt, Weston.

WEST-- M.Williams, Beswick, Loveday, Grimwood. Umpires - R. Scholefield, R. Magor.



Glenelg champion Peter Carey marks over West Adelaide centre half-back Bruce Stevenson (hidden) as Syd Jackson and Kevin Beswick (No. 10) wait for any crumbs at Football Park yesterday.

Elimination Final: South 12 -17 89 d. Norwood 10 - 13 73 Qualifying Final: Glenelg 20 - 6 126 d. West 13 - 8 86

Next Week First Semi Final: West v South Second Semi Final: Port v Glenelg