

Tigers charge into cup final

Glenelg	1.4	5.7	10.12	13.14	(92)
Perth	4.1	6.3	9.5	10.10	(70)

Glenelg virtually assured itself of the NFL title for 1978 when it beat Perth by 22 points in the first semi-final at Norwood Oval last night.

By TONY BECKER

The second ranked SA team must play the winner of the second semi-final between Port Melbourne and South Adelaide at Norwood Oval on July 25.

It took a determined lift by ruckman Peter Carey and rover Kym Hodgeman and the switch of Jim Lihou on to ace Perth centreman Robert Wiley to inspire Glenelg to get into the game after Perth grabbed an early lead.

Perth's attack on the ball, handball and straight kicking gave it a 15 point lead at quarter time over a lackluster Glenelg.

The Glenelg defence was ragged, the team lacked drive from the centre and its forwards were quietened by Perth's intense desire to win.

Glenelg's indifference caused it to miss four relatively easy shots for goal.

Perth took a 28 point lead early in the second quarter and it appeared Glenelg would not have a chance of getting back into the game.

The pattern of the other night games and the wet conditions favored the side that had set up an early lead.

That was quick to change when Carey showed some desire to attack the ball.

His influence and the switch of Lihou to the centre, Paul Weston to centre half-back and Michael Farquhar to centre half-forward proved a match winner for Glenelg.

Carey became such a dominant character that for virtually half the game he was not beaten in ruck.

He had a "modest" 30 hit outs for the game, nine handballs, eight kicks and marks and changed the outcome of the game.

Carey delivered the ball superbly to Hodgeman who either ran to set up play or to apply incredible pressure to his Perth opponents.

He finished with 19 kicks and 11 handballs.

Glenelg began to work the ball forward more purposefully to find the strong marking Darryl Rady and the ferreting Steve Copping.

In 15 minutes Glenelg had reduced the margin to be only two points down at half-time.

At the seven minute mark of the third quarter Glenelg took command of the game.

It was a most arrogant hook over the shoulder by Farquhar that put Glenelg ahead.

Two careless mistakes in defence by Glenelg allowed Perth's Peter Bosustow to goal twice to bring it to within five points, but Glenelg rallied again to extend its lead to 19 points before being pegged back to 13 at threequarter time.

Had it regained the confidence of the first quarter, Perth could have snatched victory as it got within six points of Glenelg 10 minutes into the last term.

But it could not counter Glenelg's persistence and two uncanny goals from Colin MacVicar.

Glenelg coach John Nicholls said that barring injury Glenelg would have a good chance of winning the title.

"It has been a hard year and it should be a tough final," he said.

Glenelg captain Graham Cornes, Steve Heywood, Fred Phillis, David Bradley, Bob Paech and Rob Tardif were missing from the side last night and could be available for the final.

Perth and WA coach Ken Armstrong said he was disappointed. He considered Glenelg's local knowledge and the conditions told on his players.

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg: Rady 2.3, Holst 2.2, Hodgeman, Farquhar, 2.1, MacVicar 2.0, Copping, Davison 1.2, McInerney 1.0, Rennie, Lihou, Carey 0.1. Perth: Mourish 3.1, Lowrence 2.2, Bosustow 2.1, Wiley 1.1, Johnson, Doyle 1.0, MacKean 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST — Glenelg: Carey, Lihou, Hodgeman, Rady, Weston, Holst. Perth: Wiley, Johnson, Farrant, Stevenson, Lawrence, Rosbender.

Umpires — D. Foster, R. Schalefield.

1978 NFL PROGRAM

1st ROUND

- 1 — Perth 14.10 d. West Adelaide 11.10 Perth — Day
- 2 — Norwood 21.12 d. East Fremantle 13.9 Adelaide — Night
- 3 — Queensland 16.9 d. Tasmania 12.11 Brisbane — Day
- 4 — Port Melbourne 12.20 d. NSW 7.4 Melbourne — Night
- 5 — South Adelaide 12.15 d. Port Adelaide 7.14 Adelaide — Night
- 6 — Sandringham 12.10 d. ACT 12.6 Melbourne — Night
- 7 — Glenelg 10.11 d. West Perth 10.9 Adelaide — Night
- 8 — Coburg 10.11 d. East Perth 7.7 Melbourne — Night

QUARTER FINALS

- 9 — Perth 16.10 d. Norwood 14.9 Perth — Day
- 10 — Port Melbourne 13.18 d. Queensland 9.6 Melbourne — Night
- 11 — Tuesday, June 27: Glenelg 15.11 d. Coburg 13.6 Adelaide — Night
- 12 — Tuesday, July 4: South 14.10 d. Sandringham 5.5 Melbourne — Night

SEMI-FINALS

- 13 — Tuesday, July 11: Glenelg 13.14 d. Perth 10.10 Adelaide — Night
- 14 — Tuesday, July 18: South Adelaide 68 d. Port Melbourne 63 Melbourne — Night

GRAND FINAL

- 15 — Tuesday, July 25: South Adelaide 63 d. Glenelg 26 Adelaide — Night