

PRELIMINARY FINAL SPECIAL

YOUR SOUVENIR FOOTBALL LIFT-OUT



Champions have been floored before

CAN THE TIGERS GET UP?

A champion side is never beaten until it fails to get back up again.

That old football proverb will be pounded into the Tigers on Saturday when they clash with Norwood in the preliminary final.

Glenelg proved itself the champion team in the minor round and after losing to Port Adelaide in the second semi-final, faces the challenge of recovering to again contest the premiership with Port.

Perhaps the Tigers should look back to 1934 when they won their first premiership. They lost the second semi-final to Port by an even greater margin than last Sunday, but showed courage to go out and beat the Magpies by nine points in the grand final.

With an expected meaner and nastier approach, Glenelg is desperate to repeat history. Rarely have the 20 best available men to wear the black and gold guernsey been called



JOHN HALBERT

upon to produce so much character as a team.

Haunted by a much publicised poor finals record, Glenelg must answer the critics and topple Norwood on Saturday.

The significance of victory goes deeper than simply winning a preliminary final. It will end the regular suggestions of Glenelg having a phobia about winning at Football Park in September.

It is fact Glenelg has

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lost five out of six grand finals over the past 12 years and has lost its past six finals matches.

Come Saturday, each of the 20 Glenelg players will be blamed for that poor record regardless of whether they actually played in those finals. It will be up to them to stop the finals rut.

Glenelg and Norwood have met in eight finals with the Redlegs winning five of them. Surprisingly, despite both club's regular finals appearances since the 60s, they have not met in a preliminary final.

A win on Saturday

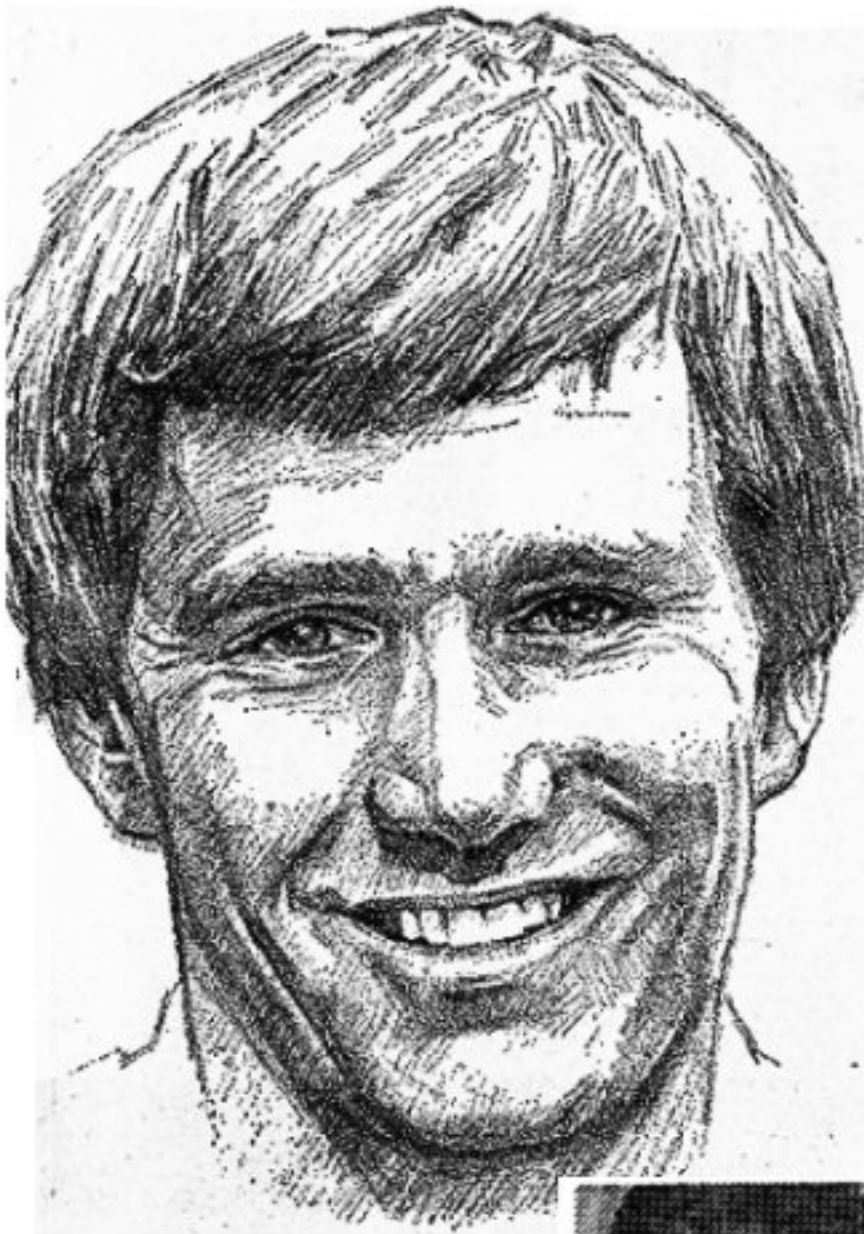
would see the Tigers compete in their ninth grand final and have the chance to win their third premiership. They won in 1934 and 1973.

Glenelg has been regarded as one of the "big four" clubs of South Australian football with Port, Norwood and Sturt, but at the moment it is lagging behind them with success on the field.

Coach John Halbert found the winning formula in the minor round and his players must answer his challenge and perform on Saturday — and possibly Saturday week.



Weston praises Bay youngsters



Glenelg's exciting youngsters have been mainly responsible for the club's success this season, according to captain Paul Weston.

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"They have played so well that added pressure has been placed on everyone, especially the old players, to perform," he said.

"Players have had to compete for league places and it can no longer be said a handful of experienced players are carrying the team.

"Any one of six or seven players could win the club's best and fairest award this season. You have to only look at our best players' lists throughout the year to find there is no real pattern."

Youngsters who have impressed this year include wingman David Marshall, rover John Paynter, centre half-forward Stephen Kernahan, follower-cum-forward Chris McDermott and defender John Seebom.

They have added depth to Glenelg's senior ranks and blended in well to an established top finals contender.

And part of their success can be attributed to Weston who has shown good leadership

qualities in his third season as Glenelg captain.

The ultimate in any team sport is the premiership and after playing in three losing grand finals, Weston, 24, could not emphasise enough how much he wanted his side to break through to win this year's flag.

"We can do much better against Norwood on Saturday than we did against Port last week," he said.

Weston said Glenelg had put in tremendous effort during the season and the team spirit was high, but said an extra 10 per cent effort from each player was required.

"After playing before crowds regularly less than 10,000, you suddenly find 35,000 cheering from the start. It is a great experience and grand finals are even better."

Weston, who has played 165 games for Glenelg, was progressing

through the under 19s ranks when the Tigers won their last premiership in 1973.

1981 scoreboard



GLENELG

RESULT	OPPONENT	F/A
won	Port	56
won	Norwood	24
won	Woodville	117
won	Sturt	21
won	South	9
won	Central	27
won	North	106
won	Torrens	43
won	West	24
won	Norwood	1
lost	Port	21
won	Woodville	53
won	Sturt	8
won	South	50
won	Central	11
won	North	47
won	Port	26
won	Torrens	7
won	West	25
lost	Norwood	28
won	Woodville	149
lost	Sturt	13
lost	Port	54

TOTAL: Won 19, lost four



STEPHEN KERNAHAN

FINALLY, BAYS ARE IN!

By Ashley Porter

Glenelg experienced its finest two hours in four years when it devoured a shell-shocked Norwood in the preliminary final at Football Park yesterday.

The Tigers produced the character, discipline and desperation which has been mainly absent in their past six finals' losses.

Conditions were appalling and almost half of the 29,711 people who braved the wet and cold left by half time.

Norwood probably wished it could have gone with them. After treating its opposition for the past two weeks with contempt, the Redlegs were never in the race.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-6	11-8	11-8	12-14	86
Norwood	0-1	2-3	4-5	4-7	31

BEST—GLENELG: Weston, Carey, McDermott, Marshall, Paynter, Holst, MacFarlane, Paech. **NORWOOD:** Nicholson, Hughes, Noble, M. Aish, Gallagher.

SCORERS—GLENELG: McDermott 4.2, Copping 2.2, Brown 1.3, Carey 1.1, Kernahan 1.1, Paynter 1.0, Veide 1.0, Walter 1.0, Marshall 0.1, Weston 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORWOOD:** M. Aish 1.1, Michalanney 1.0, Hartfield 1.0, Fosdike 1.0, Balme 0.2, Jenkins 0.1, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Cornes (shoulder). **NORWOOD:** Stember (hamstring), Michalanney (shoulder).

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent, Bob Scholefield.

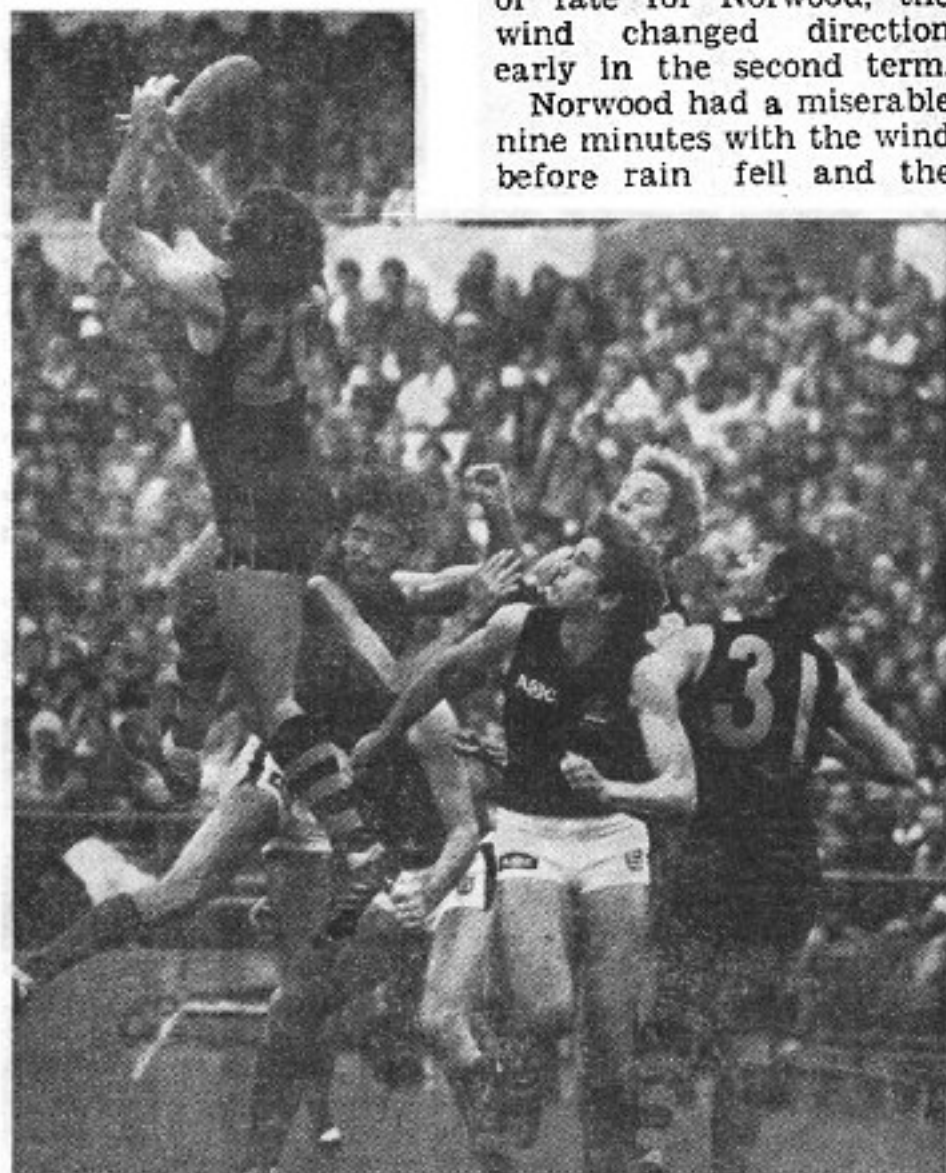
REPORTS — M. Noble by field umpire Scholefield for deliberately striking; U. Colasante by goal umpire Rutter for striking.

CROWD — 29,711.

In **MELBOURNE:** Carlton, 12-20; Collingwood, 10-12.

Swirling

Glenelg captain Paul Weston won the toss and the Tigers opened up with



Glenelg's David Holst leaves the pack behind as he soars high for this mighty mark

all of the attacking power they could muster and stunned their opposition.

Glenelg led 6-6 to a mere point and, in a cruel twist of fate for Norwood, the wind changed direction early in the second term.

Norwood had a miserable nine minutes with the wind before rain fell and the

wind became tricky.

Nothing could have stopped Glenelg's outstanding start. But the change of wind direction certainly prevented any chance of a come-back by Norwood.

The wind was swirling so much in the second half that players reported they had trouble dropping the ball on their feet when kicking and this was proved when only three goals were posted in the second half.

Glenelg was held scoreless in the third term but contained the Redlegs to only 2-2 and sealed their fate.

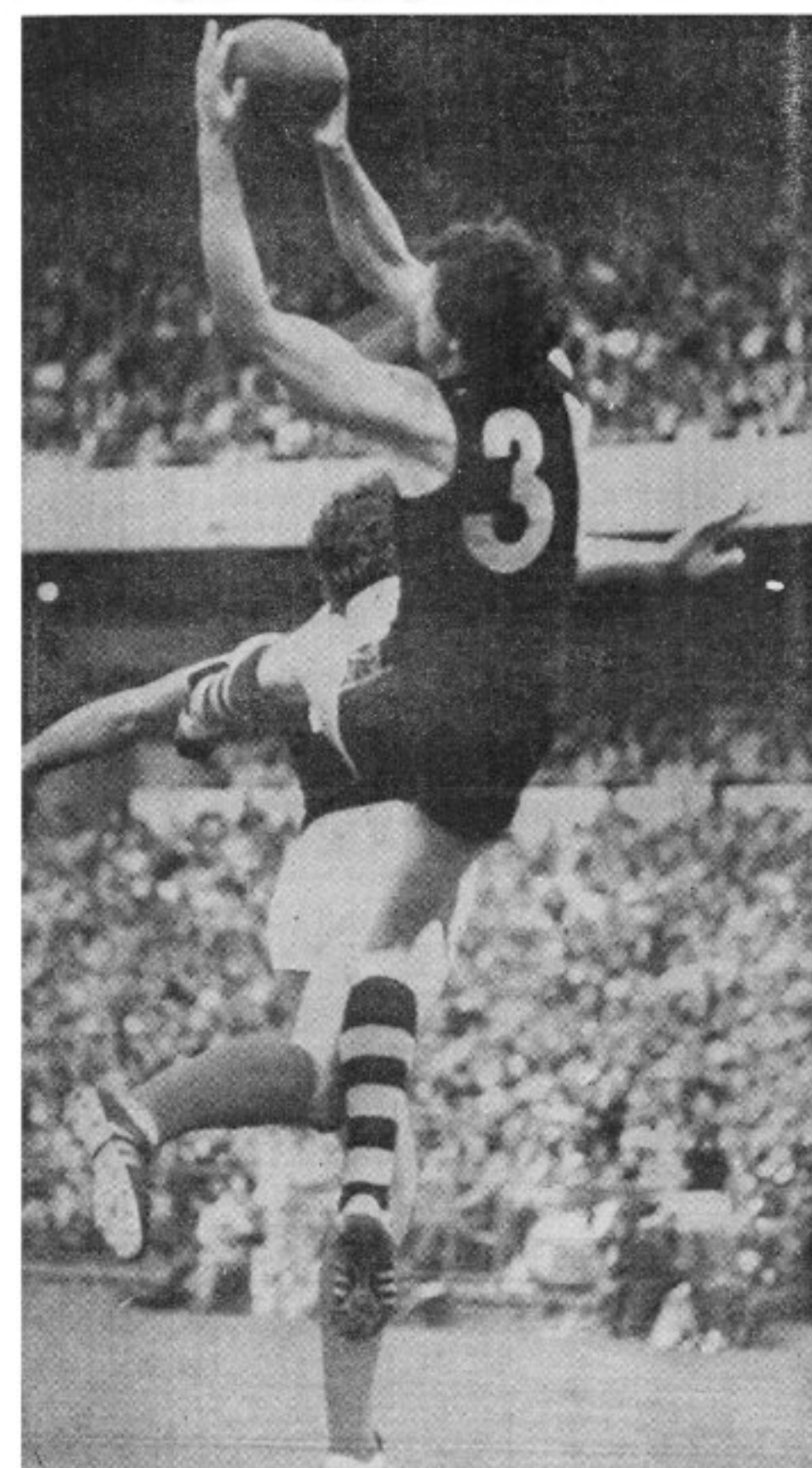
Glenelg was most impressive with its attack on the ball and players with the ball.

It repeatedly gained front position and refused to falter under the pressure Norwood tried to apply.

It was not always pretty football, but it was effective and the Tigers deserved victory for the way they took the initiative.

Effort

Weston and his vice-captain Peter Carey



Glenelg's John Seebom flies high over a Norwood opponent to grab a spectacular mark.

showed outstanding leadership qualities, not only with great individual effort but also with the way they stimulated their teammates.

Weston amassed 23 kicks and eight marks and proved a damaging player from centre, while Carey was a tower of strength in ruck with 14 kicks, 14 hit-outs, eight handballs and six marks.

Some of Glenelg's proven finals' failures of the past showed no signs of wilting under pressure and the Tigers played a good team game.

David Holst was effective, moving from half-back to half-forward and having the occasional run on the ball.

John MacFarlane shadowed Michael Aish when he was on the ball and did a fair job.

Carey best

P. Weston (G)	.....	1
P. Carey (G)	.....	2
C. McDermott (G)	.....	3
—ASHLEY PORTER		
P. Carey (G)	.....	1
D. Holst (G)	.....	2
M. Noble (N)	.....	3
—DARYL HICKS		

'Knockers' get tossed

The world was against Glenelg until it won the toss at Football Park yesterday.

Then it snowballed!

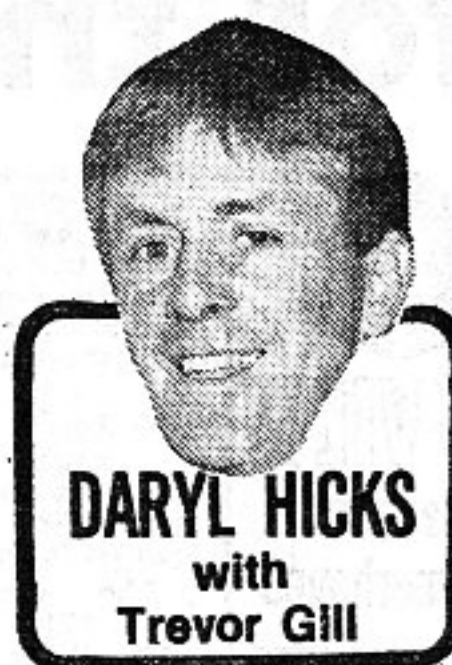
The toss, and the meteorological marvel of the complete about-turn in the wind 10 minutes into the second quarter, allowed the minor premiers to regain confidence and stature to answer their knockers.

And the many players who were surely under pressure from the selectors responded magnificently to the preliminary final pressure.

They included David Holst, John Paynter, Bob Paech, Chris McDermott and Stephen Kernahan.

After being thrashed by Port last Sunday, Glenelg's selectors faced the facts and were forced to revert to a team composition more in line with early season successes.

Robbie Walter was at full forward, Graham Cornes



following, Jim Lihou in the back pocket and Neville Caldwell to the half-back flank . . . producing a more balanced side capable of countering Norwood's strengths.

At the start of the game the man-to-man line-up looked evenly matched but then Peter Carey and Chris

Veide assisted by "Lady Luck" tipped the balance.

Carey's performance was a welcome return to form controlling the centre square and playing well around the ground.

Carey and Veide's dominance immediately brought out-of-form John Paynter and Chris McDermott into the game and lifted their confidence.

Then Glenelg won the individual clashes in defence — Holst on Duncan Fosdike; Caldwell on Peter Laughlin; Keith Kuhlmann on Neil Balme and Bob Paech's eclipse of Jim Michalanney.

Norwood's prime movers were countered as John MacFarlane "shadowed" Michael Aish, David Marshall "killed" Danny Jenkins, Paul Weston out-pointed Phil Gallagher and Greg Turbill and Keith Thomas were blanketed.

Glenelg then proceeded to do what Port did to it last Sunday . . . it stole the initiative and at half-time in the

dismal conditions the game was virtually over.

Even before the wind

ter, the trend for Glenelg was evident. It was winning the centre square, controlling the centre line, and had a forward line capable of kicking a winning score.

Although my one, two, three for the Bays were Carey, Holst and Marshall, it was a total, dedicated team effort built upon the selectors' winning formula.

In any Australian football game, luck plays a 10 to 15 per cent part in the result, but yesterday it was at least twice that.

But that's sport!

Finally, a warning for Glenelg. Admit you were out-pointed by Port's selectors last week.

Start from base ONE . . . Port presents a whole new ballgame.

The highlights for me in the second half included the

fact that Glenelg coach John Halbert could afford the luxury of resting Cornes from the 11-minute mark of the third quarter.

Also Glenelg was able to kick only 1-6 in the second half and still win by nearly nine goals.

The conditions finally exposed the susceptibility of Norwood's top-heavy forward line — Michalanney, Balme, Laughlin and Brenton Hartfield — when it so desperately needed running, ground players.

But at the same time the maturity of key defender Malcolm Noble was displayed to cap off his steady improvement during the season.

He was my best player for Norwood.

But let it be said the qualities which Balme would obviously have called upon at half-time — self belief and pride in the club — were still evident in Norwood's efforts in the last half.