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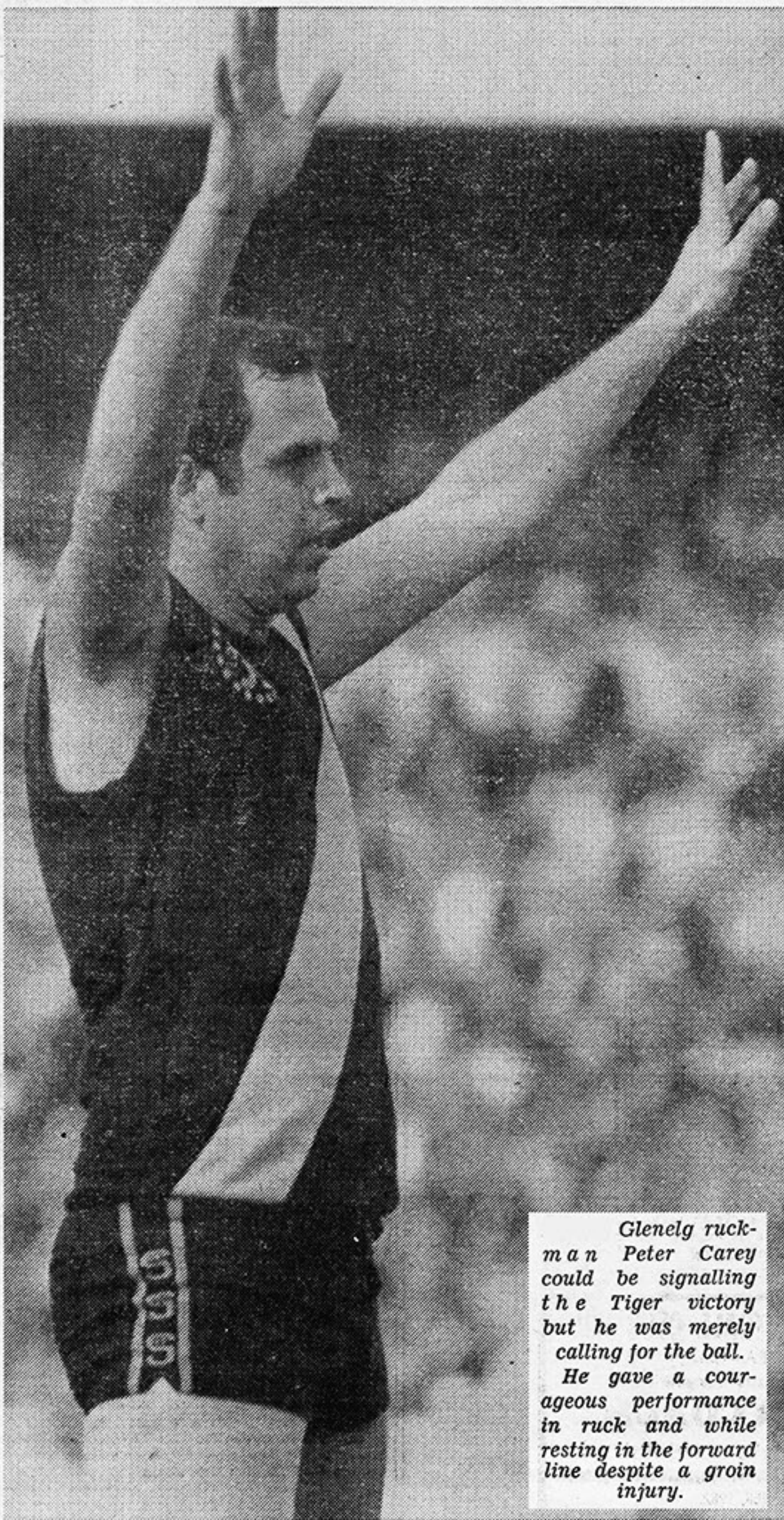
FINALS SPECIAL

HALBERT'S HEROES

BLITZ BLUES

Finals bogey beaten

By Ashley Porter



Glenelg ruckman Peter Carey could be signalling the Tiger victory but he was merely calling for the ball. He gave a courageous performance in ruck and while resting in the forward line despite a groin injury.

Glenelg shed its image of a finals failure with a punishing and magnificent 35-point victory over Sturt in the first semi-final at Football Park yesterday.

The Tigers went on the rampage and produced the class, desperation and fierceness that wins premierships.

It was too much for the Blues who wilted under the relentless pressure and were brushed aside almost effortlessly.

The once-timid Tiger in a final has become a courageous, desperate ball getter with a "killer" scent for goals.

Rarely has a Sturt side, seemingly always garnished with skills, pace and a classy flow-on style, been forced to make so many errors.

Where ever the Blues were, there were Tigers either tacking or intimidating and disposals went astray.

Tireless

Sturt consistently hand-balled behind players running past, allowing Glenelg to sweep through almost uncontested and charge towards goal.

The close checking, backing-up and running by Glenelg also caused Sturt to kick blindly into attack and on most occasions the tireless Glenelg defenders rebounded.

Half-back Eddie Fry and wingman Neil Craig repeatedly drove Sturt into attack, only to see either Peter Maynard, Graham Cornes or Chris Duthy repel and catch Sturt out of line.

Sturt had little sting in attack. Glenelg full-back David Frost, 21, showed

SCOREBOARD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-1	5-8	10-13	15-17	107
Sturt	1-3	3-8	6-14	9-18	72

BEST — GLENELG: Holst, Frost, Weston, Maynard, McDermott, Paynter, Cornes. **STURT:** Craig, Whittlesea, Fry, Casey, Hutton, Howard.

..SCORERS — GLENELG: Weston 3.4; Lunniss 3.2; Kernahan 3.1; Symonds 2.0; McGuinness 1.2; Sewer 1.1; McInerney 1.0; Holst 1.0; Farquhar 0.2; Carey 0.1; McDermott 0.1; rushed 0.3. **STURT:** Davies 3.1; Heinrich 1.3; Motley 1.2; Graham 1.2; Hewish 1.1; Zubrinich 1.0; Radbone 1.0; Howard 0.2; Wilson 0.2; Zilm 0.2; rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Carey (groin).

UMPIRES — Peter Mead, Neville Thorp.

CROWD — 25,830.

NEXT WEEK — Glenelg v loser of second semi-final between Port and Norwood.

TASMANIA: TFL grand final: New Norfolk 13-9, Glenorchy 11-10. **GREATER NORTHERN LEAGUE** grand final: Cooe 9-13, Scottsdale 5-9.

PERTH: grand final: Swan Districts 18-19, Claremont 11-12.

great maturity, and discipline by shutting out Rick Davies, the scoring avenue Sturt so hard tried to find.

It was an impressive team effort by Glenelg, and there were few who failed to show 100 per cent concentration and application.

And Glenelg won impressively without a top performance from newly-crowned Magarey Medallist Tony McGuinness.

McGuinness seemed jaded from the week's efforts and failed to show his usual dash and creativity. The point is, just how well would have Glenelg played with a normal game from the young rover?

Stephen Kernahan seemed to control Sturt ruckman Frank Spiel more than Peter Carey did and played a valuable role at the bounces.

But the real driving force was centreman David Holst.

His strong frame bored into the packs and follower John Paynter and an alert half-forward line was

ready to carry the ball through.

Glenelg captain Paul Weston had too much sprint at centre half-forward for Trevor Sims and played a fine game, kicking three goals and palming a few others to teammates.

The Tigers would have won by a lot more had it not been for great efforts by Sturt full back Collin Casey and back pocket Greg Whittlesea.

Better

Sturt had too many players who failed to rise to the occasion and one wonders whether last Sunday's tough qualifying final took too much out of them.

Graham did not fire, Phil Heinrich fumbled chances, Paul Hollis was rarely sighted and Andrew Zilm did not make the most of his opportunities.

Sturt produced better performances during the season and the experience gained by the youngsters in the major round will make it a better side next year.

What captains, coaches said

JOHN Halbert: "I am just terribly proud of the performance for the way they worked and kept at it all day . . . it was first class. Our defensive action was so good it resulted in their forwards always being under pressure. And our attempts to smother and spoil

were excellent. They are the little things that make all the difference."

PAUL Weston: "I think once again it was just a complete team effort. We just refused to give in and next week we must have the same approach."

JACK Oatey: "We were not good enough on the day. Good luck to Glenelg."

RICK Davies: "I am bitterly disappointed, not only for the players but for our coach. Glenelg was far too good and I wish it all the best."