

THE FINALS

BAYS BIG WORRY

Glenelg's chances of beating Port Adelaide next Sunday and moving straight into the grand final could hinge on a decision by the SANFL tribunal tomorrow night.

It will hear a charge against its giant ruckman Peter Carey, following an alleged incident in yesterday's qualifying final against Central District.

No Carey, no victory — it's as simple as that. He once again lived up to his magnificent reputation yesterday by rising to the big occasion.

Port is already without its key ruckman Russell Johnston because of a shoulder injury, and if Carey plays he could prove the difference.



Peter Carey

OVER CAREY

By Ashley Porter

But if he is suspended, Glenelg coach Graham Campbell would be denied the luxury of being able to switch him on the ball with Stephen Kernahan and also have strength in the forward lines.

Glenelg gave an ominous warning of its awesome depth and power in crushing the Bulldogs by eight goals.

And in the controlled aggressive mood the Tigers are in, they will indeed be hard to stop on the road to the pre-

miership.

Next Sunday's loser will meet the winner of Saturday's first semi-final between Central and Norwood in the preliminary final.

Norwood will be strengthened by the return of its captain, Danny Jenkins, while the Bulldogs expect to

regain key experienced players, Peter Beythien and Michael Wright.

Central, of course, has the worry of three of its players — Brett Hannam, Jamie Thomas and Steven Nolan — facing the tribunal tomorrow night.

Regardless of the

outcome, it will make changes to its side in a desperate effort to pick up the shreds of yesterday's walloping.

Norwood will enter the cut-throat final brimming with confidence after demolishing South Adelaide in the elimination final by 47 points on Saturday.

Fighting Tigers too powerful

The Bulldogs yesterday were let off their leash and discovered that no matter how hard you "bite," you cannot win a football match without the ball.

And they paid the penalty with a 48 point drubbing in the qualifying final against Glenelg at Football Park.

While the Tigers got on with the game after several spiteful incidents — both teams were to blame — Central District worried too much about the man rather than the ball.

This not only brought its slick running game unstuck, but dented the team's confidence and ruined its concentration.

Playing rough 'n' tough football is one

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-4	11-7	16-10	19-17	131
Central	5-2	7-3	9-10	12-11	83

—BEST — GLENELG: Carey, Symonds, Marshall, Salisbury, Gibbs, W. Stringer, MacFarlane, Kernahan. CENTRAL: Connelly, Prior, Platten, Hannam, Cousins.

GOALKICKERS — GLENELG: Hall 6, Copping 3, Kernahan 2, Holst 2, Marshall 2. A. Stringer, Carey, Kidney, Motlop. CENTRAL: Platten 4, Connelly 3, Moulds 2, Graham, Fraser, Prior.

UMPIRES — John Hylton, Rick Kinnear.
CROWD — 21,514.

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thing, but it is not much use when you have not got the skills to go with it.

Glenelg was able to "ride out the storm" in the second quarter, and despite a vigorous third term, was still able to produce some polished football.

Central started sensationally, kicking five

goals in only eight minutes while the Tigers never looked like scoring.

The Bulldogs were fantastic in full flight.

A side with less character could have caved in against that start. But instead, Glenelg kept to its plan by playing running, attacking football.

And bit by bit, the Tigers edged their way back to trail by only four points at quarter time.

It was that ability to remain calm under the intense pressure which won the game. When they hit the front within minutes of the second term, it was Central which faltered when it could not have its own way.

When Glenelg hit the front again midway through the second term, and followed with three quick goals, it became painfully obvious it would earn the right to play Port Adelaide in the second semi-final next Sunday.

And what was significant about the win was that Stephen Kernahan and Chris McDermott did not have a major influence on the game, and of course, Glenelg was without rover Tony McGuinness.

So just how good would Glenelg be if they played their usually high standard game?

The Tigers had many key contributors, including David Holst and John Seeborn until they were forced off with injuries.

Their defence was rock solid, especially because of the fine efforts from Scott Salisbury, Wayne Stringer and John MacFarlane.

They rebounded consistently, and Glenelg impressed by attacking direct. In contrast, Central was prepared to take the long way to the goals.

Stephen Connelly was easily Central's best, starting at half-forward and then lifting at centre where it was falling down badly.

Overall, Glenelg deserved its victory because of its ability to play championship football over four quarters.

Porter	Davies
1 Carey	1 Carey
2 Symonds	2 Symonds
3 Marshall	3 Connelly
Cornwall	Campbell
1 Carey	1 Salisbury
2 Symonds	2 Symonds
3 Connelly	3 Carey