

# TIGERS PLANNING BRINGS RESULTS

Since the mid-sixties, Glenelg has established itself as one of the power clubs in SA football.

It is a club deserving success — it has worked hard and planned astutely since the dark days just after the war when it was always contenders for the wooden spoon.

Neil Kerley is the man who helped make Glenelg the vibrant club it is today when he took over as coach in 1967.

Since then the Tigers have only missed making the finals on five occasions and, naturally enough, most of the club's best players emerged in that era.

Looking at picking Glenelg's best team, I had to choose Fred Phillis at full forward. He won a Magarey Medal — the only full-forward to do so — and he largely pioneered the astronomical number of goals being kicked by the position's sharpshooters today.

But as good as Phillis was, Colin Churchett always has been a favorite of mine. He had so much remarkable ability he could have played in



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## With Peter Prime

any position. I found a permanent forward pocket for him.

Allan Crabb has been the Tigers' outstanding ruckman, but Peter Carey, too, has given wonderful service. Present coach Graham Cornes lines up with Crabb in the first ruck — another potential match-winner.

Kym Hodgeman always has been one of the top rovers in Australia, and Stephen Kernahan has given lovers of the game a big thrill watching him develop into one of the great players.

Neil Davies was one of the sensations of the 1950s — he was strong, fast and talented and was picked as an All-Australian in 1953. He

wins a half-forward spot.

For a club that has enjoyed so much contemporary success, it is unusual to find a lack of true great wingmen. I have gone for Don Hewett to play on a wing, although he was the centremen of his day. Laurie Rosewarne fills the other position.

## Courage

Rosewarne may not have been the fastest wingman, but there has been none with more guts and will-to-win. Peter Marker would have to be the pick for the centre. Again, he had a very special brand of courage and really never lowered his colors to the best this State had to offer.

Glenelg has been fortunate to have had two outstanding half-back flankers since the war.

Don Taylor was a beauty — not only could he keep an opponent kickless, but

he always seemed to have a big influence on a game. Brian Colbey will live in memory for his brilliance, dash and rebound.

Paul Weston was the choice for centre half-back, but he also had the ability to play successfully at centre and centre half-forward and could read the game so well.

The days of seeing a full back drop kick the ball to centre are gone forever, but Ray Hunt, the Tiger defender just after the war, was one of the great exponents of the art.

Stan Wickham started his career at Sturt and later Glenelg as a centre player and rover. In those positions, his pace was sometimes suspect, but when he transferred to the back pocket he became a popular star.

Kerry Hamilton had so much success down the Bay that a position for one so talented had

to be found. He starts in the back pocket and changes with Graham Cornes.

Follower cum rover Chris McDermott, recently selected in the All-Australian team, is strong, talented and tough and a real team man and he's picked to change on the half-forward flank.

Graham Cornes broke the psychological barrier last year and won the elusive premiership for Glenelg.

In view of what had happened in previous years, it was indeed a remarkable effort and he's the coach. The side is:

**Forwards:** P. Carey, F. Phillis, C. Churchett.

**Half-forwards:** N. Davies, S. Kernahan, C. McDermott.

**Centres:** D. Hewett, P. Marker, L. Rosewarne.

**Half-backs:** B. Colbey, P. Weston, D. Taylor.

**Backs:** S. Wickham, R. Hunt, K. Hamilton.

**First ruck:** A. Crabb, G. Cornes, K. Hodgeman.

**Interchange:** H. Kernahan, S. Copping, C. Richens



Rosewarne: Will



Phillis: Pioneer