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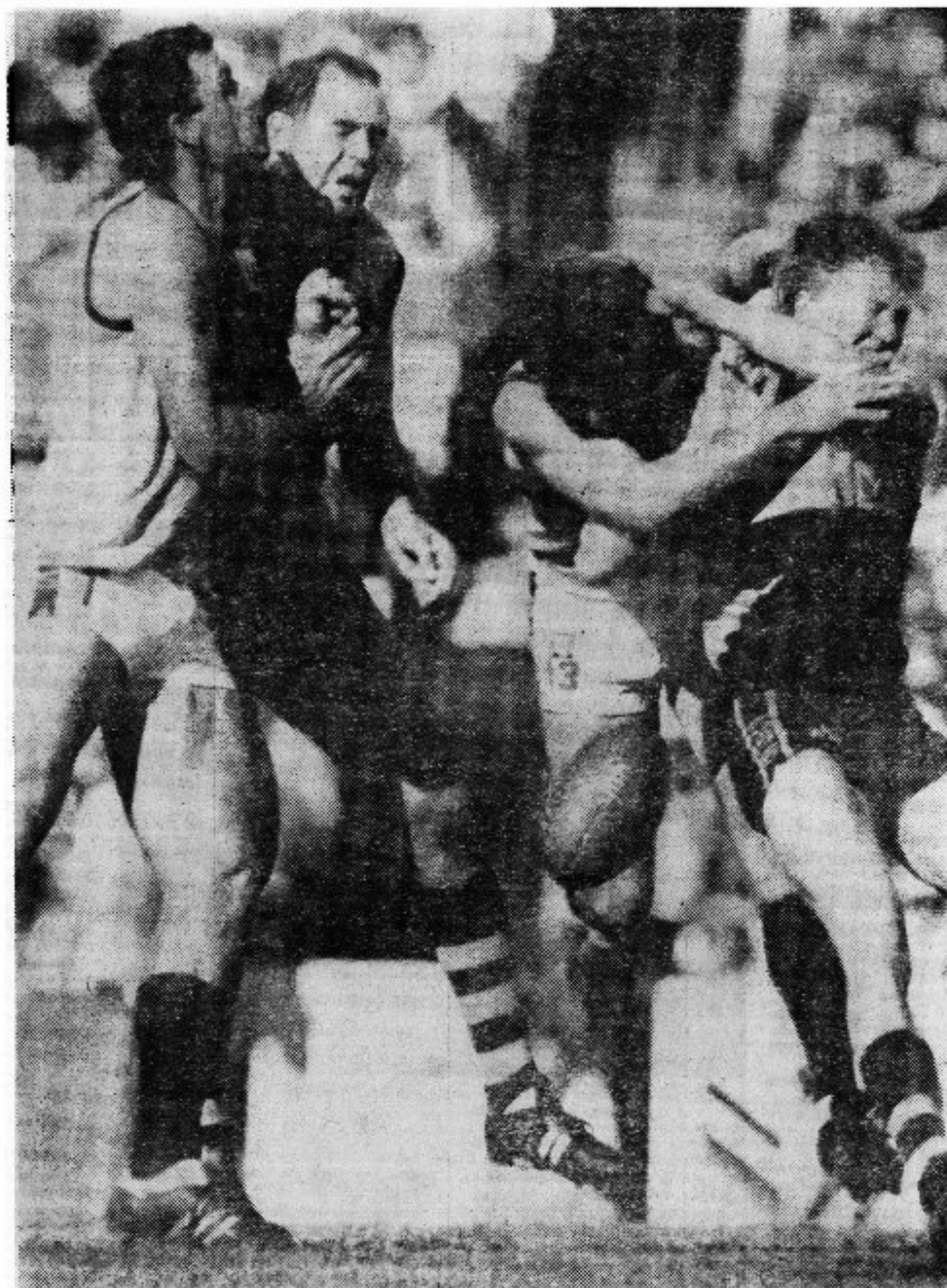


Kernahan



Malcolm Blight

# TIGERS BURY THE DREAM



The tussle goes on. Max Parker, bloodied, but unbowed duels with Glenelg's Peter Carey, while Tiger Tony Symonds and Warrior Garry Haylock battle for the ball.

By Gordon Campbell

Reigning premier Glenelg stormed into its fourth grand final in six seasons with a powerful 21-point win over Woodville at Football Park yesterday.

The Tigers will play North Adelaide on Saturday in a re-match of last year's ultimate showdown.

The Warriors' courageous 1986 charge yesterday died at the 17 minute mark of the final term when Glenelg forward, Adam Garton, kicked a crucial goal which quashed Woodville's momentum.

The Tigers then buried the mighty Woodville spirit which had won the heart and imagination of the SA football public in the second half of the season.

Glenelg's heroes were five-goal forward Stephen Copping, tireless ruckman Peter Carey, and defender Wayne Henwood who destroyed potential Warrior matchwinner Andrew Taylor in a strong return to form.

Woodville full forward Stephen Nichols became the only century goalkicker in the SANFL this year when he booted his third half-way through the second quarter.

He finished with six goals for the game and a season 103 in an outstanding contribution to the Warriors spectacular climb from bottom last year to third in 1986.

## Gallant Warriors battle to the end

Nichols was among the best for Woodville which lacked the confidence and directness it showed in its two previous finals triumphs.

The sentimental favorite, Woodville had eight scoring shots in eight minutes in the last quarter, but reduced its final-change 25-point deficit by only 18 points.

Warriors full back, Des O'Dwyer, played the game of his life to keep John Seeborn kickless.

North now has the chance to avenge last season's bitterly disappointing fade-out to the Tigers.

Glenelg, aiming for first consecutive premierships, will contest its 12th grand final since entering the league 65 years ago.

## Cornes: Now for North

GLENELG coach Graham Cornes last night was already preparing for next week's grand final showdown with North Adelaide after his side's win over Malcolm Blight's Woodville.

"Obviously we gained some sense of satisfaction from the win — we've been working and planning to get into the grand final all season," he said.

"But there's no complete satisfaction until the job is done completely.

"It was a very even game but I thought our tackling and desperation, usually a feature of Woodville's game, was very good.

"The players ran the game out well."

"They were under tremendous pressure in the last quarter but responded well. "We now have to concentrate on freshening up for this week. Last year we had the two-week break but this year it's a matter of using the time we have to prepare for the grand final."

Woodville captain Max Parker congratulated the Glenelg players.

Cornes responded by telling the Warriors they could be proud of what they had done. However, he couldn't say he was sorry because a Glenelg win was what he had wanted.

His comment, "the further you go, the harder it hurts to lose", was something the Woodville players already were painfully aware of.



Cornes

## FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
GLENELG..	4-8	8-12	12-15	15-15	105
WOODVILLE	4-0	7-3	9-8	11-18	84

BEST — GLENELG: Copping, Carey, Henwood, Symonds, Marshall, Hodgeman, Gibbs, A. Stringer. WOODVILLE: O'Dwyer, Nichols, Parker, Haylock, Fuller, Schwarz, McDonald.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Copping 5.4, Marshall 2.1, Symonds 2.0, Woodlands 1.2, Garton 1.1, McDermott 1.0, Hall 1.0, Kidney 1.0, Maynard 1.0, Carey 0.1, Hodgeman 0.1, rushed 0.5. WOODVILLE: Nichols 6.0, Schwarz 2.3, Harris 2.1, McDonald 1.1, Fuller 0.3, Haylock 0.2, Martin 0.2, Parker 0.1, Sewer 0.1, Taylor 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Laurie Argent.

ATTENDANCE — 30,744.

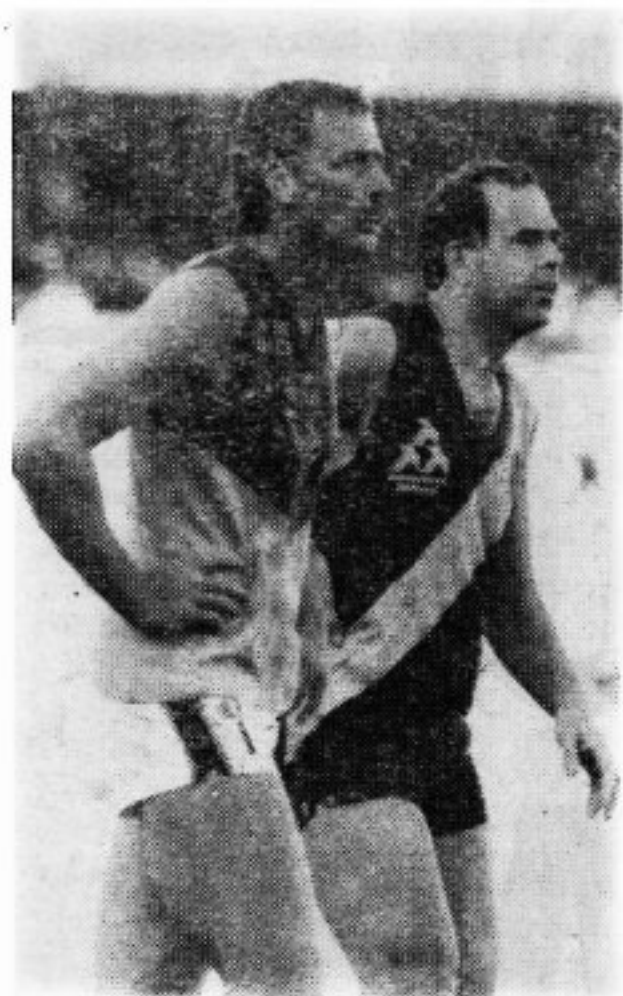
NEXT ROUND (October 4) — Grand final, North Adelaide v Glenelg (Football Park); Reserves — Norwood v Woodville.

TODAY — Under 17 grand final, Sturt v Norwood, Football Park, noon. Under 19 preliminary final, West Torrens v West Adelaide, Football Park, 2.15pm.

## FOOTYPUNT

Game	Winner	Marg.	TAB No	Div.
1	Hawthorn	51-60	6	\$5.70
2	Glenelg	21-30	3	\$2.55





# WARRIOR GRIT JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH

By GORDON CAMPBELL

**A world renowned positive thinker once said: "Greatness is not being great, it's TRYING to be great."**

And that would make the Woodville Football Club the greatest side in the SANFL in 1986.

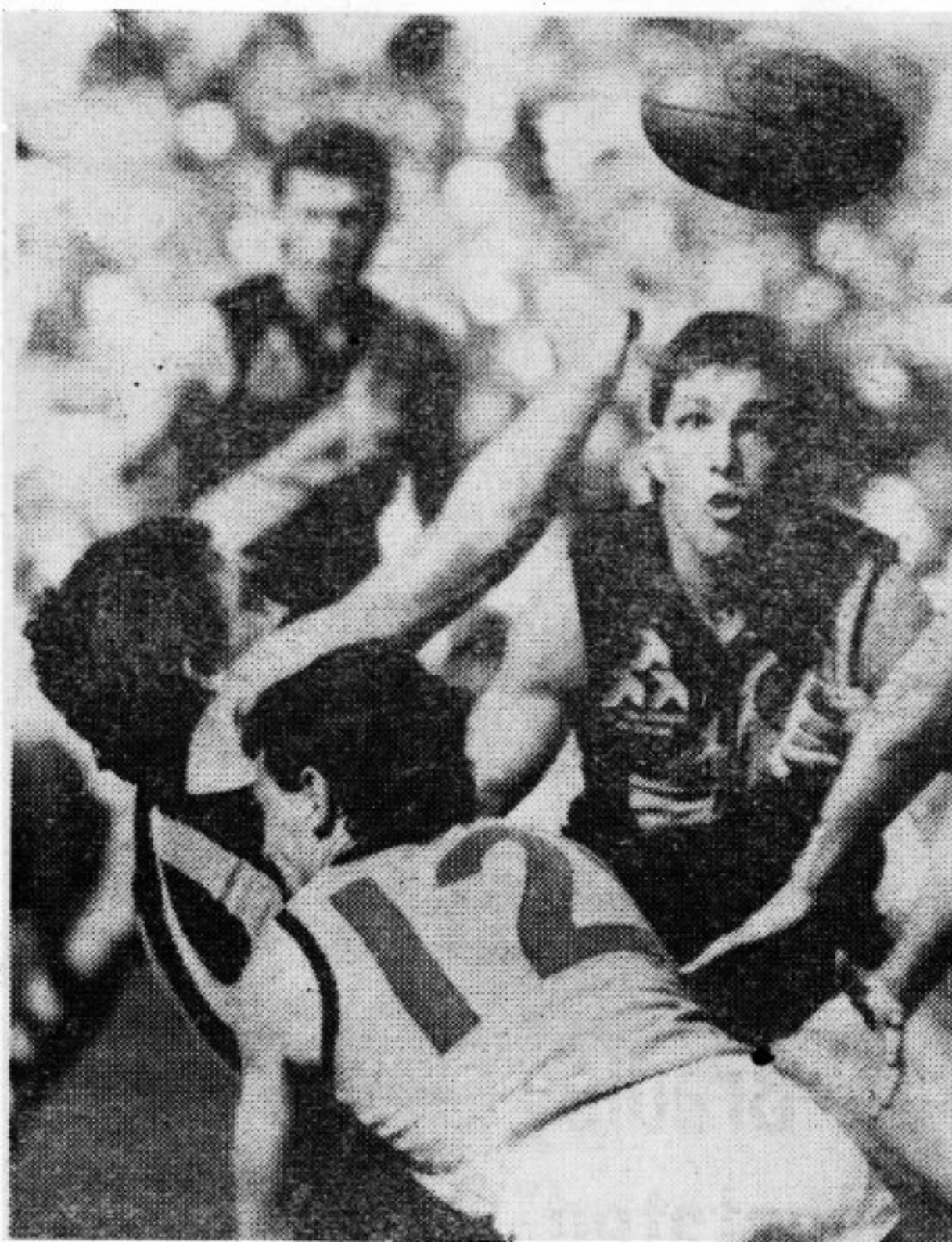
The Warriors made a remarkable rise to football respectability in the second half of the minor round when they proved themselves the best team in the competition.

And with North Adelaide the top side in the first half of the season, a Woodville-North grand final would have been football justice.

But the Warriors must settle for a bottom-to-third turnaround and a grand final rain check because in yesterday's preliminary final crunch against Glenelg, they simply weren't good enough.

The Tigers became worthy grand finalists with a superior tackling and pressure game.

They beat Woodville at its own style. The Warriors' poor kicking for goal



● Top Glenelg rover Chris McDermott is tackled by Warrior defender Randall Jolly as team-mate Peter Maynard looks on. Picture by David Hele

The turning point was Glenelg forward Adam Garton goaling at the 17-minute mark of the final term.

That gave the Tigers a 13-point break and ended a mighty Warrior charge which included eight scoring shots in a spectacular eight-minute blitz.

Sadly for Woodville, the avalanche of opportunities resulted in the 25-point three-quarter time deficit being reduced by only 18 points.

## Fate sealed

Fuller's point at the 13-minute mark was the end of the great Warrior dream to contest their first grand final.

Best-on-ground Stephen Copping sealed Woodville's fate with his fifth goal with eight minutes to play.

And he had another impact on the game when he kicked one of two critical goals in time-on of the third quarter to wrest the initiative from Woodville.

Carey combined brilliantly with Copping in the first term to keep the Tigers heads above water with a narrow lead from a strong wind advantage.

The "gorilla" arms of Copping were a nightmare for opponent Alex Lunn in the first half and new foe Andrew Rogers did a creditable job for the rest of the game.

But Copping always loomed as a serious threat whenever the Tigers were in attack.

Carey had a battle royal with Warrior captain Max Parker in ruck and field play but was more effective overall.

From the moment he launched into that 70-metre screw punt in the opening minutes of play, Carey was set for a big game without last week's second-half fade-out.

The move of out-of-form centre half-forward Wayne Henwood to stand key Woodville forward Andrew Taylor from the outset was vitally important.

Henwood gave the "Shark" a tranquiliser for virtually the entire game and Taylor had a somewhat toothless influence.

After the one mark Taylor took, he hugged the ball as if he knew it would be his precious, solitary grab for the day.

Glenelg significantly outscored Woodville against the wind in the second quarter.

Warrior spearhead Stephen Nichols booted his 100th goal for the season and his club's first for the term 15 minutes before half-time.

## Clash of the giants

RIVAL captains Peter Carey of Glenelg and Max Parker of Woodville, won the admiration of the crowd with their rugged ruck duel in yesterday's preliminary final.

Both led by example as they gave everything for the full 100 minutes of football.

Carey, who next week will lead the Bays in their quest for back-to-back premierships against North Adelaide, collected 11 kicks, four marks, four handballs and 21 hit-outs against the Warriors.

Parker had five kicks, nine marks, eight handballs and 24 hit-outs.

Pictures by Ray Titus, Kevin Bull and David Hele.

That magnificent achievement prompted congratulations from teammates but even then you could sense a slightly flagging Woodville spirit.

Tiger wingman Tony Symonds and rover Kym Hodgeman won significant possessions in the first half and made opponents look second-rate.

Some umpiring decisions in the second term appeared to upset Warrior fans, but they had no effect on the game's outcome.

Woodville coach Malcolm Blight "fired up" his players for the second half and the Warriors were far more competitive with rover Kevin Harris a catalyst in the third term.

Woodville played possession football but overdid the short passing near goal during the term.

And then Warrior Colin McDonald, after superbly smothering, had one of his passes intercepted by Maynard who goaled to regain the initiative for the Tigers into time-on.

## 60-metre goal

McDonald atoned with a sensational 60-metre goal around his body early in the final quarter to inspire team-mates.

They lifted, but so too did opponents David Marshall and Ross Gibbs who won crucial touches when the pressure was really on.

Woodville full back Des O'Dwyer played the perfect game, keeping opponent John Seeborn kickless.

Glenelg played Tony Hall at centre half-forward but had only one genuinely damaging forward in Copping.

The Roosters are likely to assign David Wildy the job of nullifying Copping on Saturday.

## Feel the hurt

And without other forwards really firing Glenelg will feel the hurt North sampled 12 months ago.

The Roosters will be far more direct and won't suffer the nerves which may have stifled Woodville in the final analysis.

North has waited 12 months for another shot at Glenelg which wasn't convincing enough yesterday to warrant favoritism Saturday.

And the Roosters will have that touch of class virtually on every line to win their first flag in 14 years.



● Stephen Copping: 5 goals

in the final term - 2.10 to 3.0 - is no excuse for losing.

Glenelg forced those mistakes because it had shaken Woodville's confidence and faith in a previously superb team game.

The sight of a hesitant and indirect Ron Fuller and Alex Lunn not knowing what to do with the ball in the second half reflected the crumbling of the Woodville empire.

The Tigers' pressure had found chinks - albeit for one afternoon - in the Warriors' mental toughness.





**GOOD SPORTS** ... Glenelg's veteran captain Peter Carey, left, shakes hands with his Woodville counterpart, veteran Max Parker, after Glenelg had ended Woodville's dream run into the history books with a hard-fought 21-point defeat in the preliminary final on Saturday.

# The day the magic died

Glenelg 4.8 6.12 12.15 15.15 (105)  
Woodville 4.0 7.3 9.8 11.18 (84)

By  
Chief Football Writer  
GEOFF KINGSTON

Woodville's boldness, its daring, had a certain magic about it this season. But Glenelg was rarely fooled and its triumph in league football's preliminary final was no deception.

It won fair and square by 21 points with a game that was meticulously planned specifically to beat Woodville. It will not be the same against North Adelaide in next Saturday's grand final.

Glenelg won the game but lost the crowd of 30,744. It emerged as the villain because its success was at the expense of everyone's favorite — Woodville; the David of league football who had slayed many a giant this season to give every loser who ever played the game a reason to believe in miracles.

But the loss was not the end of the journey for Woodville ... rather, it was a milestone.

The players will be forever honored for what they achieved this season and while some people will mourn their defeat, Glenelg will shed no tears.

It planned to win; had to win. It wanted another crack at North following its 24-point loss in the second semi-final.

There are credibility and honor to be salvaged — and the premiership to be won.

The game was not one of the biggies.

There were the odd moments when players such as Steve Copping, Kym Hodgeman, Tony Symonds, Stephen Nichols, Ron Fuller and Peter Schwarz reminded us of what remarkable entertainment can be provided with a football.

## Kernahan will be fit for grand final



**FIGHTING FIT** ... David Kernahan has been given the all-clear for Saturday's grand final.

Glenelg wingman David Kernahan will be available for the grand final against North Adelaide on Saturday.

Kernahan missed the preliminary final after he was knocked unconscious during the second semi-final against North two weeks ago.

The injury proved worse than just concussion as Kernahan suffered some whiplash during the incident and has been wearing a surgical collar to hasten his recovery.

It came off yesterday after doctors gave him the all-clear and Kernahan trained strongly at Glenelg in the morning to dispel any fears that he would not be available.

While there are no guarantees in

football it seems certain Kernahan will be recalled immediately to his customary position on the wing.

If that happens it is likely that David Marshall will go back to his usual half-forward flank to force the omission of Craig Woodlands who did not do enough in Saturday's preliminary final against Woodville to ensure he will be retained.

Rover Kym Hodgeman, who was a major influence in Glenelg's win over Woodville, also is certain to play against North.

Hodgeman has been hampered by groin and thigh injuries for several weeks and was forced out of the preliminary final in the last quarter.

But his early exit was mostly precautionary.

He was beginning to feel the injury

and it was decided not to risk him further against Woodville unless it was absolutely necessary; it wasn't.

But Glenelg team manager Rex Leahy dismissed any suggestion that Hodgeman might be in doubt.

"He will play," Leahy said yesterday.

David Robertson seems certain to be installed in the North side after completing his suspension.

Robertson has not played since he biffed Woodville's Andrew Taylor in the match at Football Park on August 30 — four weeks ago.

But he is an essential part of the North set-up.

His pace, long kicking and his versatility make him an important player at North and it is impossible to imagine North going into this grand final without him.

Geoff Kingston

But mostly it was a day of bittersweet memories.

Glenelg always looked in control — or almost in control.

Peter Carey — and later Adam Garton — together subdued the valiant Max Parker.

He had led Woodville's charge through the last half of the season and needed to be snuffed out if Glenelg was to succeed.

Carey and Garton did that. While Parker was again an influence, he was never a threat.

And neither was Ralph Sewer.

He bit the dust so often it might be said he was the best player on the ground. Glenelg's Scott Salisbury was ruthlessly efficient against Sewer, never allowing him to get close to the inspiring plays that have so often galvanised Woodville into irrepressible action.

The Woodville rovers Gary Haylock and Kevin Harris also struggled.

Harris in particular seemed strangely uncertain and out of touch — as if the week-in, week-out responsibility of trig-

gering triumphs had suddenly taken its toll.

The biggest problem for Woodville, however, was Andrew Taylor at centre half-forward ... or rather Glenelg's Wayne Henwood at centre half-back.

Taylor was targeted by the Glenelg brains trust as a player to be feared.

If he could be tamed, Glenelg had a chance. And Henwood succeeded magnificently.

The success of those negative, defensive tactics gave Glenelg time to build a game.

Its playmakers — people such as Chris McDermott, Kym Hodgeman, David Marshall, Peter Maynard, Tony Symonds, Tony Hall and Alan Stringer, who won his share of chances in the centre against Ron Fuller — were the reasons Glenelg won.

Their skills, plus the relentless tackling by Glenelg all over the ground, eventually exposed a few holes in the Woodville technique.

That was never more evident than in the last quarter when Woodville edged

to within seven points of Glenelg.

It should have punched out a comfortable lead but indecision and confusion inside half-forward — maybe there was even a little panic also — sabotaged its hopes.

It booted 2.6 before Glenelg steadied to post three goals in a row in six minutes from about the 17½-minute mark to make certain of its date with North Adelaide.

Copping in a forward pocket was Glenelg's most consistent player.

He was always a threat to Woodville's chances and his ability to get the ball against seemingly impossible odds at times forced Woodville coach Malcolm Blight to try several positional moves — none of which completely succeeded.

Copping played almost a lone hand in the Glenelg attack.

Full forward John Seeborn was the victim of Woodville's master illusionist Des O'Dwyer, who made Seeborn "disappear" in full view of 31,000 people.

McDermott — unobtrusive once again — got back to near his best with a fine

ball-getting, ball-giving game as a rover and, with Hodgeman, exerted tremendous pressure on Woodville all over the ground.

Tireless follower Peter Maynard also stung Woodville with his run and clever use of the ball — as did Marshall.

Woodville's best included Fuller, who shaded Stringer in the middle, Schwarz, who ran with Maynard all day, and the versatile Colin McDonald, who started at half-back and finished on a wing.

And there was Nichols, of course.

His six goals took his tally for the season to 103. But there was pain in his pleasure as he watched Woodville's season perish so suddenly.

**GOALS** — Glenelg: Copping 5, Marshall, Symonds 2, Garton, McDermott, Woodlands, Hall, Maynard, Kidney. Woodville: Nichols 6, Schwarz, Harris 2, McDonald.

**BEST** — Glenelg: Copping, McDermott, Maynard, Marshall, Hodgeman, Symonds, Carey. Woodville: Fuller, McDonald, Schwarz, Haylock, Fantasia, Parker, Nichols.