

'Golden oldies' batter the Blues

Elimination Final

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
GLENELG...	4.1	8.4	12.4	15.12	(102)
STURT.....	0.8	2.12	2.15	4.19	(43)

BEST - GLENELG: Hodgeman, Grenvold, McDermott, Hewett, Budarick, Marshall, Carey, Mansell, A. Stringer, Maynard. **STURT**: Dilena, Paynter.

GOALS - GLENELG: Hodgeman 4.1, Budarick 3.3, Hewett 3.0, Melican 2.3, Mansell 1.1, Maynard 1.0, West 1.0, Winton 0.2, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT**: Field 1.4, Dilena 1.2, Ey 1.1, Whittlesea 1.0, Willmott 0.7, Paynter 0.2, Kitschke, Heinrich, Schache 0.1.

INJURIES - GLENELG: McDermott (knee), Seebom (corked thigh). **STURT**: McWilliam (ankle), Russell (thigh).

UMPIRES - Laurie Argent and Rick Kinnear.

Qualifying Final

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
NORWOOD....	2.2	5.5	9.8	15.10	(100)
CENTRAL.....	1.6	5.8	7.11	8.13	(61)

BEST - NORWOOD: Francis, Ducker, Kelly, Richardson, R. Maynard, Warhurst, Klaebe, Thorpe, McIntosh. **CENTRAL**: Sullivan, Braddy, Prior, Thomas, McAdam, Smith, Kickett.

GOALS - NORWOOD: Francis 4.1, Ducker 2.1, Anderson 2.1, Balme 2.0, R. Maynard 1.1, Payne 1.1, Pettitt 1.0, Aish 1.0, B. Maynard 1.0, Rowe 0.3, rushed 0.3. **CENTRAL**: Smith 3.2, Mandemaker 2.1, Kickett 1.2, McAdam 1.1, Hocking 1.1, Thomas 0.3, Chaplin 0.1, Lally 0.1, van Dommele 0.1.

INJURIES - NORWOOD: Hall (slight concussion), McIntosh (knee strain), Aish (inflamed left hand). **CENTRAL**: Handley (mouth).

REPORTS - NORWOOD: Kelly by field umpire Abbott for allegedly striking Handley with a forearm during the first term. **CENTRAL**: Hocking by field umpire Abbott for allegedly striking Richardson during the final term.

UMPIRES - John Hylton and Michael Abbott.

Goalkickers

S. Nichols (Woodville)	103.33
J. Roberts (North)	80.41
S. Hodges (Port)	65.35
R. Mandemaker (Central)	58.30
L. Schache (Sturt)	57.25
I. Willmott (Sturt)	52.32
D. Smith (Port)	51.22
R. Maynard (Norwood)	48.22
J. Klug (Woodville)	42.20
D. Payne (Norwood)	41.23
D. Kickett (Central)	40.28
I. Hanna (Torrens)	39.28
D. Kitschke (Sturt)	38.22

Crowds

Football Park (Norwood v Central)	17,752
Football Park (Glenelg v Sturt)	22,462
Total	40,214

Footypunt

Game	Winner	Margin	Tab No	Div
1	Hawthorn	21-30	3	\$3.40
2	Norwood	31-40	14	\$3.70

This week

Saturday: Second semi-final - Port v Norwood.
Sunday: First semi-final - Central v Glenelg.

The elimination final

By Gordon Campbell

The football genius of Glenelg duo Chris McDermott and Kym Hodgeman in the first half yesterday blasted Sturt out of the finals race at Football Park.

And the "Dad's Army" theory about the Tigers was smashed with "golden oldies" like Mark Hewett, Peter Carey and David Marshall stitching up the Blues.

Sturt had no excuse - bad kicking for goal is bad football.

Simple as that.

And Glenelg had to compete with the same swirling wind that makes life difficult for all forwards.

But back to first half heroes McDermott and Hodgeman - they were magnificent when it mattered most. They essentially won control of the game for the Tigers early in the second quarter.

McDermott was at his ball-getting best and he constantly fed teammates with crisp, precise handball - something no Sturt opponent could emulate consistently under pressure. His workrate in the first term was remarkable.

Jim West goaled to give Glenelg an important initiative just nine minutes into the game - courtesy of another McDermott handpass.

Seconds later, McDermott was busy working the ball away from Sturt's goal line.

Among the McDermott turmoil was a tight defence and livewire Hodgeman doing what no Sturt player could do - kick goals.

Hodgeman, 32, was the most threatening forward in the game.

He snared two in the first term and another two before half-time - the old legs and the old head embarrassed Sturt.

Complementing Glenelg's relentless pressure and superior handball was half-back David Grenvold.

He found time to rebound while nullifying Sturt followers Greg Whittlesea and Andrew Underwood.

Whittlesea especially was a pre-game danger but Grenvold guaranteed that was all he remained.

The Blues had two saving graces in the first term - centreman Carl Dilena and wingman Scott Russell before he damaged his groin.

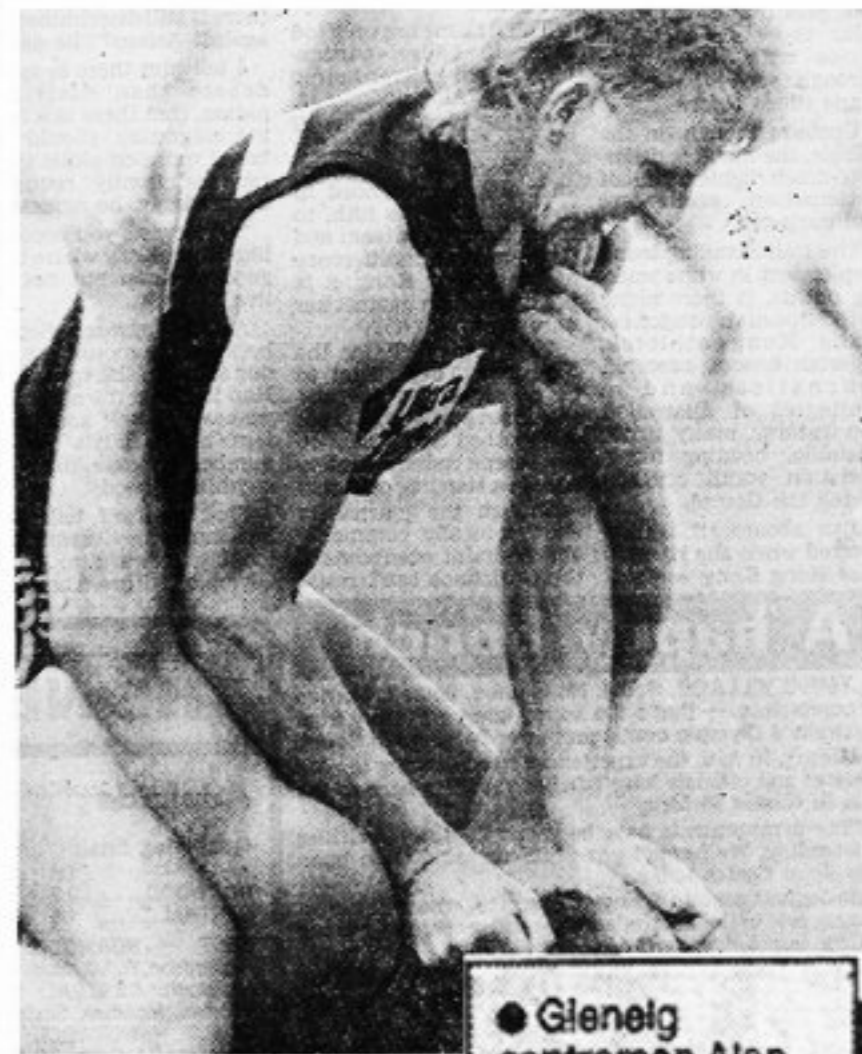
Russell's opponent Mark Hewett also had a sound opening term but then dominated his position for the rest of the game while the rookie battled injury.

Dilena's confidence remained intact while his teammates up forward crumbled around him in the first half.

Dilena even had to boot Sturt's first goal in the second term - his kick looked to have hit the goal post but the ball apparently bounced off the goal umpire's leg.

He beat opponent Alan Stringer before half-time, although Stringer still was a useful contributor.

Dilena was the inspiration the Blues needed - he charged down a flank



● Glenelg centreman Alan Stringer gives Sturt's Greg Whittlesea some close attention. Stringer was probably beaten on the day by Carl Dilena, although Stringer still was a useful contributor, especially with slick handball

for 100 m showing contempt for would-be tacklers.

But not enough in blue guernseys followed his outstanding commitment.

Hodgeman's sensational snapped goal before half-time was the final blow that shattered Sturt's confidence. The Blues were woeful with only two goals from 14 scoring shots at half-time.

Veteran Daryl Smith added some aggression when moved to centre half-forward after the main break.

Glenelg rover Darren Mansell was creating havoc with Hodgeman as McDermott dropped out of the game in the third term with a knee injury.

John Paynter tried to lift Sturt but support again was sadly missing.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes replaced McDermott at three-quarter time when confident of winning. "Time-on into the third term was when I felt

confident we'd win," Cornes said.

"Our pressure was good and our use of the ball was quick and effective.

"We had good, strong contributors."

Sturt coach Merv Keane said his players ran out of confidence.

"We played as well as Glenelg to get the ball forward," he said.

"We just didn't convert our opportunities."

● It's into the last quarter, Sturt's taking a beating, but coach Merv Keane still manages a smile on the bench



GLENELG

	DISPOSALS				HT OUTS				POSSESSIONS				SCORES							
	1	2	3	4	Kicks	Hand	Total	Tap	Ball	Thru	Total	Frees	Mark	In play	Net cont	Goals	Pts	Miss		
CHRISTIE		1	2	1	4	2	4	8	10	3	13			4	4	5				
MELICAN		3	1	3	7		2	9	3		3			3	6	5	2	3	2	
HODGEMAN	5	4	1	6	16	1	3	6	22	1	1	3	2	3	17	15	4			
McTAVISH			2	2										1	6	3				
SCHNEEBICHLER	1	2	3	6	1	5	3	9	1		1			2	7	5				
BUDARICK	1	5	3	4	13	1	2	15	2		2			9	6	8	3	3	2	
HEWETT	5	3	4	7	19	2	5	24						3	21	17	3			
A. STRINGER	3	2	3	2	10			14	24					5	1	4	19	17		
MARSHALL	5	6	6	3	20	2	3	1	21					1	3	3	15	16	1	
W. STRINGER	4	4	7	4	19	2	1	2	21					5	1	8	12	17		
SEEBOM	2	1	2	5	3	5	3	8	1	1	1			4	4	3				
GRENVOLD	2	1	4	2	9	4	7	16						3	13	11				
SALISBURY	1	3	1	2	7	3	2	9						2	1	7	8			
RUSSELL	1	1	3	2	7	6	1	8						3	5	4				
WEST	4	3	3	10	3	6	16	1	3	4	3	2	4	10	5	1				
CAREY	3	2	2	7	1	1	1	8	1	5	7	13	1	3	2	3	2			
MAYNARD	3	8	2	8	21	4	7	28	1	3	1	4	23	22	1					
McDERMOTT	2	4		6	3	18	24	3						3	1	2	22	10		
MANSELL	3	4	2	2	11	4	11	22	1					1	2	4	16	12	1	
WINTON			1	3	4	1	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	4		2	2	
TOTALS	45	57	48	53	203	9	51	103	306	12	19	14	45	29	20	68	218	189	15	12

STURT

	DISPOSALS				HT OUTS				POSSESSIONS				SCORES							
	1	2	3	4	Kicks	Hand	Total	Tap	Ball	Thru	Total	Frees	Mark	In play	Net cont	Goals	Pts	Miss		
KITSCHKE	4		1		5		4	9	1	11	6	18	1		3	6	5		1	
WILLMOTT	2	3	2	1	8		1	9							8	1	3		7	
FIELD	2	4	4	3	13	1	3	4	17					2	4	3	10	7	1	
UNDERWOOD	4			3	7	2	4	11	1					1	1	4	6	7	1	
SCHACHE	1		1	2										1	1	1	1	1	1	
PAYNTER	5	4	4	3	16	7	12	28	3					3	2	6	20	19	2	
S. RUSSELL	5	1			6	3	5	11							1	10	5			
SMITH			2	3	5			10								10	8			
DILENA	6	7	4	5	22	11	5	27						5	3	19	18	1	2	
McWILLIAM	2	3			5	1	1	6							1	2	3	4		
HEINRICH	1	2	4	7	7	2	9	16	1					1	3	2	12	13	1	
LENNON	2		4	1	7	1	2	9	1					1	1	8	7			
RICHTER	4	2	3	1	10	1	1	21								4	17	15		
WELSBY	1	3	5	2	11	1	1	14						2	2	3	1	10	8	
REID	1		3		4	4	1	5	1					1	1	1	4	4		
REYNOLDS	2	1			3	3	5	8	2	13	4	19	2	1	3	4	3			
WHITTLESEA	3	4	4	1	11	5	11	22	2					2	4	6	16	17	1	
EY	1	5	2	3	11	4	16	27	1					1	1	4	3	20	11	
ZEALAND	2	3		1	6	1	3	6							1	3	1	2	4	
MOSCHENI			1		2	3	1	7	10	1				1	2	1	9	5		
TOTALS	45	42	43	32	162	4	53	106	268	14	24	13	51	20	29	51	188	164	4	19