



1990 Foundation Cup Grand Final



# The Tiger roars

By Peter Prime

Any pre-premiership analysis of something as dynamic as football is necessarily fraught with peril.

Coaches believe only fools take notice of practice matches and pre-season form.

And they are quick to point out being a March champion doesn't mean a team will be a September hero — although early good form at least gives some summer joy.

But there are certain predictions that appear safe and the most obvious is that Graham Cornes's Tigers are more than capable of wresting the coveted Thomas Seymour Hill premiership trophy away from the might of Port Adelaide in 1990.

Glenelg didn't have the right stuff when it counted last year. Too often it flashed fleetingly into glory and retreated just as quickly.

But there is a popular concept that there is no more dangerous animal than a wounded tiger.

And that was borne out yet again on Friday night when Glenelg launched itself to a magnificent 47-point win over a courageous Woodville in a bruising, often spiteful Foundation Cup final at Football Park.

The Warriors were magnificent for three quarters. They battled valiantly, showed enormous grit and determination and were united and committed to a man.

But in that final term, classy Glenelg went into overdrive, turned on the power and pulled away with a paralysing, systematic 10-goal blitz — and \$30,000.

"Captain Courageous" Chris McDermott was simply irresistible. Robbie Thompson in defence continued to repel and thwart, David Marshall in the centre was creative and in attack there was a superb spearhead in John Fidge.

Woodville had run its race. The spirit was still willing but the relentless, unforgiving pressure had taken its toll.

For a man who has achieved so much in football, Russell Ebert's reign as coach has been full of trials and tribulations. For decades now there have been too many ifs and buts associated with the Warriors.

But now the club is providing him with much solace.

Season 1990 is something of a moment of truth for Woodville. There can no longer be any excuses for the Warriors if they don't make a proper fist of it. If it again fails to produce — given a reasonable run with injuries and the other breaks you need to succeed — then questions must be asked.

For any beaten grand finalist, it is a devastating time — an empty, numbing feeling. But Woodville now has established a strong platform from which to launch a serious final-five challenge.

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It looks a vastly different side with John Klug back on the scene after injury. Up forward it has a man capable of kicking a 100-plus goals in Allen Jakovich, its defence is solid and dependable and it is chock-full of players who will have a go.

In the past Woodville fans have been accustomed to disappointments and a schizophrenic squad that perhaps has suffered from an inferiority complex.

But hopefully that's no more.

The Warriors have struggled at the bottom of the football barrel for too long and now they are making that transition from adequate to excellent.

No longer can near enough be good enough, but history will be the decider.

For his part, Cornes is one of a select few who fully knows what's associated with pursuing the dream of winning a grand final.

He's been there. He knows what is required and he knows the satisfaction and enjoyment a team gets out of winning.

Last season was totally unacceptable as far as Cornes was concerned, slumping to fifth after four successive grand final appearances.

But the Tiger mentor isn't interested in history, names or excuses. After the disappointments of 1989, he has planned, plotted and schemed.

"There is no doubt that at this particular time our depth is very good," Cornes said later. "It's so important to put pressure on players to perform. There's four or five guys who missed out tonight who deserved a chance but you can only play 22."

A reflective Ebert said after the game: "We achieved what eight other teams didn't. After most grand finals there's no game the following week but we have the whole season ahead of us."

## Scoreboard

Glenelg	1.3	6.8	7.12	17.14	(116)
Woodville	4.2	5.2	8.2	11.3	(69)

**BEST — GLENELG:** McDermott, Thompson, Marshall, Lamb, Jameson, Melican, Maynard. **WOODVILLE:** Klug, Champion, Negri, Schwarz, Jakovich, Lunn, Dettmann. **GOALS — GLENELG:** Fidge 5.1, Lamb 3.1, Liptak 2.2, Bartlett 1.3, Mansell 1.2, Rouvray 1.1, Jameson 1.0, McDermott 1.0, Marshall 1.0, Battiston 1.0, rushed 0.4. **WOODVILLE:** Jakovich 6.0, Hicks 1.0, Neal 1.0, Negri 1.0, Haylock 1.0, Templeton 1.0, Klug 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES — WOODVILLE:** Champion (stitches below right eye), Parsons (knee).

**REPORTS —** John Seebohm (Glenelg) by boundary umpire Ian Denham for alleged unduly rough play to an unnamed Woodville player in the third quarter.

**UMPIRES —** Laurie Argent and Steve Semmler.



Jubilant Glenelg captain Chris McDermott, centre, with fellow Tigers Clayton Lamb, top, and John Fidge after Friday night's great cup win.

GLENELG	KICKS					FREES						
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	H/B	FOR	AG	GLS	BHS	H/D
LAMB	1	4	2	5	12	2	4	2	1	3	1	
FIDGE	1	1	1	5	8	3				5	1	
LIPTAK	4	4	2	1	11	2	6	1	1	2	1	
MANSELL	2		4	2	8	2	4		2	1	2	
BARTLETT	2	2	3	1	8	4	5	1	2	1	3	3
ROUVRAY	1	1		3	5	5	5		1	1	1	
SYMONDS	2		4	3	9	4	8	2	1			
MARSHALL	1	4	7	2	14	2	4	2		1		1
JAMESON	2	3	3	12	5	8	2	1	1			
THOMPSON	7	2	2	2	13	2	2	2				
ELIAS	3		4	2	9	7	4	1				
BOW			5	2	9	1	5	1	1			
GIBBS				1	1	1						
SEEBOHM	1	2	2	4	9	5	1					1
SALISBURY	2				2	2	5		3			
MELICAN	2	2	1	1	6	6	9	4	1			20
MAYNARD	4	3	3	2	12	3	10	1	1			
MCDERMOTT	3	3	4	6	16	3	12	3	3	1		1
BATTISTON				1	1					1		
CHRISTIE												
BROMILOW			4	1	5			2				
ANGOVE	1				1	1			1			
RUSHED												
TOTAL	41	35	48	47	171	59	93	24	19	17	14	26

## SANFL draw . . .

**Round 1**  
**SATURDAY:** Glenelg v Torrens (Football Park). Sturt v West (Adelaide). Central v Port (Elizabeth). Norwood v North (Norwood). Woodville v South (Woodville).

**Round 2**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 21:** South v West (Football Park). Torrens v Woodville (Thebarton).

**MONDAY APRIL 23:** North v Central (Football Park).

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 25:** Port v Norwood (Football Park). Sturt v Glenelg (Adelaide).

WOODVILLE	KICKS					FREES						
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	H/B	FOR	AG	GLS	BHS	H/D
NEWTON								2	1	1		1
JAKOVICH	4		3	3	10	5	1		1	6		
HICKS	3		2	1	6	2	7			1		
COX	2	1	3	3	9	2	2			1		
KLUB	4	2	4	1	11	7	12	2	2			1
JACQUIER	3	1		1	5	1	2					
NEAL		2	3	1	6	1	6	1	1	1		
FULLER	2	2	4		8	2	5					
MARTIN	1	2	2	2	7	5	1	7	2			
LUNN			4	1	5	1	7	2				
CHAMPION	1	2	6		9	2	6	5	4			
PARSONS												
LYNCH	1	1	1		3	1	4					
O'DWYER	3	1	1	1	6	2	2					
DETTMAN			5	1	6	1	6					
NEGRI	2	2		1	5	6	4	1	2	1		23
SCHWARZ	5	2	1	2	10	2	6	1	2			1
KLEMM	1	2	1	2	6	1	2	1				
TRKULA				1	1		6	1				
TEMPLETON				5	5			1	1	1		
WILLIAMS	1	2			3		1	3				
HAYLOCK			4	1	5		3	1	1	1		
RUSHED												
TOTAL	33	22	44	27	126	41	86	19	24	11	5	25