

MANSSELL STARS AS TIGERS CUT LOOSE

Football Park

Elimination Final

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Points, Goals in Final. Rows: GLENELG South.

BEST — GLENELG: Mansell, Chigwidden, McKay, Hallahan, Murphy, Kretschmer, Marshall, Duthy, Thompson, SOUTH: Naley, Kappler, Clarke, Grummet, Mills, Osborne Bennett, Rogers, Trevena. SCORERS — GLENELG: Mansell 5.0, Murphy 4.4, Fidge, Marshall 3.1, Chigwidden 3.0, Kretschmer, Lamb 2.0, Russell 1.1, Hallahan 1.0, Symonds, Jameson, Bow 0.1. SOUTH: McIntyre 4.3, Trevena 3.0, Powell 2.1, Kappler, Naley, Mills 1.1, Koster, Groom, Bennett 1.0, Osborne 0.2, rushed 0.4. REPORTS: Groom (South) by field umpire Michael Abbott for allegedly tripping Chigwidden (Glenelg) in the third term. UMPIRES: Michael Abbott, David Elliott.

Qualifying Final

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Points, Goals in Final. Rows: EAGLES North.

BEST — EAGLES: Pyman, Bulluss, Taylor, Phillipou, Tape, Toham, Niemann, Klemm, Neave, S. Sziller. NORTH: Redden, Phillips, Krieg, Sanders, Nunan. SCORERS — EAGLES: Taylor 5.1, Phillipou 4.1, Neave 4.0, Morphet 3.2, Klemm 2.0, Toham, Schwarz 1.1, Haylock, Niemann, Nicol, S. Sziller 1.0, Schwartz, Pyman, Pesch 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Burton 2.2, Atkinson 2.0, Parsons 1.3, Sanders, Nunan 1.0, Sims, Klomp, Barratt, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.1. INJURIES — EAGLES: Nicol (bruised ribs). NORTH: Perkins (hamstring). UMPIRES: Kevin Chambers, Mark Westgarth.

Crowd

Football Park . . . . . 17,154

SA goalkickers

Table with 4 columns: Name, Games, Y'day, Total. Lists top goalkickers from M. Tylor to D. Niemann.

SA draw

Saturday — First semi-final: North v Glenelg, Football Park. Second semi-final: Port v Eagles, Football Park.

Under 19

1st semi-final

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Points, Goals in Final. Rows: PORT Sturt.

BEST — PORT: Bond, Ormond-Allen, Sheehan, Warton, Voice, Francis, Wakelin, May. STURT: Bowden, McGrath, Graham, Woodcock, Lewis, Martyn. GOALS — PORT: Crombie 5, Wakelin 3, Voice, Sheehan 2, Bond, May, Harris, Olson. STURT: Bagshaw, Hardy, McGrath, Thomas, Trimboli.

2nd semi-final

Table with 5 columns: Team, Goals, Behind, Points, Goals in Final. Rows: NORWOOD, Glenelg.

BEST — NORWOOD: Cormie, Nicholson, Betterman, Williams, Porritt, O'Leary. GLENELG: Smelt, Ridgeway, McNamara, Roehrich, Rowett, Oxley, Dittmar, Pitt, Robertsk. GOALS — NORWOOD: Porritt 3, A. Betterman, Galvin 2, D. Betterman, Loffler, Dellosio, Sostaric, Thomas, Rabbitt. GLENELG: Smith 4, Smelt 2, McNamara, Ridgeway, Burt, Johns, McDonald.

Statistical table for Glenelg: Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit Tackles. Includes player names and totals.

Statistical table for South: Kicks, Marks, Handballs, Frees, Scores, Hit Tackles. Includes player names and totals.

Summary statistics for Glenelg: FREES, PENALTIES, GOALS, DIST. OF GOALS.

Summary statistics for South: FREES, PENALTIES, GOALS, DIST. OF GOALS.

What the coaches said



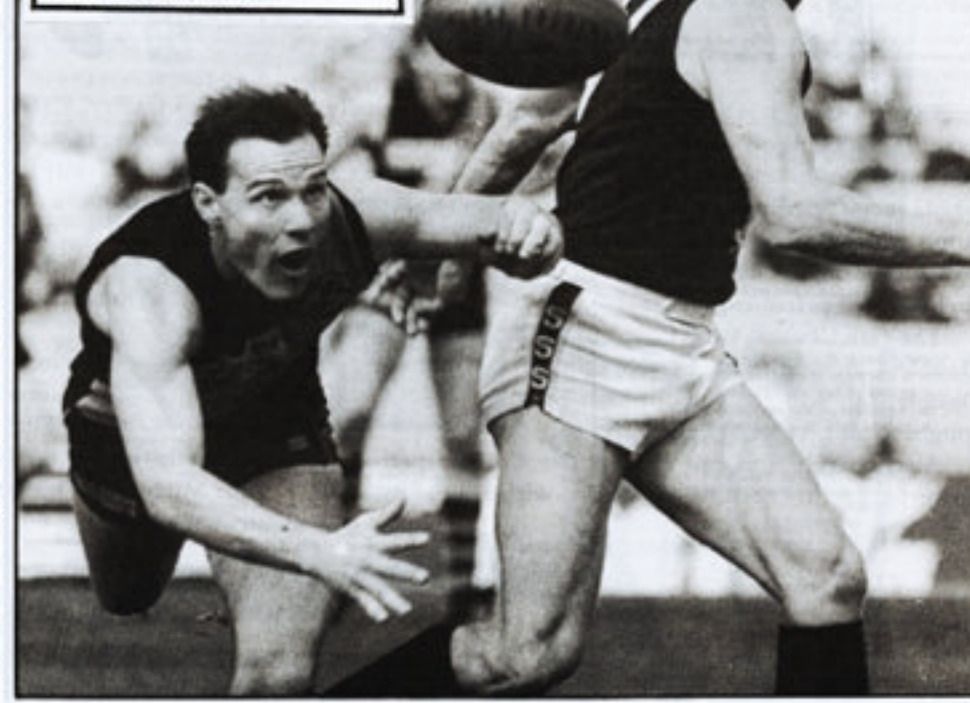
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CLASSIC CATCH... Glenelg's Robbie Thompson takes a classic chest mark in front of his Panther opponent.

MARK MY WORDS... South's Mark Naley gets caught on the wrong foot as Glenelg's Mark Russell makes a headlong dive for the ball during yesterday's elimination final.



Elimination Final

Summary table for Elimination Final: GLENELG South, Goals, Behind, Points, Goals in Final.

By PETER PRIME

Classy Glenelg sent South Adelaide scurrying from the premiership race with a 51-point victory in their cut-throat elimination final bout at Football Park yesterday.

The Tigers won 24.10 (154) to 15.13 (103) to further emphasise they are well prepared for the challenge ahead.

With Darren Mansell booting five goals in a wonderful best-afiel performance, Glenelg with greater poise and authority under pressure to storm to a knockout first semi-final meeting with North Adelaide next Saturday.

Yes, expectations remain high down at the Bay, but it's walking a tightrope — one slip and its winter is over!

But Glenelg may have just hit its straps at the right time of the year — and that spells considerable danger for the remaining finalists.

Typically, the Panthers battled valiantly yesterday, but sadly they can now

only look forward to next year.

While heads were hung low in the Panther rooms, the grins were wide in Tigerland.

For Kym Hodgeman, it was his first finals victory, having guided the club to 13 wins and nine losses in the minor round this season after it had finished sixth (10-12) in his debut season as a league coach last year.

"I thought our overall performance was superb," Hodgeman said. "We were beaten in the square today, but we still managed to kick 24 goals."

"Our start was very good but we knew South would come back fighting. That's the sort of team they are."

"We've got through the first round. Now the second one's coming up."

The Panthers may have exited stage left but coach John Reid remained calm and assured in his post-mortem of proceedings.

"Other than the last 15 minutes of the second quarter I thought it was really line-ball stuff," Reid said. "There wasn't much in it. But we made a lot of mistakes during that period and they capitalised on it."

Champion Tiger spearhead John Fidge, who kicked 11 goals last week against Sturt, was restricted to just 3.1 by dependable Panther defender MacGregor Grummet yesterday.

But the fact Glenelg was still able to boot a tally of 24.10 speaks for the club's potency and class in attack. And the team will be further strengthened by the return of skipper Scott Salisbury who was ruled out after failing a fitness test on his back.

The Tigers were brilliant in that second term. Their attack on the ball — and the player with it — was ferocious and relentless. They first bored and then brushed through a shocked South defence to deliver an 8.3 quarter knockout blow.

Despite the Panther's persistence thereafter, Glenelg was never going to relinquish the buffer it had so purposefully created.

Mansell was again a big contributor yesterday — brutally efficient and inspirational. Rover Nick Chigwidden also played a key role — full of breath-taking skill and dare, while young Andrew McKay was forever dependable in defence. Paul Hallahan, Dwayne Kretschmer and David Marshall impressed, Michael Murphy was a focal point at centre-half-forward and Chris Duthy and Robbie Thompson were other fine defenders.

South was best served by rover Mark Naley who again showed he relishes the big games. David Kappler, as always, worked very hard and promising young ruckman Matthew Clarke continues to go from strength to strength. Of the others Grummet, Trent Mills, Andrew Osborne, captain Michael Bennett, Matthew Rogers and Darren Trevena were notables.