

TIGERS TAKE SEMI-FINAL

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'Fitzie' scores again



WHAM! . . . This year's Magarey Medalist, Len Fitzgerald, slams through another goal for Sturt in today's semi-final at Adelaide Oval, while teammate R. Smith (second from left) wards off opposition from a determined squad of Glenelg players.

STURT 'SET', THEN IT HAPPENED...!

Seemingly beaten with only two minutes left to play, Glenelg staged a mighty comeback to snatch victory from Sturt by one point at Adelaide Oval today.

Glenelg now meet the losers of next Saturday's Port-West semi-final.

Sturt looked home and hosed when they were out 11 points at that stage.

Only the most ardent Glenelg fan could have dreamed of a possible win.

Then it happened! Clearing from their defence, Glenelg drove into attack for Pemberton to mark and goal.

Then from the centre bounce, the Tigers tore forward again for Pemberton to repeat his effort — and Glenelg had won it.

Sturt unlucky

Glenelg are to be congratulated on their fine fighting finish. Only a fit team could have accomplished what they did, and the fighting spirit was really evident.

But I do think Sturt can be considered most unlucky.

They looked the better team throughout, even though they had their lapses.

It's terribly hard to see victory snatched away at the last moment.

Throughout the game the Blues were better served in ruck and on the fringes where Rigney had a splendid day.

The young Sturt recruit, who had a hand in many of the Blues' scoring efforts, was best afield.

Plan of action

Sturt began with what looked like a well set-up

plan of attack, mostly centring around Fitzgerald at centre half-forward and Thompson in ruck.

I noticed early in the game that when the ball was in Sturt's attack and there was a bounce or throw-in, Fitzgerald was there to burst his way through, while Thompson would drop back behind the play.

The move was quietly brought into operation and it brought results.

But after Glenelg had drawn level at half-time, it was not put into effect again.

I think if it had been, Sturt would have won.

But no one can take credit from the Glenelg defence.

They were under pressure for a considerable part of the play and too much praise cannot be given to the way they pegged Sturt back, especially Stock and Abley.

Just when Sturt appeared likely to establish a clear superiority in the second term, Hewett and Richens got into the game.

In a flash Glenelg had taken a seven-point lead.

But Sturt came again with King at centre wing and Rigney roving in everything.

These two young fellows were the reasons why Sturt left the ground level with Glenelg at half-time.

But Sturt's inaccuracy aided the Tigers considerably. From nine scoring shots, they were able to notch four goals, while



By Vic Johnson

Glenelg were adding six from 10. Many of Sturt's misses were easy shots.

The third term was even enough — a clean, hard-fought one with some of the Blues' earlier stars, Fitzgerald, Halbert, and Goodchild, not nearly so prominent as before.

This was the only term in which Herron had it over Halbert at centre. The advantage across centre was with Glenelg, with Fraser always in it and Dickinson getting his share.

Toward the close of the term, Fitzgerald and Goodchild again became prominent.

I had favored a change in the centre half-back position for Glenelg. It had not happened, and I felt it could become a danger point to Glenelg again.

The final term was a battle royal and in this one the whole Glenelg defence rose to it in grand style.

For a long period the ball was in Sturt's attacking area, and only sheer doggedness prevented the threatened breakaway.

Forlorn

Herron was switched from centre for Glenelg, but it was only a quick

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

CONDITIONS: Fine At Adelaide Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3—3	9—7	12—13	15—17	107
Sturt	4—8	8—13	12—18	14—22	106

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Stock, Hill, Abley, Fraser, Branson, Richens. **STURT:** Rigney, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Halbert, Williams, Rattigan, King.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Hill (4.2), Pemberton (3.4), Richens (3.3), Hewett (2.1), Cutten (1.2), Webber (1.1), Leahy (1.0), Fraser (0.2), Howard (0.1), Herron (0.1). **STURT:** Fitzgerald (3.2), Rigney (2.3), Douglas (2.2), Goodchild (2.1), Smith (2.1), Clarkson (1.3), Jarrett (1.2), Thompson (1.1), Williams (0.4), Rattigan (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Robinson (facial injury) replaced by Chisholm in the third term. **STURT:** Dunn (ankle injury) replaced by Jarrett before commencement of play.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Dittmar (Port)	—	15	66.51
Wright (West)	—	16	53.41
Judd (South)	—	17	52.46
Head (Torrens)	—	17	51.39
Clingly (Torrens)	—	18	51.37
Douglas (Sturt)	2.2	15	47.32
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	3.2	16	45.39
Pemberton (Glenelg)	3.4	15	43.29
Sheppard (North)	—	18	39.26

ATTENDANCE: 30,000.

move. He was back there again soon after and stayed until the final bell. Glenelg's chances looked forlorn when Sturt led 11 points with little time to go.

But Fraser, clearing from the defence, sent Glenelg goalwards for Pemberton to put the Tigers in it again and then finally win it.

Rigney best

I choose Stock as Glenelg's best.

His effort at half-back left was very fine. Abley, Hill, Fraser, Branson, Howard and Richens also played very valuable parts in their team's victory.

Rigney is my choice as best on the ground.

The young Sturt recruit

had a grand day roving or in attack. Others to do well were Fitzgerald, Thompson, Williams, Halbert, Rattigan, and King.

Glenelg did not alter its selected team, but Sturt were forced to omit R. Dunn (injured ankle) before the game.

B. Jarrett went to half-forward left, R. Smith forward and roving, and D. Pridmore and H. Freundt were held in reserve.

Glyn Williams won the toss and elected to kick to the Cathedral end goal, slightly favored by the breeze.

Umpire J. L. Sweeney was central umpire, with M. C. Durbridge in reserve.

● Vic Johnson's report of game

IT WAS A DING-DONG BATTLE!

Glenelg snatched a one-point semi-final victory over Sturt in the dying moment of the Adelaide Oval match today. It was a titanic struggle with the scores often level.

Twice in the last two minutes of play, Pemberton goaled to hand the game to the Tigers.

Sturt's Glyn Williams, won the toss and decided on the cathedral end.

Umpire J. L. Sweeney was in charge, with M. C. Durbridge in reserve.

Sturt were first away when Thompson's long punt found Clarkson, who made it a point.

Glenelg looked dangerous as Glyn Williams drove them out twice.

First goal came up as the result of good football through Halbert, Fitzgerald, then Thompson.

Fitzgerald was throwing everything into Sturt's attack as Goodchild got in for their second goal.

Glenelg and Sturt were playing strongly.

A quick result came from a thrust from the centre bounce when Hill goaled from a long way out.

Then, after turning Sturt out, Richens, Hewett, and Webber combined well for Glenelg's second goal.

The play flashed from end to end with both defences under pressure, but Glenelg were showing the better pace.

Linke defended finely for Glenelg to put his team into attack for Cuten to goal, and give the Tigers a six-point lead.

Branson's height was matching Thompson's at the hit-outs. Each team had a lucky let-off as Cuten missed for Glenelg and Douglas for Sturt.

Opening up a series of attacks, Sturt drew level with a snapped goal from Fitzgerald, then a point from Thompson.

Attacks fail

Thompson now began to make his presence felt and Williams was going well.

Fraser was winning his wing for Glenelg, but Hal-

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bert had centre for the Blues.

Sturt's attack had not achieved the best results, but near the siren, Fitzgerald went for a throw-in which ended with Smith dribbling one through for full points.

First quarter scores were Sturt 4-8, Glenelg 3-3.

The Blues were making Fitzgerald their focal point in attack, playing through him at every chance.

They were using him as a ruckman for the throw-in near their goal with Thompson dropping back behind the play.

Butler, Glenelg's centre half-back, was no great obstacle to Fitzgerald. It called for a change, someone with more height.

Sturt had put away 18 points before Richens found Leahy for Glenelg to goal.

Sturt's Rigney was the best rover afield at this stage.

Through Rigney's efforts, Sturt's sixth goal came up from Douglas, to put them 18 points ahead. Fitzgerald was in ruck, Goodchild at centre half-forward, and Williams on the flank.

From a scramble near goal, Pemberton snapped truly for Glenelg, but overall, the Tigers were not playing as confidently as the Blues.

Rigney led Sturt in through King to Douglas, but only a point came up. King was now well under notice on his wing.

He again came under notice as he drove in to Thompson for Rigney to goal.

Nearing the half-time siren, Richens goaled grandly for Glenelg. Then from centre they broke in again for Hewett to follow suit.

Again, from the centre, Glenelg got under way for another nice goal to Richens—and level once more.

It was a great recovery, and the first time Richens had shown up.

To cap it, Glenelg followed with a point, then Hewett's second goal.

It was Sturt's turn to worry now. Stock kept them out until Smith got a low one in to even at the siren.

Pressure

Half-time scores were Glenelg 9-7, Sturt 8-12.

A point to Goodchild was followed by another to Williams for Sturt when play began again.

Glenelg's defence was under constant pressure, with Stock defending well.

Williams set Sturt going for Jarrett to find Clarkson, who made it a goal.

Rigney was again in evidence for Sturt, but Herron had caught up with Halbert at centre.

Halbert put himself into the picture when Rigney took his punt and goaled.

Then a Fraser to Herron to Pemberton run ended in only a point for Glenelg.

Fitzgerald was not so much in the spotlight now, and Chisholm replaced Robertson for Glenelg.

Glenelg reduced the leeway to two points when Chisholm and Howard combined to give Hill his goal.

Sturt moved back into attack for Fitzgerald, again in ruck, to drive one through.

Still attacking, only points came up for Sturt until Goodchild snapped a good goal to move them up to a 16-point margin.

Hill replied with a fine dropkick to goal, and soon after snapped another.

Third-quarter scores were Sturt 12-18, Glenelg 12-13.

Clarkson opened the last term with a point for Sturt. Then Howard evened for Glenelg and Richens followed with another.

Sturt pulled one out of the blue when Fitzgerald marked a miss-kick unattended and landed his third goal.

A free to Richens put Glenelg into action again. His goal took them to within four points.

A point went to Hill with 12 minutes to play. Anything could happen as the ball travelled from end to end.

A goal to Jarrett and a point to Rigney put Sturt 12 points clear.

It looked good enough with five minutes to play.

Pemberton

Two Thompson marks made it delicate for Glenelg, but Pemberton marked and goaled to put the Tigers only five points behind.

From the centre, Richens found Pemberton for another goal.

It was now all Glenelg.

Fraser pulled them out of trouble and then saved and it was over—Glenelg, by one point.

Frees and marks

By Vic Johnson

Throughout the semi-final between Glenelg and Sturt, there was little doubt about the Blues' superiority in the air.

However, Glenelg received more free kicks than Sturt.

Glenelg took only nine marks as against 20 by Sturt in the first term, eight against 13 in the second, 12 against 10 in the third, and nine against 14 in the last, making a total of 38 for Glenelg and 58 for Sturt.

The frees awarded were: First quarter, Glenelg 9, Sturt 3; second quarter, Glenelg 6, Sturt 4; third quarter, Glenelg 6, Sturt 5; last quarter, Glenelg 8, Sturt 8; making a total of Glenelg 29, Sturt 20.

STAB KICKS

It took a long time for Glenelg full-forward Pemberton to assert himself today.

With about five minutes to go he had scored one goal four after a difficult contest with Sturt fullback Caust.

But his next two kicks proved his value—two goals, including the winning one, and at a time when Sturt had been kicking wildly trying vainly to clinch the game.

KEVIN Abley at full back for Glenelg had a busy day, not only in kicking out (22 times) but in trying to avoid Sturt's big ruck men, notably Clayton Thompson who would mark the kick-outs.

Abley, who conceded only two goals to Don Douglas, finished in great style. He marked with great judgment to stop Sturt repeatedly right on the line at a crucial stage.

IN the third quarter all four wingmen were seriously playing on the one side of the ground for a time, when Glenelg switched Fraser to the busier wing and his opponent King followed him over.

LAWRIE Nugent, Glenelg's replacement for injured ruckman Blackburn, played a serviceable game. His best work was done in defence, where he frequently marked to turn Sturt back.

STURT wingman Trevor King passed the ball with great accuracy from centre wing. Some of his stab-kicks were reminiscent of former Norwood star Doug Olds.

SPECTATORS saw two fighting finishes in the games at Adelaide. In the Senior Colts semi-final, Glenelg defeated North by one point. Their senior side repeated the dose against Sturt in the big semi-final.

DENNIS Rattigan's return to Sturt, after coaching in the Southern Districts Association, was beneficial to the Blues. Although not outstanding, Rattigan was under notice.

IT was not surprising to see John Robinson, Glenelg's back pocket player, replaced in the second term by Don Chisholm.

He received a heavy facial knock and appeared dazed.

SOLO runs by a player are eye-catching, but when Linke, of Glenelg, ran 40 yards today it had little to commend it.

He kicked poorly out of position, and a Sturt goal ended the effort.

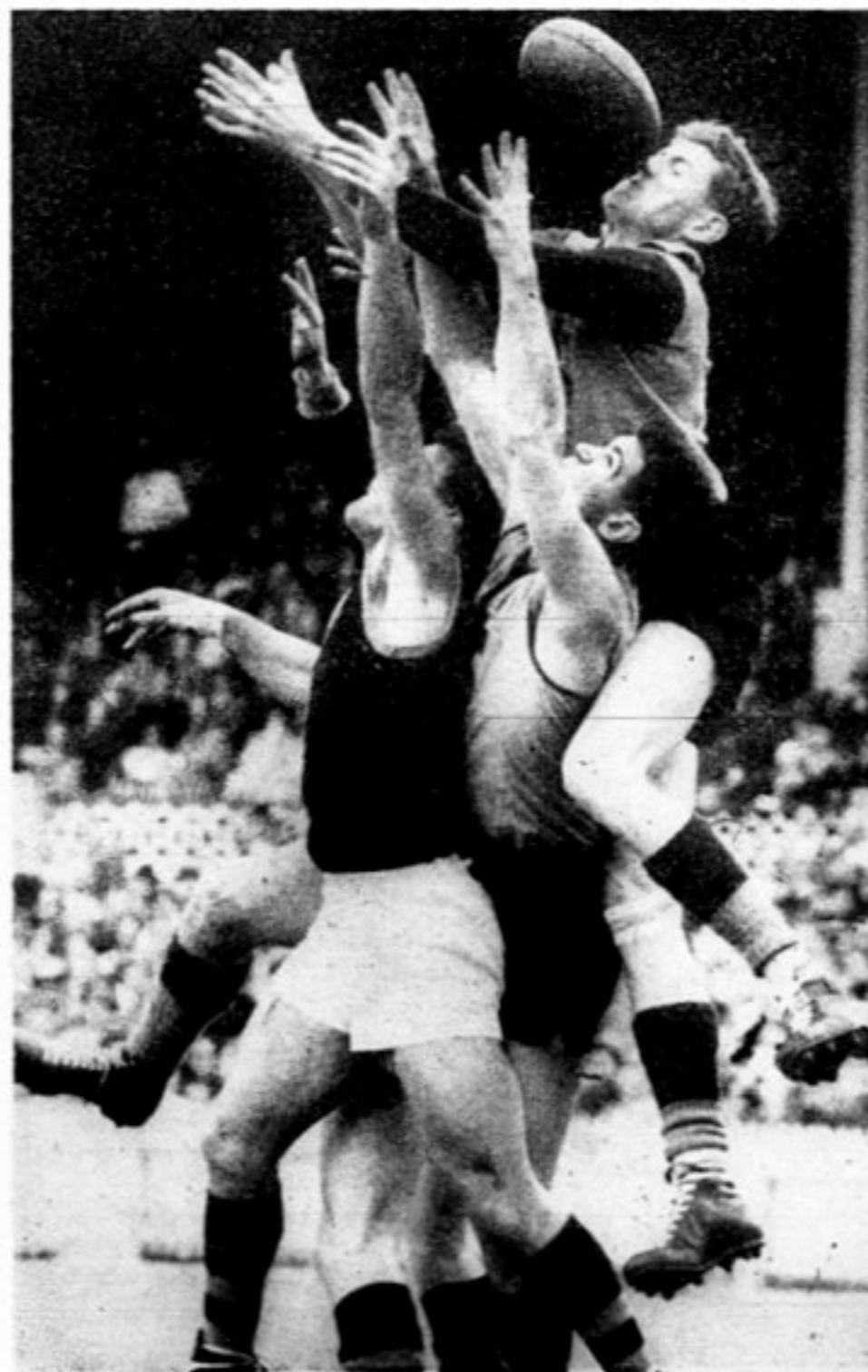
GLENELG centre half-forward, Brian Hill, gained some valuable ground when he played on in the third quarter before realising he had been freed.

He finally took his kick about 10 yards on from where the breach had been committed.

BOTH goalkeepers played finely with Abley's effort a little better than Caust's, going by the goalscorers. Both men are former forwards, and their dropkicking was outstanding.



STURT PLAYER R. SMITH (right) got a free for this incident (ABOVE) during today's big match at Adelaide Oval. It was given against Glenelg man A. Linke (centre) for holding the ball. But in the picture it appears as though Sturt's W. Kutcher (left) has one hand on the ball, and is pushing Linke's right hand away, while Smith also grabs the ball with one hand. RIGHT: Clarkson, of Sturt, really has a nose for trouble! It happened in the Sturt goalmouth when the ball got past Glenelg's Abley (in front) and Sturt's Douglas and biffed Clarkson. There's another man mixed up in the tangle of arms and legs.



Sturt were in control but...



By Sam Gallagher

The Bays' ability to pull something out of the box when Sturt seemed in control won them a thrilling first semi-final, says Sam Gallagher.

Until they were overrun at the end, Sturt generally were the more accomplished side.

Sturt won in ruck for most of the day. Thompson and Clarkson frequently got first touch. In the field play, Thompson made it hard for Glenelg to get into attack.

Branson was a t c h e d Thompson in the early stages, but as the term progressed the Sturt man was in command.

Glenelg's defence in the first quarter appeared over-anxious. Twice Linke carried the ball up to centre, only to be unable to recover when the ball was shot back.

Halbert was an early winner at centre. With Richens tackled hard as soon as he gained possession, Glenelg's only drive came from Howard roving and Hill, who played a dashing game at centre half-forward.

Sturt's inaccuracy and the Bays' ability to convert limited opportunities kept them in the game.

Fitzgerald's skill at centre half-forward was still in evidence early in the second quarter. This, coupled with Thompson's control in ruck and the increasing influence of Rigney on the ball, put Glenelg in a dangerous position.

They met the situation admirably. Branson won a sudden victory in ruck, and with Hill still in control at centre half-forward, Richens and Hewett combined brilliantly to slam on four goals and put the Bays in front.

Herron, too, played a part in the recovery. He had fewer kicks than Halbert, but made every one count.

Sturt's ruck power waned a little in the third quarter and Glenelg were able to share the attacking. Herron played his best quarter and Richens picked up, although Rigney was never out of it.

Just when the Bays' forward work looked unlikely to achieve anything worthwhile, Hill flashed into the game with three great goals.

The Bays were within touch as the last quarter opened.

Their switch of Hewett and Herron was hard to follow. Herron's third quarter was particularly good.

The tension was obviously telling as the game drew to its close and free kicks were more frequent than at any other stage.

Sturt's strength in the air appeared to give them a decided edge. Halbert and Kutcher on the centre line, and the rucks generally outmarked their opponents consistently.

Glenelg switched Herron to centre again, but Sturt seemed to be safe.

Then came the shock. With Richens sharking well at the bounce and Fraser finishing with great dash at centre wing, the Bays drove in to Pemberton.

The Glenelg full forward's great physical strength carried him through the goal-front pack. His kick went straight and the Bays were in the preliminary final ahead of a bewildered Sturt.



By Jeff Pash

More certainty in Bay drives

A surer and more tenacious defence, and the ability to use an attacking opportunity with greater certainty, gave Glenelg their last-minute victory over Sturt, says Jeff Pash.

Sturt won the rucks handsomely.

They had the better of things on the centre line; and they maintained the stronger attack all day.

Sturt made for themselves enough scoring opportunities to have won the game by five or six goals—and in fact to have had it won by half-time.

However, they played wastefully. Quickly establishing a marking supremacy in the first quarter (20 marks to nine), they tried to force their way forward by means of the long, slower game.

Sturt could not finish off in front of goals.

Their half-forward line took loads of the play; Goodchild, Fitzgerald, and Jarrett were all successful in getting the ball.

But the goals never came freely, partly because there was a lot of mis-kicking when the last shot was attempted and partly because their goalfrost was always crowded.

Great credit must be given to Glenelg's defence for their perseverance, particularly Abley.

Butler finally won something like control over Fitzgerald and Abley, by

sticking remorselessly to Douglas, ruined a big part of Sturt's main method.

Sturt still took enough of the play to have many goals, but they were never allowed an easy passage through the Bays' lines.

The Bays always looked the more dangerous in attack. They lacked consistent drive from the rucks, where Thompson and Clarkson controlled the knockouts, and from the centre line.

Whenever Glenelg did go forward, they looked better. Herron attacked with great effect — quick long drop-kicks in the intervals of Halbert's high marking.

His replacement by Hewett in the last quarter. I thought most unwise — a definite tactical advantage to Sturt.

Fraser also delivered the ball well. About the rucks the combined work of Richens, Howard, and Webber always promised something. The quick play-on was superior to Sturt and the delivery was much better.

Glenelg made three damaging bursts, when their method worked — four goals in about as

many minutes in the second quarter to Richens and Hewett, a three-goal effort by Hill in the third quarter when his movement brought results, and the last-minute two-goal match-winning spell by Pemberton.

The method was always there — even when it seemed that Sturt's individual brilliance might be too much for it.

Sturt could perhaps have brought on Freundt in the last quarter to lift their rucks; Thompson and company were still winning, but with a reduced margin and increasing inaccuracy of disposal.

Sturt probably had the greater brilliance on the day but I think they also fumbled. Certainly they gave more frees than Glenelg.

Glenelg's effort was more even. They had fewer stars but the more effective teamwork.

As the best three players I would name Thompson for a mighty performance in ruck, Goodchild for a big game under great pressure at half-forward, and Abley, just ahead of Richens, for his excellent and important work at full-back.

Forward work decided it



By Gil Langley

More purposeful forward work was the deciding factor in a thrilling game, says Gil Langley.

Far too many times Glenelg had the easy shots unattended.

This game had these outstanding features.

Aerial supremacy against ground play and fighting spirit.

Glenelg won the fighting spirit and ground play, but Sturt annihilated the Bays in the aerial duels.

Glenelg lost badly in all departments of ruckwork, but their "never say die spirit" was shown.

Hardly getting a touch, these Bay players fought

on, and only their dying efforts were fruitful.

Evenness is the final word on the Bays' showing, for it was hard to pick out an outstanding player.

Opportunities were abundant up forward, where the Blues had a complete breakdown.

Overcrowding this area, they were easy prey and their goalshooting was haphazard.

What about a little understating next year, and give the goalsneak a chance?

Ruckmen selected could

well be more helpful by sticking to their positions.

Sturt stars were never at any stage able to get full control.

For a first semi-final game, Jarrett, of Sturt, gets full praise. He was most likely the only member of either side who held position.

Good luck to Glenelg for a plucky effort and Sturt handled properly show better things to come.

I thought umpire Sweeney gave an ordinary exhibition. Consistent on the holding the ball, he was poor on tagging and making players kick at the right angle behind the mark.

CAPTAIN-COACHES SAY:

It was always touch-and-go

It was a touch-and-go affair semi-final, according to the Glenelg captain-coach, Neil Davies, and Sturt captain-coach, Glyn Williams.

"At one stage I didn't think we had enough time to get up," said Neil Davies.

I thought we had it in the last quarter," Glyn Williams said.

This was the first time since 1934 that Glenelg and Sturt had met in a first semi-final game.

In 1934 Glenelg defeated Sturt and went on to win their one and only premiership.

Here's what the coaches had to say after today's thriller:—

Neil Davies says:

I was thrilled with the win. At one stage in the last quarter I didn't think we had enough time to get up and win.

I was pleased with the way our team responded under pressure. After all, premierships are won by a fighting and determined team. And these are the qualities we showed today.

Big factors in our win were our centre half-forward position (Brian Hill), Branson in the rucks, and Richens roving and on the fringes.

I think we held centre half-forward. But Halbert at centre for Sturt and Thompson in the rucks gave us plenty of trouble.

With about 10 minutes to go and Sturt about two goals clear I thought we

had lost it. Then the whole team responded in the critical and final stage. They fought on and lifted their game for us to win.

This effort alone means we will face other final round games with confidence.

Right throughout Sturt gave us more than a good run for our money.

It was a narrow and thrilling win. I think we will do better from here on.

Glyn Williams says:

It was the biggest disappointment of the season. I thought we had it won at one stage.

We beat Glenelg three times this season, and they came back and beat us in the all-important game.

I think determination and fighting spirit allowed Glenelg to come back and win.

Reviewing the match, I don't think either team held really powerful powerpoints throughout.

With only a point separating the teams it's a hard job to say where we lost.

After a couple of lucky breaks had come Glenelg's way in the last quarter, they went on full of fight and determination.

I think Glenelg should do very well in the other finals. They have the fight and team effort which lifted their game for a win today.

They were divided on the best

The Sunday Mail experts were equally divided between Rigney and Thompson, both Sturt, as the player of the day in the semi-final.

Here is how they voted (giving three points for a first choice, two for a second, and one for a third):

Vic Johnson

RIGNEY (S)	3
STOCK (G)	2
FITZGERALD (S)	1

Jeff Pash

THOMPSON (S)	3
GOODCHILD (S)	2
K. ABLEY (G)	1

Sam Gallagher

RIGNEY (S)	3
HILL (G)	2
THOMPSON (S)	1

Gil Langley

THOMPSON (S)	3
HERRON (G)	2
RIGNEY (S)	1

TOTALS—Thompson, 7; Rigney, 7; Stock, 2; Goodchild, 2; Herron, 2; Hill, 2; Fitzgerald, 1; K. Abley, 1.

GLENELG'S ACTING CAPTAIN Don Hewett has it all on his own as he picks up on the run during the tough semi-final match at Adelaide Oval this afternoon against Sturt. Teammate Colin Richens was in the background to help. The one-point win was a triumph for Hewett,



'WHAT A MATCH!'

"WE beat 'em... Glenelg player Graham Fraser throws his arms around team-mate G. Branson in the Bays' dressing room at Adelaide Oval after winning the first league semi-final today.



GLENELG HAVE UNIQUE LEAGUE RECORD

Never below prelim. final

Glenelg have set an extraordinary record by going into this year's league football preliminary final by beating Sturt on Saturday.

By LAWRIE
JERVIS

In their 38 years in league competition, Glenelg have reached the semi-finals only five times.

**'HOORAY—WE'RE
STILL IN IT!'**

But every time they have gone on to the preliminary final.

No other club can claim such a record.

It is more remarkable still in view of the fact that the Bays this year are a "league of nations" side.

Seven of their side are from interstate including the complete centreline.

• 25 games

Wingman Graham Fraser came from Richmond Seconds three years ago, centreman Bill Herron from Perth (stopping off for a season at Woomera last year), and wingman Eddie Dickinson also is from Perth.

While Dickinson did not play league in WA, Herron had 25 games for Perth.

Centre half-forward Brian Hill came to the Bays last year as a full back. He played with Preston in the Victorian Football Association.

Johnny Hamilton, a reserve on Saturday, is from South Melbourne, while ruckman Laurie Nugent was cleared from North at the start of this year.

The Bays' current hero, "Big Fred" Pemberton had three seasons with St. Kilda before going to NSW in 1951 to coach Eastern Suburbs to three premierships, and also captain-coach the NSW side.

Pemberton has clinched three matches for Glenelg with a goal in the closing seconds. It was his mark just before the siren which ended with a goal after it had sounded which gave Glenelg a two-point win over North at the Bay.

Against North last Saturday week, he goaled again in the last minutes to seal the issue, and then again on Saturday.

It is not so much the fighting marks which distinguished Pemberton's last-minute efforts, but the cool, determined way he lines up the goals.

• "Full steam"

Many younger players' knees would turn to jelly knowing the pressure is on them to either win or lose the match with one kick. Not Pemberton — he can't be rattled with a machine-gun.

Rover Colin Richens who drove the ball in for Pemberton to take the winning mark and goal, said afterwards:

"I saw 'Big Fred' coming out with full steam up, grinding his teeth.

"If I hadn't kicked it to him properly, I think he would have just kept coming and eaten me. That's the way he looked."

The Bays will have one player ready to return for the preliminary final — Doug Blackburn. His in-



"YES, WE'VE DONE IT . . . won the first semi-final by a point, and still in the premiership battle." Happy Glenelg players gather around the star of Saturday's match, Fred Pemberton, in the dressingroom after the game. From left—in front—are Bill Herron, L. Nugent, and Don Chisholm; behind them are Ian Stock, Brian Hill, and Pemberton; in the next row are Ian Butler, Frank Howard, and Kevin Abley. In the top row of players are Peter Cutten, Neil Davies, Harry Kernahan, and Graham Fraser. Picture by The News football photographer, Michael Conry.

jured ankle is getting better so quickly he is expected to train on Thursday night.

Glenelg are concerned with Don Hewett's fitness, however.

• Performances

Since his attack of bronchitis, which kept him out

of the State team's Perth trip, and a subsequent relapse, Hewett has had difficulty in breathing.

Glenelg's major-round performances have been:—

1954.—Second semi-final: Port 23-21, Glenelg 13-16. Preliminary final, Glenelg 12-11, Sturt 9-16. Grand final, Glenelg 18-15, Port 16-18.
1950.—Second semi-final, Norwood 13-10, Glenelg 13-5.

Preliminary final, Glenelg 15-8, Port 8-6. Grand final, Norwood 15-16, Glenelg 8-11.

1951.—First semi-final, Glenelg 14-9, Torrens 7-13. Preliminary final, North 10-20, Glenelg 7-13.

1953.—First semi-final, Glenelg 15-12, Norwood 12-6. Preliminary final, Port 17-22, Glenelg 9-12.

1959.—First semi-final, Glenelg 15-17, Sturt 14-22.

ELECTRIFYING BAY BURST LEVELS SCORES

A PACK of players close in on Sturt centreman, J. Halbert, as he picks up the ball in an attempt to clear during today's semi-final at Adelaide Oval. Tall Sturt ruckman "Candles" Thompson (left) is shepherding on the edge of the pack. Other pictures—P. 8.



Glenelg, in a dazzling three-minute burst late in the second quarter, wiped out an 18-point deficit in a flash and were level with Sturt at half-time in the first semi-final at Adelaide Oval today.

Until this Bay lightning struck, Sturt had looked a far better side.

They had shut out the Bay rovers, had won across half-forward and for most of the time at centre.

Sturt rover Dunn could not come up fit and Sturt switched half-back Bob Smith to rove. Hunter to half-back, brought Jarrett into the side to half-forward, and made Hedley Freundt a reserve. Glenelg were unchanged.

Williams (Sturt) won the toss and chose the scoreboard end, which was helped by a very light breeze.

Fitzgerald, racing wide, gave Sturt a chance to score first. Richens cleared blindly, Thompson marked, but Glenelg cleared.

Clarkson had a shot but missed badly, for only a behind.

Thompson took an off-hands in the goal square and goaled with a deliberate left-foot snap.

Already Fitzgerald and Goodchild had started well and it was Fitzgerald who put Sturt in for their second goal from Goodchild.

Then Hill goaled for Glenelg, and in a brilliant team movement Richens struggled clear, kicked over to Hewett, who pushed the ball over to Webber in the goal square for a goal.

Bay rover Howard had gone well so far. Pemberton failed to mark, brought the ball down and Cullen kicked off the ground to hit a post.

Then Cullen raced behind a pack and kicked off the ground again—this time for a goal.

A brilliant dash by Bay half-back Linke at the centre bounce was cut short when, just as he drove the ball well

forward, he was penalised for running too far.

Glenelg were playing with great dash, with Branson matching Thompson in ruck.

Just after Webber missed a sitter for Glenelg, Douglas did the same for Sturt. Both shots were from inside 30 yards.

Bay full back Abley marked well, tried to play on, got into trouble and lost the ball. Smith picked up and had a quick shot for a point.

Fitzgerald scouted a pack cleverly to goal. It was Sturt's third, and they were one point in front.

Branson was sticking close to Thompson. He was the only Glenelg follower able to match Thompson's height. He freed Thompson, but the big Sturt ruckman's kick missed.

Chances lost

Glyn Williams kicked three points in a row. The last was off-hands.

Halbert had won centre for Sturt.

Glenelg stopped Sturt's offensive when Leahy was freed, and Pemberton marked well. He missed.

Thompson was not getting the hit-outs as expected. Branson was getting as high.

Goodchild and Fitzgerald were making full use of every chance. The Bay half-forwards had been barely sighted.

Fraser was beating King, but not doing much when he got the ball.

Herron had been badly beaten, while Richens was not able to get into the game.

Sturt had done better with their opportunities in attack.

First quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
Sturt	4	8	32
Glenelg	3	3	21

A long shot by Douglas bounced through to give Sturt a 17-point lead at start of the second term.

Stock was playing well on a half-back flank for Glenelg.

Howard looked for Pemberton, found him, but the big forward fumbled. He hooked a point when he recovered.

Thompson was now exerting a big influence in the field. He marked almost as he liked.

Fitzgerald was Sturt's key man. He was playing well, and Butler could not handle him from in front or behind.

Rigney had two quick shots for points. Leahy kicked Glenelg's fourth goal after Richens had passed to him under pressure.

The crowd roared when Fitzgerald was penalised for holding Butler back.

Fitzgerald went on the ball. Goodchild to centre half-forward.

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Glenelg half-forward Don Hewett did not look anywhere near fit.

Foolish handball in the teeth of goal, cost Glenelg a certain goal, but Pemberton made amends when he grabbed a throw-in and put it through.

It was only mediocre standard football. Too many errors were made—and Glenelg made most of them.

Herron, trying desperately to get on terms with Halbert at centre, interfered, and was penalised. But he raced through in a great burst and narrowly missed.

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'Fitzie' goals

Hill's goal made Glenelg two points behind again. Then Richens broke away from centre for Howard to mark, but his kick was badly off line.

Fitzgerald was in ruck again. But when there was a bounce near half-forward he drifted up field, marked the hasty kick away from the bounce and goaled.

Goodchild, who had been too clever all day for his opponents either on the flank or at centre half-forward, goaled to shoot Sturt to a 16-point lead.

When Richens stopped from exerting his brilliant attacking game, Glenelg had to struggle into attack.

Then, just as in the second term, they unleashed a burst. Hill goaled twice straight — his third and fourth—in two minutes.

Third quarter

	G.	B.	Pts.
Sturt	12	18	90
Glenelg	12	13	85

STOP PRESS BAYS WIN

Clarkson (Sturt) and Howard (Glenelg) each kicked points. Then Richens tackled hard on a boundary throw-in, took the ball off a Sturt defender, and had a cool left-foot shot for goal. It missed by inches. Jarrett, who had done fairly well at half-forward, kicked a checkingly when Sturt badly needed a goal. Fitzgerald worked loose to take Halbert's hooked pass, missed, and goaled. Then Hill missed after a free. Richens given a free missed but umpire Sweeney gave him another in-creating Williams had moved over his mark. Richens goaled with his second attempt.

Only four points the difference with Glenelg finishing full of running. Cutten, free kicked in range, missed badly. Hill had won centre half-forward since late in the second term. Umpire Sweeney suddenly became sudden death on holding the ball. Pemberton marked 10 yards out and goaled only five points behind were left at three minutes to go. He sent through another and Bays point ahead.

FINAL SCORES Glenelg 15-17; Sturt 14-22

Best players—STURT: Rigney, Fitzgerald, Goodchild, Halbert, Thompson, Williams, King. GLENELG: Stock, Abley, Branson, Hill, Herron, Richens, Cullen.

Goalkeepers—GLENELG: Hill (4), Pemberton, Richens (each 3), Hewett (2), Leahy, Cutten, Webber. STURT: Fitzgerald (3), Douglas, Smith, Rigney, Goodchild (each 2), Jarrett, Clarkson, Thompson.

FOS WILLIAMS' BEST PLAYERS

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BLUES V TIGERS

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**LAWRIE
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GLYN WILLIAMS



DON HEWETT . . .

Winning form is good form. Glenelg have won their past four games, and Sturt have lost three in a row. That is the first point in Glenelg's favor to win the league football first semi-final tomorrow.

The Bay rovers and their centreline have been powerful influences in their winning streak, and should be so again tomorrow. Sturt were the better-performed team for most of the season, but have fallen away since the Perth matches.

To a large degree, this lessening of power in their game has been due to the injuries to Tony Goodchild and Len Fitzgerald, and, lately, to full forward Don Douglas.

FOS WILLIAMS SAYS...

STURT - BUT TIGHT GAME

I believe tomorrow's semi-final between Sturt and Glenelg is going to be very close.

It could go to the team which kicks straightest for goal.

Or it could be the team that makes the least silly mistakes.

Both Glenelg and Sturt have several inexperienced players as far as semi-final games are concerned.

But I think Sturt will win.

And for them to do this, Halbert must repeat his earlier season win over Herron and their forward stars must all be fit.

HIGH SCORING

Any half-measures from those players who have recently been on the injured list, and Sturt can wrap their jumpers up.

Both teams will break through repeatedly. It should be a high scoring game, as most of the stronger and more experienced players are forwards opposed to relatively inexperienced backmen.

Thompson should get most of the knocks and a lot will depend on who collects them.

A consistent winner in the rucks is easily guarded against, and to get away with the ball Sturt must vary their ruckwork.

They will have to stop



Herron Halbert

Glenelg rovers and centreman Herron.

But the Sturt rovers have also been doing their fair share of winning the ball, and Glyn Williams, a dominant ruckman, is virtually another rover.

However, Richens and Howard, if they can get the ball on the attacking side and with good players in front of them could create havoc in Sturt's backline.

The three Glenelg half-forwards are in form and don't lose anything by comparison with the Sturt trio.

Hill has made a tremendous difference to the attack, and both Hewett and Leahy have done well lately.

BIG INFLUENCE

However, Fitzgerald has only to get the touch and he can exert a terrific influence on the game.

Both full forwards should outreach their full-back opponents. It only requires one of them to hold a few of the many they get their hands on and either one could win the game.

Across centre Halbert has previously done well against the Bay centreman. Herron has some impressive wins to his credit lately and this position will be very important to win.

They have all been chosen to play tomorrow, but it seems significant that Sturt have asked four other players, in addition to the named reserves, to attend.

Fitzgerald has been bothered by a hip injury ever since he returned from Perth a month ago.

He was well strapped up to train on Tuesday night, but moved well enough.

Fitzgerald and Goodchild, fit and at their top, are two of the most damaging half-forwards in the game. They work together as cunningly and skilfully as twin souls.

Goodchild, though, was not prepared to put any stress on his shoulder, which has kept him out for many weeks, in last Saturday's game.

Big oval suits Hill

Fitzgerald has seen out many a game with an injury which would have kept lesser players out, however.

Hunter is an experienced half-forward.

Glenelg half-forwards have plenty of skill split among them, too.

The big oval should suit Hill at centre half-forward, who is tall and fast and can kick long distances.

Leahy, on one flank, is playing good, constructive football. On the other hand, if Hewett regains the form of earlier in the season, he will win, too.

Butler may be outmarked

The half-backs of both sides look to be in for a worrying time.

Bay centre half-back Butler is a grim sticker. He cannot get high into the air but plays close.

If Fitzgerald comes from behind he will outmark Butler, as "Fitz" loves nothing better than to climb over a front-position player.

At the other side of centre Little is strong and checks well. With the ball played wide he will not have the pace to race Hill to the mark while Hill should still get his share of kicks in even marking duels.

Stock is a better checker than Linke and should hold Hunter. The Sturt half-back flanks, Slade and Smith, do not look up to beating Leahy and Hewett.

But rucks, rovers, and centre line are chief in-

redients for a winning recipe these days. It is up to them to provide the opportunities for the outer attack.

The best half-forward lines in Australia are not much good if they are not getting the ball sent to them. In Sturt's worst defeat this year—at Thebarton by Torrens in the second game of the year—it was this that beat them.

Fitzgerald and Goodchild hardly saw the ball, because of the Torrens centre line and roving supremacy.

Thompson is certain to win a large share of the knocks at the centre bounce and midfield.

Richens is close checker

Unless he can direct his knocks with accuracy, however, it is on the cards

that Richens and Howard will pinch a lot of them.

Since his return from Perth, Richens has not only developed his checking of the opposition rover to a high degree, but has learnt how and where to stand to thiefe knocks when his own rucks are being beaten.

Glenelg's main follower, the strong, 6.4 tall Branson, has, without being exactly a star, turned in several good jobs over the year. In fact, the Bay rucks generally have been underrated.

Field play is good

Their second ruck, particularly — Cutten and Nugent — is more mobile than Sturt's Rattigan-Clarkson combination, al-

though it gives away height.

The field play of the followers will probably be more decisive than the actual bounce and throw-in battles. Thompson's field play this year has been good. He has held many marks.

Webber and Cutten, however, are just as able in this regard as Thompson, and Cutten can be deadly around the goals. If Glenelg had other ruckmen to take his place, I believe they would still prefer to have Cutten in a set attack position.

Centre duel interesting

It is the centre line on which there falls real doubt. Halbert will outmark Herron for sure. It the ball is kept in the air it looks like Halbert every time. He is taller, and has safe hands. Herron is more inclined to play the attack game which Dave Boyd developed with Port.

Herron very often is moving towards half-forward when the ball is coming from Glenelg defenders. If it gets over to him his powerful dropkicks send it on to the goalsquare — or through.

But if the defenders are not directing it well, and drop it short, the stay-at-home centreman like Halbert gets a lot of kicks.

Much depends on rovers

The wings could even up, with Fraser beating King and Kutcher beating Dickinson.

So it gets down to the rovers. I think there is no doubt Sturt will concede Richens' superiority in skill and ask Rigney and Dunn — both good checkers — to blanket him, rather than try too much to develop their own game.

Whether they have the talent to do this successfully is hard to say.

Inferior rovers have often stopped a better player simply by sticking close and cutting him out of the game.

Sturt have beaten Glenelg comfortably three times this year, so must take the field with a psychological advantage.

But Glenelg have been kicking on lately, while Sturt have slipped a little, and the Bays, in the major round for the fourth time since 1950, should win this cut-throat semi-final.

HOW TEAMS LINE UP

GLENELG v. STURT

2.20 p.m.

First semi-final

Glenelg kicking up, names underneath)

Caust (26, 6.0, 13 3)		
Pemberton (36, 6.31, 15 7)		
Rattigan (28, 6.2, 12 10)	Little (25, 6.0, 12 12)	Roberts (18, 5.91, 12 7)
Cutten (22, 6.2, 12 12)	Hill (21, 6.2, 12 12)	Howard (22, 5.8, 12 3)
Smith (20, 5.101, 12 7)	Halbert (23, 5.111, 13 4)	Slade (10, 5.11, 12 7)
Hewett (24, 5.11, 12 7)	Herron (24, 5.8, 12 2)	Leahy (26, 5.11, 12 3)
Kutcher (25, 6.0, 13 0)	Fitzgerald (30, 5.111, 13 8)	King (19, 5.5, 10 0)
Dickinson (24, 5.10, 12 0)	Butler (24, 5.10, 12 7)	Fraser (23, 5.6, 11 9)
Goodchild (26, 5.111, 13 0)	Dunn (21, 5.9, 12 10)	Hunter (28, 5.11, 11 10)
Linke (21, 5.11, 13 5)	Robinson (24, 6.01, 12 8)	Stock (22, 5.9, 12 4)
	Douglas (23, 6.3, 14 12)	Clarkson (20, 6.4, 12 7)
	Abley (24, 5.111, 13 6)	Nugent (22, 6.11, 13 1)

Rucks. — Glenelg: Webber (20, 6.0), 14 0), Branson (23, 6.4, 14 7), Richens (19, 5 7, 12 4), Cutten, Nugent, Howard. Sturt: Thompson (29, 6.5), 14 2), Williams (28, 6.0, 12 10), Rigney (19, 5.6, 11 0), Clarkson, Rattigan, Dunn.

Reserves.—Glenelg: Chisholm (23, 5.8, 12 0), Kernahan (21, 6.2), 13 6), Hamilton. Sturt: Pridmore (26, 5.9, 11 0), Jarrett (19, 6.2, 13 10), Schoff, Dutton, David, Freundt (all to report).

Umpire.—J. L. Sweeney.

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