

TIGERS' TENACITY NUMBS NORTH



Football Park

First semi-final

GLENELG	1.2	7.7	12.10	14.11	(95)
North	5.4	8.7	12.10	13.11	(89)

BEST - GLENELG: Marshall, Mansell, Rouvray, Bow, McKay, Salisbury, Christie, Hallahan, Chigwidden, Duthy. **NORTH:** Sanders, Hamilton, Holland, Atkinson, Barratt, Redden, Riley.

SCORERS - GLENELG: Fidge 5.1 Murphy 2.1 Hallahan 2.0, Mansell 1.2, Lamb, Kretschmer, Salisbury, Russell 1.1, Chigwidden, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORTH:** Atkinson 4.1, Sims, Burton 2.1, Sanders, Saliba, Bennett 1.1, Barratt, Mail 1.0, Klomp 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES - NORTH: Hill (wrist), Sims (hamstring). **UMPIRES:** Kevin Chambers, Mark Westgarth.

Football Park

Second semi-final

PORT	2.3	10.4	11.8	16.15	(111)
Eagles	3.3	4.7	5.10	10.12	(72)

BEST - PORT: Buckley, Ginever, Brown, Hodges, Foster, Fiacchi, D. Smith. **EAGLES:** Phillipou, Tape, Geyer, Nicol, Taylor, Klemm, Bullus.

GOALS - PORT: Hodges 6.3, Borlase 3.1, Brown 2.2, D. Smith 2.1, Fiacchi, S. Williams, Hughes 1.0, Buckley 0.2, Ginever, Settre 0.1, rushed 0.4. **EAGLES:** Niemann 2.2, Phillipou, Taylor 1.2, Morphett, Schwarz, James 1.1, Klemm, Nicol, S. Sziller 1.0, Pesch 0.1, rushed 0.2. **INJURIES - PORT:** Rizonico (groin). **EAGLES:** Schwartz (bruised ribs). **UMPIRES:** Michael Abbott, Tim Pfeiffer.

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	Games	Y'day	Total
M. Tylor (Port)	21	0	97
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	21	5	69
M. Russell (Glenelg)	22	1	57
M. Jones (Norwood)	21	0	55
T. Modra (West)	10	0	53
C. Burton (North)	20	2	52
S. Morphett (Eagles)	24	0	51
C. Lamb (Glenelg)	23	1	48

Under 19

Preliminary final

GLENELG	1.2	4.8	6.10	10.17	(77)
Port	1.4	3.9	6.9	8.9	(57)

BEST - GLENELG: Roehrich, Ridgway, Dittmar, Smelt, Goodridge, Oxley, Berbakov, Roberts, McNamara. **PORT:** May, Sheehan, Bond, Wakelin, Ramsey, Dunn, Baldissera.

GOALS - GLENELG: Smith 7, Johns, Ellis, Roberts. **PORT:** Sheehan 3, Bond, Herzick, Crombie, Wakelin, Lehman.

RESERVES

First semi-final

Glenelg	3.3	9.7	11.15	19.20	(133)
Sturt	3.3	5.4	8.6	8.6	(54)

GOALS - Glenelg: Budarick 5, West 3, Bartlett, McRae, T. Symonds, Deane, McGuinness 2, McIntosh, Sturt: Reynolds, Roberson, Geddes, Brooks, Roberts-Thomson, Salisbury, Sutherland, Wyatt.

BEST - Glenelg: Deane, McIntosh, McGuinness, Barton, Elias, Flower, Hole, Gibbs, Sturt: Bastian, Geddes, Arnot, K. Welsby, Sheldrick, Roberson, Dixon.

Glenelg added another major scalp to an already imposing belt with a hard-fought six-point win over a courageous North Adelaide in their first semi-final at Football Park yesterday.

The Tigers began in tardy fashion but finally emerged as the masters because of energy, a win-at-all-costs spirit and the desperation that characterises great sides.

Once again, the victory sounded an ominous warning to the two remaining finalists.

Glenelg has sparkling on-field capabilities. It will be a strong preliminary final challenger next Sunday against the Eagles - nothing is surer!

Sadly, the Roosters' six-point loss yesterday brought to an end Michael Nunan's magnificent 12-year dynasty at Prospect. Nunan will step down from his coaching role

By PETER PRIME

with the Roosters' finals campaign abruptly over.

North battled and hung on gamely yesterday. Just seven days ago it was pitiful against a steamrolling Eagles, trounced by a whopping 102-points.

But a week is a short time in a footballer's life.

There was no panic at Prospect, only talk of honesty and commitment.

Yes, the stakes were high yesterday. There was talk even before the first bounce of a bloodbath between the two adversaries. But it never eventuated - just mutual respect and admiration.



BRACING UP ... Glenelg's Darren Mansell, who starred against South last week, braces himself for a clash with Steven Barratt



FLYING TACKLE ... North's Brenton Phillips puts a flying tackle on Glenelg's Lynden Bow watched by Craig Burton.

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After a slow start Glenelg played with the flair and authority of a legitimate premiership contender to finally sink a spirited opponent.

David Marshall epitomised the Tigers' tenacity, gathering 16 kicks, three marks and 12 handpasses to be arguably the club's best.

In defence, Paul Rouvray was magnificent at full-back, while Darren Mansell continued his good form. Lynden Bow on his wing picked up many touches and promising Andrew McKay gave tremendous rebound out of the backlines.

Super skipper Scott Salisbury started on the interchange bench but escaped its confines in the second quarter to inspire with gut-wrenching attacks on the ball and body.

Tiger coach Kym Hodgeman marshalled his troops superbly. "Hodgey" has been the target of rumor and innuendo in recent times - the ill-informed having repeatedly called for his head.

The detractors should now be made to line-up on the Glenelg Jetty and be systematically disposed of.

In his post-mortem examination of proceedings, Hodgeman called for his players to keep their

feet on the ground as they prepare for next Sunday's knock-out preliminary final against the Eagles.

"Obviously it was a pressure game for us," he said. "We were down by 26-points at quarter time but we showed tremendous fighting spirit.

"We had to persevere. In the end it was a gutsy win. There was a lot of heart shown today and I'm very proud of them."

Heads were hung low and faces were drawn in the Rooster rooms minutes after the final siren as the full realisation of the loss hit home with all the force of a Mike Tyson haymaker.

"We tried all day," Nunan admitted. "It was more like the North Adelaide Football Club. We kept trying and trying to the last siren, but we just couldn't get that something that made the difference."

David Sanders was brilliant early. Steven Hamilton worked hard, youngster Nick Holland impressed at centre-half-back and Brodie Atkinson, especially early, hurt Glenelg to finish with four goals. Defenders Steven Barratt, Stephen Riley and veteran ruckman Mick Redden battled hard.



THE value of experience was shown by Glenelg centreman David Marshall, who was best on ground in yesterday's first semi-final.

Marshall, who qualified for the finals with five minor round games with the Bays, spent most of the season with the Crows, where he played 11 matches - taking his overall game tally to 329 for Glenelg, 26 with the Crows and two for SA. Best three on the ground were the Glenelg trio of Marshall, Darren Mansell and Paul Rouvray.

- LAWRIE MCCAULEY

WRAPPED UP ... North's Craig Burton has Glenelg's Mark Viska wrapped in a less-than-fond embrace in yesterday's thrilling first semi-final.

What the coaches said



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- Kym Hodgeman (Glenelg)

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- Mike Nunan (North)



Glenelg	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees		Scores	Hit	Tackles		North	Kicks				Marks				Handballs				Frees		Scores	Hit	Tackles															
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Killer glint in expectant eye of the Tiger

By ALAN SHIELL

Glenelg, The Sleeping Giant, is awake.

Having been disturbed by Panthers and woken by Roosters, the Tigers now smell the blood of Eagles and have a distant whiff of the blood of Magpies.

To taste it, though, Glenelg must lift its performance to a much higher, smoother level than it showed against North Adelaide in Saturday's fierce, but unflattering, first semi-final at Football Park.

Glenelg coach Kym Hodgeman later had reason to say he was "proud" of his players' intrepid revival and to talk of "boys with character".

He even volunteered the opinion that "Glenelg would not have won this game four or five years ago".

But Hodgeman was realistic enough to admit: "We are only halfway through (the finals). We must improve. The players face another of the most important weeks of their football lives."

Traditionally, first semi-finals are among the toughest, even ugliest, of major-round matches, and this was no exception.

If a football team plays only as well as its opponent allows, then neither Glenelg nor North allowed the other to play very well here.

The over-riding factor for Glenelg was that it did almost everything wrong in the first 35 minutes yet it was good enough to recover and convert a 32-point deficit in the second quarter - 1.3 to 6.5 - into a six-point victory by outscoring North 13.8 to 7.6 over the last 85 minutes.

Glenelg did not capture the lead until 15 minutes into the third quarter - 10.8 to 9.8 - but lost it again at nearly the 14-minute mark of the last quarter - 13.10 to North's 13.11 - before a Michael Murphy goal and a Nick Chigwidden point secured its winning break.

The tightness of that grim, desperate last-quarter struggle was reflected in the number of scoring shots - only five, including three to Glenelg.

It was to North's great credit, just a week after the 17-goal hiding it received from the Eagles, that it looked much like the side of old in the first term.

Then it was able to run the ball out of defence, create loose men and score with familiar

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BEST - Glenelg: Marshall, Mansell, Fidge, Bow, McKay, Chigwidden, Duthy, Rouvray, Seebom. North: Sanders, Hamilton, Atkinson, Barratt, Holland.

INJURIES - North: Sims (hamstring), Hill (sprained wrist).

UMPIRES - Kevin Chambers, Mark Westgarth.



THE END? ... North Adelaide's champion ruckman Mike Redden (centre) shakes hands with Glenelg's John Seebom as Tiger Darren Mansell wishes him well after what may have been his last league game. Rooster Tim Nunan (left), shows his despair after the one-goal loss ended his side's season, while, at right, Michael Murphy and Brodie Atkinson shake hands. PHOTO MARK BRAKE

precision - thanks, in no small part, to the acute goal-sense of little Brodie Atkinson, who potted three big ones.

There was no early hint of the anticipated nor feared mayhem. Indeed, Glenelg looked surprisingly tentative, dropping marks, taking too long to get rid of the ball, handpassing loosely, failing to check opponents and being slightly over-conscious of its crack full forward, John Fidge.

Glenelg's most ardent admirers would claim the bounce of the ball simply did not go the side's way, nor did some line-ball umpiring decisions.

But you make your own luck

in football, and Glenelg was not making much of anything.

Five minutes into the second quarter, Hodgeman released captain Scott Salisbury from the interchange bench (for Grant Reubenicht) and, three minutes later, ruckman Gary Christie took over from Chris Melican.

Salisbury made his bruising presence felt immediately and Christie also climbed into the game.

Even more importantly, David Marshall won several crucial touches at centre and Fidge finally announced himself with three urgently-needed goals in

nine minutes as suitably-inspired team-mates rose to the demanding challenge.

When Salisbury somehow sunk a long, floating bomb from across half-forward, you sensed the Tiger had been stirred from his long slumber and was back on the prowl.

A powerful third-quarter into a south-westerly wind - 5.3 to 4.3 - confirmed it, then the ability to withstand a courageous, gruelling last-quarter, in which North had slightly more use of the ball, earned Glenelg unquestionable entry into the preliminary final.

Over four quarters, Glenelg boasted more players who insisted on identification - none more than classy Marshall.

Follower Darren Mansell again was a prolific worker, as were rovers Chigwidden and Paul Hallahan. Fidge's five goals were decisive and Lynden Bow won his wing.

Andrew McKay was his usual dashing self on a half-back. Chris Duthy was typically dependable in a back pocket and, significantly, full back Paul Rouvray and centre half-back John Seebom quietened North's big-gun forwards, Michael Parsons and Peter Bennett. Wingman David Sanders, back pocket Steven Hamilton, follower Atkinson and half-backs Steven Barratt and Nick Holland were the most effective Roosters.

North coach Mike Nunan's lament: "... we just couldn't get that something that made the difference" - was an accurate assessment of his side's display on the day and of where the club is now.

Its 20 players on Saturday contained 11 heading for, or beyond, the age-30 barrier. Like old stayers, they have run their best races. And, still in racing parlance, most, at best, merely are plodding on gamely, bereft of essential, winning zip.

So North's Nunan era is over. In 12 seasons, The 'Little Master' guided the club into eight finals, including seven of the past eight. And North has played in five of the past seven grand finals, for two unforgettable premierships.

Fourth placing for North was quite a considerable feat after it had lost its first five matches. In 24 matches, including two finals, North's 11 losses were to the Eagles (four), Port Adelaide (three), Glenelg (two) and West Adelaide and South Adelaide.

Nunan rebuilt North into one of South Australia's finest, most respected teams, and stamped it with his own personality and signature.

North and Nunan have dared to be different, with an impressive, expressive flair - entertaining, aggressive, opinionated, sometimes controversial but, mercifully, never dull.

Little Mick leaves big boots to fill at Prospect and in a nine-team competition that has even more testing times ahead.

Has SA football really seen the last of him?