



HAFEY'S TIGERS SO PRO!

JACK DYER, THE CAPTAIN BLOOD
OF VICTORIAN FOOTBALL, AND A FORMER
RICHMOND CHAMPION ... TALKS TO LES HOFFMAN

Professionalism—that's the difference between winners and also-rans on the football field.

That was the difference between Richmond and Glenelg at Adelaide Oval yesterday — not those three goals.

Glenelg mastermind "Kerls" Kerley laid it on the line in an interview last week.

"I had a feeling early this year. I knew that this was the closest to a professional side I have ever coached," he said.

Well "Kerls," my old son, the operative word you used was "closest."

Oh, yes, you have a good team but perhaps they didn't read that bit about professionalism.

Good players. Yes. Glenelg have the makings of some great players. But they lack that little bit of polish.

They also lacked the most professional ball player of them all—Kevin Sheedy, the villain of yesterday's piece at Adelaide Oval.

Sure he's a bad boy. You ought to hear what he gets called at the MCG sometimes.

But it was Sheedy in the second quarter who put the sting in the tails of the Victorian Tigers.

The Bays ran on to the oval and in that first quarter looked like sprightly colts. Their pace was superb, their passing and marking even better.

Picnic kick-around

Richmond on the other hand were at a picnic kick-around.

Come the second quarter and the old fox Sheedy decides to brighten things up. A nigger here, a nigger there.

Suddenly there's a melee slap bang in front of the grandstand.

Who started it? How would I know?

And it wasn't a brawl, Good lord, there wasn't even a decent punch thrown. In fact it was a very "Mundine" affair.

But from then on it was a brand new ball game. The professionals were in top gear. Glenelg were out of their depth.

No they were not hearing footsteps but they certainly were worrying about where the next clip on the ear was coming from.

And while they were doing that they forgot about that \$10,000 first prize.

In my day if there was that kind of "brass" being chucked around for a couple of afternoon's work we would have had our teeth bared a week in advance.

But from that first "squabble" Richmond had their Tiger namesakes completely unsettled. It showed in their play.

They criss-crossed that ball backwards and forwards.

All they had to do was blast it as hard and as far forward as they could.

The fancy stuff is all very well, when it's working, but when it isn't there is only one solution—kick towards goal all the time.

If you do it often enough the backs must make the mistakes eventually.

That's what Richmond did — the score's on the board to prove the case.

Wastage proved

That wastage by Glenelg is proved in the marks — Glenelg took about 18 more than the boys from Victoria.

Any team that took THAT many more marks and still lost should be ... perhaps "Kerls" ought to tell them.

Now let's get down to dotting the "i" in umpire. You disagree? Surprise, surprise! Thirty-four thousand people gave him the benefit of their opinion at the oval yesterday.

So he's from Victoria. Because he is, he umpired the way they do in Victoria.

I say he did a good job because he let the game flow. None of those tiggly-touchwood decisions.

Richmond are used to that style of umpiring and they used that knowledge to their advantage. It all boils down to what I started with — professionalism.

But I think I ought to finish on a fashion note.

Bays, you looked beautiful in the all yellow but it was not quite Australian Rules. English soccer, yes, Aussie Rules no.

If you are thinking of changing next season, forget it, or at least ask Steve Hywood first. He tried to bury himself by digging to China after that beautiful pass to the guernsey he recognised — too bad Kevin Bartlett was wearing it.

Best man afield? Why the new daddy himself, Bartlett, followed closely by "The Fox" Sheedy and the irrepressible John Sandland.

\$10,000 half-way home for the Vics.

GLENELG v. RICHMOND

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Rich.	4-4	14-7	16-11	19-16	130
Glen.	5-8	7-8	12-13	16-19	115

SCORERS—RICHMOND: Bartlett 5-3, Balme 3-2, Hunt 3-2, Walsh 3-2, Sheedy 2-0, McKellar 1-1, Morris 1-0, Sproule 1-0, Wood 0-1, Carter 0-1, Rae 0-1, rushed 0-3. GLENELG: D. Phillis 3-1, Voigt 3-0, Sandland 2-1, Wickens 2-1, Hamilton 2-1, Caldwell 1-2, Carey 1-2, McFarlane 1-1, Marriott 1-1, Cornes 0-2, Bennett 0-1, W. Phillis 0-1, Rosewarne 0-1, rushed 0-4.

BEST PLAYERS—RICHMOND: Walsh, Roberts, McGhie, Sheedy, Bartlett, Hunt, Clay. GLENELG: Colbey, Sandland, Hamilton, Cornes, Carey, Marker, Millard.

REPLACEMENTS—RICHMOND: Morris by Barrot in third quarter and Hunt (arm) by Teesdale in last quarter. GLENELG: Bennett (knee) by Marriott in third quarter, Cladwell by Rosewarne in last term.

UMPIRE—I. Robinson.

SUBIACO v. SCOTTSDALE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sub.	5-5	6-7	13-9	16-14	110
Scotts.	1-4	3-8	8-9	11-12	78

SCORERS—SUBIACO: Malone 7, Burton 2, Watt 2, Randall, Metropolis, Manning, Devenish-Mears, O'Farrell. SCOTTSDALE: Rattray 2, Hadley 2, Burns 2, Nicholls, R. Hall, K. Hall, Hughes, D. Hall.

BEST PLAYERS—SUBIACO: Malone, Manning, Feathersby, Metropolis, Fitzpatrick, Burton.

SCOTTSDALE: Burns, Nicholls, R. Hall, Gillies, Wilson, D. Hall.

UMPIRE—P. Mead.

ATTENDANCE Adelaide . . . 34,104

MONDAY

Third Place Playoff

Glenelg 29 - 27 201 d. Scottsdale 10 - 8 68

Final

Richmond 12 - 20 92 d. Subiaco 10 - 19 79

The rough, tough Richmond Tigers will start odds-on favorites in the grand final of the Australian football championship at Adelaide Oval tomorrow.

Richmond now go in against WA premiers Subiaco and their strength and will-to-win should give them the \$10,000 first prize.

In weather more fitting for a Test cricket match than football, a crowd of 34,104, dressed in shirt sleeves, summer frocks and sun hats, watched the SA and Victorian Tigers do battle.

Glenelg ran on to the ground in yellow guernseys and matching socks. Speculation had surrounded what their uniform would be.

By Mike Safe

Bays' coach Nell Kerley exchanged heated words with VFL grand final umpire Ian Robinson at quarter time — he was not happy with the treatment his men had received from Richmond.

After the game, a disappointed Kerley ordered all his charges who did not play today to train at Glenelg Oval at 10 a.m. today.

None of the four sides had serious injuries — Richmond's Rex Hunt dislocated a finger and is doubtful, but Glenelg rover Greg Bennett, who hobbled off with a leg injury, might still play against Scottsdale (Tasmania) in the losers' game.




●SHADES of the grand final . . . Glenelg ruckman Graham Cornes takes another high-leaping, one-grab mark over Richmond's Craig McKellar and team-mate Neville Caldwell.

VIC. BIG MEN OVERPOWER BAYS

Overpowered by Richmond's big men in the second term, Glenelg went down fighting by 15 points in a vigorous clash at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

BAYS

BY  SAM GALLAGHER

As told to Frank Pangallo

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Rich.	4-4	14-7	16-11	19-16	130
Glen.	5-8	7-8	12-13	16-19	115

mond, McGhie shut Carey right out of the game in the second term while Walsh put in a devastating burst as Richmond kicked 10-3 to Glenelg's two goals.

After an early effort by Caldwell, the Bay rucks faded and Roberts took complete control allowing Richmond to attack straight down the ground.

Glenelg recovered from Richmond's opening burst of two goals in the first minute — but the switch of Hunt and Balme to full forward and centre half-forward respectively opened the gate for Richmond.

From half-way through the term, Hunt kicked three goals and Balme two to give Richmond a 41-point lead and a firm grip on the game at half-time.

Glenelg's switch of Carey into ruck at the start of the third quarter was indicative of Richmond's dominance in this area.

Cornes was briefly the replacement at centre half-forward but the Bays finally settled for Wayne Phillis in that position with Sandland at centre half-back.

Carey significantly reduced Roberts' influence in ruck but it was not until late in the third quarter that Glenelg began to move again similar to their early dash.

With Colbey still attacking from half back, Hamilton again became the pivot of Glenelg's attacking moves.

Sandland stopped Richmond at centre half-back and the Bays had pulled up to 22 points down by the last change.

Switched

Glenelg continued their fight back, outscoring Richmond again in the last quarter, into a freshening breeze.

The addition of Marriott, who replaced Bennett in the third quarter, gave the Bay attack a lift while Millard took control of his wing from W. Barrot.

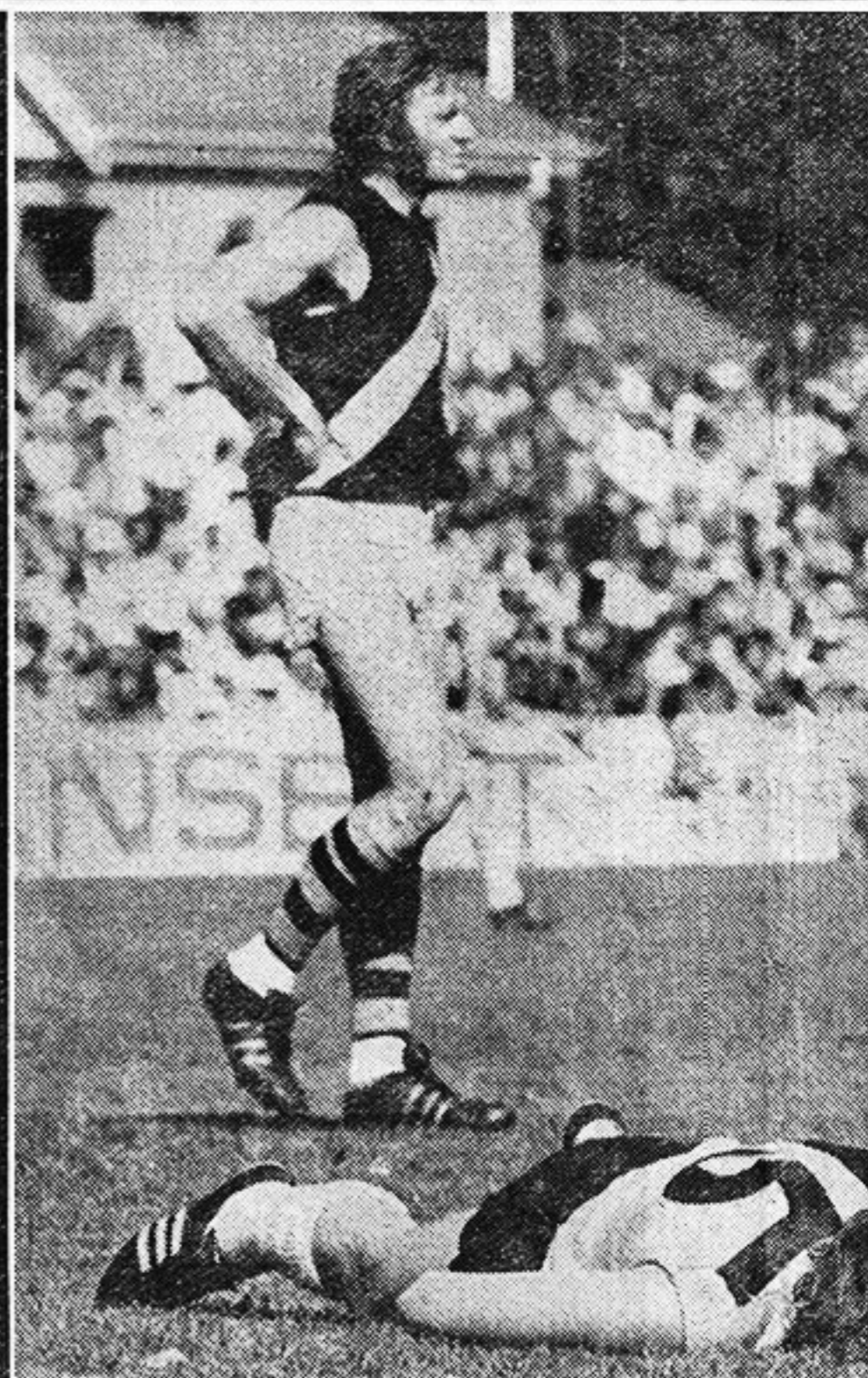
Barrot had replaced Morris in the third term and was switched to the wing in the last when Walsh went to centre and Sproule to half forward, changing on the ball with Sheedy.

However, in spite of Glenelg's courageous fightback, Richmond remained in control as the elusive Bartlett broke clear time and again in the last term.

Generally, the Bays' big winners of last week looked a little jaded.

Richmond's strength in ruck made it impossible for Glenelg to retain Carey at centre half-forward as they were able to do last week due to Tregenza's lion-hearted effort.

The Bays possibly allowed themselves to become unsettled by Richmond "firebrand" Kevin Sheedy who provided a couple of incidents in the second quarter before Richmond's match-winning burst.



BELOW: Ouch . . . Glenelg captain Peter Marker talks to coach Neil Kerley about the blow he received in the first minutes of the game.



● Peter Anderson . . . solid defender.

had Richmond under heavy pressure. Colbey was impassable at half-back and the visitors could only attack in spasms with Sheedy and Bartlett being the main driving forces.

Hunt at centre half-forward had the better of Wayne Phillis but Anderson at full back kept Richmond's Balme under control.

Wayne Walsh's goal just before the siren and McGhie's tighter defence on Carey was a sign of things to come for Rich-

Best style

The Bays suffered a setback when Marker was virtually taken out of the game for a long period with a facial injury. Glenelg felt the loss of Marker's dash as he spent the rest of the first term and much of the second term in the forward pocket.

His replacement on the ball and at half-forward, John Sandland, did a fine job without providing Glenelg with the same run as Marker.

Glenelg began to move in their best style half-way through the first quarter when Hamilton took control of centre.

The Bays' tackling, backing up, and handball



● Wayne Walsh



● Brian Roberts



● Brian Colbey

3 BEST ON GROUND

Two Richmond players and one Bay Tiger were judged best on the ground by Sam Gallagher in yesterday's Australian championship game.

WAYNE WALSH cut the Bay defence to ribbons with a brilliant display of attacking football in the second term when Richmond virtually won the game.

Walsh was one of the prime movers in Richmond's ability to take the ball away from the diamond.

BRIAN ROBERTS gave a fine all-round display in ruck for the Richmond Tigers.

Apart from winning the knocks, Roberts marked strongly in defence and initiated attacks with effective handball.

BRIAN COLBEY had a great game at half-back for the Bays, combining tight defence with the ability to attack with telling handball and accurate kicking.

On the day, he was Glenelg's most consistent defender as he has been right through the season.

MALONE 7 AS SUBIACO SAIL HOME

WA premiers Subiaco scored a comfortable 32-point win over Tasmanian premiers Scottsdale in the opening game of the 1973 Winfield Cup football series at Adelaide Oval today.

By Graham Fischer

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sub.	5-5	6-7	13-9	16-14	110
Scotts.	1-4	3-8	8-9	11-12	78

Subiaco had an elusive forward in Mick Malone, who kicked seven goals, and their big-man strength all over the ground was too much for Scottsdale, who depended too much on short passing.

Subiaco jumped Scottsdale in the first quarter to lead by 25 points at quarter time, and Malone already had three goals on the board.

He pulled down several big marks and the Scottsdale defenders seemed all at sea.

Lanky ruckmen Fitzpatrick and Burton were also strong winners around the ground and grabbed some telling marks.

Scottsdale outscored Subiaco by six points in the second term, but never looked likely to score freely.

Rover Bill Burns was a livewire for Scottsdale and was instrumental in most of their attacks.

The third quarter was the best of the game, with both sides matching it goal-for-goal.

Subiaco slammed on seven goals in this term with Malone getting four.

Scottsdale notched five goals—all from individual players.

Once again, Subiaco rucks were dominant and centreman Peter Featherby also provided an open avenue to goal.

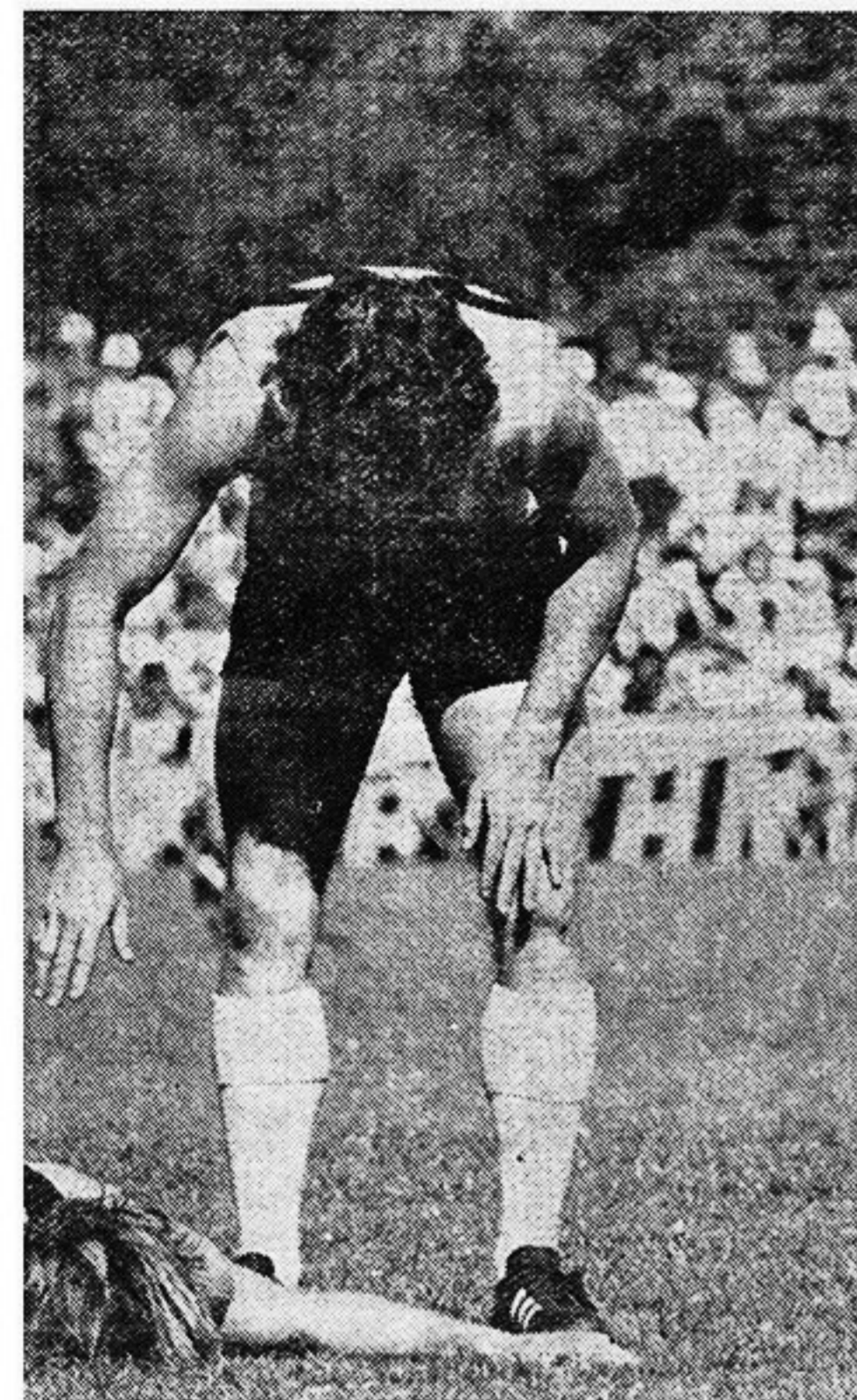
Scottsdale tried hard in the final term to bridge the gap.

Burns (two goals) and D. Hall (one) gave them some hope, but Watt, Devenish-Mears, and O'Farrell all kicked good goals for Subiaco late in the quarter to ensure victory.

For Subiaco, Malone was a key player in attack, while Richard Manning and Keith Watt were busy rovers.



Subiaco's Peter Featherby is put under pressure by his Scottsdale opponent in their match at Adelaide Oval yesterday.



Above: Down . . . and out. Glenelg full back Peter Anderson lies unconscious on the Adelaide Oval after a clash with Richmond forward Neil Balme. Richmond's Kevin Sheedy strolls nonchalantly past as Jim Rowson tends his team mate.

PLAYERS	KICKS		HANDS		MARKS	TACKLES	HAND BALLS	FIELD GOALS	POINTS
	M/G	2ND	3RD	4TH					
N. BALME	1	0	2	3	12	-	1	3	2
N. CARTER	3	4	3	2	13	-	2	2	1
B. WOOD	1	-	5	4	8	-	5	4	1
M. KEANE	1	1	1	4	7	-	4	2	-
R. HUNT (OFF LAST 1/4)	5	4	1	-	10	-	1	2	2
P. SPROULE	1	5	3	1	10	-	2	1	1
N. WALSH	5	9	6	4	14	-	7	1	2
R. CLAY	-	2	1	2	5	-	2	-	-
C. MCKELLAR	2	4	3	1	10	-	5	3	1
K. SHEEDY	6	4	5	2	17	-	7	5	2
L. FOWLER	1	3	5	3	12	-	2	2	-
R. MCGHIE	2	2	3	1	8	-	3	2	-
S. RAE	1	3	2	6	12	-	2	3	1
G. TEASDALE (RES. ON LAST 1/4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. ROBERTS	5	3	2	2	12	-	5	4	7
F. JACKSON	2	2	-	-	4	-	7	-	-
N. WALTER	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	6	1
K. MORRIS (OFF 3RD 1/4)	2	3	1	-	5	-	-	2	1
K. BARTLETT	3	7	6	9	35	-	1	4	3
W. BARROT (RES. ON 3RD 1/4)	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	1	-
TOTALS	42	61	47	48	198	24	62	37	47

Umpire: J. ROBINSON ATTENDANCE: 14,104 OVAL: ADELAIDE CONDITIONS: FINE

PLAYERS	KICKS		HANDS		MARKS	TACKLES	HAND BALLS	FIELD GOALS	POINTS
	M/G	2ND	3RD	4TH					
J. ROWSON	1	5	-	2	8	-	7	2	-
P. ANDERSON	1	3	-	6	10	-	1	4	-
N. CALDWELL (OFF LAST 1/4)	4	1	3	1	9	-	6	1	2
S. WOOD	2	4	6	3	15	-	2	3	-
N. PHILLIS	2	-	1	5	8	-	6	6	1
B. COLBEY	6	1	5	1	13	-	6	1	1
J. MACFARLANE	2	4	6	2	14	-	6	2	1
R. HAMILTON	4	2	2	4	12	-	17	4	2
P. HILLARD	1	-	4	2	12	-	10	1	2
G. CORNES	4	3	2	3	12	-	4	10	4
P. CAREY	6	-	3	4	13	-	9	1	10
S. NICKENS	3	3	2	6	14	-	2	1	3
A. VOIGT	3	3	2	3	11	-	10	2	3
D. PHILLIS	5	3	3	2	13	-	4	3	6
P. SANDLAND	6	5	3	2	16	-	1	3	11
A. TAGEWARA	-	2	5	1	8	-	4	-	2
R. ASSEWA (RES. ON LAST 1/4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P. MARKER	5	2	5	6	18	-	2	3	6
G. BENNETT (OFF 3RD 1/4)	2	3	4	-	9	-	5	3	2
E. HARRIOTT (RES. ON 3RD 1/4)	-	-	6	6	12	-	2	1	3
TOTALS	57	44	62	69	232	31	113	30	85

Umpire: J. ROBINSON ATTENDANCE: 14,104 OVAL: ADELAIDE CONDITIONS: FINE

With Malone in control at the goalline, kicking Subiaco's first three goals, the Lions led by 30 points 14 minutes into the term and from then on they cruised.

The only facet of the game in which Scottsdale could match Subiaco was bumping.

Gillies, Nicholls, and Ron Hall had back-bruising clashes with Paterson, Devenish-Means and Crouch of Subiaco.

I HAD to pinch myself to see if it was real—judging by the amount of handball Scottsdale used it appeared as if they play a different game in Tasmania.

THE best individual effort of the game came 23 minutes into the second term when Scottsdale's Hadley careered down the grandstand flank giving a handpass, taking one back and then finding Nicholls with a neat footpass.

THE big game had begun! The home crowd roared its approval as Victorian umpire Robinson awarded a 15-

STABS

BY GERRY HARRISON

As told to Mike Safe

yard penalty to Glenelg's Carey after Fowler jumped on him after marking and McGhie moved in and jostled the Bay star.

The result—the first goal of the game.

DR Kerley carried out a consultation on the boundary line after Glenelg captain Peter Marker went down from a smack in the mouth.

His diagnosis? Back into the fray, Peter.

CAREY was in the same form as last week, marking everything within reach and using his weight to great effect. A neat back-tap to Voigt allowed the Glenelg rover to snap full points.

GLENELG had Richmond under severe pressure as they used slick handball to back up their positive approach, but their shots at goal were falling short, spoiling their efforts.

RICHMOND'S rugged ruck-rover Kevin Sheedy was not the home crowd's favorite.

Twelve minutes into the second term he grabbed Glenelg's Caldwell in a headlock well behind the play.

He was besieged by Glenelg players and finished at the bottom of a milling pack. The crowd roared its approval.

TRAILING by four points 15 minutes into the second term, Richmond made the timely move of interchanging Hunt and Balme in the key attacking positions.

Two goals in even time and the visitors were back in front. Then they really applied the pressure to lead by 41 points at half-time.

GLENELG, playing like a beaten team, were set alight by a passage of play at the 25-minute mark of the third term.

It started with a handpass from McFarlane to Colbey who found Marker, then a handpass to Hamilton whose bullet-like pass was trapped by Fred Phillis for a goal.

THE guernsey to be worn by Glenelg was a closely guarded secret, but somehow the news leaked to their enthusiastic cheer squad.

Their streamer combinations of deep and bright yellow matched perfectly with the guernsey-sock combination worn by the Bays.

THE switch of Carey into ruck, Sandland to centre half-back and the introduction of young Marriott on to the ground in a roving role kicked Glenelg to within 22 points at the last change.

IT was straight to a Glenelg jumper as Hywood executed a perfect handball. But Steve forgot that the Bays weren't wearing their usual yellow and black outfits today and Richmond rover Bartlett gratefully accepted the ball and booted his team deep into attack.

VICTORIAN umpire Ian Robinson handed out some bewildering decisions. Made me think that maybe our local fellows are not too bad after all.

Second half slaughter by determined Tigers

AROUND THE PICKETS
with MIKE COWARD

Glenelg	3.9	13.14	20.17	29.27	(201)
Scottsdale	3.4	4.6	10.7	10.8	(68)

By KEITH BUTLER

After feeling the lash of coach Neil Kerley's tongue at quarter time, Glenelg thrashed Tasmanian premier Scottsdale by 133 points in the opening game at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Opening the game as if its opponent was representing the mini-league, Glenelg paid for its lethargy and looseness when Scottsdale, with an edge in ruck, won in the race for the ball.

It all changed from quarter time when Glenelg kicked 26.18 to 7.4.

The most pleasing feature of Glenelg's performance was the showing of young Paul Weston in his first big game.

From his half-forward flank Weston kicked four goals and displayed tremendous potential in all he accomplished.

That Glenelg has such a young and skilful set of half-forwards — Weston (16), Peter Carey (19) and Greg Wickens (19) — augurs well for the future.

They could well be the youngest trio of half-forwards in league football.

The Glenelg resurgence began when Wayne Phillis was called into ruck where Tad Joniec and Bob Wilson had held early sway. Phillis immediately took charge.

Kerry Hamilton began to develop his customary creativeness from centre and with Carey and John Sandland unbeatable in

the air, Glenelg peppered the goals to a point of monotony.

Everyone got into the game.

Fred Phillis, given tough competition from Ron Hall at centre half-back nevertheless played strongly until switched to full forward where he grabbed the ball overhead at will, but kicked poorly.

Rovers, Rex Voigt and Craig Marriott scampered into the open, while Brian Colbey shot out of defence like a rocket to rebound many Scottsdale attacks.

Scottsdale, unaccustomed to pressure, battled on gamely with its small men, particularly Bill Burns, Sonny Gillies and Steve Cuthbertson, quick to make use of Glenelg errors.

Goalkeepers — Sandland 5.3; D. Phillis 4.5; Weston 4.1; Wickens 3.4; Hamilton 2.5; Carey 2.2; Voigt 2.1; Marriott 2.0; Caldwell 1.2; Rawson 1.1; Colbey, Osborn, Cornes, 1.0; Millard 0.2; Schultz 0.1. Scottsdale, Ranson 2.1; Hughes 2.0; R. Hall 1.2; Barrett, Nicholls, W. Burns, 1.1; Wilson, Cuthbertson, 1.0; D. Hall 0.1; rushed 0.1.

Best — Glenelg, W. Phillis, Hamilton, Carey, Colbey, D. Phillis, Wickens. Scottsdale, Joniec, Wilson, Nicholls, Gillies, W. Burns, R. Hall. Umpire — W. Deller (Vic.).

Another star has bobbed up in the already glittering Glenelg galaxy.

He is Paul Weston, a 16-year-old Glengowrie High School student.

Weston, who did not play league football this season because his parents considered him too young, exploded into senior football against Scottsdale yesterday.

He more than justified his rave notices.

From his half-forward flank he kicked four goals, and with stick and intelligent handball was responsible for at least another four goals as Glenelg tore apart the inadequate Tasmanian premier.

He looks to have the attributes of the complete footballer.

A fine stamp of a boy, he is not easily ruffled, is not afraid to put his head and body over the ball, is ever alert to the man going by, and is prepared to run and run to block a ball off the boot.

And to think he is still to come directly under Neil Kerley's care.

His running second quarter goal from within the diamond and his towering torpedo punt goal against the wind in the third term were magnificent.

If not an automatic selection in the Glenelg team next year should he decide to play league football, he will certainly put at least one established player under considerable pressure.

Peter Carey (19), Greg Wickens (19) and Weston could form one of the youngest and most

Tigers exhibit another cub

richly talented half-forward lines seen in SA for years.

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The flexibility and adaptability of Glenelg is quite remarkable.

In addition to the established and successful switches which invariably involve Messrs. Wayne and Fred Phillis, Carey, John Sandland and Neville Caldwell, Kerley stumbled on yet another permutation yesterday.

The switch of John MacFarlane to the back pocket and Jim Rawson to the wing was an unqualified success.

And so was the swap of Fred Phillis to full forward and Sandland to centre halfback, although there appeared little need for it.

Although kicking indifferently, Sandland had kicked five goals and was grabbing the high balls with ease.

Fred did his best to top his team-mate in just one quarter, kicking 4.5. But it should have been at least seven.

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Without doubt the most popular goals of the day were Brian Colbey's from 50 yards on the run in the second quarter, and Jim Rawson's long drop-punted effort in the last term.

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Subiaco might have been on a foreign ground, but the WA players couldn't have asked for greater support.

The 9,491 spectators were, almost to a man, behind Subiaco.

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It would not come as a great surprise if a goal post was missing from Adelaide Oval this morning.

And it wouldn't be because curator Arthur Lance has uprooted them overnight as he prepares for the cricket season.

Subiaco players Austin Robertson, Keith Watt and Neil Randall all hit a post at crucial stages of the second and third terms.

In fact, Subiaco missed the national title and \$10,000 because it missed easy shots for goal — 3.15 in the last three quarters is testimony to that.

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Wonder how many Adelaide clubs could afford Subiaco centreman Peter Featherby and his team-mate, ruckman Mike Fitzpatrick?

But there were plenty of club presidents, chairmen and secretaries checking balance sheets last night.

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If Subiaco did nothing else, it at least came up with a way of taking Brian ("Whale") Roberts out of the game.

Subiaco coach Ross Smith had either Fitzpatrick or Peter Burton coming in with Roberts, and the other leaping over the top.

If Kerley had had two players of such stature and class on Saturday, today's championship tale might have been different.

SUBIACO PUSHES RICHMOND TO LIMIT

Richmond	2.1	5.7	7.16	12.20	(92)
Subiaco	7.4	8.10	9.16	10.19	(79)

By KEITH BUTLER

Richmond is the Australian football champion. And if it has one player to acclaim for its 13-point win over a gallant, fighting Subiaco at Adelaide Oval yesterday it is full back Dick Clay.

In a wonderful display of skill and speed Subiaco led until the last 20 minutes after a magnificent spectacle far more worthy of a bigger crowd than 9,491.

But all praise to Richmond, which was held together in the first half by little more than individual effort, yet came from 34 points down early in the second quarter.

Physical strength told in the finish when in the last half Richmond kicked 10.19 to 3.15.

Richmond did not hit the front until the 12-minute mark of the last quarter when full forward Rex Hunt finally shook off the shackles of full back Colin Williams to kick his four goals for the match.

At the other end of the ground Clay was performing like a superman.

Not only did he outclass his immediate opponent, Austin Robertson, but he smashed through a storm of attacks like a cyclone.

Robertson at times had opportunities, but his kicking under pressure was inaccurate.

While both teams kicked deplorably for goal Subiaco might well blame itself for losing the title in the second quarter.

Sitting on a 33-point lead after a superb opening it missed four easy set shots for goal and added to its torment by twice hitting the goalpost.

At this point the Subiaco big men Michael Fitzpatrick and Peter Burton had taken apart the Richmond rucks.

This big start from the diamond in which centreman Peter Featherby, wingman Dick Manning and rover Keith Watt also had a tremendous influence allowed Subiaco to hold sway across half-forward.

Ron Bayens at centre half forward was too strong in the air and in his recovery for Robert McGhie, while on the flanks Neil Randall and Ken Ash were far too sharp for their opponents.

It was not only in ruck, across and ahead of

centre where Richmond felt the strain.

Apart from the odd sortie from the resting ruck-rovers, Kevin Sheedy, Grant Allford and Bill Nettlefold, Richmond was unable to set up a winner in attack.

Across half back Subiaco had Dennis Blair, Gary Crouch and Gary Paterson clear cut winners, as was Fred Davenport in the back pocket.

It spoke volumes for the defence that it could restrict a side of the striking power of Richmond to 5.7 in the first half.

Mid-way through the second quarter Paul Sproule at centre tempo-

arily began to get on top of Featherby, while the fair-hair of Wayne Walsh on a wing was becoming prominent as he shot Richmond into attack.

It was the first real glimpse of the Richmond power which was finally to wear down Subiaco.

Robertson began to take a really strong hand in ruck although at no time was he able to eclipse Fitzpatrick, while there was more striking power from the rovers, Kevin Bartlett, Daryl Cuming and Sheedy.

The Richmond defence began to get the upper hand where McGhie cut Bayens back to provide greater rebound.

The strain on Subiaco began to tell. It kept fighting magnificently, was in attack as often as Richmond, but its complete breakdown at the goalfont became ominous.

Goalkeepers — Richmond, Hunt 4.2; Cumming 3.4; Morris 2.1; Balme 2.0; Bartlett 1.4; Walsh, McKeller, each 0.2; Sheedy, Allford, each 0.1; rushed 0.3. Subiaco, Rendell 2.5; Ash 2.4; Bayens 2.2; Melone 2.0; Watt 1.1; Burton 1.0; Robertson 0.4; Featherby 0.2; rushed 0.1.