

MAIL FOOTBALL.....FIRST FOR FOOTBALL

EAGLE IN HOSPITAL AFTER DEBUT

By Alan Shiell

Torrens' new full forward Noel Shanahan had a brief and painful introduction to South Australian league football yesterday.

He went off in the first 10 minutes of the game at Thebarton and had an operation last night to repair a damaged medial ligament in a knee.

Shanahan, originally from Victorian league club Fitzroy, joined the Eagles this year from West Australian club West Perth.

He will be out of football for several weeks.

Another knee casualty yesterday was Port half-back Bob Clayton, who also suffered ligament damage.

TWISTED

Clayton, too, is likely to be out for some weeks. He was replaced at quarter-time at Norwood Oval.

Norwood follower John Wynne had four stitches inserted in a gash over an eye after the game.

At Thebarton, Woodville back pocket Eddie Holland twisted an ankle and went off in the third quarter.

Woodville follower Bob Reid injured a thigh but should be fit to play against West next Monday.

North utility Barry Hearl was in some pain with a back injury after the game against Sturt at Prospect.

The full extent of the injury was not known although officials feared Hearl had twisted back muscles.

Tigers sharpen '74 claws

The Tigers sharpened their claws for '74 against the baffling Panthers at Adelaide Oval yesterday and showed they are again going to be a force in this year's Premiership race.

The battle of the big cats turned into a tame meow as Glenelg steam-rolled South with precision kicking, dynamite handball, and teamwork.

Peter Darley played a lone hand for South in ruck, as he took on the Glenelg big men and beat them single handed.

Around the ground Darley floundered in the heavy going and the Bays with "vitamin C"—Corney and Caldwell — took charge to kick 12 goals between them.

Best quarter

The first quarter was the best, as South matched their highly rated counterparts in every department — trading bump for bump and scoring as well as the Bays.

The Panthers were first into attack, with Darley, Iseger, Keddie, and Bracegirdle driving them on, and they kept Glenelg under pressure to trail by only 14 points at the first

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change — and were unlucky to be so far behind. The Panthers kept up with Glenelg for the first 10 minutes of the second term, then Marker took control of the pivot, cutting Keddie out of the game, and Darley lost his drive.

The last term was a procession—with little interest left in the game.

Glenelg kicked their only two goals for the period during time-on after a string of nine behinds, and South battled to keep up with last season's premiers. Flashes of good play by the Panthers showed they will be a side which should not be taken lightly by any of the top sides this year, but they still lack that little something which is the difference between a good side and a class 18.

The third term was a repetition of the second, with Glenelg setting up an invincible lead by booting 8-1 in 15 minutes of champagne football.

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT PROSPECT

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Sturt, North

SCORERS. — STURT: Graham 2-5, Oatey 2-2, Whelan 2-1, Miels, Nunan, 1-1, Davies, Howard, Klomp, Burgan 1-0, Wild 0-1 rushed 0-3.

NORTH: Morton 3-2 R. Robran Von Bertouch 1-1, Anderson Robinson 1-0, Rebbeck 0-2, Lehmann, Payne 0-1.

BEST PLAYERS. — STURT: Davies, Nunan, Miels, Chessell, Lloyd, Graham, Nelson. NORTH: R. Robran, Plummer, Von Bertouch, Morton, Robinson, Anderson.

REPLACEMENTS. — STURT: Bagshaw (calf) by Barton, half-time. NORTH: Marsh (cork thigh) by Hearl, half-time; Hearl (back) by Schulz, last quarter.

UMPIRE: R. Bennet.

AT ELIZABETH

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SCORERS. — CENTRALS: Saywell 4-2, W. Cochrane 2-4, Wyley 2-4, Reed 2-3, Vivian 1-1, Mulholland 1-1, Norsworthy 1-0, Casserly 0-1, Skinner 0-1, Spaans 0-2, rushed 0-1. WEST: Lovelady 3-0, Kennedy 2-3, Hollick 1-2, Gurney 1-1, Nicholson 1-1, Leonard 1-0, Verrier 0-1, Hoult 0-1, rushed 0-2.

BEST PLAYERS. — CENTRALS: Morey, Skinner, W. Cochrane, Saywell, R. Cochrane, Norsworthy. WEST: Hollick, Gurney, Kennedy, Leonard, Nicholson, Hoult.

REPLACEMENTS. — CENTRALS: W. Cochrane by Kleinig, last quarter. WEST: Davoren by Burt, three-quarter time, Hoult by Wheaton, last quarter.

UMPIRE. — D. Foster.

AT THEBARTON

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SCORERS—TORRENS: Faletic 5.2, Mulvihill 4.2, Roberts 4.2, Hank 2.1, Floreani 2.0, Wallace 1.1, White 0.2, Puhle 0.2, Shanahan 0.1, rushed 0.4. WOODVILLE: Ruth 5.1, Page 3.0, Doszna 2.2, Sewer 1.2, Girardi 1.0, Reid 0.1, Winstanley 0.1, O'Connor 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Roberts, Faletic, White, Graham, Mulvihill, Floreani, McKenzie. WOODVILLE: Girardi, Ruth, Heaven, Doszna, Allen.

REPLACEMENTS — TORRENS: Shanahan (knee) by Forbes, first quarter, Hank (cramp) by Mead, last quarter. WOODVILLE: Holland (ankle) by Carlaw, third quarter, Reid (thigh) by Jacka, last quarter.

UMPIRE—R. Charlesworth.

REPORTED—TORRENS: W. Barrot reported by umpire Charlesworth for allegedly kicking L. Heaven in the first quarter. WOODVILLE: G. Cox for alleged rough play against N. Roberts in the third quarter.

AT ADELAIDE

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SCORERS—GLENELG: Cornes 6.3, Caldwell 6.0, Sandland 2.4, Osborne 2.1, C. Anderson 1.2, Marriott 1.2, Marker 1.1, Voigt 1.1, McFarlane 1.1, Carey 0.4, Gardif 0.1, rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Dittmar 2.3, Bracegirdle 2.0, Darley 2.0, Iseger 2.0, Schultz 2.0, Cox 1.0, Palmer 1.0, Reimann 0.3, Young 0.1, Keddie 0.1, Bennett 0.1, Ryan 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Cornes, Marker, Tregenza, D. Phillis, Marriott, Caldwell, Obst. SOUTH: Darley, Bracegirdle, Haines, Cock, Schultz, Iseger.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Rawson (concussion) by Bennett, third quarter, Tregenza by W. Phillis, last quarter. SOUTH: Bracegirdle by Cox last quarter, Ryan by P. Palmer, last quarter.

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

AT NORWOOD

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Nwd, Port

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Olsen 5.1, Carman 4.3, Woodcock 2.1, Wynne 1.2, Gallagher 1.1, Gregg 1.1, Dillon 1.1, Turbill 0.3, White 0.1, Porritt 0.1, Button 0.1, Menz 0.1, rushed 0.4. PORT: Gerlach 2.0, Tredrea 2.0, Sorrell 1.3, Kingston 1.3, Cunningham 1.2, Cahill 1.1, Marrett 1.0, Taylor 0.5, Ebert 0.3, Light 0.2, James 0.1, Milde 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Hammond, Gallagher, Seekamp, Carman, Turbill, Taylor, Stasinowsky, Olsen. PORT: Cunningham, Cahill, Light, Taylor, Hobby, Ebert, Kingston.

REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD: Fienemann (leg) by Schlein, last quarter. PORT: Clayton (knee ligaments) by Kingston, quarter time.

UMPIRE: Murray Ducker.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Table with columns: W., L.For, Points, Agst, Prem, % Rows: Glenelg, Sturt, Torrens, Centrals, Norwood, Port, West, Woodville, North, South

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with columns: Name, Goals Rows: Cornes (Glenelg), Caldwell (Glenelg), Faletic (Torrens), Ruth (Woodville)



(b)OLD Bob was best

By Julian Swinstead

Bob Hammond, at 32 the oldest player on the field and playing his 239th League game, was best man on the ground yesterday in the clash between Port and Norwood at the Parade.

Hammond, playing his first league game for Norwood, set a great example as the Redlegs downed Port 15-21 to 9-23 before 16,000 people.

Hammond was like a big bear in the back line. With 18 touches — 12 kicks and six handballs — he let nothing go by.

About every kick that Hammond did have went to a Norwood player and set up an attack.

But Bob, what about when you were caught in the last quarter?

Two other players caught the spectators' eyes more than Hammond though — Carman and Light. Both played well all day but when Light moved on to Carman in the centre in the second quarter it was on.

For the rest of the match they exchanged words, blows and bumps. Neither was reported.