

THEY can't hold that Tiger . . . Glenelg's Graham Cornes takes a strong chest mark between two Port players at Alberton.

By Julian Swinstead

Port, looking almost overconfident, played superb power football when they downed Glenelg by 53 points at Alberton Oval yesterday.

Using lightning handpasses and accurate kicking to position, the Magpies humbled last year's premiers in nearly every position on the ground.

But it was the initiative the Port players showed all day that was impressive. They never stopped running and were game to try anything.

Glenelg couldn't get going. They played a short game for most of the day and it came undone.

The Norwood-Torrens clash at Thebarton was a disappointing scramble from beginning to end.

The Redlegs showed they still have problems up front.

Bad kicking, poor handball, and rough play marred the game, which at times appeared to be on the brink of getting out of control.

Sturt won the game at Elizabeth in the second quarter when they kicked 7-2 to 1-2, getting all their well known facets operating.

At Adelaide Oval, South Adelaide boosted their hopes with a 23-point victory over West Adelaide.

PORT POWER!

53-point wipe-out for Bays

THREE WILL FACE PANEL

Three players were reported in yesterday's third series of league football.

Glenelg ruckman Bob Tregenza was reported by field umpire Robin Bennet for allegedly striking Port centre half-forward Randall Gerlach with his left elbow in the third quarter of the game at Alberton.

Centrals centre half-forward John Wyley and centreman Dean Mobbs were reported for allegedly striking Sturt rover Robert Oatey.

Wyley was reported by field umpire Peter Mead and boundary umpire Michael Wilson in the first term.

Mobbs was reported by Mead, Wilson, and goal umpire Ken Bishop for allegedly elbowing Oatey in the last quarter.

The charges will be heard by the league commissioners on Tuesday night.

-ALAN SHIELL

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-5	12-11	20-12	25-15	165
Glen.	2-6	8-8	14-13	16-16	112

GOALSCORERS—PORT: Gerlach 6.2, Porplycia 4.3, Cunningham 3.2, Ebert 2.2, Cahill 2.1, Kingston 2.0, James 2.0, Sorrell 2.0, Marrett 1.1, Light 0.3. GLENELG: Sandland 5.1, Bennett 3.1, Phillis 2.2, Carey 2.1, Osborn 1.1, Cornes 1.0, McFarlane 1.0, Tardiff 1.0, Marker 0.3; Voigt 0.3, W. Phillis 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Gerlach, Woite, Cahill, Cunningham, Porplycia, Ebert, O'Brien, Tredrae. GLENELG: Osborn, McFarlane, Bennett, Sandland, Colby, Marker, Cornes.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Hryhorec replaced Tredrae (injured) last quarter, Broderick replaced Kingston (knee) last quarter. GLENELG: Wickens replaced Marriott last quarter.

UMPIRE—R. Bennet

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-7	10-9	14-12	17-16	118
Cent.	2-4	3-6	8-8	14-10	94

GOALSCORERS—STURT: Whelan, Graham 3.1, Greenslade 2.3, Nunan 2.2, Klomp, Davies 2.0, Ottens 1.3, Murphy 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Miels, Burgan 0.1, rushed 0.3. CENTRAL: Kleinig 4.1, Wyley, Ashmead 3.1, Wilson, Skinner, Russell, Maksimovic 1.0, Saywell 0.2, Clarke, Spaans 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Davies, Howard, Nunan, Winter, Casey, Bagshaw, Klomp. CENTRAL: Mobbs, Kleinig, Skinner, Casserly, Ashmead, Johns, Wilson.

REPLACEMENTS—CENTRAL: Spaans and Mobbs (cramp) replaced by Russell and Clark, last quarter. STURT: None.

REPORTS—CENTRAL: Wyley by umpire P. Mead and boundary umpire M. Wilson for allegedly striking R. Oatey in first quarter. D. Mobbs by Mead, Wilson and goal umpire K. Bishop for allegedly elbowing Oatey in the last term.

UMPIRE: Peter Mead.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Ndw.	1-4	5-13	9-17	12-22	94
Torr.	4-5	5-6	6-9	9-15	69

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Woodcock 3.5, Craig 2.2, Harris 2.1, Wynne 2.0, Gregg 1.2, Gallagher 1.2, Button 1.0, Olsen 0.5, Fienemann 0.4, Carmen 0.1. TORRENS: Mulvihill 2.3, McKenzie 2.0, Roberts 1.2, Wallace 1.2, Floreani 1.1, Puhle 1.1, F. Bills 1.1, Faletic 0.3, Keast 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Dillon, Gallagher, Wynne, Craig, Gregg, Woodcock, Packer, Seekamp, Hammond. TORRENS: Wallace, McKenzie, F. Bills, Roberts, Graham, B. Bills, Faletic.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Carnahan (leg) by Poulter in last term, Seekamp (leg) by Hines in last term. TORRENS: Hank (ankle) by Homan in second term, Keast (thigh) by Statter at half-time.

UMPIRE.—J. Caulfield.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-5	10-6	15-11	18-12	120
West	1-4	3-8	8-10	13-19	97

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Dittmar 9.6, S. Palmer 2.2, Jackman 2.1, Robbins 2.1, Iseger 1.0, Reimann 1.0, Young 1.0, Bracegirdle 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Loveday 4.4, Gurney 3.0, Hoult 2.2, Leonard 2.1, Kennedy 1.3, Hollick 1.0, Davoren 0.2, Papst 0.1, rushed 0.5.

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Darley, Dittmar, Goodwin, Bennett, Greenwood, Iseger, Robbins, Cock. WEST: Loveday, Gurney, Hollick, Leonard, Davoren, Verrier.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Ryan (knee) by Greenwood in first quarter, Linke (broken nose) by Young in last quarter. WEST: Pannenburg by Miller in the third term, Hoult by Dryzal in the last.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5-5	9-10	13-14	17-22	124
W'ville	2-3	5-5	10-10	11-16	82

SCORERS.—NORTH: Rebbeck 6.4, Hearl 6.2, Stringer 1.2, Von Bertouch 1.2, Eatts 1.1, Webb 1.1, Sandry 1.0, R. Robran 0.2, McInnes 0.2, B. Robran 0.1, rushed 0.5. WOODVILLE: Jacka 3.1, Smith 2.0, Doszna 1.1, Harris 1.1, Ruth 1.1, Maylin 1.1, Girardi 1.1, Heaven 1.0, Sewer 0.1, MacVicar 0.1, rushed 0.8.

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REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Lehmann by Phillips in the last term. Webb by McCann in the last term. WOODVILLE: Ruth by Reid in the last term. J. Coudraye by R. Coudraye.

UMPIRE.—D. Poster.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Points				Prem.	%
	W.	L.	For	Agst.		
Sturt	3	—	349	212	6	62.21
Glenelg	2	1	390	336	4	53.72
Port	2	1	408	362	4	52.99
North	2	1	300	277	4	51.99
Norwood	2	1	273	291	4	48.40
Torrens	1	2	303	301	2	50.16
West	1	2	300	335	2	47.24
Centrals	1	2	279	312	2	47.21
South	1	2	343	412	2	45.30
Woodville	—	3	280	387	—	41.98

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Mtchs.	Total
Dittmar (South)	9-6	3	18-12
Sandland (Glenelg)	5-1	3	15-7
Mulvihill (Torrens)	2-3	3	13-7
Loveday (West)	4-4	3	12-5
Gerlach (Port)	6-2	3	12-4
Whelan (Sturt)	3-1	3	12-2
Ruth (Woodville)	1-1	3	10-3

Porplycia—a rising Port star

Port forward flanker Andy Porplycia must have thought the world was against him in his league debut against Glenelg at Alberton Oval yesterday.

With 13,000 people watching, the 18-year-old was off line with his first three shots for goal.

Instead of dropping his tail, he lifted.

By the end of the game Porplycia had kicked four goals and three behinds.

It was a great debut and earned him five points in the Mail-West Lakes \$250 "Rookie of the Year" award.

Porplycia was just one cog in the Port machine yesterday.

Using handball at its best and running, running, running, they downed the Tigers by 53 points in a tough game.

TIRELESS

Coach John Cahill did a great job stirring his team for the match.

They were enthusiastic all day.

Several times a Glenelg player was left to fight it out with several Port men.

Gerlach played a good game at centre half-forward and finished with 6-2.

He grabbed everything that came his way and handed out plenty to his team-mates.

Cahill roved tirelessly. He had 19 kicks and 12 handballs.

On the day Port had a total 98 handballs to Glenelg's 73—more than a third again more than the Bays.

Woite played a great game at centre half-back on Peter Carey and rarely let anything by.

POOR KICKS

Other Port men to play well were Cunningham, who had 22 kicks, O'Brien, Ebert, and Porplycia.

Glenelg looked flat on the day.

Several times I thought the ball just didn't bounce for them.

They dropped marks they should have held and some of their kicking was not good.

Once, three of their handballs were behind the player—making it very difficult.

Fred Phillis did not have a good day.

He failed at full forward and then failed to stop Gerlach at centre half-back when he was shifted there in the third quarter.

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Andy Porplycia

Brother Wayne had just as dismal a day.

He had the unenviable job of minding Gerlach until Fred took over.

Ted Osborn was Glenelg's best player.

He beat Light on the day in the centre—taking over from Marker early in the game.

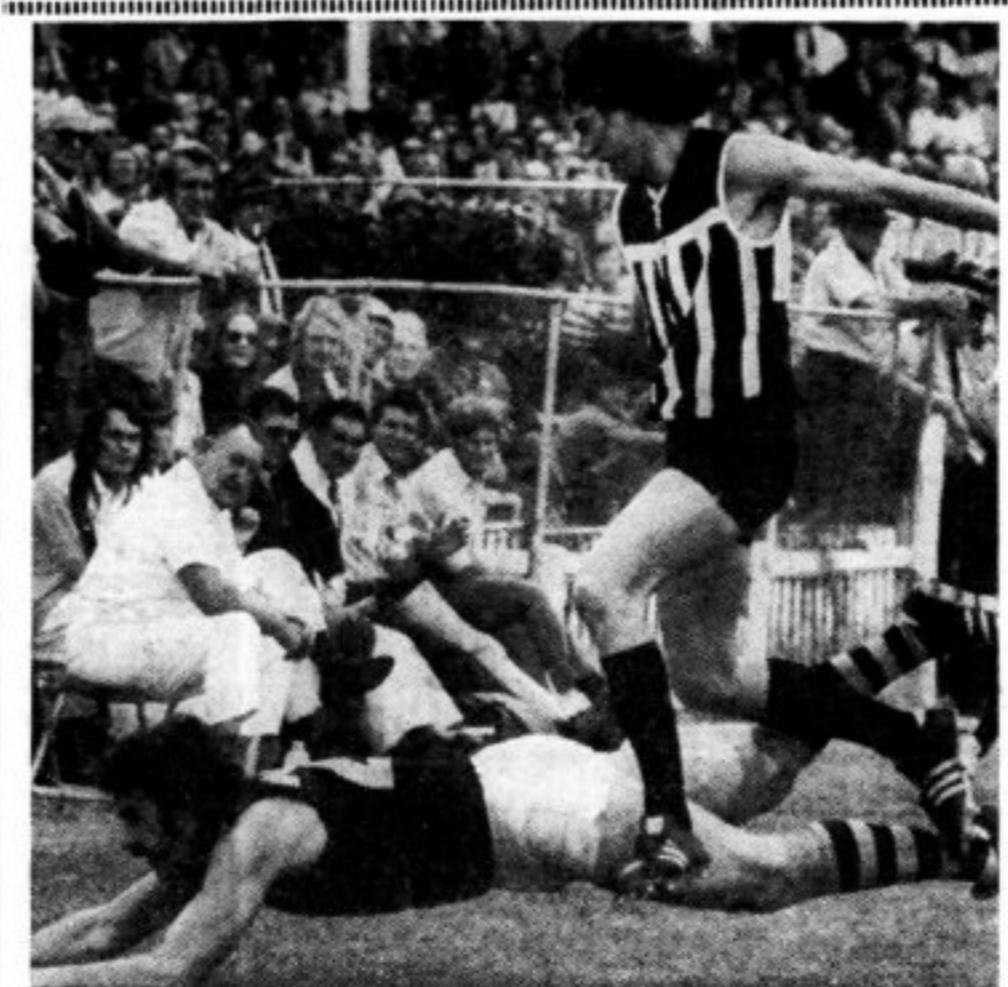
Osborn played a first-class game as a follower. Marker was his usual valuable self.

McFarlane played well on the wing and Bennett had 26 kicks roving.

Umpire Robin Bennet umpired very well.

He gave few doubtful decisions, and, if the start of play were any indication, he prevented the game from developing into a bloodbath.

His tough, quick actions in the first quarter made most of the players think twice about doing anything silly.



DIVE, dive, dive . . . Port Adelaide half-forward Andy Porplycia gives Steven Hywood a hefty shove across the boundary line while going for the ball.