

# FIGHTING FINISH BUT TIGERS FAIL

MAGPIES  
SWEAT  
IT OUT

Glenelg showed they will be top premiership contenders this season by going under by only two points to crack Victorian side, Collingwood, at Football Park today.

Behind almost from the first bounce, the Tigers came back magnificently in the last term to cut a 23-point deficit to only two points with a minute to go.

The game also helped overcome two problem spots for the Bays—centre half-back and the back pocket.

Young full back, Greg Croser, took to centre half-back like a duck to water and held out all-comers in a display which earned him the vote for best afield.

In the pocket, Rex Voigt, moved there after Jim Rawson was forced to leave the field at the first change with influenza, did everything right in a display which earned high praise from coach Neil Kerley.

The first half started at lightning pace, and within seconds former Norwood star, Phil Carman, tangled with Graham Cornes.

More than 20 players converged on the scene but order was quickly restored.

Len Thompson was controlling the rucks for Collingwood, Rod Osborne was in everything around the ground and the Magpies looked in control as Osborne booted the first major.

Carman was the driving force in attack for Collingwood as he outplayed Brian Colbey in a display of football magic.

## ALL GOING IN HARD

Peter McKenna and Carman both popped through goals, and but for the sterling defence of Croser and the brilliance at centre of Peter Marker, Glenelg would have been in big trouble.

They had squandered their chances in attack, despite the use of the breeze, and only a late goal from Neville Caldwell saved them from a goal-less first term.

After trailing by 13 points at the first change Glenelg came back strongly in the second as Colin Anderson and Peter Carey put on quick goals.

Caldwell, Cornes, Carey and Marker were all going in hard in an attempt to keep Glenelg in touch with Collingwood.

Collingwood had lapsed into inaccuracy although McKenna and Carman ran riot up front.

From eight shots for the term Collingwood scored only one goal — from Carman — and at half-time were sitting on an 11-point lead.

Again it was Glenelg who came out best after the big break.

Two quick goals to Greg Bennett and Fred Phillis, with only a behind in reply from Bob Heard, levelled the scores half-way through the term.

Colbey had tightened on Carman, cutting him almost out of the game, and Voigt was combining well with Croser to turn back attack after attack by the Magpies.



"NOW look, you blokes, we planned to kill this mob, but now we're going to have to sweat!" Collingwood coach Murray Weideman seems to be saying as he makes a point at the three-quarter time break in the game against the Bays at Football Park yesterday. After being seven points up at the last change, the Melbourne Magpies really did sweat—they hung on to win by a mere two points.



GREG CROSER  
—best afield



PETER CAREY  
—went in hard

## MAGPIES MEANT BUSINESS

Phil Manassa, playing magnificently in the back pocket, was cutting out the Glenelg small men, as Heard, Carman and Stephen Clifford goaled for Collingwood, with only a reply from Kim Hodgeman.

The last change started with Collingwood looking like they meant business.

They put on two quick goals, through McKenna and Andrew Ireland, and jumped 19 points clear before Hodgeman goaled.

Clifford then scored his second major for the match and with little more than time-on to play Glenelg looked down and out.

Collingwood lost Len Thompson and "Twiggy" Dunne in quick succession, and then Glenelg came

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
C'wd.	3-5	4-12	7-17	10-21	81
Glen.	1-4	3-7	7-10	11-13	79

SCORERS. — COLLINGWOOD: Carman 3.3, McKenna 2.7, Clifford 2.0, Osborne 1.3, Heard 1.1, Ireland 1.1, Wearmouth 0.2, Thompson 0.1, Coles 0.1, M. Richardson, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Hodgeman 3.1, Caldwell 2.0, Bennett 2.0, D. Phillis 1.5, Anderson 1.1, Carey 1.1, Millard 1.0, Cornes 0.1, Voigt 0.1, Marker 0.1, Osborne 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS. — COLLINGWOOD: Manassa, Carman, Moore, W. Richardson, M. Richardson, Clifford. GLENELG: Croser, Carey, Voigt, W. Phillis, Caldwell, Cornes.

REPORTS.—N. Caldwell (Glenelg), by umpire R. Bennet and boundary umpire for allegedly striking P. Moore (Collingwood), in the first term.

UMPIRES.—R. Bennet and P. Mead.

back. With players running all over the top of tired opponents, they slammed on goals from Hodgeman, Peter Millard and Caldwell.

A costly miss by Fred Phillis, from only 10 metres out, cost them the game despite a magnificent last term fightback.