

WHAT A ROARING YEAR!

By Graham Fischer

The earthquake results which have shattered the predictability of SA football brought "skyscraper" Norwood crashing to much maligned Woodville, and last year's grand finalists Sturt and Port fighting out a heart-stopping draw in yesterday's extraordinary league round.

And North showed no respect for West—who last week downed last year's premier's Sturt—by scoring a 12-point win at Prospect to go into fifth place on the premiership table.

But it was Woodville's day, as the Peckers showed great bravery to send Norwood crashing to their third successive defeat.

Rocked by internal unrest football's "ugly duckling" suddenly turned into a powerful unit intent on victory at all costs.

Even when Norwood grabbed a one-point lead late in time on, Woodville who previously would have compounded, did not panic.

Everyone at Woodville is entitled to praise. New chairman David Trembath seems to have put new life into a club which looked as if it needed a Christian Barnard transplant.

It was a triumph also for coach John McInnes, who has been subjected to unkind remarks for weeks.

HIT FRONT

Woodville's shock win dimmed the magnificent draw between Sturt and Port, which had the adrenalin of all supporters flowing.

Sturt still lie eighth on the table, but only two points separates them from fifth-placed North.

Sturt rookie Jim Derrington, a reserve until half-way through the last

HOW DID SOUTH CRASH?

South were beaten by Glenelg. How it happened one will always wonder.

South coach Haydn Bunton was amazed, Panther supporters were astounded, even Glenelg coach John Nicholls was a little bewildered that his side had won.

But that's football and the Tigers have got the invaluable two premiership points and third spot on the ladder.

Glenelg started brilliantly after South captain Graham Robbins won the toss and elected to kick into the wind.

Sprung

The Bays booted seven goals in a great quarter of football to lead by 24 points at the siren.

Peter Carey was in everything in this quarter, as was Stephen Copping at full-forward.

It looked as though it would be no race with Glenelg leading comfortably throughout.

Not so, with the siren heralding the second quarter the Panthers sprang to take the initiative.

Ron Hateley burnt on the wing, Wayne Slattery roved well and Craig Cock blanketed Graham Cornes and the Panthers slammed home seven goals to a meagre one by Glenelg.

Glenelg did not have one winner in that term. They fumbled, handballed poorly and could not establish any system in attack.

It was their pattern, if you could call it that, of play for the rest of the game.

For the first 12 minutes of the third term South looked like holding a winning advantage until Glenelg cut loose.

They put through five goals and for the second time looked like winning easily.

Snapped

Then South bounced back, shot through two quick goals, and were only five points down with the wind at their backs for the last quarter.

CROP OF INJURIES

STURT ruckman Greg Wild dislocated his shoulder during the second term against Port at Football Park and was taken to Royal Adelaide Hospital for an X-ray.

Centre half-forward Malcolm Greenslade was taken to Blackwood Hospital for observation after being concussed.

Port ruckman John Spry received a hip injury and an examination this morning will determine the extent of the injury.

Centrals' Bill Cochran and former teammate Phil Ashmead, now with Torrens, were both concussed at Elizabeth.

North, who have lost only one of their past six games, downed the inconsistent West at Prospect by two goals in a hard-hitting tussle.

Neil Kerley's West Torrens continued their improved form with a 10-point win over the disappointing Centrals at Elizabeth in a high standard tussle.

quarter, kicked goals with his first and sixth kicks in league football to square the game.

At Glenelg, the home side grabbed a nine-point win over South after a fluctuating contest.

The Bays' win enabled them to swap places on the ladder with South. The Panthers, who have held third spot for the past six weeks, have slipped to fourth.

WOODVILLE HITS BACK

WOODVILLE, kicked in the guts for most of the season as a side which had either relegation or amalgamation as their future, answered the critics by humiliating Norwood at Woodville yesterday.

Although they only won by five points, Woodville, who would have been at odds of 1,000/1 to win probably class the victory as the greatest in the club's 13-year league history.

With repeated committee changes, a new president, champion ruckman Collin MacVicar quitting the club, and a crisis meeting between the players and committee on Friday night, the Peckers answered the critics in the best way possible — a victory over second ranked Norwood.

At no time did Woodville succumb. They were not going to lose to Norwood and despite Adler's goal late in time-in to put the Redlegs in front by a point, Woodville found Max Parker who threaded the ball through a goalmouth pack

BY  MIKE PILKINGTON

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Glen. | 7-2 | 8-4 | 13-8 | 18-8 | 116 |
| South | 3-2 | 10-7 | 12-8 | 16-11 | 107 |

Hateley, Fry, Robbins and Slattery were handballing superbly and creating countless opportunities up forward.

In defence it was Peter Haines who stood head and shoulders above the rest of South's back men.

In a nail-biting last quarter the lead changed five times with both sides appearing the winners.

Brooksbys and Fry snapped two good goals to give the Panthers the lead into time on.

Then Lihou dribbled the ball through for a goal and Rady added another to

sew up the game. Glenelg coach John Nicholls summed it up perfectly after the game: "It was not a good win but a gutsy one."

"We did not have a winner all day. But I regard Glenelg as a good side and that's why we came out on top."

For South it was great disappointment, to say the least.

They played great football for most of the day and lost.

But, as they say, that's football.

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Sturt | 2-5 | 7-10 | 11-11 | 14-12 | 96 |
| Port | 2-5 | 6-6 | 8-10 | 14-12 | 96 |

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Ebert, Fragomeni, Cunningham, Light, Belton, Evans. STURT: Klomp, Bagshaw, Leonard, Greenslade, Barton, Howard.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 6.2, Sorrell 2.3, Cunningham 2.3, Curtis 1.2, Belton 1.0, Biethyn 1.0, Cahill 1.0, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Greenslade 3.0, Klomp 2.0, Derrington 2.0, Davies 2.0, Leonard 1.1, Lauder 1.1, Casey 1.1, Whelan 1.0, Bagshaw 1.0, Jarton 0.3, Oatey 0.2, Wild 0.1, Sims 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—PORT: Spry (hip), Giles (thigh). STURT: Wild (dislocated shoulder), Greenslade (concussion).

UMPIRE: Robin Bennet.

WOODVILLE OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Wdv. | 3-6 | 8-11 | 8-18 | 11-22 | 88 |
| Nwd. | 3-2 | 7-5 | 9-8 | 12-11 | 83 |

BEST PLAYERS—WOODVILLE: Brenton, Sewer, Jensen, Maylin, Ruth, Nicholls. NORWOOD: Craig, Kerley, Dunstan, Olsen, Rosser, Michalanney.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Roberts 3.0, Parker 2.1, L. Twelftree 1.5, Sewer 1.5, Nicholls 1.2, Brenton 1.1, Denness 1.1, Jensen 1.1, Hutton 0.4, Ruth 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Adler 5.1, Palm 2.1, Olsen, 1.3, Rosser 1.2, Craig 1.2, Zubrinich 1.0, Gregg 1.0, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRE: Steve Semmler.

GLENELG OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Glen. | 7-2 | 8-4 | 13-8 | 18-8 | 116 |
| South | 3-2 | 10-7 | 12-8 | 16-11 | 107 |

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Hywood, Paech, Carey, Holst. SOUTH: Hateley, Haines, Cock, Slattery, Fry, Cox.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Copping 5.2, Caldwell 3.1, Holst 2.1, Rady 2.1, Hodgeman 2.0, Carey 1.0, MacFarlane 1.0, Marker 1.0, Lihou 1.0, Cornes 0.1, Paech 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Fry 5.1, Slattery 4.0, Bennett 2.2, Brooksbys 2.0, Robbins 1.1, Dry 1.1, Hines 1.0, Fuller 0.2, Cox 0.1, Hateley 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES: Carey (bruised chest), Peter Cox (ankle).

UMPIRE: Peter Mead.

ELIZABETH OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| Torrens | 2-1 | 7-3 | 13-7 | 18-11 | 119 |
| Cent. | 4-5 | 6-8 | 12-11 | 16-13 | 109 |

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: McSporran, Faletic, J. White, Hamill, Inglis, P. Cousins, Marriott, Dabrowski. CENTRALS: Vivian, Riley, Wyley, Saywell, Skinner, Mobbs, Wilson.

SCORERS—TORRENS: McSporran 6.0, Kellett 3.3, Marriott 3.0, Inglis 2.1, Miller 1.3, Ashmead 1.0, Tregenza 1.0, Faletic 1.0, Phillipou 0.2, Verrall 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: Saywell 5.1, Jones 3.1, Cochran 2.3, Skinner 1.2, Mobbs 1.1, Vivian 1.1, Wilson 1.1, Norsworthy 1.1, McKay 1.0, Riley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—TORRENS: Ashmead (broken nose, slight concussion). CENTRALS: W. Cochrane (slight concussion, back injury).

UMPIRE: Laurie Argent.

PROSPECT OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
| North | 5-3 | 8-5 | 12-11 | 13-12 | 90 |
| West | 4-1 | 7-7 | 10-8 | 11-12 | 78 |

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Howard, Jaworsky, Baruzzi, Cloke, Pelle, Hill. WEST:—Kennedy, Grimwood, Loveday, Morris, Hollick, Gurney.

SCORERS—NORTH:—Tocaciu 4.3, Baruzzi 3.2, Pelle 3.1, Robran 2.1, McCann 1.0, Cloke 0.1, Smith 0.1, Muller 0.1, Gamm 0.1, Diorio 0.1. WEST:—Pierson 5.1, Morris 1.4, G. Hewitt 1.1, Gurney 1.0, Hollick 1.0, Meuret 1.0, Loveday 1.0, Kennedy 0.2, Donaldson 0.1, M. Williams 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRE—Bob Schofield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | W. | L. | D. | For | Agst. | Pts. | Prem. | % |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Port | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1760 | 1141 | 21 | | 60.67 |
| Norwood | 9 | 4 | — | 1619 | 1053 | 18 | | 60.59 |
| Glenelg | 8 | 5 | — | 1522 | 1269 | 16 | | 54.53 |
| South | 8 | 5 | — | 1585 | 1341 | 16 | | 54.17 |
| North | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1410 | 1610 | 13 | | 46.69 |
| West | 6 | 7 | — | 1298 | 1275 | 12 | | 50.45 |
| Torrens | 6 | 7 | — | 1183 | 1534 | 12 | | 43.54 |
| Sturt | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1268 | 1321 | 11 | | 48.98 |
| Centrals | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1213 | 1603 | 7 | | 43.08 |
| Woodville | 2 | 11 | — | 1120 | 1831 | 4 | | 37.95 |

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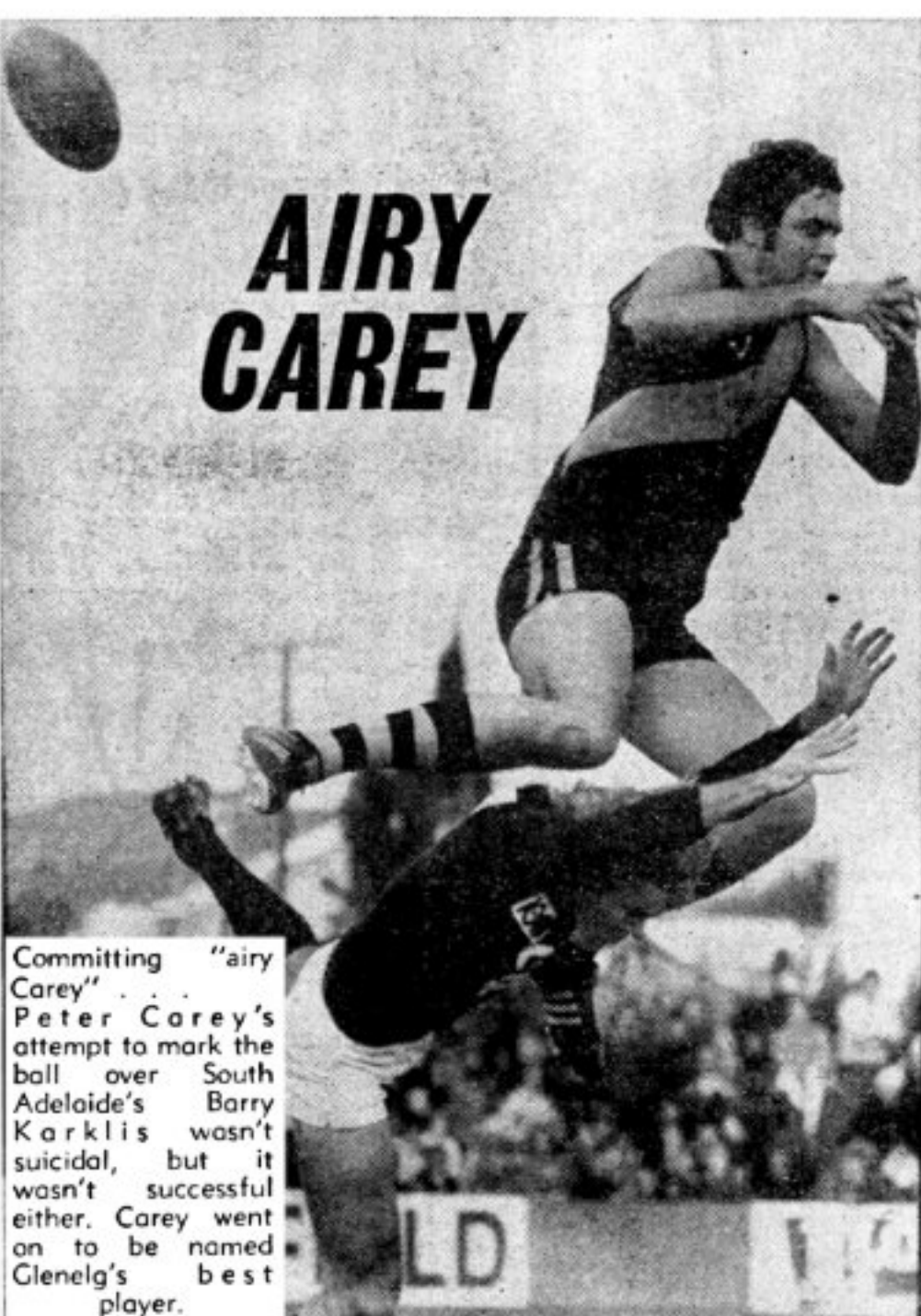
| | Y'day | Matches | Total |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Adler (Norwood) | 5-1 | 13 | 50-32 |
| Cornes (Glenelg) | 0-1 | 12 | 48-33 |
| Jones (Centrals) | 3-1 | 11 | 48-12 |
| R. Robran (North) | 2-1 | 13 | 44-34 |
| Gerlach (Port) | — | 9 | 41-29 |
| Copping (Glenelg) | 5-2 | 12 | 41-24 |
| Robbins (South) | 1-1 | 13 | 34-24 |

ATTENDANCES

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Football Park | 16,521 |
| Elizabeth Oval | 4,722 |
| Glenelg Oval | 9,047 |
| Woodville Oval | 3,890 |
| Prospect Oval | 5,185 |
| Total | 39,365 |

NEXT ROUND

- CENTRALS v. WOODVILLE, Football Park
- GLENELG v. NORTH, Glenelg Oval
- WEST v. PORT, Richmond Oval
- TORRENS v. NORWOOD, Thebarton Oval
- SOUTH v. STURT, Adelaide Oval



Committing "airy Carey" Peter Carey's attempt to mark the ball over South Adelaide's Barry Karllis wasn't suicidal, but it wasn't successful either. Carey went on to be named Glenelg's best player.