

MAIL FOOTBALL...FIRST FOR FOOTBALL

SOUTH SIT 'ON TOP OF WORLD'

Torrens next on their list

By Graham Fischer

The Panthers are on the prowl. South have hit top spot on the premiership table.

The split round, and wins by Glenelg and West over previous one-game winners Sturt and Centrals has enabled South to take the top perch.

It is certainly a change from last season when South lost their first four games.

To make things even brighter, South Reserves are also on top.

Coach Haydn Bunton has moulded the young South side into a fit, fast and enthusiastic combination and they must have a great chance of beating West Torrens at Adelaide Oval next week.

The Panthers are not a big side but with live-wires Graham Robbins, Ron Hateley and Geoff Baynes, in great touch, are running riot.

Last season's premiers Sturt were brought to earth with a thud as Glenelg rocketed to a 55-point win before an excellent crowd of 18,704 at Football Park.

Sacrifice

The Bays may have learnt desire and dedication under John Nicholls.

Nicholls isn't afraid to sacrifice players to check opposition strongpoints.

David Holst and Jim Lihou were set to stand Robert Klomp and Paul Bagshaw respectively, and after quarter time did so most effectively.

The Bays have rovers Peter McInerney and Kym



HAYDN BUNTON

Hodgeman in explosive form. McInerney, especially has improved immensely.

Rick Davies, the Sturt's superstar, appears still not fit after not playing any practice matches before the season.

The Sturt forward line failed to produce a winner and spearhead Ken Whe'lan

was kept to 2.2 by Fred Phillis who has adapted extremely well to full back.

West and Centrals fought a bruising contest at Richmond with the Bloods running out comfortable winners by 13 goals.

After failing in the second half against South last week, West today played four quarters of football to down the disappointing Bulldogs.

Centrals could not command a winning position and West piled on the goals.

West's full back Keith Kuhlmann turned in another brilliant performance eclipsing Graham Reed and Gary Jones.

Tomorrow's games are Port playing Norwood at Football Park and Neil Kerley's Eagles against North at Prospect.

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	3-3	9-11	13-12	19-19	133
Sturt	7-5	8-7	11-10	11-12	78

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: McInerney, Cornes, Holst, Caldwell, Hodgeman, Weston. STURT: Miels, Howard, Lauder, Bagshaw, Schultz, Hill.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Cornes 5.2, Copping 4.3, Hodgeman 3.2, McInerney 2.1, Lihou 2.0, Caldwell 1.2, Keddie 1.1, Holst 1.0, Carey 0.1, MacFarlane 0.1, Murray 0.1, Hercock 0.1, rushed 0.4. STURT: Klomp 3.1, Whelan 2.2, Davies 2.2, Bagshaw 1.3, Barton 1.1, Graham 1.0, Miels 1.0, Greenslade 0.3.

UMPIRE — Jim Field.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	7-2	14-6	18-9	26-15	171
Wdvll	2-2	3-5	11-5	16-7	103

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Doyle, Fry, Baynes, Robbins, Haines, Hateley, Mousley. WOODVILLE: Mulvihill, Sewer, Parker, Tyrell, Ridley.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Robbins 6.5, Linke 5.1, Baynes 3.0, Minnis 3.0, Fry 2.1, Slattery 2.0, Karklis 2.0, Hateley 2.0, Cutting 1.0, Cox 0.3, Schneebichler 0.2, Doyle 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Mulvihill 7.1, Sewer 3.2, Ridley 2.0, Carty 1.1, Cummins 1.0, Maylin 1.0, Girardi 1.0, MacVicar 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Tyrell (back).

UMPIRE: Laurie Argent.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-2	9-10	16-11	20-15	135
Cent.	1-1	1-3	6-8	8-9	57

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Grimwood, G. Hewitt, Stevenson, Kuhlmann, Ravlich, Meuret. CENTRALS: Skinner, Boehm, Beythein.

SCORERS — WEST: Ravlich 6-1, G. Hewitt 3-3, Hollick 3-2, Grimwood 3-2, Gurney 2-0, Davoren 1-2, Kennedy 1-0, Meuret 1-0, rushed 0-5. CENTRALS: Harrington 2-1, Jones 2-1, Reed 1-1, Beythein 1-0, Nicks 1-0, Norsworthy 1-0, Skinner 0-2, Cochrane 0-1, rushed 0-3.

UMPIRE: Des Foster.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
South	2	2	—	289	207	4	58.27
Wcst	2	1	1	239	175	2	57.73
Port	1	1	—	162	135	2	54.54
Torrens	1	1	—	88	77	2	53.33
Glenelg	2	1	1	268	240	2	52.76
Sturt	2	1	1	199	235	2	45.85
Centrals	2	1	1	182	238	2	43.33
Norwood	1	—	1	102	121	—	45.74
North	1	—	1	103	125	—	45.18
Wville	2	—	2	180	259	—	41.00

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
Cornes (Glenelg)	5-2	2	11-6
Ravlich (West)	6-1	2	11-4
Mulvihill (Woodville)	7-1	2	10-4
Robbins (South)	6-5	2	9-6
Copping (Glenelg)	4-3	2	8-5
Whelan (Sturt)	2-2	2	8-4

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	— 18,704
Richmond	— 5,099.
Woodville	— 3,336.
Total	— 27,163.

TIGER POWER LEFT BLUES LAMENTING

BY GRAHAM FISCHER

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Glenelg gave last year's premiers, Sturt, a real 55-point hiding at Football Park.

Down more than five goals approaching quarter time, the Bays outplayed Sturt for the last three quarters adding 16.16 while the Double Blues could only add 4.7.

Sturt's performance going into the wind in the second and final terms kicking to the northern end was woeful as they added 1.4.

Oddly enough, it was the third quarter which really sealed the game for Glenelg.

Glenelg led by 10 points at the opening of the second half and went 16 points clear when Copping goaled after a minute.

Desperate

Sturt tried desperately to peg back the leeway and with a three goal wind at their back added 2.2 to get within three points.

The Bay defence was superb throughout the third term and as if out of gratitude, the forwards set the side on the road to victory with three goals in time on to shoot Glenelg away.

Sturt opened impressively with their stars Ken Whelan, Robert Klomp and Rick Davies goaling and indicating they were in form.

The Bays had to chase as Sturt out-paced them and Double Blue forwards snuck away from their opponents.

However, Glenelg moved into top gear in the second term and started to win the ball from the centre square.

Rovers Peter McInerney and Kym Hodgeman ran Mick Numan and Rob Barton ragged while Neville Caldwell got the better of Brenton Miels on a wing and drove the Bays forward repeatedly.

Top gear

Glenelg coach John Nicholls had David Holst shadowing Robert Klomp while Jim Lihou was fol-

lowing Paul Bagshaw. McInerney and Hodgeman dropping deep into defence to help Rex Voigt with the sharking.

Sturt just couldn't set up scoring opportunities and it was left to Barton, Miels, and Bagshaw to kick their three goals in the term. The latter pair kicked their majors from deep on the half-forward line.

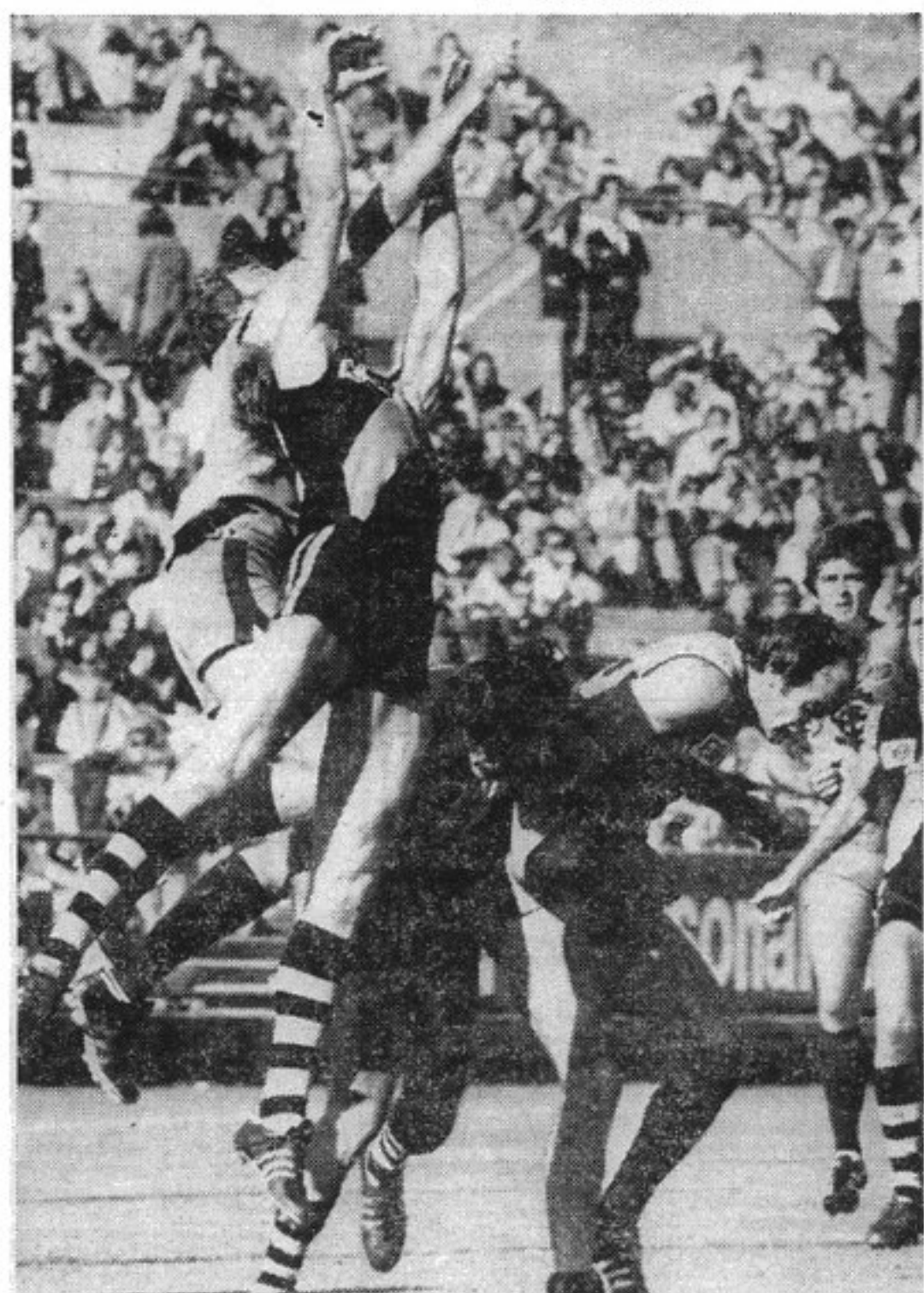
Whereas Sturt had been prepared to win the hard ball early, they allowed the Bay players to do all the burrowing after half time.

Glenelg's desire and dedication was incredible in the term and Sturt were unable to set up scoring avenues.

Glenelg outran Sturt in the final term booting 6.7 while Sturt scrambled together two points.

Glenelg's forward set-up will trouble many teams with Graham Cornes remaining around the square and Steve Copping covering more ground than a marathon runner. At one stage he was getting kicks on centre wing.

Coach John Nicholls hinted after the game that Cornes would probably be shifted further afield later in the season



THE ups and downs of football... Glenelg's Graham Cornes and Sturt's Geoff Lauder reach for the sky as the ball floats toward the Tigers' goalmouth. Colin Casey and Stephen Copping duck to avoid the crunch... and nobody won out!