

# ZOOM! HERE COME TORRENS

By Stephen Middleton

**Hold on to your hats sports fans. Here come the Eagles!**

**On the bottom of the premiership table three weeks ago, they swept into the top five yesterday with another desperate win—this time over Glenelg.**

## Three more bad injuries

This year's spate of knee problems continued yesterday with dynamic West back pocket Kevin Beswick and West Torrens sharp-shooter Chris Kellett suffering severely.

And Centrals' full back Bill Cochrane spent the night in hospital after tearing tendons from a joint in the fourth finger of his left hand.

Centrals medical staff said Cochrane would probably miss at least two matches.

Both Beswick and Kellett suffered ligament damage and their futures are clouded. They will have examinations today but club predictions are gloomy.

Beswick hobbled from the ground early in the first quarter against Port and his knee was packed in ice. He was on crutches last night. There was not much swelling, but Beswick was immobile.

Kellett was carried from the ground on a stretcher early in the second quarter against Glenelg at Thebarton. Torrens' medical staff said Kellett had strained a cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Glenelg also had two players with leg injuries — Kym Hodgeman left the ground with a bruised ankle and might miss next week, and Paul Weston had treatment for a bruised knee.

Norwood's Michael Gregg strained a knee in the first 10 minutes. An examination today will shed more light on his injury.

## Straddling

For Glenelg the pressure is really on, as they face the prospect of Port next week, a midweek NFL match against VFA side, Coburg three days later, and then league leaders, Sturt the following Saturday.

It was Sturt who tossed Centrals out of the five to make way for the Eagles, but holding fifth spot on the league ladder is like straddling a greasy pole these days, with Woodville out to join Torrens and Centrals on five wins today when they meet North at Football Park.

North will be out to win today's game to keep in touch of the fifth spot. Next week's round pits four of the bottom five sides

against each other and this could help Torrens to slip away briefly from the other contenders for fifth spot.

Meanwhile, Sturt's Mr. Magic, Paul Bagshaw, passed the half-way mark to "bagging" 100 goals for the season when he shot through another five goals against Centrals yesterday.

Sturt's win has ensured a finals berth for them, so Bagshaw still has at least another 11 games to kick the 49 goals he needs.

But the Max George bubble burst yesterday when the Bulldog forward was restricted to three goals after notching 10 in each of the previous two games.

George is second on the goal kicking ladder with 36 goals from his six games.

Last week it was West who fell to the Eagles as they began to flex their wings after thrashing Norwood a week earlier.

It was after that win that Neil Kerley said the Eagles were back in the premiership race and they justified his optimism yesterday.

With matches scheduled against North and South in the next two rounds, Torrens should be flying high by the time they meet Port on July 9.

# Magic Eagles burst the Bay bubble

Torrens 14-7, Glenelg 8-8

**West Torrens finally burst the Glenelg bubble with four quarters of desperation football which sent them scorching into the final five.**

The one quarter efforts which have been winning Tigers games disappeared yesterday as the Eagles soared to their third win in a row.

The Thebarton ground erupted with the theme tune from "Rocky" as the triumphant Torrens fighters, mud splattered and exhausted ran out winners by 37 points.

## Superb

Glenelg, who in past weeks have been setting up winning scores in the first quarter, didn't have a goal on the scoreboard until time-on period of the second term.

It was only a five goal last term that saved them any face at all.

The Torrens side played such a superb team game that when it came time to pick their best it was hard to leave anyone out.

Right from the first bounce it was the centre-line trio of Bruce Lindsay, Richard Manouge and Kevin McSporrán who pushed the Eagles forward.

One could have been excused for thinking Neil Kerley made a secret trip down to the Thebarton Oval on Friday night to turn on the sprinklers. The ground was very heavy right from the start and the Torrens players loved it.

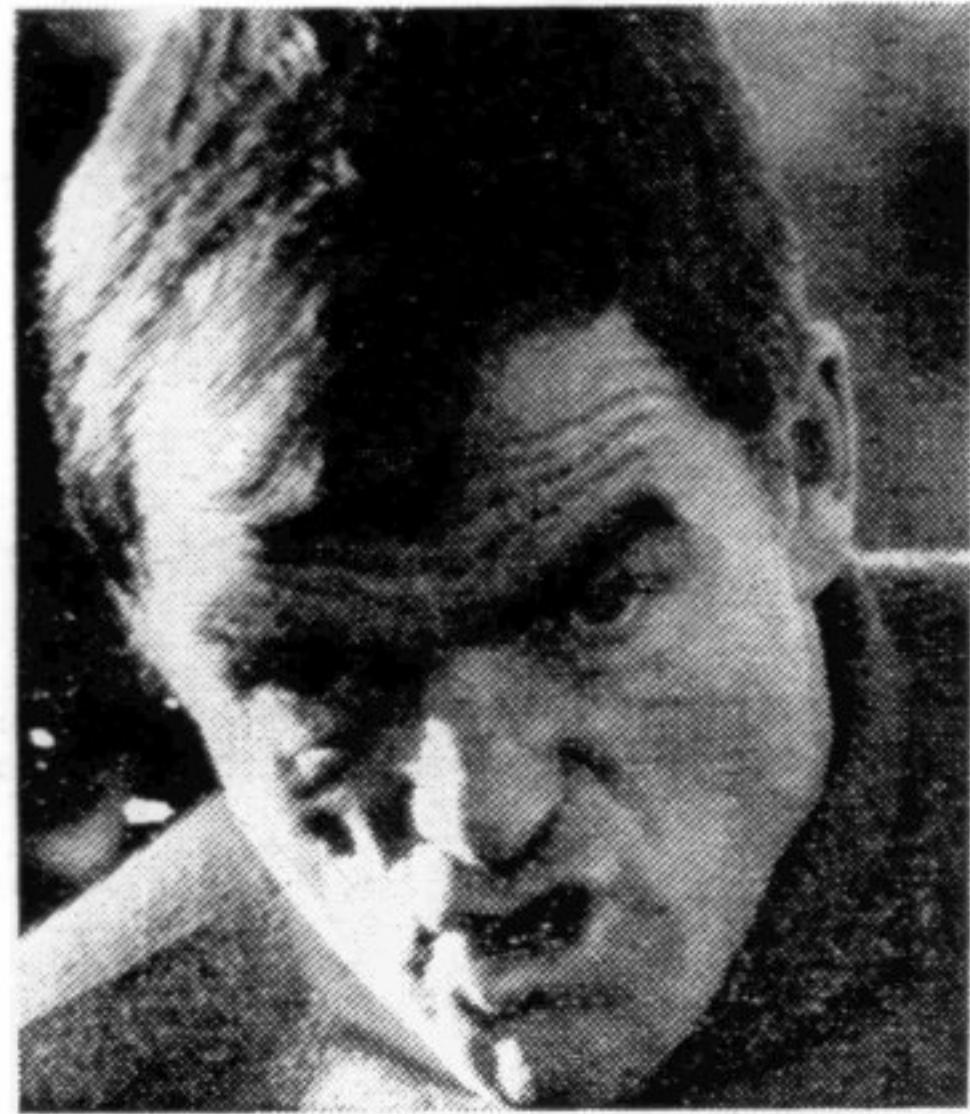
Even without Tardif and Paech the Glenelg side looked top heavy.

They couldn't pace it with the smaller, robust Eagles. It was especially players like Jackman, Hank and the centreline who continually burrowed into packs, pushed the ball out and ran it in numbers to the forward line.

It was then Hanna, Roberts and Miller who finished off their good work.

Glenelg did get within

By Stephen Price



"YOU will win" . . . Torrens coach Neil Kerley forces the message home at half time.

16 points of the Eagle half-way through the final term. The crowd hushed and it was as if the Torrens supporters thought the Tigers could perhaps run over them.

It wasn't to be as Phillipou put through an inspiring goal, followed by one from Pavlich and another from Miller.

## Duels

The ruck duels did not have a great bearing on the game. Carey and Inglis fought out the taps most of the day with Inglis getting good support from Rendell.

MacVicar played poorly. The Torrens rovers Jackman, Hank and Bennett all picked up bags of kicks. Hank, who has been shining for Torrens in recent weeks, put in another good one.

Jackman and McInerney were easily the best rovers on the field.

Torrens' half-back and half-forward lines combined brilliantly to drive the Eagles on. Large packs developed all over the ground and it was obviously under instructions that the Eagles kept it congested.

The best individual effort undoubtedly came from Glenelg's tireless captain.

Graham Cornes was superb. He had 36 touches and continually tried to lift his side. Despite the sticky conditions he held big marks, shovelled out handballs and urged the Tigers on.

The most pleasing aspect from Torrens' win was their total desperation and it didn't take a great game from "Rocky" Roberts to lift them.



WEST TORRENS were well on top of Glenelg all day . . . but that didn't stop Tiger Chris Hercock from trying his best. Despite a "wall" of Eagle players, including Mark Hewitt (left), Ian Hanna (on ground) and Henry Dabrowski, Hercock still managed to get this kick away.

## SPINNING WHEEL TYRES LEAGUE DETAILS

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	12	11	1	1646	1020	22	61.74
Glenelg	12	10	2	1366	1092	20	55.57
Norwood	12	8	4	1212	872	16	58.61
Port	12	7	5	1183	1159	14	50.51
Torrens	12	5	7	1123	1218	10	47.97
Centrals	12	5	7	1169	1383	10	45.81
Woodville	11	4	7	1101	1255	8	44.62
West	12	3	9	967	1140	6	45.89
North	11	3	8	1126	1376	6	45.00
South	12	3	9	1013	1301	6	43.78

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
Bagshaw (Sturt)	5.2	11	51.22
George (Centrals)	3.4	6	36.25
T. Evans (Port)	3.1	12	34.27
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	0.1	12	34.19
Winter (Sturt)	3.2	12	32.23
Phillis (Glenelg)	0.1	7	28.13
Saywell (Centrals)	2.2	12	28.13
Copping (Glenelg)	2.1	12	27.18

### ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	3-2	7-8	12-10	15-19	109
South	2-0	3-1	5-4	5-9	39

BEST-STURT: Davies, Klomp, Heinrich, Bagshaw, Howard, Burgess, Casey. CENTRALS: Vivian, W. Cochrane, Swinstead, Boehm, Nalder.

SCORERS-STURT: Heinrich 6.3, Davies 5.4, Bagshaw 5.2, Sims 4.0, Winter 3.2, Hunt 2.1, Barton 1.4, Burgan 0.1, Howard 0.1, Smith 0.1, Leonard 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: George 3.4, Saywell 2.2, Vivian 2.1, Rae 1.1, Nicks 1.0, Swinstead 1.0, Graham 1.0, Norsworthy 0.1, Wilson 0.1, Luenert 0.1, O'Brien 0.1, Sibenthaler 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES-CENTRALS: W. Cochrane (torn tendons in fourth finger of left hand (fourth quarter), Mobbs (bruised thumb), Chird.

UMPIRES—Peter Mead, Trevor Thomas.

### THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	1-1	5-3	8-3	14-7	91
Glen.	0-2	1-3	3-6	8-8	56

BEST-TORRENS: White, Jackman, McSporrán, Manouge, Roberts, Lindsay. GLENELG: Cornes, McInerney, Copping, Weston, MacFarlane, Carey.

SCORERS-TORRENS: Hanna 3.0, Miller 3.1, Roberts 2.2, Pavlich 2.2, Jackman 1.0, McSporrán 1.0, Hank 1.0, Phillipou 1.0, Manouge 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Copping 2.1, Weston 2.2, MacFarlane 1.0, Caldwell 1.0, Farquar 1.0, Rady 1.0, Carey 0.1, Cornes 0.1, Hodgeman 0.1, Lihou 0.1, Phillis 0.1.

INJURIES-TORRENS: Kellett (strained cruciate ligaments on second quarter). GLENELG: Hodgeman (bruised ankle on third quarter), Weston (bruised knee).

UMPIRES—Roger Masor, Brenton O'Connor.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	7-6	11-10	20-19	26-22	178
Cent.	4-1	5-6	6-7	11-14	80

BEST-NORWOOD: Taylor, Rosser, Button, Woodcock, Phillis, Von Bertouch, Stasinowsky, Clarke. SOUTH: Palmer, Baynes, Hately, Hines.

SCORERS-NORWOOD: Woodcock 5.1, Phillis 3.2, Von Bertouch 3.2, Michalanne 2.3, Gallagher 1.2, Adler 1.0, Rosser 0.2, Armour 0.2, Clarke 0.1, Sapwell 0.1, Button 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Bennett 1.1, Cox 1.0, Butler 1.0, Lyons 1.0, Cotter 1.0, Hately 0.3, Mousley 0.1, Doyie 0.1, Slatery 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES-NORWOOD: Gregg (knee) in first quarter. Adler (hamstring); Dunstan (ankle) in last quarter.

UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth, Mark Coombe.

### RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-2	6-7	11-9	13-14	92
West	5-5	8-5	10-8	11-10	76

BEST-PORT: Natt, Cahill, Clifford, Cunningham, Kinnear, Batt, Phillips. WEST: Summerton, Williams, Loveday, Morris, Meuret, Weideman.

SCORERS-PORT: Batt 4.0, Evans 3.1, Cahill 3.1, Burton 1.3, Natt 1.1, Curtis 1.1, Kinnear 0.3, Clifford 0.1, Porphyria 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: Meuret 3.2, Weideman 2.1, Loveday 2.0, Morris 1.2, Drew 1.0, Grimwood 1.0, Robertson 1.0, Williams 0.2, Reynolds 0.1, Davoren 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURY-WEST: Beswick (knee ligaments) during first quarter.

UMPIRES—Des Foster and Rick Kinnear.

### CROWDS

Football Park	7,679
Adelaide Oval	7,335
Thebarton	7,205
Richmond	6,825
Total	29,036

### PROGRAM

SATURDAY: North-Torrens (Football Park), Sturt-Norwood (Unley), Glenelg-Port (Glenelg), Woodville-West (Woodville).

SUNDAY: South-Centrals (Adelaide)