

# Thump! \$35,000 Roberts hit for 6

By Stephen Middleton

A bone-crushing encounter between Glenelg and West Torrens at Football Park yesterday cost the Eagles two players.

Their \$35,000 prodigal son, Neville Roberts, will be out for at least six weeks with a fractured left cheekbone.

And half-forward Mark Pavlich, will miss four games with a dislocated shoulder.

Torrens had managed to stay within touch of Glenelg until half-time, but the Bays raced away with the match in the third quarter.

Central Districts suffered the same fate against Sturt, when the Blues applied the pressure in the third term at Elizabeth.

And there was plenty of excitement at Alberton Oval, where Port pulled off a 19-point win over West.

The game came to a standstill for four minutes in the second quarter when 20 players were involved in

a scuffle which began when Port's Darrell Cahill clashed heavily with West's Geoff Morris.

Port ruckman John Spry and West strongman Ray Hayes raced to lend a hand and suddenly the umpires had their hands full as 20 players pushed, shoved and punched each other.

At Woodville Oval the Peckers won their first match for the season when they held off a strong-finishing North side, while South were never in the race against Norwood at the Parade.

Roberts' injury was a bitter blow to Torrens. He led the Eagles to their upset win over Norwood last week in his second game since returning from Richmond in the VFL.

Roberts underwent an operation at Calvary Hospital last night.

He was taken there at half-time after the Eagles'

doctor took him out of the match.

Mark Pavlich has dislocated his left shoulder. He has previously had trouble with repeated dislocation of his right shoulder.

## Stitches

Pavlich left the ground early in the first quarter.

North's Paul Ah Chee also dislocated a shoulder when he fell heavily in the third quarter of the match against Woodville.

Ah Chee flew high over a pack in an attempt to mark and crashed to the ground.

The injury to Roberts highlighted a disturbing aspect of yesterday's round — the incidence of head injuries.

Torrens' rover Barry Hank had six stitches put in a cut over his eye after being elbowed, and Woodville captain Frank Stemper and teammate Lindsay Heaven also had cut eyes stitched.

Sturt's Nigel Wark was another to go down with a head injury. He had several stitches in his temple after a heavy clash at Elizabeth.

## LEAGUE DETAILS

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	2-3	5-11	14-16	16-26	122
Torr.	2-3	5-4	8-9	9-14	68

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Weston, Hodgeman, Bradley, McInerney, Copping, Phillis, Carey. TORRENS: Manouge, Marriott, Inglis, McSparran, Faletic.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Phillis 5.5, Carey 3.1, Hodgeman 2.4, Whiting 2.2, Tardif 2.2, Paech 1.1, Sopping 1.0, Caldwell 0.3, McInerney 0.3, Weston 0.2, D. Johnston 0.2, Bradley 0.1. TORRENS: Faletic 2.2, Inglis 2.1, Marriott 1.2, McSparran 1.2, Hank 1.1, Jackman 1.0, Phillipou 1.0, Hamill 0.2, Rendell 0.2, Payne 0.1, N. Roberts 0.1.

INJURIES—TORRENS: Neville Roberts, depressed fracture of cheekbone, in second quarter; Mark Pavlich, dislocated shoulder in first quarter.

UMPIRES—Trevor Thomas, Roger Magor.

### ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-6	6-8	18-16	23-20	158
Cent.	3-0	8-3	9-5	11-10	76

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Davies, Graham, Burgan, Sims, Casey, Derrington, Klomp. CENTRALS: R. Cochrane, Saywell, Swinestead, Mobbs, Vivian, Kreig.

SCORERS—STURT: Bagshaw 5.2, Whelan 4.1, Winter 3.3, Pettigill 3.3, Graham 2.1, Davies 2.0, Derrington 1.3, Burgan 1.0, Sims 1.0, Hargreaves 1.0, Smith 0.2, Barton 0.1, Mutton 0.1, Howard 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: Saywell 4.0, Van Dommelle 2.0, Rae 2.0, Krieg 1.1, Wilson 1.1, Naider 1.0, Skinner 0.2, Beythien 0.1, Wylie 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES—STURT: Weatherald (second quarter) bruised hip, Wark (third quarter) cut head. CENTRALS: Beythien (third) sprained ankle, Norsworthy (first) shoulder.

UMPIRES—L. Argent, D. Rebbeck.

### NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	2-3	7-7	11-10	15-13	103
South	1-4	4-7	5-9	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Button, Gregg, Von Bertouch, Taylor, Dunstan, Jenkins. SOUTH: Palmer, Hinea, Earl, Dry, Butler, Harradine.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Sapwell 3.2, Michalanney 2.2, Colasante 2.1, Armour 2.1, Von Bertouch 1.0, Finenemann 1.0, Nicholson 1.0, Rosser 1.1, Dunstan 1.3, Gallagher 1.1, Palm 0.1, Zubrinich 0.1. SOUTH: Fuller 3.0, Hines 1.1, Butler 1.0, Linke 1.1, Harradine 1.1, Hateley 1.0, Schultz 0.2, Slattery 0.1, Fry 0.1, Earl 0.1, Dry 0.1, rushed 1.

INJURIES—NORWOOD: Woodcock (first quarter) thigh, Rosser (last quarter) bruised foot. SOUTH: Fry (last quarter) groin.

UMPIRES—Peter Mead, Jim Field.

### ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-1	8-6	14-11	15-15	105
West	5-3	6-6	11-6	13-8	86

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Ebert, Sorrell, Kinnear, Granger, Phillips, Cahill. WEST: Kennedy, Williams, Hagen, Grimwood, Robertson, Morris.

SCORERS—PORT: Sorrell 6.1, Phillips 2.2, Cahill 2.0, Belton 1.2, Kinnear 1.2, T. Evans 1.1, Enright 1.0, Ebert 1.0, Cunningham 0.1, Bradmore 0.1, Giles 0.1, rushed 0.4. WEST: Morris 4.0, Meuret 3.0, Hagen 2.1, Davoren 1.2, Ravlich 1.1, Loveday 1.0, Hayes 1.0, Donaldson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Bob Scholefield.

### WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'ville	4-4	11-6	16-9	18-13	121
North	4-2	8-3	10-6	18-8	116

BEST — WOODVILLE: Maylin, Sewer, Hutton, Coudraye, Roberts, D. Hewitt, G. Hewitt. NORTH: Doszna, Jaworskyj, R. Diorio, Tiller, B. Robran.

SCORERS — WOODVILLE: Roberts 7.2, D. Hewitt 3.2, Hutton 3.1, G. Hewitt 2.1, Sewer 1.4, Nicholls 1.0, Maylin 1.0, Ford 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: B. Robran 5.0, Tiller 4.1, Hill 3.1, Cloke 2.2, R. Diorio 2.0, W. Stringer 1.0, Neve 1.0, Doszna 0.1, Roach 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Goodingham (hamstrings), Heaven (cut over eye), Stemper (cut over eye). All expected to play next week. None were forced to leave field. NORTH: B. Stringer (dislocated thumb, second quarter), Ah Chee (dislocated right shoulder, third quarter).

UMPIRES: Colin Steinert, Ric Charlesworth.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
				For	Agst.		
Sturt	3	3	—	413	276	6	59.94
Glenelg	3	3	—	354	245	6	59.09
Norwood	3	2	1	253	223	4	53.15
Port	3	2	1	307	275	4	52.75
Centrals	3	2	1	316	355	4	48.54
West	3	1	2	301	301	2	50.00
Torrens	3	1	2	270	315	2	46.15
Woodville	3	1	2	296	363	2	44.92
North	3	—	3	318	369	—	46.29
South	3	—	3	252	377	—	40.06

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
D. K. PHILLIS (Glenelg)	5.5	3	17.5
P. BAGSHAW (Sturt)	5.2	3	11.6
N. PETINGILL (Sturt)	3.3	3	11.3
T. SORRELL (Port)	6.1	2	10.4
J. ROBERTS (Woodville)	7.2	3	9.8
F. CLOKE (North)	2.2	3	9.7
B. WINTER (Sturt)	3.3	3	9.7
N. ROBERTS (Torrens)	0.1	3	8.4
K. WHELAN (Sturt)	4.1	3	8.4

### CROWDS

Football Park	12,860
Alberton	12,267
Elizabeth	11,110
Norwood	8,487
Woodville	3,214
TOTAL	47,938

### PROGRAM

SATURDAY: South v. Central (Football Park); North v. Torrens (Prospect); West v. Woodville (Richmond). ANZAC DAY: Port v. Glenelg (Football Park); Norwood v. Sturt (Norwood).

### INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

MELBOURNE: North Melbourne 16-15, Hawthorn 12-14; Essendon 15-13, Fitzroy 14-17; Carlton 13-20, Melbourne 11-19; Geelong 21-14, Footscray 10-16; Richmond 16-14, drew with St. Kilda 15-20; South Melbourne 18-11, Collingwood 14-18. SYDNEY: Balmain 17 (Grant, Naylor, Ryan tries, Muggleton 3, Miranda goals) d. Parramatta, 11 (Glover, try, Cronin 4 goals). PERTH: Perth 17-15, West Perth 11-9; Claremont 26-18; Swan Districts 14-18; South Fremantle 23-19; Subiaco 14-11; East Perth 22-8, East Fremantle 13-12.

# Torrens drown in Tigers' 9-goal deluge

They say you have to play 100 minutes of football to win games, but Glenelg proved that's not so when they swamped Torrens at Football Park yesterday.

The Bays won it in the third quarter when they piled on nine goals to leave Torrens floundering.

For Glenelg it was a much happier showing than their patchy performance against West. For the Eagles it was a disappointing display that took the gloss off last week's win over Norwood.

Eagles supporters looking for excuses could start with the psychological effect of the loss of Neville Roberts and Mark Pavlich when Torrens were forced to play the last half without any interchange players.

And they could also claim they received the short end of a disappointing display by the umpires.

But if they want to be objective about the whole thing they ought to forget about those two elements and concentrate on Glenelg's superiority in ruck, across half-back, at full forward and at centre.

Torrens' poor disposal, their ineffective handball, and their failure to make a direct attack at the goals were other factors.

Add to this the way Glenelg beat Torrens to the ball when it came off hands and you have the real reasons for the final result.

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## Vigorous

Torrens were unable to reproduce the football that carried them to last week's upset win over Norwood.

The game was played hard and tight — that's why it was rarely brilliant. Tackling was vigorous and very quick, forcing both teams into fundamental errors such as badly directed kicking and poor handball.

Glenelg were in control in ruck, however, and this was the beginning of the end for Torrens.

With Kym Hodgeman and Peter McInerney picking up the many hit-outs of Bob Paech, Bob Tardif and Peter Carey, they were able to shovel the ball goalward with a regularity that eventually wore down the Eagle defence.

## Supreme

Paul Weston, again in sensational form at centre, was another prolific ball-winner, and he combined brilliantly with the ruck team to set up Fred Phillips in the goals.

The big marking goal sneak was too good for Bob Alexander and but for

some inaccuracy could have finished with a goal tally in double figures.

Kevin McSparran, Richard Manouge and Greg White kept pushing Torrens forward from the centreline, but the Bay defence was again supreme. Michael Farquhar at centre half-back cut Torrens' direct line to goal, while David Bradley and Steve Hywood were almost impassable on the flanks.

Maybe that was why Torrens seemed to lack any direction in attack. They pushed the ball all over Football Park without any real method and obviously lacked a full forward capable of duplicating Phillis's efforts.

## Flashing

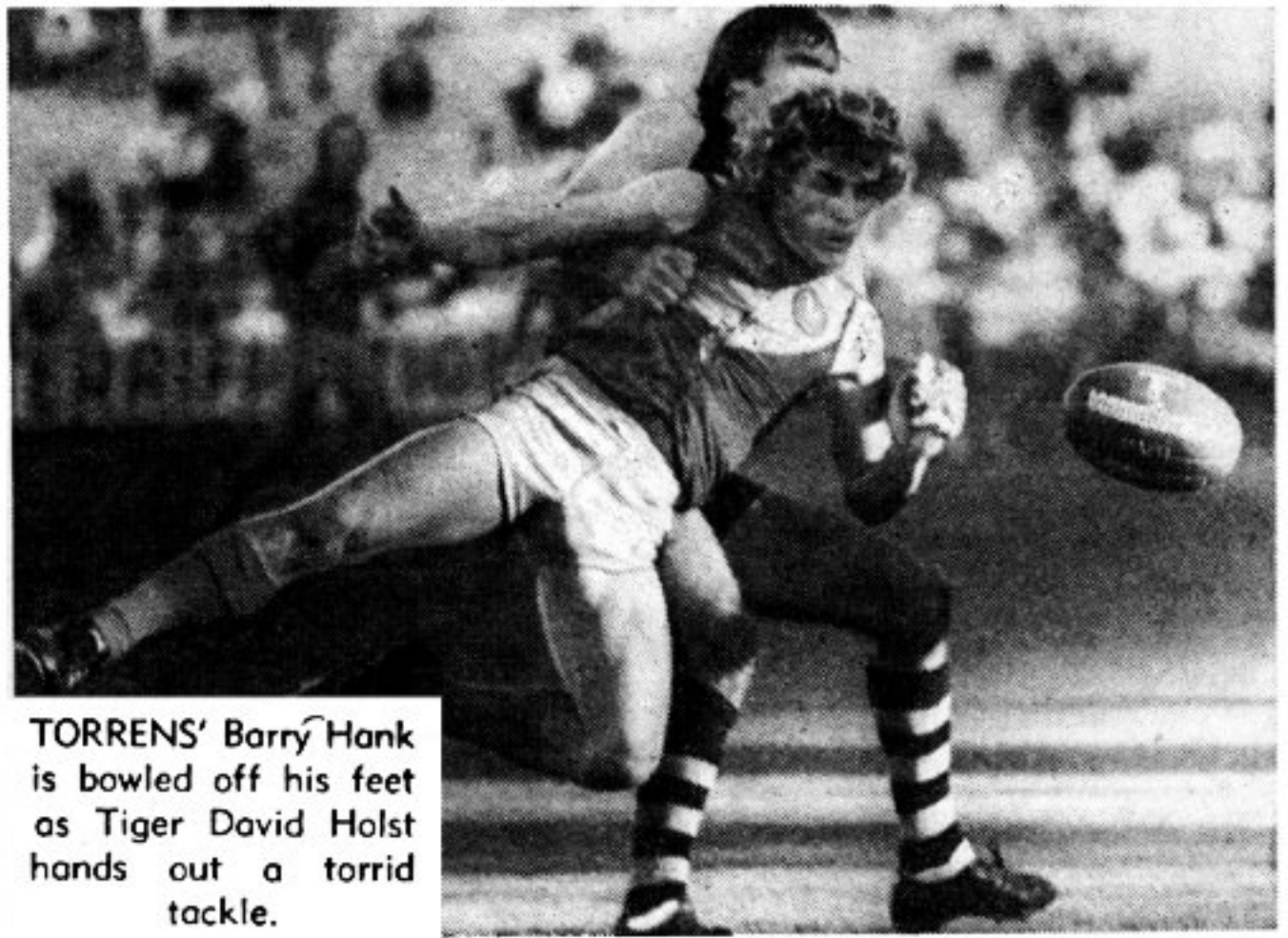
Conversely, the Eagle backline found the continued Glenelg thrusts at goal too much and eventually succumbed.

In that tearaway third quarter, when every Glenelg player did it the way John Nicholls asked them to, Torrens had no answer.

It was a matter of winning the centre bounce, getting the ball to either of the rovers or Weston, and then flashing it to the willing arms of Phillis and Peter Carey.

By the end of that quarter Torrens knew they were beaten, and so did Glenelg.

The last quarter was a coast home for both sides.



TORRENS' Barry Hank is bowled off his feet as Tiger David Holst hands out a torrid tackle.