

Merciless Tigers devour Magpies

By MIKE COWARD

Glenelg, giving vent to feeling uneasily harbored since September 24 last year, was merciless in its demolition of Port Adelaide at Football Park yesterday.

Before an excited crowd of 27,702, Glenelg supported its renowned skills with a mind-blowing ruthlessness to avenge its eight point defeat in last year's grand final.

Much to the chagrin of everyone attached to Glenelg, Port entered the match with its head held high as the reigning champion of SA football.

It emerged from the confrontation on its knees, like some punch-drunk pug who had gone one round too many.

Glenelg played with such power and authority that it is possible it will soon establish a North Melbourne-style domination of the competition.

However, not for a moment during the first half was there a suggestion that a rout was imminent.

It was a desperately even contest played with tremendous intensity and at break-neck speed.

And, as ever, in contests between the two clubs, there was more than a sprinkling of spite.

The most dramatic incident came during the hectic opening when Peter Carey was struck across the right ear well behind the play.

There were further scuffles throughout the day, David Johnston revealing little affection for Trevor Sorrell and Mike Farquhar little fondness for Jon Evans.

One positional change by Glenelg coach John Nicholls was the principal reason for Glenelg's assault in the second half.

He moved Johnston from a wing to a half-forward flank.

The sprint champion, who had worked hard to stay in touch with Bruce Light in the first hour, suddenly ran amok.

With his body arched, he darted in and out of spaces to disorganise the Port defence.

Within 15 minutes he had kicked three goals and engineered another with a startling handball to the brilliant Paul Weston.

Weston's domination of the centre was another significant reason for the Glenelg eruption.

Glenelg	1.4	4.9	10.10	18.14	(122)
Port	3.4	4.5	5.6	7.6	(48)

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg: Carey, Phillis 4.2, Whiting 3.1, D. Johnston 3.0, Hodgeman 2.1, Weston, Copping 1.0, Davison 0.2, McInerney, Tordif 0.1, rushed 0.4. Port: Cahill 2.3, Hannon 2.1, Bolton, Curtis, Spry 1.0, Evans 0.2.

BEST — Glenelg: Hodgeman, Cornes, Weston, McInerney, Carey, Farquhar, D. Johnston, Voigt. Port: Kinnear, Spry, Cahill, Ebert.

Umpires—P. Mead, D. Foster.

It kicked a staggering 14.5 to 3.1 in the second half.

It was fascinating watching the Weston-Ebert duel. Ebert's opening was better, but late in the second term Weston began to take control. His authority was unchallenged in the last hour.

Some of Weston's football was Ebert-like. A spinning chest mark at full pace in the face of a speeding body and a spectacular ruck leap and 15-metre scoop into the arms of exciting Peter Whiting for a goal, smacked of genius.

When Weston was unable to design the method of operation. Kym Hodgeman and Graham Cornes willingly shouldered the responsibility.

Hodgeman, who ran his little legs into the ground, and Cornes, who did much of his most valuable work when it most mattered, did not waste an opportunity.

Glenelg had many winning players. Peter McInerney was a splendid, bold assistant to Hodgeman, Carey was spasmodically brilliant, while Farquhar showed signs that he could develop into an accomplished centre half-back.

Not even a slippery ball — there was heavy rain during the second term — and the confounded wind which roared into the north-east pocket all day, troubled the supremely confident and adaptable Glenelg unit.

Crowds

FOOTBALL PARK (Gl. v. PA)	27,702
NORWOOD OVAL (Nr. v. St.)	19,270
Total	46,972
Season agg.	204,870

Trophy bid by Weston

Glenelg centreman Paul Weston named among the best three on the ground for the third time yesterday, is challenging for leadership in "The Advertiser" Trophy.

With Sturt follower-centreman Rick Davies he has drawn within three points of Woodville centreman Ralph Sewer who on Saturday scored his third successive best-on-ground vote.

Yesterday's stars at Football Park and Norwood Oval were—

NORWOOD OVAL	
P. Hargreaves (St)	3
M. Graham (St)	2
R. Klomp (St)	1
FOOTBALL PARK	
K. Hodgeman (G)	3
G. Cornes (G)	2
P. Weston (G)	1
Leaders are—	
9—Sewer (W)	
6—Davies (St), Weston (G)	
5—Kennedy (WA), Beythien (CD), Button (N), Hodgeman (G)	
4—Hill (NA), Hines (SA), Cornes (G), Swinstead (CD), Graham (St)	
3—Clope (NA), Williams (WA), Phillis (G), N. Roberts (WT), Gallagher (N), Hargreaves (St), Burgan (St), Cunningham (PA), Ebert (PA)	

Miserable winter at the Parade

Sturt	4.5	7.8	12.10	14.13	(97)
Norwood	2.2	4.8	7.13	7.21	(63)

By GEOFF KINGSTON

Norwood seems destined for a long and miserable winter following its heavy 34 point loss to Sturt at Norwood Oval yesterday.

Sure, it was without some players, but its technique against the tough and skilful Sturt side was questionable.

It could not develop a consistent kickgetter in attack all day and it must have hurt coach Bob Hammond to know he had one of the best centre half forwards in Australia, Brian Adamson, sitting in Adelaide unable to play.

The big spenders on the Parade must be convinced to open their wallets.

Without a consistent winner in at least one of the key attack positions, Norwood can not consider itself a finals threat.

Without key players getting kicks inside centre Norwood was forced to improvise every time it went forward and against any kind of serious defence that just won't work.

Norwood probably had enough chances in attack but it invariably faltered under pressure and sprayed the ball haphazardly around the scoring zone.

In the last half it kicked shockingly for a total of 3.13 to Sturt's 7.5.

Nell Button played a big game in ruck particularly early but the rovers Terry Von Bertouch, Greg Nicholson, and later Trevor Sapwell, could not get the ball clear of the quick, aggressive Sturt packs.

One exception was wingman Phil Gallagher, who worked the ball clear of the defence many times only to watch his efforts rebound over his head as Robbert Klomp and Co. took control.

It was Sturt's fierce attack on the ball and the player with the ball that most upset Norwood.

From the tough power-smothering defence led by Klomp, with consistent support from Geoff Wiseman, Nigel Wark and Colin Casey, to the devastating Mike Graham and Gary Mutton on the wings, Sturt generated enormous drive.

Peter Hargreaves offset Button's influence in ruck with a superb game around the ground.

He marked strongly all day, particularly in defence and his running, handball and kicking created a lot of chances for the rovers Robbie Barton and Jim Derrington.

Derrington worried Grant Zubrinich all day and was a constant threat around the goals, getting four himself and making opportunities all over the forward lines.

Norwood's only clear winner in defence was Danny Jenkins on a half-back flank.

Stephen Kerley was unable to get the ball at centre half-back, and Norwood was more than a little lucky that Ken Whelan failed to capitalise on his chances.

He got his hands to the ball often enough to be a convincing winner.

GOALKICKERS — Sturt: Derrington 4.1, Whelan 3.4, Barton 2.2, Winter 2.0, Burgan, Bagshaw, Roberts 1.0, Pettin-gill 0.2, Smith, Hargreaves 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Colasante 2.2, Gallagher 1.4, Woodcock 1.2, Von Bertouch 1.2, Fiennemann 1.1, Nicholson 1.0, Palm 0.4, Olsen, Taylor, Sapwell, Gregg 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST — Sturt: Hargreaves, Graham, Klomp, Mutton, Barton, Derrington, Burgan. Norwood: Taylor, Gallagher, Button, Jenkins, Palm, Olsen.
Umpires — R. Charlesworth, R. Magor.

Next series

SATURDAY	
Football Park (Nd. v. Wd.)	
Alberton Oval (PA v. NA)	
Glenelg Oval (Gl. v. St.)	
Thebarton Oval (WT v. SA)	
SUNDAY	
Elizabeth Oval (CD v. WA)	

Premiership table

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
GLENELG	4	—	476	292	8	62.0
STURT	4	—	510	339	8	60.1
NORWOOD	2	2	316	320	4	49.7
PORT ADELAIDE	2	2	355	397	4	47.2
WOODVILLE	2	2	395	445	4	47.0
CENTRAL DISTRICT	2	2	394	454	4	46.4
NORTH ADELAIDE	1	3	467	472	2	49.7
WEST ADELAIDE	1	3	382	400	2	48.8
SOUTH ADELAIDE	1	3	371	456	2	44.9
WEST TORRENS	1	3	373	464	2	44.6

Leading goalkickers

	Yest.	Matches	Total
D. PHILLIS (Glenelg)	4.2	4	21.10
CLOPE (North Adelaide)	—	4	13.11
J. ROBERTS (Woodville)	—	4	13.8
BAGSHAW (Sturt)	1.0	4	12.6
SAYWELL (Central District)	—	4	12.2
WHELAN (Sturt)	3.3	4	11.7
WINTER (Sturt)	2.0	4	11.7
PETTINGILL (Sturt)	0.2	4	11.5