

BLUES' BOLD NEW BREED

Oatey puts the glitter back again

By Stephen Middleton

That football magician, Jack Oatey, has done it again!

As he did in the mid sixties he has reshaped the Sturt side and now they are glittering back to their well-known stardom.

After the disappointments of 1977, when Sturt tumbled from first to seventh, Oatey and his club administrators put together a new-look team for this season. Into it they injected new life by promoting their outstanding youngsters and let them loose on SA football.

When they beat Norwood at the Parade on Anzac Day they gave the football public something to think about, but yesterday, when they whipped Glenelg at the Bay they sounded their loudest battle challenge.

Glenelg's crushing win on Tuesday over 1977 premiers Port, set the Bays up as favorites for yesterday's match of the day and had Glenelg fans saving up for grand final tickets.

But Sturt set their sights on the 1978 premiership at the end of last season and yesterday showed they will be an immense threat in Sep-

tember. With five games played without a loss, Sturt hit the front in the premiership race yesterday. South's win over Torrens at Thebarton cast grave doubts on the Eagles' chances of making the finals.

Feted as the season's improvers before the first match, Torrens have managed only one win — a shock victory over Norwood in the second round.

Torrens stayed on the bottom of the table despite Port's crushing win over North.

Meanwhile, Port and Norwood moved one game clear of South on fifth spot but a win for Centrals against West at Elizabeth today could see the Bulldogs move into the five.

Yesterday's round was a disappointment to three coaches in particular — Barrie Robran, Neil Kerley and John Nicholls.

Commenting on the huge loss North suffered at the hands of Port, Robran, who

withdrew with flu before the game, said: "It was one of the biggest disappointments I've suffered in a long, long time."

"I'd like to forget it, because we couldn't play that badly again."

Nicholls said: "There were a lot of disappointing aspects in our game. But the players will have learnt a few good lessons from it."

Neil Kerley was a hard man to locate after Torrens' loss to South. Sunday Mail man Graham Fischer could not find him for a comment.

And Norwood coach, Bob Hammond, will be ruling the loss of Neil Button with a sprained ankle in view of the NFL night game Norwood have on Tuesday.

Other injuries out of yesterday's round were relatively minor, with Glenelg's David Bradley in doubt for next week with an ankle injury.

Port's only loss was Tony Hannan with a bruised back. He joins a long list of injured Magpies.

Port have 15 senior players injured but six of them — Andy Porplycia, Robert Whatman, Zane Separovich, Len Warren, Ian Eckerman, and Jon Evans — could be back soon.

LEAGUE DETAILS

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	9-8	17-13	23-17	29-21	195
North	2-0	4-4	5-8	9-11	65

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Light, Sorrell, Granger, Ebert, Cunningham, Curtis Natl. **NORTH:** Gum, Stringer, Roach, Cloke, Downie, Algate.
SCORERS—PORT: Sorrell 9.4, Curtis 5.1, Evans 4.6, Cahill 4.1, Granger 2.4, Cunningham 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Light 1.0, Ebert 1.0, Kinner 1.0, Belton 0.1, Verrill 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORTH:** Tiller 2.1, Algate 2.1, Hill 1.2, Cloke 1.1, Riley 1.1, Diorio 1.0, Gum 1.0, Roach 0.2, Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—PORT: Hannan (bruised back, fourth quarter). **NORTH:** P. Tociacu (concussion, third quarter).
UMPIRES: L. Argent, T. Thomas.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-2	10-4	13-8	18-11	119
Torrens	1-6	4-9	9-12	13-13	91

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Hines, Butler, Hateley, Baynes, Cox, Mousley. **TORRENS:** Inglis, Jackman, Marriott, Green, Rendell, White.
SCORERS—SOUTH: Linke 3.4, Hateley 3.2, Cox 3.1, Bracegirdle 2.0, Harradine 2.0, Rusckulic 1.1, Butler 1.0, Hines 1.0, Farrer 1.0, Dry 1.0, Stringer 0.1. **SATTERLY:** 0.1, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Inglis 4.1, Kelett 3.1, Marriott 2.1, Jackman 2.1, Hank 1.2, Dabrowski 1.1, Hanrahan 0.1, White 0.1, rushed 0.4.
UMPIRES: Ric Charlesworth and Brent O'Connor.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	9-5	12-7	23-11	27-14	176
W'ville	2-1	7-4	8-6	11-9	75

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Armour, Michalanney, Gregg, Nicholson, Gallagher, Flennemann. **WOODVILLE:** Maylin, Sewer, J. Roberts, G. Hewitt, Howard.
SCORERS—NORWOOD: Michalanney 6.1, Armour 4.1, Flennemann 4.1, Adler 3.0, Turbill 3.2, Gallagher 2.3, Dunstan 2.1, Von Bertouch 1.1, Woodcock 1.3, Palm 1.0, Taylor 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Roberts 3.1, Sewer 2.1, Maylin 1.1, Farker 1.0, Nicholls 1.0, Howard 1.2, G. Hewitt 1.0, Sheer 1.0, Hutton 0.1, D. Hewitt 0.1, Krieg 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES—NORWOOD: Neil Button (ankle, first quarter). **WOODVILLE:** Tyrrell (foot, final quarter), Anderson (bruised hand, final quarter).
UMPIRES: Steve Semmler and Denis Rebbeck.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-5	10-8	15-13	23-18	156
Glenelg	3-7	7-8	11-10	17-12	114

BEST—STURT: Klomp, Burgan, Graham, Mutton, Davies, Barton. **GLENELG:** Hodgeman, Caldwell, Weston, Farquhar, Voigt, Tardif.
SCORERS—STURT: Graham 6.3, Whelan 5.3, Winter 4.1, Barton 4.0, Derrington 3.2, Downes 1.0, Davies 0.3, Burgan 0.2, Smith 0.1, Bagshaw 0.1, Mutton 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Phillis 4.0, Hodgeman 3.2, Weston 2.2, Caldwell 2.1, Copping 2.0, Whiting 1.1, Davison 1.1, Carey 1.0, D. Johnson 1.0, Farquhar 0.2, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—STURT: Hargreaves (ankle strain, third quarter). **GLENELG:** Bradley (ankle, second quarter), McInerney (ankle, second quarter).
UMPIRES: Ricky Kinnear, Bob Scholefield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
				For	Agst.		
Sturt	5	5	—	666	453	10	59.51
Glenelg	5	4	1	590	448	8	56.84
Norwood	5	3	2	492	365	6	57.40
Port	5	3	2	550	462	6	54.34
South	5	2	3	490	541	4	47.52
Centrals	4	2	2	388	454	4	46.08
Woodville	5	2	3	470	621	4	43.07
West	4	1	3	382	400	2	48.84
North	5	1	4	532	667	2	44.37
Torrens	5	1	4	464	583	2	44.31

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
			Points
D. K. PHILLIS (GLE. ELG)	4.0	4	25.10
T. SORRELL (PORT)	9.4	4	18.8
K. WHELAN (STURT)	5.3	6	16.10
J. ROBERTS (WOODVILLE)	3.1	5	15.9
B. WINTER (STURT)	4.1	5	15.8
F. CLOKE (NORTH)	1.1	5	14.12
G. LINKE (SOUTH)	3.4	5	12.8
F. BAGSHAW (STURT)	0.1	5	12.7

CROWDS

Football Park	5,875
Alberton	8,947
Thebarton	4,440
Glenelg	16,928
Total	36,190

PROGRAM

Today — Centrals v. West (Elizabeth Oval).
Saturday — North v. Glenelg (Football Park); South v. Woodville (Adelaide Oval); Torrens v. Port (Thebarton); West v. Sturt (Richmond).
Sunday — Norwood v. Centrals (Football Park).

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

PERTH—South Fremantle 19-15, East Perth 18-9; West Perth 21-18, Swan Districts 13-23; East Fremantle 20-18, Perth 10-13; Claremont 24-10, Subiaco 11-15.
TASMANIA—North Hobart 19-14, Hobart 9-10; Sandy Bay 15-12, Glenorchy 7-17; Clarence 15-11, New Norfolk 11-16; Penguin 17-16, East Devonport 11-19; Wynyard 18-19, Devonport 7-11; Coocoe 27-20, Latrobe 9-9; Tasmania Football League 19-7, Northern Tasmania Association 13-13.



Burgan Klomp Caldwell Carey

Sturt 23-18, Glenelg 17-12

Those mighty Blues tamed the Tigers and thumbed their noses at their critics for the second time in five days.

Flexing their muscles, the new-look Blues showed 17,000 fans just how good they really are when they humbled Glenelg on their own ground.

They closed Glenelg's lines of attack and set up their own in a dazzling display of precision football.

Glenelg fans who sat on the roofs of houses around the ground wondered whether it was worth the climb.

Sturt took control from midway through the second quarter and were never headed in their run home for what became a comfortable win.

As they had done against Norwood on Tuesday, Sturt shut out the opposition forwards and dominated the game across centre.

They won the key positions in attack and did as well as Glenelg on the ball.

And, again as they had done against Norwood, they coasted early in the final quarter to let the opposition back into the game.

But once more they were able to pull away when it counted and slammed on six goals in 10 minutes to slam the gate in the Bays' faces.

"It was heady stuff," said Sturt team manager Ted Langridge after the game.

Rookies

"They beat us in too many positions and they were obviously too good on the day," said Glenelg coach John Nicholls.

And between them they summed up the way the game was played.

Jack Oatey knew how to beat Glenelg and his charges did exactly as told to bring about the win.

Robbert Klomp cut Peter Carey right out of the game, Colin Casey made life a headache for Fred Phillis, Bruce Winter gave Sturt the spearhead in attack that Glenelg lacked, and Rick Davies played the game to perfection from centre.

He won the centre bounces when he took them, he was strong in the air when contesting marks, and his disposal was top class, to bring his team-mates into the play.

He was an inspiration to the Sturt rookies, and lifted Gary Mutton on a wing to play a devastating game.

When Glenelg lost David Bradley with an ankle injury Sturt's stocks lifted higher, as Michael Graham found the freedom to move around at will and bag six goals.

In defence, Nigel Wark, Phil Sanders and Geoff Wiseman followed the examples set by Casey and Klomp, and on the ball Tony Burgan was unbeatable.

As Ted Langridge said, it was heady stuff.

Without their key forwards in control, Glenelg ran goalward without any real method, and the goals came the hard way.

Kym Hodgeman kept pushing the ball into attack, but too often it came back over his head until Fred Phillis established himself later in the match.

Peter Carey came out to centre, with Paul Weston moving into centre half-forward, Michael Farquhar went from centre half-back on to the ball, Peter Whiting went to half-back from half-forward... it wasn't as if coach Nicholls didn't shift his side around in a bid to overhaul Sturt.

SUNDAY MAIL—CO-OP BUILDING SOCIETY \$2,000 AWARDS

Player of the month

Kym kicks off on \$200

Dashing Glenelg rover Kym Hodgeman is the first winner of the Sunday Mail-Co-operative Building Society Player of the Month award.

He earned four points from yesterday's game against Sturt and won by three from South Adelaide ruckman Peter Hines.

Hodgeman said after the game it was the best start to a season he has had.

Progress points

- 20—K. Hodgeman (G)
- 17—P. Hines (SA)
- 13—P. Weston (G)
- 12—P. Maylin (W), R. Sewer (W)
- 11—P. Gallagher (N), N. Button (N)



KYM HODGEMAN in smiling mood yesterday.

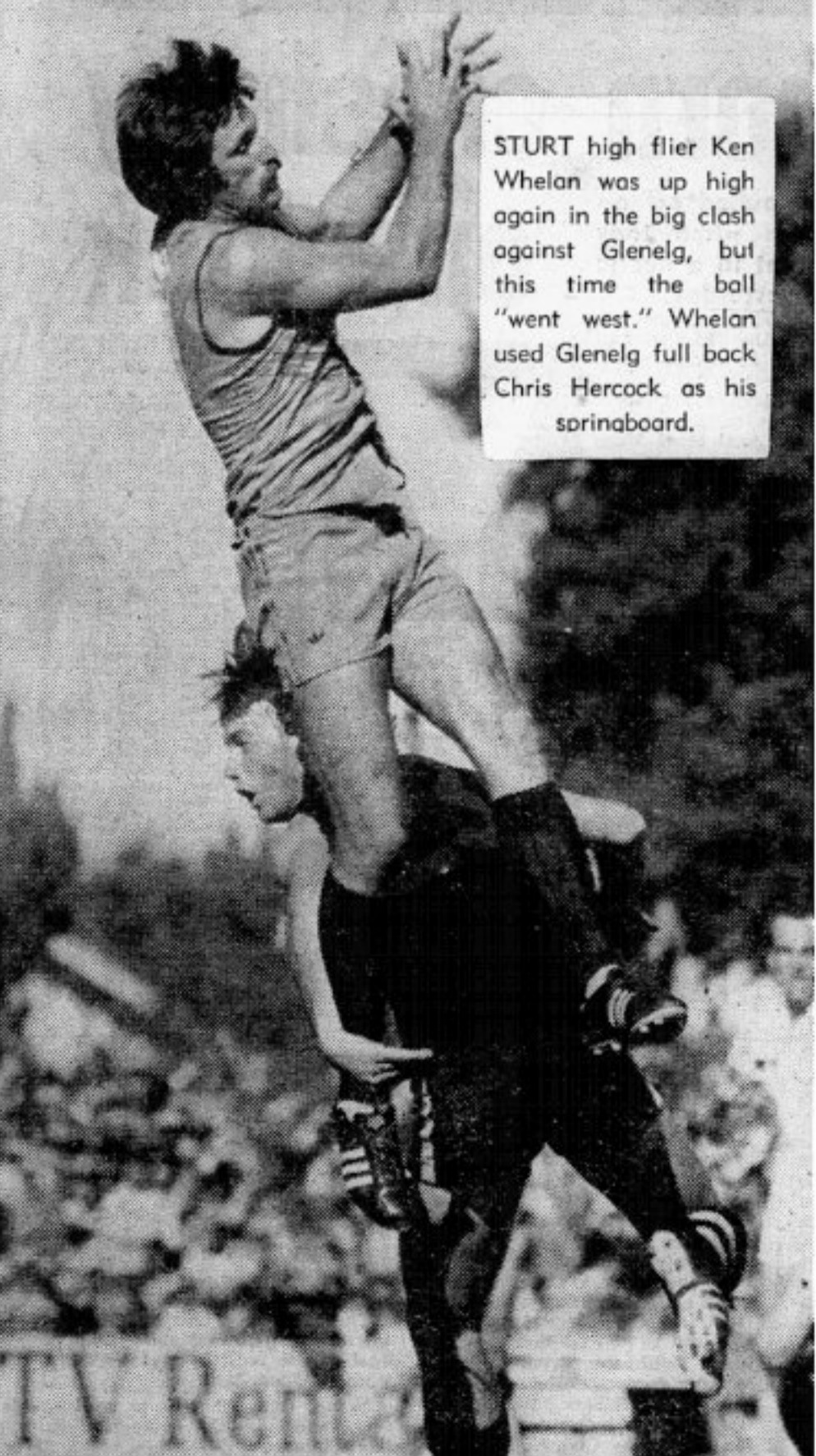
THEBARTON has something of a hoodoo ground for South and yesterday's score of 18-11 was their biggest there since 1941.

— Graham Fischer

A DREAM came true for Peter Marker and Wayne Phillis when it rained money at Glenelg yesterday.

The two Bay champions were showered with cash while being driven around the oval in a testimonial after their retirement from league football this year.

"It is the end of an era," said Glenelg president, John Ellers, as the two did their lap of honor. — STEPHEN MIDDLETON



STURT high flier Ken Whelan was up high again in the big clash against Glenelg, but this time the ball "went west." Whelan used Glenelg full back Chris Hercock as his springboard.