

TIE—AFTER 'HOT' GOAL

'Missed by two metres'

By Ashley Porter

Five minutes into the opening round of football yesterday and a hotly disputed goal awarded to Torrens brought the first sensation.

The goal, claimed even by a Torrens player to have missed by two metres, had a remarkable consequence when Torrens drew with Central.

The "goal," kicked by Peter Phillipou was disputed and Central defenders played on as if the score was only a point.

A Torrens player said after the game: "Yes, Phillipou missed the goal by at least 2m."

The incident occurred when field umpire Ric Charlesworth bounced the ball in Torrens' goalsquare and then awarded a free to Phillipou.

The ball went off the side of his boot and appeared to be a point.

A goal was signalled by the goal umpire, but Central full back Bill Cochrane

did not see him and assumed a point was scored.

Cochrane kicked out to players running down the left flank and Charlesworth ran from centre to confirm with the goal umpire he had registered a goal.

Central led by nine points at three quarter time, but Torrens fought back and the lead changed three times before Central rover Rene Van Dommele kicked a goal to square the match.

Yesterday's opening round attracted only 42,071 people — a drop of nearly 7000 from last year's first round.

HALBERT'S TIGERS RUN AWAY

By Alan Shiell

Glenelg kicked its highest score at Unley and finished much too strongly for Sturt in a surprisingly easy 50-point win over last year's runner-up yesterday.

The Tigers looked as convincing as the Blues did at their peak last season.

Glenelg's new coach, John Halbert, allowed himself a satisfied smile and a wave to his excited wife, Chris, in the grandstand as he walked triumphantly off his old home ground.

Soon after the former Sturt champion said, in a nice piece of understatement: "It was a pleasing beginning."

Halbert's influence on this young Glenelg side is obvious.

The care with which players disposed of the ball yesterday was so reminiscent of the Sturt style that set new standards in SA football from the mid 1960s.

There was a concerted effort to find a team mate with a neat kick or hand-pass or the ball was booted into a space to enable an anticipating Glenelg player to run at it unimpeded.

In short, Glenelg used the ball much better than Sturt, which lacked its customary precision.

The statistics revealed that Glenelg had 260 kicks and 121 handballs. Sturt had 188 kicks and 89 handballs.

Glenelg will make the finals again. No doubt about that.

Sturt still has some way

Glenelg 20-16, Sturt 12-14

to go before it resembles the almost unbeatable combination it was last year. But there will be no panic at Unley.

What would have satisfied Jack Oatey was that Sturt gave Glenelg a 43-point lead at the 13-minute mark of the second quarter, yet it recovered gamely to hit the front 10 minutes into the third term.

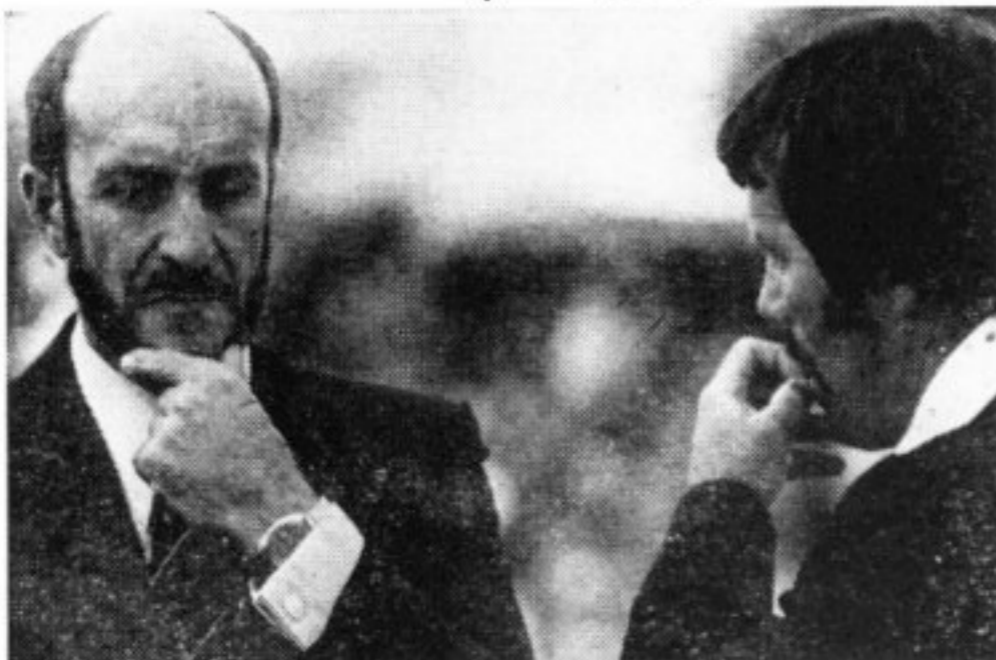
Then Glenelg, which had rammed on six goals at the start of the second quarter, sprinted away again and stressed its dominance by outscoring Sturt 6-8 to 0-2 in the last term.

Glenelg gave its best-

player trophy to former West Adelaide full back Keith Kuhlmann, who made a stirring debut as a Tiger, kicking off long, marking strongly, and backing his judgment soundly.

But I thought follower David Holst was outstanding and statistics support the argument. Strong, mobile, and direct, he had 27 kicks, 13 handpasses, and got five goals.

THE game at Unley is in the balance at three-quarter time and a pensive Glenelg coach, John Halbert (left), confers with Reserves coach Barrie Barbary.



LEAGUE DETAILS

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-0	6-1	13-8	19-12	126
Port	2-5	8-9	9-14	12-17	89

BEST.—NORWOOD: Clarke, Nicholson, Dunstan, Dalwood, Button, Michalanne. PORT: Faletic, Cunningham, G. Phillips, Eckerman, Clifford, Sorrell.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Winter 4, Dalwood 3, Phillis 3, Dunstan 3, Michalanne 2, Gallagher, Clarke, Numan, Woodcock. PORT: Cunningham 2, Evans 2, Cahill 2, Dawson 2, Phillips, Spry, Faletic, Porpilycia.

INJURIES.—NORWOOD: Rosser (bruised calf).

UMPIRES.—P. Mead D. Foster.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Centrals	4-2	8-4	12-8	14-14	98
Torrens	4-2	6-4	10-11	14-14	98

BEST.—CENTRAL: Beythien, Jonas, Duckworth, Wilson, Stevenson, Vivian. TORRENS: McSparran, Jackman, G. White, Lindsay, McKay, Floreani.

SCORERS.—CENTRAL: Jonas 5.3, Stevenson 2.2, Gillies 2.0, George 1.3, Beythien 1.1, Mobbs 1.1, Norworthy 1.0, Van Dommele 1.0, Maksimovic 0.1, Duckworth 0.1, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Inglis 3.2, McKay 2.2, Jackman 2.2, McSparran 2.0, Phillipou 2.0, Rendell 1.2, Hamill 1.2, S. White 1.1, Giles 0.1, Hank 0.1, Hanna 0.1.

UMPIRES.—Ric Charlesworth, Frank McHugh.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-4	12-6	14-8	20-16	136
Sturt	3-4	9-8	12-12	12-14	86

BEST.—GLENELG: Holst, Kuhlmann, Hodgeman, McInerney, Caldwell, Copping. STURT: Davies, Friedrichs, Wiseman, M. Howard, Lloyd.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Holst 5.2, Copping 5.2, Hodgeman 3.0, Lunns 2.3, Rady 2.0, Carey 1.2, MacVicar 1.1, McInerney 1.1, Caldwell 0.1, Weston 0.1, D. Johnston 0.1, Farquhar 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: M. Howard 3.1, Burgan 2.2, Davies 2.1, P. Heinrich 2.1, Leonard 1.3, Friedrichs 1.0, Hunt 1.0, Graham 0.2, Bagshaw 0.2, Sims 0.1, Welch 0.1.

INJURIES.—STURT: Graham (hamstring) replaced late in first quarter.

UMPIRES: B. O'Connor, T. Thomas.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-5	5-5	10-10	13-13	91
North	1-3	6-6	7-8	11-10	76

BEST.—SOUTH: Slattery, Hawkins, Bracegirdle, Collins, Butler, Baynes. NORTH: Cloke, W. Stringer, T. Hill, Mumford, Downie, Baruzzi.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Slattery 2.2, Hawkins 2.2, Bracegirdle 2.0, Hateley 1.2, Linke 1.1, Bell 1.1, Fry 1.0, Harradine 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Lewis 1.0, Collins 0.1, rushed 0.4. NORTH: Hill 1.0, Tiller 1.2, Schmidt 1.1, Roach 1.1, Riley 1.0, R. Robran 1.0, Doszua 1.0, Baruzzi 1.0, McAdam 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES.—SOUTH: Bell (kick to groin first term).

UMPIRES.—Mark Coombe and Rick Kinnear.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-2	8-5	10-6	19-7	121
W'dville	2-6	6-11	12-15	14-20	104

BEST.—WEST: Robertson, Weideman, Fielke, Dunhill, Liddy, Morris. WOODVILLE: Sewer, Maylin, Close, Fuller, G. Hewitt, Parker.

SCORERS.—WEST: Luders 6.0, Pierson 5.2, Dunhill 2.1, Papst 2.0, Meuret 1.2, Fielke 1.1, Morris 1.1, DeJong 1.0. WOODVILLE: G. Hewitt 5.7, Close 5.1, Maylin 2.0, Sewer 1.2, Mildenhall 1.0, Rainbird 0.3, D. Hewitt 0.3, Fuller 0.1, Parker 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES.—WOODVILLE: Dennes (fractured thumb) second quarter.

UMPIRES.—Roger Mazor, Bob Schofield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	%
Glenelg	1	—	—	136	86	2	61.28
Norwood	1	—	—	126	89	2	58.60
South	1	—	—	91	76	2	54.49
West	1	—	—	121	104	2	53.78
Central	—	—	1	98	98	1	50.00
West T.	—	—	1	98	98	1	50.00
W'ville	—	1	—	104	121	—	46.22
North	—	1	—	76	91	—	45.51
Port	—	1	—	89	123	—	41.40
Sturt	—	1	—	86	136	—	38.74

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Luders (West)	6.0
G. Hewitt (Woodville)	5.7
Jonas (Central)	5.3
Holst (Glenelg)	5.2
Pierson (West)	5.2
Close (Woodville)	5.1
Copping (Glenelg)	5.1

CROWDS

Football Park	8704
Woodville	3248
Prospect	4549
Alberton	14,182
Unley	11,388
Total	42,071

PROGRAM

Saturday: Norwood v Glenelg (Football Park); Torrens v West (Thebarton); South v Woodville (Adelaide); Central v North (Elizabeth).
Monday: Sturt v Port (Football Park).

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

MELBOURNE.—Richmond 19-11, South Melbourne 15-21; North Melbourne 17-27 Essendon 16-13; St Kilda 19-14, Hawthorn 14-19; Carlton 23-13, Geelong 15-11; Melbourne 18-17, Footscray 16-17; Fitzroy 21-23, Collingwood 9-15.
PERTH.—East Fremantle 21-17, Claremont 15-11; East Perth 21-8, Swan Districts 17-15; Perth 19-20, Subiaco 11-9; South Fremantle 17-19, West Perth 11-10.