

THE BIG CLASH . . . SA v VICTORIA

VALIANT SA RAN OUT OF GAS

PERTH: South Australia was a valiant loser to Victoria by 45 points in a high scoring State-of-Origin Carnival clash in front of 15,186 spectators at Subiaco Oval yesterday.

SA shook the life out of the Big V for three quarters then got run over in the last term, losing 20-15 to 25-30.

A useful breeze, which would have aided SA in the last term, dropped, and with it went the tiring team's chances.

It was the old, familiar story of the Victorians' superior fitness being the clincher.

"Our blokes were absolutely exhausted," SA coach Neil Kerley said last night.

"The Victorians' level of fitness told in the end. It's the pressure they play under every week in Melbourne."

Victorian coach David Parkin was shocked by SA's last-quarter fade out.

"You should go on with the job when you're up at three-quarter time and are kicking with the wind in the last term," Parkin said.

The wind, worth about three goals in the first three quarters, eased

appreciably in the last quarter but it made no difference to the result. SA had run its race.

Victoria was forced to cancel its scheduled training run this morning because too many players were carrying injuries and sore spots.

"SA knocked us around a bit," Parkin said.

Victoria will meet Western Australia in the final tomorrow. SA and Tasmania will play the curtain raiser to decide third position.

Control

Victoria controlled most of the first quarter yesterday, kicking 7-10 to SA's 4-2 after SA captain Rick Davies had won the toss and, surprisingly, chose to kick into the wind.

SA then unleashed a sensational second quarter effort, ramming on 11-5 to 5-7 to lead by eight points at half-time.

SA then put on 4-6 to Victoria's 5-6 to cling to a two-point lead at the last change.

Victoria, however, seized command from the outset of the last quarter and cruised to victory, adding 8-7 to 1-2.

Slippery rovers Gary Wilson and Kevin Bartlett and follower Warwick Irwin did the damage for Victoria.

SA's stirring second quarter revival was sparked by big Peter Carey, who dominated the ruck work at centre bounces after sitting on the interchange bench in the first quarter.

With Carey belting the ball forward SA piled on five goals in five minutes from wingman Geoff Morris, follower and full forward

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Victoria	7-10	12-17	17-23	25-30	180
S. Aust.	4-2	15-7	19-13	20-15	135

BEST-VICTORIA: Wilson, Tuck, Picken, Cloke, Irwin, Flower, Bartlett. **SA:** Blight, Cornes, Ebert, Jonas, Lindsay, Hodgeman, Carey, Bennett.
SCORERS-VICTORIA: Templeton 4, Bartlett 4, Irwin 3, Moore 3, Wilson 2, Cloke 2, Dempsey 2, Schimmelbusch, Tuck, Turner, Nankervis, Flower.
SA: Blight 4, Bennett 4, Graham 3, Jonas 2, Davies, Morris, Cornes, Fry, Ebert, Phillips, Lindsay.
UMPIRES-Ross Capes, Bob Phillips.
INJURIES-SA: Andrew Bennett (thigh).
CROWD-15,186.

ward Graham Cornes, his partner Malcolm Blight (two), and Davies.

The pro-SA crowd roared its encouragement and SA players received a warm ovation as they left the field at half-time.

The lead changed five times in the hectic second term, in which there was 10 minutes 19 seconds time-on.

SA had many good players in the first three quarters, with Blight and Cornes clearly the pick of them as they rotated as followers and at full forward.

Blight and Cornes grabbed several spectacular marks in the goal mouth area.

Centreman Russell Ebert gave his finest interstate performance to rank probably No. 3 on SA's best-player list.

Half-forward flanker Peter Jonas was a huge success in his first State match. He also plucked some freakish marks.

Rovers Kym Hodgeman and Bruce Lindsay were consistent kick-getters until they, like most of

their teammates, "ran out of legs" in the last term.

Morris did a good job on his wing and his West Adelaide teammate, Dexter Kennedy played usefully, mostly in a back pocket.

Andrew Bennett kicked four goals, as did Blight, and he was often under notice as a ruckman.

SA won more of the aerial work but it lacked the consistent run of the Victorians, who often seemed to score goals too easily through creative handball.

SA made some woeful errors late in the third quarter and again in the last term, but this was indicative of a tired side.

Follower Michael Tuck was high in Victoria's best as were centre half-back Bill Picken, ruckman-forward David Cloke, and wingman Robert Flower.

Good

Full forward Kelvin Templeton kicked four goals.

While Blight and Ebert shone, SA's other VFL players, Max James, and Robbert Klomp were nowhere near as conspicuous.

James did some good things on his half-back flank and Klomp contained Victorian captain Wayne Schimmelbusch in the first half.

The South Australians were satisfied with the umpiring of West Australian Ross Canes, but they were critical of his partner Bob Phillips.

SA may be without Bennett against Tasmania tomorrow. He had a big ice pack on his right thigh immediately after yesterday's match.

The SA players will have a light training run this morning to determine their availability for tomorrow.



By Alan Shiell



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Big V scouts eye our young champs

PERTH: Victorian league club recruiting agents wrote two South Australian names in their black books last night — Central District centre half forward, Peter Jonas, and West Torrens wingman-cum-rover, Bruce Lindsay.

The brilliant youngsters were high among SA's best players against Victoria at Subiaco Oval yesterday and will attract considerable attention from Victorian talent scouts.

Jonas was mercurial on his half forward flank and Lindsay was a busy, skilful rover. Both proved their mature tempera-

ments are comparable with their exceptional ability.

Victorian football writers sought detailed knowledge of Jonas and Lindsay throughout yesterday's match and again last night.

"You'll be battling to keep them in Adelaide now," said one Melbourne newspaper man.

Jonas and Lindsay have had persistent feelers from Victorian clubs over the past two seasons, but have not signed — yet.

They will come under heavy pressure to put their signatures to Form Fours soon.

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