

EAGLES IN TOP GEAR

West Torrens' best football just might be good enough to lift it into its first grand final since 1953.

This was the ominous warning sounded by Neil Kerley's Eagles yesterday as they swamped Sturt by 28 points at Football Park.

Torrens had one of its "on" days, and if it can repeat that sort of form over the next few weeks a Port Adelaide - Glenelg grand final may not be such a fait accompli after all.

Torrens made certain of third position and will play in next Sunday week's qualifying final, probably against Glenelg, which it meets at the Bay Oval next Saturday.

By Alan Shiell

Sturt and Norwood will play in the elimination final next Saturday week.

This year's finals series will contain three new teams - Glenelg, Torrens and Sturt, which have replaced South Adelaide, Central District and Woodville.

Port Adelaide will clinch the minor premiership if it beats South at Alberton next week. But if the Magpies lose and Glenelg downs Torrens, the Tigers will replace Port at the top of the ladder.

2 records

Glenelg easily is the season's biggest improver, with 18, maybe 19, minor round wins compared with only nine and a draw last

season when it finished seventh.

Port established another two records yesterday.

It became the first team to aggregate more than 3000 points in a minor round, and its 20-30 against Woodville lifted its total score against the Peckers this season to 82-64.

Statistician Ern Kolosche said last night this is the highest aggregate score against any side in a season, beating Glenelg's 82-37 against Central in 1975 (in only two matches, compared with Port's three against Woodville).

Previous highest three-game tally was Sturt's 75-56 against Central in 1978.

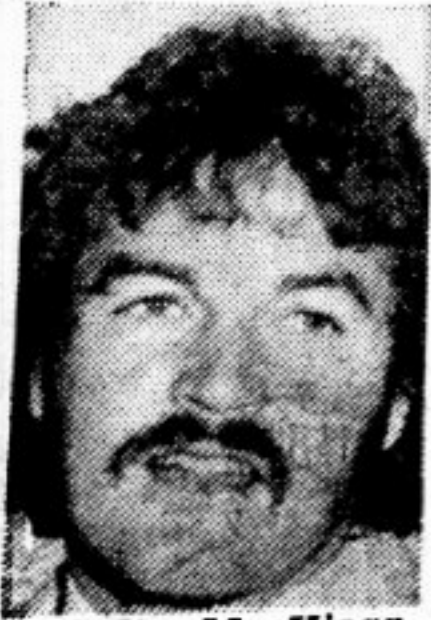
Bye, bye Bulldogs for 1980

Central District, despite playing desperately and sometimes spitefully, was eliminated from the finals race by a well-equipped Glenelg at the Bay Oval yesterday.

The Tigers outscored Central against the wind by 14 points in the first term and, from then on, answered every challenge that came their way.

They mastered the Bulldogs in the air and in the rucks, and the statistics emphasised by just how much.

Glenelg took 113 marks to Central's 66, and 15 of its 22 goals resulted from



Colin MacVicar

marks. It recorded 42 hit-outs to 24.

Leading the charge in those departments were big-men Peter Carey and Colin MacVicar who kicked nine goals between them—six from marks—and dominated the taps.

The Tigers had a number of others who were brilliant, especially centre half-forward Neville Caldwell and follower Graham Cornes.

Caldwell kicked five goals and created numerous opportunities for others with 22 kicks and 12 marks, while Cornes had 23 kicks and seven marks.

The Cornes v Peter Jonas clash was a highlight of the match.

Neither dominated the other, and while Cornes took some thrilling marks and produced fine handballs, Jonas added bite in Central's forward lines with dash, courage and class.

Battled

Besides Jonas, others who played well for Central included follower Rene Van Dommele, rover Mark Norsworthy, centre half-forward-cum-follower John Duckworth and Geoff Gil-

lies, who battled on the half-forward line and the centre square.

Norsworthy's clash with Kym Hodgeman was interesting as both gave their respective sides bite around the packs and fed teammates consistently.

Carey won the prize for the best performance by an actor.

It came in the last term by the grandstand wing when an opponent lifted his elbow sharply and powerfully and Carey crashed to the ground to the dismay and roar of the pro-Glenelg crowd.

The elbow didn't even connect.



CORNES WIDE OF THE MARK

GLENELG follower Graham Cornes suffered a backlash when he misjudged this mark at the Bay. Cornes rolled over Peter Jonas' back to hit the dirt while Jonas recovered to send the ball forward for the Dogs.



A PROSTRATE John McFarlane watches in dismay as the ball evades him and Central's Neville O'Brien races in.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-7	8-18	15-25	20-30	150
Woodville	1-4	4-6	7-6	11-9	75

BEST—PORT: Clifford, Phillips, Cunningham, Hofner, Agius, Williams. WOODVILLE: Parker, Scheer, Sapwell, Vinoc, Matheson, Close.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 6.3 Agius 4.2, Cunningham 4.2, Williams 3.1, Faletic 2.2, Porplycia 1.3, Boyd 0.3, Kinneaf 0.2, Abernethy 0.1, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.10. WOODVILLE: Vince 3.3, Tonkin 3.0, Hill 1.0, Sapwell 1.0, G. Hewitt 1.0, Matheson 1.0, Hutton 1.0, D. Hewitt 0.2, Close 0.1, Tyrell 0.1, G. Hewitt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—PORT: Ebert (strained hamstring). UMPIRES—Jim Field, Steve Semmler.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-6	11-9	20-13	24-17	161
South	3-3	8-6	9-7	14-12	96

BEST—NORTH: Nunan, McAdam, B. Stringer, Tiller, Clisby, Arnold, Schlein, W. Stringer, Hill, R. Robran. SOUTH: Butler, Fairclough, Cox Baynes, Mousley, Emery.

SCORERS—NORTH: R. Robran 4.4, Leske 4.3, Nunan 4.0, Arnold 3.1, Algate 3.1, McAdam 2.2, B. Stringer 1.1, Bound 1.0, Hill 1.0, Lokan 1.0, Tiller 0.2, Downie 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Linke 3.4, Cox 3.2, Fairclough 2.3, Slattery 2.0, O'Grady 1.0, Butler 1.0, Hateley 1.0, G. Brooksby 1.0, Naley 0.1, Harradine 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—NORTH: Lokan (groin). UMPIRES: Bob Scholefield, Trevor Thomas.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-5	11-9	15-13	19-18	132
West Ad.	1-8	6-12	7-17	12-21	93

BEST—NORWOOD: Taylor, Gallagher, Thomas, Menzel, Woodcock, Barton. WEST: Borchard, Drew, Fielke, Thorn, Donaldson, R. Hamilton.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Woodcock 6.2, Barton 4.1, Gallagher 3.4, Adler 2.2, Aish 1.1, Serotski 1.1, Thomas 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Menzel 0.4, Wynne 0.2, Jenkins 0.1. WEST: Anderson 2.2, Drew 2.1, Thorn 2.1, Falting 2.1, Meuret 1.5, Bennett 1.1, Donaldson 1.1, Luders 1.1, Weideman 0.2, Borchard 0.2, Fielke 0.1, R. Hamilton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—NORWOOD: Stasinowsky (ankle), Nicholson (hand). WEST: Weideman, Tate (both corked thigh). UMPIRES—Graham Hilton, John Hylton.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	5-2	13-5	17-10	19-12	126
Sturt	4-5	7-11	9-14	13-20	96

BEST—TORRENS: McSparran, Hanna, Manouge, Hill, Grinter, Inglis, Cox, Robson, Enright, Primmer. STURT: Fry, Friedrichs, Craig, P. Heinrich.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Inglis 5.0, N. Roberts 4.2, Hill 4.2, McSparran 3.1, Primmer 2.1, Hanna 1.2, Hewett 0.1, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.2. STURT: Graham 2.2, Sims 2.0, Derrington 1.3, Fry 1.3, Friedrichs 1.2, Bagshaw 1.2, Hunt 1.1, P. Heinrich 1.1, Hargreaves 1.1, Davies 1.0, Craig 1.0, K. Smith 0.2, Magarey 0.1, Brand 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—TORRENS: Primmer (ankle), Manouge (shoulder), P. Roberts (knee), Phillipou (knee). STURT: Derrington (shoulder), Bagshaw (back), K. Smith (bruised ribs). UMPIRES—Peter Mead, Rick Charlesworth.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-5	14-10	19-15	22-20	152
Central	4-3	10-6	12-8	16-12	108

BEST—GLENELG: Caldwell, Cornes, Carey, MacVicar, McInerney, Weston, MacFarlane. CENTRAL: Jonas, Van Dommele, Norsworthy, Duckworth, Gillies, Earnshaw.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Caldwell 5.1, Carey 5.1, McInerney 5.1, MacVicar 4.3, Marshall 1.3, Paynter 1.1, Hodgeman 1.0, Frost 0.3, Weston 0.1, Copping 0.1, MacFarlane 0.1, rushed 1.4. CENTRAL: Jonas 5.1, Norsworthy 3.0, Gillies 2.3, Ruciack 2.2, Edwards 1.1, Beythien 1.0, Trigg 1.0, Bubner 1.0, Duckworth 0.2, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES—CENTRAL: Ruciack (eye). UMPIRES—Des Foster, Rick Kinneaf.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	%
Port	18	2	1	3027	1610	37	65.28
Glenelg	18	3	—	2770	1922	36	59.04
Torrens	13	8	—	2173	2028	26	51.73
Sturt	12	9	—	2429	2388	24	50.43
Norwood	11	10	—	2127	2186	22	49.32
Central	9	11	1	2140	2365	19	47.50
South	8	13	—	2122	2271	16	48.30
North	6	15	—	2138	2569	12	45.42
West	6	15	—	2099	2689	12	43.8x
Woodville	3	18	—	1980	2977	6	39.94

LEADING GOALKICKERS

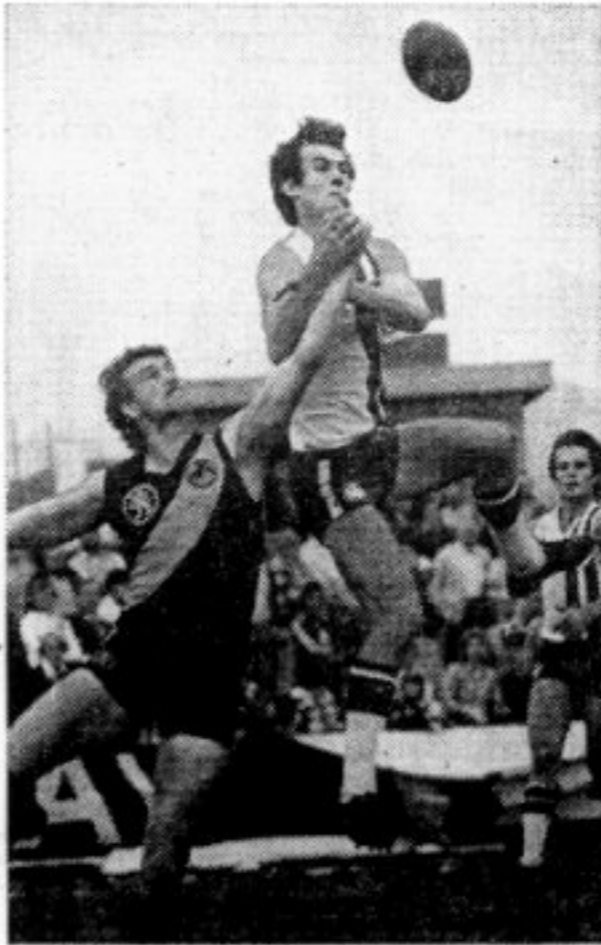
	Games	Yesterday	Total
Evans (Port)	21	6.3	129.17
Linke (South)	21	3.4	77.53
Walter (Glenelg)	18	—	72.26
G. Hewitt (Woodville)	17	1.0	58.27
Agius (Port)	21	4.2	55.21
Woodcock (Norwood)	19	6.2	52.36

CROWDS

Football Park	10,571
Glenelg	6762
Alberton	6829
Adelaide	3168
Richmond	4971
Total	32,301

NEXT WEEK

Torrens v Glenelg (Football Park), Port v South (Alberton), Norwood v Central (Norwood), North v Woodville (Prospect), Sturt v West (Unley).



GLENELG'S Keith Kuhlmann spoils Peter Bubner's attempt to mark