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TIGERS COME OF AGE

The 1980s has been Glenelg's most successful decade.

The club has featured in six grand finals for two premierships.

At last, the Tigers have come of age.

After a disappointing 1979 season which saw them miss the finals for the first time in seven years, they won 19 games in 1980 under second-year coach John Halbert before two disappointing finals left them languishing in fourth place.

A rejuvenated Glenelg won its first 11 games in 1981 and 19 for the minor round to win the minor premiership.

But the Tigers again failed twice in the finals to Port Adelaide, losing the grand final by 53 points in a spiteful match.

It was the first of many such encounters between the seaside rivals.

Glenelg reached the grand final again in 1982, only to lose by 62 points to a rampaging Norwood.

The Tigers came via the elimination final and they appeared jaded after a heartstopping one-point preliminary final win against Port the week before.

When Halbert joined Sturt in 1983 (and John Paynter followed), Graham Campbell was the new man at the helm.

But he was sacked in controversial circumstances after Glenelg failed to win any of its first seven matches.

The players vowed their support for Campbell and he was reinstated the following day guiding the club to nine wins from its last 14 games to finish seventh.

But for the suspension of Peter Carey in the 1984 finals, the year of the Tiger may well have come a year earlier.

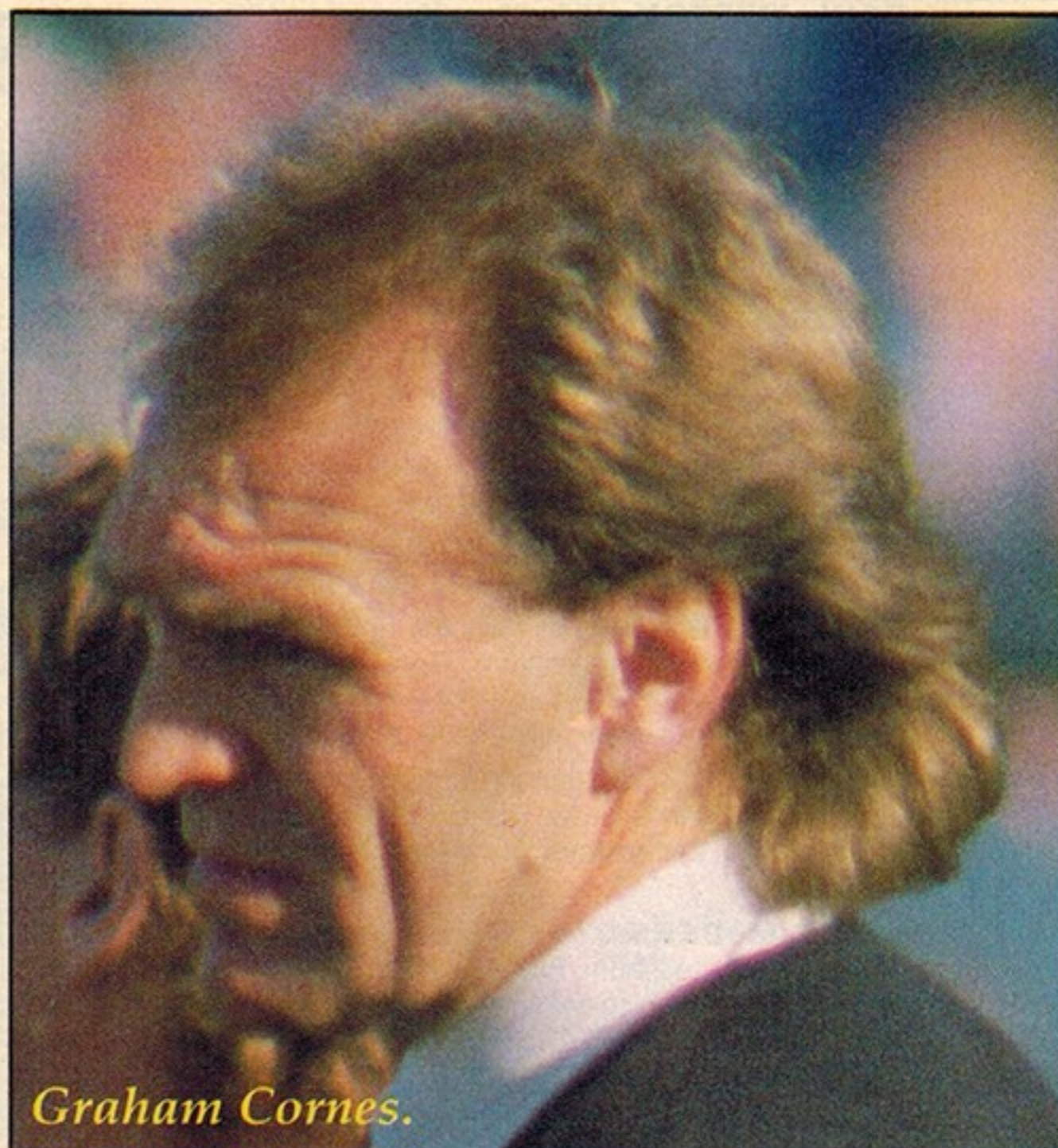
The club fumbled its way out of the major round without their captain and Graham Campbell was replaced by former champion Graham Cornes.

He brought immediate success to the club as Glenelg assumed giant status and crushed North Adelaide in two successive grand finals.

The Tigers missed the double chance in 1987 and 1988 but still fought their way into the grand final in both years, only to suffer defeat.

No Glenelg team has played in seven consecutive finals series.

If Graham Cornes guides the Tigers into another major round in 1990, he will have helped create another piece of history for one of the 1980s' most successful clubs.



Graham Cornes.



Chris McDermott.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Tony McGuinness' 1982 Magarey Medal win.
- ★ 1982 Escort Cup Premiership.
- ★ Back-to-back premierships 1985-86.
- ★ Four successive grand finals 1985-88.
- ★ Peter Carey's Australian record breaking 447th game in 1988.

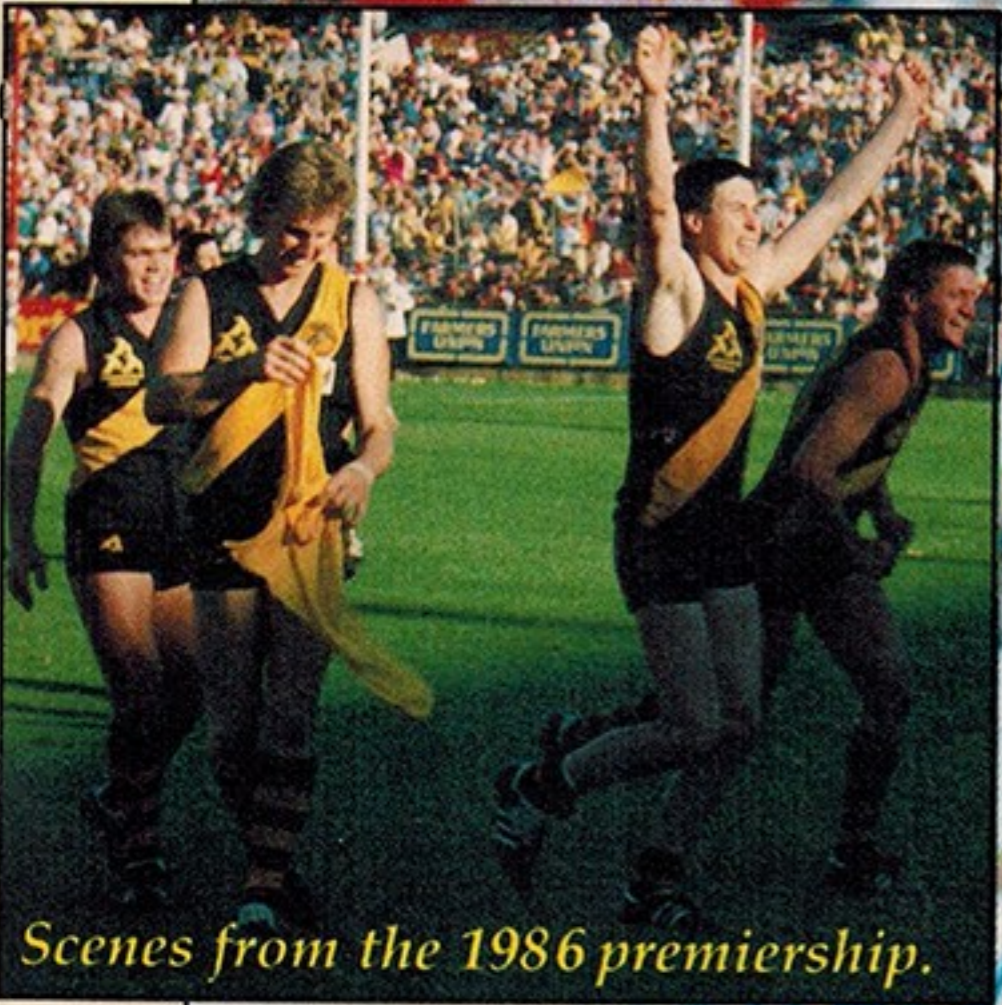
THE LOWLIGHTS

- ★ Losing four grand finals, 1981-82 and 1987-88.
- ★ Missing 1983 finals series after losing first eight matches.
- ★ Stephen Kernahan losing 1983 Magarey Medal because of ineligibility.
- ★ Losing night premiership grand finals in 1986 and 1989.

GLENELG HONOUR BOARD

YEAR	POS.	COACH	CAPTAIN	BEST & FAIREST	TOP GOALKICKER
1980	4	J. Halbert	P. Weston	P. Weston	R. Walter 78
1981	2	J. Halbert	P. Weston	P. Carey	S. Copping 49
1982	2	J. Halbert	P. Weston	A. McGuinness	M. Lunnis 69
1983	7	G. Campbell	P. Carey	S. Kernahan	S. Kernahan 58
1984	3	G. Campbell	P. Carey	S. Kernahan	S. Kernahan 56
1985	1	G. Cornes	P. Carey	S. Kernahan	S. Copping 83
1986	1	G. Cornes	P. Carey	C. McDermott	A. Hall 73
1987	2	G. Cornes	P. Carey	C. McDermott	J. Seebohm 77
1988	2	G. Cornes	P. Carey	C. McDermott	C. Budarick 41
1989		G. Cornes	C. McDermott		

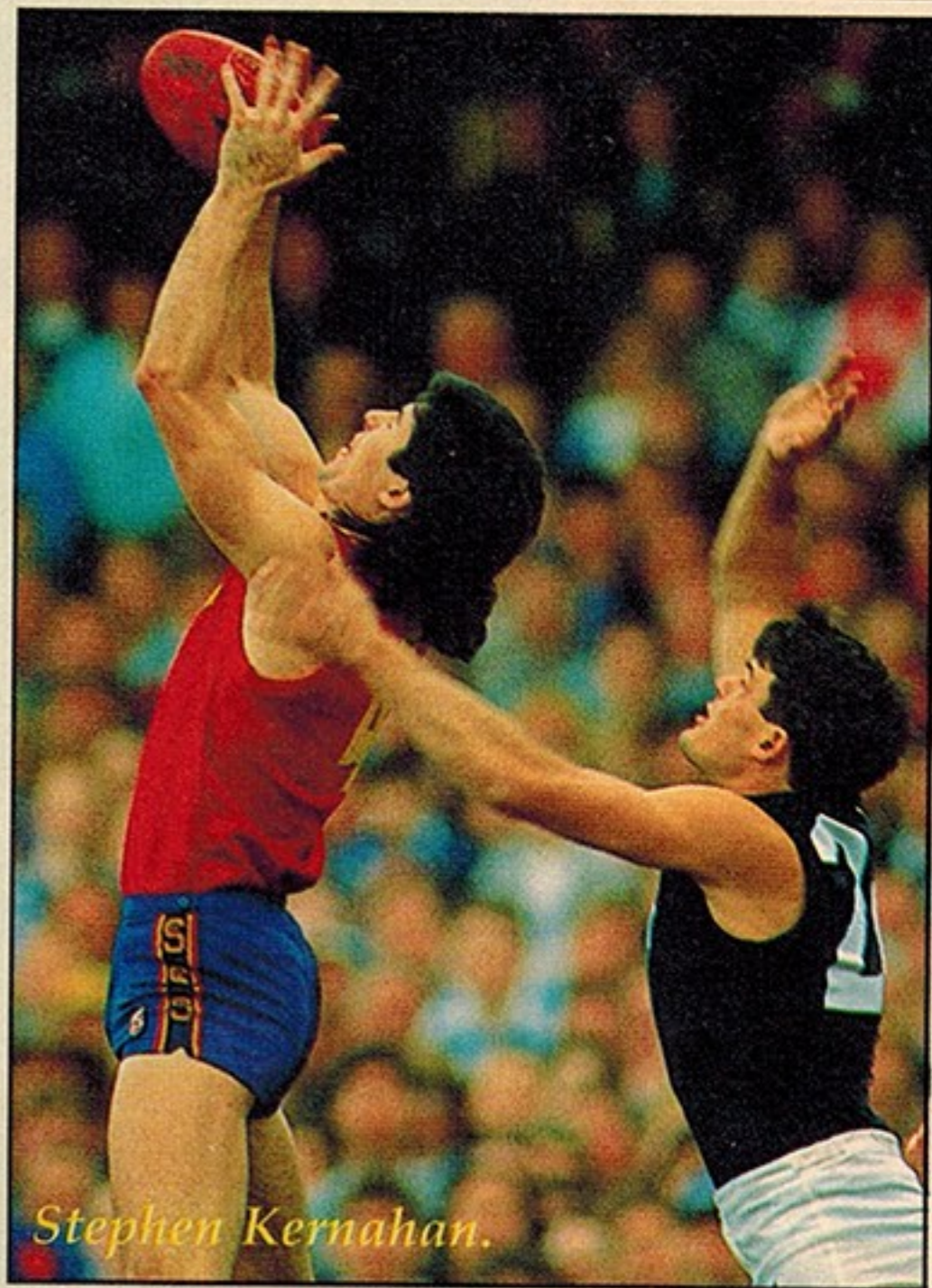
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Scenes from the 1986 premiership.



Stephen Copping.



Stephen Kernahan.

THE TIGER ALL-STARS

The Tiger All-Stars are undoubtedly one of the strongest All-Star teams.

With so many good players to choose from throughout the decade, the placing of this team was no easy task.

For the sake of team balance, one of Australia's best centre half-forwards, Stephen Kernahan, was chosen at full-forward in this team.

Full-forward has been a real problem spot for the Tigers since Fred Phillis retired.

Robbie Walter had brief success there in 1980-81.

So too did Greg Nichols in 1984.

And Adam Garton (1985) and John Seebohm (1986-87) both filled the role admirably at times but are better suited to other positions.

With such a capable replacement for the key forward position in Tony Hall, it was decided to leave Kernahan in the goalsquare.

Kym Hodgeman is a luxury in the forward pocket while Stephen Copping was a damaging half-forward who could be relied on for three or four goals a game.

Paul Weston was preferred as the Tigers' best centreman leaving the aggressive Alan Stringer on the other half-forward flank and David Marshall on a wing.

Tony Symonds was picked as the other wingman ahead of John MacFarlane who starts on the interchange bench.

John Seebohm and All-Australian full-back Keith Kuhlmann are the mainstays in defence flanked by the rugged Wayne Stringer, Holst, Salisbury and Duthy.

The first ruck is an absolute gem.

Carey, McDermott, McGuinness – probably the best ruck set up of any team of the '80s – would be the heart of this Glenelg combination.

In the ninth of our 10-part series, we select Glenelg's best team of the '80s. Assisting me in the selection process are Budget columnist Gordon Schwartz and SA State team and Football Administration Manager, Murray Tippett. I hope it provides for some thought-provoking discussions as we remember an exciting decade of League football and its players.

Note: When players or coaches were at more than one club in the '80s, they are only eligible for the club where they played the most games during the decade – Dion Hayman.

GLENELG IN THE 80s				
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
v Central	26	16	10	0
v North	26	18	8	0
v Norwood	35	21	14	0
v Port	34	14	19	1
v South	22	16	6	0
v Sturt	29	17	12	0
v West	24	17	7	0
v Torrens	24	17	7	0
v Woodville	24	20	4	0
Total	244	156	87	1

Cornes was forced to start in the other forward pocket, changing as a follower with McDermott.

Peter Maynard begins on the bench with MacFarlane.

And the coach?

It had to be Graham Cornes who becomes only the second playing coach of our All-Star teams with Malcolm Blight.

Ironically, Cornes was never a playing coach at Glenelg.

Like Norwood last week, Glenelg's reserve All-Star team boasts some fine players who just missed selection in the team above.

They included Neville Caldwell, Jim Lihou, Daryl Rady, Ross Gibbs, Michael Murphy, Mark Hewett and big Jim West.

HIGHEST SCORES OF THE 80s			
33-26 (224)	v	Woodville	Glenelg 1981
31-20 (206)	v	Woodville	Glenelg 1982
32-13 (205)	v	West	Glenelg 1982
31-18 (204)	v	Port	Glenelg 1985
30-21 (201)	v	West	Glenelg 1987

LOWEST SCORES OF THE 80s			
5-10 (40)	v	Port	Football Park 1984
6-8 (44)	v	Port	Football Park 1981
7-5 (47)	v	Norwood	Norwood 1988
7-6 (48)	v	Port	Alberton 1989
6-13 (49)	v	Woodville	Football Park 1989

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1 PAUL WESTON (1974-82) 196 games, 177 goals, 13 State games. Recruited from Glengowrie High. Second youngest Glenelg captain 1979-82. Brilliant centreman who was also at home at centre half-forward or centre half-back. Tons of stamina.

3 JOHN MACFARLANE (1971-87) 306 games, 91 goals, 1 State game. Recruited from Marion High. Despite many injuries, "Snout" played mainly on a wing but later at half-back. Infamous for hitting the post as Glenelg attempted 50 goals in a match in 1975.

4 STEPHEN KERNAHAN (1981-85) 136 games, 295 goals, 11 State games. Recruited from Brighton High. Brilliant centre half-forward/ruckman. One of the best marks in the country and a good kick at goal. Won games single handedly. Best and fairest 1983-85.

5 PETER CAREY (1971-88) 448 games, 521 goals, 19 State games. Recruited from Seacombe High. A legend at Glenelg. Masterful ruckman with a deft football brain. Glenelg captain 1983-88 and best and fairest 1975, 1979, 1981. Never played a bad game.

8 TONY MCGUINNESS (1981-85) 112 games, 199 goals, 9 State games. Recruited from Brighton High. Exciting, dashing rover who won 1982 Magarey Medal after only three League games in 1981. Very fast and with great goal sense.

9 TONY SYMONDS (1981-) 161 games, 164 goals, 1 State game. Recruited from Sacred Heart College. Pacy, wiry wingman who first played as a pinch-hitting half-forward. Dangerous around the goals and with good disposal.

10 CHRIS McDERMOTT (1981-) 238 games, 164 goals, 8 State games. Recruited from Brighton High. Hard-working courageous follower. Fears nothing and a vital cog in the Tiger machine. Best and fairest 1986-88 and 1989 captain.

11 TONY HALL (1983-87) 92 games, 136 goals, 4 State games. Recruited from Glengowrie High. First as a forward pocket, then half-back flanker, Hall established himself as a damaging centre half-forward in 1986. Excellent mark and good kick.

12 GRAHAM CORNES (1967-82) 317 games, 347 goals, 21 State games. Recruited from Central Whyalla. High leaping, distinguished follower who played at centre half-back in his final year with Glenelg. 1978 captain and best and fairest 1968, 1972, 1974.

14 WAYNE STRINGER (1983-88) 145 games, 7 goals. Recruited from North Adelaide. Rugged, reliable half-back flanker and a vital member of the Glenelg defence. Never shirked an issue.

16 DAVID MARSHALL (1978-) 293 games, 229 goals, 1 State game. Recruited from Plympton High. Highly skilled wingman/centreman and one of Glenelg's prime movers across the centre. Great kick at goal on the run.

20 DAVID HOLST (1975-85) 190 games, 118 goals. Recruited from Brighton. Another centreman who also played at half-forward or half-back. Strongly built and with a long kick.

24 KYM HODGEMAN (1974-) 233 games, 400 goals, 9 State game. Recruited from Glengowrie High. Damaging rover and winner of 1978 Magarey Medal. Struggled with injury at times since his return but at best is still one of the League's best small men.

25 ALAN STRINGER (1983-89) 145 games, 92 goals, 1 State game. Recruited from North Adelaide. Explosive centreman/half-forward who never ran around the packs and was an inspiration with his straight forward approach.

26 CHRIS DUTHY (1982-) 149 games, 19 goals. Recruited from Broken Hill. Began as a wingman but graduated to full-back in 1985, playing there with distinction. Good spoil and defensive action.

27 STEPHEN COPPING (1974-86) 246 games, 463 goals, 5 State games. Recruited from St. Peters College. Damaging forward who used his pace and exceptional judgement to outmark seemingly taller opponents.

30 PETER MAYNARD (1982-) 176 games, 137 goals. Recruited from Melbourne. Livewire follower who excelled in 1985-86. First played on a half-back flank. Good evasion and excellent kick with either foot.

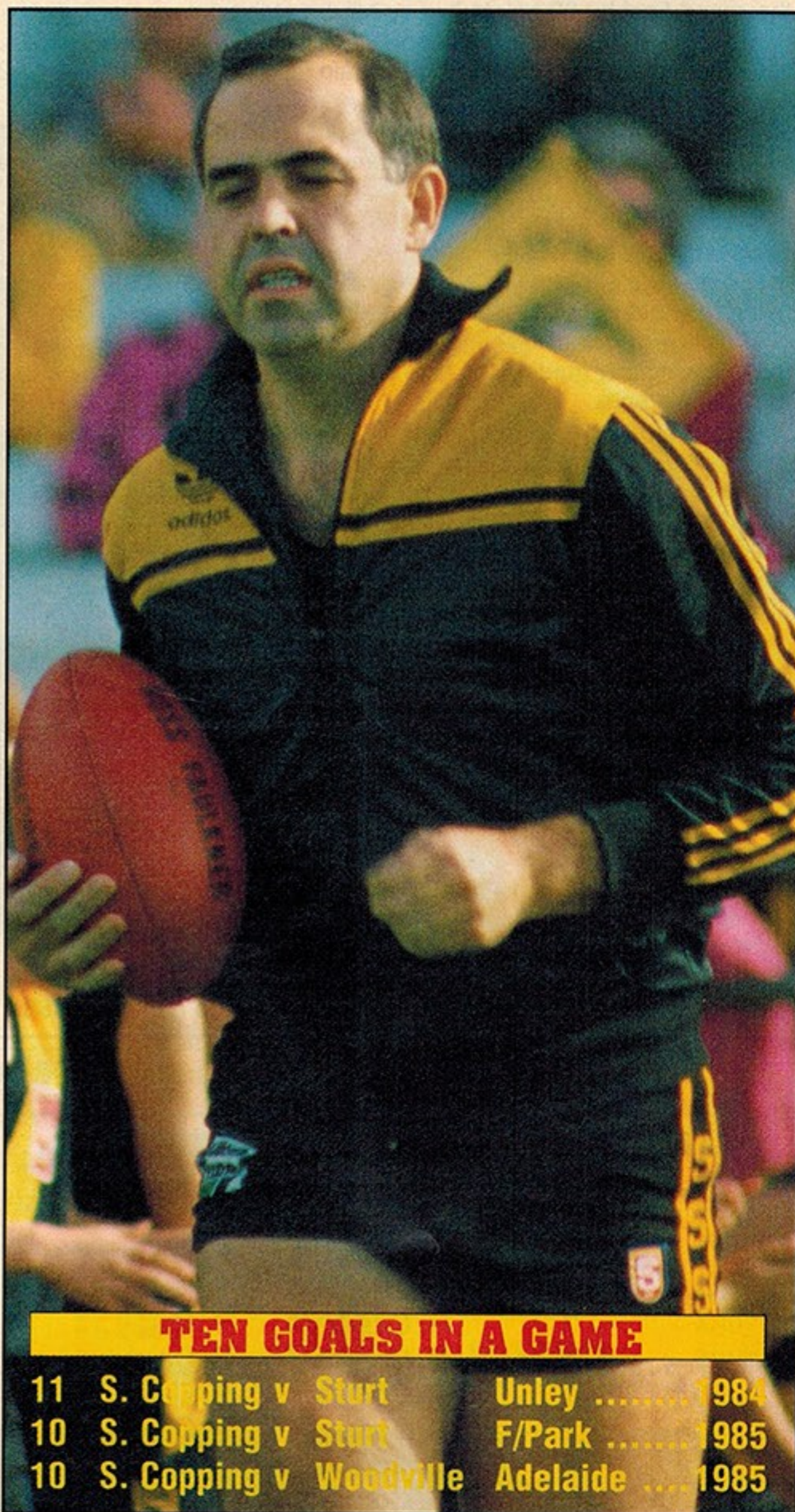
31 JOHN SEEBOHM (1978-) 223 games, 194 goals. Recruited from Mount Burr. First in a back pocket and then centre half-back, Seebohm is one of Glenelg's most reliable defenders. Strong in the air and with a long, clearing kick. Also played full-forward.

33 KEITH KUHLMANN (1979-84) 102 games, 0 goals, 4 State games. Recruited from West Adelaide. Won All-Australian selection in 1980 as the land's best full-back. Possessed a booming kick and strong mark or spoil.

36 SCOTT SALISBURY (1983-), 187 games, 41 goals, 7 State games. Recruited from Plympton. Rugged, nuggetty and aggressive back-pocket who attacks from defence while subduing some of the game's best forwards.

THE ALL-STARS

F	Cornes	S. Kernahan	Hodgeman
HF	Copping	Hall	A. Stringer
C	Marshall	Weston	Symonds
HB	W. Stringer	Seebohm	Holst
B	Salisbury	Kuhlmann	Duthy
	Ruck Carey (C) McDermott (VC) McGuinness	Interchange Maynard MacFarlane	Coach Cornes



TEN GOALS IN A GAME

11	S. Copping v Sturt	Unley	1984
10	S. Copping v Sturt	F/Park	1985
10	S. Copping v Woodville	Adelaide	1985