

WE WON AT LAST!



ABOVE: At last something to cheer about! Woodville players with coach Rod Olsson are (from left) Bill Davis, Lindsay Heaven, Bob Beecroft, Glynn Hewitt, David Bolton, and Chris Scheer.

Peckers triumph

Woodville yesterday walloped West Torrens with its highest score since entering the league competition in 1964, and silenced the critics with its first win of the season.

And Pecker fans were greeted with more good news when coach Rod Olsson, jubilant with his first win in South Australia, announced Woodville was almost certain to gain Geelong utility Craig Dowsett for this week's clash with South Adelaide.

Dowsett, 21, who played in Geelong's league side against Collingwood earlier this season, was a guest of the club last week.

Woodville's 25-18 bettered its previous highest score of 24-16 against Central District at Football Park in 1977, and its third quarter score of 10-4 equalled its highest score for a quarter.

What made the Peckers' win look even better was that they came from 42

By Ashley Porter

points behind late in the first term.

A bitterly disappointed Torrens coach, Lindsay Head, told his players immediately after the match they would be training today (Sunday), tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

He was as stunned as other Torrens supporters at his team's disastrous slide after the first term.

"I don't know the reason," he said. "I think we are a 10-goal better side than Woodville, but we got beaten."

According to statistician Ern Kolosche, the match also was the highest

scoring between the two teams.

Woodville took 10 weeks to record its first win last season—also against Torrens.

Olsson said it was a tremendous effort by his players.

He was confident they could continue the form, now that they have tasted success.

Despite the win, Woodville is still bottom, with Torrens just ahead on percentage.

West Adelaide and Central District made their tasks of reaching the finals extremely difficult with losses to Glenelg and Sturt respectively, while North Adelaide, which lost to Norwood, will stay in the five if South beats Port at Football Park today.

Tiger talent holds on in gruelling fight

By Trevor Gill

Glenelg was locked in a gruelling final quarter battle with a gallant and persistent West Adelaide before finally maintaining its unbeaten record at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

Glenelg 21-15; West 17-15

The Tigers, after a tear-away 10-goal burst in the first quarter, were shocked by the aggressive Wolves, who threw everything at the league leaders in the last term.

Inspired by captain Ian Borchard and rovers Stephen Wells and Steven Recner, West outscored the Bays in the second and third quarters to stage a grand fightback.

Late in the final quarter West came perilously close to "pegging" Glenelg, but it lacked the experience to steal a sensational victory.

It was Glenelg's hardened campaigners — Paul Weston, Peter Carey, Graham Cornes, Peter McInerney and Ralph Sewer — who steadied the side in the face of West's rampage.

Weston and Carey, especially, bumped and bullocked the Bays into tttack to resist the desperation of the Wolves.

Only 24 points separated the two sides at the last change and Weston kicked what was probably the most important goal of the day when he weaved through West defenders to score in the opening minutes of the last quarter.

That goal put the Tigers 31 points clear and the task was ahead of West.

But it answered the challenge with a salvo of four goals to shoot to within 12 points of Glenelg.

It was skipper Borchard—who had 16 kicks, 30 handballs and six marks—who fired the Wolves and created so many opportunities for West's running players.

But his inspiration just wasn't enough when Glenelg settled down to "kill off" the game.

Resisted

In the first quarter Glenelg had many winners with centreman Ralph Sewer, half-forwards Stephen Copping and Leon Twelvtree and the

elusive Daryl Rady ripping through West's defences. But as the game progressed West centreman Richard Hamilton, forwards Geoff Morris and Roger Luders and defenders Larry Watson and Matt Davoren worked their way into the game.

They were desperate and aggressive and steadily edged closer to Glenelg to give the Tigers a genuine scare in the last quarter.

Borchard was easily West's best player, while Glenelg half-back David Holst was the most consistent for the home side.

But it was to Glenelg's credit that it responded so well to West's challenge late in the game.

Coach John Halbert said he was particularly pleased with the way the Tigers resisted West when it counted most.

And West coach Neil Kerley admitted the Wolves had fallen to Glenelg's experience.

"We just lacked that little bit of experience in the last quarter to win the game," he said.

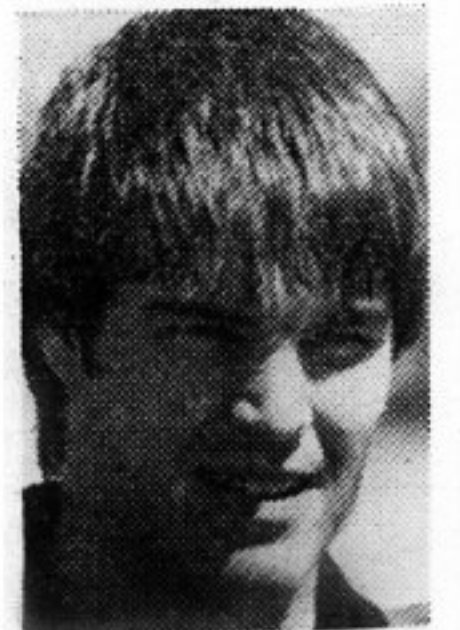
"They worked hard and it was the type of football we are looking for."

Glenelg was forced to play without ruckman Colin MacVicar and wingman David Marshall, both with flu. Both sides pulled up sore, but there were no casualties.

Wolves shock Glenelg



Paul Weston hardened campaigner



Ian Borchard best for West

Cornes near Bay games record

By Trevor Gill

Glenelg's evergreen veteran, Graham Cornes, is close to becoming one of the Tigers' most famous players.

At Glenelg Oval yesterday, Cornes equalled former champion full forward Fred Phillis' record of 275 league games for the club.

It made 300 senior appearances for Glenelg, SA and North Melbourne.

laide at the Bay yesterday Cornes faced yet another big challenge in his illustrious league career.

In the absence of ruckman Colin MacVicar (flu), Cornes was given the extra task of shouldering the ruck work with big Peter Carey.

He started the game at full forward but made

LEAGUE DETAILS

UNLEY OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Sturt | 4-5 | 9-10 | 15-13 | 20-17 | 137 |
| Central | 3-1 | 8-4 | 10-10 | 16-15 | 111 |

BEST—STURT: Fry, P. Heinrich, Howard, Sims, Graham, Leonard. CENTRAL: Wright, Van Dommele, Edwards, Beythien, T. Moore.

SCORES — STURT: Hollis 5.5, Howard 4.2, Heinrich 4.2, Whittlesea 3.0, Derrington 2.4, Graham 1.2, Wilson 1.0, rushed 0.2. CENTRAL: Edwards 6.2, Beythien 5.3, Wright 2.2, Van Dommele 1.1, Platten 1.1, Vivian 1.0, McLay 0.2, Mobbs 0.1, Livesey 0.1, Gillies 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Cochrane (ankle), Wilson (thigh). UMPIRES—Adrian Forster, Peter Mead.

GLENELG OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Glenelg | 10-3 | 13-6 | 16-13 | 21-15 | 141 |
| West | 3-3 | 8-7 | 12-13 | 17-15 | 117 |

BEST—GLENELG: Holst, Rady, Caldwell, Carey, Twelvtree, WEST: Borchard, Wells, Rechner, Hamilton, Watson.

SCORES — GLENELG: Twelvtree 5.2, Rady 5.1, Caldwell 3.2, Copping 3.0, Carey 1.2, Cornes 1.2, McInerney 1.1, Kernahan 1.0, Weston 1.0, Paynter 0.2, Armfield 0.1, McDermott 0.1, Sewer 0.1. WEST: Luders 4.5, Willis 4.1, Rechner 4.0, Lindner 2.3, Morris 2.1, Grosser 1.0, Thorn 0.1, Kennedy 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES—Ric Kinnear, Bob Scholefield.

ADELAIDE OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Woodville | 3-4 | 11-8 | 21-12 | 25-18 | 168 |
| Torrens | 9-2 | 12-4 | 17-6 | 20-11 | 131 |

BEST—WOODVILLE: Beecroft, Matheson, Huppertz, Close, Heaven, Scheer. TORRENS: McSparran, T. Hill, T. Hank, Phillipou, Cunningham.

SCORES—WOODVILLE: Pierson 5.2, Huppertz 4.4, Close 3.2, Matheson 3.0, Beecroft 2.0, Hewitt 1.3, McCormack 1.1, McLeod 1.1, Tonkin 1.1, Parker 1.0, Mansfield 1.0, Carty 1.0, Tyrrell 1.0, rushed 0.4. TORRENS: George 5.4, Roberts 4.2, K. Hill 2.1, T. Hank 2.0, T. Hill 2.0, Diorio 2.0, McSparran 2.0, Phillipou 1.0, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES—TORRENS: Robson (bruised shoulder). UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Jim Feld.

FOOTBALL PARK

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Norwood | 2-6 | 6-10 | 10-15 | 17-19 | 121 |
| North | 2-1 | 5-2 | 7-2 | 13-5 | 83 |

BEST—NORWOOD: Jenkins, Thomas, Menzel, M. Aish, Fosdike, Dunstan. NORTH: Kerley, Clusby, W. Stringer, Stanbridge, Roach, Phillips.

SCORES—NORWOOD: Fosdike 4.1, Woodcock 3.1, Thomas 2.3, Jenkins 2.2, Balme 2.2, Hoffmann 2.1, Menzel 1.2, Pearson 1.0, A. Aish 0.1, Hughes 0.1, M. Aish 0.2, rushed 0.3. NORTH: Grenfell 3.1, Stanbridge 3.0, Roach 3.0, Nunan 2.0, Phillips 1.0, Redden 1.0, Gehlert 0.2, Conder 0.1, Lokan 0.1.

INJURIES—NORWOOD: Woodcock (leg), NORTH: Rodney Robson (back). UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth, Neville Thorpe.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | % |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|------|-----|-------|
| Glenelg | 9 | — | — | 1284 | 859 | 18 | 59.92 |
| Sturt | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1074 | 915 | 13 | 54.00 |
| Norwood | 5 | 3 | 1 | 993 | 874 | 11 | 53.19 |
| †South | 5 | 3 | — | 859 | 705 | 10 | 54.92 |
| North | 5 | 4 | — | 1019 | 1003 | 10 | 50.40 |
| West | 4 | 5 | — | 1070 | 1014 | 8 | 51.34 |
| †Port | 4 | 4 | — | 809 | 888 | 8 | 47.67 |
| Central | 3 | 6 | — | 915 | 951 | 6 | 49.04 |
| Torrens | 1 | 8 | — | 943 | 1152 | 2 | 45.01 |
| Woodville | 1 | 8 | — | 796 | 1401 | 2 | 36.23 |

† to play today

LEADING GOALKICKERS

| | Games | Yest. | Total |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hollis (Sturt) | 9 | 5-5 | 32-25 |
| Evans (Port) | 8 | — | 30-24 |
| Luders (West) | 8 | 4-5 | 27-26 |
| Slattery (South) | 8 | — | 27-13 |
| George (Torrens) | 6 | 5-4 | 26-19 |
| Thorn (West) | 8 | 0-1 | 25-14 |

CROWDS

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|---------------|--------|
| Football Park | 10,830 |
| Adelaide* | 4312 |
| Unley | 8182 |
| Glenelg | 8503 |
| Total | 31,807 |

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY — Norwood v Glenelg (Football Park); South v Woodville (Adelaide); Torrens v West (Thebarton).

MONDAY — Sturt v Port (Football Park); Central v North (Adelaide).

IN OTHER STATES

MELBOURNE: North Melbourne 25-22 Melbourne 6-7; South Melbourne 10-10, Geelong 14-8; Collingwood 17-10, Richmond 8-9; Essendon 11-13, Carlton 6-8; Hawthorn 13-17, St Kilda 11-14, Footscray 10-10, Fitzroy 22-15. TASMANIA — New Norfolk 21-11, Clarence 12-3; Glenorchy 19-14, Sandy Bay 10-10; Hobart 18-16, North Hobart 9-17; Launceston 11-11, Burnie 10-8; Penguin 12-13, Scottsdale 9-7; Ulverston 21-18, Smithton 6-8; Devonport 26-9, East Launceston 14-13; East Devonport 10-9, Cooees 7-12; City-South 15-13, Latrobe 11-9; Wynyard 18-21, Longford 11-9. PERTH — Swan Districts 31-14, Perth 10-13; Claremont 25-11, Subiaco 19-12.



Graham Cornes

WA urges SA to team up in fight against VFL

FOOTY WAR!

PERTH: Western Australian Football League president Mr Vince Yovich wants WA and SA to join forces to prepare for a head-on collision with the Victorian Football League.

Mr Yovich is seeking urgent top-level talks with the SANFL during the State match in Perth on June 20.

He said the major worry was the proposed expansion of the VFL competition to NSW and Queensland.

"Football in WA and SA will die if the VFL carries on as normal," Mr Yovich said.

The Victorians had to be dissuaded from the mass recruiting in each

State when the competition was expanded in the eastern States.

Mr Yovich said both WA and SA also deserved some of the spoils from the extra income derived from an expanded competition.

"We should get a share of the spoils because players from SA and WA have made the VFL a great competition," he said.

"I hope the South Australians see it this way."

Mr Yovich has tentatively arranged a meeting with SANFL general manager, Mr Don Roach, during the visit by the State side.

Mr Yovich said there was a real fear that the VFL would try to draw players from other States to make up teams in NSW and Queensland.

From a special writer

"We need our star players here, and I hope to be able to tighten even further the guidelines on recruiting agreed to this season," Mr Yovich said.

"Instead of \$40,000 on every player, the clearance figure should be \$250,000 or more, which I would hope would put our players out of the market."

He said the VFL was not interested in incorporating a WA team in the competition because of the enormous costs involved.

"An expanded VFL competition to NSW and Queensland would derive a huge amount of income."



'Head-on collision or we will die'

"The potential viewing market would be in excess of 10 million people."

"We want some of the increase to keep our competition bouyant. WA also wants the Victorians to leave our players alone."

"I hope a meeting with the South Australians will enable us to join forces and take a common stand," Mr Yovich said.



WA league president, Mr Vince Yovich ... the clearance figure should be set at \$250,000

Roach to table report

SANFL general manager, Mr Don Roach, will table a lengthy, detailed report to his directors on June 15 regarding SA's future.

Yesterday, he was not prepared to go into detail on WA's suggested "merger" to fight the Victorian Football League.

Mr Roach confirmed the SANFL and the WANFL would have a "round table talk" in Perth.

"No doubt the agenda will include permits and the ramifications behind the VFL move to include Sydney and Brisbane teams," Mr Roach said.

"How the inclusion of those teams affects SA and WA is certain to be a major topic."

There is a touch of irony about Mr Yovich's statement because for the past five years the SANFL has almost

pleaded with the WANFL to help combat the VFL's power moves.

On several occasions, after pledging support, the West Australians slipped out the side door and decided to agree to Victorian requests — leaving the SANFL out in the cold.

One of the major issues was WA's decision to back Australian Football Championships Pty Ltd to run the Escort Cup night championships.

The SANFL wanted the National Football League to organise the series.

Later the WANFL failed to hold out for more details on the VFL

Look at future

drafting system. Consequently 100-game players, and those 24 years and over, can be cleared to the VFL for as little as \$40,000.

SA had sought more details on the drafting system and WA's "surrender" rocked SA league officials.

This season the VFL had its own way again when it persuaded the WANFL to change the date of its preliminary final from Saturday, September 26, to the following day.

This will enable the VFL to beam a live telecast of the VFL finals and reap in-



Mr Roach ... confirmed discussions would be held.

creased television advertising revenue.

Under the circumstances the SANFL has grounds to consider that the West Australians might again "go to water" when the VFL applies the pressure.

The SANFL is basically in favor of a national league, and wants to be part of it — providing the format of the competition is suitable to all Australian footballers.