

They wanted it for Ebert



By Ashley Porter

There was an incredible will-to-win desire in the Port Adelaide changerooms at half time at Football Park yesterday.

It generally exists among every football team but it was far more noticeable within the Magpies ranks — they wanted to win for Russell Ebert.

Ebert was making his debut as a coach. A teammate of most of the players for a number of years, the most successful Magpie was now their master.

And win they did with an incredible amount of courage and determination.

At the end of the gruelling match, Ebert, one of the architects of the triumph over Glenelg, sat in the changeroom looking physically and mentally exhausted.

Ebert, who rarely gives away his inner emotions when it comes to football, said he experienced the normal pre-match tension.

He showed no signs of tentativeness in the rooms before the game and certainly not during it.

And naturally, he was elated with the 15-point victory over the Tigers.

Not only for the two premierships but, according to him, the way his players showed determination and teamwork when the going got tough.

"There were two tremendous efforts out there today by Port and

SWEET REVENGE FOR WEST

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West Adelaide gained sweet revenge over Central District for nudging it out of last year's finals with a record-crushing win at Richmond Oval yesterday.

The goal-thirsty Bloods booted 23-22 to 8-10 which represented their biggest score and victory over the Bulldogs.

It also escalated West to the top of the premiership table with Norwood and Sturt to complete the first round at Football Park tomorrow.

Russell Ebert (Port Adelaide) was the only new coach to emerge a winner after his side topped Glenelg by 15 points in a superb match at Football Park.

It was disappointment for the other new coaches, Graham Campbell (Glenelg), and playing coaches Malcolm Blight (Woodville) and Graham Cornes (South).

Woodville lost by 25 points to West Torrens while the Panthers were downed by North Adelaide by 33 points.

Glenelg was courageous in defeat and its score of 17-16 was its highest losing score at Football Park.

The Eagles have clashed with Woodville 19 times at Woodville Oval and it lived up to its good form there by winning for the seventeenth time.

North's Leigh Stanbridge last night had an operation on his right knee after being injured in the first quarter. He could miss four matches.

Glenelg defender Peter Maynard was carried off late in the last quarter with concussion and will not play against Sturt next Saturday.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West Torrens	4-5	8-9	13-14	18-19	127
Woodville	3-6	5-10	11-18	13-24	102

BEST — WEST TORRENS: Lindsay, Robson, Johnston, Dillon, Schimmelbusch, Carter, Morrell, T. Hill. WOODVILLE: Simpson, Blight, Koop, Bencie, Baynes.

SCORERS — WEST TORRENS: Johnston 6.3, Lindsay 6.1, Morrell 2.0, Dillon 1.2, Carter 1.2, Hank 1.1, Flanagan 1.0, Phillipou 0.2, T. Hill 0.2, Hanna 0.1, rushed 0.4. WOODVILLE: Pierson 3.4, Blight 3.2, Roberts 2.1, Bencie 2.0, Simpson 1.4, McSparran 1.0, Bolton 1.0, Koop 0.2, Barnes 0.2, Tschierpitz 0.2, Harradine 0.1, J. Parker 0.1, rushed 0.3.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-1	9-3	9-4	14-9	93
South	1-5	3-11	4-17	7-18	60

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Phillips, McAdam, Riley, Tiller, Campbell, Antrobus, Arnold, Molloy. SOUTH: Hawkins, Naeve, Hewitt, Fairclough, Martin, Hateley, Butler.

GOALKICKERS — NORTH: Dietrich 5.1; Phillips 2.1; Antrobus 2.0; Riley 1.2; Hay, Molloy, Redden 1.0; Tiller 0.2; rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Hewitt 4.5; Hawkins 1.1; Naeve, Antken 1.0; Fairclough, Martin, Hateley 0.2; Cornes, Schmeicher 0.1; rushed 0.4.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West Adel.	6-4	10-9	13-18	23-22	106
Centrals	2-3	6-6	7-8	8-10	58

BEST—WEST: Lindner, Conlen, Summerton, Mickan, Bennett, Fielke, Luders, McKinnon. CENTRAL: Thomas, Krieg, Platten, Boehm.

SCORERS—WEST: Luders 7.3, Lindner 4.5, McKinnon 2.2, Meuret 2.1, Grosse 2.1, Morris 2.1, R. Winter 1.3, Conlen 1.1, Burgess 1.0, Williams 1.0, Smith 0.2, Bennet 0.2, rushed 0.1. CENTRAL: Platten 4.1, Fraser 2.1, Robertson 1.1, Casserly 1.0, Mobbs 0.2, Trigg 0.1, Ruciack 0.2, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES—R. Scholefield, J. Hyllon.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-9	11-10	14-17	19-19	133
Glenelg	6-5	12-9	12-12	17-16	118

BEST — PORT: Bradley, Clifford, Hupatz, R. Ebert, Cunningham, Evans, Kennedy, Eckermann. GLENELG: Symonds, McGuinness, Kernahan, Carey, Lunniss, McDermott, Lihou.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 8.1, Hupatz 3.1, Gill 2.3, Clifford 2.0, Bradley 1.6, Curtis 1.1, Kinnear 1.0, Giles 1.0, Cunningham 1.3, Harris 0.1, R. Ebert 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Kernahan 3.2, Symonds 4.3, McGuinness 3.3, Murphy 2.1, Lunniss 2.0, Hall 1.1, Duthy 0.1, Sewer 0.1, Hartfield 0.1, McDermott 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — D. Roster, D. Schramm.

INJURIES

WEST: McKinnon (tooth knocked out), Smith (cork thigh), Bennett (cut chin), R. Winter (slight concussion), Mickan (slight calf). **CENTRAL:** Prior (slight shoulder), Graham (slight shoulder). **NORTH:** L. Stanbridge (knee), Klomp (concussion), Riley (shoulder).

GLENELG: Seebohm (hamstring), Maynard (concussion), Frost (ankle).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
West	1	—	160	58	2	73.39
North	1	—	93	60	2	60.78
Torrens	1	—	127	102	2	55.46
Port	1	—	133	118	2	52.99
Glenelg	—	1	118	133	—	47.01
Woodville	—	1	102	127	—	44.54
South	—	1	60	93	—	39.22
Central	—	1	58	160	—	26.61

*Norwood
*Sturt
*Play Monday

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
Evans (Port)	1	8-1	8-1
Luders (West)	1	7-3	7-3
Johnston (Torrens)	1	6-3	6-3
Lindsay (Torrens)	1	6-1	6-1
Kernahan (Glenelg)	1	5-2	5-2
Dietrich (North)	1	5-1	5-1
Hewitt (South)	1	4-5	4-5
Lindner (West)	1	4-5	4-5
Symonds (Glenelg)	1	4-3	4-3
Platten (Central)	1	4-1	4-1

PORT WON, BUT SO DID FOOTBALL

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Port 19-19, Glenelg 17-16

Port Adelaide won the premierships points, Glenelg did not lose respect, but overall, football was the real winner in a magnificent opening to the 1983 season at Football Park.

Both sides produced enormous courage in a desperate see-sawing battle before the Magpies finally clung to a 15-point victory.

The turning point came at half-time when Port's new coach, Russell Ebert, made some match winning moves and the Tigers were crippled by an injury to centre half-back John Seebohm.

Suffered

Ebert switched Ben Harris from centre half-back to centre half-forward, Danny Hughes from centre half-forward to full back, and Martin Leslie from full back to centre half-back.

And the shuffling saw the Magpies explode with power and their balance and attack on the ball was so intense that Glenelg was held goal-less for the third term.

Making Port's task easier was a hamstring injury to Seebohm who up until half time was one of Glenelg's best.

He suffered the injury in the first quarter but it was not until he ran on to the ground for the second half that he realised it was worse than first feared and limped back off the field.

Suddenly Glenelg coach Graham Campbell was forced to make changes. David Frost and then Michael Farquhar were tried at centre half-back,



Ivan Eckermann... fine mark

but the moves did not work because the Tigers were unsettled around the ground.

Port's moves enabled its defence to become rock solid and its attack began from the full-back line.

A classic example was when Ivan Eckermann took a fine mark in a back pocket, handballed to Hughes who kicked to centre wing towards Craig Bradley and Stephen Clifford, who in turn passed to Kym Kinnear who goaled on the run.

Such was the force. It happened again in the last quarter when Tony Giles, who went to a half-back flank from the interchange bench, drove into attack and goaled.



Maggie Stephen Clifford, clears the ball from oncoming Tigers.

defeat and it was en-lightening to see them fight under the pressure.

Blight said he could not be pleased at losing, but believed Woodville must try to find something for the reason for the loss.

"The lack of skill under pressure probably was the main reason for the defeat," he said.

Cornes said his side was "right in it until half-way into the final quarter."

"A couple of misses early proved costly but, regardless of that, we still had victory in our grasp in the last quarter until the running players of North got on top."

Valiant

But the "will-to-win" for the new coaches also existed in their changerooms before their debuts, and they sensed the feeling with their players determination on the field.

Campbell said his Tigers were valiant in

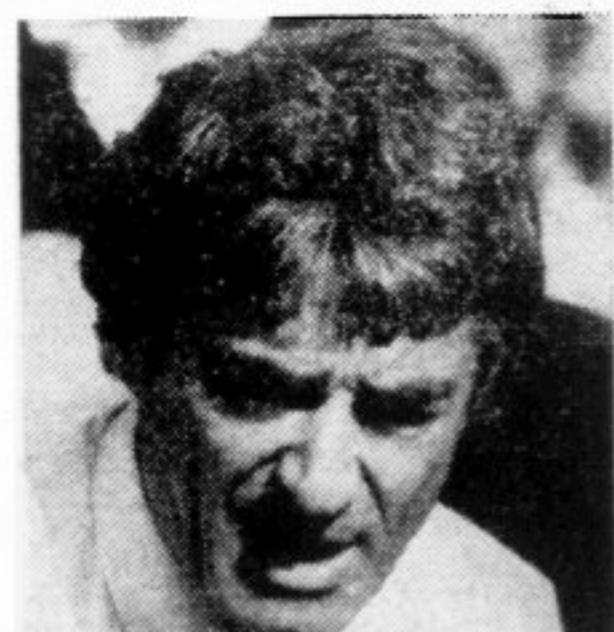
Crucial

Neither side had winners over four quarters because, remarkably, there was not a player on the ground who did not contribute something at crucial stages.

The difference, apart from the changes at half time, was the fact Port had a full forward in Tim Evans, who booted eight goals while Glenelg was deficient in this area.

Taking nothing away from Evans who worked tirelessly for the ball, it was Port's teamwork which really gave him the opportunities.

The agony and the ecstasy



THERE was delight and frustration for the coaches of West and Glenelg.

West coach Neil Kerley (right) had the delight of leading the Bloods to a magnificent 102-point win against Central. Glenelg's Graham Campbell (left), after watching the Tigers thrash Sturt in last weekend's final trial, suffered the frustration of a 15-point loss to Port.

