

Cop that! Bay star boots 11

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	9-3	20-8	29-14	39-16	250
Woodville	2-3	6-5	8-10	19-14	128

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: Fairclough, Harris, D. Hewitt, Dewhurst, Darren Kappler. **WOODVILLE:** Koop, Jacquier, Harris, Parker, Haylock.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Harris 7.4, Schneebichler 5.1, Slatery 5.0, Christie 5.0, Darren Kappler 4.2, Naley 4.0, Would 4.0, D. Hewitt 3.3, Dewhurst 2.1, rushed 0.5. **WOODVILLE:** Wright 4.1, Koop 4.0, Beecroft 3.3, Jacquier 3.1, Heaney 2.1, Jolly 1.2, Wood 1.2, Sewer 1.0, Harris 0.3, Lynch 0.1.

INJURIES — WOODVILLE: Parker (bruised leg).

UMPIRES — Mark Mackie, Darryl Schramm.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	6-3	12-3	19-7	23-12	150
North	8-0	12-5	15-7	18-11	119

BEST-TORRENS: Dillon, Cunningham, Taylor, Lindsay, Payne, Schimmelbusch, Hanna, Collier, Sims. **NORTH:** Ellis, Tiller, Parsons, Wildy, Hart, Brealey, Gehling.

SCORERS-TORRENS: Taylor 6.1, Dillon 5.2, Roberts 5.1, Pavlich 2.0, Sims 2.0, Collier 1.2, Schimmelbusch 1.0, Payne 1.0, Kellett 0.2, rushed 0.4. **NORTH:** Brealey 6.1, Arnold 4.1, Parsons 3.1, White 2.1, Hart 1.2, Phillips 1.1, Klomp 1.0, Gehling 0.2, Campbell 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — TORRENS: Sarau (broken collarbone), Hanna (knee). **NORTH:** White (salf).

UMPIRES—Peter Francis, Graham Hilton, and Ian Penhall (after Hilton left with a calf injury).

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-4	8-5	14-10	22-14	146
West	5-4	8-4	12-5	15-9	99

BEST-PORT: Clifford, Bradley, Anderson, Leslie, Kennedy, R. Ebert, Curtis, Knight. **WEST:** Fielke, Mickan, Kantlaftas, Dreher, Morris.

SCORERS-PORT: Evans 6.2, R. Ebert 5.0, Knight 4.2, Bradley 2.0, S. Williams 2.0, Mahney 1.2, Belton 1.1, Anderson 1.1, Smith 0.1, Clifford 0.1, rushed 0.4. **WEST:** Smith 4.1, Morris 2.2, Fielke 2.2, Miller 2.1, Luders 1.1, Herbert 1.1, Weldeman 1.1, Bennett 1.0, P. Winter 1.0.

INJURIES-PORT: Anderson (knee), Gill (back). **WEST:** Williams (ribs), Weldeman (concussion), Luders (concussion), McKinnon (thigh), Fielke, Dreher, Herbert, Burgess (leg injuries).

REPORT-PORT: S. Clifford for allegedly striking M. Weldeman (West) during first term, by field umpire Jim Field.

UMPIRES—John Hilton, Jim Field.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	8-3	15-10	21-12	27-15	177
Sturt	5-5	7-5	16-12	21-14	140

BEST-GLENELG: Copping, S. Kernahan, McGuinness, Russell, Twelftree, W. Stringer, Carey, McDermott, Gibbs. **STURT:** Spiel, Paynter, Hollis, Fry, Paech, Derrington, Davies.

SCORERS-GLENELG: Copping 11.6, Twelftree 4.1, Kidney 3.1, McDermott 3.0, McGuinness 2.2, S. Kernahan 2.0, A. Stringer 1.0, Gibbs 1.0, D. Kernahan 0.1, Carey 0.1, rushed 0.3. **STURT:** Davies 6.3, Derrington 4.1, Paynter 4.0, Paech 3.0, Willmott 1.2, Craig 1.0, Barbary 1.0, Smith 1.0, Hollis 0.2, Veale 0.2, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Marshall (badly bruised ribs).

STURT: P. Heinrich (ankle).

UMPIRES—Bob Scholfield, Ric Charlesworth.

By Gordon Campbell

Stephen "gorilla arms" Copping made a monkey out of Sturt at Unley yesterday.

The Glenelg spearhead booted 11 goals in a matchwinning performance which left the Blues' defence in tatters.

And the nightmare Sturt suffered because of his brilliance is shared by Copping's former club Essendon which released him just before key forward Paul Salmon's serious injury.

Apart from his goal-kicking expertise Copping unselfishly handed out at least three other goals, and could have kicked 15 with better accuracy.

He finished with six points.

The farmer from Lucindale is a remarkably strong overhead mark for a Collingwood six-footer.

He has excellent anticipation, a long reach, and a vice-like grip which hauls in the big grabs you would expect players much taller to take.

The Tigers went out on a financial limb to regain his services which could be critical in Glenelg landing its first premiership for 11 years.

Strong

Sturt coach John Halbert recognised Copping's

contribution: "He was the difference between the two sides."

Glenelg coach Graham Campbell said: "It was a magic performance and our players have great confidence in him."

Copping's outstanding feat — the highest goal tally by a Glenelg player at Unley — was achieved under the pressure of a nagging groin strain.

He kicked five goals in the first term to give the Tigers the important early initiative.

Three of those goals came in the first 15 minutes from powerful marking but his fifth goal was the most embarrassing of all for opponent Andrew Downes.

Copping clearly outmanoeuvred Downes in a one-on-one struggle to mark and run into an open goal. Downes was dumbfounded.

Halbert moved Greg Whittlesea on to the irrefutable spearhead in the second term, but by then Copping had won Glenelg control of the game by bursting through players in the goalsquare to kick his seventh.

And he followed his new partner by booting number eight in the match-winning term.

Copping did everything a full forward should do. He led fast, marked well, inspired teammates and had a perfect under-

standing with the brilliant passing of Tony McGuinness, Leon Twelftree and Tony Symonds.

The trio often "found" Copping with precision kicking and caused him to remark after the game: "A lot of the passes were beautiful."

Copping kicked 8-4 in the first half and handed goals to McGuinness and rover Robin Kidney in the second half when Sturt rallied and was the equal of Glenelg.

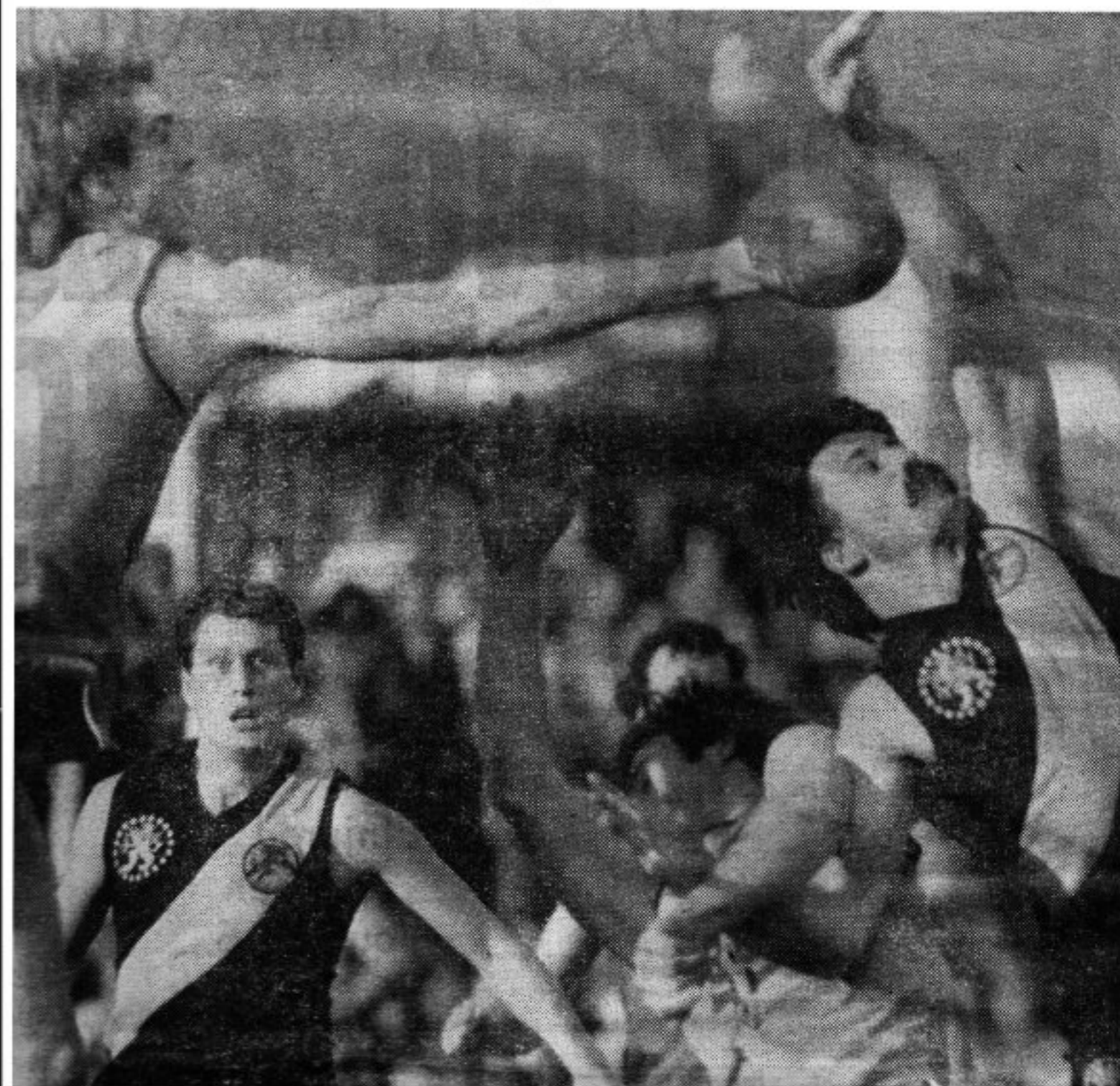
But the bird had flown and no one could deny the Tigers another killing.

The Blues outscored Glenelg by three goals in the third term, mainly through Paul Hollis who lifted across half-forward and follower John Paynter and spearhead Rick Davies who booted three goals each.

Tim Paech's goal early in the final term briefly threatened a strong Sturt comeback but Glenelg steadied and was convincing in its success.

Let's not forget the deeds of one superstar Stephen Kernahan who took a backseat in the Copping limelight.

Kernahan finished with a staggering 15 marks — just one more than Copping.



Glenelg's Stephen Copping is spoilt in his one-handed attempt to mark by Sturt's Peter Motley (left)

Norwood 'main poacher'

By Ashley Mallett

Ex-West Torrens defender John Graham believes SA football in its present form is on the skids.

"The top clubs—Norwood, Port Adelaide, Glenelg and Sturt—are poaching the kids from bottom teams such as Torrens.

"Norwood is the main culprit. Since 1981 that club has bought 19 players, talented youngsters whose parents have virtually traded to the highest bidder."

Graham, a former tough defender with Torrens through the turbulent seventies, is all fired up.

"SA football cannot improve if the top clubs continue to

poach the youngsters bred by the lower sides.

"It will never be an even competition while the SANFL allows this to happen."

He said Norwood, since obtaining the Tea Tree Gully area in its zone, had some 26,000 players from which to choose.

"But the Redlegs are after every youngster. They offer \$500 to sign, \$500 annually until the youngster turns 21, then \$1000 to be paid when the kid plays his first league match," he claimed.

Norwood general manager, Mr Wally Miller, said: "It doesn't matter what the system, those who work the hardest get the results."

When I put to Mr Miller that Norwood had between 43 and 45

players from which to pick for the under-17s, he said: "There's a lot more than that figure."

Norwood under age teams are the envy of the league, Mr Miller said Norwood had done a great deal in its new Tea Tree Gully zone, formerly the province of the West Torrens Football Club.

"Our technical and development officer, Mark Hinton, conducts clinics, lectures and coaches almost every day of the week," he said.

"I've known of no parent who has wanted to sell his son or negotiated to the highest bidder. I find that abhorrent.

"The reason they choose Norwood is the fact that they, their parents, know that they will get the best."

LEADING GOALKICKERS

T. Evans (Port)	14	6.2	83.27
R. Davies (Sturt)	14	6.3	68.33
G. Dietrich (North)	13	—	63.30
B. Beecroft (Woodville)	11	3.3	57.23
N. Roberts (Norwood)	13	—	54.27
G. Nicholls (Glenelg)	12	—	48.33

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
Port	12	2	1837	1368	24	57.32
Glenelg	11	3	1862	1458	22	56.08
Central	10	3	1458	1216	20	51.53
South	9	5	1729	1319	18	56.73
Sturt	6	8	1682	1786	12	48.50
Norwood	6	7	1433	1530	12	48.36
West	6	8	1487	1595	12	48.25
Torrens	4	10	1423	1921	8	42.55
Woodville	3	11	1621	2150	6	42.99
North	3	12	1484	1673	4	47.01