

## 'WE'RE ON THE WAY BACK'

North Adelaide coach Mike Nunan is hoping his side has turned the winning corner following his side's incredible last quarter effort against Central District at Prospect yesterday.

The Roosters were down 12 goals at the last change, and then slammed on 8-2 while holding the Bulldogs scoreless.

The goals burst was not enough, as North still lost by 22 points, but Nunan said the last term performance showed plenty of promise.

"Whether we have turned the corner can only be answered next Saturday and the week after," he said.

"You cannot expect to win playing only one good quarter.

"But the belated effort has produced a lot of confidence and has made the players believe in themselves again."

### Maximum

Central is unbeaten after five rounds, and victory against another in-form side, South Adelaide, at Elizabeth next Saturday would see it equal its magnificent achievement in 1972 when it won its first six matches.

In the other two matches which completed the split round, Glenelg thrashed Woodville by 88 points at Football Park, while Port Adelaide shook off West Torrens at Alberton to win by 43 points.

By Ashley Porter

Central coach Kevin Neale was angry with his team's last quarter effort, particularly because it could have cost it top spot ahead of Port.

He told his players behind locked doors after the match that they would have to play top football for 120 minutes, not just three quarters, to beat top sides.

"They did not have a go in the last quarter, and the fact they have not produced maximum effort over four quarters consistently is a problem," he said.

"We have had some bad quarters of football this season, but generally our last quarter has been our good one.

"It is not a lack of fitness. They just don't know how to hold concentration."

Port half-back Tony Giles may have secured a State berth with a second best on ground performance yesterday.

The State selectors — Neil Kerley (coach), Dave Boyd, and Barrie Robran — will select a squad today for the clash under lights with Victoria at Football Park on May 15.



Malcolm Blight

West Torrens rookie Neil Turner also suffered a break during yesterday's round and will miss a number of matches.

He had a bone broken in his left hand during the match against Port Adelaide.

And worsening the news for the Eagles, Stephen Stretch (ankle) and Andrew Colsey (shoulder) suffered injuries. Club officials were unaware how many games they would miss.

Port follower Stephen Clifford has a coked thigh, but is hopeful of playing against Norwood on Friday night.

Woodville playing coach Malcolm Blight has a severe hamstring injury and could be sidelined for as many as four matches.

## Tigers savage the Warriors

Woodville's determined and dedicated game was no match for the skill and running of the Glenelg side at Football Park yesterday.

Woodville was outclassed, but not disgraced over its approach to the game, especially after half time.

Glenelg had too many big guns for the battling Warriors and from the first minutes of the game always looked the victors.

The Tigers never wavered from their task or securing two more premiership points, even when Woodville produced a more aggressive thoughtful approach in the second half.

Afterwards Tiger coach Graham Campbell was delighted and looking ahead to a big year for his team.

He said Glenelg was sitting in fourth spot on the league ladder and threatening those above it.

"Next week South and Central play and one of them has to loose," he said.

But in the Warrior dressing room captain coach Malcolm Blight was limping with a badly torn hamstring, and contemplating problems he will face next week when his team plays North.

"It would be nice to win one," he said.

It is likely his injury could prevent him from playing for up to six weeks.

Blight said Woodville performed poorly.

"Our skills under pressure are deplorable," he said.

"That first half was the worse football I've seen. We had the ball enough but we just didn't do anything with it."

He agreed Woodville lifted in the second half, but said half a game was not enough.

Blight and Tiger half forward John Seebom were involved in an enthralling duel before Blight was injured early in the third quarter and

By Tom Menzies

Glenelg 25-23 (173) d. W'ville 13-7 (85)



Graham Campbell

forced to leave the ground.

Seebom was a winner in the air, but Blight dominated in many of the clashes closer to the ground.

Seebom turned away many promising Woodville attacks while Blight at times slipped away or matched him man to man and through his brilliance picked up two goals.

Another contest that drew close attention was in the ruck where the Warriors' champion Max Parker battled the combined force of Peter Carey and Stephen Kernahan.

Parker's tireless game was inspirational and at times he was a dominating force.

But there was no denying Glenelg, its running creative players and its obsession with being first to the ball.

The precision that was lacking when Woodville was under pressure was heightened for the Tigers who seemed to get tougher the harder the game became.

Where Woodville struggled in its forward lines, the Tigers appeared to move in effortlessly to leading players and goal.

Their forward lines came alight as the ball swept through centre where David Marshall and Tony Symonds were matchwinners.

At the goalfront after a quiet start full forward Greg Nichols ended with seven goals and was supported by the roving Mark Motlop with three goals.

But best for the Tigers was Alan Stringer who was in everything. He finished with six goals and gave his side total dominance from the centre to the goals.

Stringer was reported for allegedly striking Woodville's Brett Mackereth.

For Woodville there were signs of hope, but with the loss of Blight the road to success looks even steeper.

### 2 Bay men on report

■ GLENELG forward Alan Stringer yesterday was reported for the second time in three matches.

■ AND his teammate Scott Salisbury also will face the tribunal on Tuesday night following an incident during the match against Woodville at Football Park. ■ STRINGER was charged by field umpire Bob Scholefield during the second term for allegedly deliberately striking Woodville's Brett Mackereth with a clenched fist.

■ IN round three Stringer was reported and reprimanded after pleading guilty to a charge of wilfully wasting time.

■ SALISBURY was reported by boundary umpire P. Vincent during the third term for allegedly striking an unknown Woodville player. —ASHLEY PORTER

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-5	12-13	16-18	25-23	173
Woodville	2-3	4-4	9-7	13-7	85

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: A. Stringer, McGinness, Kernahan, Marshall, Symonds, W. Stringer, WOODVILLE: Parker, K. Harris, Haylock, Mackereth, Koop.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Nichols 7.2, A. Stringer 6.1, Motlop 3.2, Holst 2.5, McGinness 2.1, Carey 1.2, Hall 1.2, Twelfth-tree 1.1, Symonds 1.0, MacFarlane 1.0, Kernahan 0.1, W. Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.4. WOODVILLE: Beecroft 7.1, Blight 2.2, Koop 1.1, Heaney 1.0, Mackereth 1.0, McDonald 1.0, K. Harris 0.2, Haylock 0.1.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Marshall (minor head cut), Holst (bruised knee), WOODVILLE: Blight (torn hamstring).

REPORTS — Alan Stringer (Glenelg) for allegedly deliberately striking Woodville's Brett Mackereth with a clenched fist, after Mackereth had kicked the ball in the second quarter. Stringer was reported by field umpire Bob Scholefield. Scott Salisbury (Glenelg) for allegedly striking an unknown Woodville player. He was reported by boundary umpire P. R. Vincent in the third quarter.

UMPIRES — Bob Scholefield, Neville Thorp.

### ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-5	8-8	13-13	17-16	118
Torrens	3-2	6-5	8-6	11-9	75

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Bradley, Giles, Russell, Anderson, Kinnear, Leslie, A. Williams, S. Williams, TORRENS: Schimmelbusch, Robson, McIndoe, Pisani, Kellett, Pilmore.

SCORERS—PORT: Russell 5.0, S. Williams 3.2, Bradley 3.0, Evans 2.2, Knight 2.2, R. Ebert 1.2, Mahney 1.0, Kinnear 0.1, Harvey 0.1, rushed 0.6. TORRENS: Schimmelbusch 3.2, Amos 2.2, Roberts 2.1, Sarau 2.0, Pilmore 1.0, Flanagan 1.0, Pavlich 0.1, Geyer 0.1, Lindsay 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—PORT: Clifford (corked thigh), TORRENS: Stretch (ankle), Turner (broken bone in left hand), Colsey (shoulder).

UMPIRES—G. Bowles, A. Forster.

### PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	P's.
Central	3-5	10-7	16-14	16-14	110
North	1-1	5-1	6-2	14-4	88

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRAL: Beythien, Connolly, Vivian, Nolan, Wright, Van Dommelle, Wilson, NORTH: Redden, Tiller, Gehling, Wildy, Hart, Phillips.

SCORERS—CENTRAL: Fraser 4.1, Wilson 3.0, Norsworthy 3.0, Connolly 2.4, Beythien 2.2, Platten 1.2, Pittman 1.0, Kriez 0.2, Roe 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Dietrich 4.0, Eaves 3.1, Gehling 3.0, Phillips 2.0, Jarman 1.1, Armfield 1.0, Simmons 0.1, Bennett 0.1.

INJURIES—CENTRAL: Trigg (broken ankle), Rucjack (back).

UMPIRES—Jim Field, Davis Weston.

### NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY (night)—Port v Norwood, Football Park. SATURDAY — Torrens v Sturt (Football Park); Central v South (Elizabeth); Glenelg v West (Glenelg); North v Woodville (Prospect).

### CROWDS

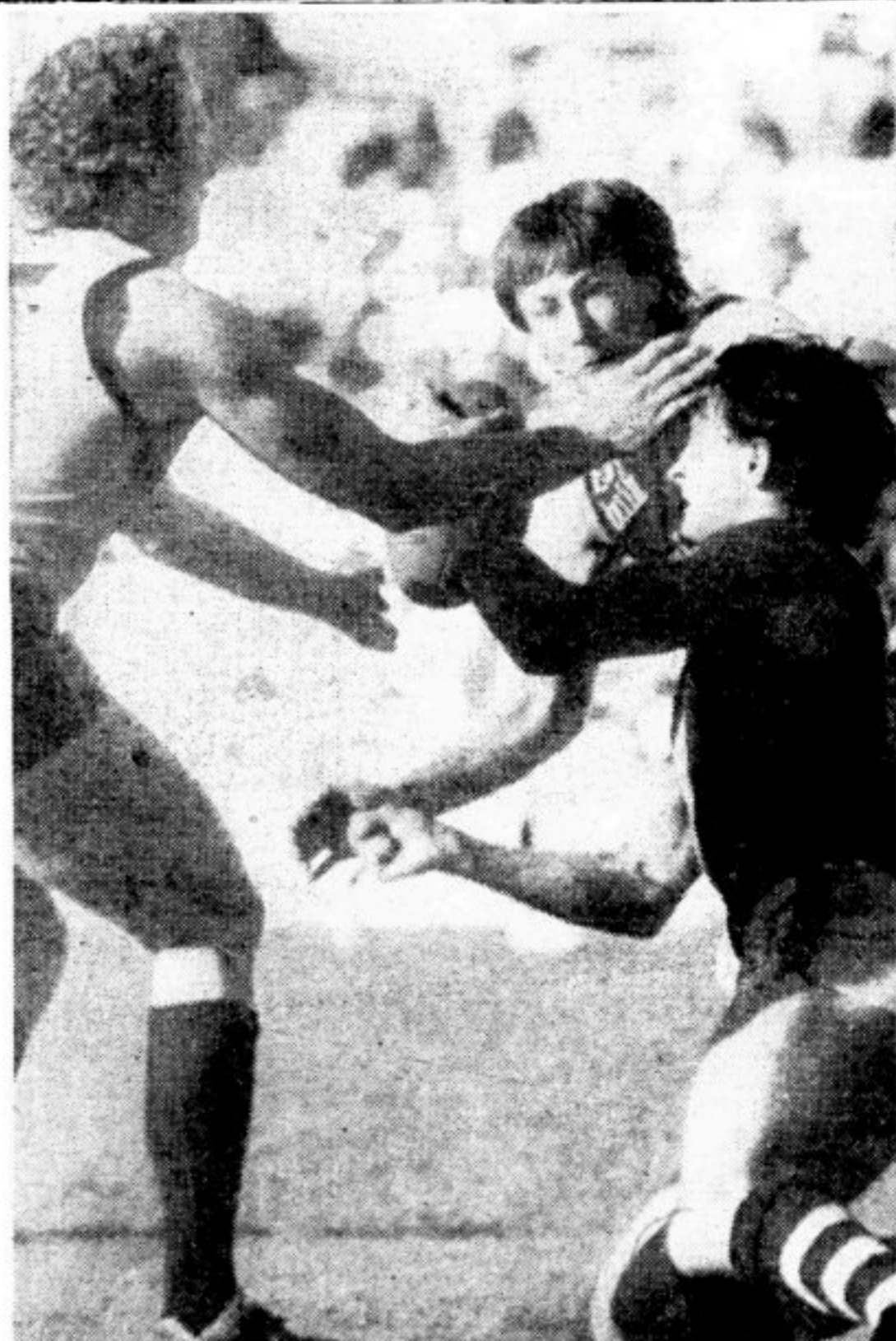
Football Park	5853
Alberton	7216
Prospect	6378

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Round 5	Total
T. Evans (Port)	5	2.2	32.10
G. Dietrich (North)	5	4.0	32.10
G. Nicholls (Glenelg)	5	7.2	22.16
R. Davies (Sturt)	5	4.3	22.11
N. Roberts (Norwood)	5	1.4	18.11
B. Beecroft (Woodville)	5	7.1	16.7
W. Slattery (South)	5	7.2	15.10
M. Blight (Woodville)	5	2.2	14.17
J. Roberts (Torrens)	4	2.1	14.7

### Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	P	%
PORT	5	—	64	416	10	59.82
CENTRAL	5	—	62	453	10	57.83
SOUTH	4	1	606	432	8	54.38
GLENELG	3	2	637	432	6	59.59
STURT	3	2	600	577	6	50.98
WEST	2	3	528	592	4	47.14
WOODVILLE	1	4	564	713	2	44.17
NORWOOD	1	4	498	685	2	42.15
TORRENS	1	4	433	709	2	38.94
NORTH	—	5	467	699	—	43.81



Woodville's Chris Scheer (5) and rover Scott McDonald converge on Tiger follower Tony Hall as he starts to handball out of danger