

STATE SQUADS HIT BY INJURY

Both the SA and Victorian State squads yesterday were crippled by injuries for the clash under lights at Football Park on Tuesday.

Ruled out for SA is Tom Warhurst (wrenched knee), while Michael Aish and Neville Roberts (corked thighs), Martin Leslie (ankle) and John Riley (driving muscle) are doubtful.

But the Victorian casualty list is even greater, and includes boom full forward Paul Salmon, who entered hospital last night to have X-rays on a back injury.

Ruled out are Terry Daniher and Des English, while extremely doubtful are Garry Wilson (knee), Ricky Barham (thigh), Peter Dacos (back), and Gary Pert (thigh).

Selectors and medical staff of both teams this morning will assess the extent of the injuries before selecting their sides.

The only good news for SA was that rover Kym Hodgeman, who was under a cloud because of a possible restraint by his VFL club North Melbourne, will play.

He and Greg Phillips arrived in Adelaide last night after both rated highly during yesterday's VFL round.

The VFL injury list could be even greater as the Swans play Richmond in Sydney this afternoon.

Leslie expressed confidence that he would be fit by Tuesday night to chairman of selectors, Dave Boyd, after yesterday's Port-Glenelg match.

But he will not be able to train at Football Park this morning and Boyd declared the selectors would not take any risks.

The selectors also must decide on a new captain for the State side, and I believe Sturt's Neil Craig will be given the responsibility.

West and State coach Neil Kerley said after yesterday's match against Central Districts he was not sure whether additions would be made to the team because it depended on the injury list.

Central pair Jamie Thomas and Richard Cousins may be overlooked for the State team of 21 after disappointing performances yesterday.

The back pocket position seems certain to go to Robin White, and Mike Redden as the back-up ruckman, as both excelled at Prospect.

Craig leads way in a Port salute

Glenelg supporters were getting ready to celebrate at the 20-minute mark of the first quarter.

The Tigers, gunning for their fourth successive win, were playing champagne football, and, having taken a 23-point lead, a major boil-over was looming.

After conceding the first goal of the game, Glenelg hit back, kicking five goals in slightly more than ten minutes.

But then the tide turned. And it happened in incredible fashion, with Port rover Wayne Mahney grabbing the ball on the half forward flank and pushing the ball forward with a dribbling grubber of a kick.

The kick looked destined to be a behind, but homed in on the goal as if attracted by a magnet.

Mahney saluted it like the winning goal of an FA Cup final, and Port was alive.

In the dying moments of the first term Port full forward Tim Evans kicked two quick goals, and in the opening minutes of the second, he slammed on his third.

Then, at the three minute mark of that quarter, coach Russell Ebert added another, and, in 12 minutes of top football, Port had converted a 23-point deficit into a six point lead.

It was vintage Port, reminiscent of the way it had led Norwood take an early lead, but stormed back in last round's thrilling night match at Football Park.

The Magpies ended up running away with the

By Ashley Porter

PORTER SELECTS...

- F—Schneebichler, Kernahan, Platten
- HF—Motley, Russell, Craig
- C—Fielke, McKinnon, Bradley
- HB—Giles, Phillips, Riley
- B—White, Parker, Leslie
- 1R—Johnston, Aish, Hodgeman
- Inter—Redden, Naley, McIntosh

Magpies on top of perch

A superbly confident Port Adelaide is the only unbeaten football power after yesterday's seventh round.

By Gordon Campbell

The Magpies are perched comfortably on top of the ladder with a one-game break and healthy percentage advantage over nearest rival Central District which lost its first game for the season against reigning premier West Adelaide.

"You have to put three or four wins together before you can say you've turned the corner," Kerley said.

And Port must be a clear early favorite for the 1984 premiership following its 20-point win over Glenelg at Football Park.

South Adelaide quickly returned to the winner's circle with a convincing 41-point win over North Adelaide at Prospect and is now third and pressurising Central for second spot.

Magpie captain-coach Russell Ebert rated the Glenelg game a real test for his charges and Port had to battle hard to shake off a determined Glenelg which is fifth with four wins.

The Panthers raced away from the Roosters in the final term after a fast and fierce three quarters.

Folded

The Magpies will clash with Central at Alberton tomorrow week in a vital game for the Bulldogs.

South clashes with the powerful Sturt at Unley on Saturday.

All-Australian Craig Bradley and State squad wingman Greg Anderson were in Port's top three players yesterday with just three days to the SA-Victoria clash at Football Park.

Ralph Sewer returned to his home club with a vengeance and kicked the goal which put the Warriors within six points of Sturt halfway through the final quarter.

The Bulldogs folded badly in the third term to the desperate Bloods which produced some of their premiership form in a convincing 47-point win at Richmond.

But the Blues raced away to a 39-point winning margin with champion spearhead Rick Davies kicking 11 goals.

West coach Neil Kerley warned the club had not turned the corner.

Woodville will clash on Saturday with Norwood which destroyed West Torrens with a powerful second half at Norwood yesterday.

By Peter Cornwall

Port 22-11 (143) d Glenelg 18-15 (123)

game against Norwood, winning by 43 points after trailing at quarter time by 16, and yesterday it overcame a valiant Glenelg by 20 points.

Maturity

The win was Port's seventh in succession, and with Central District losing to West Adelaide at Richmond it gave it a two-point advantage at the top of the premiership table.

Dashing All-Australian Craig Bradley again was in scintillating form, picking up 22 kicks, 16 handballs and three goals in a magnificent display at centre.

The brilliant allround sportsman's chances of taking out SA's top honor—the Magarey Medal—last year were ruined when he was vice-captain of the Australian under-19 cricket team that toured England.

He missed the last six games, but finished just four votes short of winner Tony Antrobus.

This year, with no such tour coming, Bradley, 20, will take some catching.

Another of SA's most talented young sportsmen is Greg Anderson.

Anderson, 17, plays with a cool maturity well beyond his years, and yesterday his dashing play on the wing was an inspiration.

Also outstanding for the Magpies was rover Paul Belton, who was in

everything and collected 22 kicks and 11 handballs.

The former State player stood out of football at the start of the year amid Port's financial crisis, but now, along with his teammates, seems intent only on seeing the Magpies win — and keep on winning.

Port Adelaide coach Russell Ebert was obviously pleased with the important win, but was more intent to discuss the team effort than dwell on outstanding individual efforts.

"It was a very good win. Glenelg is shaping as a team that plays a similar game to us, so it was an important game for us," Ebert said.

Glenelg may have slipped from third to fifth on the table after yesterday's loss, but it deserves plaudits for the valiant performance it put up.

The Bays' forward-ruckman Stephen Kernahan would have to be one of the strongest marks in the country.

He pulled down 12 marks — along with collecting 18 kicks and 17 hit-outs — and, ending up at centre half-forward, booted five goals.

"We played without luck," coach Graham Campbell said after the game.

"We didn't kick for goals as we should have and we made some bad ball handling mistakes. But we're not that far away."

Round 7, 1984

League details

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-2	11-8	16-8	22-11	143
Glenelg	5-2	8-8	13-12	18-15	123

BEST — PORT: Bradley, Belton, Anderson, Kinnear, Mahney, R. Ebert, Evans, Giles. **GLENELG**: Kernahan, Marshall, W. Stringer, McGuinness, Gibbs, Hall, Maynard.
SCORES — PORT: Evans 6.1, Mahney 3.1, Bradley 3.1, Anderson 3.1, Ebert 2.2, S. Williams 2.0, Belton 1.1, C. Ebert 1.0, Harris 1.0, Baker 0.1, Knight 0.1, rushed 0.2.
GLENELG: Kernahan 5.2, Nichols 4.1, Twelftree 3.0, A. Stringer 2.3, Gibbs 1.0, McGuinness 1.0, Symonds 1.0, Duthy 1.0, Hall 0.4, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.4.
INJURIES — GLENELG: Holst (corked thigh). PORT: Leslie (ankle).
UMPIRES — Laurie Argent and Rick Kinnear.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	6-6	12-12	15-15	24-19	163
Woodville	2-5	5-7	11-14	18-16	124

BEST — STURT: Craig, Derrington, Smith, Davies, Paech. **WOODVILLE**: Sewer, Harris, Parker, Jacquier, Beecroft.
SCORERS — STURT: Davies 11.5, Derrington 5.1, Fry 2.1, Craig 1.0, Fielke, Downes, Radbone 1.1, Hollis Smith 1.0, Whittlesea 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE**: Beecroft 7.3, Sewer 3.1, Fuller, Harris 3.3, Hearne 2.2, Koop 1.1, McDonald 1.0, Mackereth 0.2, Wright 0.1.
INJURIES — WOODVILLE: Tscherpig (knee), Reardon (ankle).
UMPIRES — Des Foster, John Hyton.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-6	6-8	17-12	26-13	169
Torrens	4-2	6-7	11-8	17-9	111

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: McIntosh, K. Thomas, Aish, Roberts, Ross, Scanlon, Gallagher, Kelly. **TORRENS**: Schimmelbusch, Lindsay, Stretch, Kellett, Hanna, Robson.
SCORES — NORWOOD: Roberts 7.2, Maynard 4.1, Ross 3.3, K. Thomas 2.3, Fischer 2.1, Vardanega 2, Balme 2, McCarthy 1.1, Gallagher 1.1, Hein 1, Scanlon 1, Helyar 0.1, Aish 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS**: Plangean 4.1, Hanna 3, Robson 3.2, Lindsay 3, Stretch 1.1, Cunningham 1, Pilmore 1, Schimmelbusch 1, Geyer 0.1, rushed 0.4.
INJURIES — NORWOOD: Warhurst (wrenched knee), Aish (high), Kelly (concussion). **TORRENS**: Sarau (homstring), Amos (concussion).
UMPIRES — Geoff Bowles, Adrian Forster.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-2	8-6	12-9	18-13	121
North	4-2	7-3	11-6	12-8	80

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: White, Palmer, Bennett, Martin, Naley, P. Brooksby, Dewhurst, Schneebichler. **NORTH**: Hart, Riley, Robertson, Mason, Redden, Brealey, Tiller.
SCORES — SOUTH: Harris 4.2, Martin 3.1, Harradine 3.0, Schneebichler 2.1, Naley 2.0, Slattery 1.3, Hatley 1.1, Dewhurst 1.1, Would 1.0, Kappler 0.1, Hewitt 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORTH**: Mason 5.0, Gehling 2.2, Arnold 2.1, Robertson 1.1, Hart 1.0, Brealey 1.0, Hill 0.2, Dietrich 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — SOUTH: Schneebichler (sore calf) G. Brooksby (corked thigh). **NORTH**: Mason (sprained ankle).
UMPIRES — Ric Charlesworth, Jim Field.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6-4	7-10	15-12	19-15	129
Central	2-3	3-8	6-12	11-16	82

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: McKinnon, Herbert, Mickan, Dreher, Summerton, Morris, Kantilaftas, Lamb, Fielke. **CENTRAL**: Platten, Krieg, Connelly, Van Dommelle.
SCORES — WEST: Luders 7.4, Morris 3.1, Grosser 3.0, Herbert 2.1, Fielke 2.1, Williams 1.1, Rechner 1.1, Smith 0.2, Bennett 0.2, Dreher 0.1, rushed 0.1. **CENTRAL**: Platten 2.4, Monds 2.1, Wilson 1.2, Krieg 1.1, Fraser 1.1, Norworthy 1.1, Wright 1.0, Beythien 1.0, Edwards 1.0, Connelly 0.3, Cousins 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES — WEST: Hamilton (concussion). **CENTRAL**: Bacho (bruised back), Fraser (concussion).
UMPIRES — Bob Scholefield, Neville Thorp.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
PORT	7	—	911	660	14	58.78
CENTRAL	6	1	802	679	12	54.15
SOUTH	5	2	822	608	10	57.48
STURT	5	2	929	797	10	53.82
GLENELG	4	3	872	654	8	57.14
WEST	3	4	736	766	6	48.36
NORWOOD	2	5	759	930	4	44.94
NORTH	1	6	721	791	2	47.69
WOODVILLE	1	6	759	1050	2	41.96
TORRENS	1	6	658	1044	2	38.66

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
T. Evans (Port)	7	6-1	43-13
R. Davies (Sturt)	7	11-5	38-16
G. Dietrich (North)	7	0-1	35-11
G. Nichols (Glenelg)	7	4-1	32-19
N. Roberts (Norwood)	7	7-2	29-13
B. Beecroft (Woodville)	5	7-3	28-13

CROWDS

Football Park	16,641
Norwood	5427
Unley	3626
Prospect	3385
Richmond	4601

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY — North v Glenelg, Football Park; Sturt v South, Unley; Woodville v Norwood, Woodville.