

Don Scott's no-hopers thrash Norwood and... SUDDENLY, IT'S SOUTH

● All the details

Now for the finals

By Peter Cornwall

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-7	8-9	11-12	15-14	104
Glenelg	2-3	4-12	8-14	13-19	97

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Miller, Meuret, D. Herbert, Grosser, Fielke, Kantilaitas, Mickan. **GLENELG:** S. Kernahan, Gibbs, Symonds, McGuinness, McDermott, Maynard, Duthy.

SCORERS — WEST: Miller 5.1, Meuret 4.5, Lamb 2.1, Grosser 2.0, Fielke 1.1, D. Herbert 1.0, Luders 0.2, Williams 0.1, Borchard 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** S. Kernahan 5.0, Seebohm 2.4, Woodlands 2.3, McGuinness 1.2, Maynard 1.1, Motlop 1.1, McDermott 1.0, W. Stringer 0.2, Symonds 0.2, Copping 0.1, Walsh 0.1, MacFarlane 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — WEST: Woodhall (calf), Luders and Bennett (bruised hips). **UMPIRES —** L. Argent, M. Mackie.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	8-6	12-10	15-16	20-19	139
Port	2-3	6-9	7-13	12-19	91

BEST PLAYERS — NORTH: Tiller, Campbell, Hill, Boles, Hart, S. Riley, Jarman, Wildy. **PORT:** Ginever, Anderson, Leslie, Bradley, Johnston, Clifford.

SCORERS — NORTH: Boles 5.1, Bunn 3.3, Jarman 3.2, Parsons 2.1, Redden 2.0, Hart 1.3, Campbell 1.2, Hill 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Ellis 1.0, Robertson 0.1, Sanders 0.1, Tiller 0.1, rushed 0.3. **PORT:** Evans 5.6, Gotch 2.4, Bradley 2.0, Lawson 0.1, Boyd 1.0, Clifford 1.0, Anderson 0.1, Curtis 0.1, rushed 0.6.

INJURIES — NORTH: Robertson (hip); Hay (back). **PORT:** Harvey (concussion). **UMPIRES —** Bob Scholefield, Graham Hilton.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	6-3	14-11	19-17	24-24	168
Torrens	6-3	9-4	14-8	17-9	111

BEST — CENTRAL: Shields, McGrath, Beythien, Bubner, Krieg, Thomas, Connelly. **TORRENS:** Roberts, Hank, Collier, Payze, Eichner, Lindsay.

SCORERS — CENTRAL: Fraser 5.4, O'Reilly 4.4, Shields 3.3, Beythien 3.0, Bubner 2.4, Platten 2.0, Cousins 1.1, Pisman 1.1, Connelly 1.1, Little 1.0, McGrath 1.0, Krieg 0.1, rushed 0.3. **TORRENS:** Roberts 10.2, Collier 3.0, Dillon 1.1, Meehan 1.1, Sims 1.0, Payze 1.0, Johnston 0.1, Geyer 0.1, rushed 0.3. **UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear, Neville Thorp.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	6-6	11-10	18-13	22-14	146
Norwood	3-1	8-3	11-7	16-9	105

BEST — SOUTH: Bennett, Palmer, Christie, Martin, Naley, Schneebichler, P. Brooksby. **NORWOOD:** Payne, Winter, M. Aish, A. Aish, K. Thomas.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Davies 5.4, Harris 5.0, Martin 4.0, Schneebichler 2.3, Campbell 2.1, Brockhurst 2.1, Naley 1.2, David Kappier 1.0, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Roberts 3.1, Gallagher 3.1, Pearce 2.2, Payne 2.1, G. Thomas 1.2, M. Aish 1.1, Maynard 1.0, Kelly 1.0, McGrath 1.0, McIntosh 1.0, rushed 0.1.

INJURY — NORWOOD: Murdoch (bruised hip). **REPORT — NORWOOD:** C. Balme, by field umpire S. Ardill for alleged misconduct. **UMPIRES —** Steve Ardill, John Hyton.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-3	13-6	22-7	29-9	183
Woodville	6-6	13-10	15-13	18-15	123

BEST — STURT: Paynter, Willmott, Viney, Motley, Spiell, Smith, Paech. **WOODVILLE —** Harris, Jacquier, Blight, Deamann, Wood.

SCORERS — STURT: Willmott 14.4, Paynter 4.1, Fielke 3.1, Smith 3.0, Hollis 2.0, Klomp 1.1, Motley 1.0, Craig 1.0, Frost 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Blight 5.3, Peecroft 4.1, Wood 2.1, Harris 2.0, Haylock 1.2, Pym 1.1, Schwarz 1.0, R. Fuller 1.0, Toome 1.0, Jackson 0.1, rushed 0.6. **UMPIRES —** J. Field, D. Weston.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
Blight (Woodville)	13	5.3	80.54
Willmott (Sturt)	13	14.4	73.31
Roberts (Torrens)	14	10.2	61.28
Davies (South)	12	5.4	52.25
Beecroft (Woodville)	14	4.1	48.14
Dietrich (North)	11	—	46.21
Copping (Glenelg)	14	0.1	46.11
Johnston (Torrens)	13	0.1	42.13

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
North	13	—	1	1918	1394	26	57.91
Norwood	9	1	4	1613	1433	19	52.93
Sturt	2	1	6	1717	1622	15	51.42
Glenelg	—	—	7	1743	1512	14	53.54
Central	—	—	7	1715	1697	14	50.26
Torrens	7	—	7	1701	1693	14	50.12
West	6	—	8	1613	1747	12	48.50
South	5	—	9	1492	1699	10	46.76
Port	4	—	10	1519	1863	8	44.91
Woodville	4	—	10	1683	2086	8	41.65

CROWDS

Football Park	7389
Adelaide	8168
Elizabeth	5991
Alberton	7265
Unley	4204

NEXT WEEK

Torrens v Woodville, Central v Norwood — double header (Football Park)
Glenelg v South (Glenelg)
Port v West (Alberton)
North v Sturt (Prospect)

South Adelaide, after a dismal seven-loss start to the season, yesterday emerged as a genuine final five contender with a 41-point win against last year's premiers Norwood.

The Panthers, with five wins from their last seven games, are within two games of the five with eight rounds before the finals.

South's finals chances may well be decided over the next two weeks, when the club faces Glenelg at Glenelg and the real acid test — league leader North Adelaide at Adelaide.

The Panthers have come to life since Rick Davies took over the mantle as coach from former VFL star Don Scott. Scott resigned after South lost its opening six games for the season.

Scott's explanation? "In football you win or lose. South has lost. I failed."

But Rick Davies seems to have found the winning formula.

While South lost its first game under Davies to Central District at Adelaide it has bounced back with wins against Glenelg, Woodville, Sturt, Torrens and now Norwood.

Rick Davies said: "We're a week to week proposition at the moment. We're just looking ahead seven days from now at our next game."

"But if we keep on winning who knows? Perhaps playing in the finals is not just a silly dream."

Meanwhile the battle for a top five spot heated up yesterday.

Last year's runner-up, Port Adelaide, is precariously placed in ninth spot with just eight points, and is in real danger of missing the finals.

A dejected Port coach Russell Ebert was not prepared to scratch his confidence-shattered team from the finals race, saying: "We will continue to take each game as it comes."

"Our confidence is very, very down. We have to start playing as a team. The teamwork was disappointing, particularly when you compare us with North."

Sturt, with strong-marking full forward Ian Willmott awesome around the goalmouth, jumped from fifth to third place with a crushing 60-point win against lowly Woodville.

Willmott kicked 14 goals in a superb performance.

● North Adelaide forward David Robertson was hit in the back, pinching a



WHILE Rick Davies was celebrating with South, former team-mate Ian Willmott booted 14 yesterday for Sturt.

nerve and affecting his hip. He was taken to hospital for a precautionary X-ray, which revealed no damage.

Interstate match move tip

PERTH: The current format of the Australian Football Championships may be scrapped.

And either SA or WA could be invited to play Victoria in Melbourne next year.

These are among sweeping proposals to be discussed by three of football's biggest power-brokers at a top-level meeting in Perth tomorrow.

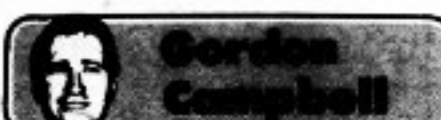
VFL Commissioner Jack Hamilton, SANFL general manager, Leigh Whicker, and WAFL chief executive John Walker will meet to discuss a range of proposals which will go to the National Football League meeting in November.

Interstate games will be played in 1986, but it is unlikely the States will battle for a championship crown until a Melbourne carnival scheduled for 1988.

Victoria and SA have clashed under lights at Football Park for the past two years.

West winds up for spot in final five

The heart of the West Adelaide Football Club is beating more steadily today after a courageous win over Glenelg at Football Park yesterday.



West coach John Cahill, officials and supporters would have been suffering heart palpitations yesterday until the final siren.

So important was victory that the relief was enormous on the smiling faces of Cahill and club general manager Doug Thomas after the game.

The seven-point triumph kept the Bloods in the finals race.

Desperate

And almost as importantly, it was the first time this season that West had won two games in a row.

A new pride in the red and black guernsey seemed to emerge for the show-down.

West was clearly more desperate and better prepared than Glenelg in the opening quarter.

It was faster and more aggressive.

The Bloods won because of a brilliant three-goal burst in the first five minutes of play and an heroic three-goal haul by damaging forward Peter Meuret in the final quarter.

That burst — from Leon Grosser, Clayton Lamb, and Stephen Miller — won West a critical initiative that was threatened but not stolen by the Tigers for the game.

Two of Meuret's final quarter goals — one a Pele-style jab — gave West a match-winning lead half-way through the term that Glenelg could not peg back.

But Meuret was not the only hero in the game.

The other hero was on the losing side — Stephen Kernahan.

His magnificent commitment — including a two-goal reply to Meuret — in the crunch should



John Cahill... relieved

have inspired teammates to steal victory.

But few players could have matched Kernahan giving his super best when the pressure was at its peak.

The same man also sparked a mini revival, with interchange Mark Motlop and Stephen Copping in the third term, but West delved deeper into its reserve of character to quell a match-winning comeback.

The first signs of a Glenelg loss were at the start of the game when the Tigers failed to pressure the Bloods.

And Glenelg had almost twice as many scoring shots as West in the second term, yet still trailed by 21 points at half-time.

Scrappy

By then, the Bloods had successfully carried out part of their pre-game plans — to deny Glenelg a free running game and force a scrappy contest.

The skill level dropped markedly in the first half when Glenelg's Tony McGuinness, John Seebohm, Craig Woodlands, and

West's Grant Fielke and Clayton Lamb missed "gimme" goals.

Miller's three goals before half-time took some gloss off opponent Michael Murphy's excellent contribution in defence against Sturt a week earlier, but Murphy could not be expected to reproduce his best form for reasons outside of football.

Easy goals were missed again in the third quarter — Woodlands again and Meuret who later atoned.

But it was Miller who maintained that all important handy 16-point lead at the last break with his fifth goal.

Cahill slept soundly last night knowing his players had responded to his plea for courage and victory to stay in the finals race.

But he won't have long to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

He must plot for a third straight victory over Port at Alberton on Saturday and then plan match-winning strategy against giants Norwood and North after that.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes met his club's match committee behind closed doors to assess the loss after the game.

"Our players lacked desperation in the first quarter," Cornes said.

"West was more determined and better prepared... possibly we should have been better prepared."

"But we didn't deserve to win it in the end... we had our chances."

Glenelg should have been well prepared for victory.

It faced dropping from third to fifth, if it lost and Torrens and Sturt won their games.



Jim Deane

as told to Ben Hickey

Essendon may hold clues to...

It has always been a mystery why Glenelg could produce so many champions but so few premierships.

Since the 1973 premiership, Glenelg has played in nine finals series without grabbing glory.

Yet every club must be envious of Glenelg's never-ending supply of top players over the past two decades.

Some of the names include Graham Cornes, Peter Marker, Brian Colby, the Phillis brothers, Rex Voigt, Kerry Hamilton, Laurie Rosewarne, John Sandlands, Peter Carey, Paul Weston, Kym Hodgeman, Stephen Copping, David Marshall, Tony McGuinness, Stephen Kernahan, Chris McDermott, Tony Symonds and Chris Duthy.

Now after careful grooming, new stars are emerging in Michael Murphy, Gavan Walsh and David Kernahan.

Glenelg's football director Harry Kernahan has overseen the development of all these players.

He talks to them when things are going badly, and keeps their feet on the ground in moments of glory.

His biggest asset is to make players believe in themselves.

Yet Bay supporters must be disappointed that they have been unable to win premierships even with this array of talent.

Since 1967, when Neil Kerley took over, Glenelg have had the quality of players to win premiership after premiership (just like Port Adelaide and Sturt in the 1950s and 1960s).

It is impossible to know just why they haven't.

They certainly haven't

Why can't Glenelg win a premiership?

lacked for quality coaches.

Kerley won only one premiership in 10 years, but was runner-up four times. He took the team from a laughing stock to a football force.

The best John Nicolls could do in two years was runner-up.

John Halbert, a great player and a man considered a winner, was runner-up twice. And Graham Campbell was unlucky in his second year, but good teams make their own luck.

Now it's up to Graham Cornes — if anyone can, he can!

Those who saw it will never forget the fairytale mark and kick of his to win the 1973 grand final. Only special people can do that sort of thing.

Now he faces his biggest challenge. Can he give the Bays another flag?

The answer to Glenelg's lack of success may lie in

comparisons with VFL club Essendon.

Glenelg always has had champion players, but never the champion team.

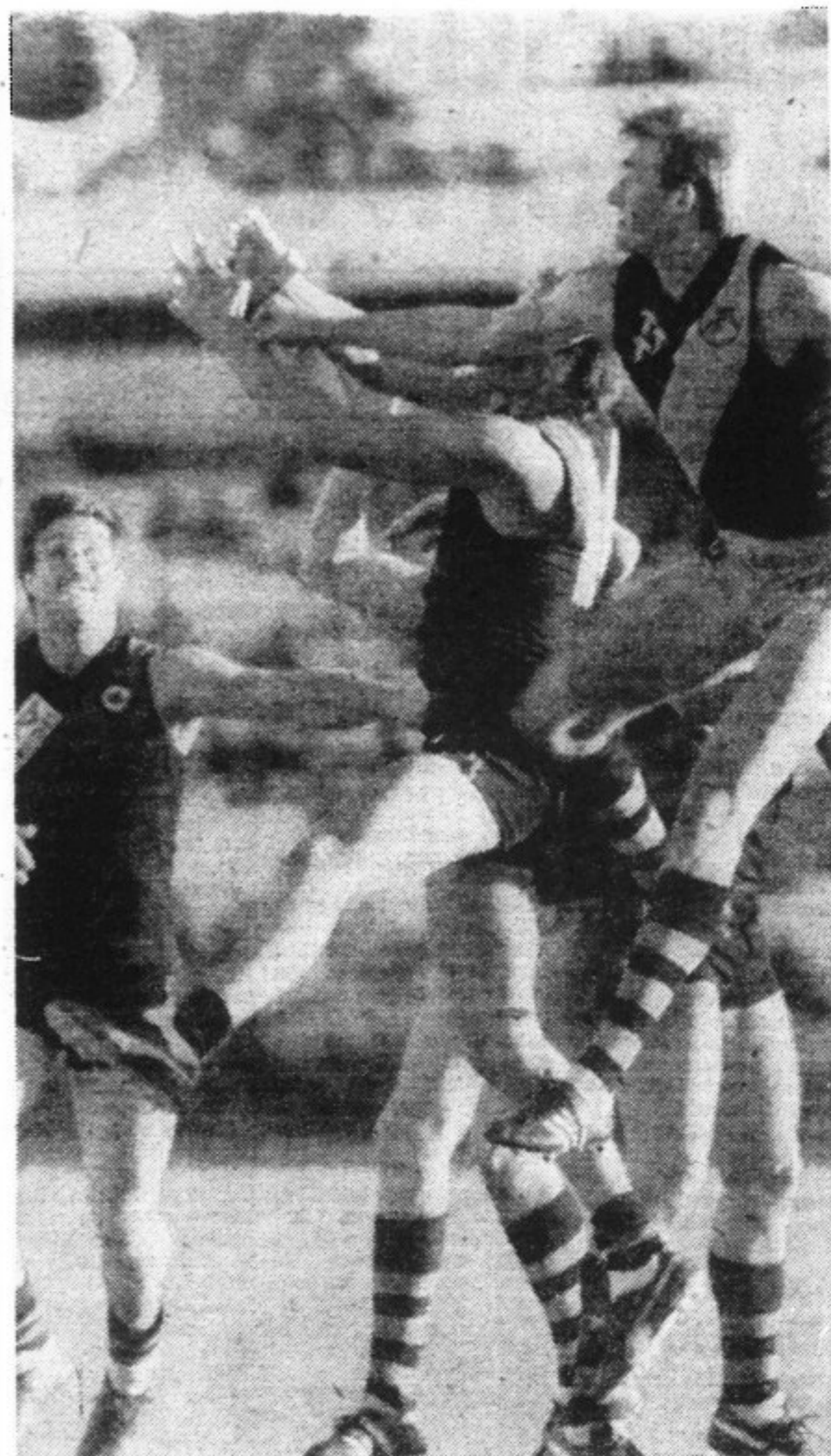
For Essendon, it's the opposite. There are no out and out champions, so-called personalities or characters.

Simply, Essendon is a well-disciplined, highly-trained bunch of athletes who make very few mistakes.

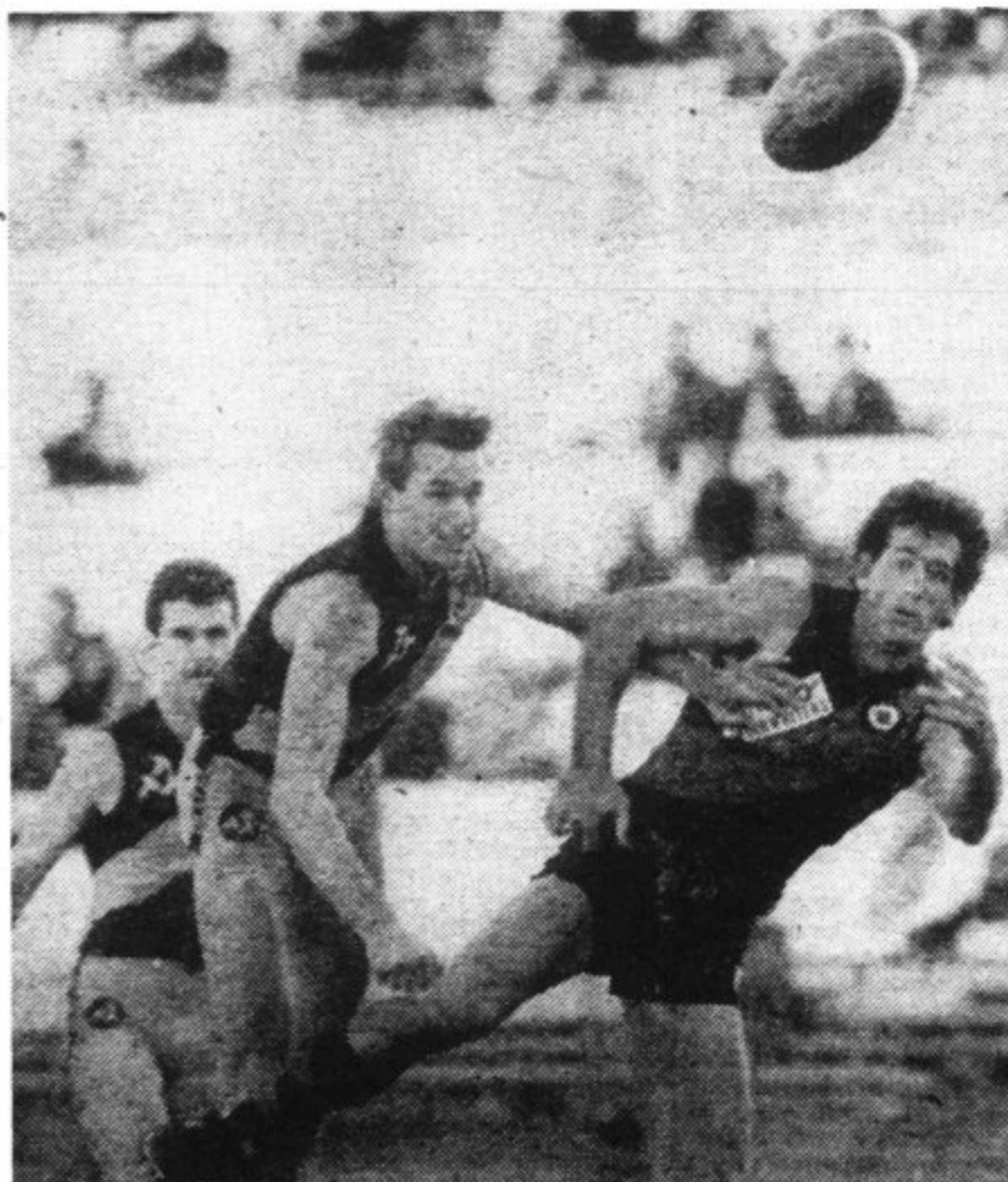
They concentrate only on the fundamentals like talking, backing up, shepherding, spilling, tackling, running and blocking off the boot.

And it is fundamentals, not personalities, that win premierships.

And Essendon has mastered the fundamentals. After seeing it annihilate Fitzroy in the Fosters Cup night game this week, I am convinced Essendon is the best football side I have seen.



Glenelg's Chris Duthy leaps high and fists the ball away from West Adelaide's Clayton Lamb



Chris Duthy and West Adelaide's Peter Meuret jostle for position

Let's copy Sheedy

After Victoria thrashed us in the interstate game in May, I said its coach Kevin Sheedy had revolutionised the coaching game.

If I had anything to do with a football club in SA, I would be looking at ways of learning the Sheedy methods of coaching.

My suggestion for clubs to analyse their players for potential coaches, and send them over to Essendon to play for a year.

The selected player's task would be to watch every move made by Sheedy and to find out:

- Why his players are so physically strong.

- Why his players are so flexible (who else but Sheedy would have thought of playing rover Tim Watson at full back, as happened on Tuesday night?).

- Why every player is a receiver and a giver.

- Why he does not play small or light players in his team.

- Why the players make so few mistakes.

Once the player returns to SA, he would then be the obvious successor to his club's coaching job.



Kevin Sheedy... only he would play Tim Watson at full back