

# BACK BOUNCE THE LEGS!

Resilient Norwood stormed back into the premiership limelight while other finals contenders North and Sturt crashed in yesterday's nineteenth round.

And the Redlegs unveiled "secret weapon" Des O'Dwyer who stunned with a strong marking 10-goal haul from full forward against disappointing Sturt at Football Park.

Norwood erased the painful memory of a huge loss to Woodville eight days ago with a powerful 51-point destruction of Sturt and regained its traditional courage and confidence.

The victory highlighted a soft and lack-lustre Sturt which has only three minor round games to rebuild commitment and matchwinning poise.

Sturt coach Merv Keane described his players commitment at Football Park as "non-existent."

"No-one played up to his ability and the loss was bitterly disappointing," Keane said.

"The feeling wasn't right before the game... but don't worry, we'll be right for the finals."

Norwood coach Neil Balme was satisfied his players had regained the "right attitude" and was confident the Redlegs would retain the double chance.

North coach Mike Nunan slammed his team's dismal loss to Central District, describing the skills level as "pathetic" and "well below the standard of a side in the five."

# 'King' Kernahan rules again

**Jim Deane**  
\*As told to Peter Cornwall

Any side hopeful of beating Glenelg in the finals this year will require a Superman to play at centre half-back.

There is no normal footballer who would be able to curb the enormous influence of the best player in the State, Stephen Kernahan.

They also would need a matchwinning centre half-forward to counter the tight-checking, rebounding of Michael Murphy, who, from centre half back, leads the meanest defence in the league.

Glenelg may not have a team of big-name players as it has had in the past 15 years, but it has a squad of fierce tacklers, and of dedicated players committed to winning the ball at all costs.

Yesterday, Glenelg claimed its fifth win in succession and ended Port Adelaide's finals chances by beating the Magpies by 44 points at Alberton Oval.

## Strong

The Bays set up the win in a hard-bruising, testing first quarter — even though they trailed by four points at quarter time.

Port, kicking with the use of a strong breeze, put Glenelg's courage under the microscope.

The way Glenelg withstood the vigor then hit back strongly, suggests it is going to be a strong contender for the flag.

The Bays soon settled down with the use of the breeze in the second quarter and kicked the ball long and direct to their strong-marking forwards Kernahan and Steven Thomson.

By Gordon Campbell and Ashley Porter

"For a club which prides itself, along with its coach, with spending much time on skills at training, I find it difficult to say categorically that's the reason for it all," he said.

"There is no question that the cause for our loss this week and other weeks has been because of a drop in our skills level."

But North and Nunan are not ready to push the "panic button" — just yet.

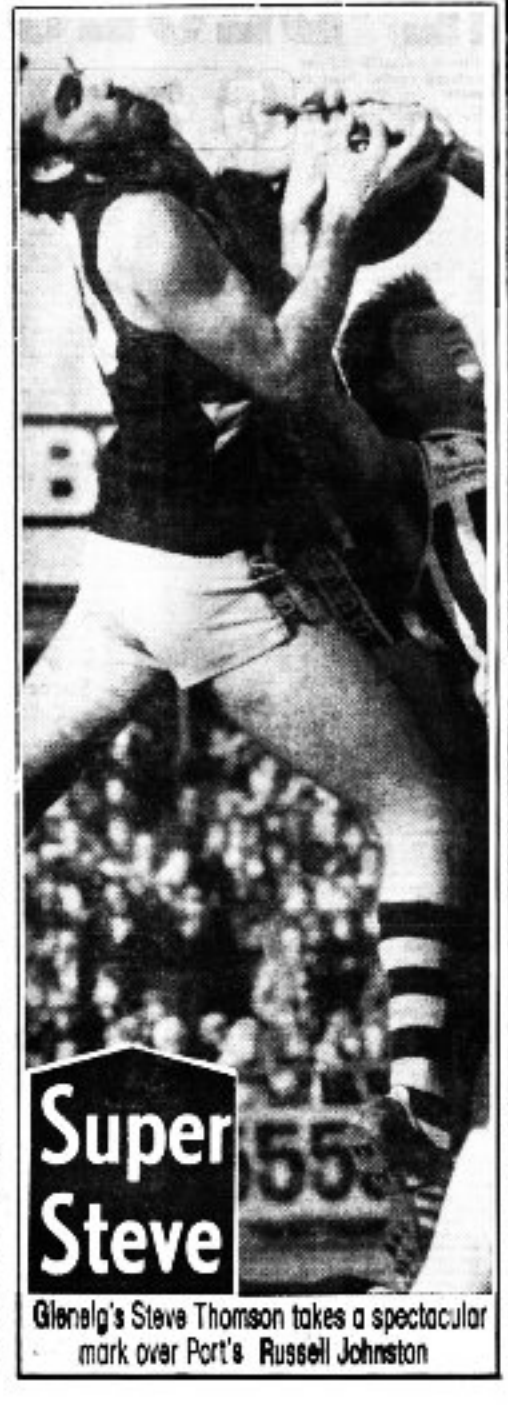
Central coach Kevin Neale said Central could still make the finals by winning its last three games including the round 22 clash with West Adelaide.

"If we can't beat West in the last round, we won't deserve to be in the finals, it's that simple," he said.

NORWOOD and State defender Rohan Helyar will face the league tribunal on Tuesday night after being reported in the clash against Sturt yesterday.

Helyar was reported by field umpire John Hylton for allegedly striking Sturt's Geoff Martin in the final quarter.

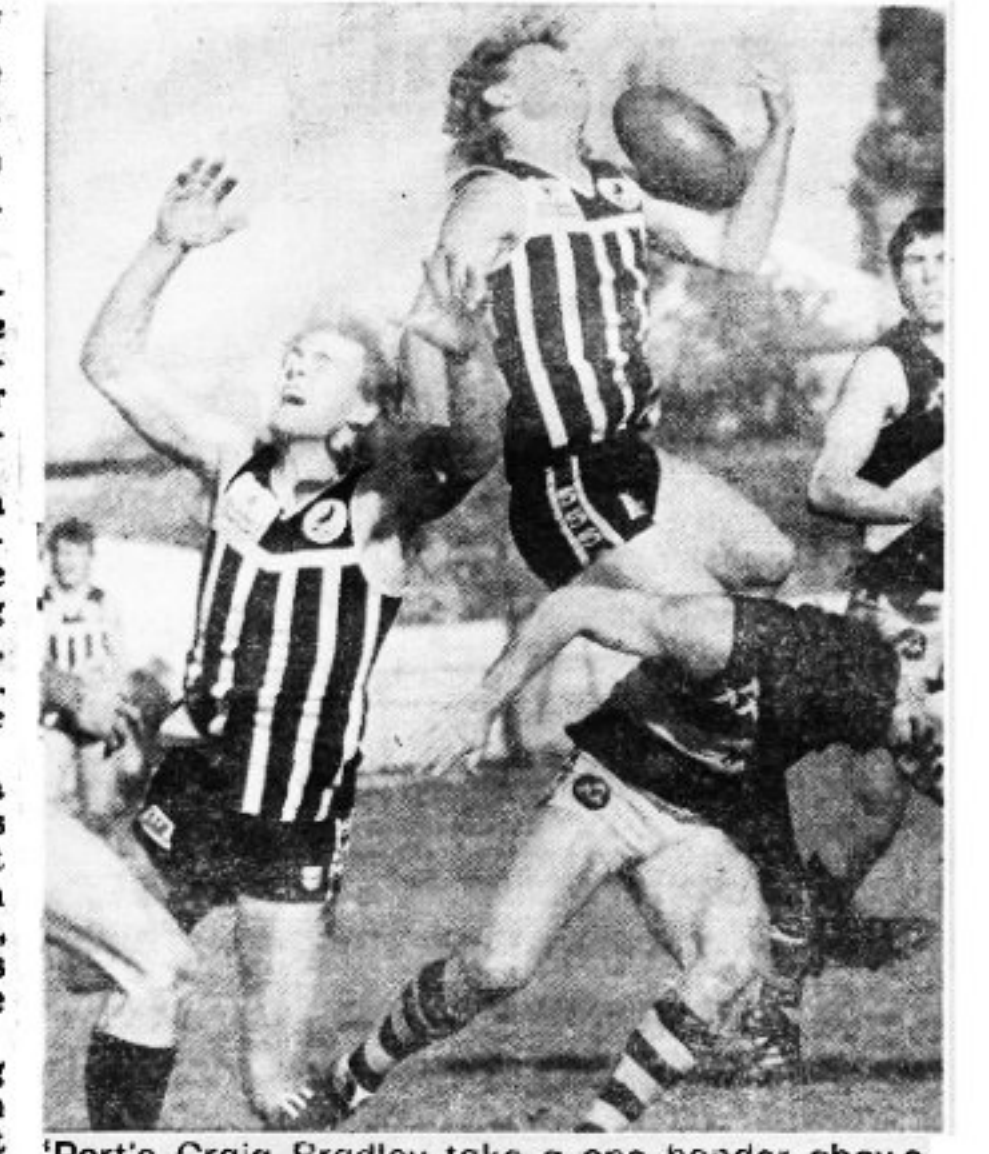
SOUTH defender Brenton Honor was the most serious casualty yesterday.



Glenelg's Steve Thomson takes a spectacular mark over Port's Russell Johnston

Honor suffered a corked thigh and possible damage to an eardrum. Panther utility Rod Campbell strained a groin and defender Glynn Hewitt was a late withdrawal also with a groin problem.

North rover Tony Antrobus and Central forward Stephen Connelly both withdrew from the Elizabeth game with the flu, but should be fit next round.



'Port's Craig Bradley take a one hunder above Peter Maynard and teammate Darien Smith

Their tight defence allowed Port only two points while their forwards added 6-3 giving them a lead of 33 points at half-time.

The game looked all but over, but there was a mini revival by the Magpies in the third quarter.

Centreman Craig Bradley and wingman Greg Anderson exerted a big influence from the centre, and momentarily Dwayne Russell evaded the brilliant Murphy as Port started to look more like the side that had thrashed Torrens last week.

The Magpies scored four goals in eight minutes without reply. But full forward Tim

Evans was still being well held by Wayne Henwood, who had been switched on to him when Chris Duthy left the ground with a bruised shin in the first term.

And like a good side in the face of a revival, Glenelg had its own answers — mainly through its desperate defence.

After Port reduced the deficit to a threatening 19 points, the Bays played with ruthless efficiency to slam on the next seven goals, and stormed away with the game.

Glenelg showed its only flaw for the day by allowing Port, through a lack of concentration, to make the scoreboard look more res-

## FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2-3	10-5	13-8	21-12	138
Sturt	7-6	10-7	12-11	12-15	87

BEST-NORWOOD: Aish, O'Dwyer, K. Thomas, Taylor, Warhurst, McIntosh. STURT: Smith, Paynter, Motley, McKechnie, Craig, Viney.  
SCORERS-NORWOOD: O'Dwyer 10.0, K. Thomas 3.2, Aish 2.0, McIntosh 2.0, Maynard 2.0, Neagle 1.3, Gallagher 1.0, Ross 0.1, Michaelanney 0.1, Vardance 0.1, Tanner 0.1, rushed 0.3. STURT: Willmott 4.2, Viney 2.1, Paynter 2.1, Motley 1.1, Derrington 1.1, Hoills 1.1, Smith 1.1, Martin 0.2, Underwood 0.1, rushed 0.4.  
INJURY-NORWOOD: Jarvis (knee).  
REPORT-NORWOOD: Rohan Helyar by field umpire John Hylton for allegedly striking Sturt's Geoff Martin in the final quarter.  
UMPIRES-Hylton, Steve Ardill.

## ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	3-6	6-7	9-9	15-9	99
North	1-3	4-5	5-8	7-10	52

BEST-CENTRAL: Shields, Collins, Cousins, Thomas, Roe, Platten, Hull, Van Dommele. NORTH: J. Riley, Hart, Wildv, Armfield, Hill.  
SCORERS-CENTRAL: Platten 4.3, P. Bubner 4.2, Wilson 2.0, Fraser 1.1, Shields 1.1, Krieg 1.0, Beythien 1.0, Cousins 1.0, Robertson 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Hart 2.1, D. Jarman 1.1, A. Jarman 1.1, Redden 1.0, Breeley 1.0, Sanders 1.0, Hill 0.1, Tiller 0.1, Phillips 0.2, rushed 0.3.  
UMPIRES-Laurie Argent, Mark Mackie.

## ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-2	10-6	15-10	21-14	140
Woodville	7-3	9-4	15-6	17-11	113

BEST-SOUTH: Bennett, Troy, P. Martin, David Kappler, Schneebichler, Lockman, Naley, Eddy. WOODVILLE: Jacquier, Parker, Jackson, Harris, Jolly, Dettmann.  
SCORERS-SOUTH: Eddy 4.2, Schneebichler 4.0, David Kappler 3.0, Brockhurst 3.0, Naley 2.2, Davies 2.1, Pauli Martin 1.2, Bennett 1.1, Darren Kappler 1.1, Woud 0.1, Harris 0.1, rushed 0.3. WOODVILLE: Dettmann 4.1, Beecroft 3.1, Jackson 3.1, Blight 3.0, Harris 2.2, Rechner 1.1, Libbis 1.0, R. Fuller 0.1, Grant 0.1, Jolly 0.1, Lunn 0.1, rushed 0.1.  
INJURIES-SOUTH: Honor (possible eardrum damage, corked thigh), Campbell (strained groin).  
UMPIRES-Graham Hilton, Steve Semmler.

## ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1-1	7-4	9-5	17-7	109
Port	1-5	1-7	5-10	9-11	65

BEST - GLENELG: S. Kernahan, Murphy, McDermott, Gibbs, Hall, Maynard. PORT: Bradley, Anderson, Curtiss, Lawson, Boyd.  
SCORERS - GLENELG: S. Kernahan 3.1, McGuinness 3.1, Hall 3.0, Kidney 3.1, Maynard 2.0, Thomson 2.0, Copping 1.1, Carey 1.0, McDermott 0.1, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.1. PORT: Gotch 3.2, Evans 3.1, Lawson 1.2, Ginever 1.1, Hynes 1.0, Harrison 0.1, Anderson 0.1, rushed 0.3.  
INJURIES - GLENELG: Duthy (bruised shin). PORT: Kennedy (slight concussion).  
UMPIRES - Jim Field, Darryl Schramm.

## THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-2	10-6	13-6	21-12	138
Torrens	4-4	6-4	11-11	16-12	103

BEST - WEST: Fielke, Andrews, Winter, Bennett, C. Herbert, D. Herbert, McKinnon, Meuret, TORRENS: Sims, Sarau, Enright, Colsey, McCarthy, Stretch.  
SCORERS - WEST: Andrews 9.2, Fielke 6.1, Burton 2.1, D. Herbert 1.1, Williams 1.0, Meuret 1.0, Ryan 1.0, Morris 0.1, McKinnon 0.1, Bennett 0.1, Grosser 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Johnston 5.0, Roberts 4.2, Payne 2.0, Sims 1.1, Hill 1.1, Meehan 1.0, Collier 1.0, Turner 1.0, McCarthy 0.3, Stretch 0.2, Almond 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
INJURIES - TORRENS: Hank (shin), Cox (calf).  
UMPIRES - Rick Kinnear, Neville Thorp.

## LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
Blight (Woodville)	18	3.0	101.61
Willmott (Sturt)	18	4.1	101.25
Davies (South)	18	2.1	78.35
Roberts (Torrens)	16	4.2	72.31
Evans (Port)	13	3.1	65.26
Beecroft (Woodville)	18	3.1	60.17
Johnston (Torrens)	18	5.0	57.24
Platten (Central)	19	4.3	56.41

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
North	13	—	6	2316	2058	26	53.59
Norwood	12	1	6	2203	1975	25	53.78
Glenelg	12	—	7	2307	1953	24	51.15
Sturt	10	1	8	2321	2154	21	51.90
West	10	—	9	2380	2236	20	51.56
Central	9	—	10	2125	2153	18	50.25
South	8	—	11	2031	2225	16	47.72
Port	7	—	12	2137	2396	14	47.11
Torrens	7	—	12	2126	2342	14	45.54
Woodville	6	—	13	2365	2782	12	46.19

## CROWDS

Football Park	11,897
Adelaide	3412
Elizabeth	5318
Alberton	8310
Thebarton	3659

## NEXT WEEK

Torrens v North and Norwood v Glenelg double header (Football Park). Central v Woodville (Adelaide). Port v Sturt (Alberton). West v South (Richmond).

pectable by kicking four goals late in the game. Kernahan is improving his already imposing talent and temperament week by week. Even earlier in the season he relied almost exclusively on his high marking, but now his balance and reflex action when the ball hits the ground are just as awesome.

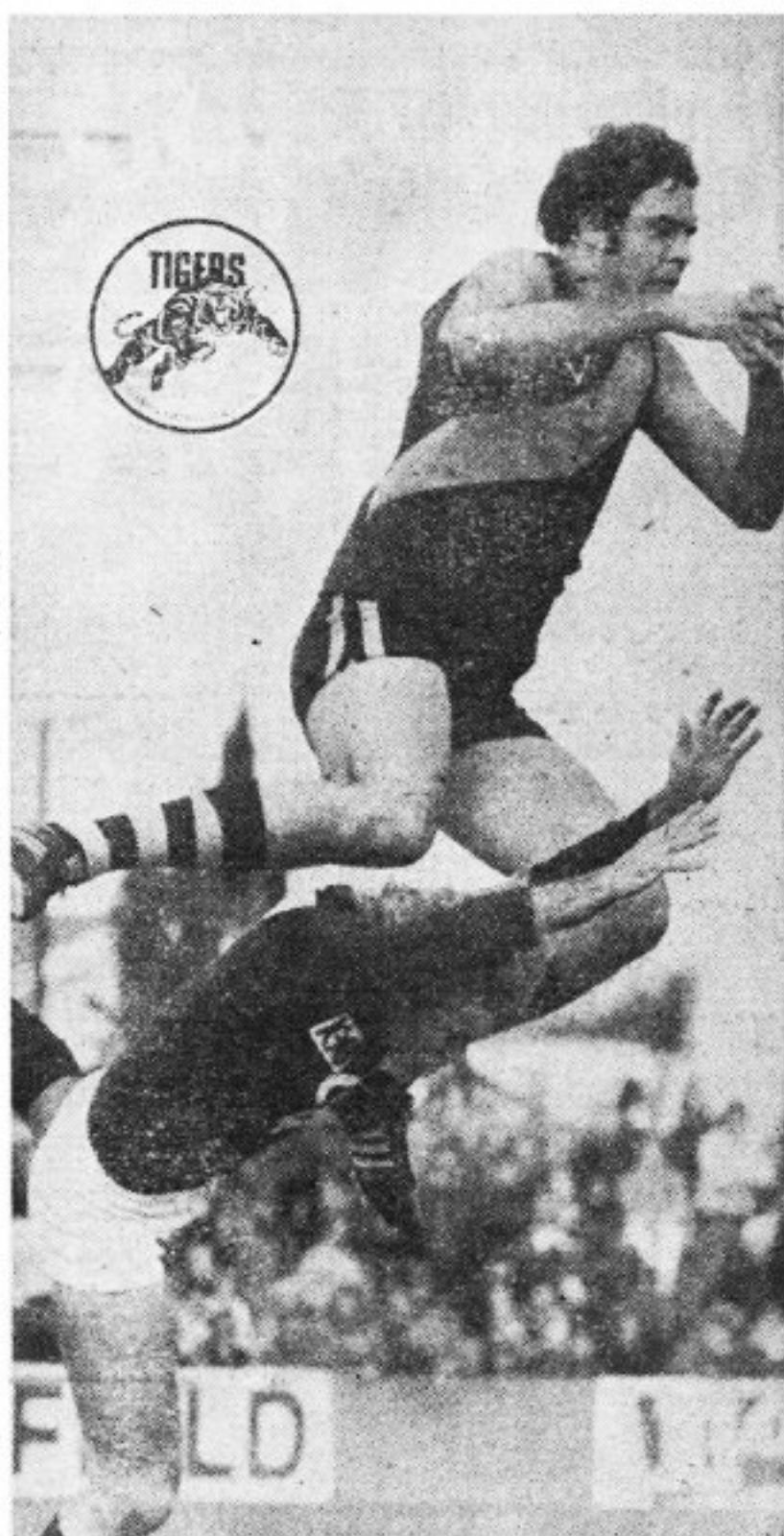
## Influence

Port started with Jon Simpson opposed to Kernahan, but that was the mismatch of the season. After halftime, Port coach Russell Ebert tried Darren Smith, and while

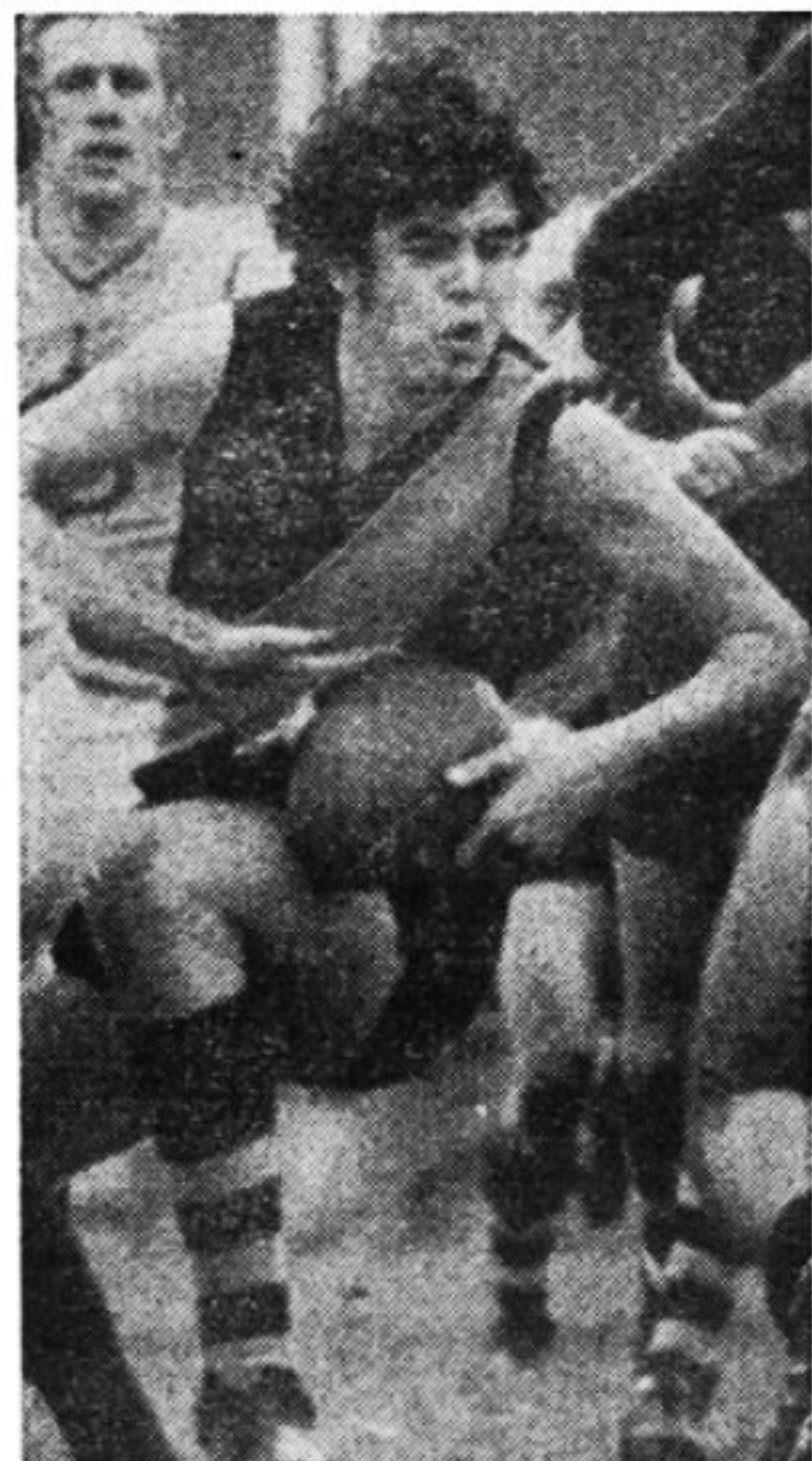
for about five minutes of the third quarter he curbed Kernahan's influence, the Bay champion wrenched free and had even more influence on the game than he did in the early stages. Michael Murphy has improved to such an extent that if a State side was picked now, he would be the obvious choice to play centre half-back. If umpires notice the hard, tough, courageous, get-the-ball-at-any-cost player who is always working hard for the benefit of his side, Bay follower Chris McDermott must be considered a big chance for the Magary Medal.



# 'Super' soars into the 350-club



High-flying Peter Carey... a Bay champion through several eras



A young Carey against Sturt in his 1971 rookie season

Glenelg's Peter Carey, giant among SA's footy giants, will become just the fourth SA player to reach the 350 club game milestone on Saturday.

Carey, 31, will follow in the footsteps of Russell Ebert (Port, 339 games), Graham Cornes (364 games — Glenelg 317, South 47), and Paul Bagshaw (Sturt, 360 games).

And on Saturday, two of those 350-game champions, Cornes and Ebert, will be opposing coaches as Carey reaches his milestone in the Glenelg-Port clash at Alberton.

It was 15 years ago a 17-year-old Seacombe High School student faced State ruckman Dean Farnham in his league debut against Central District at Elizabeth.

Now Peter Carey has an imposing list of achievements to his name.

## Success

● Best and fairest for Glenelg in 1975, '79 and '81.

● The Tigers' leading goalscorer in 1973 with 70 when he was dominant in their premiership success.

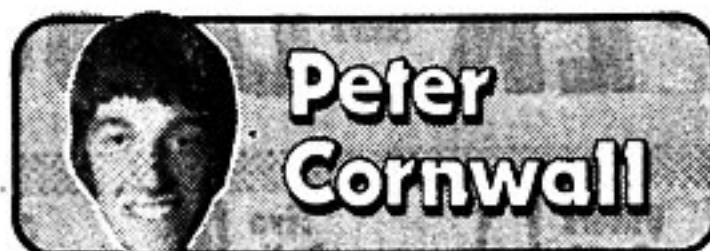
● Seventeen games for SA and an All-Australian in 1979 and 1980.

● Fos Williams Medallist for SA's best against WA in 1981 and Bay captain for the past three seasons.

Now, 349 games and 462 goals later, Carey recalls: "It's been a long time."

Carey was shocked by his inclusion in the league side for the first time in 1971, for the round 12 game against the Bulldogs.

"It all happened pretty quickly. I received a phone call from the team manager on the Thursday



Peter Cornwall

night at 9.30," Carey said.

"I had only trained with the league side for half an hour on that night. And that was the first time I had had any contact with the league players."

"I didn't know any of the league players, so I hitched a ride to the ground with one of the reserves players and got there at 10 o'clock."

Carey is uncertain what the future holds for his playing career, but still has a burning ambition to captain a Glenelg premiership side and repeat the grand final success of 1973.

"I'm taking it year by year now. I'll have a look at my future at the end of the season. I'm still enjoying it immensely, but training is a big commitment."

## Thrill

"I'll sit down with my family and have a chat with Cornsey. The boys (sons Matthew, seven, and Justin, five) are growing up fast and they wouldn't mind seeing dad once in a while."

"But I still get a big thrill out of playing and competing. They're a tremendous bunch of lads at Glenelg."

Carey believes his first league coach, Nell Kerley, had a major influence on his career.

"I suppose your first coach at that level usually leaves the biggest impression, but I have tremendous respect for Nell. He was always an inspiration."

"He placed fairly heavy demands on your performances on the field, but he was a very good motivator. And he

had confidence in me and that certainly helped."

Kerley's confidence in Carey was well placed.

In the 1973 grand final win against North Adelaide, "Super" was dominant, collecting 19 kicks, grabbing 12 marks and booting six goals from centre half-forward.

The Bays won the final by seven points after North had snatched the lead in the late stages.

"That was the game I most remember. It was tremendous. It was close all day and a great standard."

"I remember at the 30 minute mark when North hit the front. I looked around the field and saw everyone hanging their heads."

"We were physically gone and expecting the siren to go at any minute but were just able to give that last brave effort."

Cornes was the hero in the closing minutes when he soared above the pack to grab a remarkable mark, then kicked the goal that returned the lead to Glenelg.

## Respect

"On Saturday night some friends came around and they wanted to watch the game so we were looking at the video at 2 o'clock in the morning," Carey said.

Now Cornes is Carey's coach.

"After playing on the same team as him for 13 years, it was a bit hard to adjust to him being coach. Our relationship is now on a different basis, but we have a mutual respect."



Carey booting another Tiger goal

Five losing grand finals (in 1974, '75, '77, '81, '82) have been a disappointment for the great ruckman. The most disappointing was the 1975 loss to Norwood — a premiership that slipped away.

"A lot of people have canned us for our grand final record. But a number of those finals we did a tremendous job just to reach after being written off earlier," he says.

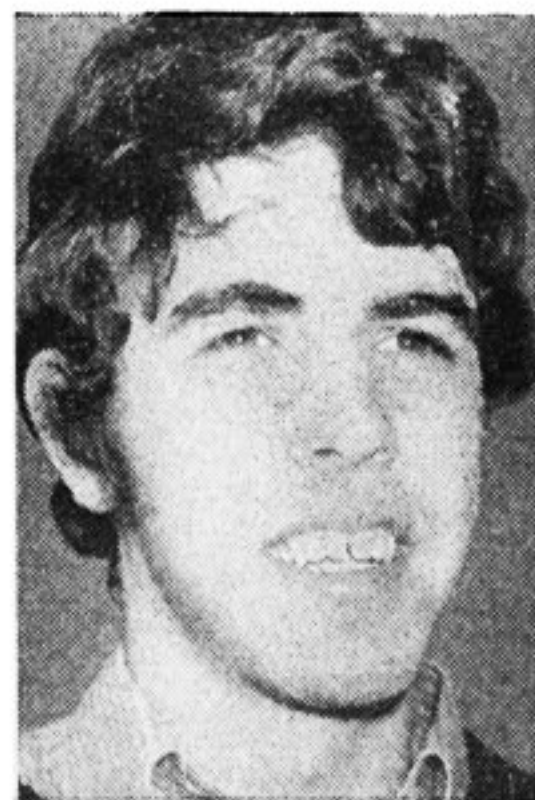
Carey's greatest ruck adversary in SA during his career has been former Sturt captain and now South coach Rick Davies.

"Davies was a phenomenal player at his peak. He was the toughest I have played against in SA. Then there were the Victorians — Mark Lee, Garry Dempsey, Peter Moore — they were pretty tough."

Carey does not particularly regret not having played in the VFL.

"If I was 19 now, it might be different but it wasn't such a big deal to play in Victoria when I was young."

# 'Most skilled big man'



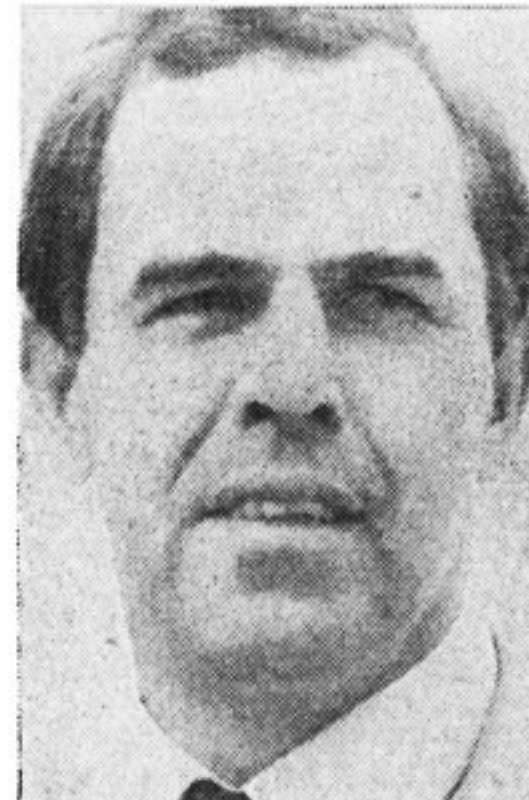
CAREY circa 1971... a Seacombe High student

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes paid tribute to Carey, describing him as "the most skilled big man I've seen."

"He has really had no lapses in form, apart from a few games this season, since starting in league football, and to maintain that consistency over such a long period of time is remarkable," Cornes said.

"His enthusiasm for the game is still there, and he combines that with a real maturity and football brain."

"He is one of the thinkers of football and can always be relied upon for a precise, accurate analysis of the situation."



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