

## Dejected West coach laments: WE HAVE HIT ROCK BOTTOM

While North Adelaide remains unbeaten as the league leader after a 20-point win against Glenelg at the Bay, West Adelaide's defeat at the hands of Sturt at Richmond moved a dejected coach John Cahill to say the Bloods had hit "rock bottom."

"I have never seen so many name players out of touch—and for two or three weeks," he lamented in the West dressing rooms after the game.

Cahill was at a loss to explain the reasons for the Escort Cup

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champion slipping to its third successive defeat—and to eighth position on the premiership table.

"There's just a total lack of confidence," he said.

In the adjoining Sturt rooms, there was good reason for celebration. The Blues had broken a long-standing hoodoo at the Richmond Oval, winning their first game there since 1974.

Indeed, the final score—a 35-point margin to the Blues—did not reflect their dominance. More so the 37 scoring shots they had, compared with West's 22.

"I've probably never put in more hours' work, with so little to show for it," Cahill said of the time spent pouring over videos of recent games and of meetings held with his co-selectors.

"There is a lack of commitment. Players are looking around to see who is around them and not going in for the ball and messing about with it rather than playing direct, simple football.

"We just have to work harder."

While West's third successive loss was source of concern for Cahill, the Blues' third successive win showed Sturt was back as a force.

But next week Sturt faces its biggest test — against unbeaten North Adelaide at Unley.

North again showed it was a worthy competition pacesetter with a convincing win against Glenelg. Coach Mike Nunan said: "There is a degree of football maturity in the club now.

"The players approach was very good. They were very disciplined."

At Football Park Norwood had to struggle before finally overcoming a persistent Woodville by 23 points.

Redleg coach Neil Balme was disturbed by the unforced errors made by his side, even though the win lifted Norwood into second place.

## North in mood to create history

### GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Fts.
North	5-3	7-4	13-11	14-14	98
Glenelg	1-0	4-7	4-8	11-12	78

**BEST-NORTH:** Jarman, Hart, Campbell, Redden, J. Riley, Bennett, Antrobus. **GLENELG:** Gibbs, Hewett, Kernahan, McDermott, McGuinness, Duthy.  
**SCORERS-NORTH:** Simmons 3.1, Antrobus 2.1, Bennett 2.1, Dietrich 1.3, Redden 1.2, Campbell 1.2, Brealey 1.1, Parsons 1.1, Phillis 1.0, Jarman 1.0, Hart 0.2. **GLENELG:** Kernahan 3.1, Marshall 2.4, Carey 2.0, Copping 1.2, Salisbury 1.1, McGuinness 1.1, Henwood 1.0, McDermott 0.1, Kidney 0.1, rushed 0.1.  
**INJURIES-NORTH:** Clisby (hamstring).  
**UMPIRES:** Rick Kincaid, Jim Field.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	2-3	5-8	11-10	17-17	119
Woodville	4-7	6-8	10-14	13-18	96

**BEST PLAYERS-NORWOOD:** K. Thomas, Gallagher, McGrath, Scanlon, Heljar, Jarvis, Fosdike. **WOODVILLE:** T. McDonald, Blight, Harris, Haylock, McLeod, Sewer.  
**SCORERS-NORWOOD:** Scanlon 4.0, K. Thomas 3.0, Michalany 2.5, Aish 1.4, McGrath 2.1, Button 1.1, Fosdike 1.0, Vardanega 1.0, Jarvis 1.0, Neagle 0.2, McIntosh 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WOODVILLE:** Blight 5.3, Beecroft 2.3, Harris 2.0, Stephens 1.2, Mazy 1.2, Haylock 1.1, Hughes 1.1, Heaney 0.1, Sewer 0.1, McLeod 0.1, rushed 0.3.  
**INJURIES-NORWOOD:** Taylor (slight knee strain) first term. **WOODVILLE:** Williams (suspected broken collarbone) third term.  
**UMPIRES:** Bob Schotzfeld, Neville Thorp.

### RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Fts.
Sturt	7-6	9-12	14-18	17-20	122
West	1-1	8-5	10-7	13-9	87

**BEST-STURT:** Sevel, Fry, Motley, Klomo, Hollis, Smith, Willmott, Painter, Gumbley. **WEST:** Grosser, Herbert, Fielke, Karf.  
**SCORERS-STURT:** Willmott 7.2, Hollis 3.2, Gumbley 3.0, Motley 2.1, Viney 1.2, Klomo 1.1, Whittleson 0.2, Painter 0.2, Smith 0.2, Frost 0.1, Warren 0.1, Rushed 0.4. **WEST:** Woodhall 4.1, Andrews 4.1, Herbert 1.0, Fielke 1.0, Winter 1.0, Grosser 1.0, Meuret 1.0, Conlan 0.1, McKinnon 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
**REPORT-NORTH:** F. Andrews for allegedly striking an unnamed Sturt player with a clenched left fist, by umpire John Hilton in second quarter.  
**INJURIES-STURT:** Warren (knee).  
**UMPIRES:** John Hilton, Ian Penhall.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.	%
North	7	—	1038	738	14	58.45
Norwood	6	1	880	721	12	51.97
Glenelg	5	2	870	733	10	56.96
Sturt	4	3	878	822	8	51.65
*Torrens	3	3	750	731	6	50.61
*Port	2	4	729	840	4	46.46
*Centrals	2	4	720	834	4	46.33
West	2	5	846	989	4	46.10
Woodville	2	5	824	1012	4	45.18
*South	—	6	561	763	0	42.31

\*To play tomorrow.

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest.	Total
Blight (Woodville)	6	5.3	43.26
Copping (Glenelg)	7	3.1	21.12
Dietrich (North)	7	1.3	32.12
Willmott (Sturt)	6	7.2	29.13
Beecroft (Woodville)	7	2.3	27.10
J. Roberts (Torrens)	6	—	25.9
Antrobus (North)	7	2.1	22.18
S. Kernahan (Glenelg)	7	3.1	21.12

### NEXT WEEK

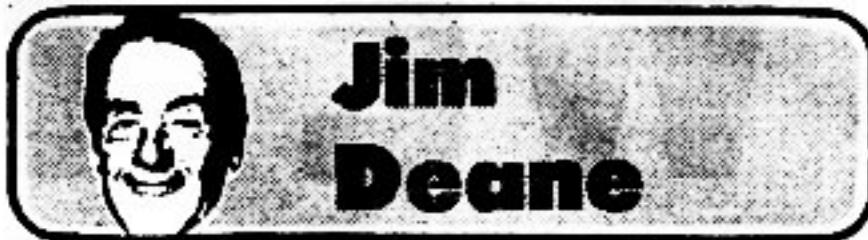
Tomorrow — Torrens v Port (Football Park); Central v South (Adelaide).  
Saturday — West v Port (Football Park); South v Glenelg (Adelaide); Norwood v Central (Norwood); Sturt v North (Unley); Torrens v Woodville (Thebarton).

### CROWDS

Football Park	8,313
Glenelg	11,572
Richmond	4,733

### Premiership table

Essendon	6	2	—	931	768	24	121.2
Footscray	5	3	—	961	860	20	111.7
North Melbourne	5	3	—	920	881	20	101.4
Collingwood	5	3	—	796	806	20	98.8
Hawthorn	4	4	—	911	792	16	118.8
Richmond	4	4	—	984	885	16	111.3
Carlton	4	4	—	928	834	16	107.5
Melbourne	4	4	—	813	841	16	100.2
Geelong	4	4	—	792	866	16	91.5
Swans	3	5	—	812	738	12	110.0
Fitzroy	3	5	—	899	927	12	97.0
St Kilda	1	7	—	610	1189	4	51.3



Jim Deane

as told to Peter Prime

Hardened North Adelaide supporters could well be forgiven for thinking the Roosters will be a part of SA football history and go through the season undefeated.

That deed was last achieved by Port Adelaide way back in 1914, but the way the Roosters toppled Glenelg at the Bay yesterday, suggests they are indeed a power side.

With wins over Central, Torrens, Norwood, Woodville, Port, West and now Glenelg, North are the team of the moment.

In difficult, windy conditions North won in just about every position on the ground, with coach Mike Nunan not appearing to have any involved plans to stop the Glenelg stars.

I am sure Glenelg can play better. Its big guns of Stephen Kernahan and Chris McDermott, never got cracking until the last quarter.

Stephen Copping in attack had a quiet game, David Marshall was beaten in the centre and Tony McGuinness only played in flashes.

Tony Hall was disappointing. If all these players fire, Glenelg has obviously a big chance to be in contention in September.

North's Andrew Jarman has beaten all the best centre players and there is no doubt he is a certainty to play for SA in the coming interstate game in Perth.

Everytime I see him I am more impressed with this "deluxe" player.



John Riley... top defender

Jarman defends, he attacks, he tackles, he has got great courage, uses the ball brilliantly by both hand and foot and at 19 years old, he is going to be the standard-setter for years to come.

Because of the sudden influx of top rovers in SA football, we don't hear much of Darel Hart — North Adelaide's second rover.

But he is unobtrusively doing the number two job behind Tony Antrobus. Yesterday, he won the real hard ball and kicked to teammates in fine style.

North Adelaide was a very even bunch yesterday which is again a sign of a side which will be a very serious threat to the premiership.

Matt Campbell was at his dazzling best, Mick Redden marked well, John Riley is back to his top and Peter Bennett at centre half-forward looks the answer.

For Glenelg, Ross Gibbs in the back pocket gave a thrilling exhibition. His courageous marking was a feature of the game.

Wingman Mark Hewett, with his pace and direct attack on the ball showed he will be a permanent member of the side from now on.

North led by 15 points at half-time, but with the breeze at its back, the Roosters really turned it on in the third term.

Jarman took complete control of the game and North was constantly in attack.

I suppose the weakness in the Rooster line-up last year was that if full forward Grenville Dietrich was beaten, North tended to disintegrate.

The difference this year is that North Adelaide now has players right across its forward and centre lines to kick goals.

Simply, it is not relying on one man.

At three-quarter time, North led by 57 points and had the game in its grasp.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes made a number of changes and all the well-known Glenelg commitment came to the fore in the last quarter, with the Tigers starting to make a game of it.

Kernahan, who had been quiet by his standards, started to take marks and this inspired the rest of the Glenelg side to play its best football.

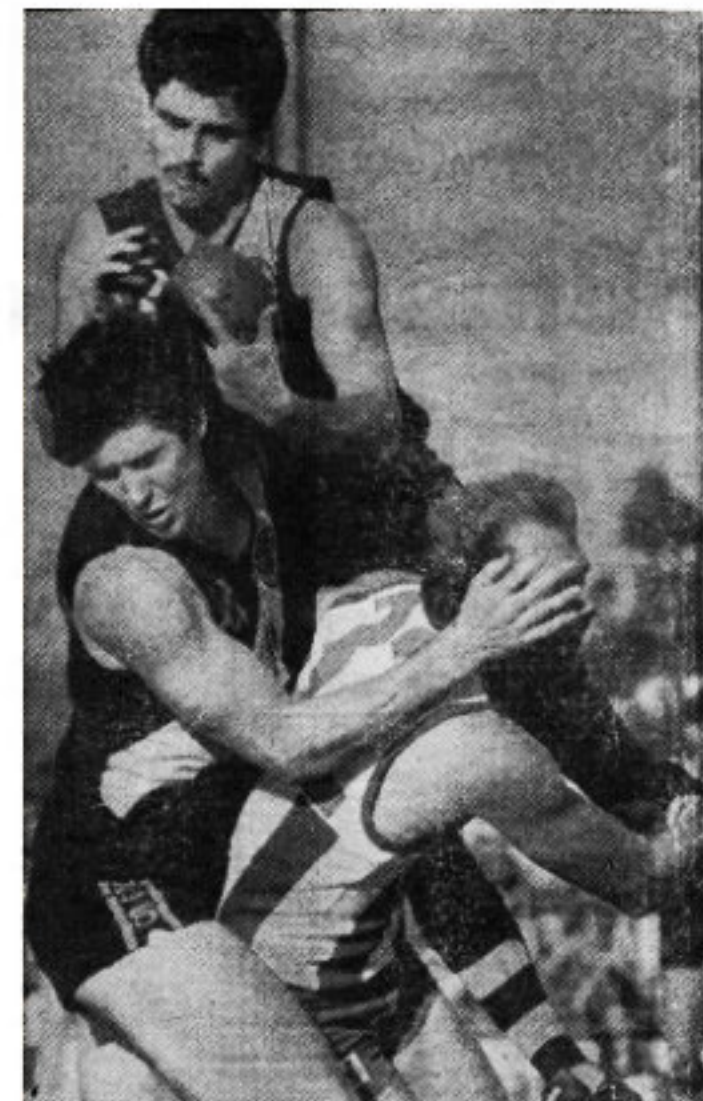
The Tigers had everything going for them. They were kicking with the use of a strong breeze, most of the crowd were cheering for them, and they had the bounce of the ball going their way.

In the face of this, North showed it has arrived as a power.

They didn't panic, they showed maturity and they were attacking when the final siren rang.



High-flying Tiger Dennis Russell outmarks Chris McDermott and North's Mike Parsons at the Bay yesterday.



My mark, boys... David Marshall takes this screamer over Stephen Kernahan and Paul Arnold

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