

Glenelg blows its big chance

By
GEOFF KINGSTON

Glenelg was bundled out of football's Foster's Cup by Footscray at Football Park last night.

It was a performance that at times was embarrassing because of the sheer ineptitude of Glenelg, which lost by 31 points after inexplicably giving Footscray a 25-point start.

Footscray picked up \$16,000 for winning; Glenelg got \$8000.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes said later: "I just don't know what happened."

"We had an opportunity to do something for SA football and we did not do it.

"We didn't play well; didn't deserve to win. Our skills were not good enough and there were too many unforced errors.

"We are a better side than that."

Cornes is right, of course, but unfortunately the Australia-wide television audience would have some trouble believing that on last night's performance.

Typical of Glenelg for two of the four quarters was the first term, when Footscray was allowed to run almost unchallenged all over the ground.

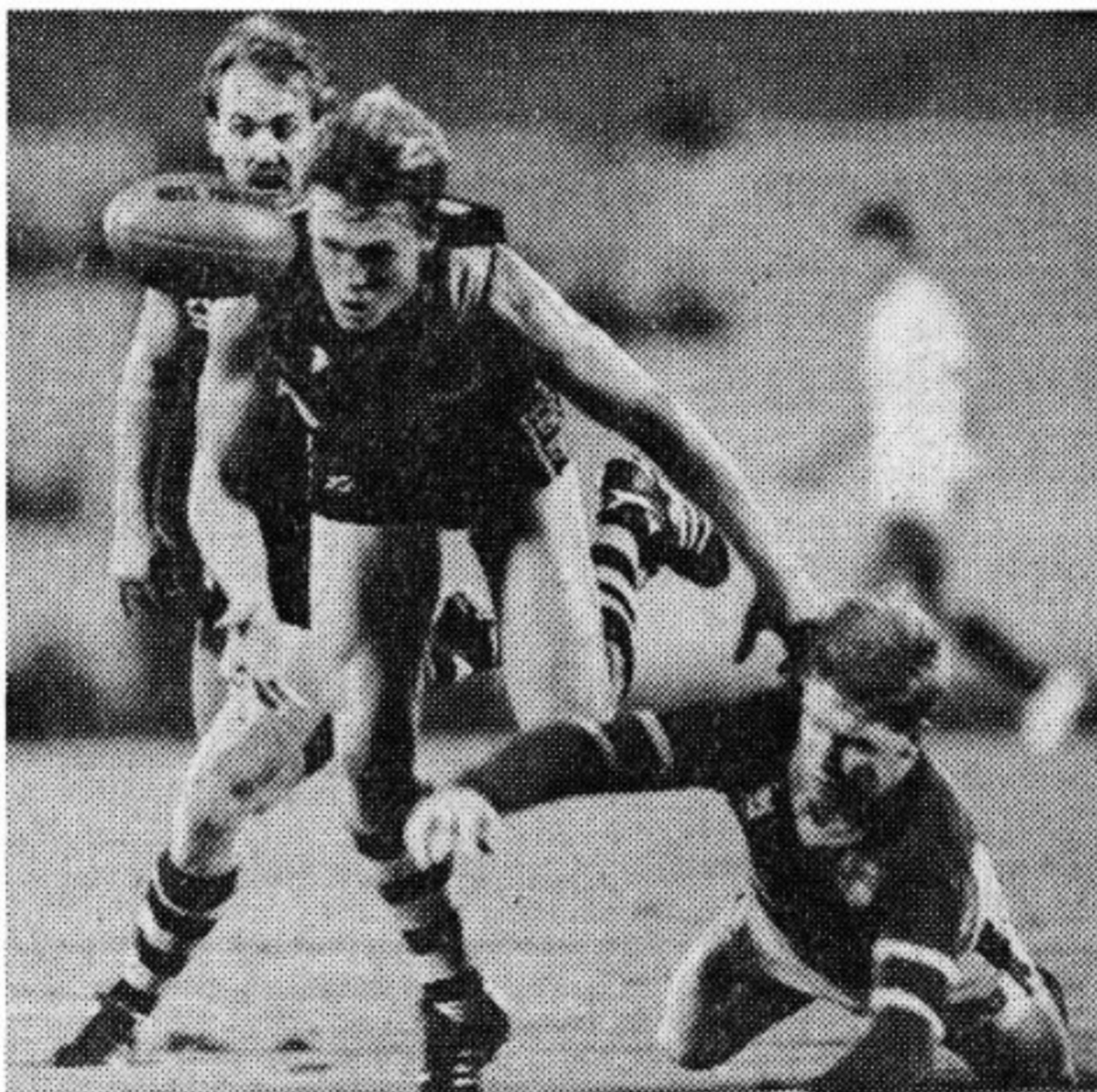
It was able to build up incredible numbers of players near the ball to create opportunities or cover mistakes and cruised to a 4.1 lead while Glenelg was scoreless.

Cornes couldn't explain it afterwards.

"I don't know... maybe they were just too keyed up," he said.

It was early in the first quarter that Glenelg wingman Tony

Footscray	4.1	4.4	7.6	16.9	(105)
Glenelg	0.0	2.4	7.8	10.14	(74)



AFTER IT ... Glenelg's Scott Salisbury leads the chase followed by Kym Hodgeman with Footscray's Brad Hardie left sprawling.

Symonds was dropped behind the play.

He took no further part in the match and his left knee and ankle injuries will be X-rayed today.

Glenelg hauled itself back into the

game in the second quarter to get within 12 points at half-time.

Then, in 30 minutes of football, it re-established itself as a force as it crashed right back into contention to lead by two points at the last change.

Ruckman Wayne Henwood launched Glenelg from the centre square.

His jumping and strength around the ground made chances for the smaller, quicker players.

For the first time in the match Glenelg began to play with some genuine aggression.

Scott Salisbury continued to risk his life on a wing, Alan Stringer — now in defence — was doing the same; Robin Kidney was worrying Footscray with his persistence and Kym Hodgeman started to "find" the ball in attack.

Chris McDermott was looking like the real Chris McDermott and the defence, led by Chris Duthy at full back, began to close the gaps that had been there early.

Glenelg would have been two or three goals clear at three-quarter-time but for some shocking use of the ball.

Incredibly, Glenelg then gave the game away.

It was like a replay of the first quarter as Footscray stormed back into the lead to kick six goals in 16 minutes.

Defender Neil Cordy kept pushing Footscray forward and, with follower Michael Mclean spearing his way past groping Glenelg defenders and Max Crowe and Jim Sewell suddenly becoming serious threats ear the goals, Footscray abruptly ended the match as a contest.

SCORERS — Footscray: Crowe 3.1, Bamblett 2.3, Sewell 2.1, Mclean 1.1, Hawkins, Daniels, Petraglio, Kennedy, McGuinness, B. Cordy, Purser 1.0, Baxter 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: Hall 3.1, Hodgeman 2.2, Kidney, Carey, Maynard 1.1, Garton, Murphy 1.0, A. Stringer, Woodlands 0.1, rushed 0.6.

BEST — Footscray: N. Cordy, McLean, Daniels, Crowe, S. MacPherson, Sewell. Glenelg: Salisbury, Henwood, McDermott, A. Stringer, W. Stringer, Kruse.

Umpires: R. Kinnear (SA), J. Russo (Vic).

North hammers home a message

From
ROBERT BALL

MELBOURNE — South Australian football in general — and North Adelaide in particular — last night triggered alarm bells in the executive offices of VFL house.

North, in defeating Collingwood in the quarter final of the Foster's Cup at VFL Park to win \$20,000 and become the first SA side to reach the semi-finals of a national night series, has shown club sides in SA are good enough to compete with the VFL in an expanded day series.

"I think the message for the VFL is that any national competition had best be club based," warned North's coach Mick Nunan after last night's game.

"It's indicative of a good club that it can come back after the trouble we were in in the third quarter and 15 points down in the last.

"It is also indicative that our trainers paid their own way here just so they could help the boys."

Mick Nunan was still trembling with joy as he sipped a soft drink and grinned his way through interviews with an astonished Victorian media.

And it was that same Victorian media which last night and this morning was extolling the virtues of SA football and suggesting the VFL and its heirarchy think carefully before they let a composite SA side into an expanded VFL or the game may be taken over by the newcomers.

After the game last night Collingwood coach Leigh Mathews said he

NORTH	1.3	4.7	5.13	8.19	(67)
COLLINGWOOD	2.1	2.3	8.5	9.5	(59)

could not believe the frequency and sureness of North's marking in such wet conditions.

"Frankly, I have never seen a Victorian side hold marks like North Adelaide did tonight — I simply was amazed," he said.

"While I was not happy with our game I can't take anything away from North — they looked good and they are a good side, an effective and skilful side.

"Overall, they were more desperate and did not make mistakes."

Nunan also made the point that North's players, unlike their opponents, were not playing for the prizemoney and would only receive normal match payments.

He cited Antrobus, the ruckmen, Hart and Darren Jarman for their efforts.

"Andrew Jarman is a special player, oh, how do I say this, but Darren is a special, special player," he said.

As the final siren sounded last night a miniature, expatriate army of flag-waving Rooster supporters deliriously invaded the turf.

They had watched their team flatten Collingwood with superior skills, incredible overhead marking and desperate tackling. It was the better team with 13 more scoring shots, four of which hit the post.

The game opened furiously with goals from each side in the first two minutes.

For the next 10 minutes North did most of the attacking, Parsons in particular shone out, giving North aerial supremacy ahead of centre.

Collingwood faltered often under intense tackling pressure from North, particularly Antrobus who repeatedly took on and downed bigger Magpie men.

Leigh Mathews sent his side out meaner and tougher in the second half and Greg Smith goaled within minutes.

After Poynton again hit his favorite goal post from a difficult running shot, Collingwood rebounded strongly with long kicks and quick handballs for Neville Shaw to snap accurately.

North still seemed to have most of the play but rarer Collingwood attacks were rewarded with goals, while North began to pay for its wasteful inaccuracy as Poynton again hit the post.

In the last quarter Collingwood stretched its lead to 15 points but tenaciously North struck back with quick goals to Dietrich and Hart, setting up an exciting finish from the 14-minute mark.

Details:

BEST — North: Antrobus, Robertson, D. Jarman, Hart, Campbell, Klomp, Redden, Wildy and Clisby. Collingwood: T. Shaw, N. Shaw, Cloke, Milano, Williams and Abernethy.

GOALS — North: Hart, Dietrich, Carlaw, Poynton, Parsons, Robertson, Bennet and Redden. Collingwood: Abernethy, 2. Smith, Dixon, Williams, T. Shaw, N. Shaw, Manson, Sumner.

Grand final replay: Same story

By **GEOFF KINGSTON**

Glenelg beat North Adelaide by 10 points in the Escort Cup match at Bordertown yesterday to deny North revenge for its loss to the Tigers in the 1985 grand final.

And since then it seems nothing much has changed. But Glenelg's victory was not without cost and neither was North's defeat.

Glenelg's Sydney Swans recruit Max Kruse was undergoing emergency dental surgery in Adelaide last night.

It was a tough blow for the former Swans player in his SA debut. But even in the quarter and a bit that he was in the game, he looked a little short, a little light and a little slow to hold down the key centre half-back position.

That may seem a bit harsh but against North's Peter Bennett, Kruse could not get the ball. Physically he looked better suited to a back pocket.

North's Matthew Campbell ripped a hamstring about nine minutes into the third quarter.

He pulled up as if shot by a cannon. It is the same hamstring which troubled him last season and yesterday's recurrence does not auger well.

Both sides were understrength yesterday. Glenelg was without players such as the injured Ross Gibbs and Peter Maynard and Steve Copping; North went into the game without Mike Redden, Tony Antrobus, David Robertson, Stephen Hay, Trevor Hill and John Brealey.

Glenelg seemed to be in control for most of the match but the scoreboard told a different tale.

Maybe that was because on too many occasions it played too short and allowed North the luxury of extra chances to get back in the game.

Glenelg	2.2	6.5	9.8	12.13	(85)
North	2.5	5.6	9.9	11.9	(75)

North, on the other hand, was much more efficient and had it been able to generate a little more consistent ballgetting around the packs it could well have taken that sweet revenge.

Glenelg followers and rovers Chris McDermott, Tony Hall, Kym Hodgeman and Robin Kidney were a constant source of power and probably the difference between the two sides.

Hall in particular — whether on the ball or at half-forward — was always a threat and with Jim West at centre half-forward and David Marshall on the other flank, the North defence was almost always under pressure.

Glenelg was also on top on the wings through Tony Symonds and David Kernahan and had it not been for a superb effort by an outstanding Andrew Jarman in the centre, North would have failed by much more than the 10 points.

Rover Darel Hart was also in great early-season form and, with Jarman, did most to keep North firing.

They got some good support from young Roger Carlaw at half-forward and later on a wing. But apart from the odd clever moves by Shane Hewish at half-forward and Roger Clift at full forward, North struggled to establish a clear winner in attack.

GOALKICKERS: Glenelg: Garton 23, Symonds 21, Marshall 13, McDermott 11, Hodgeman 11, Hall, Carey, A. Stringer, Kernahan, Kibbey, I.O. Salisbury 0.1, rushed 0.3, North: Carlaw 22, Campbell 21, A. Jarman 20, Edmonds 12, Armfield 11, D. Jarman 11, Clift, Hewish, 10, Bennett, Hart, 0.1

BEST: Glenelg: Hall, McDermott, Symonds, A. Stringer, Hodgeman, Walsh, North: A. Jarman, Hart, J. Riley, Carlaw, Armfield.

Torrens destroyed

Glenelg	5.1	9.2	16.3	21.6	(132)
Torrens	0.0	3.1	4.4	7.10	(52)

Glenelg — in a merciless mood — walloped West Torrens by 80 points in the Escort Cup match at Football Park last night.

It was a class act by Glenelg: a performance which often embarrassed Torrens which used the game as an experiment — to find who could do what — under the pressure of bigtime football.

On last night's showing Torrens is a long way off the pace at this stage. The endeavour was there but the skill level — when compared to Glenelg — was appalling.

Its covering, smothering defence was typical of Glenelg. Chris Duthy at full back was superb. Ross Gibbs was just as effective.

Then there was Scott Salisbury, Gavan Walsh, Wayne Stringer and John Seebom. The list seemed endless and Torrens never established a winner in attack.

Once again it was the rovers and followers — Robin Kidney and Kym Hodgeman and Chris McDermott and Tony Hall who ignited Glenelg.

They were given a huge start by ruckmen Peter Carey and Wayne Henwood, who towered over Torrens's Derek Andrews.

On that performance it is difficult to imagine anyone getting close to Glenelg — not now, not ever.

SCORERS: Glenelg — Woodlands 5.0, Hodgeman 4.2, Hall 4.0, Marshall 3.0, West 2.1, Garton 2.0, Walsh 1.0, Henwood 0.1, Torrens — Brown 2.3, Panagaris 2.0, Roberts 1.1, Barratt 1.0, Livesey 1.0, Taylor 2.0, Hanna 0.1, McCarthy 0.1

BEST: Glenelg: McDermott, Kidney, M. Walsh, Duthy, Hodgeman, Woodlands, A. Stringer, Carey, Torrens — Brown, Payne, Cox, McCarthy, Lindsay.

Geoff Kingston

BAYS STORM HOME IN THRILLER

Glenelg, with a superb ten-goal final quarter burst, came from nowhere to snatch an incredible one-point victory against Sturt in an Escort Cup thriller at Football Park last night.

The Tiger hero was promising centre half-forward James West who marked seconds before the siren and calmly goaled to see his side march to a marvellous win.

Going into the last term Glenelg, playing its third game in eight days, looked down and out.

It was 59 points behind and looking far from impressive, but before a disbelieving crowd of 5018, the Tiger machine got its game together to power to a memorable victory.

Before Glenelg's magnificent last quarter revival, Sturt was by far the more purposeful.

It used the ball well and it always had numbers to support.

Perhaps Graham Cornes' Glenelg was a little jaded after its recent heavy campaign. But John Paynter and Neil Craig were effective play-makers and it appeared the club has unearthed some promising new faces, including former Richmond reserves

By Peter Prime

player Tony McCarthy at full back.

For Glenelg, it was left to too few to do too much.

That normal cool, calculated, defiant Glenelg defence was under enormous pressure as streams of Sturt players moved downfield.

Wayne Stringer played

a grand game on his half-back flank while Tony Hall, in attack, and Peter Maynard and Chris McDermott on the ball were two other good players.

Such was Sturt's dominance that it kept the Tigers scoreless in the third term while adding five goals six, to lead by 59 points at the last change.

Sturt certainly was impressive.

Jarman on striking charge

STAR North Adelaide centreman Andrew Jarman (pictured) will face the SANFL tribunal after being reported in an Escort Cup match on Friday.

Jarman was reported for allegedly striking Barry Pilmore of West Torrens in the third term.

If the dynamic centreman incurs a suspension it will be a severe blow to the Roosters.

North and Central District escaped Friday's matches without injury, but Torrens and Port Adelaide were not so lucky.

Torrens' Steve Geyer was on crutches after suffering cruciate and medial injuries to the knee. The extent of the damage is yet to be assessed but he may miss much of the season.

Port's Daryl Crowden is likely to be sidelined after suffering a pulled hamstring.



Classy Tigers sound two-in-row warning

From PETER HAYNES in Port Augusta

Glenelg powered its way into the Escort Cup football grand final with an arrogant 68-point win over Port Adelaide at Port Augusta yesterday.

It was a performance stamped with class and authority and a warning to all other clubs that Glenelg is after its second successive premiership.

Its use of the ball and its defensive work, especially when kicking against a strong wind, were top-class and made Port look second-rate.

The Tigers looked like a side in peak form rather than just preparing for the first premiership game of the season.

Its kicking to position was immaculate, its backing-up was top-shelf and its attack on any opponent with the ball was fierce and dedicated.

One passage of play summed up the game.

While kicking against the wind, Glenelg took possession deep in defence. Six short passes later, none of them made or received under pressure, Glenelg goaled.

Port's performance was disgraceful.

Coach Russell Ebert described it as "embarrassing," saying the players had done none of the basics which had allowed the side to do so well earlier in the competition.

"We were playing well enough to win earlier by doing the basic things — getting the ball and using it," he said.

"Today we didn't do any of those things. That's the frustrating and embarrassing side of it.

"Glenelg played like a premiership side, which of course they are."

When kicking with a wind worth four or five goals, Port managed a feeble combined total of 2.8.

Glenelg scored 5.1 while kicking against it.

GLENELG	5.2	7.2	12.6	15.7	(97)
PORT	0.2	1.4	2.5	3.11	(29)

When Port did get the ball, its disposal was abysmal, rarely to position and mostly high in the air, allowing the Glenelg defence to pick off the forward thrusts.

With the lack of system, Port was unable to establish a consistent winner, while Glenelg won across every line.

In defence, Ross Gibbs played immaculately, his performance in the second quarter verging on the brilliant.

Chris Duthy at full back did everything asked of him, while Max Kruse was sound.

Further afield Wayne Stringer and John Seebom were almost impassable, while David Marshall and Alan Stringer were reliable sources of drive from across the centre.

David Kernahan, Stephen Copping, Craig Woodlands and Jim West were notable in the forward lines, while Peter Carey won the rucks comfortably.

The only problems for Glenelg were a shoulder injury to Tony Hall — it is not thought to be bad — and rover Kym Hodgeman's viral infection which restricted his play.

Port's best was centreman Greg Anderson, although he had little back-up and much of his work was undone further afield.

Martin Leslie, switched between centre half-forward and centre half-back for most of the game, was notable, as were Russell Boyd and Jon Simpson in defence.

But few other Magpies distinguished themselves in a dismal effort which questions the expected rebirth of Port this season.

The crowd of 5590 was the biggest for any of the Escort Cup country matches.

SCORERS — Glenelg: Woodlands 4, Copping 3, Kernahan, Marshall, Hall, West, Maynard, A. Stringer, Seebom, Carey. Port: Clifford, Leslie, R. Boyd.

BEST — Glenelg: Marshall, McDermott, Gibbs, Carey, Kernahan, Woodlands, A. Stringer, Kruse. Port: Anderson, R. Boyd, Simpson, Leslie.

Glenelg's loss to Footscray angered the coach—but not our experts

TIGERS ON COURSE FOR ANOTHER FLAG

Glenelg supporters can rest assured: there is life after Stephen Kernahan and Tony McGuinness.



JIM DEANE

as told to Ben Hickey

The critics have been saying the loss of these two fine players to the VFL this year will virtually rule out any chance of Glenelg repeating its 1985 premiership.

After all, the publicity that centred on these two stars meant virtually every other Glenelg player became a "lesser light."

But I believe a number of these so-called lesser-lights are ready to emerge from the shadows to plug the gaps left by the loss of Kernahan and McGuinness.

Spotlight

The depth of Glenelg's quality players was shown best in Tuesday night's Foster's Cup. The Tigers lost to VFL club Footscray but no other SA club would have done any better.

The best example of a player who will grab the spotlight: this year is Chris McDermott, the follower whose career has always been in the shadow of Kernahan and McGuinness.

McDermott has that rare ability of being both a stopper and a play-maker, and there's no doubt he will be Glenelg's prime mover in their chase for the flag this year.

Tony Hall is another player ready to explode.



McGuinness: Shadow

He seems to have the same inspiring ability to lift his team that so marked the style of play of his coach, Graham Cornes.

Scott Salisbury proved time player. Let's hope on Tuesday he is a big-Glenelg abandons any further thoughts of using Salisbury as an interchange player because his tenacity is the stuff that lifts teams.

Another bonus for the Tigers is that rover Kym Hodgeman is not yet at full fitness. But when he gets there his value as a goal-kicker and ball-winner in tight situations will become obvious.

And Hodgeman is sure to receive plenty of help

from improving rover Robin Kidney.

And what about Super? Big Peter Carey, despite his advanced years, must surely still be the best big man in the game. Carey looks as good this year as at any time.

To back up Carey, the Tigers have Wayne Henwood whose strength and pace as a big man makes him a tough nut to crack.

Tough nut

Further natural improvement can be expected from players such as Adam Garton, the Stringer boys, Ross Gibbs, John Seebom, Peter Maynard, Chris Duthy, David Marshall, Tony Symonds and David Kernahan.

The Tigers also have picked up a fine new player in Mark Donovan, whose Tuesday night performance was right out of the box.

And they still have Stephen Copping to return to the forward line. That's a nice ace to have up your sleeve.

All in all, it's no wonder the bookies are said to have Glenelg as 3/1 favorites for the premiership. Their only worry is complacency.

A match for the Vics

Glenelg would be worthy of a place in the Victorian Football League. That is the view of Footscray coach Mick Malthouse.



The Big V with Jim Main

The Bulldog boss made this comment after Footscray struggled to shake off a determined Glenelg in Tuesday night's Foster's Cup match at Football Park.

"They would make a real go of it in the VFL and would win quite a few matches," Malthouse said.

Malthouse's comments follow suggestions that clubs from SA and WA would be admitted to the VFL in 1987.

The VFL consistently refuses to comment on whether individual clubs would be admitted or whether SA and WA would be invited to field composite sides.

Malthouse believes a club like Glenelg would more than hold its own in the first year of competition and be extremely powerful within five years.



Malthouse: Impressed

"Glenelg really impressed me," he said. "They played quick, aggressive football and were willing to mix it with my boys."

"They obviously play with a lot of spirit and would win plenty of matches in the VFL."

"They stuck to us for three quarters and our boys had to dig deep in the last quarter to get away from them." Malthouse then pointed out that Foots-

cray were missing key players Simon Beasley, Zeno Tzatzaris, Brian Royal and Phil Maylin.

"But don't forget that Glenelg lost Stephen Kernahan and Tony McGuinness to VFL clubs this year," he said.

"And Steve Copping did not play on Tuesday night. It therefore, is obvious that Glenelg can improve quite a bit too."

"Glenelg would worry the life out of seven or eight VFL clubs and probably win as many as they would lose. Only the top clubs would get away from them."

"But that would only be in the first year. It would be only natural for a club like Glenelg to draw other top SA players if they were involved in the VFL competition."