Tiger Tony Hall flies over Craig Ebert to take a great mark



Grea Anderson returns to the field after being KO'd, much to the delight of Port fans

FLAG PLUNGE ON REDLEGS

Norwood is a hot SANFL premiership favorite among football punters after its stunning recovery to make the final five.

Anderson has gone from cording to Darwin bookstrength to strength as top favorite for this year's Magarey Medal.

Redlegs support has been so strong it is now challenging North Adelaide for

And Port Adelaide's Greg premiership favoritism, acmakers.

> MARKET: 2/1 North Adelaide; 3/1 Norwood, Glenelg; 4/1 Port Adelaide; % Woodville.

HALL! BAYS RUFFLE SECOND RATE MAGPIES

Port Adelaide's premiership plans nosedived yesterday when a superior running Glenelg easily plucked ruffled Magpie feathers in the last term of a fiery, spiteful qualifying final at Football Park.

The Tigers outscored Port by seven goals in the second half to cruise to a 47-point demolition and the right to challenge old spar-ring partner North Adelaide in the second semi-final on Saturday.

Port lost Greg Anderson their major source of inspiration and leg power after a head-high tackle by defender Scott Salisbury after just 18 minutes.

But Anderson's absence was not the chief reason for the Magpies demise.

Glenelg simply had too many better, fitter runners in the crucial final quarter.

The exposed Magpies had hoisted the white flag when Tigers interchange Adam Garton drilled a superbly judged goal from near the half-forward boundary line with 20 minutes to play.

And a similar goal from 'quiet' wingman Tony Symonds only minutes later gave Glenelg absolute con-trol of the contest.

Port was still a winning chance at three-quarter time, despite trailing by 22 points.

It had a strong wind to boost victory claims and the added incentive of proving it could win without, and for, Anderson.

But the intense pressure had sapped the Magpies physical and mental strength.

Players from both sides looked exhausted as early as the third term, but Glenelg had greater character.

Port coach Russell Ebert said: "We dropped our heads when Glenelg kicked the first goal in the last

"A lot of players packed it

"It gets down to character we had a few with a lack of it.

"You are always tested on a different degree in finals and while some performed creditably, others certainly did not.

Ross Gibbs was a surprise withdrawal from the Tigers line-up before the game and he was replaced by veteran John MacFarlane.

Driving

Anderson's misfortune in his 100th game started when he lost the important toss to Peter Carey.

The brilliant Magpie was changing with fellowfollower Stephen Williams on a half-forward flank and was a driving force in Port's successful early bid to stifle Glenelg's wind advantage.

Anderson was supported by centreman Stephen Clifford, strong tackling Stephen Curtis, and spectacular marking Dwayne the Tigers.



Russell until that regrettable incident.

The sickening sight of Anderson's motionless body was a severe blow to Port.

It sparked a brief series of spiteful clashes with players crashing to the ground as tempers flared.

But, curiously, it was Glenelg which reacted more positively.

Follower Peter Maynard booted two important goals and full forward John Seebohm one, to give the Tigers the initiative late in

Ebert replaced Anderson with Greg Boyd and assigned Boyd's role on Tony Hall to interchange Geoff Phelps.

Ebert spoke to Anderson before addressing his players at quarter-time, but there was little to no chance doctors would permit the concussed star to resume.

Maynard opened the second quarter superbly. He seemed to relish the absence of Anderson and quickly became the dominant run-on player.

Williams assumed more responsibility, especially with Port teammates and rovers Wayne Mahney and Dale Laube not having any real influence on the game.

Mahney, who had seemed restricted in his running from the first bounce, was eventually replaced before half-time by George Fiacchi after hurting his forearm.

Key forward Darren Smith was lacking confidence and commitment and was a big disappointment into the second quarter.

Ebert switched him from centre half-forward to fullforward, but Smith failed to bend his back - literally.

Glenelg defenders Chris Duthy (full back) and Max Kruse (centre half-back) frustrated Port's dominance of play in attack.

Port had 10 more scoring shots in the second term but still trailed narrowly at the main break.

Ebert made more moves for the third term and Glenelg started the second half with centreman Alan Stringer at half forward and David Marshall in the middle.

But it was Carey and Hall who had the biggest impact on building a handy lead for

FOOTBALL PARK

3rd Final 2nd 12-6 18-10 118 5-3 8-3 GLENELG. . 6-12 7-14 9-17 1-4

BEST - GLENELG: Maynard, Duthy, Kruse, Carey, Hall, McDermott, A. Stringer, Copping. PORT: Williams, Curtis,

Clifford, Leslie. SCORERS — GLENELG: Maynard 3.0, Copping 2.4, Garton 2.1, Symonds 2.0, Hall 2.0, Seebohm 2.0, Marshall 1.2, Kruse 1.0, Kidney 1.0, A. Stringer 1.0, Hertwood 1.0, Hodgeman 0.2, rushed 0.1, PORT: R. Smith 2.0, O'Brien 1.4, Russell 1.3, G. Boyd 1.1, Clifford 0.1, Clifford

Harrison 1.0, R. Boyd 1.0, D. Smith 1.0, Harris 1.0, Clifford 0.1, Williams 0.1, Laube 0.1, Fiacchi 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES — GLENELG: A. Stringer (broken nose), Hodgeman (leg). PORT: Anderson (concussion), Mahney (suspected broken left forearm), O'Brien (suspected dislocated finger).

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Graham Hilton.

FOOTYPUNT

Winner Game Carlton Glenelg

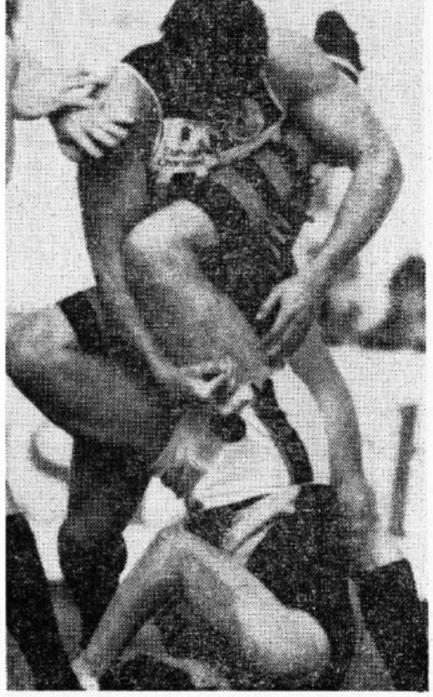
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Saturday, September 20 Second semi-final: North v Glenelg (Football Park). Sunday, September 21 — First semi-final: Port v winner of today's elimination final between Woodville and Norwood (Football Park).

Next round

Official attendance for yesterday's qualifying final between Glenelg and Port at Football Park was 22,837.



Port's Stephen Williams fights it out with Wayne Stringer

Carey continued to beat opposing skipper Russell Johnston in ruck, and Hall's immaculate skilis were too much for Phelps.

Tigers coach Graham Cornes wisely called Salisbury from the ground late in the game.

The move avoided any

risk of an angry retaliation for the shameful incident involving Anderson.

Anderson deserves a better fate for being the great and fair player he is. And Salisbury deserves to have his actions closely scrutinised by television film.

But Darwin bookmakers and enough to make Naley say there has been "edufirm from the 3/1 available cated money" in the past last week to 3/1.

week for South Adelaide's Bookmakers say the only Mark Naley because of his other player rated as a proven vote-winning ability, Magarey Medal chance is Glenelg's Chris McDermott, and his crackerjack final who has drifted from 4/1 to

BEN HICKEY

have been flooded with bets for the Redlegs.

Norwood because they didn't have a chance of being in the finals," one bookie said.

In the past week they been running hot since their big win last week."

North Adelaide remains "Two weeks ago it was a the warm favorite for the case of name your price for flag after its fine home-andaway season.

Port's Greg Anderson is now 1/10 Magarey Medal

favorite after being "But the phones have quoted last week as 19/10.

match against Woodville. It was widely regarded as a three-vote performance,

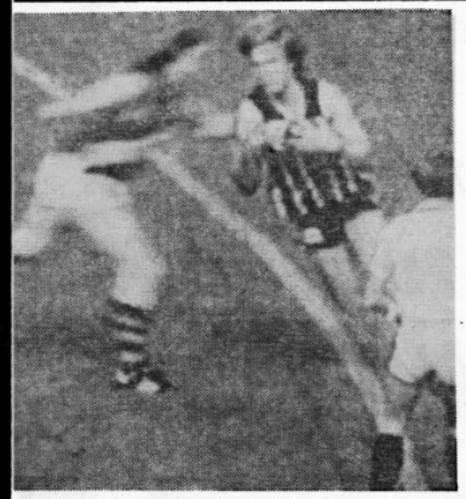


Here it is . . . the tackle that set a final on fire . . .



Salisbury

ANDERSON KO'O







Salisbury moves in for the tackle (above left) . . . the collision is imminent (above centre) . . . the moment of impact as Salisbury and Anderson clash heavily in front of the boundary umpire (above right)

Port Adelaide centreman, Greg Anderson, was knocked out yesterday following a head-high tackle from Glenelg's Scott Salisbury.

And I believe the incident will be reviewed by SANFL commissioner, Mr Brian Martin, QC.

No reports were lodged by the umpires after the game, but it is my opinion an official could make a charge against Salisbury after viewing a television replay which clearly showed the incident.

The tackle, at the 18-minute mark of the first term, sparked a number of scuffles during a fiery qualifying final in which the Tigers trounced Port by 47 points.

And two minutes before time-on in the last quarter, Glenelg coach Graham

Centreman, Greg Young Tiger star still may face charge

By Ashley Porter

Cornes "protected" Salisbury from a potentially dangerous reaction from Port fans by taking him off the ground.

He waited for a few moments after the final siren, then walked alongside Salisbury while Glenelg players and police flanked them.

Cornes said he took Salisbury off the field because "he was tired".

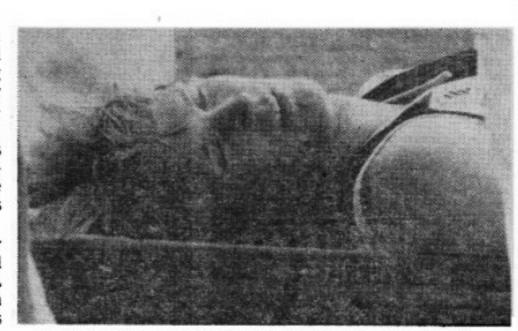
But teammate Alan Stringer finished the game with blood streaming from a broken nose. When asked whether Port would lodge a report, club general manager, Mr Ian McKenzie, replied: "We don't want to talk about it; no comment." Mr Martin said last night he had not been contacted by the SANFL regarding the incident, or any other matter relating to yesterday's game.

However, he said it was unlikely he would be notified until tomorrow, at the earliest, should any reports aise from the match.

It is possible any number of League officials could report Salisbury to SANFL general manager, Mr Leigh Whicker, before Tuesday's 5pm deadline.

Mr Whicker could not be contacted for comment. Stringer, and a fortnight ago North's David Robertson, were both reported by SANFL officials, found guilty, and suspended.

But should a charge be made against Salisbury, I



Anderson on a stretcher after the incident

play against today's elimination final winner in next Sunday's first semi-final.

Port's Wayne Mahney will have X-rays tomorrow on his left forearm and Michael O'Brien may require surgery on a finger. believe a number of other reportable incidents during yesterday's match, involving players from both sides, should also be reviewed.

Anderson is expected to

WARRIORS' DOUBLE FINAL SHOCK

Woodville, in a surprise selection move, yesterday named Ian Jones and Darren Grant in its side for today's elimination final against Norwood at Football Park.

Jones, 23, has not played a league game since the Warriors lost to Sturt in round six in May.

And Grant, also 23, has not played a senior game since round three.

Both were named on the interchange bench.

Out of the side which lost to South in the final minor round game are By Peter Cornwall

ruckman Terry Libbis and wingman Steve Jacquier, who played in the Warriors' reserves qualifying final against Central District yesterday.

Norwood has named Lester Ross and Rohan Helyar as emergencies, but the Redlegs have no injury problems.

Woodville reacted to its 15-point pocket player, he could be called on

loss against South by changing its side for the first time in four games.

Randall Jolly, who started on the bench against the Panthers, was named on the wing in place of Jacquier, in the only change made to last week's starting 18.

Jones, who has played 30 league games for Woodville since making his debut last season, has been playing well in the reserves in the centre and back pocket.

Noted mainly as a tough back pocket player, he could be called on to stand Norwood's dangerous goalsneak Neville Roberts at some stage this afternoon.

Grant has played 16 senior games for Woodville since joining from Central District.

Woodville, despite winning 10 of its last 12 games and beating the Redlegs by 19 points in their last clash at Football Park in round 16, will start today's game as underdogs against finals-hardened Norwood.

GLENELG CHANGES THE

It doesn't seem that long ago we were telling jokes about Glenelg's abysmal finals record, but no-one was laughing in Port Adelaide territory last night.

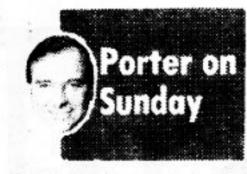
The Magpies have lost finals in the past, but rarely have they done so in the same feable fashion for which Glenelg was so often unfairly ridiculed.

Remember when the Tigers were tagged 'fairies' after being accused of stepping aside with fear for their bodies?

It was a different story yesterday. It was some Magpies who 'shirked' some hard contests after the Salisbury-Anderson incident during the first term.

Fans will no doubt claim Anderson's untimely departure from the field cost the Magpies the match.

Sure. Anderson is a Tigers' superb effort.



brilliant player, but Port lost because after the incident it did not want to win the hard ball as much as Glenelg.

But to dwell on Port's lack of character, the way it 'gave in' when Wayne Henwood marked and goaled after a minute of play in the last term, would take too much away from the

And they deserve every gram of praise for the way they displayed confidence in each other, their showing of discipline, and above all. for putting their game together under finals pressure.

Indeed

The giant banner made by Glenelg's cheer squad said it before the game ... 'When the going gets tough the boys get going'.

And indeed they did. This final reminded us what good players they really are.

It all is very well to play good footy during the minor round, but performing at the highest level in the major round is what really counts.

PUNCH LINE

Take Stephen Copping. In some matches this season he has appeared an average player, but yesterday his masterly use of the ball, his unselfish team play, and his class, shone through at vital stages.

The same could be said for a number of other Tigers like Max Kruse who was resilient in defence.

Rover Chris McDermott was rated as the biggest now the joke is on Port.

danger to Port before the game because of his lightning fast handballs and creativeness.

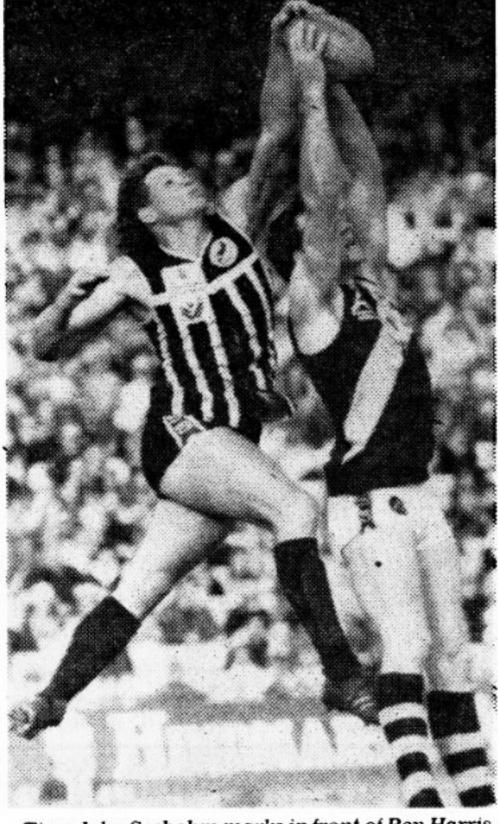
By his standards, he was not a major influence, but the mere fact he was on the ground was an inspiration

Until late yesterday it was extremely doubtful whether he would play because of a shoulder injury.

The sad thing about Port was a few players battled their hearts out in a true professional manner, but were let down by others.

Finals football is about teams, not individuals, and

ANDERSON GOES, SO DOES PORT



Tiger John Seebohm marks in front of Ben Harris

Woodville snatched a thrilling four-point ' victory over Central Districts in the SANFL By Laurie McCauley Reserves qualifying final against Central District at Football Park yesterday.

The Warriors sealed their

14-14 to 14-10 win with virtually the last kick of the game. Brett Mackereth marked

strongly and kicked a pressure goal at the 27-minute mark of the final term to give Woodville its first victory over the Bulldogs this season.

The first clash between the sides resulted in a draw. then Central won by 95 and six points in the other two minor-round clashes.

But Woodville turned the tables on Central yesterday with its fierce tackling and superior system.

Its defence was superbly led by David Chappill, voungster Richard Champion and Shane Reardon

SCORES

1st 2nd 3rd Final Pts 8-6 9-10 12-13 14-14 98 Wood 5-1 10-5 12-6 14-10 94 Cent Best - WOODVILLE: Chappill

Champion, Reardon, Rechner Mackereth Libbis CENTRAL: Fraser Earle, Girdham, Lee, Nolan, O'Neill Scorers - WOODVILLE: Tankosic 5-2, Mackereth 3-2, Toome 3-1, Rechner 2-1, Pym 1-0 5 McDonald 0-1. Wright 0-1. Hughes 0-1. Mangelsen 0-1, rushed 0-4. CENTRAL: Earle 4-0, Coffee 3-0, Fraser 1-1. Anderson 1-1, Nolan 1-0, Moulds 1-0 Petmon 1-0. Sickerdick 1-0. Zerelia 1-0. Wilkins 0-2. S Lee 0-1. O'Neill 0-1. Trimboli 0-1, rushed 0-3. Umpires Michael Abbott, Mark Mackie.

It was a typical Glenelg and Port Adelaide final at Football Park yesterday full of aggression, commitment and courage.

Something has been simmering between the arch rivals for some time now. with their clashes generating feeling aplenty.

But in the end reigning premier Glenelg won the battle . . . and the battle of tactics.

The biggest tragedy for Russell Ebert's Magpie brigade was the loss of champion centreman Greg Anderson.

The Magarey Medal favorite had a huge influence on proceedings in the first term before he ran into a crude tackle from Glenelg defender Scott Salisbury at the 18-minute mark of the quarter.

Without Anderson Port had no potent attacking weapon and this went a long way to robbing Port of a chance of victory.



Jim Deane

From that point it was not surprising the game caught fire - skirmishes, fights and punches seemed to be the order of the day.

It was interesting the way the Port hierarchy used

He was moved around continually to stop any tagging ploy - interchanging with Stephen Clifford in the centre, having a run on the ball and showing his wares and wizardry on a halfforward flank.

After the Anderson incident Glenelg was first to settle down and it played a good brand of finals football.

But after a great second term when its concentration returned and it became more disciplined, Port Adelaide was still in a winning position at half-time.

In that second quarter

Port powerhouse Dwayne Russell became a dominant player.

After a quiet start on Glenelg defender Max Kruse, Russell suddenly burst into the fray and gave the Magpies a scoring av-

Stephen Clifford in the centre was picking up a lot of kicks - indeed the Magpie centreline was well on

Glenelg had one big win ner in its forward line in Stephen Copping and it was surprising a move was not made to curb his brilliance

After the long break every move that Glenelg coach Graham Cornes made turned to gold.

One of the most significant factors in Gleneig's su perb second half was the transfer of Allan Stringer from the centre to a half forward flank.

Rewarded

Cornes' patience in leav ing Kruse on Dwayne Russell was rewarded, with the Sydney Swans recruit playing an important role in the Tiger victory.

Russell found it hard to get touches on Kruse there after, let alone kicks.

Adam Garton, the sen sation of the finals round last year, replaced John Seebohm at full forward and he immediately became a king-sized headache for the Magpie defence.

Glenelg in fact had two match winners at both ends of the ground.

Duthy continued to give one of the best perform ances seen by a full back this season, while Copping was a focal point

Most Port players fell out of the game after half-time

UNDER 19

1st semi-final 1st 2nd 3rd Final Prs 4-1 7-2 9-5 13-9 87 2-2 7-8 9-10 12-12 84 Best - GLENELG: Allen, Angove.

Barko Blackwell. Deane Shinnick. Bromitow, Cunningham. PORT: Hodges, Brown, Searles, Northeast, Belton, Garrett. Goals - GLENELG: Davies 3. Bartlett 3. Bajko 2. Shinnick. Rugiess, R. Turner, Deane, Jameson. PORT: Brown 4. McLean 3. M. Dittmar 2. Hartwig, Hams, Warton.

2nd semi-final 1st 2nd 3rd final Pts 9-4 13-6 18-13 20-15 135 0-3 3-4 5-5 10-5 65 West Best - NORWOOD: Petney, Ritossa. Wetherall, Gower, Sampson, Molloy . Prosser, Williams Faull. WEST. jacomos, Edwards, Bruggeman, R. Perugini, Sapranidis, T. Perugini. Goals - NORWOOD: Molloy 5, McNeil 4. Williams 3, Hawes 3, Prosser 2, Zanker, Sampson, Petney. WEST: Stuart 5, Mugel, Ravesi, Sapranidis, Lechlettner, Siviour.

UNDER 17

1st semi-fNial 1st 2nd 3rd Finai Pts 1-1 3-7 4-811-10 76 Cent 4-2 4-3 6-7 7-9 51 North Best - CENTRAL: Hefford Ballantyne, Ingerson, Michael, Pyman, Woods, Clohesy, Vandenberg, Joyce.

NORTH: Kavanagh, Spicer, Koch, Norton, Bradbrook, Carey. Goals CENTRAL: Bonutto 2. Joyce 2. Michael 2. Ballantyne, Gregory, Lange, Platten. Vandenberg. NORTH: Hahn 3. McAdam 2, Reves, Hamilton. 2nd semi-final

1st 2nd 3rd Final Pts 3-0 6-3 7-712-12 84 Sturt 3-1 6-4 8-5 9-7 61

Best - STURT: Bills, Russell, Milln. Dutton, J. James, C. James, Grivell, Lennon, Palenschus, NORWOOD: 5. Klose, Ippindo, Bailey, Rankine, M. Francis. Goals - STURT: Dutton 4. Russell 2. Bonner, Grivell, Rinna. Rosevear, Radbone, Bradley NORWOOD: Molloy 2, Harrison 2, T. Francis 2. Rankine, Soro, Neshoda