

Round 14, 1986

## CAHILL IN DESPAIR AS WEST BOMBS

### 'The worst time of my career'

By chief football writer Ashley Porter

John Cahill, looking a sombre figure in a room dense with depression beneath the Elizabeth Oval grandstand, declared West Adelaide would not make the finals on its current form.

The Bloods had just crashed for the fourth time in five weeks, this time to a courageous Central District by 34 points, after leading by more than five goals in the second term.

And Cahill, who believed he should share the blame because he was the coach, said he was going through the worst time of his football career.

"To see things not working . . . the elementary mistakes, still playing the short game, well, it's just frustrating," he said.

"It's going to take some sincere effort — not words — and courage and commitment to recover from here.

"In the first half we looked good, but when the pressure was applied we had too many players falling out of the game."

The Bloods, despite losing, maintained fourth position but are now one win away from third ranked Glenelg and have Port, Sturt, Central and Woodville well within range to bury them on the ladder.

It was a vastly different scene in the Central

appreciative supporters.

They sat with their heads held high and listened to their proud coach Kevin Neale praise the mfor their efforts, the way they kept their faith in each other, and how they had achieved the first of many goals set at a special team dinner on Friday night.

Neale, chewing gum faster than his men ran, said he was further convinced that football was "80 per cent in the head.

"We all talk about physical courage, and sure it's part of it, but it was our strength mentally which was the difference today compared with recent efforts," he explained.

"The players believed in themselves and each other, they were prepared to run and have a go, and their minds told them they weren't tired."

North Adelaide also kicked its biggest score against Sturt at Football Park as it cruised to a 77-point victory to remain clearly on top of the ladder.

The heavy loss saw the Blues slip out of the five on percentage to Port Adelaide which beat South Adelaide convincingly



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changerooms as the jubilant Bulldogs barely had enough energy to sing the club song.

### Convinced

They were poor singers, but there was no doubting their ability as footballers as they cruised to a comfortable victory and again raised the hopes of their

## WARRIORS WALLOW IN THE MUD

Woodville "blew" one of the club's most important games in its 23-season league history against Glenelg at the Bay yesterday.

It had the rare chance to become the newest power in SA football and consolidate a powerful drive for the final five.

And there was the incentive to win four successive games for the first time in seven years.

Toss in the surprise announcement by highly-respected veteran Lindsay Heaven that he had retired and a plea for victory just before the game.

Inspiring goals? Yes, but not inspiring enough for the Warriors.

They should have been prepared to move mountains to beat the Tigers — admittedly a tough assignment after four consecutive victories.

But Woodville simply lacked Glenelg's superior heavy ball skills, commitment, and discipline in the Bay mud.

Only Warriors follower Colin McDonald matched his opposition's application and disposal.

Even Ron Fuller—one of Woodville's better players — occasionally lacked the discipline to run hard for 20m to pressure Glenelg.

### Short

And Tigers' run-on star Chris McDermott must have had body odor—sometimes even on the tiny Bay Oval in heavy conditions he had a 30m

break on his nearest opponent.

And then there was half-back Randall Jolly's undisciplined stuff — holding David Grenvold's guernsey and being penalised when the tackle was clearly unnecessary.

Woodville coach Malcolm Blight was frustrated with his players short, ineffective kicks when they could have gone over the top of players.

But the Warriors' inferior skill level was only part of the reason for their demise.

They often were not prepared to be first to the ball — especially in the second half.

Glenelg simply was more desperate for the ball and used it better.

The Tigers had a host of good players headed by wingman David Kernahan who won a stunning 29 kicks.

And Glenelg won the game by outscoring Woodville by four goals in the third term.

In that quarter, Tigers centre half-forward Michael Murphy continued to outpace key Warriors forward Andrew Taylor, much improved David Grenvold was rock solid in defence, and Wayne "Moose" Henwood was marking the heavy, sometimes slippery ball with amazing assurance.



Gordon Campbell

And when Kernahan again passed immaculately to full forward John Seebohm to boot his sixth goal late in the term, Woodville had hoisted the white flag.

Sadly, no spirited Warriors revival happened in the final term.

Glenelg half-forward Tony Hall continued his strong marking to finish with 12 for the game.

Hall and Kernahan were major reasons for the Tigers maintaining the initiative in the first half.

But not even McDonald's two spectacular, 60m goals in the second quarter could motivate his Woodville teammates to bigger and better feats.

The mud caused disposal errors from both sides in the second term but Glenelg, like a good tennis player, made fewer mistakes.

Some players were so heavily clad in mud they had trouble identifying teammates.

No one had that problem with Ross Gibbs who remarkably stayed on his feet for most of the game and was virtually unblemished come shower time.

## All the details

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-3	10-10	17-14	21-17	143
Sturt	4-10	4-13	7-15	8-18	66

**BEST — NORTH:** Antrobus, Hart, A. Jarman, J. Riley, Robertson, Campbell, D. Jarman, Sanders, Tiller. **STURT:** Smith, Paynter, Derrington, Spiel, Klomp, McGown, Moschenl.  
**SCORERS — NORTH:** Hart 4-4, Antrobus 4-2, D. Jarman 2-1, Klomp 2-1, Thomson 2-1, Braley 2-0, Bennett 1-1, Arnold 1-1, Robertson 1-1, Campbell 1-0, Tiller 1-0, Poynton 0-1, A. Jarman 0-1, rushed 0-3. **STURT:** Derrington 3-3, Klomp 2-1, Moschenl 2-0, McGown 1-2, Hollis 0-4, Craig 0-2, Underwood 0-1, Moschenl 0-1, rushed 0-4.  
**INJURIES — NORTH:** Clisby (driving muscle).  
**UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear and Graham Hilton.

### ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	4-2	10-3	16-10	24-14	158
West	7-4	11-11	14-12	18-16	124

**BEST — CENTRAL:** Graham, Kreis, Flintoff, Mandemaker, Nolan, Shields, Van Dommelle, Hannan, Bubner. **WEST:** McKinnon, Rennie, Burton, Twomey, Winter, Grosser.  
**SCORERS — CENTRAL:** Mandemaker 7-0, Graham 6-2, Kreis 4-0, Collins 3-3, Nolan 1-2, Bubner 1-1, Roe 1-0, Tiller 1-0, Shields 0-2, Lee 0-1, rushed 0-3. **WEST:** Luders 5-1, Grosser 4-2, D. Herbert 3-2, Meuret 2-1, Ryan 2-1, G. Fleike 1-1, Forster 1-0, Goss 0-2, Burton 0-2, Bennett 0-1, rushed 0-3.  
**INJURIES — WEST:** Beiton (bruised shoulder), Twomey (punched nerve in arm).  
**REPORT —** Rob McKinnon (West) for allegedly striking David Flintoff in the head in second term by umpire Stephen Semmler.  
**UMPIRES —** Laurie Argent and Stephen Semmler.

### GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-3	9-4	15-7	17-10	112
Woodville	3-1	7-4	9-6	11-7	73

**BEST — GLENELG:** Kernahan, McDermott, Hall, Maynard, Grenvold, Murphy, Seebohm, Henwood, Carey. **WOODVILLE:** McDonald, Fuller, Harris, Parker.  
**SCORERS — GLENELG:** Seebohm 7-1, Copping 2-2, Marshall 2-0, Maynard 2-0, Hall 1-2, Symonds 1-1, Gibbs 1-0, McDermott 1-0, Kidney 0-1, Henwood 0-1, rushed 0-2. **WOODVILLE:** McDonald 1-0, Nichols 2-2, Taylor 2-1, Jolly 1-0, Fuller 1-0, Martin 1-0, Bowman 1-0, Parker 0-1, Sewer 0-1, Harris 0-1, rushed 0-1.  
**UMPIRES —** Ross Campbell and Neville Thorp.

### THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1-2	6-6	9-8	12-10	82
Torrens	2-4	6-7	7-10	7-16	58

**BEST — NORWOOD:** Taylor, R. Maynard, Pyke, K. Thomas, Hein, McIntosh, Warhurst. **TORRENS:** Payne, B. Lindsay, Cox, Sims, Hanna, Panagaris.  
**SCORERS — NORWOOD:** K. Thomas 4-0, Hein 2-0, Payne 1-2, Neave 1-1, Hall 1-0, Fosdike 1-0, Warhurst 1-0, Vardencsa 1-0, McIntosh 0-1, Pearce 0-1, rushed 0-5. **TORRENS:** Panagaris 4-3, Robson 2-0, Hanna 1-0, McIntosh 0-5, Economou 0-1, Smith 0-1, Foote 0-1, Fotta 0-1, Cunningham 0-1, rushed 0-3.  
**INJURIES — TORRENS:** Smith (corked thigh).  
**UMPIRES —** John Hyton and David Weston.

### ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Pt Adelaide	4-6	9-8	13-10	16-12	108
South	3-4	7-7	8-7	9-11	65

**BEST — PORT:** Williams, Clifford, Johnston, Harrison, Russell, Leslie, Ginever. **SOUTH:** Bennett, Hewitt, Troy, Martin, David Kappler, Naley.  
**SCORERS — PORT:** D. Smith 4-2, R. Smith 3-2, Williams 2-0, Fracchi 2-0, Clifford 1-2, Russell 1-2, O'Brien 1-1, Anderson 1-0, Ginever 1-0, Harrison 0-1, rushed 0-2. **SOUTH:** McCormack 2-1, Naley 2-0, Schneebichler 1-1, Would 1-1, Hewitt 1-0, Darren Kappler 1-0, Stoedel 1-0, Bennett 0-2, Brockhurst 0-2, Fairclough 0-1, Troy 0-1, Dickinson 0-1, rushed 0-1.  
**INJURIES — PORT:** Stephen Curtis (ankle) final term.  
**REPORTS — PORT:** Martin Leslie reported by boundary umpire Rick Starke and goal umpire Ron Chandler for allegedly striking South's John Schneebichler before the commencement of play. **SOUTH:** Schneebichler reported by the same two umpires, for allegedly striking Leslie in the same incident.  
**UMPIRES —** Jim Field and Mark Mackie.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
North	11	3	—	1709	1220	22	58.25
Norwood	10	4	—	1692	1360	20	55.00
Glenelg	8	6	—	1686	1403	16	51.58
West	7	7	—	1694	1579	14	52.03
Port	7	7	—	1440	1495	14	49.00
Sturt	7	7	—	1155	1542	14	48.55
Central	6	7	1	1467	1666	13	46.82
Woodville	6	8	—	1512	1720	12	46.78
Torrens	4	10	—	1270	1701	8	42.75
South	3	10	1	1386	1613	7	46.18

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
G. Dietrich (North)	8	—	53.19
I. Willmott (Sturt)	11	—	51.20
R. Davies (South)	12	—	48.18
J. Roberts (Torrens)	12	—	47.25
P. Meuret (West)	14	2.1	41.17

### Next round

Saturday, July 12—Torrens v Port at Football Park, South v North (Adelaide), Glenelg v Central (Glenelg), Norwood v West (Norwood), and Woodville v Sturt (Woodville).

### CROWDS

Football Park	7623
Glenelg Oval	6326
Thebarton	5132
Elizabeth	3827
Alberton Oval	4817
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,779</b>



A mud-splattered Tony Symonds handballs as Woodville's Robert Bowman moves in



•BELOW: Glenelg defender Wayne Stringer and Woodville's Ian Dettman battle it out at Glenelg Oval