

AT LAST! DINKY-DI WARRIORS



Porter on Sunday

CORNES BLASTS TAME TIGERS

By Peter Prime

ANGRY Glenelg coach Graham Cornes has hit out at his players after their shock 18-point defeat by a grimly determined Woodville.

Speaking after the loss, Cornes said: "I'm not happy at all with the way we played."

"But we were beaten by them because they wanted the ball more than we did."

"And that's not a good thing to say from our point of view."

Cornes said he was impressed by Woodville's desire and attack on the ball.

The Warriors' win their second in succession. Last week they eclipsed South Adelaide and are now perched in fifth spot on the league table.

Cornes said Woodville made it "difficult" for his side from almost the opening bounce.

"When they got the ball, they played with skill and confidence."

"They were tight and disciplined."

"They just made it so hard for us."

Glenelg could have two players back from injury for its clash with Central District at Elizabeth.

Star rover Kym Hodgeman is given a chance of playing after his groin injury, while full back Chris Duthy is another who could be available for selection.

The Warriors yesterday made a mockery of the common belief they were the joke of football when they laughed all the way from Football Park after beating Glenelg.

"They've been called the 'Woodville spooners,' been subjected to the harshest ridicule after some pathetic performances, but today they can command the utmost respect."

Woodville entered the showdown with the reigning premier against incredible odds.

Only once in the previous six seasons had it won two games in succession; it was playing a side with twice as much games experience; and 13 had not played more than 30 senior games.

And yet the Warriors not only beat the champs, they taught them how any side can triumph with courage and faith.

The first sign of guts came at the quarter time break when follower Kevin Harris was stretched out on a cement slab by the coach's bench and had stitches inserted above a gashed eye without any pain killer. He was back on within minutes.

The faith stemmed from the appointment of Malcolm Blight as coach after the 1982 season.

This great man himself was laughed at because he left the glamor of the VFL to coach a side would win a premiership before Buck Rogers returned from the 21st century.

Sure, the Warriors still have a long way to go, but at least they are on the track.

Blight has used 90 players for his league side since taking control, 48 of them rookies. Week after week he has asked them to believe in themselves and instil pride into the club.

There was jubilation in the Woodville change-rooms after the match. Players and supporters sang, and I was expecting Blight to cartwheel through the door in a grand entrance.

But he hardly smiled. There was no hint of ecstasy, and the tone of his voice was the same as when he has so often talked about a losing performance.

But by hell it came through that he was proud of his men.

He said he knew the message had finally got through to his players that they should realise they could win games, they could be competitive, and they could enjoy their football as much as anyone else from another club.

Blight, in his first year as non-playing coach, described the victory as tremendously satisfying like most wins were.

Proud

"The players deserved it because they kept on working and they really wanted to win," he said.

"It was a good win, mainly because it's our best start to a season when you take into consideration we have won five out of 10 including the Escort Cup games, and been around the place in others."

"I have never doubted the effort the players have put in while I've been back. They haven't bitched about anything and I feel pleased for them that they are winning games."

But Blight said no one at Woodville should get carried away because it was only part of a progression to the ultimate goal.

But few could doubt Woodville has become of age. This season it has beaten Norwood, South (Escort Cup), Torrens, South, and yesterday, Glenelg.

Perhaps more importantly, it has given a damn good fight for victory in every match. No longer can it be associated with that old pop group, the Easybeats.

As the Warriors huddled into a small room within the change-rooms after the match, a young player yelled to mingling supporters: "It's only the beginning."

He was right. And the last words from the coach were: "There's training Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

Last night and today the Warriors celebrated, and unlike past fleeting moments of glory, they are ready to brush their jubilation aside and be ready for another great day.

WONDERFUL WARRIORS

They're set to take on anyone

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes and his players could well be forgiven for checking the obituary notices after its shock loss to a courageous Woodville at Football Park yesterday.

If it didn't die on the hallowed turf of SANFL headquarters, then it was certainly mortally wounded.

Woodville, dedicated and united to a man, sent shockwaves the length and breadth of the Bay when it upset the 1985 premiers by 18 points.

Perhaps the quickest route to financial ruin is to back the Warriors to win two successive games.

But their victory yesterday, following its triumph over South Adelaide previously, has given the league competition an almighty flip.

So often the bridesmaid, the Warriors are perched in fifth spot with club supporters and the Woodville hierarchy with fresh hopes for the season.

Undisciplined, lamentable, and sometimes embarrassing... that was Glenelg for most of the day.

But simply, the Tiger machine just wasn't allowed to move into top gear.

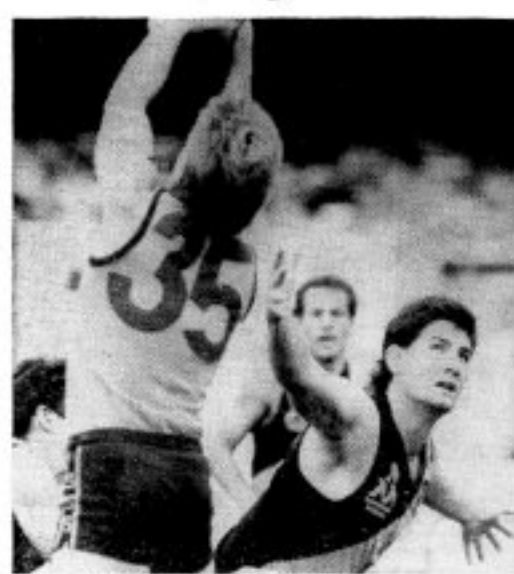
Malcolm Blight's often maligned Warriors harassed and hurried from the opening bounce and it threw Glenelg into some confusion.

Woodville was ceaseless in its attack on the ball and body and clearly mirrored its desire to take the two vital premiership points.

Certainly no one is talking panic at Glenelg yet — similarly, for the merry Woodville band to be thinking of glory in 1986 is ridiculous.

But the Tigers loss has cast some doubts. It has not produced anywhere like the champion team it is.

Glenelg had enough of the ball in the first three quarters, but repeatedly "blew" chances with indecisive and incompetent disposal.



Woodville's Steve Rechner marks, watched by Glenelg's Gavin Walsh



Peter Prime

Stringer in the centre was by far its best player.

He won many hard balls and battled valiantly to try and spark his teammates.

Follower Chris McDermott, as always, gave everything but it was left to too few.

In defence, Wayne Stringer was again very serviceable until leaving the ground in the last term with a rib injury and Ross Gibbs was another to repel numerous Woodville thrusts.

Former NSW player Philip Reid, 24, playing his first game for the team as a rover, caught the eye and he will be much better from the experience.

No doubt its loss yesterday will spark the Glenelg camp.

And officials have given star rover Kym Hodgeman (groin), and full back Chris Duthy (hamstring) some chance of being fit for the clash with Central District at Elizabeth next week.

Pictures: Ray Titus, Kevin Bull

WEEKEND DETAILS

Friday's matches

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-1	8-2	12-3	13-7	85
Port	1-3	3-8	4-10	6-12	48

BEST—SOUTH: Troy, Dewhurst, Naley, Bennett, P. Martin, Christie, Johns, Fairclough. **PORT:** Leslie, R. Boyd, Curtis, Baker, R. Evans, Harrison.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Davies 3.0, Stoeckle 2.1, Slattery 2.0, Dewhurst 2.0, Bennett 1.1, Naley 1.1, Darren Kappler 1.1, Hewitt 1.0, Honor 0.1, rushed 0.2. **PORT:** Hynes 2.0, Russell 1.4, Knight 1.2, R. Boyd 1.1, R. Evans 1.0, G. Boyd 0.1, Borlase 0.1, Anderson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—SOUTH: Slattery (arm). **PORT:** Mahney (thumb).

UMPIRES—David Crase and John Hilton.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-3	4-7	9-14	12-15	87
Sturt	3-1	4-7	4-10	6-12	48

BEST—NORTH: Campbell, Klomp, Robertson, D. Jarman, Antrobus, Hart. **STURT:** Paynter, Smith, Craig, Derrington, Frost, Dilena.

SCORERS—NORTH: Dietrich 6.2, Klomp 2.0, Poynton 1.5, Robertson 1.1, D. Jarman 1.1, Clitt 1.0, Antrobus 0.1, Campbell 0.1, Armfield 0.1, Hart 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Willmott 2.1, Martin 2.0, Viney 1.1, Paynter 1.1, P. Hogarth 0.2, Wark 0.1, Klomp 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES—NORTH: Andrew Jarman (bruised ribs).

UMPIRES—Rick Kinnear, David Weston.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5-5	9-7	12-8	16-12	108
Central	0-0	4-2	7-6	8-7	55

BEST—WEST: D. Herbert, Burton, Winter, Belton, Mikan, Lamb, Bennett. **CENTRAL:** S. Lee, Burn, Kreis, van Dommelle, Flintoff, McGrath, Hull.

SCORERS—WEST: Burton 3.4, Miller 3.0, Meuret 2.1, Sporn 2.0, Belton 2.0, Bennett 1.2, Woodhall 1.1, Winter 1.0, McKinnon 1.0, C. Herbert 0.1, Fielke 0.1, rushed 0.2. **CENTRAL:** Kreis 3.3, Flintoff 2.1, Nolan 1.1, S. Lee 1.0, McGrath 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—WEST: John Kantilafas (slight hamstring), Mark Dreher (shoulder). **CENTRAL:** David Buckley (slight hamstring), Peter Beythien (bruised elbow), Stephen Nolan (bruised foot).

UMPIRES—Ross Campbell, Mark Mackie.

Yesterday's matches

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Woodville	4-6	8-10	14-14	19-17	131
Glenelg	4-2	9-5	12-8	17-11	113

BEST—WOODVILLE: Parker, C. McDonald, Templeton, Rechner, Jolly, Taylor, Nicholls, Sewer. **GLENELG:** A. Stringer, McDermott, W. Stringer, Gibbs, Mafnard, Garton, Reid.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Rechner 3.2, Nicholls 3.2, Templeton 2.5, Martin 2.1, Bowman 2.0, Tankosic 2.0, Taylor 1.2, Jolly 1.1, Parker 1.0, Fuller 1.0, Harris 1.0, Sewer 0.1, rushed 0.3. **GLENELG:** Garton 4.0, Woodlands 3.1, A. Stringer 2.1, Carey 2.1, McDermott 2.0, Maynard 1.2, Hall 1.1, Walsh 1.1, Reid 1.0, Kidney 0.1, Marshall 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—GLENELG: W. Stringer (ribs).

UMPIRES—Graham Hilton and Neville Thorp.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-6	8-7	17-10	22-14	146
Torrens	5-2	10-5	14-9	15-12	102

BEST—NORWOOD: M. Aish, Pearce, Renfrey, Winter, Kelly, Taylor, Payne. **TORRENS:** Sims, Barrett, Foote, Weston, Downie, Darrin Wilson, Roberts.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Pearce 9.1, M. Aish 4.1, Payne 2.3, Warnurst 2.1, Anderson 2.0, A. Aish 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Renfrey 1.0, McIntosh 0.2, Pyke 0.1, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** Roberts 3.2, Weston 3.1, Lindsay 2.2, Barrett 2.1, Foote 1.1, Darrin Wilson 1.1, Norton 1.0, Economou 1.0, Cunningham 1.0, Downie 0.2, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—NORWOOD: Craig Balme (forked thigh).

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, David Schramm.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
North	4	1	633	417	8	60.29
Norwood	4	1	629	528	8	54.36
West	3	2	586	480	6	54.97
Port	3	2	526	550	6	48.88
Woodville	3	2	577	654	6	46.87
Glenelg	2	3	657	603	4	52.14
Sturt	2	3	537	550	4	49.40
South	2	3	524	563	4	48.21
Torrens	1	4	462	616	2	42.86
Central	1	4	491	661	2	42.66

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games Yest.	Total
G. Dietrich (North)	5	6-2 37-10
R. Davies (South)	5	3-0 24-7
R. Pearce (Norwood)	4	9-1 19-2
J. Roberts (Torrens)	5	3-2 18-13
I. Willmot (Sturt)	4	2-1 16-4

Port v Torrens (Alberton); West v Norwood (Richmond).

Next round

May 3: South v North (Football Park); Sturt v Woodville (Adelaide); Central v Glenelg (Elizabeth).

CROWDS

Football Park 5670
Norwood Oval 7578



Glenelg's Tony Halis tackled by Warrior Ian Dettman during Woodville's run to victory