

North, Glenelg hit on eve of vital clash

SALISBURY BLOW FOR BAYS

By Lawrie McCauley

Glenelg and All-Australian defender Scott Salisbury injured... North Adelaide centre half-forward Peter Bennett reported.

That's the bad news for the sides that have clashed in the past two premierships and now are preparing for next Sunday's grand final replay (preview?) at Adelaide Oval.

Salisbury threw a scare into the Bay camp when he was taken to the Hindmarsh Hospital Centre for X-rays on a suspected fractured left ankle.

However he was released when medicos determined there was no break.

"He is on crutches with a badly sprained ankle that would keep a normal bloke out for at least six matches," said Glenelg team manager Rex Leahy.

"But with Scotty, we don't expect him out for any more than two games."

Bennett was reported by field umpire Mark Mackie for allegedly striking

Sturt's Peter Heinrich during the second term. He will face league commissioner Brian Martin tomorrow night.

Glenelg's three goal win against the Eagles was vital to step-up preparations for the clash with North and made amends for last weekend's hiccup against Central District.

But the loss has devastated Torrens' hopes of making the final five. It now trails fifth-placed Port by three games and percentage, with only six minor round matches in hand.

North extended its winning streak to 11 games on the trot. Victory against the Bays will equal the club record set in 1952 - a premiership year for the Roosters.

It had to struggle against a committed Sturt yesterday and, despite trailing

Bennett on striking charge

late in the third term, emerged 19-point victors.

North was the big loser of round 16 with a 10-point loss to Woodville sending it from second position on the premiership table to fourth.

The lead changed hands nine times before the win-at-all-cost Warriors converted a 20-point deficit late in the second term to a 13.10 to 12.6 win.

West was in danger of slipping out of finals contention before clawing its way to a 17-point triumph against Central.

The Bulldogs led 4.8 to 0.1 at quarter time and trailed by just three points



THE AGONY... Salisbury, his ankle heavily bandaged, is taken from the ground. Picture: Kevin Bull

early in the final term, but they could not contain a desperate West combination.

A loss would have placed West two games behind Port and would have sabotaged its final five aspirations.

Port, on the other hand, was very impressive in its 13.10 to 4.7 demolition of South.

The 'Tiger tonic' puts paid to Paul's finals run

Glenelg cured its hiccup and grounded the Eagles for 1987 with a slogging win at Thebarton yesterday.

The Tigers' tonic for the surprise loss to Central District a week earlier was victory yesterday and that was achieved with the extraordinary commitment expected of Glenelg when challenged to improve.

The Eagles had their wings clipped for good this season - they have been banished from the finals race.

They must win their remaining six games to fly high in September and that assignment is beyond them.

Glenelg is making a habit of eliminating sides chasing new glory - it ended South Adelaide's season seven weeks ago at Glenelg.

But the most important impact of its triumph in the Thebarton drizzle was a return to the winners' circle with the match of the minor round against North at Adelaide oval just one week away.

Glenelg recovered its high commitment level and restored confidence to be psychologically well poised for Sunday's showdown.

It won yesterday because it outscored Torrens by three goals in the second and third terms.

Stronger attack

And it did that because it had a marginally stronger attack on the ball and a superior defence led by half back Wayne Stringer and full back James West.

The Eagles had to recast their side with the surprise withdrawal of flu stricken Lee Robson who would have revelled in the conditions.

Greg Hodson eclipsed Peter Carey in ruck in the first quarter but faded as the old warhorse wore out and Chris Lindsay who was sadly out of touch in the slippery going.

Torrens was the better side in the opening quarter with Bruce Lindsay proving value for kicks and livewire rover Dominic Fotia winning three possessions in just 60 seconds of play.

Centreman David Foote was beating opponent David Marshall who was unusually "fired up" and conceded seven free kicks



Gordon Campbell

for the game.

Foote and follower Ian Hanna were the catalysts in Torrens dominating play for the first 15 minutes of the second quarter.

But the Eagles attack squandered chances and did not goal for the term.

Strong and rugged body clashes typified the fearless approach by most players on both sides.

Then, 10 minutes before half-time, the Torrens discipline folded and Glenelg forwards maximised every opportunity to goal.

All-Australian captain Chris McDermott, who regained form after a downer last week, slipped a clever handball that set up a John Seeborn goal... and the Eagles were inexplicably missing in action.

No-one tried harder than Hanna immediately after half-time to inspire his side.

He snared four kicks in the opening two minutes after replacing the injured Foote at centre.

But his colleagues failed to rally.

Instead, Stringer almost single handedly stitched up the Torrens attack in a superb third term.

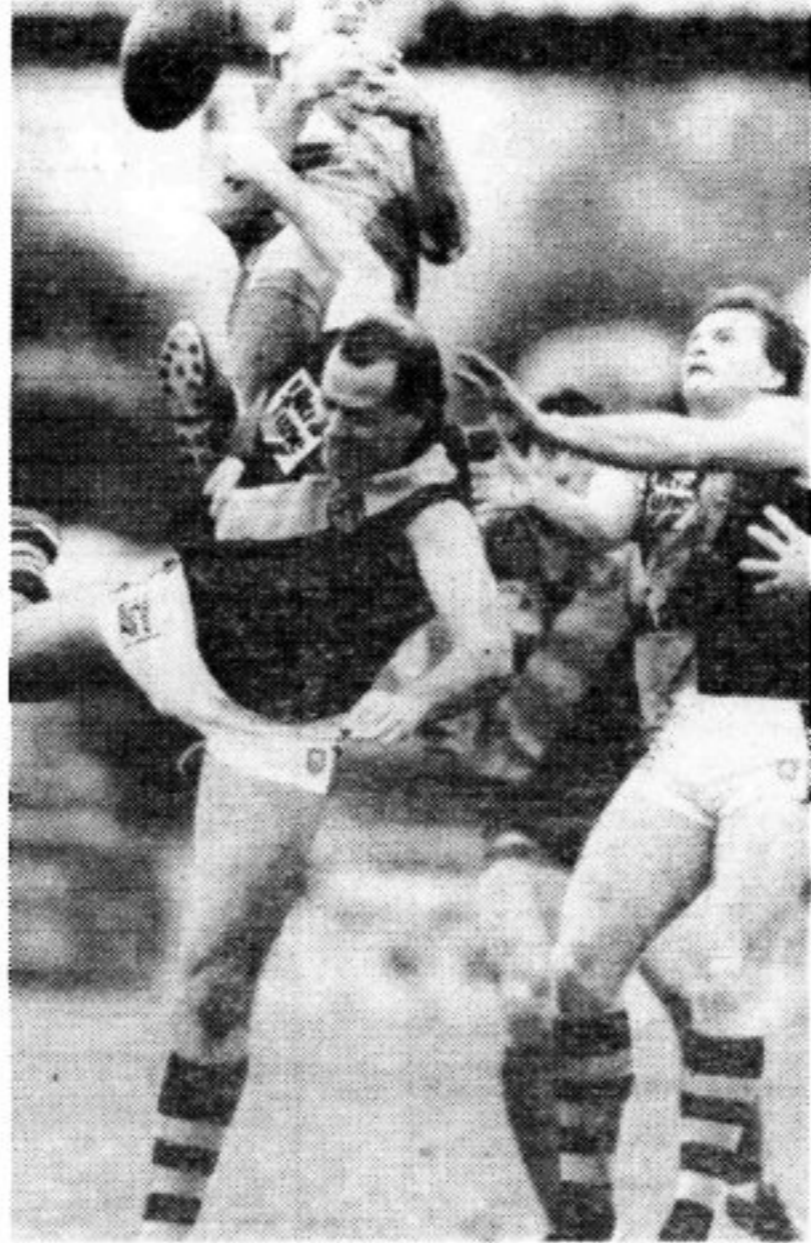
He was ably assisted by West who seemingly has finally found his niche in senior football - at full back.

Glenelg wingman Mark Hewett was dizzy winning kicks and follower Peter Maynard continued his consistent form.

Seeborn booted his third goal just before three-quarter time and Glenelg had the game by the throat.

The Torrens half-back line of Scott Morphet, Paul Weston, and John Harper tried hard but was let down by an attack which claimed only three goalkickers - Kevin Taylor, Andrew Payze, and Chris Lindsay.

The Bays are back on the right track; the Eagles are improved and close to being a good side.



A super leap... Torrens' Kevin Taylor climbs high on the back of Glenelg's Peter "Super" Carey

Bay commitment improved

PETER CAREY (Glenelg captain): We had a point to prove that we can play in wet conditions after losing to Central. Our commitment improved and so did our confidence for the North game next Sunday.
PAUL WESTON (Torrens coach): Experience is meaningful and our having fewer experienced players was a fact that worked against us. We relaxed in the final 10 minutes of the second quarter, and that was crucial. Statistically, we can still make the five.



Peter Maynard of Glenelg nearly has his head pulled off as he tries to reach the ball

Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	14	2	1769	1355	56.63	28
WOODVILLE	11	5	1725	1746	49.70	22
GLENELG	10	6	1968	1569	55.64	20
NORWOOD	10	6	1809	1504	54.60	20
PORT	9	7	1568	1576	49.87	18
West	8	8	1758	1818	49.16	16
Torrens	6	10	1492	1510	49.70	12
Central	5	11	1589	1837	46.38	10
South	4	12	1364	1782	43.36	8
Sturt	3	13	1488	1833	44.81	6

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
S. Nichols (Woodville)	16	2.3	77.35
J. Roberts (North)	16	0.0	76.32
R. Mademaker (Central)	16	2.5	71.36
J. Seeborn (Glenelg)	16	3.1	54.30
D. Smith (Port)	16	0.0	49.25
I. Willmott (Sturt)	12	-	47.23
C. Stasinowsky (South)	13	-	39.25
C. Budarick (Glenelg)	14	1.0	38.24

Football Park

NORTH	3.2	5.3	9.3	13.5	(83)
STURT	1.2	2.4	7.8	9.10	(64)

BEST— North: Hart, S. Riley, Parsons, Redden, Wildy, Sanders, D. Jarman. Sturt: Whittlesea, Smith, McCarthy, Downes, Zealand, Paynter.

GOALS— North: S. Riley 5.0, Hart 4.0, Wildy 2.0, Burton 1.1, Parsons 1.0, Fischer 0.1, D. Jarman 0.1, rushed 0.2. Sturt: Whittlesea 3.3, Zealand 3.0, Paynter 2.3, Field 1.1, Daish 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Sturt: Kitchke (hamstring) second term.

REPORTS — North: Peter Bennett (by field umpire Mark Mackie for allegedly striking Peter Heinrich in second term.)

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent and Mark Mackie.

Adelaide Oval

PORT	3.2	5.5	10.6	13.10	(88)
SOUTH	1.2	1.4	1.6	4.7	(31)

BEST— Port: Delaney, Harrison, Boyd, Phillips, Fiacchi, Leslie, Bald. South: Butler, Hewitt, Christie, Jarvis, Hampel.

GOALS— Port: Harrison 3.1, Simpson 3.0, Borlase 2.1, Phillips 2.0, Abernethy 1.1, Curtis 1.0, Fiacchi 1.0, Tylor 0.1, Lum 0.1, rushed 0.5. South: Butler 2.1, Kappler 1.0, Foster 1.0, Schneebichler 0.1, Eddy 0.1, rushed 0.4.

UMPIRES — Michael Abbott and Kevin Chambers.

Thebarton Oval

GLENELG	2.0	5.1	9.2	9.7	(61)
TORRENS	3.2	3.3	4.4	6.7	(43)

BEST— Glenelg: Stringer, Hewett, McDermott, Carey, West, Maynard, Grenvold. Torrens: Hanna, Morphet, Fotia, Weston, Harper, B. Lindsay, Payze.

GOALS— Glenelg: Seeborn 3.1, Kidney 2.0, Kruse 1.0, MacTavish 1.0, Budarick 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Winton 0.2, Maynard 0.1, rushed 0.3. Torrens: Taylor 3.0, Payze 2.0, C. Lindsay 1.0, McGrath 0.2, Hanna 0.1, Edmonds 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — Glenelg: Salisbury (ankle). Torrens: Foote (groin).

UMPIRES — David Elliott and Neville Thorp.

Richmond Oval

WEST	0.1	3.10	7.15	9.18	(72)
CENTRAL	4.8	5.8	6.11	7.13	(55)

BEST— West: Burgess, Ryan, Harbinson, Sporn, Malcolm, Bennett, O'Riley, Herbert, Laube, Dreher. Central: Prior, Lee, Krieg, P. Bubner, van Dommelle, Girdham.

GOALS— West: Twomey 3.3, Sporn 2.1, Harbinson 1.2, O'Riley 1.2, Larkins 1.1, Grosser 1.1, Lamb 0.4, Miller 0.2, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.1. Central: Anderson 3.2, Mandemaker 2.5, Graham 1.1, Robertson 1.0, Little 0.1, Allan 0.1, Lee 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear and Stephen Semmler.

Woodville Oval

WOODVILLE	4.2	6.7	10.10	13.10	(88)
NORWOOD	5.1	9.3	10.5	12.6	(78)

BEST— Woodville: Negri, Harris, Panizza, Champion, Lunn, Taylor, Haylock. Norwood: Taylor, Tanner, McIntosh, Richardson, Rowe, Sampson, Pyke.

GOALS— Woodville: Champion 4.0, Nichols 2.3, Harris 2.1, Panizza 2.0, Haylock 1.0, Templeton 1.0, McDonald 1.0, Sewer 0.2, Taylor 0.1, rushed 0.3. Norwood: McNeil 3.0, Ducker 2.1, Kelly 2.1, Payne 1.1, Pyke 1.0, Richardson 1.0, Maynard 1.0, Sheedy 1.0, Taylor 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Woodville: Dettmann (hand) first term. Norwood: McIntosh (back) final term.

UMPIRES — John Hylton and David Trembath.

Crowds

Football Park	4395
Adelaide Oval	5154
Thebarton Oval	4695
Richmond Oval	2561
Woodville Oval	5201
Total	22,006

Next round

SATURDAY

Sturt v West (Football Park).	Norwood v Central (Norwood).	Torrens v Port (Thebarton).	Woodville v South (Woodville).
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SUNDAY

North v Glenelg (Adelaide Oval).