

# FOOTBALL '87

## Loud and clear — beware the 'Pies

Port Adelaide sent shivers through the spines of nine league coaches when it played an awesome second half of football to beat last year's premier Glenelg by 35 points at Football Park yesterday.

The Magpies, down by 22 points after 19 minutes of the third quarter, kicked 12.6 to 3.3 in the last 40 minutes in a showcase display which proved that SA football is, at times, just as exciting and skilful as the VFL's.

Rarely is the coach of a losing team happy — especially when he has just guided his team to two successive premierships — yet Glenelg supremo Graham Cornes did not even pretend to be unhappy with his side's performance.

"It was one of those really good games of footy where one team had to lose," Cornes said. "I'm not really disappointed at all. I thought we played pretty well. We just couldn't maintain our commitment for four quarters.

"I'm the first person to be upset when we lose because I hate losing but you've also got to be realistic. Port Adelaide is a very good side. They've got height, strength and pace."

Port Adelaide	2.4	5.9	11.11	20.16	(136)
Glenelg	5.3	7.6	12.9	15.11	(101)

Port's storming finish was instigated by tenacious Steve Curtis, who played variously as a follower at centre and at half-forward, prolific rover Tim Ginever and Magarey Medallist Greg Anderson.

Glenelg was powerless to stop the trio from repeatedly driving Port forward to set up numerous scoring chances for improved full forward Darren Smith, who snared four of his team's nine goals in the last term.

Curtis's second half probably was his best in 101 games for Port. His zealous quest to gain the football was extraordinarily successful. His 28 effective disposals and two goals in a game of such intensity are proof of his contribution.

Ginever's performance was almost as good. The dynamic rover's 39 effective disposals went a long way towards disposing of Glenelg.

Port's strong finish should not disguise that for most of the match the exuberant, inexperienced Glenelg side looked marginally better.

Kicking with the aid of a breeze worth about two goals in

the opening quarter, it cruised to a 19-point lead at the first break, thanks to two goals each by full forward John Seebohm and elusive forward pocket Craig Woodlands.

Port had won its share of the ball in the opening term and it continued in the same vein in the second quarter as ruckman Russell Johnston, Ginever and Curtis strutted their stuff.

However, the Magpies kicked inaccurately for goal and added only 3.5 to Glenelg's 2.3 in the second term to trail by nine points at half-time.

Seebohm goaled in the first minute of the third quarter to extend the margin to 15 points and Port suddenly realised it had a game on its hands.

Centre half-forward Greg Phillips, who had been subdued by Michael Murphy in the first half, exploded to add two goals in two minutes and when flying wingman Phil Harrison goaled on the run at the eight-minute mark, Port was in front for the first time since early in the first quarter.

Its lead lasted only one minute as Glenelg, with follower Chris

McDermott at his courageous best, hit back to score four of the next five goals and extend its lead to 22 points after 19 minutes of the quarter.

That was the cue for Port's exhibition of skill and strength.

Port coach Russell Ebert could hardly contain his pleasure after the game. Ebert almost stole a premiership in his first year as Port boss in 1984 but this team is clearly superior.

It is a marvellous blend of experience and youth and it does not have a major weakness now that Phillips appears to be settling into centre half-forward.

"I'm pretty pleased with the way they're going about their job," Ebert said of his players. "The next two or three weeks will really tell how we've improved."

Port plays unbeaten Central District at Elizabeth Oval next Saturday. Connoisseurs of good football can hardly wait.

**SCORERS — Port:** D. Smith 8.2, Phillips 4.1, Anderson 2.2, Curtis 2.0, Abernethy, Fiacchi, Ginever 1.2, Harrison 1.1, Hodges, Harvey, Johnston 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Glenelg:** Seebohm 5.0, West 4.0, Woodlands 2.2, Budarick 2.1, Marshall 1.1, Donovan 1.0, Maynard 0.2, McDermott, Hodgeman, A. Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**Best — Port:** Curtis, Ginever, Anderson, Johnston, Smith, Phillips, Phelps. **Glenelg:** Gibbs, McDermott, Grenvold, Donovan, A. Stringer.

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PORT	FOOTBALL PARK	GLENELG
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F—Hodges, D. Smith, Fiacchi.  
HF—Borlase, Phillips, Ebert.  
C—Harrison, Abernethy, O'Brien.  
HB—J. Harvey, Leslie, Boyd.  
B—Curtis, Stringer, Phelps.  
1R—Johnston, Anderson, Ginever.  
Interchange—R. Smith, Errey.  
Out—Hynes.  
In—Abernethy.

F—West, Seebohm, Kidney.  
HF—A. Stringer, Budarick, Woodlands.  
C—Kernahan, Hodgeman, Marshall.  
HB—Salisbury, Murphy, Grenvold.  
B—Gibbs, Haselgrove, Donovan.  
1R—Carey, Maynard, McDermott.  
Interchange—Hewett, Thompson.  
Out—Kruze, W. Stringer (both in).  
In—Grenvold, Thompson.

### GLENELG

Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	H.O.
Budarick	8	3	5	
Carey	8	3	2	28
Donovan	14	5	8	
Gibbs	25	10	3	
Grenvold	7	5	9	
Haselgrove	5	1	1	
Hewitt	7	1	1	
Hodgeman	8	2	3	
Kernahan	16	3	7	
Kidney	4	4	2	
Marshall	7	3	4	
Maynard	11	4	10	
Murphy	9	6	6	
McDermott	14	3	17	2
Salisbury	6	2	2	
Seebohm	8	2	2	
Stringer, A.	21	5	8	
Thompson	5	2	9	
West	8	4	2	7
Woodlands	10	1	5	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>38</b>

### PORT

Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	H.O.
Abernethy	17	5	5	
Anderson	23	9	10	1
Borlase	4	3	1	
Boyd, G.	6	7	7	
Curtis	17	7	13	1
Ebert	4	2	4	
Errey	5	3	2	
Fiacchi	12	3	10	
Ginever	28	3	12	
Harrison	13	4	6	7
Harvey, J.	12	5	8	
Hodges	2	1	1	
Johnston	9	12	9	16
Leslie	10	5	8	
O'Brien	5	3	4	
Phelps	13	7	5	1
Phillips	10	6	12	7
Smith, D.	15	9	4	3
Smith, R.	1	1	11	
Stringer	1	1	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>36</b>

## Eagles regain fighting spirit

West Torrens	2.3	7.9	15.19	17.23	(125)
West Adelaide	4.6	7.10	10.12	10.21	(81)

West Torrens rediscovered the rewards of persistence in football with its 44-point win over a spiritless West Adelaide at Football Park yesterday.

**SCORERS — Torrens:** Taylor 5.3, Fotia 4.0, B. Lindsay, Barratt 2.2, Toohey 2.1, C. Lindsay 1.2, Geyer 1.1, Morphett 0.4, Christensen, Eichner 0.2, Robson, Eyles 0.1, rushed 0.2. **West:** Twomey 4.3, Miller 2.0, Sporn, D. Herbert 1.2, Larkins 1.1, McKinnon 1.0, Lamb 0.4, Harbinson 0.3, Belton, Goss 0.1, rushed 0.4. **BEST — Torrens:** Morphett, Eichner, Geyer, Christensen, Fotia, Enright, Taylor, C. Lindsay, B. Lindsay. **West:** Twomey, Malcolm, Dreher.

## LEAGUE LADDER

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts	P.c.
CENTRAL	2	-	275	165	4	62.50
PORT	2	-	282	179	4	61.17
NORWOOD	2	-	323	209	4	60.71
TORRENS	1	1	206	170	2	54.79
WOODVILLE	1	1	249	243	2	51.77
NORTH	1	1	215	219	2	49.54
SOUTH	1	1	152	227	2	40.11
GLENELG	-	2	200	257	-	43.76
WEST	-	2	194	278	-	41.10
STURT	-	2	188	348	-	35.08

## McIntosh still leads

Norwood centreman Garry McIntosh has held on to the top spot in voting for *The Advertiser* trophy for the best player in the league minor round after yesterday's second-round matches.

*The Advertiser* writers vote for the best three players on the field in each game,

awarding the best player three votes.

**FOOTBALL PARK (Torrens v West)**

S. Morphett (Torrens)	3
D. Eichner (Torrens)	2
S. Geyer (Torrens)	1

**(Port v Glenelg)**

S. Curtis (Port)	3
T. Ginever (Port)	2
R. Gibbs (Glenelg)	1

## Leading goalkickers

	Sat.	Total
D. SMITH (Port Adelaide)	8.2	15.4
MANDEMAKER (Central)	9.3	12.6
NICHOLS (Woodville)	5.1	12.5
ROBERTS (North)	7.5	11.8
STASINOWSKY (South)	3.3	8.4
SEEBOHM (Glenelg)	5.0	8.0
TAYLOR (Torrens)	5.3	7.9
BUBNER (Central)	2.1	7.2