

PETER'S DAY

Klomp retires on high note for Blues

By Lawrie McCauley

Australia's favorite footballer, Peter Motley, saw an emotionally-charged Sturt humble reigning premier Glenelg at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Football Park

WEST	6.4	10.5	16.8	19.12	(126)
SOUTH	2.2	4.3	8.6	11.6	(72)

BEST— West: Grosse, McKinnon, Burgess, Belton, Herbert, Forster, Lamb. South: Butler, Brockhurst, Kappler, Bennett, Jarvis, Hewitt.

GOALS— West: Forster 3.2, Lamb 3.1, Belton 3.0, Woodhall 2.0, Herbert 2.0, McKinnon 2.0, Grosse 1.2, Sporn 1.1, Miller 1.1, Larkins 1.0, Burgess 0.2, Kennedy 0.1, Goss 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Stoeckel 3.0, Jarvis 3.0, Butler 1.1, Valente 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Christie 1.0, Carlin 1.0, Riley 0.1, Kappler 0.1, Bode 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — Ross Campbell and David Trembath.

Football Park

PORT	4.5	6.7	8.10	11.10	(76)
NORWOOD	0.2	3.3	4.4	6.11	(47)

BEST— Port: Dalkin, Fiacchi, Abernethy, Delaney, Ginever, Curtis, R. Smith, Leslie, D. Smith, Borlase. Norwood: Ross, Rowe, McIntosh, Taylor, Murdoch.

GOALS— Port: Borlase 3.3, Dalkin 2.1, Curtis 2.1, Johnston 1.0, Hynes 1.0, Tylor 1.0, D. Smith 1.0, Ginever 0.1, Abernethy 0.1, Obst 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: B. Maynard 2.0, Kelly 2.0, Payne 1.1, Richardson 1.1, Rowe 0.3, Ducker 0.2, McNeil 0.1, Balme 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Port: Obst (shin), Anderson (bruised ankle).
UMPIRES — Mark Mackie and Neville Thorp.

Adelaide Oval

STURT	5.4	9.7	14.10	16.11	(107)
GLENELG	1.4	3.9	6.10	8.14	(62)

BEST— Sturt: Whittlesea, Heinrich, Underwood, Moscheni, Ey, McCarthy, Reid, Field. Glenelg: Marshall, Carey, McDermott, Winton, Maynard, Kernahan, Hewitt.

GOALS— Sturt: Moscheni 5.1, Field 3.2, Kitchke 2.0, Downes 1.2, Whittlesea 1.1, Reynolds 1.0, Paynter 1.0, Dilena 1.0, Klomp 1.0, Smith 0.1, Underwood 0.1, rushed 0.3. Glenelg: A. Stringer 2.0, McDermott 1.2, Mansell 1.1, Hall 1.1, Maynard 1.1, Woodlands 1.1, Marshall 1.0, Seeborn 0.2, Chigwidden 0.2, Hewitt 0.1, Winton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — Kevin Chambers and Stephen Semmler.

Prospect Oval

NORTH	5.4	14.10	17.13	22.18	(150)
WOODVILLE	6.5	7.6	12.10	16.12	(108)

BEST— North: D. Jarman, Hart, Sims, S. Riley, Klomp, Parsons, A. Jarman, Tiller, Arnold. Woodville: Panizza, Harris, Lunn, Jolly, Haylock, Templeton, Nichols.

GOALS— North: Roberts 5.2, Sims 4.1, Parsons 3.2, D. Jarman 2.2, Hart 2.0, Burton 1.3, A. Jarman 1.3, Tiller 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Redden 1.0, Roe 1.0, Klomp 0.1, Carlaw 0.1, rushed 0.2. Woodville: Nichols 4.1, Harris 3.2, Martin 3.0, Grant 2.3, Templeton 1.3, Haylock 1.0, McDonald 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Dettmann 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — John Hylton and Rick Kinnear.

Elizabeth Oval

TORRENS	8.3	10.6	13.8	16.10	(106)
CENTRAL	6.3	9.6	11.7	12.9	(81)

BEST— Torrens: Hanna, Taylor, Robson, Fotia, Weston. Central: Lee, Krieg, S. Anderson, Graham, Mandemaker.

GOALS— Torrens: Dietrich 5.2, Edmonds 4.0, Eichner 2.0, Robson 1.2, Mitchell 1.2, Taylor 1.1, Weston 1.0, Enright 1.0, Hanna 0.1, Fotia 0.1, rushed 0.1. Central: Mandemaker 6.4, Graham 3.2, S. Anderson 2.3, Flintoff 1.0.

INJURIES — Torrens: Pozye (knee strain). Central: Girdham (injured thumb).
UMPIRES — Stephen Ardill and David Elliott.

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	19	3	0	2506	1846	57.38	38
PORT	15	7	0	2280	2042	52.75	30
NORWOOD	14	8	0	2425	1998	54.83	28
GLENELG	12	10	0	2502	2119	54.14	24
WOODVILLE	12	10	0	2240	2409	48.18	24
Torrens	10	12	0	2160	2069	51.08	20
West	10	12	0	2374	2469	49.02	20
Central	7	15	0	2121	2555	45.36	14
Sturt	6	16	0	2139	2500	46.11	12
South	5	17	0	1798	2550	41.35	10

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	22	5.2	102.44
R. Mandemaker (Central)	22	6.4	94.45
S. Nichols (Woodville)	22	4.1	92.42
J. Seeborn (Glenelg)	22	0.2	64.45
D. Smith (Port)	20	1.0	56.30
D. Stoeckel (South)	17	2.0	53.18
I. Willmott (Sturt)	15	—	51.28

Finals series

SATURDAY: Qualifying final — Norwood v Port.
SUNDAY: Elimination final — Glenelg v Woodville.
SATURDAY SEPT 19: Second semi-final.
SUNDAY SEPT 20: First semi-final.
SUNDAY SEPT 27: Preliminary final.
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3: Grand final.

Crowds

Football Park	18,793
Adelaide Oval	5209
Elizabeth Oval	2656
Prospect Oval	3991
Total	30,649

Motley, whose courage and dedication to overcome a near-fatal car accident in Melbourne earlier this year has inspired the football world, watched his former SA club soar to a 16.11 to 8.14 triumph.

But Sturt was resolved to win the game for "Mots". And to add to the emotion of the occasion, Robert Klomp, 32, announced his retirement.

Klomp was chaired from the ground by his teammates after playing 204 league games with the Blues, 81 with Carlton, 12 with Footscray and seven for SA.

Sturt's head trainer, Doug Klar, also retired after 28 years with the club, the last 26 as head trainer.

Sturt, magnificently led by captain Greg Whittlesea's best on ground performance, was sensational while Glenelg lacked sparkle.

Cornes not worried

But Bay coach Graham Cornes, who has guided the side to the past two premierships, said he was not particularly worried by the result and stressed the real action would begin next Sunday when Glenelg meets Woodville in the elimination final.

However, Port strengthened its bid for finals success with a decisive 29-point win against Norwood and minor premier North scored an impressive 42-point win against Woodville.

Results of the other two games marred possible farewell appearances for Central coach Kevin Neale and South coach Rick Davies.

Neale's side was beaten by 25 points against Torrens (who recorded their fourth successive vic-

tory) while Davies watched as his Panthers were humbled by 54 points against West.

Davies told his players he would not seek re-appointment next season. Neale already has been replaced by Neil Kerley as coach of the Bulldogs in 1988.

In an action-packed final minor round series, there certainly was plenty to see and Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews made the most of a lightning visit to Adelaide.

He saw the first half of the Torrens-Central match, raced down to Adelaide Oval to watch the last half of the Sturt-Glenelg encounter and then made it to Football Park to see the finish of the Port-Norwood game.

The whirlwind trip was made in an attempt to view possible recruits for Collingwood under the controversial VFL draft scheme.



● DAY OF EMOTION... Peter Motley and his father Geof with Doug Klar (left) and Robbert Klomp yesterday. Picture: KEN SELICK

Sturt simply had to win this big one

By Paul Dowling

Sturt yesterday had three important reasons to win its final match of the season against Glenelg at the Adelaide Oval.

It was playing for more than just pride and it's sixth win of the year.

It was playing for Peter Motley, Robbert Klomp and Doug Klar.

Motley, the former Blues champion, was on hand to see his first Sturt match since he hovered near death after a car accident in Melbourne earlier this year.

And the game was to be veteran Klomp's and head trainer Klar's final appearance for the Blues.

Sturt simply had to win — the stage was set for its triumph.

And it didn't let anyone down.

From the first bounce it was a fiercely committed and dedicated unit which belied its lowly position on the premiership table.

It demolished a half-paced Glenelg side and at the end of the match, 20 players who had endured a long, frustrating and heart-breaking season, were ready for more.

But the Blues' season is at an end and Glenelg's is just beginning.

Sturt yesterday had incentive and plenty of it — Glenelg had none.

The Tigers, who were destined for an elimination final berth against Woodville three weeks ago, took to the field in bleak, miserable conditions.

And they played like a team which would rather have been home watching Hawthorn do battle with the Sydney Swans in the VFL qualifying final.

Sturt was electric, Glenelg was lethargic, and it soon became a matter of how far for the Blues.

Captain Greg Whittlesea, who also could have been playing his last game for Sturt, was the catalyst in



Glenelg coach Graham Cornes (left) and team manager Rex Leahy watch their side's lethargic effort

the onslaught.

His 17 kicks and seven handballs created countless opportunities for his team mates who adapted superbly to the slippery conditions.

The Sturt forward line — in contrast to its opponent's — was open, concise and productive.

Adrien Moscheni with 5.1 from a half forward flank was dynamic.

And, with vice captain John Paynter on the opposite flank, the Blues had tremendous bite in attack.

Throw in elusive rookie Scott Field resting in a forward pocket and Sturt had match-winning goal-scoring potential.

At the other end of the ground Glenelg struggled.

It had far more of the ball than its opponent but could not use it anywhere near as effectively.

In attack, where it had looked so efficient in last week's win against West, Glenelg struggled.

It kicked blindly, fumbled and looked completely at sea in the dismal conditions.

The weather and unpromising half back Peter Reid shut potential match-winner Tony Hall out of the game.

And first Max Kruse then Michael Murphy were silenced by centre half-back Tony McCarthy's committed effort.

Full forward John Seeborn, although leading with confidence, had no influence on the game and was restricted to two points by David Wark.

What the coaches said

MERVYN KEANE (Sturt): "We wanted to make sure we had achieved something for ourselves this season. There hadn't been a lot to talk about with the sides we'd beaten — we wanted to beat a top side. The players stuck at it all day and they definitely were spurred on by their respect for Peter Motley, Robbert Klomp and trainer Doug Klar."

GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "Why? There was absolutely no significance on the game. It would have been nice to win but given the conditions and the circumstances it was not significant. We still had a purpose but not the fierce commitment which Sturt had."

There were excuses for Glenelg, but it still finds itself in trouble.

It goes into the finals series unsettled and having lost four of its past five games.

Sturt, on the other hand, can look forward to its next challenge — 1988 — with optimism.

It has a blend of youth and experience to guide it to next year's finals.

Peter Heinrich yesterday was in great touch on a wing and half back Andrew Underwood performed to his usual high standard.

And David Ey, although shaded by opposing centremen David Marshall, is relishing his newly acquired responsibility.

Sturt has finished in ninth position this season but there is much to look forward to next year.

One only had to be part of the electric atmosphere in the packed changerooms after the game to realise there is a sound future at the club.