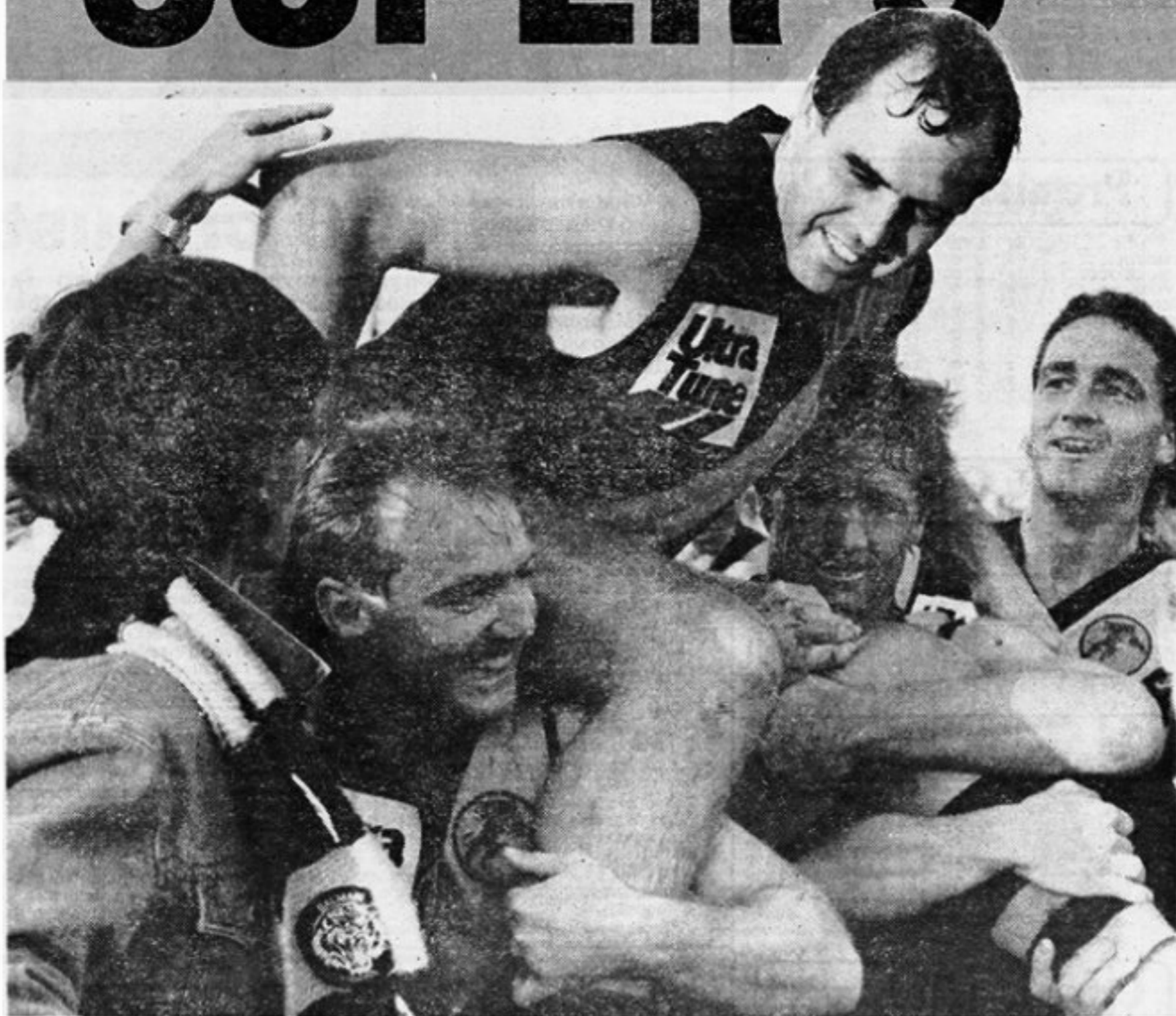


SPORT

Inside: Will we beat the Vics?

SUPER'S DAY



● **OUR CHAMPION . . .** Peter Carey is carried from the ground yesterday by teammates Kym Hodgeman (left) and Chris McDermott. Picture: Ray Titus.

Glenelg's lovable giant, Peter Carey, donned his famous No 5 black and gold guernsey for the 400th time yesterday amid a wave of emotion and congratulations.

As he graced the Bay Oval with his sons, Matthew and Justin, 9803 jubilant fans gave him a rousing reception.



Ashley Porter

His teammates, West Torrens reserves players and umpires formed a guard in his honor and the big moment came to break a giant banner which read: "Tribute to the only champion captain of captains".

But like Richmond's Kevin Bartlett, who set the previous club games record, Carey had difficulty bursting through the banner.

And after the match, which the Tigers won by 29 points, his teammates carried him off the field in scenes reminiscent of the premiership glory he has relished three times.

The first man to shake his hand after the game was former teammate and now opponent, Eagles coach Paul Weston.

The first act of the "Super Show" began yesterday morning when Carey sifted

through about 50 telegrams from well-wishers including those from opposing clubs.

"I have been touched by the terrific response," Carey said.

"I really enjoyed my day, but in a way, I was glad when the match was over.

"I reckon this was the hardest of my 400 games because I have never felt so exhausted. I think it was because of all the emotion which built up during the week.

"I'll never forget this day. I'll never forget everyone's wishes and support, and I thank them all."

It seemed appropriate Carey won the toss for the Tigers, and no guessing who had the first kick of the match - from a free kick.

SA boys tune up for Big V

From Jim Main

MELBOURNE: South Australia's rovers yesterday had the perfect tune up for this week's match against Victoria at Football Park.

Tony McGuinness, John Platten and Mark Naley all played well in the VFL.

However, Victoria's No 1 rover, Dale Weightman, broke his left hand against North Melbourne at the MCG on Friday.

Weightman, Victoria's best player against SA last year, also faces the VFL tribunal tomorrow on two striking charges and one alleged time wasting offence.

This means the Victorian selectors will have a close look at Geelong's Andrew Bews and the Sydney Swans' Barry Mitchell at Kardinia Park today.

McGuinness kicked six goals for Footscray in its 32-point win over Brisbane.

Platten had 29 possessions for Hawthorn in its 114-point win over Essendon.

Naley kicked two goals for Carlton in its 22-point win over Fitzroy and was one of his side's best players.

Carlton captain, Steve Kernahan, played well but failed to goal and kicked six behind.

Carlton centreman, Craig Bradley, was well tagged in the first half, but played well when shifted to the forward line in the second half.

Victoria's full forward problems were far from solved yesterday.

Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall kicked only one goal, while St Kilda's Tony Lockett was held to two goals in his side's six-point defeat by Collingwood.

400 or bust

SALUTE



■ What a day it was . . . and then followed the celebrations.

■ The Glenelg players made a special presentation of their own to Peter Carey last night - a bust of their champion captain to mark his 400th game.

■ It was inscribed "In recognition of achieving 400 league games with the Glenelg Football Club.

■ "From the Boys from the Bay."

Sydney's Warwick Capper may get a chance if he gets among the goals against Geelong today.

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'I'll never forget this day. I'll never forget everyone's wishes and support, and I thank them all.'

Cheering in the grandstand were his wife, Linda, sons, other family members, many friends, and former teammates including Tony Symonds and Chris Duthy who could not play for their VFL clubs because of injuries.

Past champions and teammates filtered through the clubrooms before and after the match, all anxious to shake the champ's hand.

Carey was indeed gracious as the spotlights focussed upon him on his special day. Fans cheered his every possession, every one of his 31 hit-outs.

One of those long-time fans was Mrs "Bub" Williams, of Seacombe Heights, who has watched every game her hero has played.

"I guess I can speak on behalf of every Glenelg supporter and say thank you to a champion," she said.

"Peter is such a lovable character and he has given us so much pleasure over his 17 seasons.

"I'm 60 - I have been for a few years and refuse to get older - and I've watched all of Glenelg's grand final victories, and I reckon Peter is the best player we've ever had."

Carey played in ruck until 10 minutes before the final siren, and coach, Graham Cornes, said his courage and ability to battle hard right to the end was typical of this champion.

"Not many players could have worked or tried so hard, especially after so many games," Cornes said.

Carey said he reflected on his 17 seasons during the week . . . the premierships, disappointments, and especially the friendships he had made in football, something which he treasured.

But yesterday, the only important thing on his mind was a Glenelg victory.

And triumph the Tigers did, capping a "Super" day for one of the game's greats.

400-GAME GLENELG CHAMPION, 'SUPER' CAREY



Carey runs through the big banner which said it all: "Super, 400 games". Following behind are Carey's sons Justin 6, and Matthew, 9



ABOVE: Carey leading the warm-up lap around the field with his team-mates



RIGHT: Preparing to take the first bounce. PICTURES: Ray Titus

Oh, what a feeling for Peter

By Ashley Porter

The Tigers made it a super day for their celebrated hero Peter Carey by clawing their way to a 29-point victory over West Torrens at the Bay.



GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "We wasted opportunities. We did not handle the ball cleanly, and that was disappointing."

PAUL WESTON (Torrens): "No side gave an inch in a tough game."

"Perhaps at times we took the wrong options when under pressure. They kept cool and stable under the pressure."

It was certainly not Glenelg's best performance in the captain's 400 games, but it was still full of merit because of the way it produced tenacity under pressure.

The Eagles gave away a 27-point start in the first term, and each time they got within a kick, Glenelg merely ignored the threat and resumed control.

Coach Paul Weston best summed it up by saying the difference between a premiership side and a team striving for success was shown at the crucial stages.

While Torrens made mistakes to ruin the come-backs, Glenelg kept calm and weathered the storm.

A typical example was late in the game when an Eagle defender kicked across goal and accidentally found Craig Budarick who then kicked one of his seven superb goals.

Glenelg made errors, but not as many as such devastating moments.

The match was relatively even - until Glenelg showed its superiority during the final 10 minutes and made the margin greater on the scoreboard than the difference in ability.

Torrens, to its credit, had a "real go". It battled the odds of playing against the hype over Carey's grand occasion, the fact it was played at the Bay, and few rated it a chance.

Glenelg showed its true fighting spirit when the pressure was on, and obviously apart from the premiership points, one of the most pleasing aspects was the performance of Budarick.

He has improved every week in his debut season, and yesterday he put his act together with some fine marking, accurate kicking and impressive team play.

The Tigers now have a dangerous ace, the much needed bite in the forward lines.

The "regulars" again performed magnificently... Chris McDermott with 32 possessions on the ball.

Ross Gibbs resilient in defence, Peter Maynard on the ball, Kym Hodgeman across half forward and in the square, and David Kernahan on a wing.

And, of course, there was the star of the show, Carey.

He played a fine game to win a majority of the centre taps, but his opponent, Chris Lindsay, shaded him around the ground with some tremendous marking.

Torrens rover/forward Kevin Taylor had an absorbing duel with Scott Salisbury, and both were key contributors.

Damien Christensen was also effective for the Eagles on the ball, while their defenders worked tirelessly.

Weston was creative across half-back, while Lee Robson was a tower of strength at full back.

The match, at times, was scrumbly when too many players were too quick to fall over.

But the fans were rewarded with some magical moments - when Winton captured his goal, he jumped around like one of Wally May's startled gazelles and typified the exciting spirit which Glenelg's newcomers have injected in to the side.

Torrens has improved dramatically from last season, but it still has to learn how to sustain its run and not to look at the winning post while making the last jump.

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	5.4	7.8	13.10	18.14	(122)
TORRENS	3.1	5.6	10.9	14.9	(93)

BEST— Glenelg: McDermott, Gibbs, Budarick, Maynard, Carey, MacTavish, Kernahan. Torrens: C. Lindsay, Taylor, Robson, Christensen, Weston, Harper.

GOALS— Glenelg: Budarick 7.1, Woodlands 4.3, Seebohm 3.2, Kruse 1.1, Winton 1.0, Chigwidden 1.0, West 1.0, Hodgeman 0.1, Kernahan 0.1, Marshall 0.1, Gibbs 0.1, Maynard 0.1, McDermott 0.1, rushed 0.1. Torrens: Taylor 4.3, Dietrich 3.1, Hodson 2.0, Morphet 2.1, Foote 2.0, Bakar 1.0, Fotia 0.1, Weston 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Glenelg: W. Stringer (broken nose, concussion). UMPIRES — Michael Abbott, Laurie Argent.

Adelaide Oval

NORTH	3.3	12.10	17.13	20.22	(142)
STURT	3.4	4.6	8.12	14.12	(96)

BEST— North: Burton, Hart, D. Jarman, A. Jarman, Roberts, Roe, Parsons, Tiller. Sturt: Paynter, Whittlesea, Russell, Dilena, Paech, McCarthy.

GOALS— North: Roberts 7.0, Burton 3.3, Parsons 3.2, Slattery 2.3, Hart 2.1, D. Jarman 1.3, Carlow 1.1, Redden 1.0, Rushed 0.5. Sturt: Welsby 3.0, Willmott 2.2, Paynter 2.1, Klomp 2.0, Kitschke 1.2, Dilena 1.1, Field 1.1, Benson 1.0, Whittlesea 1.0, Russell 0.1.

UMPIRES — Neville Thorp, Ross Campbell.

Elizabeth Oval

WEST	9.3	14.5	20.10	24.12	(156)
CENTRAL	3.2	6.5	7.8	15.12	(102)

BEST— West: Lamb, Belton, Larkins, Burgess, Dreher, Shaw, Horbinson. Central: Bubner, Mandemaker, Lee, Shields, G. Thomas.

GOALS— West: Miller 5.1, Lamb 4.3, Twomey 4.2, Johnson 3.1, Shaw 2.1, O'Riley 1.2, Grosser 1.1, Larkins 1.0, Belton 1.0, Sporn 1.0, Evans 1.0, rushed 0.1. Central: Mandemaker 6.3, Bubner 4.0, Trimboli 3.1, Coffee 1.0, Flintoff 1.0, Hocking 0.1, Beythien 0.1, Krieg 0.1, Shields 0.1, Prior 0.1, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — West: Corbett (knee), Winter (shoulder). UMPIRES — John Hylton and Colin Ricketts.

Norwood Oval

NORWOOD	6.4	9.8	12.14	17.17	(119)
WOODVILLE	3.3	6.3	7.5	14.9	(93)

BEST— Norwood: Rowe, Neave, Payne, Helyar, McNeil, Aish, Murdoch, McIntosh. Woodville: Panizza, Schwarz, Harris, Templeton, Sewer, Lunn, Fuller, Haylock.

GOALS— Norwood: Rowe 4.2, McNeil 3.1, Aish 2.2, Disbury 2.2, Neave 2.2, McIntosh 1.2, Kelly 1.2, Balme 1.0, Hall 1.0, Payne 0.1, Fosdike 0.1, Pyke 0.1, rushed 0.1. Woodville: Sewer 4.1, Panizza 2.0, Toome 2.0, Schwarz 1.1, Harris 1.1, Martin 1.1, Templeton 1.0, Grant 1.0, Rogers 1.0, Nichols 0.2, Fuller 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Norwood: B. Maynard (broken collarbone), Helyar (hamstring), Murdoch (hamstring). Woodville: Parker (thigh), Lynch (corked thigh). REPORTS — Norwood: Stephen Connelly by field umpire David Trembath for alleged misconduct. UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear and David Trembath.

Football Park

PORT	5.2	7.5	10.13	14.18	(102)
SOUTH	2.2	7.3	10.4	15.4	(94)

BEST— PORT: Abernethy, Leslie, Johnston, Anderson, Boyd, Bald. SOUTH: Stasinowsky, Pitman, Hewitt, Brockhurst, Kappler, Eddy.

GOALS— PORT: D. Smith 3.0, Lum 3.0, Boyd 1.4, Tylor 1.2, Johnston 1.1, Belton 1.1, Harrison 1.1, Abernethy 1.1, Borlase 1.1, Hodges 1.0, Anderson 0.2, R. Smith 0.2, O'Brien 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Stasinowsky 7.1, Stoessel 4.0, Pitman 3.1, Butler 1.0, Fairclough 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — PORT: Errey (calf). SOUTH: Johns (broken finger), Butler (concussion). UMPIRES — Darryl Schramm and Steve Semmler.

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	5	2	0	787	667	54.13	10
NORWOOD	5	2	0	786	683	53.51	10
PORT	4	3	0	760	675	52.96	8
CENTRAL	4	3	0	801	791	50.31	8
WOODVILLE	4	3	0	751	754	49.90	8
West	4	3	0	797	847	48.48	8
Glenelg	3	4	0	827	799	50.86	6
Torrens	2	5	0	683	674	50.33	4
South	2	5	0	640	770	45.39	4
Sturt	2	5	0	699	871	44.52	4

Crowds

This week

Leading Goalkickers

		WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY, MAY 30
Football Park	8538	SA v Victoria (F Park, 8pm).	Central v Norwood (F Park).
Adelaide	6237		South v W'dville (Adelaide).
Elizabeth	5327		Port v Torrens (Alberton).
Glenelg	9803		West v Sturt (Richmond).
Norwood	6877		North v Glenelg (Prospect).
Total	36,782		

	Games	Y'day	Total
R. Mandemaker (Central)	7	6.3	40.17
J. Roberts (North)	7	7.0	37.15
D. Smith (Port)	7	3.0	33.7
J. Seebohm (Glenelg)	7	3.2	28.11
S. Nichols (Woodville)	7	0.2	26.12
D. Stoessel (South)	5	4.0	25.9
C. Stasinowsky (South)	7	7.1	24.11
D. Twomey (West)	7	4.2	21.13