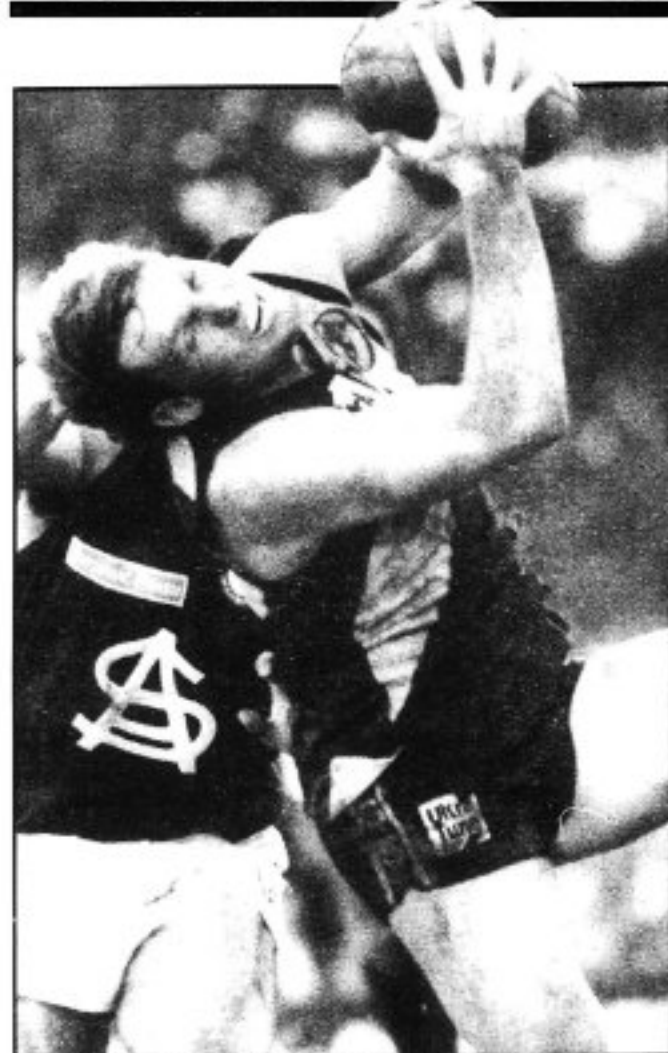


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Peter Carey Clash



GREAT GRAB: Tiger Scott Salisbury marks strongly yesterday. Picture: Dennis Rogers

By MICHELANGELO RUCCI

Glenelg captain Peter Carey was reported in the final two minutes of yesterday's league football match at Glenelg Oval - a move which has dismayed and angered his teammates and club officials.

And in a second blow for the Bays, promising rookie Glenelg follower Brett Deane has a suspected fractured collarbone and could miss up to eight matches.

Carey, 35, was reported by field umpire John Hylton in the 27th minute of the last quarter for allegedly charging South Adelaide ruckman David Baker at a centre-bounce duel.

Carey, who has been reported twice before in his record-breaking 16-year league football career, will face league commissioner Brian Martin, QC, at the SA National Football League office at Football Park tomorrow.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes, who refrained from speaking on the report, was agitated after the match, which Glenelg won by 89 points.

His displeasure was summed up in his remark on the value of the game: "There is none when one side gets injuries and has players reported while the other does not."

Carey, who had clashed with Hylton moments earlier when he refused to give the football to the umpire, has been suspended only once in his distinguished career.

After the 1984 qualifying final Carey was suspended for two matches after being found guilty of attempting to strike Central District defender Brett Hannam. Glenelg lost the 1984 second semi-final and preliminary final without Carey.

Deane's injury is a bitter blow for the talented youngster as he sought to win a permanent spot in the top-of-the-table Glenelg team.

Deane was the biggest casualty from yesterday's round of matches. Norwood's Stephen Rowe, Craig Kelly and John Hall all suffered back problems in the clash against West Torrens yesterday but all are expected to be available for next week's clash against Sturt at Football Park.

The Eagles' Steven Flintham twisted an ankle and is doubtful for the encounter against West Adelaide at Thebarton.

Premiership table

Table with 8 columns: Team, W, L, D, F, A, % Pts. Lists teams like GLENELG, NORWOOD, PORT, etc.

Football Park

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. PORT 3.3 9.10 12.12 16.21 (117); WOODVILLE 3.5 6.6 10.10 12.11 (83)

BEST - PORT: Phillips, S. Williams, Ginever, Harrison, Fiacchi, D. Smith, Brown. WOODVILLE: O'Dwyer, Harris, Panizza, Negri, McDonald.

GOALS - PORT: O'Brien 4.3, Harrison 4.3, D. Smith 2.4, Ginever 1.3, Kerr 1.1, Johnston 1.0, Williams 1.0, Mahney 1.0, Hynes 1.0, R. Smith 0.1, Simpson 0.1, Brown 0.1, rushed 0.3. WOODVILLE: Newton 3.2, Templeton 2.1, Klug 2.1, Harrison 2.0, Harris 1.2, Arbon 1.1, Nichols 1.1, McDonald 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES - PORT: Brown (cramp). UMPIRES - Rick Kinnear and David Trembath.

Glenelg Oval

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. GLENELG 6.2 16.5 21.10 24.13 (157); SOUTH 3.4 3.5 6.8 10.8 (68)

BEST - GLENELG: Hodgeman, Budarick, Symonds, McDermott, Maynard, Salisbury, W. Stringer, Chigwidden, Christie, West. SOUTH: Hampel, Koppler, Tatterson.

GOALS - GLENELG: Budarick 6.0, Ralph 3.2, Carey, Winton 2.2, Hodgeman Salisbury, Symonds 2.0, Chigwidden 1.2, bbs, Marshall 1.1, Maynard, Schneebichler 1.0, Deane 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Tatterson 4.0, Jackson 1.2, Cross 1.1, Butler, Campbell, Foster, Koppler 1.0, Page 0.2, Hewitt 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES - GLENELG: Brett Deane (collarbone). REPORT - GLENELG: Peter Carey by field umpire John Hylton for allegedly charging South Adelaide ruckman David Baker at the 27 minute mark of the last quarter. UMPIRES - David Elliott and John Hylton.

Thebarton Oval

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. NORWOOD 9.3 11.8 21.12 24.16 (160); TORRENS 3.0 4.3 5.4 8.7 (55)

BEST - NORWOOD: R. Maynard, Rowe, Payne, Scanlon, McIntosh, D'Antiochia, B. Maynard, McNeil, Klaebe. TORRENS: Payze, Hanna, Geyer, Fotia.

GOALS - NORWOOD: R. Maynard 6.2, Rowe 3.2, Staritski 3.0, McIntosh 2.1, Francis 2.1, Aish 2.1, Payne 2.0, B. Maynard 1.3, Balme 1.2, D'Antiochia 1.0, McNeil 1.0, Anderson 0.2, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Hanna 3.0, McGrath 3.0, Payze 1.1, Athanasios 1.0, Lindsay 0.1, Taylor 0.1, Niemann 0.1, Christensen 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES - NORWOOD: Rowe (lower back); Kelly (lower back), Hall (back). TORRENS: Flintham (ankle). UMPIRES - Leslie Harrison and Neville Thorp.

Blues' chance to widen the gap

By PETER PRIME

Merv Keane's surging Sturt tomorrow could virtually reduce the contest for the final five to a six-team contest.

The ailing Woodville and West Torrens suffered disappointing losses yesterday to give Sturt a chance to widen the gap.

The free-running Blues face high-flying Central District while North meets West in the double-header at Football Park to complete round 10.

Neither Torrens nor Woodville deserves a finals berth on their indifferent form.

Woodville's next six matches are against Central, Torrens, North, Glenelg, Sturt and Norwood.

After West and Woodville, Torrens faces a tough draw against Central, Sturt, North, Glenelg, Port and Norwood. And between Woodville and Torrens, the only team they have beaten on the ladder above them is Sturt.

For Sturt coach Keane, tomorrow's match brings a new kind of pressure. After an early serious slump in form and some distasteful off-the-field distractions, Sturt is now striving relentlessly towards success in 1988.

The wheel has turned full circle for the Victorian star.

"The pressure now is to keep on winning. It's a different type of pressure, but it's still there," Keane says. "Once the opposition teams start to work out who we are and how we play, it could get a bit tougher."

No longer an also-ran

No longer can Sturt be considered an also-ran - an inexperienced combination easily brushed aside. With a string of victories over North, West and Port, the courageous, committed and classy Blues last week moved into the top five for the first time this season.

Like Sturt, Neil Kerley's second-placed Bulldogs are performing. It promises to be one of the best contests of the year with both sides full of talented, creative footballers.

Sturt's Russell brothers are quickly making their mark and "Big Red," ruckman David Reynolds is performing more consistently - and brilliantly.

Spearhead Ian Willmott is back in business, while around the ball are the extraordinary talents of John Paynter and Greg Whittlesea and young pair Carl Dilena and David Ely.

The Bulldogs have named an unplaced 21, losing promising forward Anthony Ingerson through injury, but regaining talented Hawthorn recruit Robert Handley after being sidelined for five weeks with a hamstring problem.

Central is well served with creative small men around the packs, including Greg Smith, Stephen Lally and Gavin Chaplin.

The versatile Peter Bubner will no doubt be given a run on the ball.

Up forward there's Rudi Mandemaker and the dazzling Derek Kickett, while the defence looks solid and dependable.

IN THE later game, North should prove too tough for West Adelaide.

It's difficult to find much cause for optimism for the struggling Bloods, still badly undermanned and with seven successive losses. And it appears North is set to reassert its authority.

Leading Goalkickers

Table with 3 columns: Player, Games, Y'day, Total. S. Nichols (Woodville) 8 1.1 37.9; J. Roberts (North) 9 2.3 33.22; C. Budarick (Glenelg) 10 6.0 27.17; S. Hodges (Port) 9 1.0 27.12; R. Mandemaker (Central) 8 5 25.10; I. Willmott (Sturt) 5 5 25.7; D. Jackson (South) 9 1.2 24.20; D. Kickett (Central) 9 1.2 23.14

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Glenelg should have given Peter Carey the day off yesterday.

By MICHELANGELO RUCCI

The Glenelg captain had a very small role to play in his team's 89-point hammering of South Adelaide at Glenelg Oval. The cost of his appearance will be determined by league commissioner Brian Martin QC tomorrow night when he answers a charge of charging.

Carey's task for the day, which rarely included leading the Glenelg ruck unit, only highlighted how certain Glenelg was of winning. He spent the first quarter in a forward pocket, went into ruck after 16 minutes in the second quarter, spent the third term off the field and played out the last quarter, adding entertainment to a dull game by first annoying field umpire John Hylton and then being reported by the same official.

Hylton's annoyance with Carey came after the Glenelg legend refused to hand him the ball as the other umpires tried to end a melee in the north-west pocket.

After conceding a 15m penalty Carey watched South forward Adrian Cross score South's 10th goal. Carey was reported by Hylton for allegedly charging South ruckman David Baker during the resultant centre bounce.

The match was over two minutes later and the umpires were kept busy as the players continued their disagreements while entering the players' race.

The South rooms were off limits to all but coach John Reid and his 20 players as they thrashed out another disappointing performance. The Glenelg den was a chamber of disgust,

annoyance and despondency - the Carey report had taken the pleasure out of victory.

On reflection there was more drama in the 25 minutes after the match than in the 150 of play.

Only one quarter - the second - turned the game into a waste of time for the Glenelg supporters who came to see a result they regarded as inevitable.

In 31 minutes of industrious and precise football, Glenelg scored 10.1 to 0.1 to take a 78-point lead and a vice-like grip on two premiership points.

The quality of Glenelg's play was highlighted by its ability to make mistakes and recover without the slightest challenge from South. And when an errant Glenelg player was unable to correct his misdemeanor there always were at least two team-mates nearby.

In essence, one side played as a team; the other resembled a rabble.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes, who made sensible and well-timed moves throughout a match which would have tested even his ability to concentrate, chose to start the match without Carey in ruck so he could have a "good look" at former South ruckman Gary Christie. No doubt he was satisfied and now may wish he had given Christie a contract to lead the ruck all day.

Carey was doing enough damage in the left forward pocket. He seemed so comfortable in that role 1953 Magarey medalist Jim Deane was prompted to say at quarter-time: "Carey will only need to go into ruck in an emergency and against this South side an emergency is not likely to arise."

The comfort Glenelg felt in victory was highlighted in the last quarter when Cornes moved full forward Warren Ralph to centre half-back. It was seen by some as an insult to South but to Cornes all that mattered was he had given a forward a chance "to run around".

Besides the Carey report, the saddest incident for Glenelg was the injury to extremely promising midfielder Brett Deane, who had his left collarbone broken two minutes into the third quarter. In the previous two terms he had bathed in the aura of a champion as he earned the ball and disposed of it with assurity and commonsense.

His demise allowed Geoff Winton to enter the arena, where from half-

forward left he made the South defence look feeble as he had four shots for goal - two successful - in his first 10 minutes.

Clearer perspective

Deane's loss also brought Kym Hodgeman's influence into a clearer perspective. He rarely failed to feature in Glenelg's movement from the centre square in the third quarter, when it secured a 100-point lead after 14 minutes.

In the disappointment of Carey's report and Deane's injury, Cornes claimed there was little to be enthused about.

But he could have pointed out the fine form of half-forward Craig Budarick, who had a scintillating first half and finished the game with six goals.

And there were the usual good performances from Tony Symonds, Peter Maynard, Chris McDermott, Wayne Stringer and Jim West.

South, which entered the game without centreman Michael Bennett (back injury), once again had a period of non-existence.

From the 20th minute of the first quarter it did not score a goal for 45 minutes and did not register any score for 28 minutes.

The only satisfying statistic for South came in the last quarter when it outscored Glenelg - 4.0 to 3.3 - while the 1987 grand finalist played games and seemed too comfortable.

South coach John Reid now is measuring satisfaction in degrees. He was not happy with yesterday's defeat, but not as upset as in the previous five weeks.

Reid claims his side was competitive for three quarters - perhaps it would have been better for him to say two.

Since beating West Adelaide on April 30 there has been little joy for South and there seems little suggestion it will present healthier dividends quickly.