

OH, THE AGONY 3 reports, Ralph heads injury toll

Three reports . . . Warren Ralph injured after treading in a sprinkler hole . . . two players with dislocated shoulders . . . and a list of other casualties.

These were the dramas in yesterday's second series of SA league football, highlighted by victories to Glenelg, West Adelaide and Central District which saw them as the only unbeaten sides.

Reported were: ●Norwood's Steve Richardson by goal umpire Mike Nicolai for allegedly striking Sturt's Peter Heinrich during the second term.

●Sturt's Ian Willmott and Darryl Smith, both within a minute of each other in the last term, by field umpire David Trembath for allegedly striking Brenton Laube.

Ralph hobbled off the Bay Oval with a right ankle injury during the second term against Port after treading in a sprinkler hole while chasing a Port defender.

Glenelg officials were unsure of the extent of his injury. He will have treatment this morning in a bid to be fit to play against West at Richmond on Saturday.

West Torrens centre half-forward Shane McGrath had his left

By Ashley Porter

shoulder dislocated and Central District defender Paul Sullivan suffered a similar fate to his right shoulder. Both are expected to miss at least four games.

Norwood forward Paul Sheedy wrenched his right knee but last night club officials were hopeful he would be available for the clash with North at Football Park on Saturday.

Port is still in the "wars". Greg Phillips suffered a corked thigh in jury, while Phil Harrison was carried off on a stretcher with concussion and Stephen Williams also went off with slight concussion.

They are doubtful for the clash with Central at Football Park Anzac Day, but ruckman Russell Johnston should be available after missing the Escort Cup grand final and yesterday's game with a thigh injury.

Glenelg pacesetter

Feeling worse are Sturt and South Adelaide. They filled the bottom positions last season and they're there again after heavy losses to Norwood and North Adelaide respectively.

Torrens dropped from top to fifth after losing to West by 21 points in a disappointing match; Glenelg is the new pacesetter after beating Port by 39 points, while Escort Cup premier Woodville suffered another day loss, this time to Central by 14 points.



Warren Ralph



●GO, GIBBS, GO... Glenelg's Ross Gibbs climbs over colleague Peter Carey against Port yesterday. Picture: Kevin Bull



* HAND OUT... Glenelg's John Seeborn yesterday

Bays give wharfies a whipping

By Peter Prime

"We'll whip the wharfies" read the Glenelg banner as the Tiger brigade ran onto the Bay Oval yesterday to do battle with the might of Port Adelaide.

Yes, in the final analysis, Glenelg did end up taking the two premierships points and the plaudits.

But for three quarters yesterday, Graham Cornes' Tigers had been well and truly tamed by a spirited Magpie combination.

Expectations around the Brighton Road ground were for a titanic, do-or-die final term climax between two fierce, unrelenting sides.

Glenelg held only a 13-point advantage at three-quarter time, with the Magpies having the use of the breeze in the last term.

But for a number of seasons now, the smooth-moving Glenelg machine has a habit of ruining likely great contests.

Biggest threat

With a systematic, paralysing 30-minute blitz, it booted a magnificent 7.2 to bury Port and storm to a well-deserved victory.

For the statistically-minded among us, it was just another notch in the Tigers' belt.

Since 1980, records show Glenelg poses the biggest threat at its home ground.

It has won an incredible 48 of its 60 games at the Bay - almost an 80 per cent winning record.

For Port, yesterday was a test of character for the battle-wearing Magpie line-up.

It was their third match in eight days, following its opening round triumph over Surt last week and its loss to Woodville in the Escort Cup final on Wednesday evening.

Glenelg, on the other hand, went into the showdown fresh after two-weeks' respite from the victory over Norwood.

For three quarters yesterday there was really little between the sides.

But to use a hackneyed term, when the going got tough, the tough got going.

Glenelg used the ball brilliantly in the final term, it's workrate improved dramatically and it had players willing to take a chance to further the cause.

Port coach John Cahill had his problems with injuries. Stephen Williams and Phil Harrison both were concussed

Woodville Oval

CENTRAL	4.4	8.7	12.10	14.13	(97)
WOODVILLE	3.2	7.5	9.6	12.11	(83)

BEST— CENTRAL: Thomas, Chaplin, Smith, Lee, Handley, McAdam. WOODVILLE: Klug, Harris, Lunn, Jolly, Haylock, Libbis.

GOALS— CENTRAL: Lally 3.0, Thomas 3.0, Chaplin 2.3, Bubner 2.2, Handley 2.0, Kickett 1.2, Krieg 1.1, Prior 0.1, McAdam 0.1, Smith 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Klug 4.4, Haylock 3.0, Harris 1.3, Nichols 1.0, Martin 1.0, Templeton 1.0, Arbon 1.0, Stephens 0.2, Sewer 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Sullivan (shoulder). WOODVILLE: Stephens (mouth). UMPIRES — Laurie Argent, Ross Campbell.

Prospect Oval

NORTH	6.8	11.13	12.19	18.19	(127)
SOUTH	2.1	3.4	5.8	7.12	(54)

BEST— NORTH: S. Riley, Redden, Hart, Tiller, Wildy, Clisby, Craig, Sims. SOUTH: Kappler, Butler, Honour, Jackson, Brooksby.

GOALS— NORTH: Roberts 4.4, D. Jarman 3.0, Mazzini 2.3, Hart 2.2, Craig 2.0, Bennett 1.1, Sims 1.0, Riley 1.0, Clisby 1.0, Redden 1.0, A. Jarman 0.3, Tiller 0.2, Burton 0.1, Corlaw 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Jackson 5.2, Tatterson 2.1, Schmid 0.2, Campbell 0.1, McIntyre 0.1, Kappler 0.1, Fosdike 0.1, rushed 0.3. UMPIRES — David Elliott, Rick Kinnear.

and the burly Greg Phillips was struggling with a corked thigh.

Cahill was forced to chop and change his combination in a bid to lift his flagging side.

But the damage had been done. As he had done all day, Chris McDermott was superb in the crunch.

He inspired all day, battling valiantly against enormous odds to spur his side on.

A slim-look captain Peter "Super" Carey ("he's lost some 18 pounds in a rigid diet") gave his teammates first use of the ball in ruck and he also marked strongly around the ground.

Make no mistake, Carey is destined for another grand season in 1988.

Forget pre-season training — "Super" has never been a big one for the sweat and toil of summer practice.

But slowly and surely he is running into top form and within the next month or so, he will be at his peak.

Among the other stars for Glenelg was wingman Tony Symonds who hurt the Magpie outfit with his pace and ability to read the ball.

Back from a season with Hawthorn, he is now the complete footballer with courage and undoubted flair.

Alan Stringer, although not as dominant as he was against Norwood, was another big contributor.

For Port, the main shining light was the form of WA recruit Roger Kerr.

He was far and away the Magpies best, finishing with 4.1 as a rover and having a hand in at least three others with clever use of the ball by hand or foot.

Arlen Kennedy was a big kick gatherer while Bruce Abernethy, John Harvey, Rohan Smith and full back David Harvey were the best of the others.

Whether Port's three games in a hectic week was the main reason for its last quarter fade out really is an exercise in crystal ball gazing.

But both Glenelg and Port Adelaide showed enough yesterday to suggest they will be football powerhouses in 1988.

Football Park

WEST	4.5	5.13	8.16	11.20	(86)
TORRENS	1.5	2.7	5.11	8.17	(65)

BEST— WEST: Lamb, Patterson, Sporn, McKinnon, G. Fielke, Harbinson, Herbert. TORRENS: B. Lindsay, Christensen, Fotia, Payze, C. Lindsay.

GOALS— WEST: Goss 3.4, T. Fielke 3.2, Nicholls 2.1, Sporn 1.3, Bennett 1.0, Bruggeman 1.0, O'Riley 0.2, Lamb 0.1, Kreuter 0.1, McKinnon 0.1, Malcolm 0.1, Smith 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: C. Lindsay 5.2, Taylor 1.3, Hanna 1.0, Hodson 1.0, Christensen 0.3, Morphett 0.3, Payze 0.1, Baker 0.1, Long 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — TORRENS: McGrath (dislocated shoulder). UMPIRES — Michael Abbott, John Hylton.

Adelaide Oval

NORWOOD	3.2	8.6	14.9	23.11	(149)
STURT	1.5	3.7	6.10	9.12	(66)

BEST— NORWOOD: R. Maynard, Rowe, Kelly, Antiachia, Anderson, Warhurst, McNeil, Heylar. STURT: Ey, Whittlesea, Moscheni, Reid.

GOALS— NORWOOD: Rowe 4.3, R. Maynard 4.1, Payne 3.0, Aish 2.2, McNeil 2.1, Hall 2.1, Balme 2.1, Dantiachia 1.0, Thorpe 1.0, Francis 1.0, McIntosh 1.0, Richardson 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Willmott 3.1, Russell 1.2, Moscheni 1.1, Kitschke 1.1, McWilliam 1.0, Russell 1.0, Lienert 1.0, Whittlesea 0.3, Schache 0.1, Reynolds 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: Sheedy (wrenched knee), STURT: Dilela (strained shoulder ligaments), Heinrich (cut head).

REPORTS — NORWOOD: Stephen Richardson for attempting to strike Sturt's Peter Hienrich in the second quarter by goal umpire Mike Nicolai. STURT: Ian Willmott for allegedly striking Norwood's Brenton Klabeve in the final term by field umpire David Trembath and Darryl Smith for allegedly striking Klabeve in the final term by field umpire David Trembath. UMPIRES — David Trembath and Colin Ricketts.

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	6.1	12.4	15.8	22.10	(142)
PORT	5.0	11.5	13.7	15.13	(103)

BEST— GLENELG: McDermott, Symonds, Carey, A. Stringer, Seeborn, Salisbury, Budarick. PORT: Kerr, Kennedy, Abernethy, J. Harvey, R. Smith, D. Harvey.

GOALS— GLENELG: Budarick 3.4, McDermott 3.1, Symonds 2.1, Winton 2.0, Carey 2.0, Maynard 2.0, Chigwidden 2.0, Gibbs 2.0, Schneebichler 1.1, Hodgeman 1.1, A. Stringer 1.0, Salisbury 1.0, rushed 0.2. PORT: Kerr 4.1, R. Smith 3.2, D. Smith 2.0, Borlase 1.3, Hodges 1.1, Brown 1.1, Obst 1.1, Harrison 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Abernethy 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Ralph (ankle). PORT: Phillips (thigh), Williams (concussion), Harrison (concussion). UMPIRES — Steve Semmler, David Weston.

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	2	0	0	258	171	60.14	4
WEST	2	0	0	189	167	53.09	4
CENTRAL	2	0	0	192	176	52.17	4
NORTH	1	1	0	220	149	59.62	2
TORRENS	1	1	0	192	149	56.30	2
Norwood	1	1	0	217	182	54.39	2
Port	1	1	0	249	236	51.34	2
Woodville	0	2	0	185	200	48.05	0
Sturt	0	2	0	160	295	35.16	0
South	0	2	0	117	254	31.54	0

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	2	4.4	8.6
D. Jackson (South)	2	5.2	7.3
J. Goss (West)	2	3.4	6.6
C. Lindsay (Torrens)	2	5.2	6.4
J. Klug (Woodville)	2	4.4	6.4
I. Willmott (Sturt)	2	3.1	6.2
S. Nichols (Woodville)	2	1.0	6.1
D. Jarman (North)	2	3.0	6.1
D. Smith (Port)	2	2.0	5.5

Next round

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Norwood v North (Football Park)

West v Glenelg (Richmond)

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Double header: Central v Port — 12.30pm, Torrens v Woodville — 3.20pm (Football Park)

South v Sturt (Adelaide Oval)

Crowds

Football Park	6388
Adelaide Oval	8458
Glenelg	12,561
Prospect	3744
Woodville (est)	6000
Total (est)	37,151