

By Ashley Porter

West Adelaide wingman Kieran Sporn suffered a severe shoulder injury against Glenelg yesterday and seems certain to be ruled out of the interstate clash with WA on May 24.

And in a tough encounter at Football Park, North Adelaide's Kim Klomp and Jason Roe, and Norwood's Paul Sheedy, were reported while North's Andrew Jarman (shoulder) and Mike Redden (ankle) suffered injuries.

Sporn collided with Glenelg's Jim West during the third quarter and was sent to St Andrews Hospital after the game for X-rays.

It is believed Sporn may have dislocated and widened a bone in his left shoulder and could be forced to miss as many as six matches.

Jarman tore muscles away from his right shoulder during the first quarter, but surprisingly, went back on late in the last.

He is not expected to play against Woodville at Prospect next Saturday, reducing his chances of being added to the State squad.

Redden hobbled off the field after twisting his left

ankle but North officials were confident he would not miss a game.

Klomp will face league commissioner Brian Martin on Tuesday for the second time in a fortnight. He was reported by field umpire David Weston during the third quarter for allegedly striking Norwood's Brenton Klæbe to the neck region.

Klomp was found not guilty of a charge of striking a Central District player to the head in the opening series.

Roe, who missed the grand final because of suspension, and Sheedy were reported by goal umpire Des Hillebrand during the last quarter.

In the same incident, Roe was reported for allegedly attempting to strike Sheedy, and Sheedy for allegedly striking Roe.

Officials from both clubs were furious after the match because they were forced to wait 40 minutes to receive the re-

## Three more reports

port notices from the umpires who made the charges.

The injuries and reports merely rubbed salt into North's wound as it lost to Norwood by 16 points.

West no doubt felt worse. It suffered its first loss for the season to Glenelg by 35 points at Richmond Oval and appears to have lost Sporn, one of its finest players, for some weeks.



OUT... Sporn leaves the ground

# Tigers sound a warning

The warning bells are ringing loud and clear... Glenelg again will be a mighty football powerhouse in 1988.

Yes, only three rounds of the season have been played and our beloved game is fraught with uncertainties. Injuries, poor form and the like can quickly destroy any side with golden aspirations.

But the steamrolling Bays already have shown enough to suggest they will take a power of beating this winter.

Yet another ominous warning was sounded at Richmond Oval yesterday when the Tigers burst the West Adelaide bubble to storm to a 35-point victory.

At the half-way mark, Glenelg led by just six points after the Bloods rallied with a fighting, spirited second term.

Grantley Fielke was in tremendous inspirational touch, while Kieran Sporn and Robin McKinnon battled away valiantly.

But Glenelg just kept on keeping on. It persisted, harrassed and hurried and got its game together to whip the Bloods and continue its unbeaten run.

Make no mistake though, West Adelaide would have learned from the loss.

Defeat would have left a sour taste in the mouths of coach Kevin Morris and his playing brigade.

For the club, yesterday's encounter against top-of-the-table Glenelg was considered a test.

After victories against Woodville (fifth) last season and West Torrens (sixth), the Bloods were put under the microscope.

Big improvers or pretenders to the ultimate football crown... that was the question on the lips of many supporters.

But there is no such query about Graham Cornes' Glenelg, with triumphs already over the might of Norwood and Port Adelaide. It has depth, enormous talent and a spirit that is alive and well.

Ross Gibbs in the back pocket was superb with 25 kicks, 11 marks and 12 handballs, continually sending the Bays forward and bamboozling the opposition.

Alan Stringer in the centre was another magnificent performer, cutting a swathe through the Bloods' lines and continually feeding teammates.

Nor did Glenelg's list of confident, creative players end there. There was not a Tiger player who

didn't contribute to the cause.

David Marshall on a wing and playing his 250th game was brilliant.

At centre half-back John Seeborn continued his grand form, while captain Peter Carey in ruck did likewise.

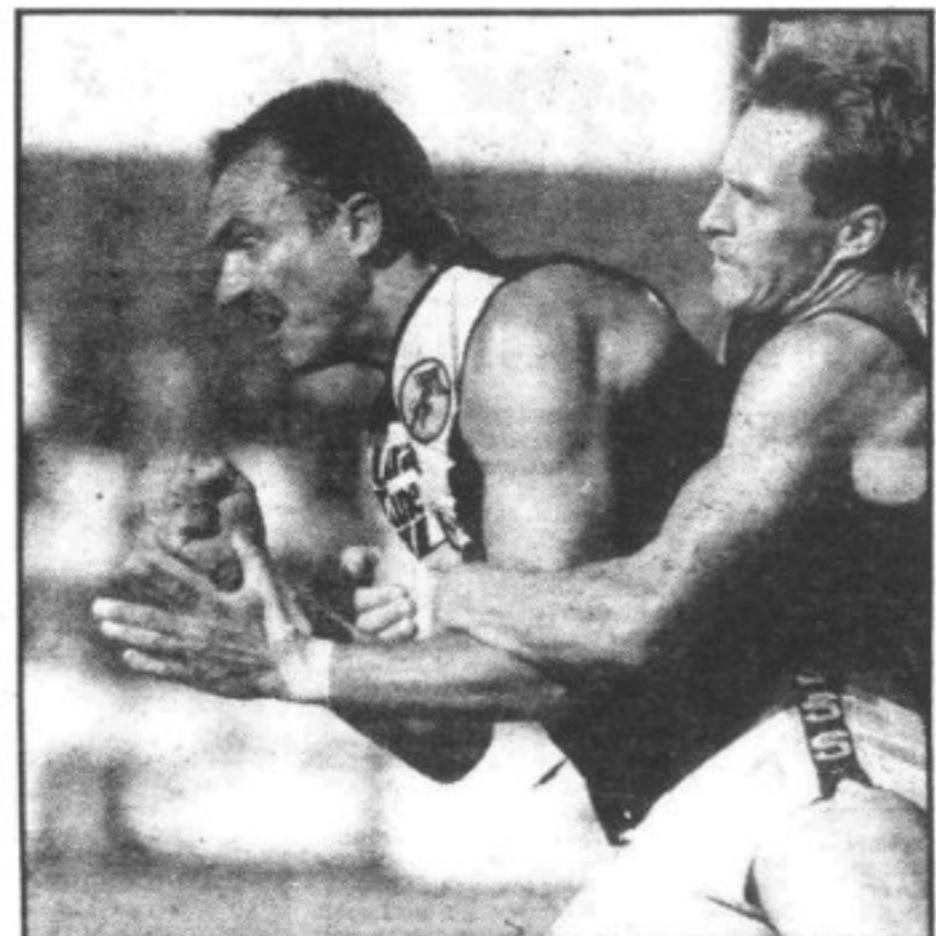
Chris McDermott combined the body of a rover with the instincts of a Mack truck to send the Tigers forward, and wingman Tony Symonds, defender Paul Temay and forward John Schne-

bichler were more than worthy.

For West, Grantley Fielke was supreme and in many eyes best afield.

He battled enormous odds and covered some tremendous territory, but all too often had to go it alone.

Disappointed West coach Kevin Morris later described his effort as "terrific", saying he and Robin McKinnon were the club's shining lights in the game.



COLLARED... Glenelg's John Schneebichler is tackled hard by West's Merv Harbinson. Picture: Dennis Rogers.

By Peter Prime

# OUT!

Sporn to miss six, Jarman only one

## Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	3	0	371	249	59.84	6
NORWOOD	2	1	332	281	54.16	4
CENTRAL	2	0	192	176	52.17	4
WEST	2	1	267	281	48.72	4
TORRENS	1	1	193	149	56.43	2
North	1	2	319	264	54.72	2
Port	1	1	249	236	51.34	2
Woodville	0	2	185	200	48.05	0
Sturt	0	2	160	295	35.16	0
South	0	2	117	254	31.54	0

\* denotes play tomorrow.

## Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	3	2.0	10.6
R. Maynard (Norwood)	3	4.2	8.3
C. Budarick (Glenelg)	3	3.2	7.8
D. Jackson (South)	2	-	7.3
D. Payne (Norwood)	3	4.1	7.3
D. Jarman (North)	3	1.0	7.1
S. Rowe (Norwood)	3	1.2	6.8
G. Goss (West)	3	0.1	6.7
C. Lindsay (Torrens)	2	-	6.4
J. Klug (Woodville)	2	-	6.4
M. Aish (Norwood)	3	4.0	6.2
I. Willmott (Sturt)	2	-	6.2
C. McDermott (Glenelg)	3	1.1	6.2
S. Nichols (Woodville)	2	-	6.1

## Football Park

NORWOOD	6.2	7.2	11.5	18.7	(115)
NORTH	2.5	6.9	10.14	14.15	(99)

**BEST**— NORWOOD: Anderson, Aish, Hall, Payne, Sheedy, Warhurst. NORTH: S. Riley, Hart, Parker, Sanders, Sims, Clisby.

**GOALS**— NORWOOD: Maynard 4.2, Payne 4.1, Aish 4.0, Rowe 1.2, Thorpe 1.1, Sheedy 1.0, Richardson 1.0, McIntosh 1.0, Muster 1.0, Anderson 0.1. NORTH: Hart 3.0, Tasker 2.0, Roberts 2.0, Klomp 1.1, Carlaw 1.1, Bennett 1.1, Redden 1.0, Burton 1.0, D. Jarman 1.0, Parker 1.0, Sims 0.5, Craig 0.2, rushed 0.5.

**INJURIES** — NORWOOD: Maynard (hamstring). NORTH: A. Jarman (shoulder), Redden (ankle).

**REPORTS** — NORWOOD: Paul Sheedy by goal umpire Des Hillebrand for striking North's Jason Roe during last quarter. NORTH: Roe by umpire Hillebrand for attempting to strike Sheedy in same incident. Kim Klomp by field umpire David Weston for allegedly striking Norwood's Brenton Klæbe during third quarter.

**UMPIRES** — Mark Mackie, David Weston.

## Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	5.2	7.5	13.10	16.17	(113)
WEST	2.7	5.11	7.13	10.18	(78)

**BEST**— GLENELG: Gibbs, A. Stringer, Marshall, Carey, Seeborn, McDermott, Schneebichler, Symonds, Temay. WEST: G. Fielke, McKinnon, Harbinson, Sporn, C. Herbert.

**GOALS**— GLENELG: Budarick 3.1, Hodgeman 3.0, Ralph 2.7, Schneebichler 2.1, Maynard 2.0, Winton 1.2, McDermott 1.1, Carey 1.1, Marshall 1.0, Gibbs 0.1, Symonds 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: G. Fielke 4.1, McKinnon 2.1, T. Fielke 1.2, Sporn 1.2, Malcolm 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Harbinson 0.3, Kreuter 0.3, Goss 0.1, Nicholls 0.1, Wakefield 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES** — WEST: Sporn (shoulder).

**UMPIRES** — Laurie Argent, Ross Campbell.

## This week

**TOMORROW**  
Double header — Central v Port 12.30pm, Torrens v Woodville 3.20pm (Football Park).  
South v Sturt (Adelaide Oval)

**ROUND FOUR**  
Saturday, April 30  
Glenelg v Sturt (Football Pk)

South v West (Adelaide Oval)  
Central v Torrens (Elizabeth)  
Norwood v Port (Norwood)  
North v Woodville (Prospect)

## Crowds

Football Park . . . 10,941  
Richmond Oval . . . 6,959  
Total . . . . . 17,900

# At this stage they're all in the running

**WITHOUT** prophesying for '88 or predicting any results, here's my assessment of each side:

**GLENELG** — Extremely capable team, proven performance, good balance of players, high goal scoring ability, strong defence, Graham Cornes an experienced coach. The team is currently playing well, should feel confident about season ahead.

**WEST ADELAIDE** — Lacking some key position players, has very good running and utility

players, reasonable pace. Strong defence, high work rate, new coach in Kevin Morris. Needs to be at its best to get there.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Many individually talented players, potentially high scoring forward set-up. Good running players, aggressive style. Experience ranks equally with Woodville, Norwood, Port.

**NORTH ADELAIDE** — Highly talented team, the premier has maintained most players and an overall balance. Experienced

coach in Mike Nunan. Like Glenelg, must be feeling confident about '88 prospects.

**WEST TORRENS** — Good team combination, lacks some key players, but has strong running players. A high skills rating, but down in goal scoring ability. Paul Weston a young coach, always improving.

**NORWOOD** — Highly skilled team, lacks one key position and player. Good balance of age and experience, very quick playmakers. Experienced coach

in Neil Balme. The Redlegs need to be consistent.

**PORT ADELAIDE** — Some very talented individuals, plays an aggressive style of football, appears a little disorganised in forward set-up although that should improve. Jack Cahill is an experienced coach and this is a typical Port team. Should be confident.

**WOODVILLE** — Very well balanced team, highly skilled, well organised, strong goal scoring forwards. Russell Ebert is an

experienced coach — the Warriors must feel they are a chance.

**STURT** — Inexperienced very young group, works hard, down on goal scoring forwards, a little unbalanced. Young coach in Merv Keane. Like Torrens, always inspiring.

**SOUTH ADELAIDE** — Lacks players in all areas, is attending to team building, not contenders for '88 flag and admirably facing that fact for long term goal. New coach in John Reid.

GLENELG	KICKS				MK	M	H/B	FREES		GLS	BHS	H/O
	1	2	3	4				FOR	AG			
GIBBS	8	3	7	7	25	11	12	3				
RALPH	4	4	5	2	15	8			1	2	7	
CHIGWIDDEN				3	3	2	2					
BUDARICK	4	1	3	4	12	9	1	1		3	1	
SCHNEEBICHLER	2	2	5	2	11	12	5	1		2	1	2
HODGEMAN	5	6	5		16	7	9	2	1	3		
MARSHALL	4	6	4	5	19	8	10	1	5	1		
A. STRINGER	4	4	3	4	15	11	23	1	1			
SYMONDS	3	6	6	4	19	6	6	1		1		
DONOVAN	1		1	2	4	1	2	2				
SEEBORN	2	3	3	4	12	5	13				2	
GRENVOLD	3	1	2	1	7		10	1	1			
SALISBURY	2	4	2	2	10	3	8	1	1			
WEST	1	1	1	1	2	5	6	5	1	1		
TEMAY	3	3	4	5	15		9	2				
CAREY	4	2	3	2	11	9	11	3	3	1	1	26
MAYNARD			7	6	13	3	4	2	2			
MCDERMOTT	4	3	4	1	12	3	14	3	5	1	1	2
WINTON	2	2		2	6	5	4	2	1	2		
CHRISTIE			2	2	1	5	4	7				11
RUSHED												2
TOTAL	66	53	67	59	235	113	156	20	26	16	17	43

WEST	KICKS				MK	M	H/B	FREES		GLS	BHS	H/O
	1	2	3	4				FOR	AG			
KREUTER	1	1	1	2	5	1	3	2	2			3
GOSS	1	3	1	1	6	4	5	1				1
A. FIELKE	5	3	1	3	12	3	2	1	2	1	1	
MCKINNON	2	5	6	1	14	7	5	1	3	2	1	
SMITH			1	1	1	3	1	7	1			13
O'RILEY	4				5	2	5		1			
SPORN	6	5	1		12	4	4	1		1	2	
G. FIELKE	3	4	5	9	21	6	7	2	2	4	1	
BENNETT	4	3	1		8	3	6		2	1		
HERBERT	4	1	5	4	14	3	8	1	1			
WINTER	1	2	4	2	9	1	5					
LAMB	5	2	3	1	11	1	6	4				
C. FIELKE	2	3	7	12	2	5	1	1			1	
MARSHALL	3	2	1	6	3	5	2				1	
KANTILAFATAS			1		1	2	4					
MALCOLM	2	1			3	4	5	1	1	1	1	17
HARBINSON	6	2	1	9	18	3	4	1			3	
NICHOLLS	3	1	2	4	10	2	6	3			1	
WAKEFIELD			1	1	2	1	2	1	1		1	
WITTWER		2	1	3	6	1	6	2	1			
RUSHED												2
TOTAL	47	41	41	49	178	54	96	26	20	10	18	33