

## KEANE STAVES OFF THE AXE

Try sacking Sturt coach Mervyn Keane now!

By **ASHLEY PORTER**

His team's shock three-point victory over premier North Adelaide yesterday may finally quell the mounting speculation Sturt was about to terminate his appointment.

It is common knowledge a group within the Sturt club would prefer to see Keane replaced as coach. It also has been rumored the club was prepared to take such action mid-

season because of Sturt's disappointing form.

But after this victory over North, Keane must surely be safe until at least the end of the season. Maybe he will now get support, if not silence, from those who have been sharpening their knives.

Sturt's astonishing triumph also has raised queries on whether the premier has lost its touch.

North lost three matches last season and coach Mike Nunan set his players a challenge to better, or at least repeat, the fantastic effort.

Yesterday was loss No 3 this year and followed its alarming three-point escape against West Torrens the previous week.

The scene is now set for North's ultimate test against Glenelg at Football Park this week.

Sturt, which has also beaten Glenelg and South Adelaide this season, is now only one win away from fifth ranked North.

In other news from the seventh series, Norwood's Brenton Klaebe and Woodville's Darren Klemm were reported and Glenelg's Chris Duthy had his collarbone separated from his shoulderblade and will miss about 10 matches.

### Nightmares for Ebert

And if Nunan thought he had problems, the nightmares for Woodville coach Russell Ebert have turned into realities.

Just when Woodville showed signs of recovery last Monday by crushing Sturt, Norwood handed it a humiliating 108-point thrashing.

Woodville, on that effort, should not — and certainly do not deserve to — make the finals.

Port scored an even greater victory — by 127 points — over South at Adelaide Oval.

John Reid was devastated by the loss, claiming it was South's worst effort this season.

"We at least showed some useful signs while we got kicked off in other matches, but this time, well, it was just a disaster," he said.

When asked what he thought of the performance by umpires Michael Abbott and David Trembath, Reid replied: "I was too busy looking at what we were doing wrong."

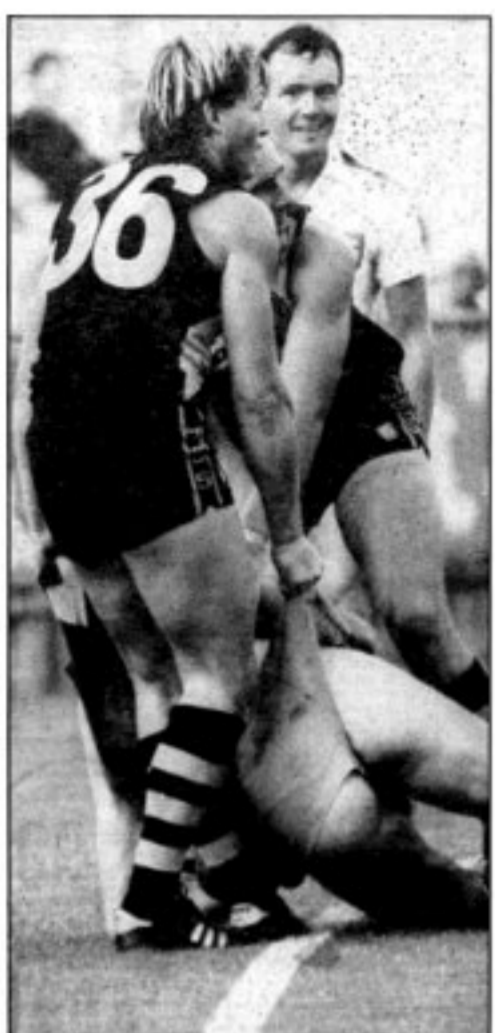
However, Port's runner was seen to chat to the umpires twice during play and it was probably not about the weather.

Duthy's shoulder injury took shine off Glenelg's 73-point victory over West Torrens which has jeopardised its bid to make the final five.

He was in hospital during the second half while his teammates made a remarkable recovery on the field after a slow start. Glenelg also lost Warren Ralph before the match with his knee injury.

Central District battled before outclassing West Adelaide by 49 points at Richmond.

Klaebe was reported by field umpire John Hylton during the third term for allegedly striking Woodville's Richard Champion. Hylton also reported Klemm for allegedly striking Justin Scanlon.



## Oh, what a cheek!

■ **GLENELG'S** Scott Salisbury, never one to shirk an issue, well and truly came to grips with a Torrens player yesterday

In fact, you could say the Eagle had been giving him a fair bit of cheek. Salisbury, teammate Jim West and even the umpire saw the funny side of it

But who was the Torrens player caught in this unfortunate pose? To find out, turn the page and all — well, his name anyway — will be revealed.

● **Picture: KEVIN BULL**

## Maynard mauls while Eagles stare

Football is a 120-minute game, as Glenelg so aptly demonstrated yesterday.

Torrens, which at one stage appeared capable of a win to keep in touch with the five, stopped after 80 minutes of yesterday's clash at Football Park and Glenelg powered to a 73-point victory.

For two and a bit quarters the Eagles' defensive work was solid, the players ran, chased and tackled and kept defensive pressure on their opponents.

At half time they led deservedly by 16 points as Glenelg struggled to get its normal free-running game going.

But at the 19-minute mark of the third quarter, the Eagles suddenly stopped as if the earth had swallowed them up and Glenelg was quick to capitalise.

Players found space, players with the ball had options denied earlier and Torrens found itself chasing jumpers.

Six goals in 10 minutes took the Bays from 23 points down to 28 points up.

The final term provided no comfort. It was a massacre as Glenelg ran, found position, denied Torrens a sniff of the ball and completely dominated the game.

Nine goals to one was not quite a true reflection of the final quarter. Glenelg should have added two or three more goals, so complete was its dominance.

It was a performance which shattered Torrens coach Paul Weston, who said his players had not yet realised they were a good team, certainly better than yesterday's result would indicate.

Chief destroyer for Glenelg was follower Peter Maynard.

A solid enough performer in the first half, he exploded into action late in the third quarter to take the game by the scruff of the neck. His 21 kicks in the final half were all value for money and lifted the players around him.

By **PETER HAYNES**

Tony Symonds on a wing found empty spaces at will, David Marshall continued his solid work of the first half and Alan Stringer hurt Torrens with his disposal.

John Seebomh in defence played in front to shut down his opponents while Geoff Winton, brought on after half time, performed sensationally and will be difficult to leave out again.

Glenelg played without full forward Warren Ralph, who suffered a knee injury at training on Thursday night and rover Kym Hodgeman who had 'flu.

Their replacements were young rover Brett Deane and Mark Donovan.

Deane, playing his first senior match, proved a more than adequate replacement for Hodgeman and was another vital link in the Glenelg performance.

Andrew Payze was probably the Eagles' best, especially in the first half, but he still tends to waste several kicks by kicking them high into the forward lines rather than picking out players ahead of him.

Michael Long showed his class on the firmer ground, while Ian "Scruff" Hanna played perhaps his best game of the season to be a driving force, particularly in the second quarter.

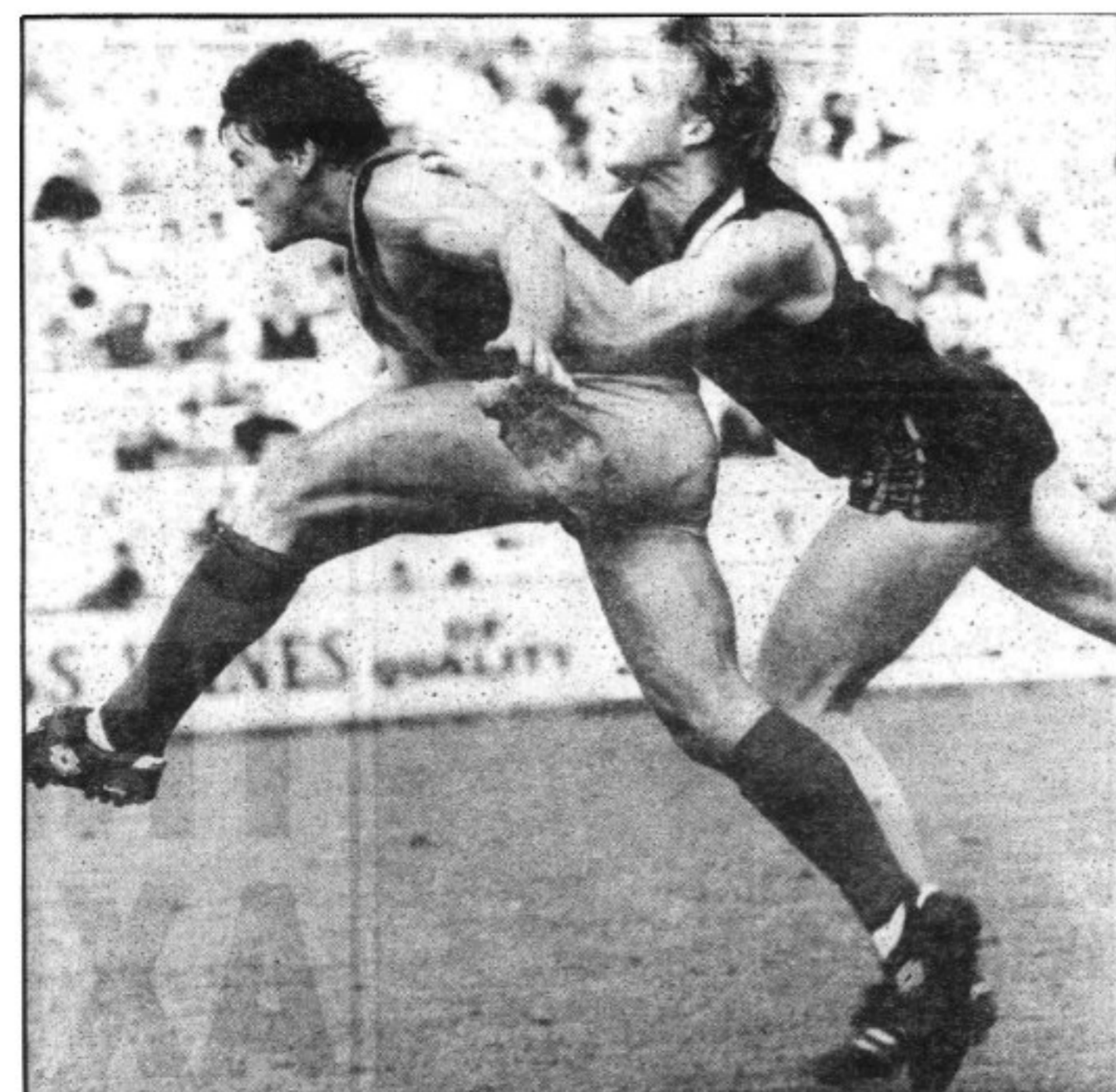
He also was one of the few who continued to perform in the final term.

Bruce Lindsay in defence tried hard, but was overwhelmed.

Torrens showed in the first half it is capable of either a place in the five or being just out of it.

But it will have to play 120 minutes a week to get there.

And some of the players will have to learn to tough it out when the going gets tough, rather than hoisting the white flag up the pole.



West Torrens' Ian Hanna gets his kick away despite a tackle from Tiger Scott Salisbury **Picture: Kevin Bull**

## Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	6	1	882	539	62.07	12
CENTRAL	5	2	861	587	59.46	10
NORWOOD	5	2	837	571	59.45	10
PORT	5	2	784	623	55.72	10
NORTH	4	3	694	554	55.61	8
Sturt	3	4	714	846	45.77	6
Torrens	3	4	587	797	42.41	6
West	2	5	687	861	44.38	4
Woodville	1	6	678	927	42.24	2
South	1	6	518	937	35.60	2

## Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	7	6.4	27.18
R. Mandemaker (Central)	6	2.2	24.8
D. Jackson (South)	6	1.2	20.15
C. Budarick (Glenelg)	7	4.2	19.15
G. Chaplin (Central)	7	6.3	19.12
D. Kickett (Central)	7	5.2	18.14
S. Hodges (Port)	7	8.0	18.11
S. Nichols (Woodville)	5	5.1	18.3
D. Smith (Port)	7	4.0	17.8
G. Goss (West)	7	2.2	16.22
D. Kitschke (Sturt)	7	—	16.6
L. Schache (Sturt)	7	2.1	16.6
D. Jarman (North)	7	5.0	15.5

## Football Park

GLENELG	3.6	6.10	13.13	22.18	(150)
TORRENS	6.3	8.6	10.9	11.11	(77)

**BEST** — GLENELG: Maynard, Marshall, Symonds, Seebomh, A. Stringer, Schneebichler. TORRENS: Payze, Hanna, M. Long, Lindsay, Morphet.

**GOALS** — GLENELG: Schneebichler 5.1, Budarick 4.2, Symonds 3.0, Deane 2.1, Winton 2.1, Chigwidden 1.2, Maynard 1.1, McDermott 1.1, A. Stringer 1.1, Gibbs 1.0, Marshall 1.0, Christie 0.3, rushed 0.5. TORRENS: Payze 4.3, McGrath 2.3, Niemann 1.1, Hanna 1.1, Foote 1.0, Hodson 1.0, Clarke 1.0, M. Long 0.2, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES** — GLENELG: Duthy (shoulder).

**UMPIRES** — Laurie Argent and David Elliott.

## Adelaide Oval

PORT	8.4	12.8	21.11	29.17	(191)
SOUTH	2.3	4.6	6.9	9.10	(64)

**BEST** — PORT: Fiacchi, Abernethy, Obst, Harrison, Hodges, Delaney, Brown, Ginever, D. Smith, S. Williams. South: Bennett, Perks.

**GOALS** — PORT: Hodges 8.0, Williams 4.3, Harrison 4.0, D. Smith 4.0, Abernethy 3.1, Simpson 1.2, Boyd 1.2, Ginever 1.1, R. Smith 1.1, Kerr 1.1, Brown 1.0, Obst 0.1, Foster 0.1, rushed 0.4. SOUTH: Stoeckel 3.1, Jackson 1.3, Campbell 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Hewitt 1.0, Bode 1.0, Tatterson 1.0, Valente 0.1, Aitken 0.1, Schmid 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**UMPIRES** — Michael Abbott and David Trembath.

## Norwood Oval

NORWOOD	2.2	13.4	22.9	28.11	(179)
WOODVILLE	3.2	5.5	7.8	10.11	(71)

**BEST** — NORWOOD: Aish, Anderson, Rowe, Payne, McNeil, Kelly, Scanlon, Francis, Warhurst. WOODVILLE: Nichols, Negri, O'Dwyer.

**GOALS** — NORWOOD: Rowe 5.2, Payne 5.0, Aish 5.0, B. Maynard 4.0, Anderson 3.1, Balme 3.0, Francis 2.5, Hall 1.0, McNeil 0.2. WOODVILLE: Nichols 5.1, Panizza 2.1, Newton 1.2, Templeton 1.1, Jolly 1.1, Champion 0.2, Klug 0.1, Harris 0.1.

**REPORTS** — B. Klaebe (Norwood) by field umpire J. Hylton for allegedly striking R. Champion (Woodville) in the third term. D. Klemm (Woodville) by field umpire J. Hylton for allegedly striking J. Scanlon (Norwood) in the third term.

**UMPIRES** — John Hylton and Colin Ricketts.

## Richmond Oval

CENTRAL	5.2	12.5	18.10	26.12	(168)
WEST	5.4	9.8	15.8	18.11	(119)

**BEST** — CENTRAL: Chaplin, Hocking, Bubner, Lee, Girdham, Mandemaker, Thomas, Graham, Kickett. WEST: Miller, Sporn, Malcolm, Marshall.

**GOALS** — CENTRAL: Chaplin 6.3, Kickett 5.2, Hocking 5.0, Mandemaker 2.2, Bubner, Girdham 2.1, Louder, Roe 1.1, Graham, McAdam 1.0, rushed 0.1. WEST: Miller 4.2, Twomey 4.0, Malcolm 3.1, Goss 2.2, G. Fielke 2.0, Sporn 1.2, A. Fielke, Shaw 1.0, Harbinson, Lamb 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES** — CENTRAL: Hurn (twisted left ankle).

**UMPIRES** — Rick Kinnear and David Weston.

## Prospect Oval

STURT	6.2	8.7	10.7	14.12	(96)
NORTH	1.2	7.6	12.9	13.15	(93)

**BEST** — STURT: Paynter, Poppstone, Ey, Reid, K. Russell, S. Russell, Lennon, Whittlosea. NORTH: Bennett, Sims, A. Jarman, D. Jarman, Redden.

**GOALS** — STURT: Willmott 3.2, Dilena 3.1, Ey, Schache 2.1, K. Russell 2.0, Field 1.2, Poppstone 1.0, Paynter 0.2, S. Russell 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Roberts 6.4, D. Jarman 5.0, Burton 1.2, Wilson 1.0, Klomp 0.2, Tiller, Carlaw, A. Jarman, Smart 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES** — STURT: Schache (concussion), Field (corked thigh).

**UMPIRES** — Ross Campbell and Leslie Harrison.

## Footypunt

Game	Winner	Marg.	TAB No	Div
1	Glenelg	71-80	8	\$8.30
2	Port	91-	20	\$2.25
3	Norwood	91-	10	\$9.80
4	Central	41-50	15	\$5.85
5	Sturt	1-10	11	\$8.15

### FOOTY TREBLE

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Winners: Glenelg, Norwood, Central.

## Reserves

GLENELG	2.2	3.2	9.4	16.7	(103)
TORRENS	1.7	6.8	8.10	10.14	(74)

**BEST** — GLENELG: MacTavish, Bromilow, Masell, Hewett, Giles, Melican. TORRENS: Eichner, Carey, Baker, Livesey, J. Graham, Enright, Hank.

**GOALS** — GLENELG: Mansell 4, Hauth 3, Melican 2, MacTavish 2, Poynter 2, Kruse 1, Hewett 1, Davies 1. TORRENS: Schwartz 3, Laube 1, C. Long 1, Livesey 1, Bull 1, Toohey 1, M. Edmonds 1, T. Edmonds 1.