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By Ashley Porter

While Woodville continued its great recovery with a thrilling four-point win over Norwood, West Torrens was reeling with the news it could lose centre half-forward Laurence Schache for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Adding to the concern, apart from its 61-point loss to Port Adelaide, was the fact ruckman Greg Hodson was reported by three umpires.

But Port paid a price. It suffered injuries and rover Wayne Mahney was reported for allegedly kicking an unnamed Torrens player.

It was a rugged affair, and Port will lose defender Peter Crerar for at least three weeks after he dislocated his left knee cap.

Rover Tim Ginever will miss matches with an ankle injury. Greg Phillips suffered a recurrence of his back injury and is doubtful for Saturday's game against South Adelaide at Alberton, and David Brown suffered concussion.

Torrens also has lost forward Mark Hannam with a right hamstring tear.

Hodson was reported by field umpire Max Cuzzocrea for allegedly striking Port's David Hynes with a forearm, by field umpire Michael Abbott for striking Hynes with a fist, and by boundary umpire Peter Harvey for unduly rough play.

The reports were from the one incident during a melee in the third

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term. Mahney was reported by Abbott for allegedly kicking, just before half-time.

But it was the injury to Schache which really hurt Torrens. A specialist is expected to confirm tomorrow he has suffered damage to his cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Schache now joins his former Sturt teammate Robbie Popplestone who broke down pre-season with a knee injury.

There was also bad news for Central District which beat Sturt by 33 points. Greg Smith, who resumed only three weeks ago because of a hamstring injury, suffered a recurrence and is expected to be sidelined for a few weeks. There are also doubts over Mark Prior with an ankle injury, while Sturt's David Welsby could miss one or two games with a bruised shoulder.

North Adelaide, which trounced West Adelaide by 81 points, suffered further casualties. Craig Burton will miss three games with a hamstring injury while Trevor Clisby damaged muscles in his back.

West half-back Brian Cordy will miss one match with a hamstring strain.

Woodville captain-ruckman Romano Negri, who returned from a hamstring injury, further aggravated the muscle but is expected to play against Torrens at Woodville Oval on Saturday.

Norwood defenders Wayne Tanner (hamstring) and Ivan Muster (calf) are doubtful for the clash with North at the Parade.

Woodville's surprise victory has kept it within percentage of third spot, while Norwood has slumped to seventh, just ahead of Glenelg which struggled to beat South.

Football Park

Table with columns: Woodville, Norwood. Rows show scores.

BEST — WOODVILLE: Panizza, DeBrenni, Harris, Champion, Newton, Lynch. NORWOOD: Thomas, Maynard, Francis, Pyke, Ross, Richardson.

GOALS — WOODVILLE: Panizza 4.1, Harper 3.2, Sewer, Harris 3.1, Lynch 2.1, DeBrenni 2.0, Schwarz 0.2, McDonald, Haylock, Newton 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORWOOD: Warhurst, Visser 3.2, Muster, Pascoe, Maynard 2.1, Francis 2.0, Payne, Hein, Pyke 1.0, Ippindo 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES — Les Harrison, David Trembath.

Adelaide Oval

Table with columns: Glenelg, South. Rows show scores.

BEST — GLENELG: Seebohm, Hodgeman, Donovan, Marshall, Symonds, Melican, Hewett. SOUTH: Butler, Dewhurst, McIntyre, Dillon, Bickley, Whitford.

GOALS — GLENELG: Garton, Hodgeman, Fidge, West 2.1, Hewett 2.0, Mansell, Symonds 1.1, Gibbs, Melican, Chigwidden, Hallahan, Jameson, Salisbury 1.0, Donovan 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Winton, Stoeckel 3.3, Schmid 3.1, Bickley 2.0, Trevana 1.3, Tatterson 1.2, Dewhurst 1.1, Smart 0.2, McIntyre, Mitton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Mansell (slight hamstring strain), off in last quarter.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Graeme Schutz.

Elizabeth Oval

Table with columns: Central, Sturt. Rows show scores.

BEST — CENTRAL: Krieg, Bubner, Girdham, Gilbert McAdam, Mandemaker, Van Dommele, S. Schwerdt, Chaplin. STURT: Paynter, Richter, S. Russell, Whittlesea, Oatey.

GOALS — CENTRAL: Mandemaker 8.5, Gilbert McAdam 4.2, Coffee 2.0, Lally 1.2, Hocking 1.1, Girdham 1.0, Graham 0.1, Chaplin 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Kitzchke 3.2, Oatey 3.1, Willmott 2.1, Paynter 2.1, Radbone 1.1, Argus 1.0, Whittlesea 0.1, S. Russell 0.1, Ey 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Prior (sprained ankle), Smith (pulled hamstring). STURT: Welsby (bruised shoulder).

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent, Colin Ricketts.

Thebarton Oval

Table with columns: Port, Torrens. Rows show scores.

BEST — PORT: S. Williams, Tregenza, R. Smith, Northeast, Delaney, Hynes, Brown. TORRENS: Payze, Clarke, B. Lindsay, Morphett, Schwartz.

GOALS — PORT: Hodges 6.4, S. Williams 6.1, Brown 3.2, Tregenza 2.1, Abernethy 2.0, R. Smith 2.0, D. Smith 1.5, Hutton 1.0, Hynes 0.3, Mahney 0.1, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: C. Lindsay 2.2, M. Hannam 2.1, Schache 2.1, Tohhey 2.0, Morphett 1.2, Graham 1.0, Harper 1.0, Payze 1.0, Smith 1.0, B. Lindsay 1.0, Neave 0.1, Schwartz 0.1, Hodson 0.1, Clarke 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — PORT: Phillips (back), Crerar (knee), Ginever (ankle), Brown (concussion). TORRENS: Schache (knee), Hannam (hamstring).

REPORTS — Mahney (Port) by field umpire Abbott for allegedly kicking an unnamed Torrens player during second quarter. Hodson (Torrens) by field umpires Abbott and Cuzzocrea for allegedly striking Hynes (Port) and by boundary umpire Harvey for allegedly unduly rough play during third quarter.

UMPIRES — Michael Abbott, Max Cuzzocrea.

Prospect Oval

Table with columns: North, West. Rows show scores.

BEST — NORTH: D. Jarman, Trenorden, Redden, Craig, A. Jarman, Hart, Bennett, Smart, Sims. WEST: G. Fielke, Burgess, Lamb, McKinnon.

GOALS — NORTH: Bennett 5.1, D. Jarman, Sims 4.1, A. Jarman 3.0, Tasker 2.2, Hart 2.1, Klomp 2.0, Tiller 1.2, Burton, Redden, Sanders 1.0, Stone 0.1, rushed 0.3. WEST: Wittwer 5.0, James 2.2, Grosser 1.2, G. Fielke 1.1, C. Williams, Bennett, Nicholls, Patterson 1.0, Miller 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — NORTH: Clisby (back), Burton (hamstring). WEST: Cordy (hamstring).

UMPIRES — David Elliott, Neville Thorp.

Crowds

Table with columns: Football Park, Adelaide Oval, Elizabeth, Thebarton, Prospect. Rows show attendance figures.

SA Draw

Round 8 — West Adelaide v. Sturt (Football Park); Glenelg v. Central (Glenelg); Norwood v. North (Norwood); Port v. South (Alberton); Woodville v. Torrens (Woodville).

Bays holler for Marshall

Glenelg torpedoed a brave, persistent South Adelaide with five goals in 13 minutes of the third quarter at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Fourteen minutes into the term, Glenelg's lead was only seven points — 10.4 to 8.9.

Then, with ruckman Chris Melican winning important touches and rover Kym Hodgeman and centreman David Marshall creating havoc, Glenelg suddenly whipped the ball out of the centre square repeatedly to hurry on 5.1 to South's 0.2 for a 36-point lead at three-quarter time.

South had much the better of the last quarter, adding 6.8 to 3.1, but failed eventually by 13 points — the fifth time in seven matches this season it has lost by 30 points or less.

South took some consolation from being good enough to have 33 scoring shots to Glenelg's 26.

There was a time last season when South struggled to aggregate that many shots at goal in three consecutive matches.

So the improvement continues. That elusive, long-awaited victory is coming



— and never mind the cynics who say: "So is Christmas."

Glenelg's 18.8 (116) was its highest score in the first seven series, toppling the modest 13.11 (89) it mustered in losing to West Adelaide by 25 points at the Bay Oval in the third series.

Glenelg had 13 goalscorers, including former Brisbane Bears full forward John Fidge, who kicked 2.1 and had a hand in three other goals in the first half.

The big, burly blond, 23, arrived in Adelaide from Brisbane at 9.25am yesterday and had breakfast at the Glenelg home of Glenelg football director Laurie Rosewarne before going to Adelaide Oval to meet his new teammates for the first time.

Fidge's strength often was obvious as he manoeuvred within and under packs



Butler



Seebohm

to help retain the ball in the Tigers' forward zone.

When he gains the necessary match fitness — he blew out of puff in the second half — his strength and experience (32 senior games with Melbourne and 27 with the Bears) will be invaluable to Glenelg as it strives to recover from its sluggish start to this season.

Drained by injuries, retirements and defections, Glenelg still is only a shadow of the slick, sturdy side of recent seasons.

It clearly lacks the power, precision and depth that coach Graham Cornes marshalled so effectively to lift Glenelg into the past four grand finals.

Experienced players such as half-backs John Seebohm and Mark Donovan, 32-year-old rover Hodgeman and the formidable centre-line trio of Tony Symonds, Marshall and Mark Hewett bore the brunt of responsibility yesterday to ensure Glenelg's third win.

Honest Panthers finished strongly

And Melican, in only his 24th outing, made a significant contribution in ruck, although, for such a big fellow, he is sufficiently mobile and co-ordinated to still do more in field play.

South had a host of honest performers. Defenders Shane Butler, Peter McIntyre, David Kappler and Michael Whitford, centreman Craig Dewhurst, follower Marty Dillon and rover Mark Bickley were among the most prominent.

Beefy, energetic half-forward Geoff Winton relished the opportunity to play against his former club, and booted three goals — one in each of the first three quarters.

That South finished so strongly was testimony to its consistent endeavor, save for that blackout late in the third quarter, and a stern reminder to Glenelg that some tame Tigers, and even some of the untameables, need to put much more spit and polish on their efforts.

South players will rip into their usual 9am training run today, after wining, dining and dancing at their annual ball last night.

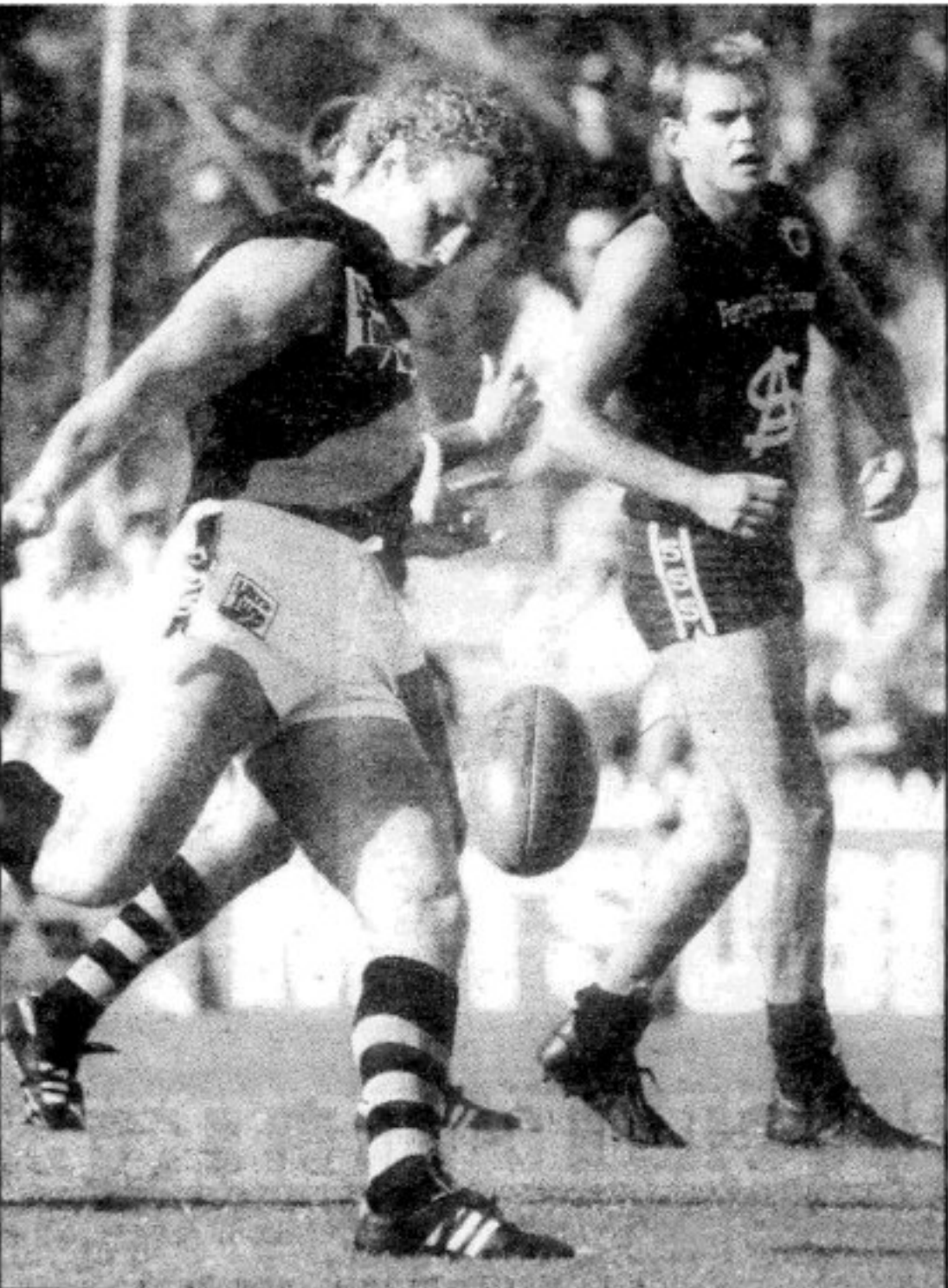
Such stoic commitment to duty deserves success.

Graham Cornes said:

"It was a hard-fought contest... our persistence and efficiency in the third quarter gave us an edge. South will worry a few more teams before the season is out."

John Reid said:

"We had enough of the ball to win. But our finishing off was a bit untidy. We were a dash more honest than Glenelg. We'd like to be rewarded for that honesty."



Glenelg newcomer John Fidge in action. His signing is a big boost for the Bays.

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