

### Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT	17	3	0	2707	1806	59.98	34
GLENELG	16	3	1	2545	1767	59.02	33
NORTH	14	6	0	2202	1594	58.01	28
NORWOOD	12	8	0	2159	1809	54.41	24
SOUTH	9	11	0	1972	2193	47.35	18
West	8	11	1	2001	2316	46.35	17
Central	8	12	0	1998	2211	47.47	16
Woodville	7	13	0	1926	2258	46.03	14
Torrens	6	14	0	1665	2136	43.80	12
Sturt	2	18	0	1577	2662	37.20	4

### Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
S. Hodges (Port)	20	8	127
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	19	13	101
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	14	8	74
D. Jarman (North)	19	3	54
R. Mandemaker (Central)	19	1	52
J. Weeding (Norwood)	16	0	50
C. Lamb (Glenelg)	17	1	46
G. Coffee (Central)	19	4	46
L. Schache (Torrens)	20	5	45
D. Stoeckel (South)	20	0	45
D. Hart (North)	16	0	45

### Football Park

Port	2.2	6.9	11.15	21.24 (150)
Norwood	3.8	4.11	8.13	9.14 (68)

**BEST — PORT:** Wanganeen, Hodges, Abernethy, S. Williams, Ginever, Fiacchi, Harris, Tregenza.  
**NORWOOD:** Aish, Warhurst, Jarman, D'Antiochia, Zimmerman, Scanlon.

**GOALS — PORT:** Hodges 8.7, Wanganeen 4.3, R. Smith 4.1, Tregenza 1.3, D. Smith, Abernethy, Mahney 1.1, Ginever 1.0, Hutton, S. Williams, P. Kemp, Hynes 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORWOOD:** Aish 5.1, Pascoe 1.2, Rowe, A. Jarman, James 1.0, Robran 0.3, Kleebe 0.2, Pittman, D'Antiochia, Visser 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES — NORWOOD:** Zimmerman (knee).

**REPORTS —** David Brown (Port) by field umpire David Weston and boundary umpire Randall Sheppard for allegedly striking Matthew Robran (Norwood) in the third term.

**UMPIRES —** Laurie Argent, David Weston.

### Glenelg Oval

Glenelg	8.4	13.5	21.10	31.14 (200)
Sturt	1.4	6.8	6.12	8.13 (61)

**BEST — GLENELG:** Fidge, Deane, Marshall, Battiston, Lamb, Jameson, Murphy. **STURT:** Turner, Johns, Veale, Russell, Lienert.

**GOALS — GLENELG:** Fidge 8.4, Mansell 7.0, Marshall 4.0, Hallahan, Salisbury 2.0, Deane 1.3, Gibbs 1.2, Battiston, Murphy, Lamb 1.1, Seeborn, McDermott, Hodgeman 1.0, Jameson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Turner 2.2, Field 2.1, Johns 1.1, Williams, Veale, Whittlesea 1.0, Bastian, Wallensky, Russell, Bourke 0.1, rushed 0.5.

**UMPIRES —** Michael Abbott, Jeff Jeanes.

### Richmond Oval

South	4.5	7.8	11.12	20.17 (137)
West	0.7	2.10	7.15	11.17 (83)

**BEST — SOUTH:** Bennett, Trevena, Kappler, Battams, Page, Hewitt, Smart, Schmid, Heath, McIntyre. **WEST:** Mellor, Ravesi.

**GOALS — SOUTH:** McIntyre 5.2, Page 4.1, Bickley, Battams 2.1, Dewhurst 2.0, Kappler, G. Winton 1.1, Bennett, Heath, Grummet 1.0, Hewitt, Stoeckel 0.3, Trevena 0.2, Quinn 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Mellor 5.2, Byrne, A. Fielke 1.2, G. Fielke, Grosser, Banfield 1.1, Winter 1.0, B. Winton, Nicholls, Fitzsimmons, Patterson 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear, Mark Mackie.

### Prospect Oval

North	5.4	8.7	12.13	20.16 (136)
Central	5.3	8.9	11.12	12.19 (91)

**BEST — NORTH:** Parsons, Craig, Klomp, Tasker, Clisby, Redden, Sanders. **CENTRAL:** McAdam, Schwerdt, Haraida, Hocking, Lee.

**GOALS — NORTH:** Parsons 5.2, Jarman 3.3, Burton 3.2, Vanzetta 2.2, Craig 2.0, Sims 1.2, Redden, Sanders, Klomp, Mjaskala 1.0, Perkins 0.1, rushed 0.4. **CENTRAL:** Coffee 4.2, Ingerson 2.1, Lynn 2.0, Mandemaker 1.5, Hocking 1.2, Handley 1.1, Schwerdt 1.0, Chaplin 0.2, Smith, McAdam, McGoran 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES — CENTRAL:** Hocking (ankle), Louder (thigh).

**UMPIRES —** David Elliott, Rick Williams.

# Tigers clean up Sturt with ease

It was a Sturtside at its lowest ebb that yesterday ended a horror season with a 139-point thumping at the hands of Glenelg.

The game at Brighton Rd ended just the way the pundits expected, with a star-studded Glenelg line-up beating Sturt in workman-like fashion in Sturt's last league game for 1990.

For Sturt, the 1990 season and the party are over and all that remains is a hang-over — a hang-over that needs to be cured before the men in the two blues hit the training track in the first week of October.

Meanwhile, Glenelg, while denied the title of minor premier, moves on to play North Adelaide in Saturday's qualifying final.

Yesterday belonged to Glenelg and its adoring supporters who lapped up every minute of a performance which saw John Fidge (8.4), Darren Mansell (7.0) and David Marshall (4.0) collect a swag of goals as they virtually booted Sturt into submission.

And such was the calibre of the opposition that coach Graham Cornes was afforded the luxury of further resting Chris Melican, who is already recovered from a slight ankle injury, in preparation for the finals.

The day provided some special moments for Glenelg fans who saw Fidge at close to his best in the air, Kym Hodgeman play his 344th game and defender Ross Gibbs boot his long-awaited 100th goal for the club.

By the final quarter, Fidge had moved up a gear and began to display the full range of his match-winning skills while the strain of Sturt backman Simon Sutterby's frustration began to show.

The Tigers spent much of the final term toying Sturt with some short-pass and goal-kicking practice within 40m of goal while Sturt players stood by and watched on helplessly with hands on hips.

### COACHES

**RUSSELL** (Woodville): "With all the emotion during the week, it was like a real finals game and I thought our players handled it very well. We played most of the big games pretty well this year but let ourselves down in too many others."

**EBERT** (Torrens): "We gave them too much of a start. They played better than us, with more players clearly winning their position."

**MIKE NUNAN** (North): "We made some bad mistakes early. They could have resulted from a let-down after last week's crucial game but in the end today quality showed."

**NEIL KERLEY** (Central): "North used the ball better in the last quarter. We had our chances but they had a few who worked harder when it counted."

**JOHN CAHILL** (Port): "We had more to gain than Norwood. I was hoping that if we continued to apply pressure, something would give and that's what happened in the end."

**GRAHAM CORNES** (Glenelg): "It was one of those really nice days in the history of Glenelg Football Club, but in the end it amounted to nothing."

**JOHN REID** (South): "I thought it was a terrific team performance. We worked pretty hard all day. We used the ball a lot better."

### Adelaide Oval

Woodville	5.4	14.5	18.6	24.10 (154)
Torrens	4.7	6.12	11.18	15.19 (109)

**BEST — WOODVILLE:** Sewer, Jakovich, Klemm, Negri, Klug, Champion, Haylock. **TORRENS:** Popplestone, Somerville, Payze, Geyer, Schache, Weidemann, Lindsay.

**GOALS — WOODVILLE:** Jakovich 13.3, Klug 2.2, Klemm 2.1, O'Dwyer, Gerke 1.1, Haylock, Sewer, Lunn, Dettmann, Schwarz 1.0, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Schache 5.3, Somerville 3.2, Morphett, Lindsay 1.2, Spehr, Popplestone, Neave 1.1, Geyer, Hanna 1.0, Payze 0.2, Nelson, Robson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**REPORT — TORRENS:** Wayne Weidemann by field umpire Les Harrison for allegedly striking Darren Klemm during the third term.

**UMPIRES —** Les Harrison, Steve Semmler.

### Crowds

Football Park	22,217
Adelaide	7770
Glenelg	4776
Richmond	5286
Prospect	4922
Total	44,971

### SA Draw

**Saturday — Qualifying final:** Glenelg v. North Adelaide (Football Park).  
**Sunday — Elimination final:** Norwood v. South Adelaide (Football Park).

## Ours is not to reason why ...

COMMENT: By ALAN SHIELL

Magarey Medal voting from at least three Glenelg matches this season underlines the problems league clubs often have in trying to come to terms with umpires' assessments of their players.

And it raises the old chestnut about whether umpires have enough to worry about without having to try to decide on the best three players immediately after a game.

In no way is this intended as a reflection on Port Adelaide full forward Scott Hodges's right to the 1990 medal.

He is, of course, the most deserving of winners — and has 127 goals to prove it. And the system of umpires casting votes and finishing with the most deserving winner has stood the test of time for the majority, but not all, of the medal's 85 seasons.

The tight finish to Monday night's count has triggered more than the usual hard-luck stories.

Hodges won with 16 votes, followed by four players with 15 — Central District's Scott Lee and Eddie Hocking, Glenelg's David Marshall and Port's Simon Tregenza; three with 14 — Norwood's Matthew Robran, Glenelg's Chris McDermott and South Adelaide's Nigel Smart; and two with 13 — South's Michael Bennett and North Adelaide's Darren Jarman.

For the second successive season, the SANFL opted to release the voting round-by-round for the 20 rounds.

So the umpires' votes can be put under the microscope again.

Let's try it with some of the votes gained or not gained by Marshall and McDermott, keeping in mind that other clubs' players could be used as similar examples.

In the fifth series this season, Glenelg staged a miraculous fightback to beat Woodville by a point at Woodville Oval.

Rick Kinnear and Richard Williams were the umpires.

Their medal votes were: 3 — Des O'Dwyer, 2 — Richard Champion, 1 — McDermott.

Woodville full back O'Dwyer's statistics were three kicks, no marks and three handpasses.

His opponent, John Fidge, kicked five of Glenelg's 19 goals.

McDermott's stats were 19 kicks, six marks, 24 handpasses.

In The Advertiser Trophy for the Merv Agars Medal, Geoff Kingston gave McDermott three votes as best-afield, and named O'Dwyer as Woodville's seventh-best player.

Kingston wrote: "... it was McDermott who did the damage for most of the match. The champion Glenelg centreman-follower was inspirational for three quarters, but never more than in the white-hot heat of battle in the last quarter when his ability to get the ball and use it with split-second timing was astonishing."

If the umpires had agreed with Kingston, McDermott would have tied with Hodges for the Magarey Medal.

Glenelg defeated South by 120 points at Glenelg Oval in the fourth series.

Umpires Laurie Argent and Graham Hill gave South's Smart three votes and Glenelg's Fidge (nine goals) and Tony Symonds two and one respectively.

McDermott had 33 disposals (12 kicks, 21 handpasses) and Ashley Porter gave him three votes in The Advertiser Trophy, just as Glenelg's selectors named McDermott as their best player.

Porter gave Smart two votes. Last Saturday, when Glenelg bombed Sturt by 139 points, umpires Michael Abbott and Jeff Jeanes gave their medal votes to three Tigers — Brett Deane, Marshall and McDermott, in that order.

Deane, who had 14 kicks and nine handpasses, was named as Glenelg's eighth-best player by the club's selectors, who rated Marshall as second-best — behind Gary Christie.

And so, while other clubs' supporters have similar grievances with umpires' votes, the fishermen at the Bay last night were telling tales about the two that got away — McDermott and Marshall. So near, yet so far from a permanent place in history ...



# Farewell Hodgey: Long live No. 24

By LEO SCHLINK

Long convinced there were only two certainties in life — taxes and death — Kym Hodgeman has spent the past three months contemplating an equally unpalatable fact.

Twelve weeks after competing for the last occasion at what passed as the height of his considerable twilight powers, Hodgeman accepted his distinguished football career was on an irretrievably downward plane.

Dragged down by the blight of injury — a slipped disc in his back that had the capacity to create an inordinate level of pain — Hodgeman, 34, will unlace the Tiger guernsey for the final time this afternoon and bequeath the familiar No. 24 to a suitable predecessor.

It will, however, be with a sense of relief bordering on elation, rather than sadness that Hodgeman takes his leave.

It has taken 344 league games — 243 with Glenelg, 91 with North Melbourne and nine for South Australia — since 1974 to convince Hodgeman his feet are no longer capable of dancing to the tunes orchestrated in a razor sharp football brain.

Retirement, after a truly splendid career that is appropriately decorated with the 1978 Magarey Medal, the 1974 reserves Magarey Medal and four club best-and-fairest trophies, is no longer repugnant for one of the most energetic, certainly greatest, rovers in Tiger history.

Injury has demanded a passive role of Hodgeman that he initially struggled to embrace less than six months, tragically, after winning his third best-and-fairest award at Glenelg.

More tellingly, the desire to continue has waned recently despite a restoration to something approaching health, if not fitness.

"Basically, it (retirement) has been coming for a long time," Hodgeman said. "Obviously, I thought I could have played the year when I first started, but with the injury I had, I couldn't come back and I suppose during the last four weeks, the enthusiasm hasn't been there to come back again."

If there is one positive aspect of impending retirement, Hodgeman finds it in the prospect of treading the trusted, well worn confines of Glenelg Oval, which will play host, in order, to Hodgeman, Glenelg and Sturt today.

"I'm very honored that the club would allow me to play with the finals coming up," said Hodgeman. "This is the last game I'm going to play. I started my career in '74 and played my first game at Glenelg Oval (against North Adelaide) and it's just nice to play my last game at Glenelg Oval."

"Obviously, I feel pretty humble about it. It's not everyday a club would allow you to play when you've got finals coming up. In my first game, I came off the bench at the 25-minute mark of the last quarter."

"I was a reserve in my first game and I'm going to be a reserve in my last."

For those expecting Hodgeman to exit for with a whimper rather than a bang, the roving maestro is typically mischievous, hinting more at a fringe dwelling approach than full-blooded ankle-level assaults.

"I'm still in pretty good shape, but the fitness won't be there to play a full game," Hodgeman said. "Instead of going in and getting the hard ball, I

might be yelling a bit more 'give me the ball!'"

Described as "exceptionally loyal" by urbane Tiger football director Laurie Rosewarne, a former team-mate, Hodgeman's profile might soon be revive his profile in the coaching sphere.

Hodgeman has retained notes on all the coaches he has played under and, as a consequence, has a plethora of material from which to draw.

"There are too many players like myself who drift away from the game. I have it in the back of my mind that I would like to coach," he said.

"I've had quite a few (coaches). I started with Neil Kerley, I had John Halbert and I had 'Big Nick' (John Nicholls) had before I went to Melbourne (in 1980).

"Obviously, Neil Kerley had the biggest influence on me as a junior. I think everyone knows the respect I have for the man. When I went to Melbourne, Malcolm Blight was my first coach, he coached me for about six months and had an enormous impact on me."

"Then I had Barry Cable and I learnt a lot from him as a rover. He was a tremendous player and I got a lot from him as well, then there was the legendary John Kennedy."

"I've just been so fortunate to have played under so many coaches and then I came back to Glenelg (in 1986) and had Graham Cornes, who I played with and didn't know how to take as a coach, but he's the only coach that I've played under in a winning grand final."

But it was during five seasons at North Melbourne that Hodgeman came to respect and admire the unrelenting brilliance of Blight, whom he assessed as "for sheer skill, pound for pound, was the best footballer I saw."

After idolising Rex Voigt during his footballing infancy, Hodgeman came to appreciate champion ruckman Peter Carey — "pound for pound, the best in Adelaide" — and Sturt great Rick Davies, who was prone to "give you a belt as soon as look at you."

It was also with the Kangaroos, in 1984, that Hodgeman overcame a constant round injuries to win the club's best-and-fairest, six years after the second of his three trophies at Glenelg, in a line-up that included the fabulous Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil.

There was an 11-season hiatus between best-and-fairest awards at the Bay for Hodgeman, whose resilience and an unsurpassed ability to use the ball with flair and consequence made the then 33-year-old the best rover in the South Australian National Football League competition in 1989.

Rosewarne described Hodgeman's last full season of football as "sensational, a true reflection of his ability."

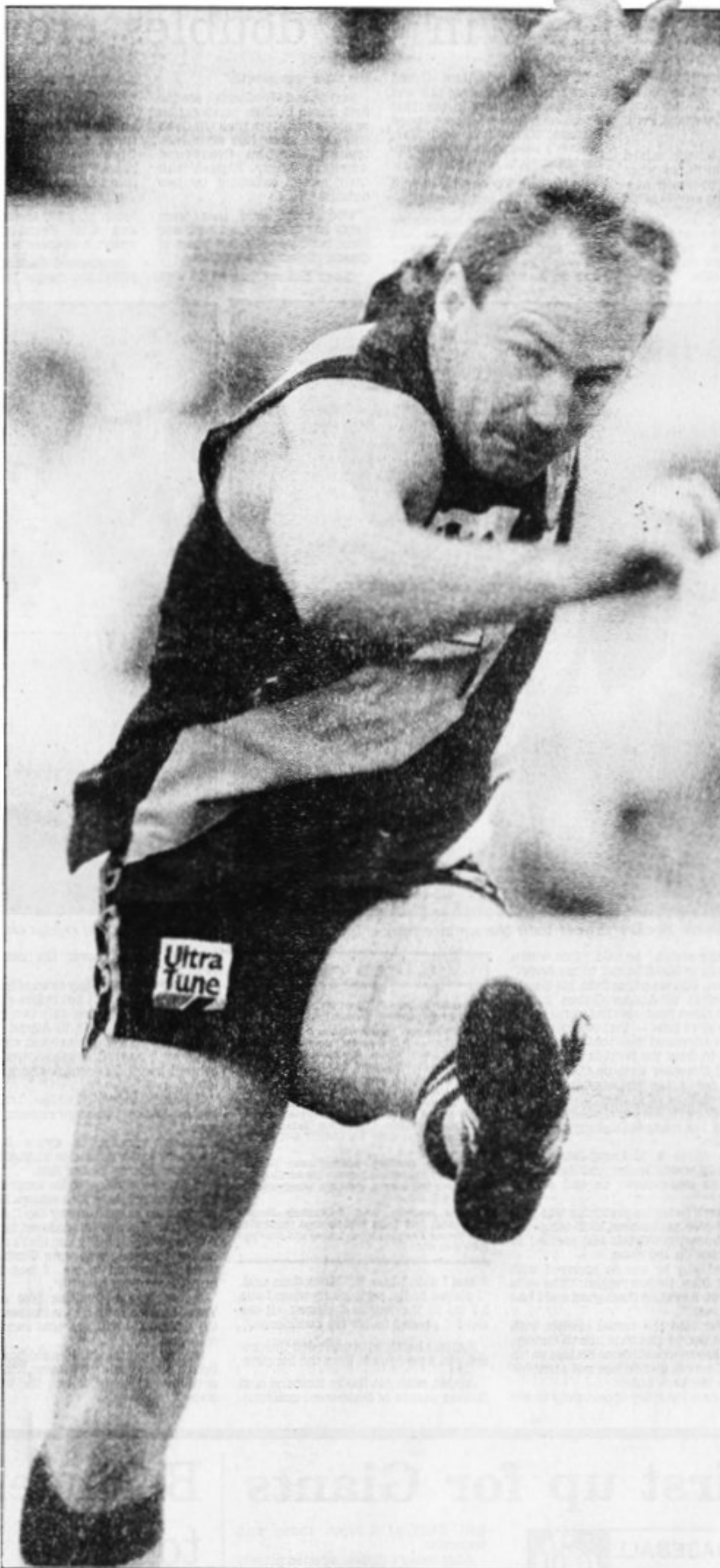
Diplomatic and obliging, Rosewarne yesterday nevertheless verified a story concerning Hodgeman and Fred Phillis that was regarded as apocryphal because of its David and Goliath nature.

"He (Hodgeman) was a cheeky little bastard in his early days," Rosewarne said. "He was always jumping over Fred and taking marks. Fred used to say 'get out of it, you little prick'."

"But 'Hodgy' would keep on doing it."

As of 4.45pm today, 'Hodgy' won't be doing it any longer, more's the pity, but he will depart exalted and revered. "I'm reluctant to play, but the players are quite happy for me to do it," he confided. "But if you look at football as 100 percent of your time, then 70 percent of it is hard work and 30 percent of it is enjoyment."

"So I really want to enjoy this part of it. I'm going out to enjoy it tomorrow."



Tiger champion Kym Hodgeman will play his last game against Sturt at the Bay today.