

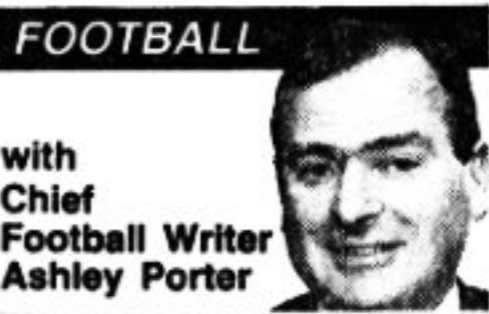
Fidge sinks Magpies

Glenelg	4.2	10.6	13.7	17.13	(115)
Port	2.3	4.6	8.11	13.11	(89)

SCORERS — Glenelg: Fidge 8.3, Marshall 3.0, Mansell 2.3, Jameson 2.0, Rouvray, McDermott 1.0, Liptak 0.4, Bartlett 0.1, rushed 0.2. **Port:** S. Williams 5.1, Wanganeen, Hodges 2.1, Settre 1.2, Stringer, Hutton 1.1, Brown 1.0, R. Smith, Abernethy, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST — Glenelg: Marshall, Fidge, Elias, Bartlett, Liptak, Thompson, McDermott. **Port:** Abernethy, S. Williams, Tregenza, Northeast, Fiacchi.

Umpires: David Elliott, Steve Semmler.



FOOTBALL

with
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The results were quick. Port hauled itself back into the game to get within 17 points at the 14-minute mark.

The Magpies seemed to be on a roll. But, suddenly, the wheels buckled on the machine.

They kicked four consecutive behinds, including one from centre half-back Greg Phillips, who attacked from the backlines and hit the post.

However, there was still a big chance Port, which had gazed at defeat at half-time, would snare victory.

But the hero of the night, Fidge, emerged from the crisp, floodlit air and seized control of the game.

He had already kicked five goals. With a lightning handball, he found David Marshall, who kicked a crucial goal at the 27-minute mark.

And seconds before the siren, Fidge plucked another gem for another goal.

The solid work dented Port's hopes. After fighting to reduce the deficit to 13 points, Glenelg suddenly led by 26 at three-quarter time.

If those goals didn't inflict pain on Port, those from Rod Jameson and Fidge (yet again) in the opening minutes of the final quarter certainly did.

Port never stopped trying and earned respect for its tenacity, especially Stephen Williams, who was valliant.

But the damage, caused late in the second term and at the beginning of the last, was too much for even the premiership side to overcome.

Port did not play as well as it did against Norwood last Wednesday. The skills level was slightly down.

But the major reason for this was the pressure Glenelg applied from the opening bounce.

Adding credence to this magnificent Glenelg triumph was the fact its youngsters stood up to the fierceness Port applied in the third term.

There were glimpses of panic among the Tigers at that stage but, overall, they were good enough to ride the bumps. The match was hailed as a battle for top spot between two strong sides and, as a contest, it was a fine example of South Australian league football.

It also was to be a shooting battle between the league's leading full forwards, Fidge and Hodges.

But it proved a one-sided affair as Hodges rarely was allowed to get near the ball, not only because of outstanding defensive efforts by Craig Elias, but also because Port did not deliver the ball to him as well as Glenelg steered the ball towards Fidge.

Hodges finished with only two goals, both scored in the last term when the match was all but lost.

Glenelg's defence was like a brick wall. Time and again it repelled Port's attacks, adding pressure on the Port defence to sustain its effort.

Phillips had a tardy first half but played a key role in Port's third-term revival.

Glenelg had many fine players on the night apart from Fidge and Elias.

Allan Bartlett was a tower of strength at centre half-forward, smaller players Chris McDermott, Peter Maynard and Matthew Liptak were damaging, while the entire defence was impressive.

Marshall played a fine game at centre, even though his early opponent, Williams, was one of Port's best, kicking four of his five goals in the second half.

Abernethy gave a top effort at half-back and in the centre, but, unfortunately for Port, not enough of his teammates were consistent throughout the game.



EIGHT GOALS FOR No. 8... Glenelg spearhead John Fidge and Port's Geoff Phelps fly high for a mark in the game at Football Park last night. Pictures: NEON MARTIN

LAST NIGHT'S FOOTBALL STATISTICS

GLENELG	KICKS					M	R/B	FREES		BLS	BBS	R/O
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL			FOR	AG			
LIPTAK	4	5	7	7	23	4	13	2	4			
FIDGE	2	4	3	3	12	6	4	2	8	3		
HODGEMAN	2	4	1	1	8	1	4	1	1			
ROUVRAY	1	4			5	1	3	1	1			
BARTLETT	9	3	1	2	15	7	5	4	5	1	8	
MANSSELL	2	3		7	12	2	7	1	1	2	3	1
SYMONDS	1	3	2	1	7	1	6	2	1			
MARSHALL	9	3	3	3	18	8	9	3	3			
JAMESON	3	2	2	5	12	5	7	1	1	2		
BOW	3	3	4	1	11	2	14	1	1			
SEEROHM	7	1	3	2	13	2	4		2			
THOMPSON	2	6	3	2	13	3	5	2	1			
GIBBS	2	4	5	3	14	3	6		2			
ELIAS	2	2	3	7	14	4	14	4				
BROMILOW	2	4	2	4	12	3	7	2	2			
MELICAN	1		3	4	8	2	6	2	1		23	
MAYNARD	4	3	5	3	15	3	7	1	1			
MCDERMOTT	3	7	5	1	16	6	15	3		1		
CHRISTIE	4	1	3	8	16	2	1		1			19
CHIGWIDEN					2	2	1	9				
TOTAL	59	65	53	50	226	70	147	25	27	17	13	51

PORT	KICKS					M	R/B	FREES		BLS	BBS	R/O
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL			FOR	AG			
WANGANEEN	1	1	6	2	10	2	5	4	1	2	1	
HODGES		3	1	3	7	3	1	3	2	1	1	
SETTRE	4	5	2	1	12	3	5	2	1	2		
McKAY	1		2	3	6	1	4					1
STRINGER	2	2			4	2	1	1	1	1	1	6
SMITH R.	3	5	2	1	11	2	9	1				1
HUTTON	1	2	4	2	9	4	4		1	1	1	
WILLIAMS S.	5	3	6	7	21	8	2	3	4	5	1	
TREGENZA	4		3	4	11	4	9	2	1			
ABERNETHY	8	6	5	6	25	5	2	1	1		1	1
PHILLIPS	1	3	6	1	11	5	8		1		1	
NORTHEAST	3	5	2	5	15	3	6	1	2			
FIACCHI	4	4	2	4	14	4	7	1	1			
PHELPS	2	3	1		6	3	2	2				
RIZONICO	3		1	3	7	3	4		2			
HYNES	2	2	3		7	5	8		1			16
BORLASE	4	3	3	3	13	4	4	2	1			
BROWN	2	1	6		9	1	11	3	3	1		
FOSTER			3	2	5		5	1				
WILLIAMS P.			2	1	3	2	4					1
TOTAL	49	49	58	47	203	64	102	27	25	13	11	26

Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	P.c.	Pts
Glenelg	3	-	355	224	61.31	6
Port	2	1	384	272	58.53	4
North	2	1	288	232	55.38	4
Torrens	2	1	258	250	50.78	4
Woodville	2	1	270	279	49.18	4
West	2	1	283	346	44.99	4
Norwood	1	2	309	307	50.16	2
South	1	2	280	287	49.38	2
Sturt	-	3	254	353	41.85	-
Central	-	3	231	362	38.95	-

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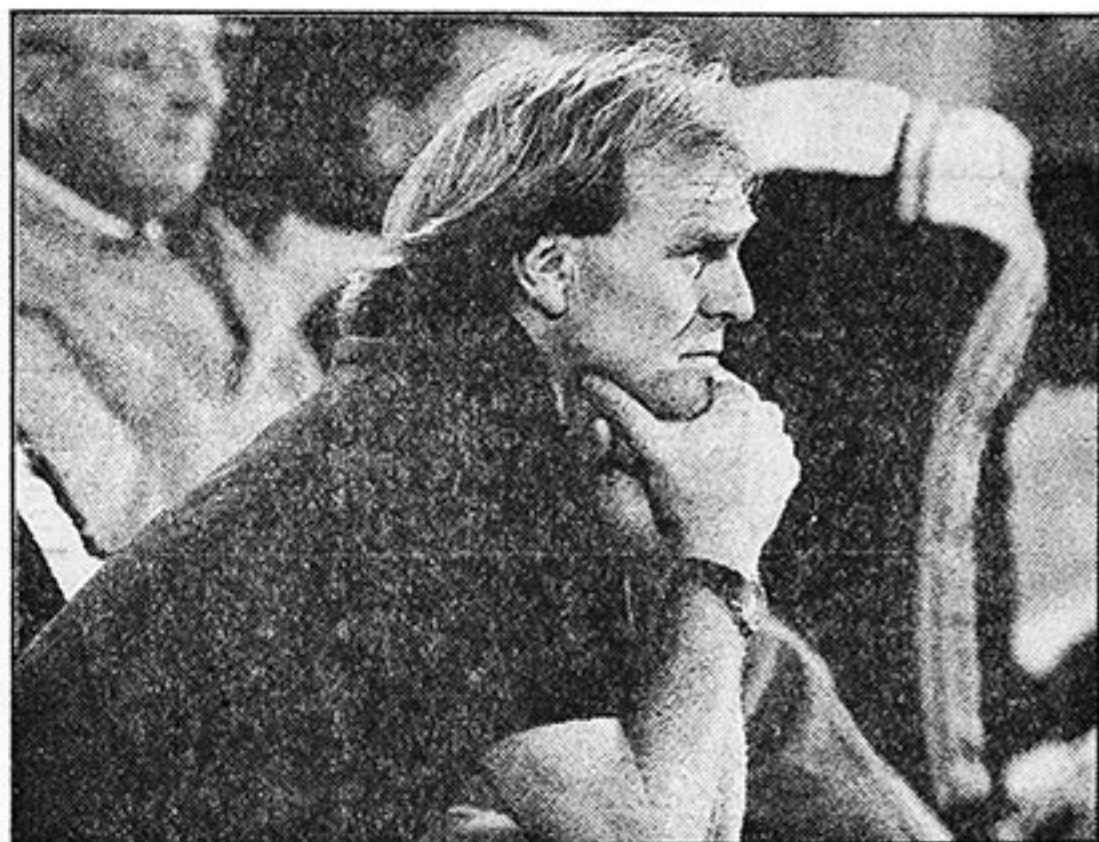
	Series 3	Total
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	8	25
S. Hodges (Port)	2	18
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	6	12
D. Niemann (Torrens)	2	9
D. Stoeckel (South)	2	9

Glenelg steamrolled Port in the reserves curtain-raiser.

GLENELG	5.4	8.8	13.12	18.19	(127)
PORT	1.4	3.8	5.11	6.13	(49)

GOALS — Glenelg: Murphy 6, Barton 4, Thornborrow, Hocking, Deane 2, Hallahan, Cunningham. **Port:** Tylor 3, Niesen 2, Chalmers.

BEST — Glenelg: Barton, Deane, Murphy, Hallahan, McCully, Cameron, Smith. **Port:** Burton, Wade, Belton, Kerrison, Mead.



A pensive but obviously pleased Graham Cornes last night.