

'Bones' leads great escape

What the coaches said:

□ **GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg):** "Sometimes there is no justice in football. Woodville certainly did well enough to win, but I felt we were starting to claw our way back into the game in the third quarter."

□ **RUSSELL EBERT (Woodville):** "I have never seen a side with so much experience in it willing to give a game away."



Courageous Glenelg captain Chris McDermott is a Rembrandt in football boots — an artist excelling at his chosen craft.

His accomplishments are not built on speed, size or brawn because other players are faster, bigger and stronger.

Instead he thrives from a sort of sixth sense about the game, an innate ability to know where to be, when to be there and what to do when he gets there.

Simply, he makes everyone around him better.

More than any, McDermott was the man responsible for a tenacious Glenelg snatching a thrilling one-point victory over Woodville in an extraordinary battle at Woodville Oval yesterday — 19.13 to 19.12.

Playing his 250th league game for the Tigers, "Bones" was simply irresistible, battling valiantly against enormous odds and inspiring his teammates as the boys from the Bay staged the fightback of the season to maintain their unbeaten run.

Down by 40 points five minutes into the last term, Glenelg stormed home with a 7.8 final quarter burst to leave a grim Warrior combination bitter and shaking their heads in disbelief.

As Tiger coach Graham Cornes remarked after proceedings, there is no justice in football.

Certainly, all those from Brighton Road can count themselves lucky to snare the two premierships points because of a disputed goal in the final few minutes of the contest.

Officials from both the Glenelg and Woodville camps admitted after the game Warrior that wingman Darren DeBrenni had kicked a goal at the 27-minute mark, although a point was registered by the goal umpire.

But that, sadly, is football.

In the dying seconds it was veteran rover Kym Hodgeman who took a giant-size leap into the spotlight with a magnificent 45m bomb to give Glenelg victory.

That apart, Woodville mentor Russell

Ebert will no doubt be engaging in some deep soul-searching this week in a bid to try and work out just what went wrong.

Woodville, as we know, is as predictable as the weather.

It has largely carried uncomplimentary tags for as long as most people can remember.

Thankfully, things have taken on a far different appearance at Oval Avenue this winter.

It has made superb progress with, firstly, a commendable Foundation Cup campaign and then victories over South Adelaide, West Adelaide and Central District.

But when the chips were down late into the game yesterday, it had no one who could offer the kiss of life when the side most needed resuscitation.

The flood gates opened and there was simply no closing them.

Woodville panicked, the goals came in a rush, and often ridiculously easy, for the Tigers.

The next few weeks may well shape Woodville's destiny in 1990.

It comes up against North Adelaide and Port Adelaide, testing games against two more of the SANFL's heavyweights.

For its part, Glenelg is confirming what all sides feared over summer — the Tigers will be right in the firing line this year.

McDermott was brilliant, finishing with 19 kicks and 24 handballs and continually setting his side in motion.

Matthew Liptak, especially early, continued his good form as a rover, while Lynden Bow and Robbie Thompson were good defenders.

For Woodville, Richard Champion played solidly at centre-half-back, Darren Klemm was busy around the ground, Allen Jakovich finished with 7.6 while Phil Harper grabbed five goals.

To sum up, Glenelg keeps on keeping on. And yes, while it's far too premature to be thinking Woodville will be there come September, the signs are there.



Angry Ebert: Finals OR bust

By Peter Prime

Woodville coach Russell Ebert has warned he may stand down at the end of the season if his Warriors do not make the finals.

He was speaking before yesterday's fateful clash with Glenelg, which the Tigers won by a solitary point after trailing by 40 points, five minutes into the final quarter.

Ebert said 1990 was a make or break year for both himself and the club.

"It's true," he told 5DN's Ken Cunningham.

"I've been around. I've been coaching for a while.

"I've come to a new club. I've had two years, this is my third year and the juniors have come through.

"If I'm not successful then I've got to look at myself and the committee has to look at itself."

Ebert's contract with the club expires at the end of the season.

The Warriors had enjoyed a good start to the season, reaching the Foundation Cup final and winning three out of its first four games.

Ebert's plans however came terribly unstuck yesterday. The Warriors looked set to stamp their authority on the competition, having trounced the Bays for much of the game, only to lose in the dying minutes after a tremendous come-back by Glenelg and a doubtful goal umpiring decision.

Certainly, Woodville can count itself unlucky to lose — Tiger coach Graham Cornes and several Glenelg officials admitted as much after proceedings.

A clear goal by Woodville wingman Darren DeBrenni in the dying minutes of the final term was deemed a point by the goal umpire.

With only seconds remaining, Glenelg's veteran rover was awarded a free kick and nonchalantly booted a 45-metre goal to give his side victory.

Ladder

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
GLENELG	5	0	675	423	61.48	10
PORT	4	1	624	451	58.05	8
NORTH	3	2	502	425	54.21	6
WOODVILLE	3	2	541	480	52.99	6
TORRENS	3	2	463	448	50.82	6
South	2	3	506	541	48.43	4
West	2	3	428	622	40.76	4
Norwood*	1	3	381	469	44.82	2
Central	1	4	454	589	43.53	2
Sturt*	0	4	333	462	41.89	0

* To play

Goalkeepers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Fidge (Glenelg)	5	5	39
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	5	7	27
S. Hodges (Port)	5	1	27
D. Stoeckel (South)	5	4	21
R. Mandemaker (Central)	5	2	14
D. Niemann (Torrens)	5	4	13
S. Schmid (South)	5	7	12
I. Muster (Norwood)*	4	0	12
L. Schache (Torrens)	5	3	11
G. Wanganen (Port)*	4	5	11

* To play.

Woodville Oval

Glenelg	6.1	8.1	12.5	19.13 (127)
Woodville	4.4	12.6	17.8	19.12 (126)

BEST — GLENELG: McDermott, Liptak, Bow, Thompson, Gibbs, Symonds, Bromilow. **WOODVILLE:** Champion, Klemm, Jakovich, Harper, Martin, Schwarz, DeBrenni.

GOALS — GLENELG: Fidge 5.0, Symonds 3.3, Liptak 3.1, Hodgeman 3.1, Bartlett 2.1, Chigwidden 2.1, McDermott 1.0, Gibbs 0.1, Jameson 0.1, rushed 0.4. **WOODVILLE:** Jakovich 7.6, Harper 5.0, DeBrenni 3.1, Martin 1.1, Cox 1.1, Fuller 1.0, Williams 1.0, Klemm 0.2, rushed 0.1.

REPORTS — P Maynard (Glenelg) by field umpire Richard Williams, boundary umpire Terry Barry and goal umpire Jack Thompson for allegedly head-butting Phil Harper (Woodville) in the third quarter.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear and Richard Williams.

Football Park

North	3.3	5.12	11.15	18.22 (130)
West	3.3	7.6	9.7	10.11 (71)

BEST — NORTH: Hart, Sims, Redden, Klomp, Bennett, Tasker, Simmons, Saliba. **WEST:** G. Fielke, Grosser, McKinnon, Patterson.

GOALS — NORTH: Burton 3.5, Sims 3.2, Lehmann 2.4, Saliba 2.1, Blair 2.0, Hart 1.3, Klomp, Bennett, Rack 1.1, Marshall, Redden 1.0, Simmons 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WEST:** Grosser 2.4, Goss 2.1, Banfield 1.2, Blythe, A. Fielke, Milsom 1.1, Foott, G. Fielke 1.0, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — NORTH: Atkinson (ankle), Hart (knee). **WEST:** Burgess (back).

UMPIRES — John Hylton, David Weston.

Adelaide Oval

South	7.1	11.6	18.13	23.17 (155)
Central	3.3	5.6	6.9	8.13 (61)

BEST — SOUTH: McCarty, Trevena, Schmid, Heath, Hewitt, Dewhurst, Kappler, Bennett, Bickley, Smart. **CENTRAL:** Ghazi, Lee.

GOALS — SOUTH: Schmid 7.3, Stoeckel 4.3, McIntyre 4.0, Hewitt 3.3, Winton, Kappler, Dewhurst 1.1, Smart, Bennett 1.0, Bickley, Heath 0.1, rushed 0.3. **CENTRAL:** Ghazi 4.2, Mandemaker 2.0, Krieg, McAdam 1.0, Ingerson 0.3, Schwerdt, Roe 0.2, Coffee, Girdham, Handley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — SOUTH: McIntyre (dislocated finger). **CENTRAL:** Boettger (strained shoulder muscle).

UMPIRES — David Elliott, Steve Semmler.

Alberton Oval

Port	6.5	11.7	15.14	17.17 (119)
Torrens	3.4	5.5	10.8	14.12 (96)

BEST — PORT: Abernethy, Hutton, R. Smith, Brown, Foster, Hynes. **TORRENS:** Payze, Popplestone, Eichner, Morphett, Geyer, Sziler.

GOALS — PORT: Wanganen 5.0, R. Smith 3.2, Stringer 2.1, Brown 2.0, Hodges 1.3, D. Smith 1.2, Abernethy 1.1, Hutton, R. Boyd 1.0, Foster 0.2, Tregenza 0.1, rushed 0.5. **TORRENS:** Niemann 4.3, Schache 3.1, Morphett 2.1, Sziler 1.2, Smith, Payze 1.1, Popplestone, Chapman 1.0, Somerville 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — PORT: Settre (hamstring), Fiocchi (ankle), S. Williams (corked thigh), Northeast (hamstring).

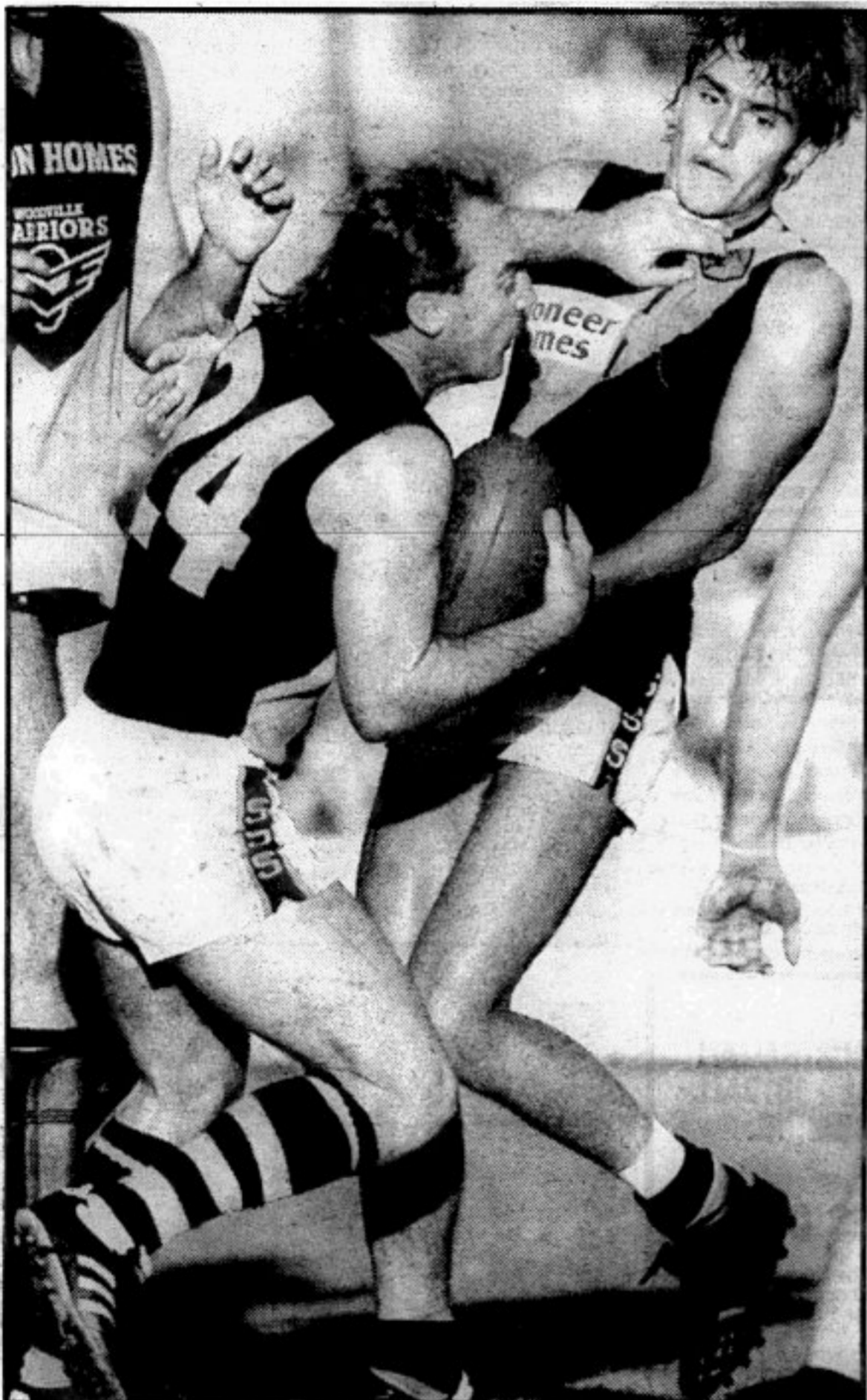
UMPIRES — Laune Argent, David Trembath.

Crowds

Football Park	3586
Adelaide Oval	4282
Alberton Oval	8308
Woodville Oval	5065
Total	21,511

SA Draw

Monday: 8pm, Norwood v. Sturt (Football Park).
Round 6: Saturday — Norwood v. Glenelg (Football Park).
Monday (May 21) — City v. Country (Football Park).
Saturday (May 26) — Woodville v. North (Football Park); Central v. Sturt (Elizabeth); West v. Port (Richmond).
Monday (May 28) — Torrens v. South (Football Park).



□ Glenelg veteran Kym Hodgeman brushes newcomer Matthew Liptak out the way as he sends the Tigers goalward. Hodgeman later kicked the winning goal in his side's one-point victory over Woodville. PICTURE: MARTIN JACKA

GLENELG	KICKS					TOTAL	FREES				M	H/B	FBL	HBL	H/O
	1	2	3	4	5		FOR	AG	OLS	UNS					
LIPTAK	8	3	5	1	17	6	12	2	3	1					
FIDGE	3	1	1	2	7	3	1	1	5						11
CHRISTIE				1	2	3	2	4	1						
HODGEMAN	2	1	3	5	11	2	3	2	3	1					
BARTLETT	2	1		4	7	2	8	1	1	2	1	3			
MANSELL	2	2			4	1	5	2							
SYMONDS	1	1	5	6	13	3	4	1	3	3					
MARSHALL	2	3	3	1	9		9	1	2						
JAMESON	4	2	2	3	11		9	1	1	1					
BOW	3	1	2	2	8	3	11								
SEEBOHM	4	1	2	1	8	5	10	2							
THOMPSON	4	2	5	4	15	6	6	1							
GIBBS	6	6	3	2	17	5	3	1	1						1
ELIAS	1	2		1	4	6	8	2							
BROMILOW	4	3	4	2	13	4	8	1	2						
MELICAN	1	1	2	2	6	1	11	2	1						18
MAYNARD	2	1	3	4	10	1	6	4							
MCDERMOTT	5	2	7	5	19	6	24	4	2	1					
MURPHY	5	1		2	8	4	1	1							
CHIGWIDDEN	2		3	2	7	2	7	1	1						2
RUSHED															4
TOTAL	61	34	51	51	197	62	150	15	25	19	13	32			

WOODVILLE	KICKS					TOTAL	FREES				M	H/B	FBL	HBL	H/O
	1	2	3	4	5		FOR	AG	OLS	UNS					
TOTHAM	1	4	1	2	8	3	6	1							
JAKOVICH	5	5	3	2	15	11	2	1	7	6					
WILLIAMS	7	4	5	2	18	6	1	2	1	1					2
HARPER	3	5	4	4	16	9	5	4	1	5					2
KLUG	4	2	5	1	12	10	9	1							
COX		3	2	3	8	7	5	1	1	1	1				
DEBRENNI	1	6	1	1	9	4	4	2	3	1					
FULLER	6	4	3	3	16	2	9	1	1	1	1				1
MARTIN	4	6	5	1	16	3	5	1	1	1	1				1
LUNN	3	1	3		7	2	4	2							
CHAMPION	5	7	4	3	19	7	7	1	1						
JACQUIER	4	1		1	6	2	4	1							
DETTMAN	3	1	4	7	15	10	10	2							
O'DWYER	1	1	1		3		3	1							
MANUEL		5	2	1	8	2	12	2	1						
NEGRI	4		2	3	9	6	3	1	1						26
SCHWARZ	5	1	6	5	17	4	11		1						3
KLEMM	6	6	5	6	23	4	10	3	1						2
NEWTON			1		1	1	1	1	1						2
PARSONS															