


**GLENELG  
PORT**

2.4	7.9	13.12	16.14	(110)
4.4	6.5	10.7	15.9	(99)



# PORT-BUSTERS

Port Adelaide — welcome back to the SANFL, and reality.

Within the space of four days, Port has awoken with a thud from two grandiose dreams — being a part of the AFL and looking a "sure thing" to win the 1990 South Australian premiership.

Both dreams may still come to fruition... but it is clear the Glenelg "Port-busters" are hell-bent on turning 1990 into a nightmare for the Magpies.

Glenelg's court action is one thing, but yesterday's performance at Football Park hurt Port far deeper.

A total of 31,489 fans saw Glenelg win the

By Lawrie McCauley

match 16.14 (110) to 15.9 (99) with a powerhouse display of tough, disciplined football.

It was the first time any team had beaten Port since its July 31 announcement that it had signed a heads-of-agreement deal to play in the AFL next season.

Port had too many players down on form yesterday to snatch victory. Whether they played poorly or whether Glenelg did not let them play well is debatable.

Only a replay in the October 7 grand final will put that question to rest.

But Port now must fight for the right to contest the premiership the hard way — through the preliminary final.

And coach John Cahill, in his 17th season as a league coach, has taken teams to a preliminary final six times in the past, for six losses.

Port will meet the winner of today's first semi-final between North Adelaide and South Adelaide.

## Details

**BEST — GLENELG:** Marshall, Bartlett, Gibbs, Melican, Fidge, Murphy, Seeborn, McDermott. **PORT:** Fiacchi, Hodges, Wanganeen, Hutton, M. Williams, Ginever.

**GOALS — GLENELG:** Fidge 6.4, Murphy 3.0, Chigwidden 2.0, Lamb 1.1, Christie 1.1, McDermott 1.1, Mansell 1.1, Melican 1.0, Symonds 0.2, Marshall 0.1, Jameson 0.1, rushed 0.2. **PORT:** Hodges 7.2, Wanganeen 1.2, Brown 1.2, Ginever 1.1, R. Boyd 1.1, Hynes 1.0, Tregenza 1.0, M. Williams 1.0, Hutton 1.0, S. Williams 0.1.

**INJURIES — GLENELG:** Lamb (possible fracture above left ankle). **PORT:** Tregenza (corked thigh), Abernethy (slight ankle).

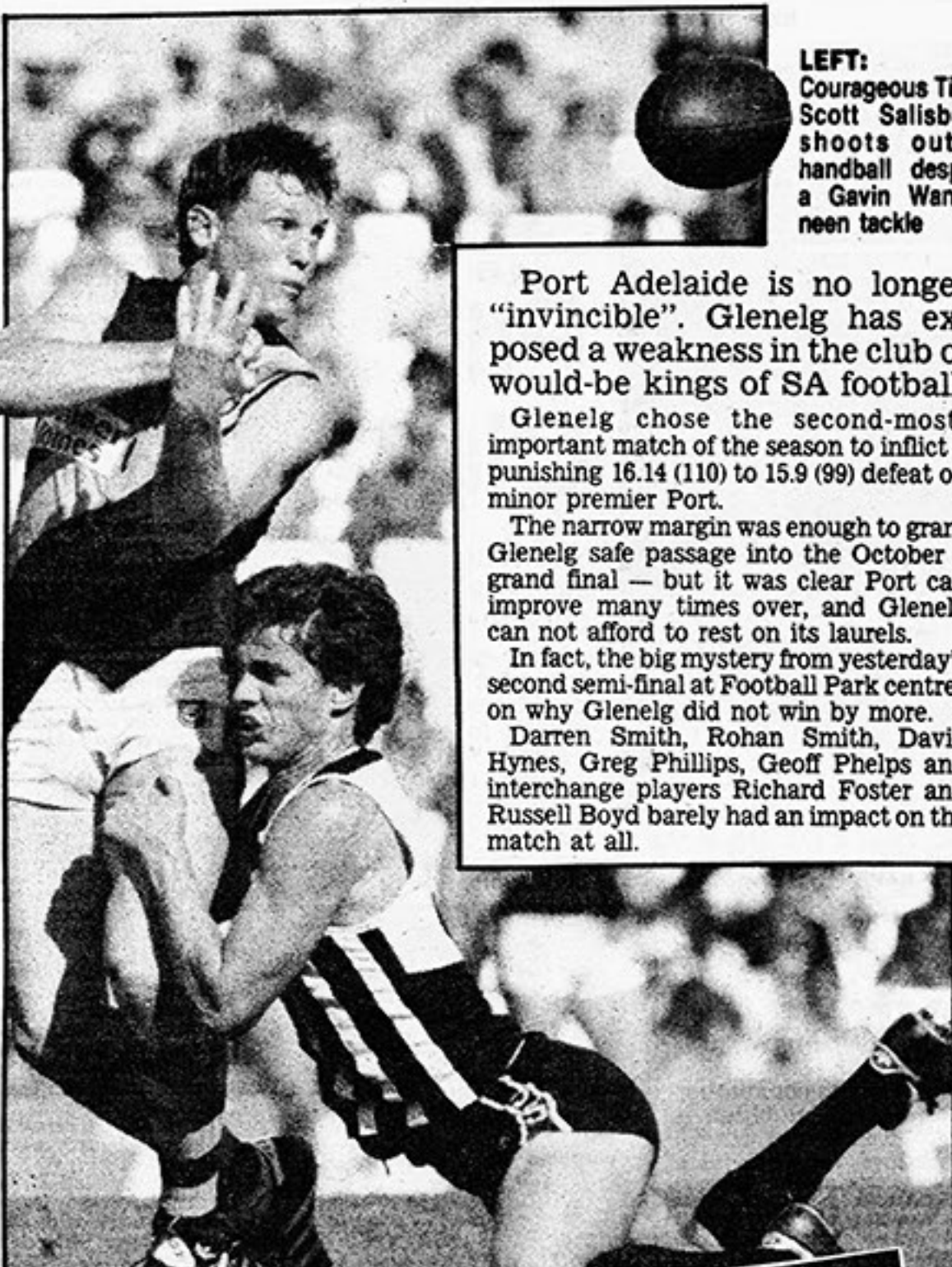
**UMPIRES —** Laurie Argent, Mark Mackie.

**CROWD —** 31,489.

# THE 'KINGS' HIT

# THE DECK

**LEFT:** Courageous Tiger Scott Salisbury shoots out a handball despite a Gavin Wanganeen tackle



Port Adelaide is no longer "invincible". Glenelg has exposed a weakness in the club of would-be kings of SA football.

Glenelg chose the second-most important match of the season to inflict a punishing 16.14 (110) to 15.9 (99) defeat on minor premier Port.

The narrow margin was enough to grant Glenelg safe passage into the October 7 grand final — but it was clear Port can improve many times over, and Glenelg can not afford to rest on its laurels.

In fact, the big mystery from yesterday's second semi-final at Football Park centres on why Glenelg did not win by more.

Darren Smith, Rohan Smith, David Hynes, Greg Phillips, Geoff Phelps and interchange players Richard Foster and Russell Boyd barely had an impact on the match at all.

David Brown, Stephen Williams and captain Russell Johnston also played below the high standard normally expected of them.

Glenelg, as the victor, can claim it exerted enough pressure on those players to quell their productivity.

But one suspects they could not possibly play that poorly again — an ominous warning for Saturday's preliminary final opponent.

They must lift — coach John Cahill will demand it.

Cahill currently is in his 17th season as a league coach and boasts six premierships. But he has never coached a team to a preliminary final victory.

Four times with Port, once with West Adelaide and once with Collingwood his team has stumbled at the preliminary final hurdle.

Port yesterday didn't so much stumble... it was pushed beyond its limit by a ruthless and fiercely committed Glenelg.

It won most of the key positions and dominated the centre square, yet it could not "kill off" a below par Port.

Victory by one point, 11 or 111 would have been sweet so perhaps not too much should be made of the words "narrow win" when "win" is the only thing that mattered.

Centreman David Marshall did most to ensure the triumph. He was a clear winner in the centre square all day.

Allan Bartlett was given a mountain of

responsibility in defence and handled it with consummate ease. Fellow defender Ross Gibbs also made a difficult job look ridiculously easy.

Chris Melican crushed rival ruckmen David Hynes and Russell Johnston and his contribution cannot be ignored.

Full forward John Fidge out-positioned Ben Harris enough times to boot six goals, centre half-forward Michael Murphy was a powerhouse and centre half-back John Seeborn didn't give Darren Smith a look in.

Captain Chris McDermott popped up repeatedly, live-wire Nick Chigwidden provided added bite in the forward line, Tony Symonds celebrated his return to the league side with a top performance and pocket-dynamo Scott Salisbury was an industrious, inspirational motivator.

Port started reasonably well but was outgunned 6.3 to 11.8 in the second and third terms.

The Magpies trailed by 28 points early in the final stanza but, as one would expect, they rallied and almost stole the show.

Just before time-on, defender George Fiacchi gave away a costly free kick for tripping Darren Mansell in the goal-square. The resultant goal sealed the match for the Bays.

It was to prove the only real mistake Fiacchi made all day. He had been an inspiration with his attacking style of play out of the back pocket.

Time and again it was left up to Fiacchi to mop up on the last line of defence. He turned possible disaster into a fresh Port attack many times.

However, the only player capable of capitalising on Port's forward thrusts was Magarey Medallist Scott Hodges.

It took him 18 seconds to register his first of seven goals for the day. But no other Port teammate could manage more than one goal and great player though Hodges is, he is not a one-man band.

The first battle has been won by Glenelg, but the war is far from over.

## Our experts name their best

Lawrie McCauley selects:

**1** David Marshall: Destroyed Port in the middle of the ground. Picked up 22 kicks and 13 handballs and, as usual, used the ball magnificently. The spark that ignited Glenelg from the first bounce.

**2** Allan Bartlett: Came of age as a reliable defender who completely shut David Hynes out of the game and later nullified Scott Hodges, when Hodges was moved to centre half-forward. Responded well to his biggest challenge.

**3** George Fiacchi: Stood out in a beaten Port defence. Had 19 kicks and eight handballs and always looked like he was serious about winning. Just gets the nod for third best afield ahead of rival back pocket Ross Gibbs and Glenelg ruckman Chris Melican.

Peter Prime selects:

**1** David Marshall: Won the centre position all day. He was Glenelg's biggest possession winner and, as always, rarely wasted the ball.

**2** George Fiacchi: He inspired and rebounded with some magnificent clearing dashes out of defence. A superb game.

**3** Ross Gibbs: Another great performance in the back pocket from "Mr Cool". Gibbs continually thwarted promising Magpie attacks.

## No excuses, says Cahill

By Peter Prime and Lawrie McCauley

The Magpie changerooms were a sea of disappointed faces after yesterday's second semi-final battle.

But Port coach John Cahill refused to make excuses.

In short, he said Glenelg fully deserved its victory.

"We just had so many players down on form," Cahill said.

"Glenelg thoroughly deserved its win. They hit the ball and

body hard and they played better than we did."

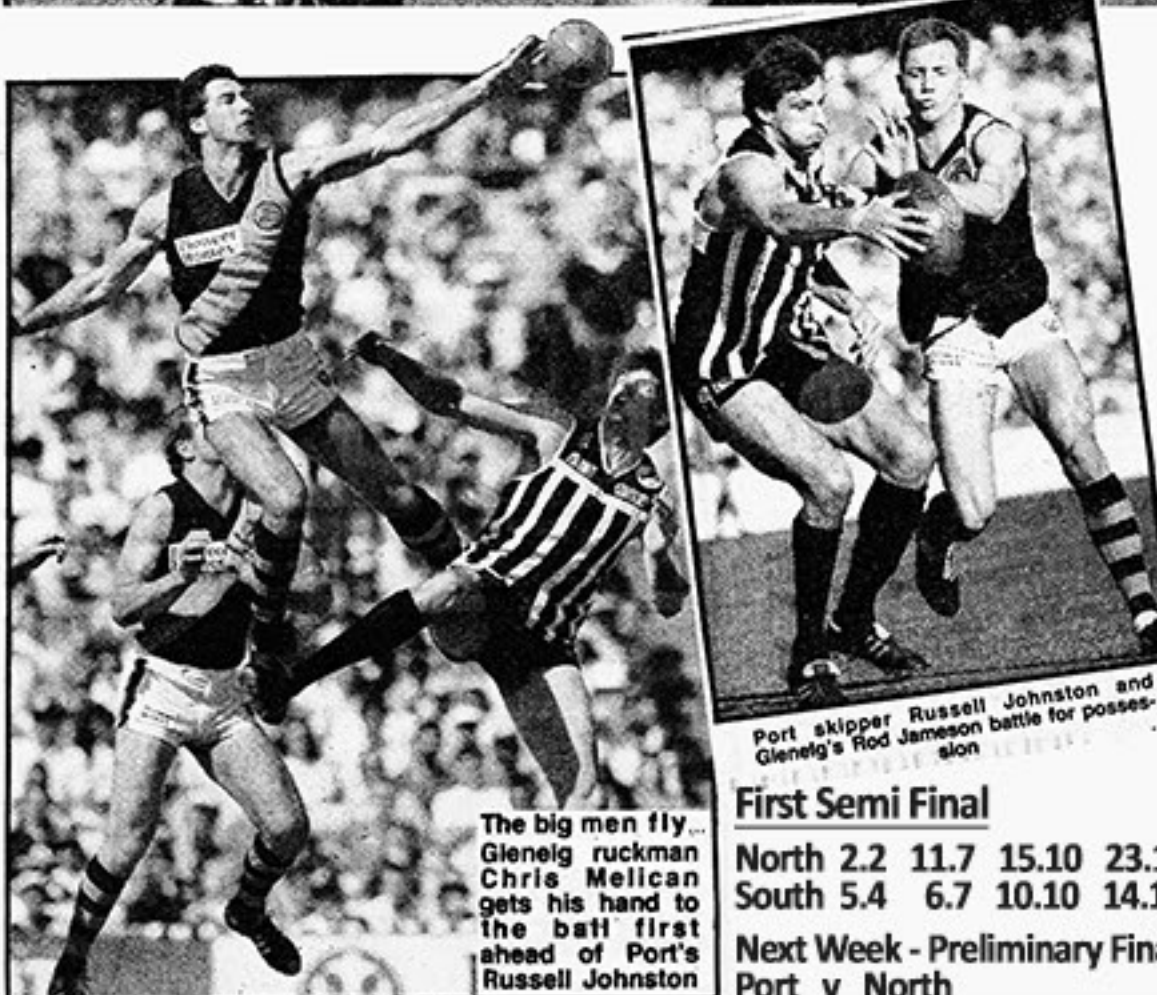
Glenelg players showed a range of differing emotions.

The mood was best reflected in the words of coach Graham Cornes, when asked how he felt when the final siren sounded with Glenelg winning by 11 points.

"I was satisfied with the effort, but still very much aware the job is yet to be done," he said.

The Bays obviously were thrilled to have upset the minor premier, but Cornes will not let them ride high on the emotion of that win for long.

He has to get their feet back on the ground in time for the grand final in two weeks against either Port or the winner of today's game between North Adelaide and South Adelaide.



Port skipper Russell Johnston and Glenelg's Rod Jameson battle for possession

### First Semi Final

North	2.2	11.7	15.10	23.14
South	5.4	6.7	10.10	14.12

Next Week - Preliminary Final  
Port v North

The big men fly... Glenelg ruckman Chris Melican gets his hand to the ball first ahead of Port's Russell Johnston





# Why they won

BY NEVILLE ROBERTS

A superb display by centreman David Marshall was the difference in an otherwise tight game.

Marshall, 30, showed the value of his enormous finals experience to dominate the centre. He had four quality opponents for the day and disposed of them all.

The Tigers got off to a bad start, with the Magpies scoring twice in the first two minutes.

A less experienced side might have panicked early and allowed Port to kick free, but the Bays, with hardened finals players guiding them, worked their way back in to the game.

Glenelg made hard work of things in that first and second quarter. Its forwards were too stationary and it had trouble with Port's run-on players giving Hodges opportunity after opportunity.

Then the Tigers tightened up around the centre, Tony Symonds worked harder on Simon Tregenza, Darren Mansell got into the game and Michael Murphy used his speed to run away from Greg Phillips at centre half-forward.

Halfway through the second quarter tragedy struck the Tigers when forward Clayton Lamb left the ground with a serious ankle injury. Lamb has been an important player for the Tigers and his loss looked disastrous.

Nick Chigwidden came on in his place, and was superb.

He was busy around the ball, created many opportunities to give the Tigers run in the forward area.

He finished with two goals in a display which justified coach Graham Cornes' confidence in him.

Gavin Wanganeen ran wild in the first term but was later tagged by Scott Salisbury and nullified.

In the third and final quarters the Tigers' run and work was much better than the Magpies and they gained control.

Glenelg also looked fitter overall.

# Round one to the Bays

## Marshall 'top gun'

BY STEVE LARKIN

Glenelg had many valuable players, none more so than skilled centreman David Marshall.

The veteran Tiger dominated in midfield and brought many teammates into the game, and just pipped cool back pocket Ross Gibbs and ruckman Chris Melican for best on ground honors.

Here is how they rated:

**Darren Mansell:** Outclassed by George Fiacchi in a forward pocket. Rating 2.

**Chris Melican:** Best big man on the ground, easily eclipsing Russell Johnston and David Hynes. Field play excellent, as was ruckwork. Had 20 hitouts compared with Johnston's 10. Rating 8.

**Clayton Lamb:** Stretched off midway through second quarter with ankle damage. Rating 1.

**John Fidge:** Booted six goals in another impressive display. Kicked goals at crucial stages. Rating 7.

**Tony Symonds:** Quiet but not silent in first half, but exploded in third quarter, blitzing an injured Simon Tregenza. Continued to find ball in an effective performance. Rating 6.

**Chris McDermott:** Solid captain's effort, bringing others into the game. Won ball from centre in third term to put his team on the road to victory. Rating 6.

**Brett Deane:** Had trouble getting into the game. Benché late in third term and never given another chance. Rating 3.

**Allan Bartlett:** Strong display in a back pocket, and shut David Hynes then Russell Boyd out of the game. Used strength to advantage. Rating 5.

**Chris Duthy:** Outclassed by Scott Hodges, but never gave in. Found

Hodges pace and agility too much to handle. Rating 2.

**Lyndon Bow:** Used from interchange sparingly, in back pocket and also on a wing in last quarter. Tried hard from limited opportunities. Rating 3.

**Michael Murphy:** In top four. Beat Greg Phillips with ease, and was always competing for the hard ball. Took nine marks in top display from centre-half forward. Rating 8.

**Nick Chigwidden:** Gave spark Glenelg needed when replaced injured Lamb. Lifted the Bays around the packs. Rating 7.

**Gary Christie:** Solid game, providing target in forward pocket. Took some strong grabs and made sure Glenelg's big men stayed on top. Rating 5.

**John Seebom:** Kept Darren Smith out of the game while not doing much himself. Dependable. Rating 4.

**Paul Hallahan:** Disappointing and had minimal effect. Rating 2.

**Rod Jameson:** Started at half-back but dragged for being too loose in first term. Went to half forward line after quarter time but rarely touched the ball. Rating 2.

**Scott Salisbury:** Typically vigorous. Started on ball then switched to back pocket and nullified Port's small men. Rating 3.

**Robbie Thompson:** Solid effort from half-back. Rebounded well. Played on at least four opponents and didn't have his colors lowered. Rating 4.

## Winning heroes ...

DAVID MARSHALL: Stephen Williams, Rohan Smith and Gavin Wanganeen — three of the SANFL's most exciting and skilled players.

But none of this trio was a match for Glenelg centreman David Marshall. Coach John Cahill tried all three in the pivot but they came nowhere near to matching Marshall's drive from the bounces, his ability to consistently gain possession or his excellent disposal.

His outstanding game was a big reason for the Tigers having what Port never could establish — a fluent and effective game which eventually opened up their forward lines and put their opposition under constant pressure.

Marshall had 22 kicks and 13 handballs and took seven marks. Rating 9.



● Marshall ● Gibbs

ROSS GIBBS: He might infuriate his coach with his runs down the ground, he likes kicking goals too much and his opponent invariably has a little too much latitude.

But Gibbs would not have played 190 league games without two other traits — he is one of this State's best defenders and he keeps calm under intense pressure.

"Mr Cool" was superb as the Tigers' defence scrambled the usually methodical Port attack.

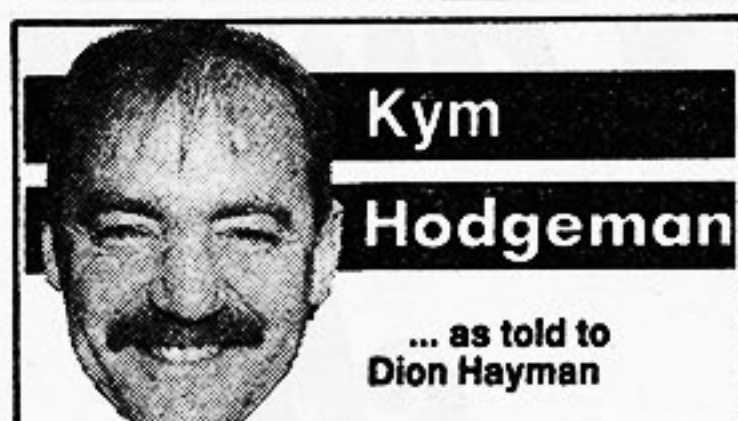
At first on Rohan Smith and then the resting followers, Gibbs denied the ball to the smaller Magpie forwards by consistently getting to it first himself.

His classy ball control and disposal set up numerous Glenelg attacks, and as usually he frequently tried to follow these up as much as he could.

Going down as far as the other goalsquare probably is taking that too far, but his performance still was a vital part of Glenelg's win.

Gibbs had 21 kicks and four handballs and took six marks. Rating 8.

— ROGER VAUGHAN



Kym Hodgeman

... as told to Dion Hayman

Port Adelaide will play Glenelg in the grand final — of that I have no doubt.

And the Magpies will be even harder to beat the second time around.

The first round has been won by Glenelg but it still only gives us a 50-50 chance of winning the battle.

Everyone must keep their feet on the ground and not get carried away with the win.

From what I've seen, the older players are helping the younger blokes do just that.

It was another great character win by Glenelg.

To lose Clayton Lamb in the second quarter and stage off a desperate Port fightback in the last showed tremendous courage.

As usual, numbers 10 and 36 really started the show and were superb all day.

Scotty Salisbury didn't have a lot of possessions but they did most of the hard work, the little things that can go unnoticed.

And Chris McDermott was never going to play two quiet ones in a row.

His leadership was a constant inspiration.

One area where we have struggled against Port in the past has been across the centre.

Cornes showed great foresight in recalling Tony Symonds who has not played in the seniors for nearly a month.

Symonds was a credit to himself and showed great application standing Simon Tregenza.

He helped form a winning line with another superlative display from David Marshall.

I thought Chris Melican and Gary Christie controlled the rucks and that gave us an important edge in the square.

Michael Murphy and John Fidge were focal points in attack and to kick nine goals between them was a great effort.

Nick Chigwidden was at his explosive best when he replaced the injured Lamb in the second quarter and he gave us a real lift in attack.

Allan Bartlett grabbed his chance in the back pocket on David Hynes while Ross Gibbs and John Seebom also led the way in defence.

For Port, Gavin Wanganeen and Scott Hodges worried us early.

Hodges' kicking for goal was magnificent and Chris Duthy played as well on him as anyone can, wearing him down in the end.

No one will stop Hodges. It doesn't matter who you use at full-back, when the ball is delivered to him like the Port runners can, he will kick a bag of goals.

George Fiacchi's game in the back pocket was excellent for four quarters. He controlled that position well.

Mark Williams was consistent and Tregenza flashed in and out of the game.

David Hutton always threatened on his wing and Paul Northeast showed plenty of rebound from defence.

It was disappointing for Wayne Stringer to lose the reserves second semi-final after being top all year.

But it could just turn out to be a blessing in disguise, giving some of the fringe players one more run before grand final day.

And with that day now just 13 days away, it won't be any easier for yours truly.

What they say about watching from the sidelines is true!

## Why they lost

BY NEVILLE ROBERTS

The strength of Port in the past few months has been the devastating form of its ball carriers, but on Saturday they were well controlled.

The movement of the ball to Scott Hodges early in the game was great but once the Bays limited the opportunities the 1990 Magarey Medalist received, the game changed.

Gavin Wanganeen is a marvelous player, moving with poetic, athletic grace. He started well but faded in his first final for Port.

The Magpies have rarely been overshadowed at half-back, but the legendary Greg Phillips was besieged by Tigers running the ball through, and Michael Murphy had the edge in that battle.

Together with Fidge the two key forwards booted nine goals for Glenelg.

The Magpies had some misfortune with Simon Tregenza leaving the ground with an injured left thigh in the second quarter. He returned after treatment, but in pain and limited in movement.

Scott Hodges started with a bad back and aggravated that in the second term. Opportunities were

few in the final half, but to his credit the champion still managed to boot seven goals.

Port had no answer to the form of Tiger centreman David Marshall — four players were tried on him but to no avail.

Stephen Williams, David Brown, Rohan Smith and Wanganeen were all given a hiding by the veteran.

George Fiacchi in defence performed faultlessly for the entire day and repelled the Tiger advances on a number of occasions.

Fiacchi was magical at times and he lifted to the challenge when other Port players did not.

David Hutton tried hard on his wing, working hard through the midfield to give the forwards a real chance.

The third quarter hurt the Magpies as Chigwidden, Fidge and Murphy ran riot to give the Tigers a commanding lead.

In true Port fashion they rallied at a time when people were leaving the stadium, to almost pinch an impossible win.



● Glenelg full forward John Fidge marks in front of Ben Harris. Picture: Chris Mangan