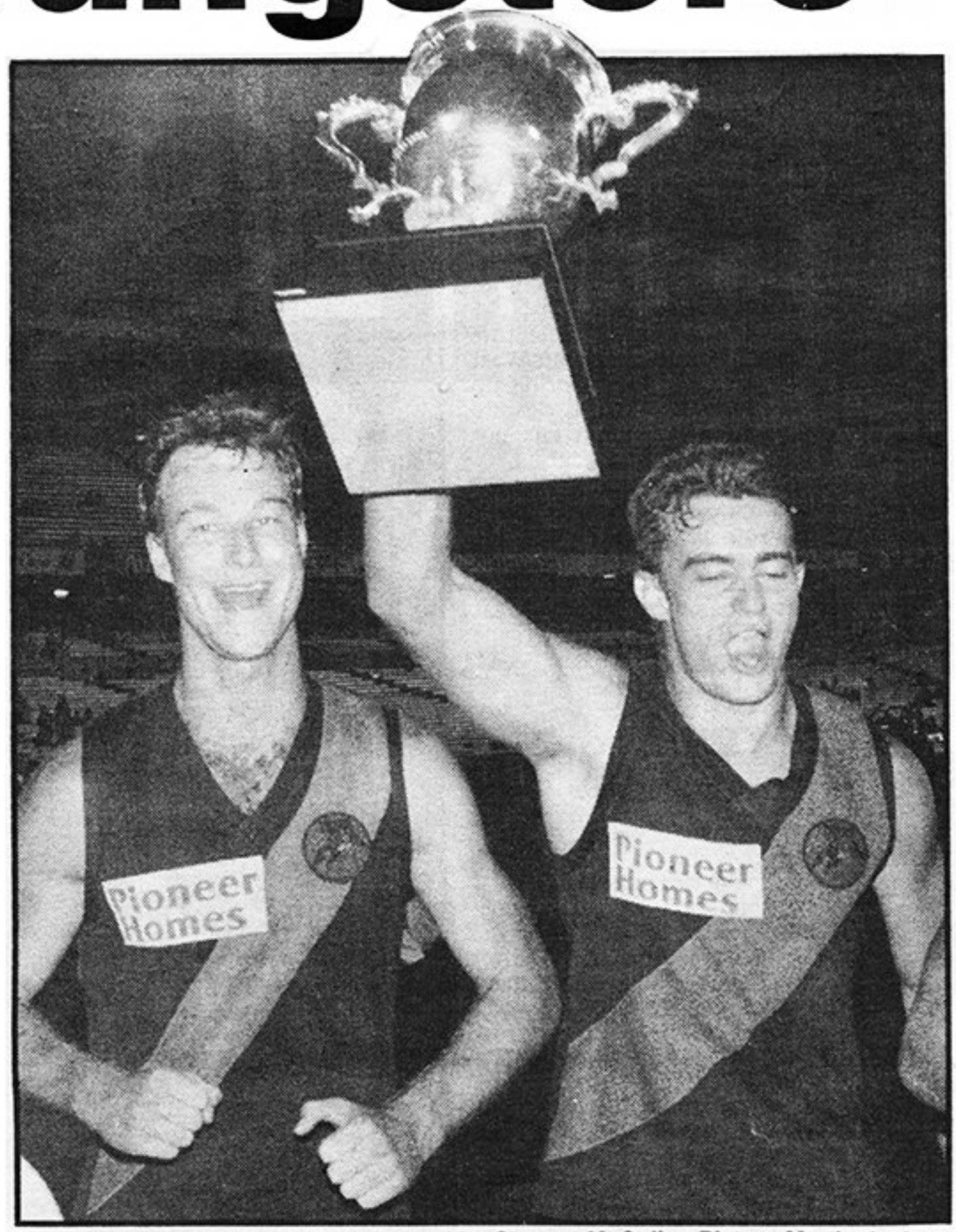
Bay youngsters lead waltz



Paul Rouvray holds the Cup, flanked by Stewart McCully - Picture Martin Jacka

Foundation Cup Final

GLENELG	3.8	5.8	8.13	15.16	(106)
Sturt	0.1	1.3	4.3	7.4	(46)

BEST — GLENELG: Murphy, Chigwidden, Thompson, Viska, Hele, Lamb, Rouvray, Mansell. **STURT:** Field, Schoell, Russell, Josh May, Robertson.
GOALS — GLENELG: Murphy 4.1, Russell 3.2, Chigwidden 2.1, Mansell 2.0, Lamb 1.2, Fidge, Bromilow, Bow 1.1, Reubenicht, Kretschmer, Thompson, Keast, Hallahan 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Kitschke 3.0, Roberson 2.1, Packer, Obst 1.0, Gask 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES — GLENELG: Fidge (elbow).
UMPIRES: Kevin Chambers, David Elliott.

More than most, Glenelg mastermind Kym Hodgeman fully realises the harsh realities of football — the roller-coaster highs and lows, the triumphs and the frustrations.

By PETER PRIME

But the former champion Tiger rover, in his second season as coach at the Bay, could be forgiven for looking towards season 1992 with a good slice of optimism.

Minutes after the final siren at Football Park on Friday night, a big smile creased Hodgeman's face.

The Tigers had just waltzed away with a cool $17,500 first prize with victory over Sturt in the grand final of the Foundation Cup ... and the Glenelg maestro was delighted.

"It was very, very pleasing," Hodgeman said yesterday.

"We've been building up for the first minor-round game and it was just pleasing to see the way the side performed.

"It's the first time, I suppose, since 1985-86, that Glenelg has started to show some arrogance and intimidation.

"If we can keep the players fit and in form, we're going to have a reasonably good season."

The Tigers had numerous good players on Friday night, including a host of outstandingly talented youngsters such as Mark Viska, Simon Hele and Paul Rouvray.

"It was a year we had to have last year," Hodgeman said.

"We played 41 players at league level last year.

"We gave them experience at that level and I think it's going to show through in the next couple of years at Glenelg."

Sturt, which won $10,000 as runner-up, disappointed, but it is heading in the right direction.

The Blues' pre-season form has been good enough to suggest they are definite improvers. They would have learned much from the clash — all part of the learning curve.

Glenelg's Viska, a member of the Crows squad, was courage personified. Not one to be intimidated, he's a youngster with a tremendous amount of ability.

Glenelg officials remain confident powerful full forward John Fidge will be available for the club's opening-round clash against South Adelaide at Glenelg on Saturday.

Fidge, frustrated by injury in recent times, injured an elbow late on Friday night. He had the arm immediately packed in ice and strapped.

In the earlier Foundation Cup consolation final, South proved too strong for Port Adelaide to win by 38-points — 15.16 (106) to 10.8 (68).

1992 FOUNDATION CUP RESULTS

Round 1

GLENELG	3.4	7.5	9.6	11.7	(73)
PORT	1.3	3.5	6.6	10.9	(69)

GOALS — Glenelg: Chigwidden, Rouvray 2, Budarick 2, Mansell, Hocking, McGuinness, Thornborrow, Fusco. **Port:** Delaney 4, Bond 2, Abernethy, Sheehan, McKay, Mead.
BEST — Glenelg: Rouvray, Chigwidden, Gibbs, Thompson, Viska. **Port:** Fiacchi, Abernethy, Smallridge, Northeast, Phillips.
INJURIES — Glenelg: Thornborrow (knee). **Port:** Grimm (hamstring).
Umpires — Chambers, Westgarth. *Played at Football Park, Friday (night), February 7. Crowd: 17,572 (double-header)*

Round 2

GLENELG	3.2	12.4	17.8	22.9	(141)
WEST	7.1	7.3	8.78	8.13	(61)

GOALS — Glenelg: Buderick, Russell 5, Murphy 3, Hele, Chigwidden 2, Mansell, Bromillow, Hallahan, Kretschmer, McGuiness. **West:** Modra 3, Simpson, Kerr, Grosser, Fogden, Berggren.
BEST — Glenelg: Chigwidden, Rouvray, Hele, Barlett, Viska, McCully, Melican, Gibbs, Bromilow. **West:** Goss, Modra, Morris.
Umpires — Elliott, Mackie. *Played at Football Park, Saturday (night), February 15. Crowd: 2509.*

Round 3

GLENELG	0.2	4.9	6.11	10.14	(74)
CENTRAL	5.3	7.3	9.5	10.7	(67)

GOALS — Glenelg: Mansell, Russell, Bromilow 2, Gibbs, Melican, Chigwidden, Keast. **Central:** Haraida, Mandemaker, Smith 2, Platten, Roe, Stevens, Paterson.
BEST — Glenelg: Mansell, Melican, Russell, Chigwidden, Bromilow, Kretschmer, Keast. **Central:** Girdham, Roe, Schwerdt, Allan.
Played at Mt. Gambier, Sunday, February 23.

Round 4

GLENELG	4.3	6.5	12.8	18.13	(121)
EAGLES	1.4	3.8	5.11	8.18	(66)

GOALS — Glenelg: Fidge 6, Kretchmer, Russell 3, Lamb, Mansell 2, Hallahan, Keast. **Eagles:** Spehr 4, J. Sziller, Taylor, Breuer, Fuller.
BEST — Glenelg: Mansell, Thompson, Stuart, Hallahan, Fidge, Kretschmer. **Eagles** — Totham, Pyman, Breuer, Spehr.
Umpires — Doddridge, Inge. *Played at Football Park, Friday (night), February 28.*

Ladder

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
GLENELG	4	-	0409	0263	8	60.86
STURT	3	1	0388	0267	6	59.24
SOUTH	3	1	0372	0269	6	58.03
PORT	2	2	0313	0284	4	52.43
NORWOOD	2	2	0303	0294	4	50.75
CENTRAL	1	3	0263	0298	2	46.88
W-WT EAGLES	1	3	0284	0363	2	43.89
WEST	1	3	0311	0455	2	40.60
NORTH	1	3	0274	0424	2	39.26

Grand Final

GLENELG	3.8	5.8	8.13	15.16	(106)
STURT	0.1	1.3	4.3	7.4	(44)

GOALS — Glenelg: Murphy 4, Russell 3, Chigwidden, Mansell 2, Lamb, Fidge, Bromillow, Bow. **Sturt:** Kitschke 3, Roberson 2, Packer, Obst.
BEST — Glenelg: Murphy, Chigwidden, Thompson, Viska, Hele, Lamb, Rouvray, Mansell. **Sturt:** Field, Schoell, Russell, Josh May, Roberson.
Umpires — Chambers, Elliott. *Played at Football Park, Friday (night), March 13. Crowd: 18,710 (double-header).*