HAPLESS TIGERS RATTLED BY PORT ADELAIDE BLITZ

Rugged Magpies break through

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	
PORT	6.6	10.12	15.15	17.24	**(126)**
GLENELG	1.6	2.2	4.5	6.6	**(42)**

BEST – Port: O'Loughlin, Parry, J. Wilson, Cockatoo-Collins, Funcke, M. Wilson, White, AhChee. **Glenelg:** Sherwood, Koster, D. Raidis.

SCORERS – Port: Evans 5.3, Miller 2.2, Cockatoo-Collins 2.1, AhChee 1.3, O'Loughlin 1.2, Kingsley, M. Wilson, Funcke, Ebert 1.1, J. Ilett, McDowall 1.0, Plapp 0.2, White, J. Wilson, Clayton 0.1, rushed 0.4. **Glenelg:** Tasborski 2.1, McEntee 1.1, Cook, Griffiths, Vlatko, 1.0, Bell, Manfield, Panozzo 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES – Port: Evans (groin), McDowall (bruised lower stomach).

REPORT – Port: Fiegert, for allegedly striking Backwell in the second term.

UMPIRES - T. Dey, T. Pfeiffer, S. Przibilla.
CROWD - 3239 at Adelaide Oval.

By DOUG ROBERTSON

DESPERATE Port Adelaide broke through for its first win of the season with an impressive and crushing 84-point win over Glenelg at Adelaide Oval last night.

Port destroyed hapless Glenelg in each quarter and in every aspect of the game. The rampaging Magpies jumped out at a blistering pace from the first bounce and had the premiership points in the back pocket by half-time when they led by 58 points – with 22 scoring shots to Glenelg's miserable four.

Port should have led by more but for at least five routine shots at goal in the second term going astray and a host of wayward shots early in the final quarter. But even demanding coach Stephen Williams probably would have forgiven his eager Magpies because Port pumped the Bays in the first half then thumped them after the break.

Glenelg managed back-to-back goals just twice – midway through the third quarter when Port led by 70 points and again with the final two goals of the match when the game was over. Glenelg's skill level was appalling, partly because of Port's red-hot tackling and siege-like assault but often because the Tigers looked rattled.

By contrast Port was clean and purposeful with delivery and shared the ball around always to the team's best advantage. The Magpies' skills under pressure – repeatedly laying off the ball to advantage in tackles – and the quickness of delivery created the space and opportunities Glenelg lacked.

All night the Magpies were first in at the ball, harder in tackles, more disciplined, better skilled and used a host of creative rotations which turned Glenelg's pre-game planning to nothing.

Most of Glenelg's generators – so relentless and cohesive last week against South Adelaide – stood shellshocked as James Wilson, Ricky O'Loughlin, Jared Ilett, until he went off just before half-time, Che Cockatoo-Collins, who made a few mistakes but had a real go, Michael Wilson, "hotrod" Harry Miller, Lucas White, Mark Clayton, roaming Ross Funcke and gutsy ruckman Craig Parry (22 hit-outs) cut up everything in the midfield.

Twice state full back Corey AhChee, at half-forward, and spearhead Paul Evans (5.3), who strained a groin in the final term, led hard and straight to give the running Magpies a reason to transport the ball long and quickly down the corridor. It was a vastly improved performance from Port and should act as an early warning for opposition teams.

Glenelg went in confident of its skills and readiness after a strong performance last week but was found wanting. By half-time Port had accumulated 178 disposals and 39 marks to Glenelg's feeble 110 possessions and 25 marks.

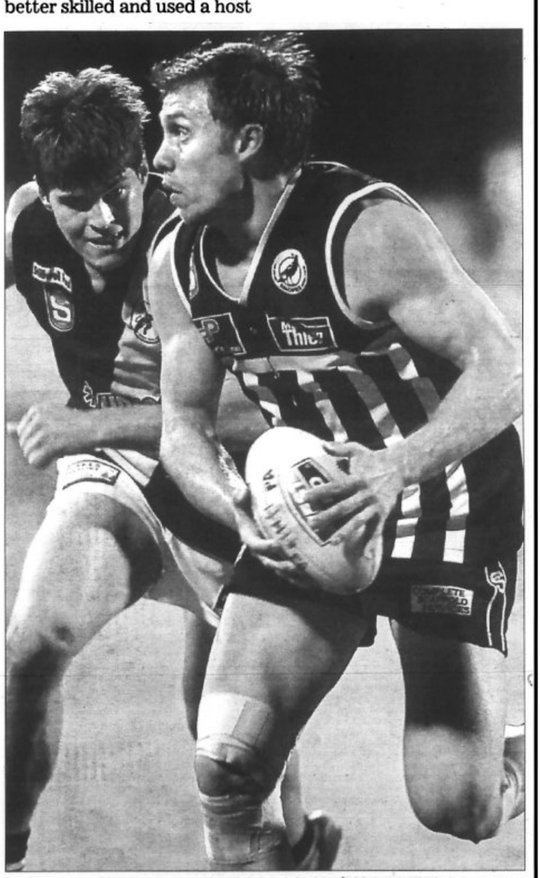
Defender Paul Sherwood blanketed Justin Plapp – who had his first touch in the third term – to probably be the Tigers' only clear winner, while Kym Koster and Damien Raidis plugged away.

RESERVES

Port	5.3	8.7	13.9	19.13	(127)
Glenelg	0.3	4.6	5.10	9.11	(65)

BEST – Port: Smith, C. Ilett, Fitzgerald, Lohde, Steed, Barrett, King, Burdett. **Glenelg:** Harkness, AhMat, Robertson, Woods, MacPherson.

GOALS – Port: Smith 6, Fitzgerald, King 3, Steed, Zucker 2, Holmes, Barrett, Sinkunas. **Glenelg:** Woods 3, Smyth 2, Duldig, Morris, Robertson, Labastida.



ON THE MOVE: Port Adelaide's Michael Wilson dashes away.
Picture: CAMERON RICHARDSON

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pc	Pts
Sturt	3	3	-	-	401	228	63.8	6
Norwood	3	3	-	-	347	241	59.0	6
Central	3	2	1	-	404	227	64.0	4
Eagles	3	2	1	-	292	284	50.7	4
West	3	2	1	-	240	257	48.3	4
Port	4	1	3	-	376	420	47.2	2
South	4	1	3	-	409	536	43.3	2
Glenelg	4	1	3	-	325	433	42.9	2
North	3	-	3	-	244	412	37.2	-

THIS WEEK'S DRAW

Round 5 – Friday: Sturt v Central (Adelaide Oval 2.55pm), Norwood v South (Norwood 7.40pm). **Saturday:** North v Eagles (Prospect 2.20pm), West v Glenelg (Richmond 2.20pm). **Bye:** Port.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Rd 4	Total
B. Chambers	(Sturt)	7.1	15.1
D. Bradshaw	(West)	4.2	14.10
D. Hargraves	(North)	-	13.8
P. Evans	(Port)	5.3	10.7
R. Tregenza	(South)	3.1	10.2
D. Schell	(Central)	3.7	9.7
R. Neill	(Norwood)	-	9.1
S. Cook	(Glenelg)	1.0	9.1

SCOREBOARD

STURT	4.3	11.5	15.9	26.12	**(168)**
SOUTH	0.1	0.2	4.3	12.3	**(75)**

BEST – Sturt: Nelson, Chambers, Mattner, Sheedy, Powell, Curtis, Wicks, Conway, Graham, Howman. **South:** Chapman, Hall, Davis.

SCORERS – Sturt: Chambers 7.1, Nelson 4.1, Powell 2.2, Wicks 2.1, Sheedy, Cooper, Conway 2.0, Beveridge, White 1.1, Squire, Mattner, Roberts-Thomson 1.0, Weatherald, Graham, Feast 0.1, rushed 0.2. **South:** Tregenza, Parker 3.1, Davis 2.0, Hall, Sampson, Berry, Bennett 1.0, Jackman 0.1.

INJURIES – Sturt: White (slight hamstring strain). **South:** Jackman (corked knee), Mills (quad), withdrew from selected squad.

UMPIRES - A. Meade, C. Doddridge, K. Broadbridge.
CROWD - 3433 at Encounter Bay.

SCOREBOARD

CENTRAL	7.4	10.5	15.9	16.14	**(110)**
WEST	2.1	3.2	4.5	5.10	**(40)**

BEST – Central: Thomas, Hopwood, Krieg, Bello, Slade, Healy, J. Gowans, Schell, C. Gowans, Scoullar. **West:** Tuck, Cassisi, Richardson, Myles, Bradshaw.

SCORERS – Central: Schell 3.7, Bello, Healy 3.0, McArdle, Slade 2.1, J. Gowans 1.2, Coulter, Switala 1.0, Cochrane 0.2, Graham 0.1. **West:** Bradshaw 4.2, Norman 1.0, Hahn, Koulouriotis, Cassisi 0.2, Rutten, Howard 0.1.

INJURIES – Central: Arnott (quad), replaced in selected side by Krieg, Walton (concussion), Slade (arm).

UMPIRES - R. Fox, P. Williams, R. Williams.
CROWD - 3792 at NAP Oval, Elizabeth.

PORT

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
M.ASHLEY	6	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
J.PLAPP	6	4	1	0	3	0	2	0	3
H.MILLER	6	1	8	0	2	2	2	0	2
C.COCKATOO-COLLINS	20	6	7	1	0	2	1	0	0
P.EVANS	9	7	1	0	0	5	3	0	0
M.CLAYTON	13	4	12	1	1	0	1	0	2
J.WILSON	19	3	11	2	1	0	1	0	3
R.O'LOUGHLIN	19	7	13	2	3	1	2	1	1
L.WHITE	11	5	5	1	1	0	1	0	1
R.FUNCKE	14	8	6	0	0	1	1	0	3
N.FIEGERT	6	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
S.CARTER	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
M.WILSON	18	5	7	1	1	1	1	0	1
C.AhCHEE	12	7	6	1	1	1	3	1	1
J.ILETT	11	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
C.PARRY	8	9	10	1	1	0	0	20	3
B.LYLE	12	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	1
A.KINGSLEY	7	2	6	1	0	1	1	0	1
B.EBERT	8	3	5	0	1	1	1	0	0
N.McDOWALL	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1
S.PEUCKER	6	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
					Rushed		4		
Totals	**216**	**84**	**129**	**15**	**19**	**17**	**24**	**22**	**24**

GLENELG

	Kicks	Mks	Hbl	F/for	F/ag	Gls	Pts	H/O	Tkl
N.BELL	5	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0
B.SMITH	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	3	1
S.COOK	10	7	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
J.VLATKO	19	5	5	1	0	1	0	0	3
M.MANFIELD	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	1
D.RAIDIS	16	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
L.PANOZZO	6	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	3
W.NEELY	6	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
D.McENTEE	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
B.MULES	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.SHERWOOD	8	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
B.MOORE	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.NICHOLAS	7	4	9	1	2	0	0	0	2
L.BROCKMAN	8	6	4	1	1	0	0	1	0
K.KOSTER	10	3	13	2	1	0	0	0	5
M.GRIFFITHS	9	4	3	2	4	1	0	8	1
C.ROBINSON	5	3	9	1	1	0	0	0	1
B.BACKWELL	11	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
C.STATHAM	13	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
J.PEARCE	6	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	1
C.TASBORSKI	3	4	3	1	0	2	1	0	1
					Rushed		1		
Totals	**160**	**62**	**100**	**19**	**15**	**6**	**6**	**14**	**22**