

Tigers deserved win — coaches

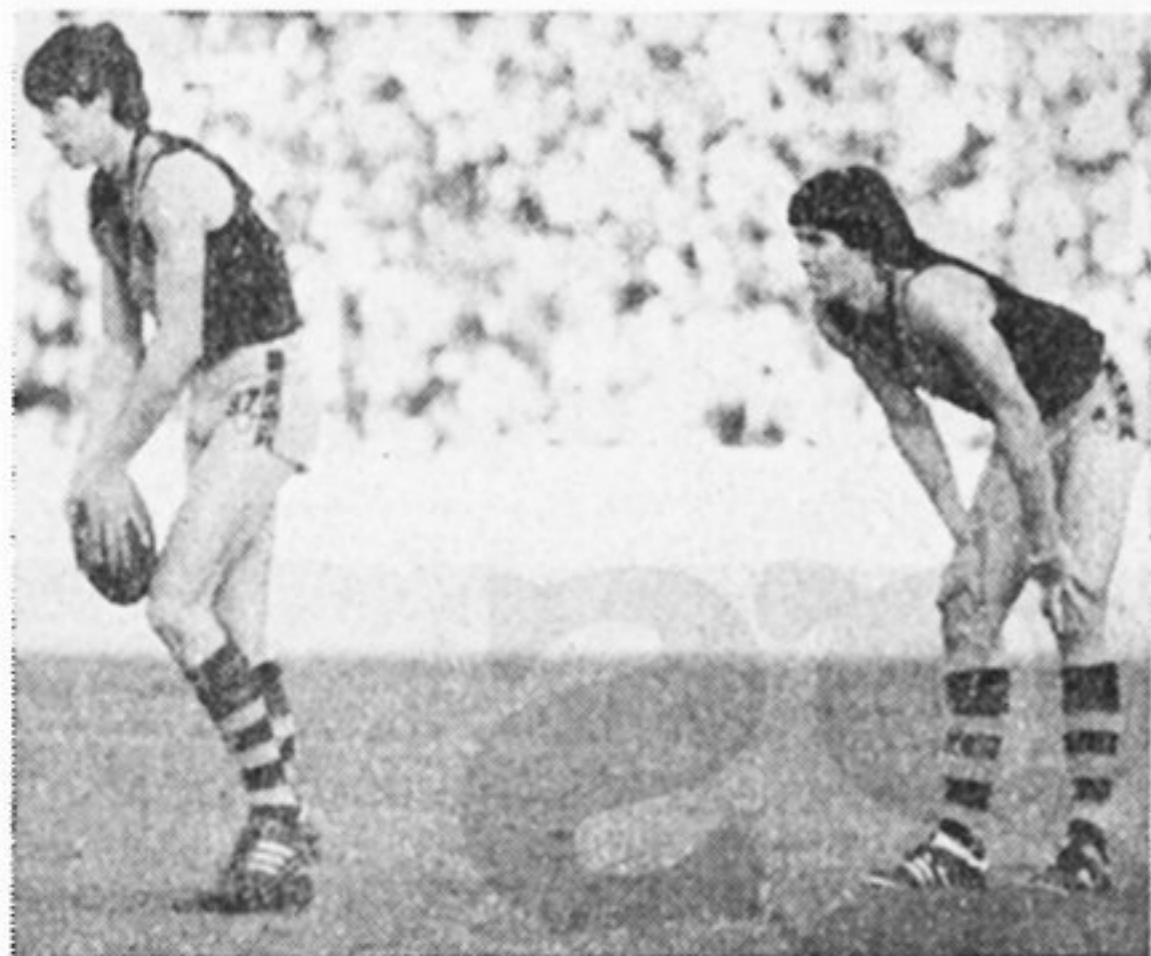
By ALAN SHIELL

A draw would have been a fitting result to another thriller — in front of another 13,000-plus crowd — at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

But rival coaches Graham Campbell (Glenelg) and Graham Cornes (South

Adelaide) agreed that Glenelg deserved to win.

One of the most entertaining matches of the season produced a goal-for-goal struggle over four torrid quarters until Glenelg finally broke away to snatch a hard-earned victory — boosted from six points to seven by Stephen Copping's point from a set shot after the siren.



TAKE CARE, LITTLE BROTHER. Stephen Kernahan watches anxiously as his brother David, 17, three years Stephen's junior, lines up a shot for goal at Adelaide Oval yesterday. Alas, David missed.



A PANTHER ABOUT TO CRASH. South Adelaide coach Graham Cornes, like his team yesterday, seems destined for rough landing after flying high in the pack near the Glenelg goal at Adelaide Oval yesterday. Thumping the ball clear South full back Phil Brooksby. No. 1 for Glenelg is Alan Stringer and at right is South's John Schneebichler. The Panther dropped from top to third position following their seven-point defeat.

GLENELG	5.4	8.9	11.12	15.15	(105)
SOUTH ADELAIDE	5.3	8.6	11.11	14.14	(98)

Campbell, who unashamedly wears his heart on his sleeve, could not contain his elation towards the end, gleefully aware that Glenelg had beaten South for the first time in six games (two at night) since he took over from John Halbert as the Tigers' coach at the beginning of last season.

"We deserved to win," Campbell said. "We probably had a bigger share of the general play; at least enough to say we should have won the game."

"This win was another sign of what the players have to offer. It was full of character."

"The real test of players' ability to perform under pressure comes in games like these. We've proved we've got what it takes."

Cornes said: "Glenelg deserved it. We didn't play well enough to win. Glenelg did."

"Our endeavor was there, but our disposal in the forward lines was not good. And we had lapses in concentration that allowed Glenelg to have loose men at critical times."

It was indicative of the tightness of the enthralling duel that the lead changed hands in each quarter and the biggest margin between the sides was 13 points — twice Glenelg's way in the second half of the first term.

Glenelg looked to be travelling like a winner everywhere but on the scoreboard throughout the first half, in which a huge four-goal effort by centre

half-forward John Schneebichler helped keep South in touch.

"Sneezer" later switched to ruck duty in what was a herculean feat of stamina, a mere two days after he had played for SA against WA.

Similarly, Stephen Kernahan (four goals) and Peter Carey (two) also shrugged off the effects of the State game to play decisive roles at centre half-forward and in ruck for Glenelg.

Kernahan's high-marking is of inestimable value to Glenelg, particularly as he often is its sole aerial force ahead of centre when full forward Greg Nichols is blanketed, as he was by Phil Brooksby yesterday.

In a team almost full of effective players, Scott Salisbury was courage personified in a back pocket, Tony Symonds, David Marshall and Copping (who finished successfully on a forward flank) were regular contributors across centre and Tony McGuinness and Stephen Talbot roved energetically.

Besides "Sneezer" and Phil Brooksby, South received good value from smooth-moving centreman Craig Dewhurst, State rover Mark Naley, elusive wingman Ron Hateley, explosive, left-footed half-forward David Kappler and busy on-the-ball workers Phil Would, Darryl Hewitt and Shane Butler.

South's typical hustle and bustle may have swamped some other teams, yet Glenelg answered every challenge to be a kick or two ahead most of the time — and when it mattered most.

Now if only we could see games like this every week!

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg: S. Kernahan 4.2, Twelftree 3.2, Gibbs 2.1, Carey, McGuinness 2.0, Talbot 1.2, Symonds 1.1, Nichols 0.3, McDermott, Copping, D. Kernahan 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Schneebichler 5.2, Darren Harris 2.2, Would, Fairclough 2.1, Hateley 1.2, Butler, Naley 1.1, David Kappler 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST — Glenelg: S. Kernahan, Salisbury, Carey, Symonds, Copping, McGuinness. South: Schneebichler, Dewhurst, Naley, Hateley, P. Brooksby, David Kappler.

Umpires — L. Argent, J. Hylton.

League table

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
PORT CENTRAL	9	2	1447	1106	18	56.68
CENTRAL	9	2	1262	1053	18	54.51
SOUTH	8	3	1370	1024	16	57.23
GLENELG	8	3	1378	1111	16	55.36
STURT	6	5	1359	1311	12	50.90
WEST	4	7	1158	1294	8	47.23
NORWOOD	4	7	1219	1389	8	46.74
TORRENS	3	8	1081	1503	6	41.83
NORTH	2	9	1237	1339	4	48.02
WOODVILLE	2	9	1276	1657	4	43.50

Crowds for 11th series

FOOTBALL PARK (St v. NA)	7297
ADELAIDE OVAL (SA v. G)	13,172
THEBARTON OVAL (WT v. CD)	about 6000
RICHMOND OVAL (WA v. Nd)	about 6160
WOODVILLE OVAL (Wd v. PA)	about 5000
Total (Series 11)	about 37,627