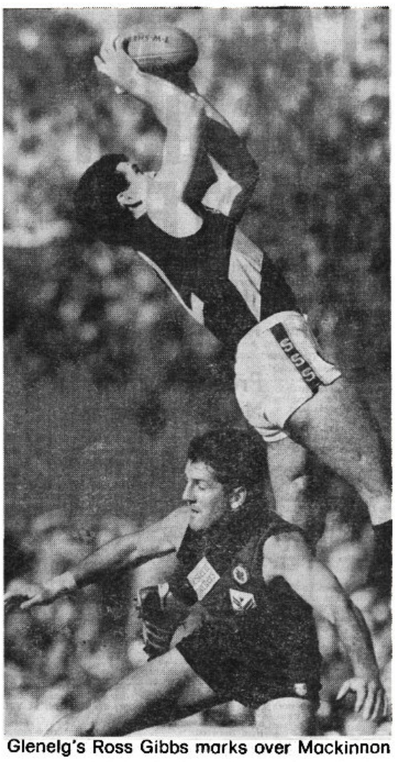
Warrior players shamed

BLIGHT BOILS OVER IN DAY OF DRAMA



Glenelg's Ross Gibbs marks over Mackinnon

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Woodville coach Malcolm Blight's frustration and anger boiled over at three quarter time yesterday when he publicly humiliated his players by forcing them to undertake training manouvres.

The Football Park crowd watched in amazement as Blight separated the players into groups and had them running at each other, kicking to a lead and then handballing the ball back to the player running past.

One could understand Blight's frustrations that perhaps things that he as a great player felt were elementary, were so difficult to digest by less-talented players.

But to players who may have been giving it their all against Port Adelaide it would have been a painful and humiliating experience.

Blight did not address his players after the game and rushed from the stadium. Woodville has lost its past four games.

PORT ADELAIDE responded to coach Russell Ebert's criticism after losing to North last week by winning convincingly.

Club champion Tim Evans made a succesful return to football by booting seven goals in the reserves.

NORWOOD scored a surprise victory over weakened **NORTH ADELAIDE** at Prospect.

The Roosters' loss was their first in seven minor round games and they clearly missed suspended rover Tony Antrobus, and injured stars Darel Hart and Grenville Dietrich. But they lost no further players for the Foster's Cup match against Hawthorn on Tuesday.

Blight: Rushed

Norwood captain Neville Roberts made a comeback with the reserves and kicked eight goals.

CENTRAL DISTRICT is still sixth and percentage out of the five following its highly convincing, fourth straight win, over **STURT** at Elizabeth.

DEVASTATING WESTS LOOK LIKE CHAMPS

West Adelaide's 62-point humiliation of Glenelg at Richmond Oval yesterday proved without doubt the Bloods have the ability to be a major premiership threat this year ... and that the Bays have some real problems.

West never looked threatened. With captain Mark Mickan martialling the Bloods' forces from in ruck, and wily Peter Meuret running rings around the Bay defenders, West was superb.

Bay players looked hesitant and unsure of themselves. A mere shadow of the side that had played so well to win the premiership last season.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes conceded after the game: "It is the most disappointing effort we have put up since I have been coaching here."

Bloods coach John Cahill believes his side is maturing into one which plays close to a full four quarters of good, consistent footy. He only had the last 15 minutes of the final quarter to be a little disappointed by — and that was we'l-and-truly after the game had been won and lost.

West, as it had done the previous week against Woodville at Richmond, opened with a magnificent eight-goal first quarter.

Inspiration

And Glenelg never looked like getting back in the hunt.

Bay coach Graham Cornes tried countless moves to try to provide some spark or inspiration. But, as he said after the game, "nothing worked at all."

Glenelg's biggest problem was its lack of key position forwards.

It has been said many times before, but the problem remains about covering the loss of centre half-forward Stephen Kernahan to Carlton.

Cornes started off with John Seebohm at full forward and Adam Garton at centre half-forward then had Garton at full forward and Peter Carey at centre half-forward.

And in the end the Bays had Tony Hall at centre half-forward and Carey as spearhead.

"It is a major concern," Cornes said of his lack of key goalscoring forwards.

To add to the Bay's problems, their reserves side was walloped by West by 106 points — they are struggling in both grades. But good news was Stephen Copping was Glenelg's best in the reserves loss.

"We have given a few players some opportunities, but now we are running out of alternatives and time," Cornes said.

"It's a funny game. But we'll have to do everything right from here."

Despite suffering their fifth loss in six games, the Bays remain just two games out of the five. The next two weeks will be crucial as Glenelg faces Norwood at Norwood and Port at Alberton.

Glenelg needed to look no further than Chris McDermott for the sort of effort needed. He was in everything, and finished the game with remarkable statistics of 17 kicks, 13 marks and 20 handballs.

But he was left with little to celebrate after his 150th game for the Bays.

Tony Hall was one player who always looked dangerous in attack, pulling down 10 big marks.

Alan Stringer won his share of touches in the centre and Tony Symonds showed some glimpses of his best after coming back from injury.

David Kernahan played well on his wing and Wayne Stringer was his usual reliable self at half-back.

But, as Cornes said, the Bays are running out of time.

West Adelaide, on the other hand, is looking good in second place with six wins.

Yesterday giant ruckman Mark Mickan stood head and shoulders above anyone else as best on ground.

His influence on West's game was enormous, and he set the Bloods on their way from the centre time and again, and also took some telling marks.

And once the ball was in attack, Meuret was there ready to capitalise on any opportunities. He booted 8-1.

Enormous

Paul Belton continued his consistent from this season with a creative game, while Grant Fielke had 25 kicks, although some were wasted.

Des Herbert again worked hard and had 17 kicks and 11 handballs, wingman Kieran Sporn showed his great potential and the defence — David Twomey at centre half-back and Michael Rennie at half-back in particular — was rock-solid.

BAYS RUNNING OUT OF TIME

Cornes: Disappointed.

Copping: Good news.

Match details

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	8—7	11—10	15—13	20—15	135
Glenelg	2—3	5—6	7—10	10—13	73

BEST—WEST: Mickan, Meuret, Belton, Fielke, D. Herbert, Sporn, Rennie, Twomey, C. Herbert. GLENELG: McDermott, Hall, A. Stringer, Symonds, Kernahan, W. Stringer, Henwood.
SCORERS—WEST: Meuret 8.0, Grosser 4.2, Fielke 3.3, D. Herbert 1.2, Miller 1.2, Woodhall 1.2, Sporn 1.0, Burton 1.0, Mickan 0.1, Belton 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: McDermott 2.2, Symonds 2.2, Woodlands 2.1, Kidner 1.2, Gibbs 1.1, Hall 1.1, Garton 1.1, W. Stringer 0.1, Seebohm 0.1, rushed 0.1.
UMPIRES—Rick Kinnear and Jim Field.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1—4	6—7	11—9	14—16	100
North	2—7	4—9	6—12	7—15	57

BEST—NORWOOD: Payne, Gallagher, Aish, Pyke, Thomas, Anderson, Tanner. NORTH: Robertson, Wildy, Arnold, Campbell, D. Jarman, A. Jarman.
SCORERS—NORWOOD: Thomas 2.3, Payne 2.2, Murdoch 2.2, Pearce 2.1, Aish 2.0, Anderson 1.3, Gallagher 1.1, Michalanney 1.1, Warhurst 1.0, Tanner 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Klomp 1.3, Cliff 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Carlaw 1.0, Campbell 1.0, Wildy 1.0, Robertson 1.0, Poynton 0.3, Parsons 0.2, A. Jarman 0.2, S. Riley 0.1, Sanders 0.1, rushed 0.3.
UMPIRES—Laurie Arrent and Mark Mackie.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	7—5	11—8	15—10	20—11	131
Sturt	1—1	4—3	8—6	13—8	86

BEST—CENTRAL: Bubner, Lee, Van Dommele, Roe, Hurn, O'Neill, Flintoff, Fraser, Nolan, Hannam. STURT: Craig, Paynter, Whittlesea, Frost, Spiel, Heinrich, McCarthy.
SCORERS—CENTRAL: Nolan 3.3, Bubner 3.0, Krieg 3.0, Roe 3.0, Fraser 2.3, Braddy 2.0, Cousins 1.2, Lee 1.1, Trigg 1.0, O'Neill 1.0, Connelly 0.1. STURT: Wark 3.1, Klomp 3.0, Willmott 2.2, Reynolds 2.0, Spiel 1.1, Paynter 1.1, Dilena 1.0, Fielke 0.1, Craig 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES—CENTRAL: Connelly (concussion). STURT: Martin (sprained ankle).
UMPIRES—John Hylton, Stephen Semmler.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5—1	9—1	17—7	27—11	173
Torrens	2—4	8—8	10—10	12—11	83

BEST — SOUTH: David Kappler, Martin, Davies, Troy, Darren Kappler, Menzel, Johns, Christie. TORRENS: McCarthy, Enright, Roberts, Robson, Weston, Lindsay, Pill.
SCORERS — SOUTH: Davies 3.3, Menzel 3.0, Christie 3.0, Would 2.1, Dickinson 2.0, Dewhirst 1.1, Darren Kappler 1.0, Troy 1.0, Nalei 1.0, Faircloush 1.0, Stoeckel 1.0, Martin 0.3, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Roberts 6.2, Robson 2.1, Pill 1.2, Payze 1.0, Foote 1.0, Downie 1.0, Wilson 0.2, Barratt 0.1, Economou 0.1, McCarthy 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — TORRENS: Cox (groin).
UMPIRES — Ross Campbell, Graham Hilton.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—3	10—9	14—15	18—18	126
Woodville	4—5	5—8	6—11	8—12	60

BEST — PORT: R. Boyd, Borlase, O'Brien, Curtis, Tyler, Laube, Ginever, Anderson, Leslie. WOODVILLE: C. McDonald, Mitchell, Templeton, Haylock.
SCORERS — PORT: Tyler 4.4, Borlase 3.3, O'Brien 2.2, Ginever 2.0, Laube 1.3, Anderson 1.2, Johnston 1.1, Boyd 1.0, Smith 1.0, Simpson 1.0, Curtis 1.0, Harrison 0.1. WOODVILLE, Jackson 2.0, Mitchell 1.3, McDonald 1.1, Taylor 1.1, Wood 1.1, Tuome 1.0, Martin 1.0, Tankoole 0.2, Schimmelbusch 0.1, Harris 0.1, Haylock 0.1, rushed 0.1.
UMPIRES — D. Schramm, Neville Thorp.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
North	7	2	1058	788	14	57.31
West	6	3	1108	884	12	55.71
Norwood	6	3	1082	958	12	53.04
Sturt	5	4	1000	939	10	49.77
Port	5	4	965	974	10	49.77
Central	5	4	987	1032	10	48.89
Glenelg	3	6	1079	1099	6	51.68
South	3	6	895	1034	6	46.40
Woodville	3	6	921	1207	6	43.28
Torrens	2	7	829	1102	4	42.93

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesty	Total
G. Dietrich (North)	8		68.19
R. Davies (South)	9	6.3	41.13
J. Roberts (Torrens)	9	6.3	34.17
I. Willmot (Sturt)	8	2.2	33.17
R. Pearce (Norwood)	9	2.1	29.16

Next round

June 7 — Central v South, West v North (double header at Football Park); Norwood v Glenelg (Norwood), Torrens v Woodville (Thebarton).
June 8 — Port v Sturt (Football Park).

Crowds

Football Park	8198
Adelaide	4649
Elizabeth	7412
Richmond	7028
Prospect	11,549
	38,837