

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-5	8-10	16-14	21-24	150
Norw'd	2-3	6-6	9-9	10-10	70

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: O'Brien, Backman, Darley, Day, Durbridge, Schmidt, Skuse, Ploenges. **NORWOOD:** Kneebone, Vertudaches, Ashby, Wedding, French, Smart, Skinn, Hillman.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Roennfeldt 3.4, Skuse 3.3, Ross 3.2, Day 2.3, White 2.2, Backman 2.2, Kautilla 2.1, Darley 1.2, Ploenges 1.0, Alexander 1.0, Kerley 1.0, O'Brien 0.3, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Skinner 3.0, Smart 2.1, Gurney 2.0, Matheson 1.2, Martin 1.2, McMahon 1.2, Sawley 0.1, Woodcock 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Schmidt (heavy knock to head) by Judd, last quarter. White, by Threadgold, last quarter.

UMPIRE—R. LeCornu.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-3	13-11	19-13	23-21	159
W'dville	6-4	7-5	12-6	13-8	86

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Halbert, Adcock, Hill, Bagshaw, Sawley, Raymond, Dunn. **WOODVILLE:** Clasohm, Stone, Perry, Smith, Simunsen, Mader, Hansch.

SCORERS—STURT: Sawley 5.2, Hill 4.1, Rigney 2.3, Clarke 2.1, Dunn 2.0, Desmazures 2.0, Grant 2.0, Halbert 1.6, Chessel 1.2, Whicker 1.2, Bagshaw 1.0, Clarkon 0.2, Hicks 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Smith 4.3, Clasohm 2.1, Christie 2.1, Perry 2.0, Atkinson 1.1, Simunsen 1.0, Braidwood 1.0, Bradley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Rigney (shin) by Grant, half-time. Desmazures (dislocated nose) by Clarke, third quarter. **WOODVILLE:** Jackson (bruised chest) by Webb, third quarter. Partridge by Batt, last quarter.

REPORT—R. Rigney (Sturt) reported for striking R. Simunsen (Woodville).

UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-7	9-13	14-19	21-23	149
Central	2-0	5-2	6-6	7-10	52

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: McGowan, Edwards, Button, D. Long, Rice, Peek, Sutherland. **CENTRAL:** Stutley, Donovan, Eime, Eustice, O'Brien, Kemp, Johnston.

SCORERS—GLENELG: McGowan 5.2, Rice 3.2, Payne 3.1, Button 3.0, Sutherland 2.3, Sinclair 2.1, D. Long 1.6, Anesbury 1.3, Kernahan 1.0, Richens 0.2, Peek 0.1, rushed 0.2. **CENTRAL:** Donovan 3.1, O'Brien 2.0, Stutley 1.3, Burns 1.1, Savage 0.2, Eustice 0.1, Morey 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Anesbury (cramp) by Tucker, last quarter. Burckhardt (cramp) by A. Long, last quarter. **CENTRAL:** Morey (thigh) by Fulton, last quarter. Lindner (thigh) by Sloan, last quarter.

REPORT—R. Burton (Glenelg) reported for striking unnamed Central player, second quarter.

UMPIRE—M. G. O'Connell.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-2	9-9	13-11	18-18	126
Torrens	2-3	3-6	5-7	9-7	61

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Potter, Marrett, Freeman, McKay, Elleway, Hayes. **TORRENS:** Bills, Rawson, Head, Kingston, Shearman, Pili.

SCORERS—PORT: Potter 4.3, Hannaford 3.3, Marrett 3.0, Freeman 2.4, T. Obst 2.3, McKay 2.2, Philp 2.0, Traynor 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** Wildy 2.0, Kingston 2.1, Miller 1.1, Dix 1.1, Shearman 1.0, Gould 1.1, G. Wright 1.0, Gibson 0.1, Head 0.1, Cowling 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Howell (leg) by R. Payze, third quarter. G. Payze (leg) by G. Wright, last quarter.

UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6-3	6-6	11-8	11-11	77
North	2-0	7-6	10-7	10-9	69

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Benton, Bertelsmeyer, Day, Sara, Thomas, Bitmead, Hughes. **NORTH:** Anderson, Lehmann, Hill, Hammond, Barbary, Trenorden.

SCORERS—WEST: Bertelsmeyer 4.2, Bitmead 3.2, Burkett 2.0, DeBrouge 1.3, Sara 1.1, Hughes 0.1, Thomas 0.1, Hooper 0.1. **NORTH:** Anderson 8.1, Lehmann 2.1, Stringer 0.3, T. Lindner 0.1, Hammond 0.1, Barbary 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Wright (four stitches in finger split when marking) by Warman, first quarter. Hooper (strained shoulder ligaments) by Miller, third quarter.

UMPIRE—M. Posa.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Sawley (Sturt)	5-2	20	65-36
McGowan (Glenelg)	5-2	19	51-36
Kingston (Torrens)	2-1	15	50-25
Dunn (Sturt)	2-0	20	44-28
Head (Torrens)	0-1	18	43-29
Shearman (Torrens)	1-0	16	40-41
Rice (Glenelg)	3-2	19	38-41
Potter (Port)	4-3	19	36-51
Bertelsmeyer (West)	4-2	19	36-23
Marrett (Port)	3-0	20	34-20
Butt (Glenelg)	3-0	14	33-24
Skuse (South)	3-3	17	32-44

HIGHEST LOWEST

League: Sturt 23-21 (159); Central 7-10 (52).
Seconds: North 33-27 (225); West 3-4 (22).

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	10,359
Adelaide	6,916
Unley	5,117
Glenelg	4,328
Richmond	4,152
TOTAL	30,972

NEXT WEEK

Semi-final: Sturt v. Glenelg (Adelaide).

Sturt tipped to beat Bays

Having occupied the top four positions throughout the second half of the season, Port, South, Sturt, and Glenelg today finished in that order at the end of the league minor round.

Sturt and Glenelg meet next Saturday in the first semi-final.

The four finalists won today by big margins. Port's 65-point advantage over Torrens being the smallest.

Only at Richmond was the winner in doubt until late in the day.

In spite of a brilliant performance at full forward by Peter Anderson, who kicked eight goals, West completed a promising second round with an eight-point win.

Minor premiers Port are the logical favorites for the premiership.

Of the other finalists, only South have beaten the Magpies, who had more scoring shots in each of the three games they lost during the season.

South have been beaten by Sturt and Glenelg, as well as by Port.

A striking feature of the finalists' record over the season is the comparative inefficiency of Sturt's and Glenelg's defences.

Of the two, Sturt look slightly stronger behind centre, and this could win them a place in the preliminary final.

The final line-up of both sides is in doubt following reports today.

However, Sturt had Langridge, and Glenelg had Westley looking on, so suspension of either Rigney or Button would not necessarily cause a major reshuffle.

Sturt's rucks are in better form but this is offset to some extent by Glenelg's stronger roving.

Across centre Bagshaw

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	Points	Prem.	%	
Port	17	3	—	1979	1083	34	64.63
South	17	3	—	1910	1198	34	61.45
Sturt	14	6	—	1943	1535	28	55.87
Glenelg	12	6	2	1938	1609	26	54.64
Torrens	11	8	1	1842	1592	23	53.64
Norwood	9	10	1	1571	1657	19	48.67
West	8	12	—	1428	1541	16	48.10
North	7	13	—	1418	1547	14	47.82
Woodville	3	17	—	1200	2188	6	35.42
Centrals	—	20	—	1052	2331	—	31.10

Sam Gallagher's football review

Bob Hank says: There seems little to choose between Sturt and Glenelg.

Both teams have been frantically experimenting right up to the last moment and although both still have problems, Sturt probably have reached more finality than the Tigers.

The Sturt ruckmen, Clarkson and Hill, could give the Double Blues a good start, and if Halbert can continue his devastating form of the past few weeks, Sturt should have more of the attack to win.

Stan Wickham says: This one is going to be very close and although Sturt have had the edge on the Bays in their two games this year I pick the Tigers.

Both sides are in a heap of trouble across half-back.

Dick Schoff will have to improve on today's showing to hold Doug Long while Linke would need a good day to prevent Halbert setting up a vantage point.

The form of Long and Halbert at centre half-forward for the respective teams to my mind holds the key to the game, and I fancy Long's task could be a trifle easier than Halbert's.

Bay victory no lift to hopes in finals

By BOB HANK

Without much drive from their rucks, Glenelg relied on their wings, half-forwards, and rovers to take them to an easy, but not over-impressive win against Central Districts at the Bay Oval.

Glenelg had no real weakness, but at the same time failed to show any real strength that would boost their prospects for next week's semi-final against Sturt.

McGowan was always busy today and with a dry ball improving his passing, he and Rice should prove a formidable roving pair.

Rice was steady, but the rucks must improve if this pair is to be given the chances necessary to get the breaks in a semi-final.

The Tigers were still experimenting up forward today, and although Doug Long and Sinclair went well enough in the first half, the side looked better when Payne went to full forward, Long into ruck and Sinclair to centre half-forward.

Adapted well

Central's experiment of playing Colin Stutley in attack after being in defence all the season was a real success.

Stutley took time to adjust himself to the changed environment, but even allowing for several marks that should have been paid by Umpire O'Connell, and the fact

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that his punt-kicking lacked strength, he adapted himself well.

He was shifted to the flank for the last term, for some obscure reason, as during the third term the Bays were forced to take Linke away and play Parker on Stutley.

An equally inexplicable Central move was the placing of Sam Donovan, a strongpoint at half-forward right, as a loose defender for most of the third term.

There was no wind of any real consequence, and had Central been in front and wanting to sit on their lead, the move might have been condoned.

But attack was Central's best policy, and although Donovan stopped his share, the Tiger defenders also had little trouble in throwing back the Central attacks coming through the vacant flank.

Although Peek and Edwards put Glenelg in with some precision in the first half, one got the impression that with the ball not knocked out into the

open by the ruckman, the Tigers were often battling the ball forward rather than driving it in.

Certainly, Glenelg generally got more distance with their kicks than did the Bulldogs, but with Central attempting to rough up the Bays with fierce tackling, the Glenelg scoring was won the hard way.

In the second half, with the light rain increasing and making handling more difficult, Glenelg unexpectedly improved their goal-shooting and coasted to an easy win.

Rice and McGowan did almost as they liked in the latter stages, and with Button always a danger on a half-forward flank, and Payne's height prominent at the goalline, their scoring potential reached its peak.

The Glenelg defence was not over-taxed today, but it did not function as well as it should have done, and this could give the Tiger selectors some cause for concern by next week.

However, the fact remains that the Tigers won by the equivalent of 16 goals and this possibly should not lead to any real cause for alarm in the Bay camp.

Although the umpiring of Max O'Connell naturally had no bearing on the result, his handling of play did deteriorate in the second half and his rather harsh treatment of Stutley did perhaps give the down-trodden Central supporters something to groan about.

FINAL FIGURES FOR MILDARA TROPHY

21—Halbert (Sturt).	11—Pope (West), Window (Centrals), Kneebone (Norwood).
17—Potter (Port), Darley (South), McGowan (Glenelg).	10—D. Thomas (West), Backman (South), Cahill (Port).
15—Head (Torrens).	9—Shearman (Torrens), Simunsen (Woodville), Bills (Torrens).
13—Gibson (Torrens), Rice (Glenelg).	