

SOUTH PROVE THEIR QUALITY

By SAM GALLAGHER

Port out of four

Before a record crowd at Adelaide Oval, league leaders, South Adelaide, today proved their quality in beating Port Adelaide by 14 points in a game of grand final tension.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE NOW

	W.	L.	D.	Points		Prem.	%
				For	Agst.		
South	6	1	—	662	423	12	61.01
Norwood	5	1	1	648	532	11	54.92
Torrens	5	2	—	819	527	10	60.85
Sturt	5	2	—	710	598	10	54.28
Port	4	3	—	616	493	8	55.55
Glenelg	3	3	1	694	658	7	51.33
North	3	4	—	619	610	6	50.37
West	2	5	—	455	568	4	44.48
Woodville	1	6	—	413	763	2	35.12
Centrals	—	7	—	401	865	—	31.67

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	27,728
Glenelg	6,790
Richmond	5,200
Thebarton	4,907
Unley	4,686

TOTAL 49,311

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Shearman (Torrens)	5-5	6	25-20
Dunn (Sturt)	2-1	7	25-8
Head (Torrens)	6-2	7	23-10
Turbill (Norwood)	—	6	22-19
R. Sawley (Sturt)	3-5	7	22-17
McGowan (Glenelg)	3-2	7	20-14
Button (Glenelg)	6-4	6	17-10
Kingston (Torrens)	2-0	4	15-9
Hancock (Glenelg)	—	6	15-5
D. Hicks (Sturt)	4-4	7	14-12
Backman (South)	1-1	7	13-12
Clasohm (Woodville)	1-1	7	13-12
D. Hill (North)	2-0	7	13-8

NEXT WEEK

- South v. Torrens (Adelaide).
- Port v. Woodville (Alberton).
- Norwood v. Central (Norwood).
- West v. Glenelg (Richmond).
- Sturt v. North (Unley).



SURROUNDED by jubilant supporters, South coach Neil Kerley retraces the steps he took just four quarters before when he ran on to the ground for his first match of the season—a triumphant comeback against Port at Adelaide Oval today. Following him in are Lindsay Backman (left), a trainer, and David Kantilla (rear).

Port's defeat, and Sturt's 38-point win over Central District at Unley, cost the Magpies their place in the four.

At Glenelg, North headed the Tigers in the third quarter, but the home side, playing far more evenly, ran out winners by 19 points.

In a game remarkable for accuracy in front of goal, Norwood returned to winning form against West at Richmond.

The Redlegs won by 37 points.

The perfect playing conditions were reflected also in the scoring at Thebarton, where Woodville kicked 11 goals before their first behind, scored in the third quarter.

However, accuracy was not enough, as Torrens kicked the season's highest score, to win by 98 points.

At Adelaide the tremendous interest generated by South's climb to the top and Kerley's reappearance attracted thousands of supporters of other teams. They were not disappointed.

Impressive

The tension was there throughout, and South turned on the same brand of football which left Norwood standing last week.

Port threatened to break away in the third term; but South regained control and went further ahead in the last quarter.

A brilliant game by Lindsay Backman at centre half-forward, and dashing roving by Ian Day were highlights in South's prestige performance.

The fact that the Panthers won without match-winning games from Kerley and Darley makes their performance even more impressive.

There will be another great crowd at Adelaide next week, when the Blue-and-Whites meet third-ranked Torrens.

At Unley Sturt were shocked by a brilliant first half from Central Districts.

Inspired by Eustice, the Bulldogs played fine attacking football to lead well at half-time.

Sturt countered Eustice with Whicker in the second half, when the Blues' rovers carried them to victory.

Eustice jumped right into form, playing a great first half.

No doubt, he will be added to the State squad, and, in view of Barbary's

indifferent form, the Central skipper could be on the wing against Victoria.

Having forced recognition of their right to top position, South will start favorites against Torrens next week.

Port, at home for the first time this season, should win from Woodville but their return to the four will depend on the result of the Sturt-North game at Unley.

At this stage the Blues

look sure winners.

Battling to stay in touch with the leaders, Glenelg go to Richmond. Their rucks and rovers should allow the Tigers to get in.

Norwood are at home to Central Districts who only have to play four quarters like their first half today to trouble the Redlegs.

However, Norwood's height in ruck and superior roving should get them home.

BAYS TOSSED A TIRED NORTH

By STAN WICKHAM

A great third-term effort by North that shot them nine points clear at the last change took its toll in the last term. They went under by 19 points in a tight, hard-hitting game.

Glen'lg	5-2	7-7	11-9	16-15	111
North	1-2	5-4	13-6	14-8	92

The umpiring of Des Foster was inconsistent, and players were continually confused.

His awarding of overhead marks was noticeable. At one stage players merely had to get a hand to the ball for a mark to be awarded, but later, what seemed many good, clean marks to both sides, were not allowed.

The man going for the ball was not given the protection expected, and the interpretation of a throw or handpass was again inconsistent.

Freak marking

The ruck work and field play of Dudley Hill for North was a feature. He took many hit-outs, but the Bay rovers, Rice and McGowan, anticipated well to take the cream of his work, and kick Glenelg into attack.

Glenelg supporters were justified in their claim that Button's freakish marking and 6-4 from centre half-forward won the day for the Bays.

Richens, along with Doug Long, can be labelled as having saved the game. Long's marking and Richens' great interception and accurate disposal were strong points.

The first term was Glenelg's, with their four Victorian imports, Long, Sutherland, Rice, and McGowan, all playing leading parts, with Richens, in running up a four-goal lead.

North began with a goal from Hammond to start the second term, but goals to Glenelg from Tucker and Button put the Tigers five goals clear.

Merry way

Hill (from a great mark), Thomas and Anderson goaled to lift the Roosters' hopes, but good roving by Rice and McGowan swept Glenelg over centre in a rush.

Bad kicking for goal cost them a bigger lead than 15 points at half-time.

After half-time, Hammond was switched to centre half-back in an attempt to curb Button's brilliance, but it was a lethargic effort on Hammond's part, and Button went on his merry way.

The third term saw an all too brief glimpse of the North of last year.

Thomas and Mitchell goaled from frees, but Rice and McGowan capitalised on Sutherland's strong ruck work, and Button's marking to goal, and the Bays were still 15 points clear.

Suddenly Hill and Lindner took control of the rucks. Barbary won his wing, and for the first time, the North rovers—Thomas, Stringer, and Ryan, were sighted.

Reduced lead

Mitchell, deputising for the replaced Anderson, came into the game, and in a matter of 10 minutes had crashed on six goals from Mitchell (2), Phillips, Ryan, Thomas, and the injured Dixon, who had to stay on as both reserves had been used.

Glenelg floundered as North swept the ball from man to man with blistering handball by Barbary, Power, and Thomas.

This burst had shot North away to a 21-point lead, but then the remarkable Button banged on two majors just before the siren to reduce North's lead to nine points.

The last term was a thriller. Weight was used freely, but North must have used up all their energy in a great third term effort.

They clung to the Bays until about half-way through the last term, when the scores were level, but their strength faded, and Glenelg, noted for their last-term finishes, kicked on strongly.

Glenelg had many good players, and I am splitting hairs between Button, Richens, and John Long for their best, but I'll settle for that order.

Doug Long rucked and marked well to rate high, while Rice and McGowan answered a critic who stamped them as squibs by controlling the fringes.

Dudley Hill was North's best, with grand ruck efforts and excellent field marking.

Hank Lindner turned in a grand game, followed by the consistent and unobtrusive Knuckey in the back pocket.

GLENELG'S four Victorian imports, Long, Sutherland, Rice, and McGowan, all clicked together at the Bay today and played strong, purposeful games.

Sutherland, Rice, and McGowan each booted three goals, and between them they kicked all of Glenelg's five goals in the first term.

These players, with Long's leaping and marking, had a telling influence.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	4-0	9-1	15-6	19-6	120
West	3-1	7-1	9-4	13-5	83

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Kneebone, Hillman, Skinner, Koch, Truelove, Johnson. WEST: Willis, Campbell, DeBroughe, Shueard, Johnson, Bitmead.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Skinner 6.1 Truelove 4.0, Koch 3.0, Oatey 2.1, Martin 1.1, Vickers 1.1, Gurney 1.0, Della-Polina 1.0, Harrison 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: DeBroughe 4.1, Bitmead 3.0, Thompson 2.0, Hooper 1.1, Bennetts 1.1, Costello 1.0, Shueard 1.0, Thomas 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Vertudaches (concussion), by Dunn, last quarter. WEST: B. Johnson (leg) by Hinkley, last quarter. UMPIRE—L. Davoren.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	7-3	14-9	20-11	27-16	178
W'dville	5-0	9-0	11-2	13-2	80

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Shearman Gibson, Head, Howell, Young, Russell. WOODVILLE: Simunsen, Braidwood, Webb, Atkinson, West, Laing.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Head 6.2, Shearman 5.5, Young 5.1, Miller 3.0, Gilbert 2.1, Howell 2.0, Kingston 2.0, Russell 1.0, McEntee 1.0, Vingo 0.1, rushed 0.5. WOODVILLE: Kelly 3.0, Laing 2.0, Hoffman 2.0, Clasohm 1.1, Atkinson 1.1, Hansch 1.0, Perry 1.0, Wilson 1.0, Christie 1.0.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Bills (ankle), by McEntee, last quarter. Russell (slight concussion), by Wright, last quarter. WOODVILLE: Hansch (leg) by Smith, last quarter. UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-2	6-10	15-15	20-18	138
Centrals	5-4	10-8	11-12	14-16	100

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: D. Hicks, Halbert, Langridge, Dunn, Whicker, Clarkson, Bagshaw, Short. CENTRALS: Window, Eustice, Stutley, Kemp, Donovan, O'Brien.

SCORERS—STURT: Langridge 4.5, D. Hicks 4.4, Sawley 3.5, Dunn 2.1, Davies 2.0, Halbert 1.1, Bagshaw 1.1, Clarkson 1.0, Hill 1.0, Whicker 1.0 Ray-

mond 0.1. CENTRALS: Johns 3.1, O'Brien 3.0, Window 2.2, Huddleston 2.0, Kemp 2.0, Donovan 1.1, Morton 1.1, Burns 0.3, Morey 0.1, Eustice 0.1, Secomb 0.1, rushed 0.5.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Webster (knee) by Davies, half-time. Whicker (bruised calf) by McDonald, last quarter. CENTRALS: Burns (leg), by Sorell, three-quarter time. Eustice (knee) by Edmonds, last quarter. UMPIRE—M. Posa.

AT GLENELG

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Glen'lg	5-2	7-7	11-9	16-15	111
North	1-2	5-4	13-6	14-8	92

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Button, Richens, J. Long, D. Long, Rice, Linke, McGowan, Kendall. NORTH: Hill, T. Lindner, Knuckey, Sutter, Mitchell, Barbary Trenorden.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Button 6.4, Rice 3.3, McGowan 3.2, Sutherland 3.0, Tucker 1.2, Sinclair 0.1, Anesbury 0.1, Kernahan 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Thomas 3.2, Mitchell 3.0, Hill 2.0, Stringer 1.1, Phillips 1.1, Dixon 1.0, Ryan 1.3, Anderson 1.0, Hammond 1.0, Barbary 0.1, Kent 0.1, Ashby 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Croser by Peek, three-quarter time. Blackburn by Hancock, last quarter. NORTH: Bloch (knee ligament) by Farrell, second quarter. Anderson (thigh) by Ryan, half-time. UMPIRE—D. Foster.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	1-4	5-4	8-6	11-10	76
Port	2-3	4-7	7-10	8-14	62

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Backman, Stewart, Day, Schmidt, Kerley, Jackson, Johnston, O'Brien, Kantilla. PORT: Cahill, Motley, Potter, Luke, Beaufoy, Philp, Fabian, Errey.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Day 4.2, Roennfeldt 2.1, Judd 1.2, Backman 1.1, Kantilla 1.1, O'Brien 1.0, Ross 1.0, Skuse 0.1, Shaw 0.1, Threadgold 0.1. PORT: Beaufoy 2.1, Philp 2.0, Hayes 1.2, Cahill 1.2, Bray 1.2, Gill 1.0, Potter 0.3, Marrett 0.1, Obst 0.1, Traynor 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Alexander (knee), by Durbridge, half-time. Ross (leg), by Threadgold, last quarter. PORT: Cahill (concussion) by Mead, last quarter. Holmes (heavy knock) by Hastings, last quarter. UMPIRE—K. Cunningham.