

THREE VITAL GAMES NEXT WEEK

By SAM GALLAGHER

A close call for league leader Port Adelaide against Central Districts at Elizabeth, and comfortable wins for the other top four teams, leaves the premiership ladder virtually unchanged after today's matches.

Three games will be vital to teams' chances—Port and Sturt (Alberton), North-Norwood (Prospect) and South-Glenelg (Adelaide).

Today Port won by nine points, but Central were three points up late in the last quarter before Steve Traynor got two goals to win it for the Magpies.

At Adelaide, South, hardest hit of all teams by State representation, outclassed West to win by 49 points, Phil Howlett at full forward getting eight goals.

Norwood fell two games behind the leaders when they were unable to hold Sturt in the second half at Unley.

The Blues kicked 7-4 to the Redlegs 1-5 after half-time to win by nine goals and consolidate their top percentage.

Comeback

Glenelg had straight kicking to thank for their eight-point win over Woodville.

Well clear at half-time, the Tigers were outscored 9-9 to 5-2 when Woodville came back strongly in the second half.

Back in the Torrens side after a three-match suspension, Lindsay Head was in top form for Torrens at

Prospect, but North's team effort and better forward work gave them a 20-point margin at the finish.

At Elizabeth Central stock slumped when Garry Window withdrew before the game.

But the home side, inspired by Grfusich's great debut at centre half-forward, led at half-time and went very close to toppling the formidable Magpies.

West, who could hardly hope to meet South on more favorable terms, never looked like making a game it at Adelaide Oval.

South's forward division, which has been its weakness so far this season, looked considerably stronger today with full forward Phil Howlett getting eight goals impressively.

South last year reorganised their attack during the minor round with conspicuous success.

They could do the same this year.

Their effort today, with what was virtually half a side, is an indication of a surprising reserve strength. Tightening their defence

in the second term and taking advantage of Clarkson's superiority in ruck, Sturt ran out easy winners against Norwood.

The Redlegs again struck trouble at half-forward, shifting Ron Kneebone to centre and then to centre half-back.

High hopes

Schoff was again impassable for Sturt, while Bunton was Norwood's best for the second time within a week.

Sturt's last three quarters were in the same style as their great holiday win over Glenelg, and the Blues will go to Alberton next week with high hopes.

Victory to Sturt and wins by South and North over Glenelg and Norwood would widen the gap between the top four and the rest, while leaving the leaders separated by only one game.

A loss against North next week would be a further blow to Norwood's fading hopes of making the final four and Glenelg, too, are in danger of losing touch with the leaders.

23 min. and no score!

IT'S almost unbelievable that a side which wins by nine goals should play for 23 minutes into the last term before kicking a goal for that term. It happened to Sturt today at Unley.

Kicking let the 'Peckers down

By BILL HENDERSON

Woodville fought hard in the final term to snatch a win from the Bays at the Woodville Oval today, but could not overcome the lead the Bays obtained in the second term—when they kicked 6-2 to 1-4.

Glenelg won the first half, but Woodville outplayed the Tigers well in the last half and almost took the game when they got within a point twice in the final term.

But they have themselves to blame with bad shooting at goals.

Obstacle

The first quarter was mainly all Glenelg, with Woodville struggling to get into the game.

Simunsen was giving them plenty of drive and Atkinson began to outplay Parker.

But Neil Sutherland on the last line of defence was Woodville's stumbling block, as he marked strongly and turned back many attacks.

Woodville opened the second term with plenty of dash, but they were let down again in front of goals.

Glenelg really came into the game after Woodville had 10 minutes of the play.

Simunsen received an injury to the throat and was shifted to half-

Glen'lg	4-2	10-4	12-5	15-6	96
W'ville	2-3	3-7	8-12	12-16	88

forward. Dale John took advantage of this, immediately coming into prominence.

And this brought other players into the game.

Especially was this so with Button, who again helped immensely in the scoring. He also helped with brilliant passing to give the new full forward, Symonds, enough chances to show his efficient talent.

The Bays kicked six goals straight to lead Woodville 10-4 to 3-7 at half-time.

Woodville opened the second half with much more determination, especially with Simunsen recovered and back at centre.

Simunsen not only gave his team drive, but kicked three valuable goals himself in this important term.

Glenelg all day were struggling in ruck, but McGowan was snaring the hit-outs gained by the powerful Woodville ruckmen.

Woodville made a change at the third term break that furthered the advantage their rucks were obtaining.

Youthful rover O'Connor replaced Jackson, and immediately broke away to start them off on the hair-raising last term.

Again in this term Peter Obst fell down in front of goals, as from his first four shots he managed only one goal. But all day he had to wander too far out from goals to gain kicks.

Won wings

Glenelg's best players mainly were in the first half but all day Anesbury and Mills won well on their wings.

Sutherland's game at full back was full of merit, as he not only kicked off brilliantly, but also marked strongly and close-checked Obst all day.

Button showed again he is a match-winner with his second quarter. And his marking in defence in the last term, when sent on the ball, was a major factor in his team winning.

Others to play well were Kendall and Chris Hunt, both at half-back. The new full forward, Symonds showed he can mark and kick.

Atkinson gets the vote for best on the ground with four quarters of strong marking and play-on football in opening an avenue of attack for his team.

Simunsen, except for the second term when injured, won centre well. All of Woodville rucks won handsomely.

Best of the others, were West at centre half-back, and Kelly both at half-forward and at half-back in the last term.

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-2	10-4	12-5	15-6	96
Wdv.	2-3	3-7	8-12	12-16	88

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Anesbury, Sutherland, Kendall, Button, Parker, Mills. WOODVILLE: Atkinson, Simunsen, Braidwood, Hoffman, West, Crammond.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Symonds 4.0, Button 3.0, Morony 2.0, McGowan 1.1, Anesbury 1.1, Hancock 1.1, Sinclair 1.1, Neill 1.0, McCarthy 1.0, Blackburn 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Hoffman 3.1, Simunsen 3.0, Obst 2.6, Kelly 2.2, Clasohm 1.1, O'Connor 1.0, Perry 0.2, Christie 0.1, Atkinson 0.2, Braidwood 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Hancock (shoulder) by McCarthy, three-quarter time. WOODVILLE: Jackson by O'Connor, three-quarter time. O'Connor by Roache, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	7-1	10-4	13-10	18-10	118
West	2-2	5-7	6-10	9-15	69

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: White, Howlett, Whitford, Roberts, Backman, Shaw, Christie. WEST: Sara, Pope, Bertelsmeier, Bitmead, Hooper, Benton, Wallace.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Howlett 8.2, White 2.1, Nason 2.0, Backman 2.0, Ross 1.2, Sims 1.1, Butcher 1.0, Whitford 1.0, W. Foster 0.1, B. Foster 0.1, Roberts 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Sara 3.8, Hooper 2.2, Bitmead 2.1, Loveday 1.1, Bertelsmeier 1.0, Thompson 0.2, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Nil. WEST: Campbell by Warman, second term. McGrath (ankle) by Deacon, last term.

UMPIRE.—B. A. Lees.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-6	6-9	11-12	14-17	101
Cent.	3-2	8-4	11-5	14-8	92

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Beaufoy, Matters, Bray, Philp, D. Gill, McKay. CENTRAL: Grlusich, Daly, Barron, Morey, Chenoweth, Hayes, Kemp, Fulton.

SCORERS.—PORT: Matters 4.2, Beaufoy 2.2, Bray 2.1, Traynor 2.1, Spencer 2.0, Cheetham 1.3, D. Gill 1.0, Nettle 0.4, Moore 0.1, Philp 0.1, McKay 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRAL: Grlusich 5.1, Daly 5.1, Barron 2.1, Burns 1.1, Dickson 1.0, Medhurst 0.3, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Nil. CENTRAL: Martin (knee) by Chenoweth, quarter time. Burns (cramp) by B. Kennedy, last term.

UMPIRE.—G. H. Wood.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-4	7-12	13-14	14-16	100
Nwd.	3-3	5-5	6-7	6-10	46

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Schoff, Clarkson, Tilbrook, Cunningham, Clarke, Murphy, Chessell. NORWOOD: Bunton, Inglis, Redden, Gurney, Woodcock, Bowe.

SCORERS.—STURT: M. E. Jones 4.2, Tilbrook 2.2, M. S. Jones 2.0, Clarkson 1.3, Dunn 1.3, Rigney 1.3, Langridge 1.2, Clarke 1.1, Burford 1.0. NORWOOD: Brewer 4.3, Kneebone 1.2, French 1.0, Oatey 0.2, Woodcock 0.1, Norsworthy 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Nil. NORWOOD: Woolford (leg) by Hillman, three-quarter time.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-2	7-4	13-7	16-9	105
Torr.	2-3	3-7	8-8	12-13	85

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Dixon, Farrell, Francou, Thomas, Robinson, Trenorden, Sutter, Sheridan. TORRENS: Head, Jackson, Butler, Bills, Minervini, Rawson, Dix, Dillon.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Thomas 4.1, Jaworskyj 4.0, Robinson 3.0, Braunack 2.0, Dixon 1.1, Gilbourne 1.1, Wilkinson 1.0, Hill 0.2, Stringer 0.1, Martin 0.1, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Lawson 3.2, Minervini 2.2, Butler 2.1, Head 1.2, Cowling 1.1, Dix 1.1, Dillon 1.1, Bills 1.0, Jackson 0.1, Wright 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Cearns (hip) by Gilbourne, quarter time. Coppins (heavy knock) by Bradtke, last term. TORRENS: Braidwood (knee) by Kruse, second quarter. Wildy (gashed shin) by G. Paze, half-time.

UMPIRE.—K. Cunningham.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	Points	Prem.	Pts.	%
Port	9	1	—	825	664	18	55.41
South	8	2	—	887	632	16	58.39
Sturt	7	3	—	1040	697	14	59.87
North	7	3	—	897	755	14	54.30
Glenelg	6	4	—	873	986	12	46.96
Norwood	5	5	—	837	790	10	51.44
West	3	7	—	826	869	6	48.73
Woodville	2	8	—	779	946	4	45.16
Torrens	2	8	—	684	906	4	43.02
Central	1	9	—	744	1147	2	39.34

ATTENDANCES

Unley	11,965
Prospect	6,980
Adelaide	6,699
Elizabeth	6,255
Woodville	4,357
Total	36,256

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY

South Australia v. Tasmania (Devonport).

SATURDAY

South Australia v. Tasmania (Hobart).

South v. Glenelg (Adelaide).

Port v. Sturt (Alberton).

North v. Norwood (Prospect).

West v. Central (Richmond).

Woodville v. Torrens (Woodville).

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	4-3	10	38-21
Button (Glenelg)	3-0	9	33-24
Skuse (South)	—	9	27-29
Halbert (Sturt)	—	9	27-28
Freeman (Port)	—	9	27-26
W. Thomas (North)	4-1	9	26-20
M. E. Jones (Sturt)	4-2	6	25-11
Daly (Central)	5-1	10	23-18
Lawson (Torrens)	3-2	9	22-15
White (South)	2-1	10	21-19
Hoffman (Woodville)	3-1	10	20-4