

# Fight intensifies for two berths

By SAM GALLAGHER

Losses today to top four teams Sturt and North, while strengthening Port's and South's grip on the double chance, has intensified the fight for the two remaining major round berths.

On paper, a weaker side than that which failed against Sturt at Unley last week. Norwood beat North by 73 points in a complete reversal of form at Prospect.

Sturt went down to Port by seven points in a close finish at Alberton, and South went right away from Glenelg in the second half at Adelaide to win by 43 points.

So Port and South have survived the two games in which they were weakened by the absence of top players in the State team.

Unexpectedly, South have done it a lot more comfortably than the Magpies, who could have lost both their games.

Trailing Port by one game South are two games clear of Sturt, who are third, and with nine games to the finals, it is difficult to see either of these sides being deprived of the double chance.

Port's strength today was their defence, while South's hopes were lifted by another strong game full forward by Howlett.

who got seven goals.

The two leaders meet at Adelaide Oval on August 7.

## Hill out

In beating North today, Norwood moved ahead of Glenelg into fifth position, one game out of the four.

Bunton again played brilliantly for the Redlegs, who won the game with a demoralising second quarter in which they kicked 10-2 to a goal by North.

Dudley Hill was out of the North side, and Gurney won the rucks for Norwood.

Brewer's seven goals enhances his claim for a place in the State side.

Having a bad run with injuries as they did last year, North lost Robinson and Dixon during today's game.

At Richmond, Central District became the first of the new sides to beat one of the older teams on its home ground when they streaked away from West in the second half at Richmond to win by 38 points.

Without Eustice and

Window, the Bulldogs showed that last week's narrow defeat by Port was no flash in the pan.

Winning rucks and rovers and another impressive display by Grlusich at centre half-forward were features of a fine win.

## Open road

At Thebarton, Woodville were far too accomplished for Torrens.

Simunsen's control of centre after the first quarter gave Woodville an open road to goal, as Atkinson was in complete control at centre half-forward and Peter Obst got six goals at the goalpost.

Woodville go to Prospect next week and although North will be strengthened by the return of State 'team and injured players, Woodville will make them go flat out to win.

Stan Wickham who saw them today, said Woodville looked a very good side, their play-on game working to perfection at times.

The fine showing of Central's rucks and rovers today suggests they, too, will give Glenelg a run for their money at Bay.

Having got over what looked like a big hurdle at Prospect, Norwood face up to an even bigger one against South at Adelaide. The Panthers could be only Darley short of full strength.

# SOUTH AGAIN RICH IN RESERVES

By BILL HENDERSON

South reserves again showed their strength in the Panther's strong win over the Bays at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-3	8-9	13-15	17-19	121
Glen'lg	2-6	7-7	9-9	11-12	78

South's win was better than the scoreboard showed. All day they had more of the play than Glenelg.

But many South shots for goals were astray, and this let Glenelg get within range of them on many times.

The first quarter was very rained, with both teams shooting poorly for goal.

Neither team could open up the game, and consequently Glenelg could not bring Button into the play to give them an avenue to attack through.

## Panthers' term

Backman gradually in the second term took control, and guided the game by going well into the forward lines to finish off many of his team's scoring attempts.

McGowan was playing a magnificent lone hand on the ball to keep Glenelg occasionally in the game.

South went in at half-time only 1-2 in front. With the play they had had they should have been further in front.

South's best quarter was the third, when Glenelg

had no answer to Backman at centre, and Judd, playing well at centre half-back kept the Bays out.

Shaw, following down McGowan, had plenty of kicks around centre, and this helped South when Backman took himself down forward.

The Bays opened the last term with Anesbury at centre half-forward. This nearly brought off a winning move.

Anesbury got two quick goals, which nearly sparked off a good run as Glenelg were within two goals of South.

South's defence immediately tightened up. The team overall played solid football in the dying stages of the game to go on and win easily.

Almost all the Panther replacements could be in their best players - a promising sign indeed.

Lindsay Backman gets the vote for best on the ground with his strong game at centre. Although this player is allowed to wander well into the forward lines he proves his

efficiency by helping with most of the scoring.

Peter Judd, filling in at centre half-back for three quarters, won well. But when Anesbury went on to him in the last term he faded a little.

Nason at half-forward flank, played a strong game. He filled his place with merit.

Rivers was another fill-in who went well at half-back. A very determined player, he concentrates all the time on what he is expected to do.

## Bay stars

Durbridge, Shaw, Stewart all played well, while Foster did many useful things in his unselfish way.

A special mention must be given to Howlett for his seven goals. While his teammates had bad moments in shooting for goals, he got his without a miss.

Glenelg fell away quickly after their first five, but both Anesbury, and McGowan were as good as any South player.

McGowan, roving to beaten rucks, made many opportunities for himself.

He got "dealt with" a lot, but recovered magnificently to be best rover afield.

Anesbury with limited chances early still got into the game to be his team's best goalgetter. His last quarter was full of merit.

Blackburn was tireless in his field play and Linke had his moments at centre half-back.

## QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

### AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	4-3	14-5	16-8	19-15	129
North	4-4	5-4	7-6	8-8	56

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Bunton, Woodcock, Gurney, Pickering, Redden, Brewer. NORTH: Cearns, Sutter, Thomas, Sheridan, Jaworski, Gilbourne.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Brewer 7.4, Woodcock 4.1, Kneebone 3.3, Gurney 3.2, Pickering 1.1, Bowe 1.0, Bunton 0.2, Copping 0.1, Anderson 0.1. NORTH: Thomas 4.0, Jaworski 1.3, Paull 1.1, Cearns 1.0, Francou 1.0, Braunack 0.2, Phillips 0.1, Sheridan 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Robinson (flu) by Gilbourne, quarter time, Dixon (hip) by Porter, half-time. NORWOOD: Nil.

### AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-3	6-7	7-10	10-13	73
Sturt	1-4	3-5	5-8	9-12	66

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Holmes, McKay, Matters, Elleyway, Philp, Fabian, Spencer, Hayes. STURT: Clarkson, Schoff, Short, Tilbrook, Chessell, Murphy.

SCORERS.—PORT: Matters 4.5, Philp 4.2, Nettle 1.1, McKay 1.0, Beaufoy 0.4, rushed 0.1. STURT: Dunn 2.1, Zoanetti 2.0, Whicker 2.0, Clarke 1.1, Tilbrook 1.1, Chessell 1.0, Langridge 0.4, Clarkson 0.2, M. E. Jones 0.2, M. S. Jones 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: McKenzie (slight concussion) by Nettle, second term, D. Gill (hip) by G. Gill, last term. STURT: Rigney (thigh) by Zoanetti, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. G. O'Connell.

### AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Wdv.	3-2	7-7	9-12	14-21	105
Torr.	2-6	4-6	6-7	7-8	50

BEST PLAYERS.—WOODVILLE: Atkinson, L. Braidwood, Simunsen, Christie, Allen, Hansch, Patterson, K. Kelly. TORRENS: Jackson, Gibson, Head, Butler, T. Braidwood, Minervini.

SCORERS.—WOODVILLE: Obst 6.5, Atkinson 3.1, Christie 2.2, Perry 1.3, Laing 1.3, Simunsen 1.1, Hansch 0.3, Clasohm 0.2, Braidwood 0.1. TORRENS: Minervini 3.1, Bills 2.1, Head 1.1, Jackson 1.0, Kruse 0.2, Gibson 0.1, Butler 0.1, Dix 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—WOODVILLE: Laing (slight concussion) by Roache, last term, Patterson by Everingham, last term. TORRENS: Rawson (thigh) by R. Payze, half-time, Dix by Mulvihill, last term.

UMPIRE.—G. H. Wood.

### AT ADELAIDE

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South	3-3	8-9	13-15	17-19	121
Glen.	2-6	7-7	9-9	11-12	78

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Backman, Judd, Nason, B. Foster, Roberts, Rivers, Shaw, Howlett. GLENELG: McGowan, Anesbury, Button, Blackburn, Mills, Symonds.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Howlett 7.0, Backman 5.3, Nason 3.2, Butcher 1.3, B. Foster 1.1, W. Foster 0.2, Whitford 0.2, Roberts 0.1, Sims 0.1, Threadgold 0.1, rushed 0.3. GLENELG: Anesbury 4.1, Symonds 2.3, Button 2.3, John 1.0, Rowe 1.0, Morony 1.1, Sutherland 0.2, McGowan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Nil. GLENELG: Rowe by Rosewarne third term.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

### AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	3-6	6-11	11-15	17-19	121
West	1-1	5-8	9-12	11-17	83

BEST PLAYERS.—CENTRAL: Barron, Kemp, Grlusich, Medhurst, Phillips, Morey, Daly, Chenoweth, Hayes, McGee. WEST: Benton, Burkett, Bennetts, Bitmead, DeBroughe, Campbell, Wallace.

SCORERS.—CENTRAL: Daly 4.1, McGee 4.1, Grlusich 3.1, Barron 2.6, Medhurst 2.1, Burns 1.1, Smith 1.0, Dickson 0.5, Hayes 0.1, Kemp 0.1, Haylock 0.1. WEST: Loveday 3.1, Burkett 2.4, Bitmead 2.2, Hooper 2.1, Thompson 1.3, Hughes 1.1, Sara 0.1, DeBroughe 0.1, Thomas 0.1, Campbell 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—CENTRAL: Burns (concussion) by McGee, second term, Kemp (dislocated shoulder) by Haylock, last term. WEST: Wallace (knee) by McInerney, last term.

UMPIRE.—K. Cunningham.

REPORT.—J. McInerney (West) for allegedly kicking D. Barron (Central), last term.

## PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	10	1	898	730	20	55.16
South	9	2	1008	710	18	58.67
Sturt	7	4	1106	770	14	58.95
North	7	4	953	884	14	51.88
Norwood	6	5	966	846	12	53.31
Glenelg	6	5	951	1107	12	46.21
West	3	8	909	990	6	47.87
Woodville	3	8	884	996	6	47.02
Torrens	2	9	734	1011	4	42.06
Central	2	9	865	1230	4	41.29

## TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	7-4	11	45-25
Button (Glenelg)	2-3	10	35-27
W. Thomas (North)	4-0	10	30-20
Skuse (South)	—	9	27-29
Halbert (Sturt)	—	9	27-28
Freeman (Port)	—	9	27-26
Daly (Central)	4-1	11	27-19
M. E. Jones (Sturt)	0-2	7	25-13

## ATTENDANCES

Alberton	11,754
Adelaide	9,216
Prospect	8,482
Woodville	4,577
Richmond	2,916
TOTAL	36,945

## NEXT WEEK

South v. Norwood (Adelaide).
Glenelg v. Central (Glenelg).
North v. Woodville (Prospect).
Torrens v. Port (Thebarton).
Sturt v. West (Unley).

## THE LEADERS

11—Kerlev (South)
9—Dav (West), Freeman (Port), Eustice (Central)
7—White (South), Rice (Glenelg), Halbert (Sturt)
6—Window (Central), Hammond (North), Simunsen (Woodville), Motley (Port), Button (Glenelg)

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McGowan (Glenelg), Braidwood (Woodville), Hill (North). Voting suspended during interstate games.