

South to be tough

By **BOB HANK**

South showed they mean business again this year with a convincing 21-point win over last year's premiers, Port, at Adelaide Oval today.

Undoubtedly they owed their win to superior speed in most positions and are obviously well forward in physical condition.

Perfect conditions heralded the start to the 1966 season and judging by the

opening round results this year should be as interesting and keenly fought as last season.

Port today missed the steady influence of their evergreen champion Geoff Motley, and South

flankers Backman and Skuse gave their side tons of attacking power.

Port made determined challenges during the last three quarters, with Eric Freeman outstanding up forward.

With typical doggedness and will to win the Magpies fought to within nine points of South with less than 10 minutes remaining.

But South's speed again got them out of trouble and they scooted away to a comfortable win.

First semi-finalists last year, Sturt and Norwood drew a great crowd to Unley Oval and again the Blues were too strong for the Redlegs.

Halbert gave Sturt a clear road to goal early but with poor goal shooting and the eclipse of Bob Shearman by Norwood defender Graham Molloy, the Redlegs were able to keep in touch to half time.

Shearman showed signs of breaking free during the second term.

When he "exploded" in the third term, the power generated by him and Halbert across half-forward and Clarkson, Schoff, and Hicks around centre, made the Norwood defenders powerless to stop the Sturt rush.

Sturt's new centre half-back Kym Stoeckel made a fine league debut and was one of the most effective players afield.

Central almost let victory slip from their fingers against North, but they showed great fight to regain the lead after the Red-and-Whites had taken it from them in the final term.

It was a rugged, hard-fought encounter, and umpire Ken Cunningham's sound control avoided any eruptions.

In the other games, the Eagles, although beaten in ruck all day by Woodville, had a big percentage of the play in the second half and got in by 11 points.

At Glenelg, the Tigers' newcomers gradually settled in, and, led by a brilliant game in defence by Haydn Linke, easily accounted for a persistent West Adelaide.

out to show improvement at home, but against a talented South Adelaide will find the going tough. Close games can be anticipated at Adelaide and Prospect, and at Thebarton the Bulldogs will be keen

Young Glenelg side show dashing form

By **STAN WICKHAM**

Glenelg's "team of kids," after a settling-in period, rose to the occasion in splendid style with dashing second and third terms to win comfortably from a persistent, but otherwise well-beaten, West at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2-2	9-8	14-8	17-9	111
West	2-1	4-5	6-7	9-12	66

After the first term, Glenelg won in most positions.

But at centre half-forward Jonas had the better of Colbey and at full forward Warman defended stoutly, despite Sutherland's four goals.

Across centre, Lane won hands-down all day on a wing, Phillis nullified Day with a great checking game at centre, and Mills had the better of Hughes on the other wing.

This line gave the Bays great attacking drive all day.

In the packs, Staitte and Long gradually got on top of West's big men to palm the ball accurately to rovers McGowan and Schumaker.

They in turn whisked the ball away cleverly and passed accurately to waiting forwards.

In defence, Glenelg had the best man on the ground in Haydn Linke at centre half-back.

His anticipation while marking was uncanny and his clearances were well-timed.

He was supported well by the other defenders, although Sims had Burkhardt worried early.

The first term saw many players fumble and miss-kick.

But H. Linke for Glenelg, and Jonas and Warman for West all defended grandly.

It was a low-scoring opening session, with Glenelg leading by the odd point at the change.

West hit the front for the only time in the game when Lewis holed out on the run as the second term began.

That was practically the finish of West.

Staitte and Long showed recruit ruckmer Moss and Ford the way to hit the ball to a rover, and Glenelg poured goalwards through Lane (wing) to Anesbury at half-forward. Anesbury potted four goals for the term in a devastating effort from a flank.

Repeated dose

Phillis had stopped the drive Day had given West from centre in the first term, so the Bays shot down the middle to Sutherland, who marked strongly in front of goals to add 2-1 himself.

Glenelg were really turning it on, and the new chums were playing their part well.

Their nervousness had gone, and their understanding was admirable.

They led by 33 points at half-time, after adding 7-6 in a blazing second term.

Glenelg have been known to fold up in the second half after a good beginning, but not today.

They set sail in the third with the same determination.

Button goaled after brilliantly working the ball out of the pocket under pressure. He repeated the dose minutes later following one of his flying high marks from behind a pack.

Lane still kicked Glenelg in from his wing, while Staitte's palming-out from the packs was a delight.

He gave rovers McGowan and Schumaker an armchair ride.

Burkett had been frustrated by H. Linke's brilliance, but he did slip past his guard in the third term to run in for a much-needed goal.

Schumacher, Sutherland, and McGowan made it five goals in a row when they all kicked truly.

Glenelg started the last term 49 points in front, and immediately increased their lead with two great angle goals from Sutherland and Anesbury.

To West's credit, they did not give in, and were rewarded with three quick goals from Bitmead, Hooper, and Pannenburg (he had replaced Ryan).

The rest of the game was played out as a mere formality, with Glenelg coasting to a very impressive 45-point win.

Haydn Linke was easily the best afield. Not enough can be written about his game. It had to be seen to be appreciated.

Glenelg had many players going well.

Next to Linke I place Brian Lane for a great league debut on a wing.

Richens finished off what went past Linke, and Staitte and Long ruled the rucks.

Anesbury rates high for his five goals, while Phillis (centre), Schumaker, and McGowan (roving), must be mentioned.

For West, Warman and Jonas stood alone for their excellent games in defence.

How the new men fared

Here's how the new recruits to league football fared in opening round games today.

Glenelg's recruits did them proud. Brian Lane, from Mount Gambier, won his wing convincingly.

Phillis, a 17-year-old Thirds player, had a tough nut to meet in Robert Day, but any coach would have been pleased with the way Phillis nullified Day.

Schumaker, Thirds, roved convincingly, and Rice was not missed on this showing.

Innes Linke, Seconds, and Shepherd, Thirds, on half-back flanks, held their positions with conflicting games. Linke was dashing and bold, while Shepherd was content to stop his man getting a kick, without worrying about getting one himself.

Bob Ford, Thirds, in the ruck, moved promisingly. He is a great team man.

Brian Colbey (from Brighton), was beaten at centre half-forward, but still moved intelligently in making the play for his flankers, Annesbury and Button.

Even reserve Narroway, Thirds, showed plenty of vigor when he came on in the third term.

For West, Lewis looked a promising player on a flank.

McCarthy (University), moves awkwardly in the ruck, but his 6.5 won him a share of tap-outs.

The one who took the eye was fair-haired Pannenburg, who replaced Ryan at three-quarter time. He gave the West forward line some fire.

STURT'S giant recruit from Koolunga, Dean Ottens, looked overcome by the occasion early, but as the game progressed he showed by his surprisingly athletic field play that he could be a big help to Doc Clarkson.

Kym Stoeckel, Sturt's young left-footed defender, made a good debut. He is robust and strong.

Norwood's sturdily-built Thirds recruit, Dean Sutter, struck a tough opponent in Stoeckel today.

South's Roger Howe held a half-back flank for his team. He cleared strongly at times.

South rover Wayne Eckert's speed brought him under notice at times.

For Port, Ross Haslam came on from the reserves' bench in the third quarter. He was prominent in Port's last-quarter bid.

Wayne Broadbridge started at centre for Port and was switched to half-forward in the second half. He showed up more in this position, where his long-driving dropkick put the ball right into the square. He looks a player with a future.

Woodville's first-up player G. Roache played an excellent game in his debut.

AT A GLANCE

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	7-2	10-3	15-6	17-6	108
Port	3-5	5-9	8-13	12-15	87

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Kerley, Skuse, Pascoe, Judd, White, Shaw, Backman, Foster. **PORT:** Cooper, Freeman, Beaufoy, Potter, Cahill, Philp.

SCORERS—SOUTH: White 4.1, Howlett 3.1, Bais 3.0, Skuse 2.2, Backman 2.0, Kantilla 1.1, Alexander 1.1, Roberts 1.0. **PORT:** Freeman 5.3, Travnor 1.2, Beaufoy 1.1, Haslam 1.1, Moore 1.0, Gill 1.0, Philp 1.0, Broadbridge 1.0, Potter 0.3, McKay 0.2, Salmon 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Backman (ankle) by Bais, half-time, Eckert by Thredgold, last term. **PORT:** Gill by Haslam, third term, Philp by Talman, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. LeCornu.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-6	7-13	13-16	17-19	121
Nwd.	4-1	6-2	8-3	12-6	78

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Halbert, Stoeckel, Murphy, Shearman, Schoff, Clarkson, Adcock, Rigney, Short. **NORWOOD:** Vertudaches, Bunton, Kneebone, Brewer, Oatey, D. Woodcock.

SCORERS—STURT: Shearman 4.4, Halbert 4.2, Jones 3.3, Clarkson 2.2, Tilbrook 1.2, Dunn 1.1, Schoff 1.0, Rigney 1.0, Bagshaw 0.2, Ottens 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Brewer 5.1, Bunton 3.1, D. Woodcock 2.0, Sutter 1.1, Vertudaches 1.0, Daly 0.2, Chapman 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Dunn (heavy cold) by Raymond, last term, Schwarz (thigh) by Nelson, last term. **NORWOOD:** Nil.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

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SCORERS—GLENELG: Anesbury 5.2, Sutherland 4.2, Button 3.1, Schumaker 2.1, Moss 1.1, McGowan 1.0, Narroway 1.0, Long 0.1, Rushed 0.1. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Sims 3.3, Lewis 1.3, Bitmead 1.2, Burkett 1.1, Bertelsmeier 1.0, Hooper 1.0, Pannenburg 1.0, Shueard 0.1, Hughes 0.1, McCarthy 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Moss (ankle) by Narroway, third term, Staitte (ankle) by Rowe, last term. **WEST ADELAIDE:** McCarthy (bruised instep) by Shueard, three-quarter time, Ryan (groin) by Pannenburg, three-quarter time.

UMPIRE.—R. C. Hall.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	2-3	6-3	8-4	12-7	79
North	1-1	4-5	7-8	10-10	70

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRAL: Eustice, Bentley, Martin, Stutley, McGee, Hayes. **NORTH:** Anderson, Phillis, Cearn, Johnston, Trenorden, Bloch.

SCORERS—CENTRAL: Barron 4.1, Smith 2.1, Kennedy 2.1, McGee 1.1, Window 1.0, Daly 1.0, Burns 1.0, Dickson 0.2, Medhurst 0.1. **NORTH:** Dixon 4.2, Anderson 3.3, Thomas 1.2, Francou 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Jaworskyp 0.2, Robinson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—CENTRAL: Middleton (knee) by Stanton, last term, Medhurst (cramp) by Burns, last term. **NORTH:** Thomas (cramp) by Paull, last term.

UMPIRE.—K. Cunningham.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	2-1	5-6	8-12	10-19	79
Wdv.	6-1	8-2	8-5	10-8	68

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Head, Bills, Hawke, Jackson, Lee, Gould, Howell. **WOODVILLE:** Simunsen, Obst, Crammond, Roach, Perry, Jackson.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Lawson 3.3, Head 2.3, Dill 2.1, Kingston 2.0, Gould 1.0, Tye 0.3, Butler 0.2, Hawke 0.2, Lee 0.2, Perks 0.1, Gibson 0.1, Giblett 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Obst 3.1, Perry 3.0, Roach 1.1, Atkinson 1.2, Hoffman 1.0, Christie 1.0, rushed 0.4.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Braidwood (concussion) by Gould, first term, Tye by Wildy, last term. **WOODVILLE:** Dick (ankle) by Chris-holm, second term, Bradley (leg) by Tee, third quarter.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
Glenelg	1	—	111	66	2	62.71
Sturt	1	—	121	78	2	60.80
South	1	—	108	87	2	55.38
Torrens	1	—	79	68	2	53.74
Centrals	1	—	79	70	2	53.02
North	—	1	70	79	—	46.98
Woodville	—	1	68	79	—	46.26
Port	—	1	87	108	—	44.62
Norwood	—	1	78	121	—	39.20
West	—	1	66	111	—	37.29

ATTENDANCES

Unley	15,898
Adelaide	15,634
Elizabeth	8,127
Glenelg	7,965
Woodville	6,379

TOTAL 54,003

TOP GOALKICKERS

Freeman (Port Adelaide)	5-3
Anesbury (Glenelg)	5-2
Brewer (Norwood)	5-1