

NORTH WIN HELPS SOUTH

By SAM GALLAGHER

North downed Port by 12 points in a great game at Adelaide Oval today and gave South a golden opportunity of grasping a double chance in the finals.

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5-2	7-2	10-4	15-8	98
Port	2-1	8-5	9-7	12-14	86

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Robinson, Paull, Geisler, Bussenschutt, Bloch, Bamford, Taylor, T. Lindner. **PORT:** Cooper, Obst, Freeman, Philp, Haslam, Spiers, Traynor, Gill.

SCORERS—NORTH: Bamford 4.0, Coleman 3.4, Taylor 2.0, Geisler 2.0, Sheridan 1.2, Phillips 1.0, May 1.0, Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Freeman 5.3, Haslam 2.2, Cahill 2.1, Gil 2.1, Moore 0.1, Salmon 0.2, Mead 0.1, Potter 0.1, Pilgrim 0.1, Traynor 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Dixon (back) replaced by Francou during half-time. May replaced by Braunack in the last term. **PORT:** Moore replaced by Bray, and Talman by Clayton, both in the last term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-3	5-7	10-13	11-18	84
Cent.	2-2	5-5	6-6	10-17	77

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Richens, Colbey, Button, Pattinson, Linke, Phillis, Blackburn, Cahill. **CENTRALS:** Eustice, Morey, Smith, Stutley, Haynes, Window.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Pattinson 4.0, Button 3.2, Johnson 1.6, Long 1.2, Anesbury 1.2, Ford 1.1, Colbey 0.1, McLeod 0.1, rushed 0.3. **CENTRALS:** Grlusich 3.1, Smith 2.0, Dalv 1.3, Skinner 1.2, Eustice 1.2, Medhurst 1.2, Morey 1.1, Window 0.3, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Nil. **CENTRALS:** McCartney replaced by Fulton during the third term.

UMPIRE—K. Cunningham.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-7	8-12	13-20	17-25	127
West	3-1	6-4	8-5	12-10	82

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Martin, Hicks, Bagshaw, Rigney, Schwarz, Jarrett. **WEST:** DeBroughe, Hooper, Hughes, Pope, Pannenberg, Roach.

SCORERS—STURT: Martin 10.2, Halbert 2.7, Dunn 2.5, Green 2.0, Rigney 1.4, Tilbrook 0.2, Miels 0.1, Hicks 0.1, Clarke 0.1, Shearman 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** DeBroughe 3.2, Loveday 2.1, Burkett 2.0, Pannenberg 1.3, Roach 1.2, Hooper 1.1, Fraser 1.0, Della-Polina 1.0, Bertelsmeier 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Nil. **WEST:** Day (fractured finger) replaced by Purser during the first term. Kuchel (thigh) replaced by Llewellyn during half-time.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	3-3	12-5	15-7	19-10	124
Torr.	0-0	6-2	10-6	13-11	89

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding, Kneebone, Bunton, Sutter, Page, R. Oatey, Mo'loy. **TORRENS:** Giblett, Lee, Braidwood, Mulvihill, Bills, Kingston.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Brewer 5.0, Shillabeer 4.1, Sutter 3.1, Wedding 3.0, R. Oatey 2.0, P. Oatey 1.4, Vertudaches 1.1, Bunton 0.2, Blood 0.1. **TORRENS:** Mulvihill 5.4, Pill 2.1, Miller 2.0, Nygaard 1.3, Kingston 1.0, Clarke 1.0, Wildy 1.0, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Nil. **TORRENS:** Perks (leg muscle) replaced by Isaac during half-time. Kingston (shoulder) replaced by Stevens in third term.

UMPIRE—M. Posa.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	10-5	13-8	16-17	24-18	162
Wdv.	0-1	2-2	3-2	7-4	46

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Howe, B. Foster, Eckert, White, Judd, R. Schmidt (until injured), Roberts, Durbridge, Skuse, Ross. **WOODVILLE:** Simonsen, Hansch, Kelly, Braidwood, Allen, Boscence, Christie, Obst, Tee.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Eckert 6.4, Kantil'a 6.1, Skuse 4.3, Roberts 3.1, Ross 2.1, White 1.3, Kerley 1.0, Butcher 1.0, W. Foster 0.3, O'Brien 0.2. **WOODVILLE:** O'Connor 1.2, Christie 1.1, Roache 1.1, Atkinson 1.0, Bradley 1.0, Braidwood 1.0, Petersen 1.0.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Bob Schmidt (gashed knee) replaced by Eric Schmidt during third term. **WOODVILLE:** Petersen (ankle) replaced by Bradley and Atkinson (cramp) by Young both in last term.

UMPIRE—R. Hall.

South are now a game clear of Port, whom they meet next week in the last minor round match.

The Magpies must repeat their 62-point margin over South in their previous encounter to oust the Panthers from second place and that valuable double chance.

The situation now implies that North and Port will clash in the first semi-final.

North today proved their right to a place in the major round.

Port could not approach a semi-final against North without serious doubts.

Port have suffered three successive losses this season to the Red-and-Whites.

Confidence

North's confidence against the Magpies has been further boosted by today's result.

The margin Port need if they are to wrest the double chance from South depends upon the total points scored in the game.

Port really need a big win — of nine or 10 goals — to be completely safe.

But with so much at stake, this is likely to be a tight, low-scoring game.

If the scores are low, a five-fold margin to the Magpies just might be enough.

In these circumstances, there is unlikely to be much difference between their percentages.

Alberton Oval should be packed near to capacity for next week's clash.

In today's Adelaide Oval game, North's speed was a telling factor.

They jumped away to a 19-point lead at quarter-time.

The Red-and-Whites won both wings, and their rovers were on top.

The most significant factor in Port's defeat was the failure of John Cahill to exert his usual influence.

The Magpies came back strongly in the second quarter and there was nothing in it until North got a decisive break—five goals in eight minutes early in the last quarter.

Port were unable to bridge the gap in the face of North's determined defence from then on.

South put themselves in the box seat for the double chance with a dazzling display at Woodville.

Darley's continued failure to strike top form was the only cloud on South's horizon as they overwhelmed the home side.

Sturt's replacement full-forward, Brian Martin, kicked 10 goals in the Blues' big win over West at Richmond.

At Thebarton the loss of Chris Butler from the Torrens' side proved too much of a handicap for the Eagles.

Then went down by 35 points.

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Button move saves Bays

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After having the game all but theirs at three-quarter time, only an inspired move by Glenelg coach Len Fitzgerald saved the Bays from defeat at Glenelg today.

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Glenelg	4-3	5-7	10-13	11-18	84
C'trals	2-2	5-5	6-6	10-17	77

The move involved the brilliant Ray Button.

Thirty-one points down at the last change, Central Districts put the scores in touch with eight minutes remaining.

Ken Eustice's last-term dominance at centre and Colin Stutley's rebound from half-back gave the Bulldogs a big lift.

Stutley's ascendancy over Button was of particular significance. In patches throughout the first half Button had been a striking force in Glenelg's attack.

When Gary Smith goaled in the last term to put Centrals four points down, Glenelg swung Button into ruck.

He marked twice and pushed Glenelg into attack and then flew high to take Rodney Cahill's pass and kick the goal that ended Centrals' chances.

The move had another and almost equally important effect.

Doug Blackburn, whom Button replaced on the ball, took Stutley away from the grandstand flat—and out of the game.

The drive Centrals had been getting from this flank, if maintained, could have tipped the scales their way.

To some extent the last quarter compensated for the other three that rarely excited the small crowd.

Difference

The difference between the sides in the first quarter was Glenelg's half-forward line.

Brian Colbey began well and played consistently throughout. Button got into the game with some brilliant marking in spite of a fine start by Haynes.

Centrals switched Stutley on to Button in the second quarter, probably in the hope that his experience would tell.

However, Haynes' effort was full of promise and I doubt if anybody could have done much about the marks. Button was taking.

Centrals were in trouble in attack, Tom Grlusich's judgment was all "at sea." Dennis Phillis played him close all day.

Blackburn, too, was very strong in defence for the Bays, as was Colin Richens.

Richens was at his best when the game was in the balance in the last quarter.

For three quarters Sonny Morey was Centrals' main attacking avenue.

Their rovers were outplayed by Pattinson and McLeod.

Until the final term Glenelg won the wings and Eustice was not a dominant force.

Outscored

Centrals lost the game in the third term when Glenelg outscored them 5-6 to 1-1.

The outstanding feature of this quarter was Haydn Linke's (Glenelg) superb defence at half-back left.

Time and again he stopped Centrals, and what got through to the full forward area was efficiently turned back by Richens.

Centrals switched Brian Webber to centre half-back in the last quarter.

The game came alive as Centrals made their bid.

In the end Glenelg were saved by the Button switch, Richens' fine defence, and a strong finish by wingman Cahill.

Centrals' attack improved with Grlusich being more effective and Smith using his strength to mark twice in the goal square.

Glenelg deserved their win.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Sturt	17	2	—	2091	1382	34		60.21
South	14	5	—	1914	1301	28		59.53
Port	13	6	—	1732	1214	26		58.79
North	13	6	—	1535	1459	26		51.27
Torrens	9	9	1	1587	1512	19		51.21
Norwood	9	10	—	1568	1637	18		48.92
West	9	10	—	1529	1642	18		48.22
Woodville	4	14	1	1332	1852	9		41.83
Centrals	3	16	—	1219	1809	6		40.26
Glenelg	3	16	—	1272	1971	6		39.22

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Freeman (Port)	5-3	18	72-37
Brewer (Norwood)	5-0	19	71-36
Sims (West)	—	18	58-51
Halbert (Sturt)	2-7	19	54-53
Jones (Sturt)	—	13	48-27
Mulvihill (Torrens)	5-4	12	37-17
Howlett (South)	—	16	36-16
Skuse (South)	4-3	18	35-49
Button (Glenelg)	3-2	16	35-20