

NORTH CLEARLY A TITLE THREAT

By SAM GALLAGHER

With a convincing 19-point win over Port at Prospect today, North clearly established themselves as a major con-

tender for the 1966 premiership.

The Red-and-Whites maintained the startling improvement they have shown since Sturt crushed them at Adelaide three weeks ago.

As a result of their defeat, Port slumped from second to fifth.

Torrens' 45-point victory over Norwood has opened up a two-game break between the first five teams and the rest.

Sturt held their one-game lead at the top of the ladder with a comfortable 51-point margin over West at Unley.

At Elizabeth, Glenelg, one point down and into the breeze in the last quarter, seemed to be in trouble. But they capitalised on Centrals' defensive tactics for a good win.

Lose seven

South took half the game to break away from Woodville at Adelaide, but winning rucks and Pascoe at centre gave their half-forward line the opportunities to sew the game up in the third quarter.

In the split series to be played over the next two weeks, Sturt are obviously the side most affected by State representation.

As a result of this, they could lose their one-game lead on the premiership ladder.

For their game with Port at Unley next Saturday, the Blues will be without seven players — all of whom are in top form.

Port lose Cahill, Ellaway, and Potter, but Potter so far has shown only brief glimpses of his best form.

The State selectors must have their fingers crossed for a quick return to top form by both Potter and Oatey for the game against Victoria next Saturday.

With only Kingston in the State team, Torrens are well placed to hold fourth position with a win over Centrals at Thebarton.

Like North last week, Torrens today stopped Norwood's drive from Bunton by playing Wildy on the Redlegs' skipper all day.

This, coupled with Head's dominance at centre, allowed Torrens to go away to an easy win in the second half.

Norwood's defeat puts them on the "outer." Two games behind Port and with vastly inferior percentage.

They will have to improve tremendously to have a chance of making the

Bays 'exploded' for win

By STAN WICKHAM

After three terms of patchy football, Glenelg, heading into the wind, "exploded" with a burst of great football to beat Centrals at Elizabeth.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-7	4-9	8-14	11-16	82
Cent'ls	4-1	6-3	10-3	10-6	66

The game had patches of good football, but mainly it was scrappy.

Glenelg had three good winners most of the day in Edwards and Mills across centre and Button at centre half-forward.

Doug Long, on one leg, helped win the game for Glenelg in the last term.

Richens kept Centrals out with magnificent anticipations and clearances.

The last term from Centrals' point of view was hard to follow.

With the wind at their backs and in front by only one point it was anticipated that they would run away.

But they failed to goal, while Glenelg fought it out and earned their victory the hard way.

Eustice ran two rovers in the last term. Why, I don't know.

Going with a three-goal breeze didn't seem to necessitate such measures.

It helped Glenelg, for Richens ran riot all over the back lines to intercept time and again.

It was he who sent the Bays forward to get three vital goals and win the game.

Up to this stage Centrals had played the better football and had done more with the ball from fewer chances.

Doug Long was Glenelg's early inspiration with his solid ruck work.

But by going round the flanks Glenelg missed out on this advantage until Long himself swung them down the middle for quick goals by Anesbury and McGowan.

Button and Sinclair came into the picture across half-forward and

Glenelg were seldom out of attack—but spoiled it frequently with inaccuracy.

When Long went off the ball, Smith hit Centrals over centre, and from only five sorties into the forward area they levelled the score by kicking 4-1 into the wind.

Grlusich had been particularly active, helped by some sloppy checking by Glenelg defenders.

The second term was a scramble with Centrals finishing six points up.

Phillips put in a good quarter at full back to keep the Bays in check when Edwards, Mills, and Anesbury threatened to steal the match.

After half-time Doug Long's ankle was giving him more trouble, but he stayed on.

Grlusich and Barron were aiming points for Centrals' attacks and these big men moved around well to kick three of the four goals kicked by Centrals in the term.

Button, at centre half-forward, and Mills and Edwards across centre, gave Glenelg some sting up forward.

But Phillips still defended well at full back to hold them out.

Button's beautiful high marking was a telling force for the Bays as they rained kicks on the goals.

Button finished the term with three goals and played a big hand in Glenelg being only a point in arrears at the last change.

Seventeen minutes of the last term went without a goal being scored and this was bad from Centrals' viewpoint. They had the breeze at their backs.

Then Glenelg "exploded."

Richens, running loose in the backlines, showed them the way to play together.

He burst from the backlines in dashing style and passed to team-mates.

The ball was then relayed to Long at the goalfrost.

Although he was virtually on one leg, Long intelligently made position to take successive passes from McGowan and kick two quick goals.

Sinclair, who burst from a pack, got another.

The onrush lasted long enough to knock all fight out of Centrals.

Giving either Edwards or Mills best on ground would be splitting hairs.

I give it to Edwards for the manner in which he tackled and for his excellent disposal. He kept his wing open all day against Morey and put his kicks to good effect.

Mills was little behind. He won kicks at centre and battled it out all day with bigger opponents.

Button's grand marking and three goals rated him high for Glenelg, followed by Richens, D. Long, Blackburn, and Anesbury. Terry Phillips played strongly at full-back to be Centrals' best.

Consistent Grlusich, who does an amazing amount of work, was next.

Fulton on a wing, Barron and Smith rucking, and Window, who pulled down some real beauties at centre half-forward, all played solid games.



Garry Edwards . . . best player for Glenelg.

AT A GLANCE

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-0	7-1	11-4	14-9	93
Port	5-3	6-4	10-7	11-8	74

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Stringer, Phillips, D. Lindner, Anderson, Dixon, Cearns, Taylor. PORT: Gill, Nyland, Philp, Cahill, Salmon, Spiers. SCORERS.—NORTH: Coleman 3.4, Anderson 3.0, Cearns 2.2, Page 2.0, Dixon 1.2, Phillips 1.0, Franco 1.0, Stringer 1.0, Gilmour 0.1. PORT: Gill 4.2, Freeman 2.1, Cahill 2.0, Traynor 1.1, Potter 1.1, Haslam 1.0, McKay 0.2, Mead 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: None. PORT: Erry (cramp), by Broadbridge, last term. Holmes (cramp), by Spencer, last term. UMPIRE.—D. Foster.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	5-1	5-3	12-9	16-9	105
Nwd.	1-3	3-7	3-7	8-12	60

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Wildy, Head, Jackson, Bills, Kingston, Gibson, Graham. NORWOOD: Woolford, Kneebone, Vickers, P. Oatey, R. Oatey.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Kingston 4.1, Lee 4.1, Clarke 3.2, Mulvihill 3.0, Wildy 1.2, Head 1.0, Howell 0.1, Butler 0.1, Gibson 0.1. NORWOOD: Brewer 2.2, P. Oatey 2.0, Kneebone 2.0, Bunton 1.1, Woodcock 1.0, R. Oatey 0.4, Abbott 0.2, Chapman 0.2, Molloy 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Lee (wrist), by Young, last term; Giblett (leg), by Lawson, last term. NORWOOD: None. UMPIRE.—R. C. Hall.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-3	10-9	18-14	21-20	146
Wdv.	3-6	6-9	8-11	11-12	78

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Kantilla, Darley, Pascoe, Kerley, Skuse, Whitford, Judd, White. WOODVILLE: O'Connor, Christie, Allen, Hodges, Braidwood, West, Roache.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Darley 5.1, Sims 4.1, Skuse 3.2, Kerley 3.1, Thredgold 2.1, Pascoe 1.2, Kantilla 1.2, Whitford 1.0, Ploegens 1.0, White 0.7, rushed 0.3. WOODVILLE: O'Connor 4.1, Hodges 2.1, Hoffman 2.0, Hansch 1.2, Christie 1.1, Roache 1.1, Obst 0.2, Simonsen 0.1, Braidwood 0.1, Atkinson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: None. WOODVILLE: None. UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	3-7	4-9	8-14	11-16	82
Cent.	4-1	6-3	10-3	10-6	66

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Edwards, Mills, Button, D. Long, Richens, Blackburn, Anesbury. CENTRALS: Phillips, Grlusich, Fulton, Barron, Smith, Window.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Long 3.5, Button 3.2, Anesbury 2.1, McGowan 1.3, Sinclair 1.2, Colbey 1.1, Sutherland 0.1, Staitie 0.1. CENTRALS: Grlusich 4.0, Barron 2.1, Eustice 2.0, Fulton 1.0, Smith 1.0, Davis 0.2, Stanton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Neill (cramp), by Schumacher, last term. CENTRALS: Burns by Minervini, last term. UMPIRE.—M. E. Ducker.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-4	13-8	14-14	19-19	133
West	3-4	5-6	9-9	12-10	82

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Dunn, Schoff, Halbert, Murphy, Hicks, Clarkson, Miels, Nelson. WEST: Hughes, Hooper, Burkett, Pannenberg, Jonas, DeBroughe, Roach.

SCORERS.—STURT: Halbert 5.3, Martin 3.2, Miels 3.1, Dunn 3.1, Clarkson 2.2, Rigney 2.2, Chessell 1.3, Hicks 0.2, Murphy 0.1, Nelson 0.1, Tilbrook 0.1. WEST: Burkett 4.1, Jamieson 2.2, Pannenberg 2.0, Sims 2.0, Hooper 1.3, Roach 1.0, Shueard 0.2, McCarthy 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Rigney (hip), by Raymond, last term. WEST: None. UMPIRE.—K. Cunningham.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	
			For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	7	1	872	588	14	59.73
South	6	2	747	578	12	56.38
North	6	2	678	580	12	53.89
Torrens	5	3	724	567	10	56.08
Port	5	3	666	545	10	54.99
Norwood	3	5	611	716	6	45.02
Woodville	2	6	614	734	4	45.55
West	2	6	609	780	4	43.84
Centrals	2	6	589	758	4	43.73
Glenelg	2	6	548	782	4	41.20

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Brewer (Norwood)	2-2	8	32-14
Coleman (North)	3-4	7	22-18
Grlusich (Centrals)	4-0	8	21-8
Halbert (Sturt)	5-3	8	20-19
Freeman (Port)	2-1	7	20-19
Sims (West)	2-0	8	19-15
Martin (Sturt)	3-2	7	19-10
Howlett (South)	—	8	19-7
Mulvihill (Torrens)	3-0	5	19-4
Skuse (South)	3-2	8	18-16

ATTENDANCES

Unley	8,340
Adelaide	4,974
Elizabeth	4,871
Prospect	13,547
Norwood	10,026
TOTAL	41,758

STAB KICKS A BIG ROLE ON ONE LEG

Glenelg star ruckman, Doug Long, nearly withdrew from the Glenelg line-up this morning with a bad ankle.

He wasn't satisfied with it, and thought seriously of not playing.

Unfortunately for Centrals, Long decided to chance it—and had a big hand in the Bays winning.

In the first half, while his ankle was holding up, he held a decided advantage for Glenelg in the ruck.

After half-time, when his ankle started to go, he took only an occasional run on the ball, and spent most of the time at full forward.

It was Long's intelligent position play that caused the Bays' winning break late in the last term.

A great effort for a chap who was on one leg for most of the game.

THE kicking for goal at Prospect today was outstanding.

At least eight goals were scored with long raking kicks that travelled a good 65 yards.

THERE were a number of bad goal um-

piring decisions at Norwood Oval today, writes Bill Henderson. They left players bewildered and angered the crowd.

Norwood were not allowed a goal when Jackson in the goalmouth was given a mark in the second term.

One of Ron Kneebone's kicks appeared to hit the post, but was judged a goal, and Tracy Braidwood ran through with the ball and a goal was given—instead of a point.

These were the most obvious decisions, and they set the supporters booing for quite some time.

STURT rover Roger Rigney went down in the last quarter today in a heavy clash with West strongman Leon O'Driscoll.

However, in fairness to O'Driscoll, who has frequently been a target for the fans, it must be said that there was nothing to complain about in today's incident. It was just one of those things.