# Footy kicks off with thrillers

Sam Gallagher says . . .

#### AT ADELAIDE

2nd 3rd **Final** 1st 7—10 South

BEST PLAYERS -- PORT: Pilgrim, Clayton, Obst, Cahill, Haslam, Holmes, Freeman, SOUTH: Darley, Rivers, Foster, Pascoe, Skuse, Bais, White. GOALKICKERS.-PORT: Freeman 4-5 Pilgrim 3-0. Traynor 2-0. Haslam 1-3, Yeo 1-1. Potter 0-3. Spencer 0-1. SOUTH: Darley 3-0. Robert 2-0. Rivers 2-0. White 1-2. Teasdale 1-2. Howlett 1-2. Pascoe 1-0. Backman 0-3. Hendrie 0-2. Skuse 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Pilgrim (cramp) by McKay, last term: Traynor (cramp) by Gill, last term. SOUTH: Nil.

UMPIRE .- R. C. Hall.

### AT UNLEY

North 5-6 10-8 11-13 15-16 106 Sturt 2—3 7-11 12-17

BEST PLAYERS.-NORTH: D. Lindner, Robran, Hammond, Anderson, Bamford Wilky, Byers. STURT: Murphy, Clarkson, Hicks, Bagshaw, Clarke, Adcock, Jarrett.

GOALKICKERS.-NORTH: Bamford 3-5, Geisler 2-2, Sachse 2-2, Robran 2-1, Anstey 2-1, Anderson 1-0, Cearns 1-0, Robinson 1-0, Coleman 1-0, Wilky 0-2, Phillips 0-1, rushed 0-2, STURT: Halbert 2-4, Martin 2-4, Roads 2-2, Clarkson 2-1, Chessell 2-0, Dunn 1-2, Rigney 1-1, Bagshaw 0-1, rushed 0-2

REPLACEMENTS .- NORTH: Sutter (concussion) by Coleman, third term; Anstey (leg) by Stringer, last term. STURT: Martin (ankle) by Roads, half-time; Rigney (leg) by Nunan, last.

UMPIRE.-M. Posa.

#### AT THEBARTON

Nwd. 8-13 12-20 16-21 117

BEST PLAYERS .- NORWOOD: Kneebone. Page, Shillabeer, Molloy, Hutchinson, Bunton, Oatey, Inglis (last half). TORRENS: Bills, Mulvihill, Braidwood, Howell, Lipp, Staker (until injured), Clarke, Gibson.

GOALKICKERS.—NORWOOD: Shillabeer 5-5. Molloy 4-2, Hutchinson 2-5. Wedding 1-1. Oatey 1-1. Bunton 1-0. Chapman 1-0. Vertudaches 1-0. Anderson 0-1, Woolford 0-1, rushed 0-1. TORRENS: Mulvihill 5-1, Egan 2-3, Shepherd 2-1, Pili 2-1, Butler 2-0, Staker 1-2, Bills 0-1, Howell 0-1, Kingston G-1.

REPLACEMENTS .- NORWOOD: Nil, but Haydn Bunton suffered cut eye. TORRENS: Perks (leg) by Wildy, third term; Staker (X-ray chest) by Virgo, end third term.

UMPIRE.—O'Connell.

#### AT ELIZABETH

7-9 15-15 17-22

BEST PLAYERS-WEST: Sara, Pannenberg. Hooper, Sims, Shueard, Hughes, Leske, Thompson, Loveday. CENTRALS: Skinner. Stutley. Lambert, Swinstead, Grlusich, Haynes, Shorthill, McCartney.

GOALKICKERS-WEST: Sims 6.6, Loveday 4.2, Fraser 3.2, Pannenberg 2.3, Hooper 2.1, Walker 0.2, Jonas 0.2, Roach 0.1, DeBroughe 0.1, Sara 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: Grlusich 3.3. Swinstead 3.1, Shorthill 2.1, Martin 1.1, Kleinig 1.1, Foley 1.0, Skinner 1.0, Daly 0.3, Stanton 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS-WEST: Roach (hip), by Jonas, second term. Bertelsmeier (bruised instep). by Drummond, last term, CENTRALS: Harrison (thigh) by Foley, second term. McCartney (cramp), by Martin, third term. UMPIRE.-M. Ducker.

#### AT WOODVILLE

Wdv.

BEST PLAYERS-GLENELG: Button. Richens, Linke, Edwards, Colbey, McLeod, Redford, Hamilton. WOODVILLE: Stone, Simunsen, Ion, McRellar, Hansch, Cummins, West.

GOALKICKERS-GLENELG: Button 11.1, Hamilton 4.3, Anesbury 3.1. Colby 3.0, Richens 2.0, Edwards 2.1, McLeod 1.0, Kerley 0.1, Rosewarne 0.1. B. Long 0.1, Morony 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOOD-VILLE: Cummins 3.2, Christie 2.1, Clasohm 2.0, Obst 1.2, McKellar 1.0, Simunsen 1.0, O'Connor 0.1,

REPLACEMENTS-GLENELG: Staite (ankle). by Morony, second term. McLeod (fatigue) by Patterson, last term. WOODVILLE: West (shoulder), by Jackson, end third term. McKellar (thigh), by Roach, last term. UMPIRE.-P. Craig.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

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Glenelg		1	1		168	68	2 71.19
West .		1	1	_	124	83	2 59.90
Norwood	7.4	1	1	_	117	95	2 55.19
North .		1	1	_	106	89	2 54.36
Port .		1	1	-	79	78	2 50.32
South .		1	-	1	78	79	- 49.68
Sturt .		1	-	1	89	106	- 45.64
Torrens		1	-	1	95	117	- 44.81
Centrals		1	-	1	83	124	- 40.10
W'ville		1	-	1	68	168	- 28.81
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### TOP GOALKICKERS

	Total
Button (Glenelg)	11-1
Sims (West)	6-6
Shillabeer (Norwood)	5-5
Mulvihill (Torrens)	5-1
Freeman (Port)	4-5
Hamilton (Glenelg)	4-3
.Loveday (West)	4-2
Molloy (Norwood)	4-2

#### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	 	•	14.125
Timle.	 .:		13.966
Thebarton			9,676
Woodville	 		5.780
Elizabeth	 		5,400
TOTAL	 		48,947

#### NEXT WEEK

South v. North (Adelaide). Glenelg v. Centrals (Glenelg). West v. Torrens (Richmond). Norwood v. Woodville (Norwood). TUESDAY

#### Sturt v. Port (Adelaide),

## Ray Button's statistics are very interest-

ing. Besides his excellent goalshooting of 11 goals 1 behind, he took 15 marks and had 22 kicks.

FORMER Glenelg player John Long, now with South Melbourne, is flying to Adelaide tonight to celebrate his twenty-

first birthday. He could hardly have picked a more appropriate time with the Bays riding high following today's big win.

North's great win over 1966 premiers Sturt and a decisive first step on the way up by Glenelg got the league football season away to a terrific start in perfect conditions today.

The infusion of Geoff Motley's fire and determination into North's brilliant array of talent produced a first half that completely outclassed the Blues on their home ground.

At Woodville Neil Kerley could hardly have wished for a more sacisfactory result.

The Bays led all the way to win by the day's biggest margin, 100 points, and mercurial Ray. Button kicked 11 goals from a half-forward flank!

South and Port staged a typical cliff hanger finish at Adelaide.

Peter Darley's Panthers failed by the barest of margins to make it three out of three for the sides under new coaches this season.

Norwood gave their supporters new heart with a good win over the Eagles at Thebarton, while West streaked away from Centrals after an even first

At Unley, Sturt took the first half to get the message that last year's premiership is ancient history.

By the time they put their heads down, the Redand-Whites were too far in front for a determined Blues recovery to reverse the result.

North's high marking and long kicking was backed by a speed in tackling that made them clearly superior in the first half.

#### A 'FIND'

Don Lindner's experience was their sheet anchor, but in Whyalla recruit Barry Robran North pro-duced a player of high promise.

Adelaide. Port typically won by the application of a more direct

The game revealed no evidence of a change in style by the Magpies. They profited from mis-

takes in South's short game in the first half, but had to withstand a fine recovery by the Panthers with Peter Darley showing the way in a fine captain's game.

At Woodville, Ray Button's effectiveness .. from kicks gained was phenomenal - 22 kicks and 11 goals.

Button put the score on board, but Colin Richens, in tremendous form at present, roved in irresistible fashion rucks which could be a worry to Glenelg as the season progresses.

The most gratifying aspect of Norwood's win at Thebarton was the success of the half-forward line, which kicked 11 goals.

At Elizabeth. switch of Sara to centre in the second quarter was decisive. Last year's finalists will

again be opposed in next week's round. South meet North at Adelaide on Saturday and

Sturt clash with Port on Anzac Day. North's form today was the most impressive performance of the opening

round. They have reacted typically to a coaching change, but Geoff Motley is too much of a realist to be carried away by early success.

On their first half form today they should be too well equipped, for the Panthers.

## How the new men fared in first round

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

CLENELG have in Kerry Hamilton a player who

will fit into their side easily. Today he showed he can mark the ball when it is delivered to him, and impressed immensely with his speed when he hit the turf by breaking clear smoothly. A good effort first-up.

John Cummins, a WOODVILLE newcomer, was the most outstanding of the recruits.

Placed on a player who has outstanding judg-ment, he occasionally outmarked Linke and finished the game with three goals. John was 19 a fortnight ago, so Woodville can look for a lot from this youngster in the future.

Woodville fielded two talented recruits today and should get plenty of service from both.

Craig McKellar, 17-year-old ruckman, showed that his high marking ability will be an asset, for he was instrumental today in Woodville's effort

in the second term. Peter Yeo, playing at half-forward, displayed sound technique, fitting into the PORT ADELAIDE style well. He marked well and fought tigerishly on

the ground to be under notice frequently. Geoff Gerlach, if the role of ruck-rover, played with the confidence of a seasoned campaigner, his strong marking being a feature.

Wayne Griffiths was always in the thick of proceedings at centre wing. His lack of inches did not deter him in any way as he bored into packs fearlessly. He gained possession frequently, disposing accurately on most occasions.

Ray Hendric opened like a veteran for SOUTH ADELAIDE, displaying the coolness of one years his senior and, although he faded, his performance was full of merit.

Shepherd started very well for TORRENS, and with experience will make the grade.

Staker had a very good debut until injured. He has a cool head but may find lack of weight a disadvantage.

Turpin is perhaps a bit early. John Menz's flank didn't get a lot of play, but } this chap backed up well in the NORWOOD pattern a couple of times.

Bill Hutchinson, a very quick opportunist when free of John Lipp, took full advantage of Perk's lack of pace.

Barry Robran was the day's outstanding recruit for NORTH. He played a brilliant first half, outmarking Bob Shearman repeatedly and driving North into attack with long dropkicks.

Quieter when opposed by Paul Bagshaw, Robran nevertheless put in an exceptional first game. Denis Sachse, winner of last year's Third's medal and the 1965 Colts medal, had a tough op-

ponent in Bruce Jarrett. He got three goals and showed a good temperament when the pressure was on in the last quarter. In the WEST-CENTRALS game, Bulldog halfforward flanker Julian Swinstead was the pick of

the newcomers. He handled the ball and made position intelligently, plus three goals, but will have to learn not to bounce the ball. Teammates Peter Kleinig (roving) and Doug Wickham (back pocket) were beaten on the day,

but showed talent above the ordinary for mere 17-year-olds (especially Kleinig), and will make their way in the game. Martin Lambert turned in a good, strong ruck-

roving effort and more will be heard from him. Les Harrison, CENTRALS, long-striding centreman, looked the part for the short time he was on the ground, but Grant Foley found it tough to get kicks against Sara when he replaced Harrison in the second term.

For WEST, Leske, after a slow beginning on a wing, warmed to the tune of things after halftime and was a winner at the final bell.

Sturt meet Port on the holiday, mindful of the Woodville were well below strength, believers in

The Blues' will be flat out to make up for today's

should attract a bumper crowd for their first home game.

Today's attendance at Magpies' victory in this enough to suggest that game last year when they there are still a few unthe. Bay

West Adelaide and Torrens are evenly matched at Glenelg the Bays Richmond, while Norwood at home to Woodville can expect a strong reaction by the visitors from today's heavy loss. 

## **Button boots II goals** as Bays romp home

By BILL HENDERSON

Glenelg opened the game fiercely to grab the initiative from Woodville at Woodville Oval today. They then gradually tightened the noose on Woodville.

Glenelg had a clear winner in Button at half-for- Glenelg 5-4 10-4

He kicked five goals in the match-winning first method of attack, now term and finished with 11. driving the ball into Ham-Woodville fought hard in ilton.

the first half but never really recovered from ent by getting two quick Glenelg's "break" in the goals. first term. Glenelg's two half-for-

ward flankers, Colbey and Button, continually drove the ball into attack.

#### New target booted Button

some fantastic long shots. Glenelg were beaten in ruck, but Richens continually took the ball away Glenelg open the second

home

term just as brilliantly, but Woodville, after trying both half-backs on Button, switched Tom West to the flank. This stemmed the Bays'

attack slightly and for a period in the term Glenelg lapsed into errors. players Many

assurance and fumbled the Woodville in this term should have hit the front

instead of being one goal down with eight minutes left. approach. Glenelg, with Richens

W'ville 3—0

Hamilton showed his tal-

The last half was all Glenelg. When Tom West went off Woodville had no answer to Button.

#### Button hit Tempers flared in the

third term when Button was dealt with after mark-. But Neil Kerley had the backmen.

answer to this. He sent Button for a run on the ball and left himself at half-forward.

Glenelg eased the fierceness of their game, but went on to score 7-4 to

Button's marking was spectacular, but the feature that impressed many was his will to win the ball at all costs.

If he continues in this vein. Glenelg are launched on the way to victory over

any side. All. Glenelg's players now have this flerceness of

Colbey, on the other flank, was another to show out.

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17-9

Hamilton, at full forward had limited opportunities, but he earned his four goals. Glenleg took the field

without Cahill on the wing bringing in Brian McLeod. McLeod and Edwards' duels against Barry Ion and Rod Allen were highlights of the game. Mc-Leod was best of the four.

Haydn Linke is getting better as the years go on. He was best of Glenelg's

Although Glenelg lost in ruck, Colin Richens' effort on the ball created many openings for them.

Woodville were . served by Trevor Stone in the back pocket. He repelled many Glenelg drives. Barry Ion went well on the wing, while Bob Simunsen, after a quiet first

term, took control of the pivot. Cummins played very well on H. Linke, while his fellow new recruit, Craig McKellar had a very

He and Hansch won the McKellar marked

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good first half.

Credit for this must be roving well, changed their given to Neil Kerley. . strongly in field play.