

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-6	7-10	10-12	11-13	79
South	3-3	4-5	8-9	11-12	78

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Pilgrim, Clayton, Obst, Cahill, Haslam, Holmes, Freeman. **SOUTH:** Darley, Rivers, Foster, Pascoe, Skuse, Bals, 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

	5-6	10-8	11-13	15-16	106
North	5-6	10-8	11-13	15-16	106
Sturt	2-3	3-6	7-11	12-17	89

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, Chessel 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 term. **UMPIRE.—M. Posa.**

AT THEBARTON

	4-8	8-13	12-20	16-21	117
Nwd.	4-8	8-13	12-20	16-21	117
Torr.	2-2	8-6	9-8	14-11	95

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 0-1. **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

	2-6	7-9	15-15	17-22	124
West	2-6	7-9	15-15	17-22	124
Cent.	3-3	7-8	8-9	12-11	83

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Sara, Pannenberg, Hooper, Sims, Shueard, Hughes, Leske, Thompson, Loveday. **CENTRALS:** Skinner, Stutley, Lambert, Swinstead, Grulisch, 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:** Grulisch 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

	5-4	10-4	17-9	26-12	168
Glen.	5-4	10-4	17-9	26-12	168
Wdv.	3-0	6-4	8-6	10-8	68

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Button, Richens, Linke, Edwards, Colbey, McLeod, Redford, Hamilton. **WOODVILLE:** Stone, Simunsen, Ion, McKellar, 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. **WOODVILLE:** Cummins 3-2, Christie 2-1, Clasohm 2-0, Obst 1-2, McKellar 1-0, Simunsen 1-0, O'Connor 0-1, Allen 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.**

TOP GOALKICKERS

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

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	14,125
Unley	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).

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	1	1	—	168	68	2	71.19
West	1	1	—	124	83	2	59.90
Norwood	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
Wville	1	—	1	68	168	—	28.81

Footy kicks off with thrillers

Sam Gallagher says...

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 satisfactory 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 half.

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 Red-and-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 produced a player of high promise.

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

The game revealed no evidence of a change in style by the Magpies.

They profited from mistakes 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 the board, but Colin Richens, in tremendous form at present, roved in irresistible fashion to 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, West's 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.

Sturt meet Port on the holiday, mindful of the Magpies' victory in this game last year when they were well below strength.

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

At Glenelg the Bays should attract a bumper crowd for their first home game.

Today's attendance at Woodville was small enough to suggest that there are still a few unbelievers in the Bay camp.

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

How the new men fared in first round

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

GLENELG 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 judgment, 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 tirelessly on the ground to be under notice frequently.

Geoff Gerlach, in 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 Hendrie 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.

Outstanding recruit

Barry Robran was the day's outstanding recruit for NORTH. He played a brilliant first half, out-marking 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 opponent 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 half-forward 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 half-time and was a winner at the final bell.

Button boots 11 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.

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Glenelg had a clear winner in Button at half-forward.

He kicked five goals in the match-winning first term and finished with 11.

Woodville fought hard in the first half but never really recovered from Glenelg's "break" in the first term.

Glenelg's two half-forward flankers, Colbey and Button, continually drove the ball into attack.

New target

Button booted home some fantastic long shots.

Glenelg were beaten in ruck, but Richens continually took the ball away.

Glenelg open the second 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.

Many players lost assurance and fumbled the ball.

Woodville in this term should have hit the front instead of being one goal down with eight minutes left.

Glenelg, with Richens roving well, changed their method of attack, now driving the ball into Hamilton.

Hamilton showed his talent by getting two quick goals.

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 marking.

But Neil Kerley had the 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 2-1.

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 fierceness of approach.

Credit for this must be given to Neil Kerley.

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

Hamilton, at full forward had limited opportunities, but he earned his four goals.

Glenelg 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. McLeod was best of the four.

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

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

Woodville were best 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 good first half.

He and Hansch won the rucks.

McKellar marked strongly in field play.