

# PANTHERS EDGE NEARER 'FOUR'

By SAM GALLAGHER

Continuing their dramatic bid for a place in the final four, South Adelaide today turned possibility into probability with their great win over North.

In the past month the Panthers have beaten three of the sides at present in the four. Next week against

Glenelg, the fourth of the leading teams, they have the chance to further emphasise their

claim to contest the major round.

West Adelaide's win over Torrens keeps South in seventh place, but success at the Bay next week could bring the Blue and Whites into equal fourth place with Glenelg and Norwood.

This game is vital to South's and Glenelg's chances and it seems likely that the Glenelg Oval attendance record could be broken again.

The prize of victory could well be the fourth major round berth.

At Unley today, Sturt finished 28 points clear of Port and the margin was a fair indication of their superiority.

Despite the depletion of their strength, Sturt's style was still recognisable. But Port's reorgan-

ised side made heavy weather of it.

The Magpies will welcome the return to Alberton for four of their remaining six games.

Their defeat today cost them third position to Glenelg's superior percentage, but Port's draw and the return of top players should keep them safely in the four.

Norwood stayed in the fight by beating Woodville comfortably at Norwood.

They took control of the game in the second half through Wedding's influence in ruck and an improvement across half-forward.

The Redlegs face an important game next week against North at Norwood.

They cannot afford to lose and North, whose

form over the past month has not been impressive, need a good one to lift their confidence.

The absence of Don Lindner today could well have been the difference between defeat and victory.

But the failure of the North rucks against weakened opposition must be a cause for concern.

At Adelaide Glenelg, minus Kerley, were flat out to beat Centrals, who were without Eustice and Grusich.

Kevin Rowe's six goals in a low-scoring game was the deciding factor.

West stayed in touch with a clear win over Torrens and Sturt will be mindful of their narrow escape at Unley when they go to Richmond next week.

## AT A GLANCE

### AT UNLEY

Sturt	5-3	8-3	11-5	13-7	85
Port	0-2	3-3	6-4	8-9	57

**BEST PLAYERS.—STURT:** Rigney, Clarkson, Schwarz, Greenslade, Roads, Miels, Weir, Clarke. **PORT:** Holmes, Moore, Salmon, Nyland, Errey, Spiers, McKay.

**SCORERS.—STURT:** Jones 3.1, Rigney 2.1, Greenslade 2.1, Burgan 2.0, Clarkson 2.0, Numan 2.0, Weir 0.1, Martin 0.1, rushed 0.2. **PORT:** Nyland 2.0, Gill 1.1, Leal 1.0, Spiers 1.0, Cooper 1.0, Broadbridge 1.0, Moore 1.0, Pilgrim 0.3, Beaufoy 0.1, Salmon 0.1, Quinn 0.1, Errey 0.1, McKay 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—STURT:** Numan by Endersbee in last term. **PORT:** Cooper (ankle) by Cheetnam in third term; Leal (groin) by Hodges in third term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

### AT PROSPECT

South	8-3	10-3	12-5	13-7	85
North	1-0	2-7	7-7	11-14	80

**BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH:** Ball, Bais, Darcy, Skuse, Rivers, Threadgold, Cock, Parsons. **NORTH:** Robinson, Stringer, Coppins, Dixon, Anderson, Cearn, Francou, Barr.

**SCORERS.—SOUTH:** Threadgold 3.0, Backman 2.2, Skuse 1.1, W. Foster 1.1, Howlett 1.1, Teasdale 1.1, Whitford 1.0, Howe 1.0, Rivers 1.0, Ball 1.0, rushed 0.1. **NORTH:** Dixon 2.2, Anderson 2.1, Wilkey 1.2, Bamford 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.0, Cearn 1.0, Robinson 1.0, Francou 1.0, Anstey 1.0, Phillips 0.1, Lehman 0.1, May 0.1, Barr 0.1, Wilkinson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH:** B. Foster (concussion) by Whitford at quarter time. **NORTH:** Von Bertouch (thigh) by Bamford in last term; Anstey (knee) by Wilkinson in last term.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

### AT THEBARTON

West	5-4	8-9	14-13	16-16	112
Torr.	3-2	4-6	5-8	10-14	74

**BEST PLAYERS.—WEST:** Haupt, DeBroughe, Pfitzner, Burkett, Sims, Jonas, Hooper. **TORRENS:** Pill, Virgo, Bills, Graham, Shepherd, Gibson.

**SCORERS.—WEST:** Sims 5.4, Haupt 5.2, Burkett 2.1, Roach 2.0, Milsom 1.2, Sara 1.0, Bertelsmeier 0.2, Birtmear 0.1, Jamieson 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** Shepherd 3.0, Pill 2.2, Cawthorne 2.2, Head 1.1, Phillipou 1.1, Miller 1.0, Taylor 0.2, Caldwell 0.2, Lee 0.1, Howell 0.1, Clarke 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—WEST:** Loveday (bruised hip) by Watkins in the second term; Fraser (influenza) by Jamieson at three-quarter time. **TORRENS:** Lee (ankle) by Taylor in the second term; Grindlay (ankle) by Cawthorne at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE.—P. Craig.

### AT NORWOOD

Nwd.	3-1	7-3	11-6	15-7	97
Wdv.	3-6	5-6	7-9	9-12	66

**BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD:** Hutchinson, K. Wedding, Smith, Adams, Modra, Gregerson, Nygaard. **WOODVILLE:** Huppertz, Kneebone, Boscence, West, McKellar, and Wilson.

**SCORERS.—NORWOOD:** Hutchinson 5.1, Wedding 3.1, Adams 3.1, Gregerson 2.0, Smith 1.0, Woodcock 1.0, Beeching 0.2, Menz 0.1, Burton 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** McKellar 2.2, Obst 2.0, Huppertz 1.2, Christie 1.2, O'Conner 1.1, Riley 1.0, Gilligan 1.0, Wilson 0.1, Barbary 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD:** Haines (concussion) by Adams in first term. Page (concussion) by Woodcock in first term. **WOODVILLE:** McKellar (elbow) by Carpenter in third term; Barbary (severe concussion) by Davis in fourth term.

UMPIRE: K. Cunningham.

### AT ADELAIDE

Glen.	4-3	6-9	8-10	11-11	77
Cent.	2-4	5-4	9-4	10-7	67

**BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG:** H. Linke, R. Rowe, Rosewarne, K. Rowe, Moss, D. Long, Colbey. **CENTRALS:** Stutley, Bentley, Shortill, Wickham, Daly, Swinstead, Smith.

**SCORERS.—GLENELG:** K. Rowe 6.2, Richens 1.2, Anesbury 1.2, D. Long 1.2, Moss 1.0, Morony 1.0, Marker 0.1, Colbey 0.1, rushed 0.1. **CENTRALS:** Shortill 4.1, Vidovich 3.0, Swinstead 1.3, Daly 1.1, Smith 1.0, Foley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG:** Pattinson (cramp) by McLeod in last quarter. **CENTRALS:** Morey (concussion) by Jackson in last quarter. Kleinig (cramp) by Foley in last quarter.

UMPIRE: M. Posa.

### TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Freeman (Port)	—	13	51-45
Sachse (North)	—	13	51-29
Greenslade (Sturt)	2-1	13	44-22
Sims (West)	5-4	14	43-48
Mulvihill (Torrens)	—	11	38-24
Shearman (Sturt)	—	13	36-36
Button (Glenelg)	—	11	35-27
Anesbury (Glenelg)	1-2	14	33-32
Grusich (Centrals)	—	13	31-23
Pannenburg (West)	—	13	30-18
Oatey (Norwood)	—	11	30-11

## EXPERIENCE TOLD

# THRILLER TO BAYS

By BILL SUTHERLAND

Only Glenelg's experienced players, Linke, Richens and Doug Long, enabled the Bays to go on and win in the last quarter against Centrals at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-3	6-9	8-10	11-11	77
C'tals	2-4	5-4	9-4	10-7	67

After Centrals had levelled the scores at three-quarter time and fought hard early in the last term, the Tigers steadied with two goals by K. Rowe to go on and gain two valuable points.

Kevin Rowe's effort at full forward with six goals was the only difference in this match.

Although Centrals got away to a flying start with goals from Shortill and Vidovich, the Bays came back strongly through Anesbury, D. Long, and Richens.

Doug Long's strong ruck work, backed by H. Linke's god defence steadied them.

Rosewarne won centre against Morey early well-supported by Marker and but for Wickham's great defence, the Bays would have gone away sooner.

Swinstead's early form was good. He showed plenty of talent to out-point his opponent many times, but faded later.

### LED WELL

The Glenelg centre line of Marker, Rosewarne, and Voigt continued to give their side drive in the second quarter.

But Stutley lifted, and with Harris and Wickham they turned the Bays out on many occasions.

Rowe chipped in with 2-2. He led well all day and deserved his six goals.

Vidovich at the other end was also lively, but found himself out of distance on two or three occasions.

Bentley's first half ruck roving was sound both on the ball and resting.

The best passage of football for the match came from a Bentley clearance to Morey who passed to Kennedy and his handpass found Shortill for Central's fourth.

Deputy coach Keirnan stirred the Bulldogs into action at half-time as they levelled the scores within minutes with goals from Shortill and Swinstead.

### INSPIRING

Smith's ruck work had been the inspiration, giving his rovers many chances.

He topped off a good quarter with a fine mark and goal to give the Bulldogs a chance at three-quarter time.

The last quarter saw the best football of the match as both sides strove for supremacy.

Both half-back lines were winning with Linke for Glenelg and Stutley both on top.

Then Haydn Linke's big clearance to Richens

saw the little "Tiger" find Rowe with a good pass for the latter to kick his sixth goal—the

For the Bays, Haydn Linke's game at centre half-back was a beauty. He shut the direct route to goal all day.

He was well backed up by Ron Rowe in the back pocket and although Shortill kicked four goals he turned out Centrals many times.

Rosewarne's game at centre was sound. He is not getting much penetration with his kicks yet but he allows his opponents little latitude.

### FINE EFFORT

Kevin Rowe's effort at full forward was excellent. He led well and finished his work off with 6-2 — a great effort.

Moss, at centre half-forward, is quick. He circles too much perhaps, and finds himself on the wrong foot too often, but he was active.

Doug Long put himself in the game all day. He came out with a few bruises for his troubles, but without him the Bay rucks would have lost.

For the losers, Stutley received my vote. He got on top of Anesbury after an even first quarter to go on and win well.

Bentley and Wickham both defended well behind him.

Shortill is a creative type rover badly in need of support on today's performance.

Daly looked top class in patches.

The Bays gathered two valuable premiership points today but with not much up their sleeves.

They will have to improve many goals to hold their place in the four,

### PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	12	2	1616	1039	24	60.87
North	11	3	1457	1126	22	56.41
Glenelg	8	6	1388	1163	16	54.41
Port	8	6	1206	1050	16	53.46
Norwood	8	6	1400	1326	16	51.36
West	7	7	1327	1283	14	50.84
South	7	7	1314	1304	14	50.19
Torrens	5	9	1169	1446	10	44.70
Centrals	3	11	940	1518	6	38.24
Woodville	1	13	1126	1688	2	40.01

### ATTENDANCES

Unley	12,569
Prospect	7,911
Adelaide	5,499
Norwood	4,632
Thebarton	4,527
Total	35,138

### NEXT WEEK

Port v. Torrens (Alberton).  
Centrals v. Woodville (Elizabeth).  
Glenelg v. South (Glenelg).  
Norwood v. North (Norwood).  
West v. Sturt (Richmond).