

Tigers worthy of finals berth

FOUR-PAGE
Football
LIFT-OUT

By SAM GALLAGHER

AT A GLANCE

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-4	8-5	12-11	18-18	126
South	2-2	5-11	7-13	10-16	76

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Obst, Sweeney, Broadbridge, Potter, Cahill, Gill, Thiele. **SOUTH:** Roberts, Rivers, Backman, Howe, Butcher, Thredgold, Darley.

SCORERS—PORT: Freeman 8.4, Gill 2.0, Cahill 2.1, Broadbridge 1.3, Potter 1.3, Haslam 1.2, Sweeney 1.1, Errey 1.1, Spliers 1.0, Beaufoy 0.1, Nyland 0.1, Leal 0.1. **SOUTH:** Rivers 3.1, White 3.0, Thredgold 1.2, Skuse 1.2, Teasdale 1.1, Backman 1.0, Howlett 0.3, Ball 0.2, Darley 0.1, Ploenges 0.1, Foster 0.1, Roberts 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Thiele (ankle) by Spliers, fourth term. Broadbridge (cramp) by Fletcher, fourth term. **SOUTH:** Ball (thigh) by Roennfeldt, third term.

UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

REPORTS—E. Freeman (Port) reported by Field Umpire K. G. Cunningham in third term for abusive language. D. Gill (Port) reported by Field Umpire Cunningham in fourth term for allegedly striking R. Teasdale (South).

AT PROSPECT

North	4-4	5-6	9-12	10-14	74
Sturt	3-1	6-4	7-4	10-8	68

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: D. Lindner, Anderson, Coppins, Phillips, Robran, Barr, Jaworskyj, Von Bertouch. **STURT:** Schoff, Jarrett, Schwarz, Short, Clarkson, Nelson, Adcock.

SCORERS—NORTH: Sachse 2.5, Von Bertouch 2.2, Lindner 2.1, Anderson 2.1, Wilkey 1.1, Geisler 1.0, Lehmann 0.1, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Chessell 2.4, Clarkson 2.1, Nunan 2.0, Jones 2.0, Tilbrook 1.1, Hicks 1.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: May by Anstey, third term, Stringer by Robinson, last term. **STURT:** Bagshaw (cramp) by Burgan, last term.

UMPIRE—M. Posa.

AT GLENELG

Glen.	1-3	4-7	7-7	13-10	88
Nwd.	3-3	4-5	5-10	10-11	71

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: D. Long, Kerley, Redford, Phillis, Anesbury, Button, Rosewarne. **NORWOOD:** Nygaard, Haines, Vertudaches, Oatey, Wedding, Inglis, Beeching.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Anesbury 3-2, Hamilton 2-0, Richens 2-0, Phillis 1-3, Button 1-3, Rowe 1-1, Cornes 1-0, Voigt 1-0, Kerley 1-0, Colbey 0-1. **NORWOOD:** Hutchinson 3-0, Modra 2-0, Beeching 2-0, Molloy 1-2, Wedding 1-1, Bunton 1-1, Menz 0-4, Oatey 0-3.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Smith (ankle) by Molloy, half time. Hearne (thigh) by Pickering, last term.

UMPIRE—M. G. O'Connell.

AT RICHMOND

West	3-2	9-9	9-9	13-15	93
Cent.	2-3	2-6	5-10	6-10	46

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: DeBroughe, Hooper, Bertelsmeier, Bray, Burkett, Hughes, Loveday, Pitzner. **CENTRALS:** Grlusich, Eustice, Harris, Davis, Koch, Wickham, Smith, Shortill.

SCORERS—WEST: Jones 3-5, Burkett 3-1, DeBroughe 2-2, Hooper 2-2, Milson 1-2, Sims 1-1, Haupt 1-0, Shueard 0-1, Bitmead 0-1. **CENTRALS:** Webber 2-2, Mair 2-0, Shortill 1-2, Foley 1-1, Harris 0-2, Secomb 0-1, Smith 0-1, rushed 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Watkins (concussion) by Pope, third term. DeBroughe (concussion) by Haupt, last term. **CENTRALS:** Stutley (calf) by Foley, second term. Morey (thigh muscle) by Jackson, last term.

UMPIRE—D. Russell.

AT WOODVILLE

Torr.	2-2	2-6	7-10	7-10	52
Wdv.	1-2	3-8	3-8	6-8	44

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Head, Pill, Phillipou, Lipp, Braidwood, Mulvihill, Bills. **WOODVILLE:** Barbary, Huppertz, McKellar, Obst, Wilson, Christie, Petersen.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Mulvihill 2.1, Cawthorne 2.1, Head 1.3, Kruse 1.1, Drennan 1.1, Gilbert 0.2, Pill 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Roache 1.2, Christie 1.1, Huppertz 1.1, Barbary 1.1, McKellar 1.0, Riley 1.0, Obst 0.2, Wilson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Howell by Trott, last term. Gilbert by Stevens, last term. **WOODVILLE:** Christie by Reeves, last term. G. West by Tee, last term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Sachse (North)	2-5	19	36-49
Freeman (Port)	8-4	19	72-60
Sims (West)	1-1	20	32-63
Greenslade (Sturt)	—	18	51-28
Anesbury (Glenelg)	3-2	20	45-46
Oatey (Norwood)	0-3	17	45-26
Button (Glenelg)	1-3	17	41-38
Mulvihill (Torrens)	2-1	17	41-33
Shearman (Sturt)	—	16	40-41

HIGHEST, LOWEST

LEAGUE
Port Adelaide 18-18 (126), Woodville 6-8 (44).
SECONDS
Glenelg 19-16 (130), Torrens 3-11 (53).

Glenelg today made sure of fourth place in the major round when they played a typically strong last quarter to win in convincing style from Norwood at the Bay.

As it happened, Glenelg didn't have to win as Port raced away to a 50-point margin over South. But the Tigers made it on their own merits, to set the stage for a thrilling first semi-final.

ALL MAIL EXPERTS TIP PORT

All five Sunday Mail football experts pick Port to win the first semi-final against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval next Saturday.

● SAM GALLAGHER

Provided Eric Freeman is available, Port Adelaide are my choice to win the first semi-final against Glenelg.

Neil Kerley will get the utmost out of his young side and they will make the Magpies go flat out, but Port's approach, hardened by years of major round experience, will be just as determined.

Port's defence, the tightest in the league, should ensure that a winning score is not beyond the Magpies' attack.

● STAN WICKHAM

Don't expect to see any finessing or pretty, open football next Saturday when the Magpies and the Tigers face up in the first semi-final.

Glenelg will have an advantage in having Kerley on the field, but Port have the advantage of years of tradition of football finals and this could tip the balance Port's way.

Port's defence looks capable of handling the Tiger attack, while the Port forwards (depending on Freeman and Gill being available) could get sufficient opportunities to convert them to a Magpie victory.

● BILL HENDERSON

Port should win the first semi-final against the Bays on recent form with ease, due mainly to players like Cahill and Obst.

The Bays have one trump card—Neil Kerley, who also is in great form at present and has the ability to get the best out of his players.

The young Bay side has also to overcome the tension of finals. Port's experience here will stand them in good stead.

● BILL SUTHERLAND

Port's greater experience of final round football and their excellent recent form should give them a win in the first semi-final.

Glenelg's youthful exuberance, with the experience of Kerley, Long, Richens, Kendall and Linke to back the youngsters, will not allow any easy victory to the Magpies.

I expect this young Glenelg side to play up to form, but they're not quite ready to go on with the job.

● GERRY HARRISON

Port Adelaide is my tip to win the cut-throat semi-final.

This is provided Freeman is able to take his place in the Magpie line-up.

Both sides are in trouble in ruck, but the Magpie rovers should be able to move the ball away from the packs more consistently.

I expect the game to be a hard and gruelling encounter and the outright winner hidden until late.

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	16,650
Adelaide	15,156
Glenelg	12,075
Woodville	4,300
Richmond	1,989
TOTAL	50,190

NEXT WEEK

First semi-final—Port v. Glenelg
PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Points	Prem.	%
North	16	4	—	2048	1447	32	58.60	
Sturt	15	4	1	2122	1480	31	58.91	
Port	14	6	—	1769	1324	28	57.19	
Glenelg	12	8	—	1835	1539	24	54.39	
South	11	9	—	1729	1738	22	49.87	
Norwood	10	10	—	1830	1880	20	49.33	
West	9	11	—	1780	1722	18	50.83	
Torrens	6	14	—	1439	1840	12	43.89	
Centrals	5	15	—	1199	2019	10	37.26	
Woodville	1	18	1	1450	2212	3	39.60	

At Prospect, North ousted Sturt from the minor premiership when they got in by six points after seeming to have the game well in control late in the last quarter.

Sturt had been in top position since May 20 and North in second position for the same time.

As a guide to the result of the second semi-final the game proved nothing.

North won in ruck and on the wings and had the better attack, but Sturt came back in a manner that suggests they could be returning to top form.

Like Glenelg, Port today put in a great last quarter to take them into next week's semi-final full of running.

The Magpies will start hot favorites. It's a role they are accustomed to and it will not affect their performance, but the role of underdog will also suit the young Tigers.

IN DOUBT

Port's line-up for the game is in doubt following the reporting of full forward Eric Freeman and ruckman Dave Gill.

Freeman struck top form in getting eight goals and Gill has been an important player in the Magpies' team moving towards the finals.

Injury to centre half-back Neville Thiele will probably keep him out of the game.

Glenelg's rucks, with Doug Long and Kerley in command, were again a big factor in the Bays' win over Norwood.

The Tigers will be looking for an edge over Port in this division to allow them to put pressure on the powerful Port defence.

Fine weather today gave attendances a big lift.

Similar conditions next Saturday will draw a big crowd to see the up-and-coming Tigers challenge the battle-hardened Magpies.

MILDARA

\$440

TROPHY

FINAL FIGURES

- 27—D. Lindner (North).
- 19—Grlusich (Centrals).
- Hughes (West).
- 17—T. Obst (Port).
- 16—Cahill (Port).
- Oatey (Norwood).
- 14—Eustice (Centrals).
- Richens (Glenelg).
- 13—Kerley (Glenelg).
- P. Darley (South).

LATE DASH GAVE BAYS VICTORY

By GERRY HARRISON

A brilliant burst of systematic football early in the last quarter took Glenelg clear of Norwood and enabled them to win comfortably in a gruelling encounter at Glenelg Oval.

Although Norwood made a spirited bid to pull the game out of the fire the break gained by the Tigers proved too big a task.

The Redleg fight-back was commendable as they failed to take advantage of the breeze in the third quarter—kicking only 1-5 compared to Glenelg's 3-0.

Generally it was a hard battle played at close quarters and it was inevitable that whichever side gained any break would win.

From the outset players of both sides threw themselves into the game unhesitatingly and tackled fiercely to apply severe pressure in all departments.

Nine minutes into the first quarter before a score was registered—a goal to Norwood—indicates the tightness.

Both sides enjoyed sustained attacking periods but were held at bay by strong defences who dictated the trend of play.

'Know-how'

Kerley's "know-how" in ruck, with strong support from Long, prevented the Norwood big guns from gaining any decisive advantage.

However, the Redlegs were able to offset this to a certain degree by Oatey and Bunton's ability to read the drop of the ball, gaining possession more frequently.

Although Norwood often held control across centre, a greater percentage of the opportunities

they initiated waned under the incessant pressure of the solid Bay defence led by Redford and Linke.

Early in the second quarter Glenelg threatened to take control, as they attacked consistently, but the superb marking of Haines in defence for Norwood dampened any possibilities.

Button was the main instigator in this onslaught. He had a purple patch pulling down marks all around the ground with comparative ease and sparring attacks from penetrating disposals.

Norwood's failure to kick goals in the third quarter proved fatal.

Determined

Full credit must be given to the determined Glenelg defence for they made the Redleg forwards shoot hurriedly from awkward positions.

Kerley's ability to move the ball away from bounces sparked off Glenelg's winning burst.

Aided by a stiffening breeze they made every post a winner, and combining well ahead of centre they earned the first break of the match to go to a six-goal lead.

But Norwood produced their best football to halve the leeway and threaten a grandstand finish.

Steadied under the influence of Kerley, Glen-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1—3	4—7	7—7	13—10	88
Norw'd	3—3	4—5	5—10	10—11	71

elg took stock to pressure the ball forward and kick two goals to put the issue beyond doubt.

Again Norwood were equal to the cause and followed suit, but time ran out as they toiled valiantly to bridge the gap.

The honor of best afield was a toss-up between Long and Kerley.

I gave it to Long for a sustained effort in ruck supported by strong field

marking — particularly in defence — and immaculate disposal.

Kerley's effort was exemplary.

He was always in command of the situation, giving timely lifts when needed and steadying the pace in difficult situations.

The valuable rebound of Nygaard from half-back for Norwood was a big factor in the Redlegs being able to push the Bays all the way.

TWO PORT PLAYERS REPORTED

Two Port players were reported by Umpire Ken Cunningham today.

Eric Freeman was reported for alleged abusive language in the third quarter of the match against South.

Dave Gill was reported for allegedly striking Alan Teasdale in the last quarter.

South Seconds half-forward Ray Hendrie was today reported by Boundary Umpire G. M. Ey for allegedly striking a Port player during the second quarter of the curtainraiser at Adelaide Oval.

Hands, knees and...



HANDS, knees, and booms-a-daisy . . . Norwood's Ross Porritt and Kerry Hamilton (Glenelg) go through all the motions at the Glenelg Oval today. Also pictured are Norwood's Ron Kneebone (left) and Glenelg's Ray Button (right).