PANTHERS' 'FOUR' HOPES BRIGHTEN

By SAM GALLAGHER

South today kept alive their hopes of making the final four when they got in by four points from Torrens in a thrilling finish at Adelaide Oval

They are still two games away from North, in fourth place.
South moved into sixth place ahead of Torrens.

In the run home the Panthers' clashes with: West on Saturday week and Glenelg and North later in the season will be vital.

They could take a big step towards the major round if they can repeat their earlier success against Port Adelaide at Alberton next week.

However South's prospects for this game at least are clouded by Peter Darley's appearance before the league tribunal on Tuesday night.

Glenelg, too, suffered a severe blow in Neil Kerley's broken jaw.

The composition of the final four was further complicated by Norwood's impressive display at Prospect.

INFLUENCE

In their past two games the Redlegs have run the third and fourth sides to very close decisions.

Kingston's influence was important again today when Norwood stormed home to lose by only seven points after being 33 points down early in the last term.

An improvement across half-back is the Redlegs' big need at present.

As expected Port won handsomely against Woodville and kept their percentage intact by restricting the home side to the lowest score of the series.

However, Peter Obst's injury means that the Magpies probably will not be able to persist with John Cahill at half-forward where he has given the Port attack a big lift.

At Adelaide South had a winning centre line to thank for their narrow win over Torrens.

For the Eagles, Lindsay Head after a long absence played with all his exceptional skill to make his half-forward flank a strongpost all day.

At Unley, Sturt struggled for a quarter and a half against a spirited West but the Blues gradually took control and kicked the season's highest score to win by 12 goals.

AT A GLANCE

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5—1	7—5	13—9	16—11	107
Nwd.	1—3	6—3	10—6	15—10	100

SCORERS—**NORTH:** Sachse 4.3, Cearns 3.0, Lehmann 2.1, Byers 2.1, Smith 2.1, Von Bertouch 2.0, Hammond 1.3, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** R. Oatey 4.0, Kingston 3.3, Harris 3.0, Woolford 3.0, Wedding 1.4, P. Oatey 1.0, Shillabeer 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—**NORTH:** Robran, Jaworskyj, Phillips, Cearns, Robinson, Coppins, Burns, Paull. **NORWOOD:** Wedding, Harris, R. Oatey, Molloy, Inglis, Kingston, Menz, Woolford.

UMPIRE—D. Russell.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4—4	7—8	14—9	16—15	111
Wdv.	1—1	2—5	4—9	5—13	43

SCORERS—**PORT:** Cahill 3.4, Potter 3.1, McKay 2.0, Leal 2.0, Spencer 2.2, Broadbridge 1.3, Philp 1.0, Ebert 1.2, P. Obst 1.0, Haslam 0.2, Rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Barbary 2.1, Teasdale 1.1, McKellar 1.1, Cummings 1.0, Buckley 0.3, O'Connor 0.3, Hansell 0.1, Christie 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—**PORT:** Potter, Leal, Clayton, Cahill, Elleway, Broadbridge, Haslam. **WOODVILLE:** Simunsen, Teasdale, Christie, Boscence, Gilligen, Barbary, Holland.

REPLACEMENTS—**PORT:** P. Obst (dislocated shoulder) by McKay, second term. Beaufoy (knee), by Gerlach, second term. **WOODVILLE:** Reeves (hip) by Gilligan, first term, Hoffman (calf) by Tee, last term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4—3	6—6	7—12	10—19	79
Torr.	2—3	6—7	8—13	10—15	75

SCORERS—**SOUTH:** Darley 2.3, White 2.3, Norman 2.1, Ball 1.1, Howlett 1.0, Teasdale 1.0, Hendrie 1.0, Thredgold 0.4, Skuse 0.3, Backman 0.2, Coombe 0.2. **TORRENS:** Birt 3.1, Mulvihill 2.2, Head 2.1, Carson 1.3, Forsyth 1.1, Lee 1.0, Perks 0.3, Lipp 0.2, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—**SOUTH:** Coombe, Backman, Skuse, Williams, Darley, Cock, Foster. **TORRENS:** Head, Birt, Pill, Lipp, Tye, Forsyth, Graham.

REPLACEMENTS—**SOUTH:** Cock (back), by W. Foster, last term.

REPORT—P. Darley (South), reported by central umpire R. Hall for abusive language in the third term.

UMPIRE—R. Hall.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4—4	10—8	16—16	21—23	149
West	4—3	7—7	9—8	11—11	77

SCORERS—**STURT:** Chessell 5.5, Halbert 3.6, Rigney 3.1, Endersbee 3.1, Shearman 2.4, Greenslade 2.1, Tilbrook 1.2, Clarkson 1.0, Hicks 1.0, Murphy 0.1, Rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Jamieson 3.1, Pannenburg 2.1, Sara 2.0, Sims 1.2, Burkett 1.0, Day 1.0, Fraser 1.1, Bertelsmeier 0.2, Russian 0.1, Pope 0.1, Rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—**STURT:** Chessell, Rigney, Endersbee, Shearman, Nelson, Adcock, Halbert, Murphy. **WEST:** Loveday, Kuchel, Hughes, Russian, Day, Bray, Bertelsmeier.

REPLACEMENTS—**STURT:** Chessell (ankle) by Martin last term. Rigney by Miels, last term. **WEST:** Pannenburg by Walker, last term, Sara by Edgely, last term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	2—2	5—3	10—7	16—15	111
Cent.	1—0	5—7	7—11	12—12	84

SCORERS.—**GLENELG:** Ebert 2.2, Phillis 2.1, D. Long 2.1, Marker 2.1, Moss 2.1, Worthley 2.0, Fitzgerald 1.2, Paech 1.3, Crabb 1.0, B. Long 1.0, Edwards 0.2, rushed 0.2. **CENTRALS:** Vidovich 6.0, Morley 1.3, Stutley 1.2, Mulholland 1.1, Daly 1.0, Jackson 1.1, Skinner 1.0, Wickham 0.1, Davis 0.1, Shortill 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS.—**GLENELG:** D. Long, Cornes, Kerley, Marker, Fitzgerald, Paech, Colbey, D. Phillis, Smith. **CENTRALS:** Stutley, Middleton, Shortill, Vidovich, Skinner, Andrews, Daly, Edmonds, Mulholland.

REPLACEMENTS.—**GLENELG:** B. Long (bruised hip) by Moss, half-time. **CENTRALS:** Kroehn (badly gashed thigh) by Webber, last term. Kennedy (cramp) by Harris, last term.

REPORT— N. Kerley (Glenelg) reported by central umpire R. Scholefield for elbowing in the third term.

UMPIRE.—R. Scholefield.

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Ebert (Port)	1.2	11	34.18
Vidovich (Centrals)	6.0	8	33.90
Sachse (North)	4.3	10	27.18
Jones (Sturt)	—	7	23.12
Sims (West)	1.2	11	22.17
Pannenburg (West)	2.1	10	21.13
Chessell (Sturt)	5.5	11	20.22
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	2.1	10	19.24

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	10	1	1056	678	20	60.90
Port	9	2	775	522	18	59.75
Glenelg	7	4	857	750	14	53.33
North	7	4	823	759	14	52.02
West	6	5	789	721	12	52.25
South	5	6	851	937	10	47.60
Torrens	4	7	724	760	8	48.79
Centrals	3	8	798	996	6	44.48
Norwood	2	9	776	916	4	45.86
Woodville	2	9	616	796	4	38.21

THE LEADERS

12—Nelson (Sturt).

10—P. Darley (South).

9—Stringer (North), Teasdale (Woodville), R. Oatey (Norwood), Birt (Torrens).

8—Robran (North), Marker (Glenelg), Loveday (West), Molloy (Norwood), Cahill (Port).

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TROPHY

STIFLING

As they did last season, West began by stifling Sturt's drive from Clarkson in ruck.

Russian made it hard for the Sturt player to take front position and West's defensive set up round the bounces was good early in the game.

Tilbrook looked the big threat with a great first quarter but West countered him by the switch of Loveday.

While West were able to counter Clarkson they had no answer to Chessell's brilliance.

A superb exhibition of field play capped by five goals was the main factor in Sturt's taking charge.

Chessell's game and the superior roving of Rigney and Endersbee gave Sturt a winning break and they finished in full control.

The switch of John Halbert to centre half-forward in the second term was also significant.

Halbert was shut out of the game on the flank first by Loveday and then by Higgins, but he dominated the Blues attack at centre half-forward in the second half.

At the Bay, Glenelg's third quarter was decisive after Centrals had headed them at half-time.

The Bulldogs showed plenty of spirit in a strong last quarter but the Tigers held on to their winning break.

Early North dash quelled

GERRY HARRISON says that after a very impressive opening quarter in which North were far too skilful, they were more than matched by Norwood in most departments and in the end were forced to defend desperately.

Sachse was in superb touch, and the long high kicking of the North side suited him admirably.

Porritt fought back well, and aided by his surrounding team-mates kept the big fellow goalless from five minutes into the second quarter.

Norwood's resurgence came when Molloy went to centre in the second quarter, and although the Roosters opened up big leads on two occasions after half-time the Redlegs were able to reduce the leeway each time.

When North went 33 points clear early in the last quarter it looked a matter of how far, but Kingston went into ruck and revitalised the Redlegs.

The performance of Wedding in ruck and rovers Harris and R. Oatey was first class and it was this department that kept Norwood in the game.

At mid-field Robran won handsomely against Woodcock but when Molloy was switched to oppose him his influence was cut.

The real difference between th two sides was the performance of the respective half-back lines — North's trio dictated the terms as well as giving valuable rebound, but Norwood were in trouble all day on both flanks and only Warhurst, after a slow start, offered resistance.

Obst injury slows Port

Bill Henderson says Port beat Woodville comfortably and may have won by more had Peter Obst not gone off with a dislocated shoulder.

Obst had won centre up to his injury, but his retirement caused the switch of Cahill to centre.

At half-forward Cahill had been the key behind Port's attack.

Port's attacking play was completely out of character to their style of recent years.

They moved the ball around so well with handball and direct short-passing that Woodville's defenders had no hope of stopping them.

Woodville more than broke even in ruck, but Port more often took the ball away from the tapdowns, and their followers and rovers were brought into the game by others.

For several periods Woodville had as much of the play in their forward lines as Port, but lacked a player to finish off their work.

Teamwork Tigers' ace

Bill Sutherland says umpire Scholefield set the pattern for a dead stop, go slow game at Glenelg — the first half with more than 20 free kicks in the first quarter.

The four inches of sand covering most of the oval also took a lot of pace and run out of the game.

Middleton's ruckwork and a holding centre line with Stutley lending fine support enabled Centrals to lead by four point at half-time.

The game was slow and slogging with the Bays unable to break clear with any system to this stage.

Glenelg opened out more in the third quarter and with Doug Long and Kerley driving them in, all Glenelg's forwards except Ebert booted goals.

Centrals were not to be denied however and came back with late goals to Vidovich and Mulholland to enter the last quarter only 14 points down.

The last quarter was the most open of the match with the Bays going away to lead by six goals 15 minutes into the term.

Centrals went under without disgrace, but they found Glenelg's teamwork too much at the finish.

Centreline lifts South

STAN WICKHAM says South owed their narrow victory over Torrens to a winning centreline of Coombe, Backman, and Foster and a second half lift by several others who had been rarely sighted in the first half.

Attridge was the only Eagle across the centre to offer some fight.

Most of their attacking moves came from the excellent rebound efforts of their half-back line of Tye, Pill, and Graham.

Head and Birt were most creative to amass 40 first between them, and rarely did they fail to advance the ball in a constructive manner. They spelt danger to South all day.

Forsyth had a quietening effect on Darley's control of the hit-outs, but I would say that this department broke about even with all knock rucks having their share.

Darley did hold sway in the last term, and with White getting more touches than he had for the rest of the game, South gained an advantage.

Young Mark Coombe is a carnival player if ever I've seen one. His wing was an open road most of the day, and this boy has talent galore. Much of it still has not materialised.

Plucky Bulldogs fight in vain

TIGERS ROAR BACK TO WIN

By BILL SUTHERLAND

After a scrappy first half, with both sides bogged down in the sand, the teams opened out in a high-scoring last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2—2	5—3	10—7	16—15	111
C'trals	1—0	5—7	7—11	12—12	84

The Bays' five-goal burst early in the last quarter sealed the game, although the plucky Bulldogs fought bravely to notch goals themselves.

Kerley won the toss and took the southern end with a slight breeze.

The Glenelg Oval was dry with a heavy sand covering.

Umpire Scholefield was in charge before an opening crowd of 4,000. Teams were as selected.

Bruce Long belted the opening bounce 25 yards but Edmonds intercepted to clear.

The first burst of good football came from a Kerley knock to B. Long on to Fred Phillis to Marker for a goal.

Vidovich led very fast to Daly's pass for the equaliser seconds later after Edmonds had rebounded well from half-back.

Glenelg went through Phillis again at centre half-forward but Stutley stood firm to clear from the square.

Phillis was looking the early danger as he made front position to win the free and goaled from 50 yards out.

Marker bodied beautifully to swing around Johns and drive the Tigers in, but Paech's left-foot snap went out of bounds.

The Bulldog defence had withstood the pressure very well.

First quarter scores were Glenelg 2-2, Centrals 1-0.

Two goals

The Tigers went straight into attack from Colbey to Phillis, and Ebert took a clever mark running back to convert for full points.

Marker made it two goals in two minutes after Edwards had driven them in from centre wing.

Shortill's good shepherding at half-forward allowed Morey through for an easy shot, but one point only was the result.

Shortill tackled Paech well to earn the free and found Vidovich on the lead for Centrals second goal.

A brilliant pass from Shortill in the back pocket through Davis and Mulholland saw Daly soccer the Bulldogs' third goal.

Stutley goaled after good ruck work from Middleton, and the Bulldogs were in front.

Morey took the Bulldogs one goal clear with an easy shot from centre half-forward, Middleton was the star performer for Centrals.

Shortill gave Jackson another opportunity on the siren but he missed badly. The Bays looked sluggish and were crowding the game far too much, making things easy for Centrals back line to clear.

Half-time scores were—Centrals 5-7; Glenelg 5-3.

Moss replaced Bruce Long at the long interval. The Bays came out full of fire and they had a goal on the board inside 10 seconds from Fitzgerald.

Marker beat Wickham to reach Doug Long and his great tap down to Crabb on the run through went straight through the middle. Glenelg added three points in a row from Fitzgerald, Moss and Paech, two from standing shots.

Mulholland worked like a beaver to get the ball out to Kennedy, but it was in vain as he kicked out of bounds.

Mulholland again broke from centre to kick a 60-yarder on the run.

Centrals drew level as Dickson hooked to the square and Vidovich marked well on his chest in front of Shepherd to kick his third. Davis handballed very well to Shortill but Kerley just smothered on the boot to save.

Fred Phillis set up the next Glenelg goal by knocking on to Paech. Moss took Glenelg two goals clear again from a lucky free.

Third quarter scores were Glenelg 10-7, Centrals 7-11.

Bays drew away from the bounce for Marker to reach the square and Phillis took them 20 points clear.

Centrals came back through Wickham to Davis and a bad bounce over Redford saw Vidovich walk in and kick his fourth.

Both sides were leg weary and consequently slow. Doug Long snapped a welcome goal for the Bays.

Webber replaced Kroehn, who was carried off with a bad leg injury.

Doug Long chipped in for the Bays thirteenth, followed by Ebert.

Ebert's 25-yard handpass found Worthley for another.

Two late goals to Vidovich and Jackson gave the scoreboard a more respectable look.

Vidovich marked again against Shepherd to kick his sixth goal.

Final scores were Glenelg 16-15, Centrals 12-12.