

TOP FOUR OPEN TWO-GAME GAP

By SAM GALLAGHER

Results in today's round consolidated Sturt, Port, Glenelg, and North in the top four and opened up a two game break between the leaders and the rest.

North's seven point defeat of West was the Red and Black's fifth defeat in the past six games. After a promising start they are now battling to stay in touch.

Today's details at a glance

AT GLENELG

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Glen. | 2-5 | 5-7 | 8-8 | 9-12 | 66 |
| Wdv. | 1-0 | 2-4 | 6-5 | 8-5 | 53 |

SCORERS—GLENELG: Worthley 4.3, Ebert 2.0, Fitzgerald 1.3, D. Long 1.1, B. Long 1.0, Marker 0.1, Paech 0.1, rushed 0.3. WOODVILLE: Blight 3.1, Simunsen 3.0, Gilligan 1.0, Boscence 1.0, Buckley 0.1, Huppertz 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Colbey, Rosewarne, Worthley, Fitzgerald, Cornes, Moss, W. Phillis, Voigt. WOODVILLE: Teasdale, Allen, Cummins, Huppertz, Jackson, Kneebone.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: B. Long (thigh) by Staite, third term. Paech by McLeod, last term. WOODVILLE: Reeves (thigh) by Boscence, three-quarter time. Huppertz by O'Connor, last term. UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT PROSPECT

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| North | 4-3 | 6-5 | 10-8 | 12-9 | 81 |
| West | 3-2 | 5-9 | 6-13 | 9-20 | 74 |

SCORERS—NORTH: Lindner 2.1, Sachse 1.2, Von Bertouch 1.3, Lehmann 1.0, Stringer 1.0, Phillips 1.0, Cearns 1.0, Hammond 1.0, Byers 1.0, Robran 1.0, Norton 1.0, Francou 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: Hooper 4.1, Walker 1.3, Jamieson 1.2, Pope 1.2, Russian 1.0, Roach 1.0, Pannenburg 0.4, Bertelsmeier 0.2, Weideman 0.3, Haupt 0.3, Sims 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Robran, Phillips, D. Lindner, Coppins, Von Bertouch, M. Burns. WEST: Russian, Bray, Hooper, Bertelsmeier, Pannenburg, Loveday, Kuchel.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Stringer (calf) by Francou, second term. UMPIRE—R. Hall.

AT NORWOOD

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Sturt | 6-3 | 12-5 | 17-11 | 24-16 | 160 |
| Nwd. | 2-4 | 6-6 | 11-6 | 16-6 | 102 |

SCORERS—STURT: Endersbee 6.0, Rigney 3.4, Schoff 3.4, Greenslade 3.3, Halbert 3.2, Tilbrook 2.0, Clarkson 1.1, Murphy 1.0, Shearman 1.0, Bagshaw 1.0, Chessell 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: R. Oatey 4.1, Harris 4.1, Woolford 3.0, Shillabeer 3.0, Page 1.0, Molloy 1.0, Menz 0.2, Kingston 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Shearman, Endersbee, Rigney, Chessell, Jarrett, Murphy, Schoff, Halbert. NORWOOD: R. Oatey, Wedding, Harris, Haines, Woolford, Molloy, P. Oatey, Porritt.

REPLACEMENT—NORWOOD: Kingston (concussion) by Page, second term. UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT THEBARTON

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Torr. | 4-4 | 5-9 | 9-12 | 16-20 | 116 |
| Cent. | 1-4 | 1-5 | 4-5 | 5-6 | 36 |

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Lee 4.3, Carson 4.2, Perks 3.1, Birt 2.2, Ettridge 2.1, Mulvihill 1.2, Clarke 0.2, Wynd 0.1, Head 0.1, Croft 0.1, Forsyth 0.1, rushed 0.3. CENTRALS: Skinner 3.3, Vidovich 2.0, Daly 0.2, Mulholland 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Lee, Lipp, Bills, Clarke, Birt, Phillipou, Tye. CENTRALS: Middleton, Edmonds, Johns Skinner, Andrews, Wickham.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Wynd (bruised side) by Croft, third term. Clarke (cramp) by Jackson, last term. CENTRALS: Stutley (leg) by Chenoweth, third term. Mulholland by Kennedy, last term. UMPIRE.—D. Russell.

AT ALBERTON

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Port | 0-3 | 3-6 | 7-7 | 15-10 | 100 |
| South | 0-6 | 1-10 | 2-10 | 4-12 | 36 |

SCORERS.—PORT: Yeo 3.0, Gerlach 3.0, Salmon 2.2, Haslam 2.1, Leal 1.2, Potter 1.1, Cahill 1.1, Broadbridge 1.2, Philp 1.0, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Jones 1.3, Backman 1.2, White 1.1, Ball 1.0, Norman 0.3, Skuse 0.2, Thredgold 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Leal, Yeo, Philp, Salmon, Thiele, Cahill, Gerlach, Sweeney, Errey. SOUTH: Cock, Backman, Schmidt, White, Skuse, Bais, Williams, Coombe.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Nyland (heavy cold) by Black, last term. Gerlach (cramp) by McKay, last term. SOUTH: Hodges (cramp) by Hebbard, last term. Ball (cramp) by Howlett, last term. UMPIRE.—R. Scholefield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | W. | L. | For | Agst. | Pts. | % |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|------|-------|
| Sturt | 15 | 1 | 1216 | 780 | 22 | 60.92 |
| Port | 10 | 2 | 875 | 558 | 20 | 61.06 |
| Glenelg | 8 | 4 | 923 | 803 | 16 | 53.48 |
| North | 8 | 4 | 904 | 833 | 16 | 52.04 |
| West | 6 | 6 | 863 | 802 | 12 | 51.83 |
| Torrens | 5 | 7 | 840 | 796 | 10 | 51.34 |
| South | 5 | 7 | 887 | 1037 | 10 | 46.10 |
| Centrals | 3 | 9 | 834 | 1112 | 6 | 42.86 |
| Norwood | 2 | 10 | 878 | 1106 | 4 | 44.25 |
| Woodville | 2 | 10 | 669 | 1062 | 4 | 38.65 |

TOP GOALKICKERS

| | Today | Matches | Total |
|---------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Vidovich (Centrals) | 2.0 | 9 | 35.9 |
| Ebert (Port) | — | 11 | 34.18 |
| Sachse (North) | 1.2 | 11 | 28.20 |
| Jones (Sturt) | — | 7 | 23.12 |
| Sims (West) | 0.1 | 12 | 22.18 |
| Pannenburg (West) | 0.4 | 11 | 21.17 |
| Endersbee (Sturt) | 6.0 | 9 | 21.8 |
| R. Chessell (Sturt) | 0.1 | 12 | 20.23 |
| C. Oatey (Norwood) | 4.1 | 12 | 20.17 |

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TROPHY

12—R. Oatey (Norwood), Nelson (Sturt).
11—Robran (North), Teasdale (Woodville).
10—P. Darley (South).
9—Stringer (North), Birt (Torrens).
8—Marker (Glenelg), Loveday (West), Molloy (Norwood), Bills (Torrens), Cahill (Port).

Today, however, West could well have won but for poor forward work. In the second quarter and in the last they had far more of the play in their forward area, but kicked respectively two goals from nine shots and three from 10.

Robran's command at centre and North's general ability to get value for kicks were the main differences between the sides.

West are now in a position similar to that from which Glenelg made the final four last season, but their road to the major round is a hard one.

To make the grade they will need to win at least six of the remaining eight games.

So far they have failed to beat any of the teams above them and while five of their coming games are against teams below them, South, Torrens, and Norwood will not be easy to overcome.

SIMILAR

On the score of games won and lost, South and Torrens are similarly placed to last season, when neither made the four.

However, the Eagles' percentage is superior, and they are not likely to lose seven of the next eight, as they did in 1967.

South, today without Darley, were overwhelmed by Port's second half.

Breaking away in the third quarter, the Magpies finished in devastating fashion to kick 8-3 in the last term and win by 64 points.

At the Bay, Glenelg were pushed hard by a determined Woodville recovery in the second half.

Noel Teasdale was the inspiration as Woodville outscored the Tigers 6-1 to 4-5 after half-time.

The Bays' control of centre through Rosewarne, Fitzgerald's ability to get clear at half-forward, and Worthley's four goals in a dashing roving display, enabled them to put a winning

score on the board in heavy ground conditions.

HIGH SCORES

Apart from Teasdale, Woodville had strong points in Allen on the wing and Cummins at half-forward.

However, Glenelg took advantage of occasional lapses in Woodville's defence to keep the scores out of touch for most of the day.

At Norwood the Redlegs, despite the loss of Kingston early in the second quarter, kicked what would normally be a winning score against league leaders Sturt.

But the Blues burst open Norwood's defence and eclipsed last week's highest score for the season in amassing 24.16.

The Redleg's inexperience in defence and their failure to contain the Sturt rovers proved fatal although they drew within seven points in the third term.

Torrens at Thebarton were far too strong for Central Districts and finished all over the Bulldogs to record the day's biggest winning margin.

Eagles never in danger

GERRY HARRISON says West Torrens, even though they allowed many opportunities to go begging, were never in danger against Central Districts and it was not surprising to see their forwards run riot in the last term.

Clarke was on top in ruck, and rovers Lee and Birt dictated the terms around the packs.

But Torrens fell down badly in front of goal until things "clicked" in the final quarter.

Sturt prove their class

STAN WICKHAM says there was plenty of good football displayed at Norwood Oval.

Although Sturt had a runaway win by 58 points it was not all plain sailing for them, and the

Redlegs forced them to produce their best football.

In a game where both teams exceeded the century in points there had to be plenty of action.

Norwood, down 35 points at half-time, came back grandly in the third term to kick five goals straight to Sturt's two points and trail by seven points at the 14-minute mark.

Magpies use short game

BILL SUTHERLAND says South Adelaide, who had rovers White, Thredgold and Skuse getting the ball away from the packs, should have led Port Adelaide at half-time.

South broke down badly at the business end of the field.

The third quarter saw Ball and Matchett fade. Port's strength around the packs began to tell.

The last quarter saw Port settle down and "kill off" the Panthers.

Port used more handball and short passing than usual to belt on 8-3.

They looked good when they played this way. South missed Darley's field play. Port took far more overhead marks than South.

West waste opportunities

BILL HENDERSON says North won because they were more decisive with their forward work. They used the direct road to goal.

West squandered many opportunities.

North's moves started from across centre where Robran cleverly broke free and delivered the ball with precision to his forwards.

West's second and last terms were their best.

Had they got better results from their shots they would have pushed North.

WOODVILLE PUSH BAYS -2nd HALF RECOVERY

By SAM GALLAGHER

Spurred by captain-coach Teasdale to a determined third quarter recovery, Woodville matched Glenelg after a poor first half at Glenelg Oval today.

Glenelg had control at centre and superior rovers to win by 13 points.

Craig McKellar (boil) was omitted by Woodville from the 21 named.

O'Connor and Boscence were reserves. Barbary started at centre half-forward, Simunsen at centre and Ion on a half-back flank.

Glenelg were unchanged. Max O'Connell was the umpire.

Glenelg won the toss and kicked to the southern goal.

Barbary and Simunsen swapped places after the first bounce.

Strong defence by Holland held Glenelg up briefly, but the Bays rebounded into attack for Ebert to goal.

Woodville moved through Cummins for Simunsen to goal, but then Glenelg took over the attacking as Marker and Fitzgerald opened their half-forward flanks.

Closer to goal, however, the Bays were stopped by Woodville's bustling defence bolstered by Teasdale.

Glenelg switched half-forward flanks, probably with the purpose of using Marker to greater advantage on the firmer eastern wing.

On the heavy ground there were few passages of open football.

It was a game for the opportunist. Worthley took full advantage of the sudden chance when the ball rolled clear from a pack. He kicked straight from inside half-forward.

Woodville switched Simunsen on to Marker and Jackson went to centre half-forward as Glenelg continued to attack.

After the siren Worthley missed from easy range from a free.

First quarter scores were Glenelg 2-5, Woodville 1-0.

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Simunsen was back at centre half-forward.

Glenelg went straight into attack from Doug Long's knock.

Barbary made an opening and Woodville rebounded, but Simunsen mishandled.

Given plenty of latitude, Fitzgerald drove Glenelg in, and Woodville's defence allowed Doug Long to run in to goal from a mark on an acute angle.

Stronger roving and fewer mistakes in a more even team effort made the Bays look winners as they went 29 points clear with goals from Ebert and Worthley.

Teasdale's vigor brought a touch of fire into the game, but a behind to Buckley was the only addition to Woodville's score.

They came again through Teasdale, and Cummins found Simunsen for a goal.

Half-time scores were Glenelg 5-7, Woodville 2-4.

A fine long handpass by Huppertz brought a quick goal from Blight, but Worthley replied at once when Doug Long drove the Bays in.

The Tigers went 27 points clear when Bruce Long got one of his few touches to mark in the square and goal.

Teasdale's fine knock to Gilligan for a goal kept Woodville in touch.

Their chances lifted when Teasdale started another attack behind centre, and Cummins found Simunsen with a fine handball for another goal.

Voigt passed to Worthley, unattended in the pocket, who brought up his fourth goal in a timely Glenelg attack.

Teasdale's inspiring play behind centre kept Woodville in the game, but they were stopped short by Colbey and W. Phillis at half-back.

Moving up the ground Teasdale was hit heavily by Bruce Long. Blight goaled from the penalty to cut Glenelg's lead to 15 points.

Bruce Long was replaced by J. Staite.

Woodville's half-back line had tightened considerably since half-time, and the game promised a close finish.

Third quarter scores were Glenelg 8-8, Woodville 6-5.

Boscence replaced Reeves for Woodville.

Gilligan went to the wing and Boscence in to ruck, with Teasdale starting at half-forward left.

Ebert was at centre half-forward for Glenelg. Two rushed behinds stretched Glenelg's lead to 17 points.

McLeod replaced Paech. Fitzgerald, after a quiet third term, gave Ion the slip twice, but Woodville's defence held firm.

But the Bays persisted, and Marker's strength made the opening for a valuable goal by Fitzgerald.

Cummins, one of Woodville's more consistent players, took Teasdale's handpass and found Blight flying high in the square. His goal cut the Tigers' lead to 18 points.

O'Connor replaced Huppertz with 10 minutes to go. Boscence dribbled a goal — 12 points the difference.

Final scores were Glenelg 9-12, Woodville 8-5.