

Hopes fade for gallant South

By SAM GALLAGHER

In a valiant bid to keep alive a faint hope of making the final four, South Adelaide today went down by one point in a thrilling clash against league leader Sturt at Unley.

South's defeat and Torrens' loss to Glenelg at the Bay has put these two teams three games away from North in fourth position.

With only five minor round games to be played their chance of making the finals can almost be disregarded.

West Adelaide, today's biggest winners by 38 points over Norwood at Richmond, are a game closer but would need to win two games more than either North or Glenelg to qualify.

Three of West's matches are against Sturt, Port, and Glenelg, while North and Glenelg, who meet each other look reasonably safe in at least two of their other remaining games.

team composition for the finals.

Today's loss was South's second by a point this season and one of these was against North Adelaide at this stage in fourth place.

Both this year and last the Panthers can claim that a slight turn of the luck their way would have seen them in the four.

The injury-ridden Magpies, clinging desperately to second position, found today's encounter at Elizabeth anything but the respite it seemed to offer from the harsh struggle for survival.

CONCUSSED They had to be told who won

Three league footballers sustained concussion in the league games at Glenelg and Unley today and two of them had to be told who had won.

Glenelg's Ray Button and Terry Crabb and Paul Bagshaw (Sturt) were stunned by knocks on the head or face.

Button and Bagshaw were unaware of the result until told after the game.

Police had to step in to quell a skirmish as the players were leaving the field after the Sturt-South game at Unley.

Spectators tried to "get at" South rover Alan White.

He had met Bagshaw heavily on the boundary line in front of the grandstand in the third quarter.

Bagshaw was taken on a stretcher to the club-rooms.

Police said tonight no name was taken but they had to "keep spectators away from the players."

It is not known yet whether Bagshaw, Button, or Crabb will be prevented from playing next Saturday.

Torrens ruckman Jim Forsyth played with a dislocated finger for all but five minutes at Glenelg.

AT A GLANCE

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-6	4-6	7-15	7-15	57
Torr.	1-2	2-7	2-7	5-12	42

SCORERS—GLENELG: D. Long 4.1, Marker 2.1, Moss 1.2, Button 0.2, Kerley 0.2, COLBEY: Fitzgerald 0.1, Paech 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Lee 2.1, Tye 2.0, Clarke 1.0, Birt 0.3, Head 0.1, Forsyth 0.1, Carson 0.1, F. Bills 0.1, Perks 0.1, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: D. Long, Paech, Marker, Button, Smith, Colbey. TORRENS: Forsyth, F. Bills, Tye, Lipp, G. Pill, Birt.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Crabb (concussion) by Knill, second term. TORRENS: Mulvihill (knee) by B. Bills third term.

UMPIRE—R. Scholefield.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	8-3	9-6	17-9	17-10	112
Nwd.	1-0	6-3	7-3	11-8	74

SCORERS—WEST: Day 5.1, Haupt 3.3, Weideman 2.1, Jonas 2.1, Hooper 2.0, Fraser 2.0, Brown 1.1, Roach 0.1, Burkett 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Poulter 2.1, Harris 2.0, Shillabeer 1.3, Molloy 1.2, Woolford 1.1, R. Oatey 1.1, Beeching 1.0, P. Oatey 1.0, Wedding 1.0.

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Day, DeBroughe, Hooper, Hughes, Haupt, Weideman, Kuchel, Bray. NORWOOD: Molloy, Nygaard, Harris, Wedding, R. Oatey, Page, Woolford.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Roach (torn knee ligaments) by Shueard first term; Jamieson (bruised knee) by Hewitt third term.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-0	5-11	5-11	7-18	60
Cent.	5-3	5-3	8-7	8-8	56

SCORERS—PORT: T. Obst 2.0, Yeo 1.4, Cheatham 1.2, Leal 1.1, Ebert 1.1, Broadbridge 1.0, Sweeney 0.2, Elix 0.2, Potter 0.1, Haslam 0.1, Salmon 0.1, Nyland 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: Skinner 3.2, Muir 2.1, Vidovich 1.1, Stutley 1.1, Shortill 1.0, Stanton 0.1, Mulholland 0.1, Daly 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Potter, T. Obst, Broadbridge, Spencer, Salmon, Elway, Yeo. CENTRALS: Skinner, Shortill, Stanton, Stutley, Wickham, Jackson.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Gerlach (cramp) by McKay, last term. CENTRALS: Smitham (ankle) by Kennedy, last term.

UMPIRE—D. Turbill.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5-8	5-8	12-15	12-15	87
Wdv.	0-1	5-11	5-11	6-24	60

SCORERS—NORTH: Sachse 3.2, Robinson 3.0, Cearns 2.2, Von Bertouch 1.2, Anderson 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Norton 1.0, Hammond 0.5, Lehmann 0.2, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Barbary 3.4, Teasdale 2.2, Cummins 1.1, Christie 0.4, Simonsen 0.3, O'Connor 0.3, McKellar 0.1, Holland 0.1, rushed 0.5.

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Lehmann, Robran, Cearns, Sachse, Robinson, Coppins, Hammond, Von Bertouch, Anderson, D. Burns. WOODVILLE: Teasdale, Barbary, McKellar, O'Connor, Allen, Holland, Syvertsen, Cummins, Jackson.

REPLACEMENTS—WOODVILLE: Christie (cramp) by Huppertz, last term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-4	9-7	9-8	15-15	105
South	4-4	10-5	16-8	16-8	104

SCORERS—STURT: Halbert 4.1, Shearman 2.2, Tilbrook 2.2, Rigney 1.1, Endersbee 1.1, Chessell 1.1, Schoff 1.1, Greenslade 1.1, Murphy 1.0, Bagshaw 1.0, Clarkon 0.2, Adcock 0.1, Weir 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Backman 6.0, Thredgold 3.3, Norman 3.1, White 1.1, Coombe 1.1, Hendrie 1.0, Jones 1.0, Ball 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Chessell, Hicks, Halbert, Adcock, Schwarz, Clarkson, Tilbrook, Murphy. SOUTH: Backman, Darley, Thredgold, Coombe, Norman, Roennfeldt, White, Cock.

REPLACEMENT—STURT: Bagshaw (concussion) by Weir, third term.

UMPIRE—R. Hall.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	14	1	1530	1061	28	59.05
Port	11	4	1060	749	22	58.60
Glenelg	10	5	1143	1008	20	53.14
North	10	5	1140	1064	20	51.72
West	8	7	1129	1024	16	52.44
Torrens	7	8	1074	993	14	51.93
South	7	8	1202	1293	14	48.18
Norwood	3	12	1142	1424	6	44.51
Centrals	3	12	1066	1408	6	43.09
Woodville	2	13	852	1314	4	39.34

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Vidovich (Centrals)	1-1	12	45-14
Ebert (Port)	1-1	14	38-24
Sachse (North)	3-2	14	35-24
Greenslade (Sturt)	1-1	14	27-19
Chessell (Sturt)	1-1	15	24-27
Backman (South)	6-0	15	24-24
Sims (West)		14	24-22

NEXT WEEK ATTENDANCES

South v. Torrens (Adelaide)	Glenelg	10,921
Port v. Woodville (Alberton)	Unley	8,538
Centrals v. Glenelg (Elizabeth)	Elizabeth	5,297
Norwood v. North (Norwood)	Richmond	4,714
West v. Sturt (Richmond)	Woodville	3,976
		33,446

NARROWED SCORELESS

For the second time in a week and for the third time this season, Sturt got home by a point.

On one hand this points to an ability to get out of trouble under extreme pressure but on the other it suggests that the Blues' margin of superiority over the other sides in the competition has narrowed.

Today, as in all games, wind had a considerable effect on the way the game was played.

However, South's ability to kick 6-1 into the breeze in the second quarter indicates a looseness in Sturt's defence that could be fatal in the major round.

At the other end of the ground, Sturt looked their best today when John Halbert was switched from the flank to centre half-forward and Schoff went to centre in the last quarter.

No doubt the Blues' line-up from here on will endeavor to settle the

SCORELESS

In a heavily defensive battle, Port, dogged by inaccuracy, were forced to the limit before finishing four points clear.

Glenelg's defensive tactics in the second quarter against Torrens at the Bay put an end to the Eagles' hopes, although the Tigers themselves were held scoreless in the last term.

Significant for Glenelg was the good form of Ray Button in his return to league football.

Two terms of 8.3 each with the wind at Richmond made West clear winners over Norwood.

The Redlegs' attack made up some of the leeway in the second term but West's second onslaught put the issue beyond doubt.

North Adelaide had Woodville's inaccuracy to thank for part of their 27-point margin at Woodville.

From a finals point of view, the growing improvement of Anderson in ruck continues to lift the Red-and-Whites' hopes.

TIGERS' TACTICS TELL AGAINST EAGLES

By BILL HENDERSON

Under poor conditions with gusty changeable winds, Glenelg held Torrens by adopting clever tactics at the Glenelg Oval today.

Torrens let Glenelg in when going against this strong breeze in the third term. They played mostly down the eastern flank.

Glenelg cleverly played the dead pocket on the grandstand side in the second term.

It was one of the worst games I have seen regarding the application of the rule relating to kicking out of bounds.

Unless more authority is given to umpires to be stricter with the interpretation of the rule, games will become farcical.

Torrens opened the game well and in fact made a better showing going into the wind than the Bays going with it.

Unfortunate

It was unfortunate for the Eagles that after scoring a valuable goal in the first five minutes, they had Jim Forsyth temporarily out of the game with a dislocated finger.

Forsyth was so dominating in the ruck that Torrens floundered when he was in the hands of four trainers getting attention for a dislocated finger.

Glenelg quickly took advantage of this, and through the efforts of Doug Long and Marker gained poise to put on a solid burst of football.

They had this run for about 10 minutes before Forsyth came back on the ball, and he, with Fred Bills, again took over the ruck work.

Had effect

Torrens immediately stopped Glenelg's scoring rate and just in time, for Ray Button began to hit his straps around the

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forward area.

Glenelg opened the second term with Button floating across half-back.

This had solid effect, for Button stopped Torrens three times early in this term to break up attacks.

Like Torrens in the first term, Glenelg went every time into the dead pocket, the gusty wind helping them in their method to keep the ball in the pocket along the grandstand.

This made Torrens' chances of scoring goals almost hopeless and although Glenelg were kept scoreless for the term Torrens only added 1-5.

A surprising feature in the third term was that it appeared obvious Torrens would use the same tactics as Glenelg had in the previous quarter.

It must have been instructions, for on most occasions Braidwood, when kicking off from a point, went to the eastern wing.

Torrens were fortunate that Glenelg were off target and only kicked 3-9 for the term, because many of the shots were easy ones.

Quick goals

After watching the first three terms it was difficult to look forward to the last quarter as the game was far from entertaining.

Torrens opened it fairly well with two quick

goals, but Glenelg, using the same tactics as they did in the second term, closed the game up.

At one stage in the last term, the much mentioned dead pocket often had at least 25 players there.

Glenelg did not have one player ahead of centre for quite some time.

Best players were hard to find for both sides.

For Glenelg, I gave it to Doug Long for a solid game, both on the ball and when resting up forward.

He started Glenelg off both in the first and third terms with goals that came from heady play and solid marks.

Paech roved tigerishly all day. He was rarely brushed aside and won the ball on many occasions from his own ability.

Ray Button played soundly, especially in his role of roving loose in the back lines.

Torrens' best was Jim Forsyth who fought against many odds and perhaps did not get his portion of protection from the umpire.

Fred Bills played soundly all day, his best quarter being the first.

Best of the others was Arthur Tye who finished off his work well with two goals, and looked the player that would give Torrens the necessary lift in the last term.