

GLENELG DROP BEHIND NORTH

By SAM GALLAGHER

Central Districts' great win over Glenelg at Elizabeth was the feature of today's league football, but present indications are that the top four will be unchanged at the end of the minor round.

North are in a position to challenge Port for the double chance, but the Magpies' big percentage means that North must win two more games than Port to move into second place.

AT A GLANCE

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-2	8-5	11-6	16-9	105
Nwd.	3-2	7-4	11-10	12-11	83

SCORERS.—NORTH: Anderson 4.0, Hammond 3.2, Cearns 3.0, Phillips 2.0, Sachse 1.3, Byers 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.1, Lindner 1.0, rushed 0.2. NORWOOD: Harris 3.3, Kingston 3.2, Shillabeer 2.2, Molloy 1.1, Woolford 1.1, Gregerson 1.0, P. Oatey 1.0, R. Oatey 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Phillips, Barr, Lindner, Anderson, Coppins, Cearns, Von Bertouch. NORWOOD: Inglis, Molloy, Harris, Wedding, Poulter, R. Oatey, Elliot.

UMPIRE.—D. Russell.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	3-6	7-8	12-9	13-15	93
South	1-3	3-7	4-13	6-20	56

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Lee 4.1, Tye 3.1, Mulvihill 2.2, Head 1.2, Birt 1.2, Ettridge 1.0, Phillipou 1.0, B. Bills 0.3, F. Bills 0.1, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: White 2.3, Norman 1.2, Skuse 1.1, Ball 1.1, Jones 1.1, Thredgold 0.4, W. Foster 0.2, Backman 0.1, Butcher 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Lee, Birt, F. Bills, Virgo, Tye, Forsyth, Head, Pill. SOUTH: Coombe, Norman, B. Foster, Cock, White, Backman, Hodges, Darley.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Perks (cramp), by Croft, last term. SOUTH: Hodges and Butcher by Hebbard and Matchett, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-6	4-7	6-8	10-15	75
Wdv.	1-1	2-3	3-8	4-8	32

SCORERS.—PORT: Yeo 3.0, Salmon 2.1, Haslam 2.0, Cheetham 1.1, Leal 1.1, Ebert 1.1, Potter 0.6, Cahill 0.3, Spencer 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Simunsen 2.1, MacVicar 1.1, Teasdale 1.0, Barbary 0.2, Buckley 0.2, Ion 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Yeo, Salmon, Haslam, T. Obst, Elleway, Leal, Cahill, Broadbridge. WOODVILLE: Huppertz, Simunsen, Cummins, McKellar, Allen, Syvertsen, Holland, West.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Cheetham (ankle), by Black, last term. WOODVILLE: O'Connor (cramp), by Reeves, last term; Buckley, by Jackson, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-2	5-4	9-7	13-11	89
West	3-4	5-4	6-6	9-7	61

SCORERS.—STURT: Halbert 5.1, Greenslade 3.1, Hicks 2.3, Burgan 2.0, Tilbrook 1.0, Chessell 0.2, Rigney 0.1, Martin 0.1, rushed 0.2. WEST: Pannenburg 2.1, Verrier 2.0, Burkett 1.2, Browne 1.1, Weideman 1.0, Day 1.1, Russian 1.0, Jonas 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Bagshaw, Hicks, Martin, Murphy, Schwarz, Adcock, Jarrett, Halbert, Tilbrook. WEST: Bertelsmeier, Burkett, Fraser, Weideman, Pope, Hughes, Russian, Higgins, Day.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Clarkson (influenza and slight concussion), by Thomas, half-time.

UMPIRE.—R. Schofield.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	2-2	4-5	7-8	11-12	78
Glen.	2-6	3-7	4-12	6-13	49

SCORERS.—CENTRALS: Vidovich 4.1, Muir 3.3, Daly 2.3, Jackson 1.0, Skinner 1.0, Dickson 0.3, Mulholland 0.2. GLENELG: K. Rowe 1.3, R. Rowe 1.2, Ebert 1.2, Fitzgerald 1.2, Eustice 1.1, Marker 1.1, Paech 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—CENTRALS: Nicks, Wickham, Stutley, Muir, O'Connor, Skinner, Andrews, Bentley. GLENELG: Cornes, Voigt, Smith, Marker, Kerley, Paech, Moss.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Button by Crabb three-quarter time.

REPORTS.—R. O'Connor (Centrals) reported by central umpire M. Ducker for striking K. Eustice (Glenelg) with the elbow in the first term. D. N. Kerley (Glenelg) reported by central umpire M. Ducker for striking K. Shortill (Centrals) in the third term. D. N. Kerley (Glenelg) reported by central umpire M. Ducker and boundary umpire D. Jones for striking R. J. Mulholland (Centrals) in the last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	Pts.	%
			For	Agst.			
Sturt	15	1	1619	1122	30	59.07	
Port	12	4	1135	781	24	59.24	
North	11	5	1245	1147	22	52.05	
Glenelg	10	6	1192	1086	20	52.33	
Torrens	8	8	1167	1049	16	52.66	
West	8	8	1190	1113	16	51.67	
South	7	9	1258	1386	14	47.58	
Centrals	4	12	1144	1457	8	43.98	
Norwood	3	13	1225	1529	6	44.48	
Woodville	2	14	884	1389	4	38.89	

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Vidovich (Centrals)	4-1	13	49-15
Ebert (Port)	1-1	15	39-21
Sachse (North)	1-3	15	36-27
Greenslade (Sturt)	3-1	15	30-20
Pannenburg (West)	2-1	13	25-20
Chessell (Sturt)	0-2	16	24-24
Backman (South)	0-1	16	24-25
Sims (West)	—	14	24-22

If North beat Glenelg at Prospect next week and Sturt down Port at Alberton, only percentage will separate the two sides.

In the three games then remaining North appear to have slightly the easier program, having two games at Prospect while Port are away to West Adelaide and Norwood.

FIFTH

Torrens' convincing win over South at Adelaide has brought the Eagle into fifth place, ahead of West on percentage and two games out of the four.

Their chances of making the finals are remote, as they meet Sturt, North and Port in the last three games.

The Eagles lost all three of their previous games against the top three, their best performance being the two-point defeat by Sturt at Thebarton.

At Elizabeth today Centrals' aggression and teamwork were too much for the Tigers.

Fourteen points up at three-quarter time, the Bulldogs left no doubt about their superiority as they stretched the margin to nearly five goals in a stirring finish.

Stars in a fine team effort were Hicks with a magnificent exhibition in the back pocket and wingman Wickham, who made Ken Eustice's return to the game on he will probably prefer to forget.

At Richmond Sturt retained their three-game break at the top of the ladder when they broke away from a tenacious West in the third quarter and maintained their advantage in the run home.

Sturt's adaptability was emphasised by Hicks' fine roving effort in the absence of Endersbee, while Halbert's five goals from centre half-forward was a big contribution to the Blues' success.

CLASS

At Norwood the Red-legs showed form consistent with a higher rating than ninth place in making North go flat out to win.

Showing plenty of fight, Norwood led at the last change but lacked the ability to press home their advantage when they attacked constantly early in the last quarter.

North's class told when they made the game safe with four goals in the last 10 minutes.

In beating South convincingly at Adelaide, Torrens looked a good side.

The Eagles' rucks stopped Peter Darley from playing a significant role and they were much more skilful and methodical in attack.

By comparison, South's game was full of mistakes and they played without purpose.

Port ran out comfortable winners over Woodville at Alberton. The switch of Peter Yeo to centre half-forward gave the Magpies' attack a lift and their defence was as tight as ever.

Port are the only side in the competition to have less than 1,000 points kicked against them, and it is to their defence that they will look to contain the Blues' attacking power in next week's finals preview.

KEN Eustice was the villain at Elizabeth Oval today—at least in the eyes of the Central Districts fans.

Three reports at Elizabeth

Kerley on two counts

Glenelg captain-coach Neil Kerley was reported twice during the Central Districts—Glenelg game at Elizabeth today.

The first report was made by central umpire Murray Ducker during the third term, when he reported Kerley for deliberately striking Centrals rover Keith Shortill.

The second report occurred during the last term, when Kerley was reported by both central umpire Ducker and boundary umpire Jones for striking Centrals wingman, Mulholland.

Kerley had been reported twice previously this season.

A third report from the same game was the reporting by central umpire Ducker of Centrals ruckman-defender O'Connor for striking Glenelg wingman, Ken Eustice, during the first term.

ATTENDANCES

Richmond	8,702
Adelaide	8,637
Norwood	8,022
Alberton	6,069
Elizabeth	5,869
Total	37,281

Each time he handled the ball the Bulldogs fans hooted, but each time his opponent, Doug Wickham beat him they cheered loudly.

Eustice did not have a good return to football after a five-week lay-off.

BULLDOGS' RED LETTER DAY

By STAN WICKHAM

Glenelg, one of the Cinderella sides for this year's title, played as though they were turning back into pumpkins as they fell foul of an aroused Centrals to lose by plenty at Elizabeth today.

This was Centrals' first win ever against Glenelg.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Centrals	2-2	4-5	7-8	11-12	78
Glenelg	2-6	3-7	4-12	6-13	49

The Bulldogs were superb, and some of their passages of play were enough to make coach Denis Jones perform gymnastics on the sidelines.

Features of the game were:—

●The double reporting of Neil Kerley.

●The eclipse of the Glenelg forwards.

●The understanding and purpose of the Centrals backmen. To a man, they held sway.

●The overhead marking by the Bulldogs. They held 21 more marks than Glenelg.

Glenelg, noted for their quick tackling and bustling this season, were given a lesson by Centrals in these gentle arts today.

The Tigers were denied a free run at the ball; they had the ball taken off their boot many a time; and were beaten for pace and position and out-muscled also.

Although the Bays did the bulk of the attacking in the first term they were well contained by Hicks, Andrews and O'Connor on the last line for Centrals.

they bottled play up for most of the term.

Doug Wickham began well against Ken Eustice on a wing, improving as the game progressed — much to the delight of the Centrals fans.

The second term was outstanding, not for the goal scoring but for the fierce defensive play by both sides.

Four points up at half-time, Centrals had earned their lead, and no doubt caused anxiety for Glenelg.

Smith, Knill, Kerley and Paech were prominent for Glenelg to half-time, while Centrals' backline and Whickham and Muir were liveliest for them.

Glenelg began the second half with Kevin Rowe at full forward, Marker at centre half-forward and Ebert at half-forward left.

Glenelg found Rowe for four excellent marks early in the term, but three fell short and one shot hit the post to take the shine away.

Centrals took a grip on the game in this term to add 3-3 to Glenelg's 1-5 and led by 14 points at the last change.

The overhead marking of the Bulldogs was superior to Glenelg's, and they went in repeatedly with intelligent kicking.

Smith, Muir, and Daly were prominent with their overhead work.

A goal to the high-flying Muir within 30 seconds of the last term starting had Centrals' fans turning cartwheels.

Jackson's fearless catch in the goalsquare against odds and his goal spurred for fans again, and for the rest of the game they kept up hand-clapping and chanting.

Spurred by their supporters, Centrals launched many more attacks to the southern goals, culminating in two more goals to Daly and Vidovich.

With five minutes to go even coach Denis Jones left his place to stand near the tunnel to welcome his charges home.

Jones has Centrals on the right road now, but only a continuance of this form is wanted.

Playing his second full game, Peter Nicks took my eye for his excellent game in the back pocket for Centrals. He was best afield.

His judgment in meeting the ball was top class, coupled with capable marking and purposeful clearances.

Doug Wickham's eclipse of Eustice places him next followed by solid defenders Stutley, Andrews, O'Connor and Bentley and the dangerous Muir at half forward.

Glenelg had few good players, with perhaps Cornes, Paech, Smith and Moss best.