

Double chance safe for Port

By SAM GALLAGHER

Putting a stop to Sturt's winning streak, Port Adelaide today made a virtual certainty of the double chance in this year's major round.

In a typically determined display, the Magpies overcame the late withdrawal of Potter and Yeo to vanquish the Blues.

It was the traditional Port, at their best when the going was hardest as they took control of the game in the third term. Heavy grounds were the order of the day with conditions deteriorating from half-time onwards.

While Port consolidated their second ranking, Glenelg's second loss straight and West's one-point win over Torrens has turned attention to a late bid by West to make the four.

The Bays were never in the race against North at Prospect and unless they can lift to a win over South at Adelaide next week, fourth position could well be decided by the Glenelg-West clash at the Bay on Saturday week.

STRUGGLING

At present West, in fifth place, trail Glenelg by one game but their percentage is superior.

By beating South next week, Glenelg could open up a two-game break on West, who play Port at Richmond.

However, the Bays, without Long and Kerley, are struggling and they have lost their earlier edge across half forward where only Martin has sustained his form.

Today North's half forward line also showed up weaknesses in Glenelg's defence.

The Tigers would still be favorites for the last place in the finals but the manner of their last two matches must have dented their confidence.

North's performance on the other hand was first-class as the team is generally regarded as better suited to a firm turf and a dry ball.

Their ability in adverse conditions showed them up as a definite threat to Sturt and Port.

Denis Sachse looks a much more confident player than he was in the first half of the season and Peter Anderson's return is giving North progressively more power in ruck.

Port's win was a real triumph for the Magpie spirit and will to win.

John Cahill's brilliant attacking football and Trevor Obst's tremendous defence were highlights in a magnificent team effort.

The Magpie record against Sturt for the season is now two wins and a disputed one-point loss.

Their ability to produce their best for the big occasion always makes them dangerous and this applies particularly in finals.

At this stage I should think there is not much doubt down Alberton way as to who is favorite for the premiership.

For the Blues a break in the winning sequence at this point probably will do more good than harm.

JUST FAILED

The pressure of keeping a long winning record intact through a final series could cause a breakdown at a more vital stage.

It is well to remember too that Sturt last year

lost two and drew one of the last three minor round games but went on to win the premiership.

At Norwood today the Redlegs just failed to record their first win over a side other than Central Districts.

In a much stronger effort than last week, South seemed to have the game won when Norwood kicked two goals in the dying stages to force the season's first draw.

For the Panthers it was a return to grace and for Norwood further evidence of a steady improvement.

At Adelaide, Woodville again proved their talent as mud runners with a fine win over Centrals.

The Bulldogs may have suffered a let down after last week's big win, but Woodville's superior handling of the conditions was the main factor.

Their clash with Norwood at Woodville next Saturday will be a real struggle to avoid bottom ranking.



NORTH'S Bob Hammond shows perfect balance as he sends his team into attack with a mighty screw punt during the match at Prospect Oval today. Running in to spoil is Glenelg's Bryan Colbey. Watching Hammond is Mick Burns (No. 19) while Kevin Barr (background) awaits the outcome.

BAYS OUTCLASSSED BY IMPRESSIVE ROOSTERS

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In conditions that were generally expected to favor Glenelg, North outclassed the Bays to win by seven goals at Prospect.

It was North's most impressive performance for the season.

They overcame conditions which became progressively more difficult and gave a fine exhibition of skill, teamwork, and determination.

The Glenelg rucks began strongly, but on the day could not match the influence of Anderson, Hammond, Sachse and Phillips.

The drive generated by the fine field play of the North rucks and Don Lindner's dominance at centre half-forward were highlights in a fine team effort which gave North a match-winning lead before half the game was over.

Don Lindner was the kingpin in a North attack which teamed with fine understanding. In difficult conditions their handball to the player running through was first class.

By contrast the Bay's attack was practically a one-man affair, with Peter Marker the only player to consistently challenge the control of the North defence.

Closer to goal, however, Paull's fine anticipation and Barr's close checking stopped Glenelg from capitalising on openings made by Marker.

North's determination and their ability to move

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-3	7-5	8-8	11-9	75
Glenelg	0-3	1-7	1-13	3-15	33

the ball quickly in attack were particularly impressive with the major round only a month away.

The main threat to North's clear superiority was across centre, where Voigt played consistently and Rosewarne occasionally wrested control from Robran.

Early trouble

Robinson on one wing was a winner against Eustice and Glenelg switched wings in the second quarter in an attempt to establish an ascendancy on this line.

However, North also switched wings and the move came to nothing.

Glenelg struck early trouble in defence when Redford was injured and throughout the half-back line found North's half-forwards hard to contain.

Colbey's retirement in the third quarter forced a reorganisation, with Eustice going to half-back, Crabb to the wing and Fitzgerald to half-forward.

North were 34 points clear at half-time, and heavy rain during the break made a difficult

task impossible for Glenelg.

The Bays shared the attacking in the third term, but North quickly killed the game when Sachse goaled twice early in the last quarter.

Sachse kicked three goals and played strongly in ruck in an exhibition that suggested a return of the confidence that made him a match-winner last season.

Hammond's strength was also an important factor when North were establishing their superiority.

Anderson was consistently effective and he, too, appears to be gaining form and confidence at the right end of the season.

Lehmann's strength made light of the heavy going, and although Paech and R. Rowe battled hard, North generally got the ball moving from the packs.

A comparison of scoring shots shows North ahead by only two, but their method in attack was far superior.

In fact, there was no question as to which was the better side.

AT A GLANCE

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-1	4-4	8-5	9-5	59
Sturt	2-0	5-1	5-2	6-4	40

SCORERS—PORT: Cahill 3.2, Leal 2.0, Philp 1.0, Spencer 1.0, Fletcher 1.0, Light 1.0, Sweeney 0.1, rushed 0.2. STURT: Halbert 4.1, Greenslade 2.1, Hicks 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: T. Obst, Cahill, Haslam, Errey, Salmon, Broadbridge, Leal, Spencer. STURT: Chessell, Schoff, Halbert, Adcock, Nelson, Bagshaw, Murphy, Clarkson.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: McKay (cramp) by Nyland, last term. STURT: Martin (bruised thigh) by Thomas, half-time.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-2	5-9	5-11	7-18	60
Torr.	4-1	5-1	7-4	9-5	59

SCORERS—WEST: Hooper 2.1, Jonas 1.4, Pannenburg 1.2, Burkett 1.2, Day 1.1, Russian 1.0, Haupt 0.2, Fraser 0.1, Weideman 0.1, Verrier 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Mulvihill 3.0, Tye 2.1, F. Bills 1.1, Birt 1.0, Head 1.0, Ettridge 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Bray, Hughes, Lovelady, Pannenburg, Day, Hewitt, Hooper, Russian. TORRENS: G. Pill, Ettridge, F. Bills, Forsyth, Perks, Graham, Tye.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'ville	6-5	9-6	11-8	11-9	75
C'trals	0-0	2-3	5-3	9-4	58

SCORERS.—WOODVILLE: Huppertz 2.3, MacVicar 2.1, Barbary 2.1, Simunsen 2.0, O'Connor 1.2, Cummins 1.0, Petersen 1.0, Teasdale 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: Muir 3.0, Shortill 2.0, Vidovich 2.1, Jackson 1.1, Daly 1.0, Swinstead 0.1, Dickson 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—WOODVILLE: Teasdale, Huppertz, Cummins, Simunsen, McKellar, Barbary, Allen. CENTRALS: Mulholland, Daly, Muir, Smitham, Middleton, Andrews, Stanton.

REPLACEMENTS.—WOODVILLE: O'Connor by Duth, last term. Kneebone by Tee, last term. CENTRALS: Kroehne (leg) by Swinstead, third term. Jackson (hip) by Morey, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Scholefield.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
N'wood	3-3	4-3	7-5	10-7	67
South	0-3	4-6	6-8	9-13	67

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: R. Oatey 2.1, Shillabeer 2.1, Harris 2.1, Kingston 1.2, Gregerson 1.1, Wedding 1.0, Molloy 1.0, P. Oatey 0.1. SOUTH: Jones 3.2, White 3.1, Backman 1.4, Roennfeldt 1.0, Ball 1.0, Skuse 0.2, Coombe 0.1, Norman 0.1, Darley 0.1, Hendrie 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Hambour, Harris, Poulter, Molloy, R. Oatey, Inglis, Blood, Elliott, Warhurst. SOUTH: White, Schmidt, Darley, W. Foster, Roennfeldt, Coombe, Skuse, Backman, Cock.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Porritt (fractured hand) by Nettleford, last term. Nygaard (facial injury) by Page, last term.

REPORTS.—D. Nygaard (Norwood) reported by field umpire D. Turbill for striking B. Thredgold (South) with an elbow in the second term.

UMPIRE.—D. Turbill.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-3	7-5	8-8	11-9	75
Glen.	0-3	1-7	1-13	3-15	33

SCORERS.—NORTH: Sachse 3.2, Lindner 2.0, Von Bertouch 2.0, Hammond 1.2, Byers 1.2, Lehmann 1.0, M. Burns 1.0, Phillips 0.1, Robinson 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Marker 1.2, Eblen 1.2, R. Rowe 1.0, Paech 0.2, K. Rowe 0.1, D. Phillips 0.1, Moss 0.1, Voigt 0.1, Fitzgerald 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Lindner, Anderson, Robinson, Paull, Hammond, Sachse, Lehmann, Phillips. GLENELG: Marker, Voigt, D. Phillips, Paech, Moss.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Von Bertouch by Geisler, last term. GLENELG: Redford (broken leg) by Knill, first term. Colbey (ankle) by Fitzgerald, third term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Sturt	15	2	—	1659	1181	30	58.41	
Port	13	4	—	1194	821	26	59.25	
North	12	5	—	1320	1180	24	52.80	
Glenelg	10	7	—	1225	1161	20	51.34	
West	9	8	—	1250	1172	18	51.61	
Torrens	8	9	—	1226	1109	16	52.50	
South	7	9	1	1325	1453	15	47.69	
Centrals	4	13	—	1202	1532	8	43.96	
Norwood	3	13	1	1292	1596	7	44.73	
W'dville	3	14	—	959	1447	6	39.85	

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Vidovich (Centrals)	2.1	14	51.16
Sachse (North)	3.2	16	39.29
Ebert (Port)	—	15	39.21
Greenslade (Sturt)	2.1	16	32.21
Halbert (Sturt)	4.1	12	27.26
Mulvihill (Torrens)	3.0	17	26.25
Pannenburg (West)	1.2	14	26.22
Backman (South)	1.4	17	25.29
Jones (South)	3.2	13	25.21