

WEST-GLENELG CLASH VITAL

By SAM GALLAGHER

West Adelaide's dramatic eight-point win over Port at Richmond today has taken the Red and Blacks into fourth place ahead of Glenelg and given next week's clash at the Bay Oval all the tension of a cut-throat semi-final.

Clearly beaten by South, the Bays lost their third game straight to drop out of the four for the first time since the third game of the season.

Until today West had been out of the four throughout the second round.

Aware that they had to win to guard against Glenelg's opening up a possible two-game break, West rose to the occasion in magnificent style.

It was again the West Adelaide of the stirring Port-West clashes in the 1950s as the Red-and-Blacks threw back a typical late bid by the Magpies.

In retrospect Port's inaccuracy into the breeze in the first quarter cost them dearly.

With the same number of scoring shots they trailed by 20 points and a strong second quarter left them only seven points up at half-time.

West brilliantly made good the loss of Russian and Higgins at half-time. Their control in the two key forward positions and at centre half-back and Weideman's in-

fluence in ruck took them well clear.

An edge in speed on the firmer turf and a tremendous will to win when Port challenged in the last quarter carried the Red-and-Blacks to their first win for the season over one of the top sides.

While West were bringing Port down to earth after last week's victory over Sturt, South at Adelaide had too much ruck and roving power for Glenelg.

Darley was dominant in ruck and South's skill showed to full advantage with a dry ball and a firm turf.

DESPERATE

Glenelg were forced into a series of positional changes as they desperately tried to wrest control of the game from the Panthers, but Darley's power in ruck and the speed of South's small men completed the rout of the Tigers in the last quarter.

The Bays will be relying heavily on the lift they will get from Neil Kerley's return next week to break their losing sequence.

Certainly they will not strike anyone of Darley's calibre in ruck but they must be disturbed about deficiencies in defence and across half-forward.

The success of Jonas at full forward against Elleway and Sims' good form at centre half-forward for West could

be ominous for the Tigers.

Port's defeat has pulled them back level with North on 13 games each, but the Magpies' superior percentage will almost certainly keep them in second place at the end of the minor round.

Last week's win against Sturt was the important one for the Magpies, and without detracting in any way from the merit of West's win, the result had far less significance for Port.

Clayton looks certain to make an early return to the Port defence, and it will be surprising if the Magpies go into the finals with John Cahill on a half-forward flank.

In the closest result of the day, Woodville beat Norwood by three points at Woodville to push the Redlegs into last place.

Woodville's fine third term into the wind put them in a winning position, only seven points down at the last change.

Appreciating the return to dry conditions, North Adelaide confirmed the power displayed in the wet last week when they turned on an irresistible 10-1 first quarter against Central Districts at Prospect.

The rest was more or less a formality.

Kel Stringer played soundly on the wing in his first game after injury, and generally North again gave the impression of a team moving into top gear at the business end of the season.

At Unley, Sturt also were untroubled to record the day's biggest winning margin, 75 points, against Torrens.

The Eagles' strength in ruck was impressive, but Sturt's teamwork and backing up made light of this deficiency.

Bays' run of injuries goes on

Glenelg rover Colin Paech was carried from the Adelaide Oval today in the third quarter with a severely sprained ankle and damaged ligaments.

Paech's injury is the eleventh to dog Glenelg since the beginning of series.

In the third term Paech crumpled on the forward flank after a hotly contested aerial battle.

Rover Ron Rowe began Glenelg's spate of injuries this year after he was taken from the field with a broken collarbone.

Kerry Hamilton was next with a broken ankle which will keep him out of the game for the rest of the year.

Glenelg's captain, Neil Kerley, finished a game with a broken jawbone and then last week Ron Redford broke his leg.

Other Glenelg players to suffer serious injury were Doug Long (knee), Fred Phillis (groin), Ray Button (cartilage), Des Staite (cartilage), Ken Eustice (hamstring).

AT A GLANCE

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-4	5-8	8-11	13-13	91
Glen.	1-1	3-3	7-7	8-10	58

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Backman 3.1, Jones 3.0, Darley 2.1, Ball 1.3, Norman 1.3, White 1.2, Roennfeldt 1.0, Thredgold 1.0, Skuse 0.2, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: D. Long 4.0, Paech 1.0, B. Long 1.0, Rosewarne 1.0, Moss 1.0, T. Ebert 0.2, Eustice 0.1, D. Phillis 0.1, Marker 0.1, Fitzgerald 0.1, Voigt 0.1, R. Rowe 0.1, Worthley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Darley, White, Backman, Thredgold, Skuse, Teasdale, Coombe, Cock. GLENELG: D. Long, Moss, Colbey, Marker, Eustice, Cornes.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: White (bruised thigh) by Hodges, last term. GLENELG: Paech (sprained ankle) by Worthley, third term. B. Long by Eblen, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5-4	6-4	11-10	13-10	88
Port	1-8	6-11	6-12	11-14	80

SCORERS.—WEST: Jonas 5.4, Hooper 3.0, Day 1.1, Jamieson 1.1, Pannenburg 1.0, Haupt 1.0, Verrier 1.0, Weideman 0.2, Sims 0.1, Burkett 0.1. PORT: Yeo 2.4, Leal 2.1, Potter 2.1, Light 2.0, Haslam 1.3, Broadbridge 1.3, Cahill 0.1, Spencer 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Weideman, Jonas, Hooper, Sims, Verrier, Loveday, Hughes. PORT: Leal, Light, T. Obst, Cahill, Haslam.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Russian (thigh) by Jamieson, half-time. Higgins (kick in lower stomach) by Sara, half-time. PORT: Potter by Fletcher, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Scholefield.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Wdv.	2-1	6-5	10-8	14-16	100
Nwd.	4-4	7-8	10-15	13-19	97

SCORERS.—WOODVILLE: Huppertz 4.3, McVicar 3.1, Ruth 3.3, Boscence 2.1, Barbary 1.0, Allen 1.0, Simonsen 0.3, Cummins 0.2, Peterson 0.1, Reeves 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Bob Oatey 4.2, Peter Oatey 2.3, Woolford 2.1, Harris 1.4, Shillabeer 1.1, Gregerson 1.1, Kingston 1.0, Blood 1.0, Wedding 0.2, Inglis 0.2, Molloy 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS.—WOODVILLE: Syvertsen, Teasdale, Allen, Cummins, Holland, Boscence. NORWOOD: Molloy, Robert Oatey, Hambour, English Nettlefold, Elliott, Neville Harris.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Menz (cramp) by Woodcock, last term; Harris (eye) by Page, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	10-1	12-2	17-9	20-11	131
Cent.	1-4	6-9	6-9	9-12	66

SCORERS.—NORTH: Byers 4.0, Sachse 4.0, Hammond 3.3, Phillips 2.0, Von Bertouch 1.3, Burns 1.2, Lindner 1.1, Lehmann 1.1, Anderson 1.1, Robinson 1.0, Robran 1.0. CENTRALS: Shortill 3.1, Vidovitch 3.0, Muir 2.1, Daly 1.0, Morey 0.2, Skinner 0.2, Smith 0.1, Swinstead 0.1, Middleton 0.1 rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Phillips Lindner, Sachse, Hammond, Robinson, Burns, Robran, Stringer. CENTRALS: Middleton, Shortill, Mulholland, Stanton, Johns, Nicks, Wickham, Skinner, Bentley.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Smith (twisted knee) by Norton, half-time. Lehmann (exhaustion) by D. Burns, last term. CENTRALS: Stutley (depressed fracture of cheekbone) by Kroehn, second term. Vidovitch (ankle) by Swinstead, last term.

UMPIRE.—D. Turbill.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-3	9-7	14-9	19-12	126
Torr.	3-4	4-6	6-7	7-9	51

SCORERS.—STURT: Tilbrook 4.3, Martin 2.4, Endersbee 2.2, Schoff 2.1, Chessell 2.1, Halbert 2.0, Rigney 2.0, Clarkson 1.1, Short 1.0, Thomas 1.0. TORRENS: Mulvihill 2.2, Birt 1.3, Clarke 1.1, Tye 1.0, Head 1.0, Perks 1.0, Barnes 0.2, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Murphy, Adcock, Schoff, Bagshaw, Tilbrook, Nelson, Endersbee, Short. TORRENS: Birt, Phillipou, Bills, Forsyth, Lipp, Braidwood, Pill, Head.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Nelson (thigh) by Thomas, three-quarter time. TORRENS: Trott (possible fractured arm) by Carson, third term. Ettridge (slight concussion) by Gibson, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Sturt	16	2	—	1785	1232	32	59.16	
Port	13	5	—	1274	909	26	58.36	
North	13	5	—	1451	1246	26	53.80	
West	10	8	—	1338	1252	20	51.66	
Glenelg	10	8	—	1283	1252	20	50.61	
South	8	9	1	1416	1511	17	48.38	
Torrens	8	10	—	1277	1235	16	50.83	
Centrals	4	14	—	1268	1663	8	43.26	
Woodville	4	14	—	1059	1544	8	40.68	
Norwood	3	14	1	1389	1696	7	45.02	

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Vidovich (Centrals)	3-0	15	54-16
Sachse (North)	4-0	17	43-29
Ebert (Port)	—	16	39-21
Greenslade (Sturt)	—	16	32-21
Halbert (Sturt)	2-0	13	29-26
Backman (South)	3-1	18	28-30
Mulvihill (Torrens)	2-2	18	28-27
Jones (South)	3-0	14	28-21
R. Oatey (Norwood)	4-2	18	27-28
Pannenburg (West)	1-0	15	27-22

WEST FAVORED

Three of The Sunday Mail's football experts tip West to beat Glenelg in next Saturday's vital clash.

They are Stan Wickham, Bill Henderson and Gerry Harrison. Sam Gallagher and Bill Sutherland pick Glenelg.

Stan Wickham selects Woodville to beat South. The others choose South. All five writers pick Sturt, Port and North to win their matches.

SOUTH SYSTEM, PACE PERPLEXED BAYS

By GERRY HARRISON

South produced a fine exhibition of systematic football to easily account for a disappointing Glenelg at Adelaide Oval.

Although Glenelg made a comeback in the third quarter to reduce the leeway to 10 points, South "fired" again in the final term and rained incessant attacks on the goals.

Throughout the game Glenelg had no answer to Darley's magnificent ruckwork and the pace and teamwork of the Panthers in general field play.

The Panthers relished a relatively firm turf and a dry ball and from the outset moved the ball around with certainty. Players upfield made position well.

Darley's big thump from the opening bounce gave South an immediate lift and set the pattern of things to follow.

The Panthers were extremely sharp and immediately on the offensive, throwing terrific pressure on the Bay defence and causing the early interchange of W. Phillis and Shepherd in the key positions.

Backman was far too elusive for W. Phillis and Jones had too much pace for Shepherd as he led well and the ball was being delivered to him "face-out".

The switch countered the two South forwards to some degree, but they still played an important part in the Panthers' win.

The biggest difference between the two sides was the marked contrast in the roving division.

Darley gave his rovers an armchair ride, usually giving them the ball in the open and allowing them to become balanced and dispose deliberately.

Broke clear

In general field play the Panther "mosquito fleet" won a feast of kicks and used their great pace to break clear, whereas the Glenelg rovers were caught in possession.

The switch of Marker to centre and D. Phillis to centre half-forward in the third quarter lifted the Bays and they kicked two quick goals to play themselves back into the game.

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At this stage they showed more understanding and their forward set-up had more bite, even though they were still outpaced.

It was sheer fight and the ability of D. Long to notch two valuable goals from as many chances that brought the Bays within touch.

Even though they were relatively close at the last break, Glenelg never gave the impression of being able to pull the game out of the fire.

It was not surprising to see South score three quick goals early in the last quarter to put the issue beyond doubt.

Darley star

Selection of best afield was easy — in favor of South skipper, Darley.

His ruckwork was magnificent, his field marking first class, and his use of handball immaculate.

Alan White gave a polished exhibition in a roving role, being in the thick of things at all times and always finishing off his good work with perfect disposal.

Backman proved a constant headache for the Glenelg defence in his usual elusive role. His three goals were just reward for a fine performance.

Others to play well for the Panthers were Thredgold, with a tigerish roving exhibition; Skuse, who was very elusive at half-forward; and Teasdale, with a strong following performance, in which his good disposal was a feature.

Coombe at centre and Coch at half-back also played very well.

Doug Long was clearly Glenelg's best player, al-

though his best work was in the forward pocket, from where he kicked four goals.



Doug Long

Moss battled hard in ruck and general field play.

Colbey was often under notice at half-back. Marker fought hard. Eustice showed glimpses of returning to top form, and Cornes battled tigerishly.



Peter Darley