

WEST POUND THE MAGPIES: WATCH OUT, STURT!

By SAM GALLAGHER

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	2-4	7-8	12-13	19-21	135
South	2-5	8-9	9-13	11-14	80

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Pattinson, D. Phillis, Kernahan, Crabb, Eustice, Marker, Moss. SOUTH: Williams, Roennfeldt, Thredgold, Coombe, Skuse, Howe.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Phillis 5.3, Pattinson 4.4, Kernahan 3.2, Hamilton 2.1, Eustice 1.1, Crabb 1.0, Ebert 1.0, Newberry 1.0, Moss 1.0, Marker 0.4, Kerley 0.2, rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Backman 4.3, Judd 2.3, Thredgold 1.1, Skuse 1.1, Darley 1.0, Moskos 1.0, Coombe 1.0, Ryan 0.3, Teasdale 0.2, Mahoney 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — GLENELG: Rosewarne replaced by Newberry end third term; Ebert replaced by Goldfinch end of third term. SOUTH: Howe (cramp) replaced by Hodges, last term; Hendrie (thigh) replaced by Moskos, last term. UMPIRE—P. Craig.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-7	7-9	9-15	13-19	97
Port	0-1	1-7	1-8	5-9	39

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Day, Loveday, Russian, Verrier, Bertelsmeier, Weideman, Pope, Jonas, Hughes. PORT: Obst, Dittmar, Sweeney, Nyland, Yeo, Clayton, Elleway, Ebert, Errey.

SCORERS—WEST: Jonas 6.2, Fraser 2.3, Haupt 2.0, Hooper 2.0, Pannenburg 1.2, Wallis 0.6, Bertelsmeier 0.1, Verrier 0.1, Weideman 0.1, rushed 0.3. PORT: Dittmar 3.0, Ebert 1.1, Potter 1.1, Yeo 0.2, Gerlach 0.1, Nyland 0.1, Broadbridge 0.1, Sweeney 0.1, Cahill 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WEST: Robert Day (jarred knee) replaced by Plew in last term; Fraser (cramp) replaced by Jamieson in last term; Verrier (stitches in eye injury). PORT: Tyrell (blistered feet) replaced by Thiele in third term; Leal (leg injury) replaced by Haslam in last term. UMPIRE—R. Scholefield.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	2-3	3-7	6-10	15-12	102
Cent.	2-6	2-8	4-11	7-13	55

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Pill, B. Bills, Gibson, Birt, Clarke, Head, Graham, Lipp. CENTRALS: Jackson, Swinstead, Mulholland, Beale, Stanton, Dickson.

SCORERS—TORRENS: D. Lee 3.3, A. Tye 3.0, J. Birt 2.1, K. Perks 1.2, J. Clarke 1.1, J. Forsyth 1.1, L. Head 1.1, B. Bills 1.1, P. Phillipou 1.0, F. Bills 1.0, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: R. Mulholland 3.6, G. Window 1.0, P. Kleinig 1.0, D. Smitham 1.0, R. Cochrane 1.0, M. Daly 0.2, S. Morey 0.2, D. Farnham 0.1, D. Wickham 0.1, T. Jackson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: J. Graham (thigh) by Lodge last term, B. Simmons (cramp) by Etridge last term. CENTRALS: L. Skinner (flu) by P. Kleinig end of second term, S. Middleton (back) by Smitham last term. UMPIRE—R. C. Hall.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Wdv.	4-3	7-6	15-8	16-11	107
Nwd.	1-1	6-2	8-4	9-11	65

BEST PLAYERS — WOODVILLE: Teasdale, Simunsen, McKellar, Barbary, West, Blight, Hansch, Svvertsen. NORWOOD: Molloy, Nygaard, Nash, Nettlefold, Sutter, Butchart, Robert Oatey, Elliott.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Huppertz 3.2, McKellar 3.0, Boscence 2.1, Hansch 2.0, Cummins 2.0, Buckley 1.1, Teasdale 1.0, Christie 1.0, MacVicar 1.0, Simunsen 0.3, Barbary 0.2, rushed 0.2. NORWOOD: R. Oatey 3.3, Butchart 2.0, Nygaard 1.3, Coligan 1.1, Hillman 1.1, French 1.0, Veraguth 0.1, Page 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WOODVILLE: Allen (leg) replaced by Gilligan in the third term, Christie (cramp) replaced by Ruth in the final term. NORWOOD: Hambour (thigh) replaced by Matic in the second term, French (depressed fracture of cheekbone) replaced by Page in the third term. UMPIRE—M. G. O'Connell.

TOP GOALKICKERS

Jonas (West)	6-2
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	5-3
Pattinson (Glenelg)	4-4
Backman (South)	4-3
Mulholland (Centrals)	3-6
R. Oatey (Norwood)	3-3
Lee (Torrens)	3-3
Kernahan (Glenelg)	3-2
Huppertz (Woodville)	3-2
Tye (Torrens)	3-0
Dittmar (Port)	3-0
McKellar (Woodville)	3-0

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
West	1	—	97	39	2	71.32
Torrens	1	—	102	55	2	64.97
Glenelg	1	—	135	80	2	62.79
Woodville	1	—	107	65	2	62.21
Norwood	—	1	65	107	—	37.79
South	—	1	80	135	—	37.21
Centrals	—	1	55	102	—	35.03
Port	—	1	39	97	—	28.68
North	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sturt	—	—	—	—	—	—

HIGH jumpers . . . South Adelaide captain Peter Darley (left) and Glenelg ruckman Harry Kernahan contest a mark at Adelaide Oval today.



West Adelaide, last team in the final four in 1968 and thought to be handicapped by a tough early program, opened the season in sensational fashion when they thrashed Port Adelaide by nearly 10 goals at Alberion today.

Monday likely to attract a big crowd, last season's figure of 52,748 for the opening round is almost certain to be exceeded.

At Alberion, West jumped straight into top gear with Robert Day back to his brilliant best at centre.

Russian dominated the ruck and West's speed and backing up left the Magpies standing.

Port switched Cahill back to the pivot in the second term, but Port made no impression.

It must be a long time since a Port side has been restricted to a solitary behind in each of two quarters as it was in the first and third terms today.

The Magpies improved in the run home, but West confidently matched every goal Port scored and were never seriously challenged.

West's great win throws the spotlight on their clash with Sturt at Unley next Saturday.

PORT BETTER IN RUN HOME

Port's performance was too bad to be true and the Unley game will provide a better guide to the Red-and-Blacks' prospects.

At Adelaide and at Elizabeth, the superior fitness of Glenelg and Torrens was decisive.

In the first half against Glenelg, South's speed and teamwork had the Bays in trouble.

Shooting the ball wide to the flanks and using handball with telling effect, the Panthers looked the better side.

Glenelg put in two determined bursts in the time-on period in each of the first two terms to stay in touch.

After half-time it was almost a complete reversal as Glenelg ran on strongly and finished in complete control.

TELLING GOALS TO KERNAHAN

Harry Kernahan did a great job in his return to league football.

He took the main weight in ruck and although Darley was on top in the first half, Kernahan capped a good ruck game with three telling goals when placed in attack.

The Bays showed the benefit of their two hard trial games against East Perth and Richmond.

At the finish even Kerley looked quick.

Glenelg's clash with Torrens at Thebarton next week should be a thrilling battle with the result in doubt until late in the game.

The Eagles looked a very even side in beating Centrals today.

Glenelg, too, had few passengers in the second half.

If the Eagles can win this one, they will be clearly established as a threat to last year's top four.

TIGERS' SECOND HALF BITE HALTS SOUTH

By STAN WICKHAM

Glenelg got themselves into a snarling mood after half-time and clawed the biteless Panthers to a standstill in convincing fashion to prove their fitness and ability.

An outstanding feature was the great return to league football, after three years, by Harry Kernahan—who broke even in the rucks with Darley in the first half then beat him convincingly in the second.

South were by far the better side in the first half. They had greater speed, handled cleanly, backed up well and moved the ball smartly to catch the Bay defence on the hop.

The only fault they had was that they let Glenelg in during the time-on period in both the first and second quarters and instead of sitting on a big half-time lead they were in front by only seven points.

Six of Glenelg's seven first half goals, came in the time-on period.

Good crowd

A good crowd of 13,888 saw South away to an early lead mainly through the good rebound of their half-back line plus Coombe at centre, Thredgold, strong and direct roving and

Roennfeldt, cool and constructive in ruck.

The scores were level early in the second term, but then Backman cut loose for the Panthers at centre half-forward to kick three brilliant goals as they streamed through Glenelg's defence.

South led by 30 points when time-on was reached in the second quarter only to let the Tigers in for four goals as Eustice, Pattinson, and Fred Phillis made the openings and South led by seven points at the change.

After the long break all the dash had deserted South and it was Glenelg's turn.

Hit lead

Glenelg didn't take long to hit the lead through rover Pattinson, and with Kernahan establishing a ruck ascendancy, Crabb and Eustice on top across centre, the Bays were ahead of centre for most of the term.

Marker, Moss and Hamilton shook off the previous close checking

of the South half-back-line and apart from Williams in the pocket and Roennfeldt they were over run.

Kernahan's value was accentuated by him kicking two goals for the quarter while resting and the Tigers turned for home three goals clear.

The game was made certain in the first eight minutes of the last term when Fred Phillis collected three goals as the Bays looked for him to finish off their strong play.

Strong mark

His first goal came from a strong mark; the second after Pattinson unselfishly popped a pass over the heads of the defence to him; the third came when Newberry (on for Rosewarne) fired a "rib-roaster" into Phillis's middle as he led.

South were disorganised. They made many experiments in the last term.

During all this, the Bay defence had stiffened and became com-

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plete masters of any attempted South attack.

Glenelg used brilliant handball to rip the Panthers' brittle defence to shreds and each kick took the Tigers to a smashing victory which answered the critics' doubts—I was one—convincingly.

Glenelg added 12-13 to South's 3-5 since half-time and found their touch.

South were in further trouble as Darley was seen to carry a shoulder during the last term and looked in pain.

Keith Pattinson gets my No. 1 vote. When Glenelg were not going well early he was fighting for kicks and it was his efforts which got them moving when most needed.

Add his four goals and a strong second half and it all added up to a first-class effort.

Fred Phillis was the

focal point for Glenelg attacks and his strength cleared many a passage to the goals.

Harry Kernahan reached back into his past to display all his skill and experience in a great comeback.

Terry Crabb put in a good game at centre wing. He is a deceptive player with a left hand bounce and a right foot kick, but is value.

Eustice, Moss, and Marker led the rest of Glenelg's best players with strong second halves.

For South, Williams in the back pocket broke up many attacks but was overwhelmed by lack of support apart from Dick Roennfeldt, who fought hard all day.

Thredgold was in the thick of it all day but roved to beaten rucks. Coombe won centre early but faded after half-time as did Howe at half-back.