

Sunday Mail

Football SECTION

# REDLEGS, BAYS IN '4' DUEL

AT ELIZABETH

## EPIC LAST TERM

BY GERRY HARRISON

In a cliff-hanger finish to a gruelling encounter at Elizabeth Oval, Centrals took the lead four minutes into the time-on period to snatch victory from Glenelg.

The ending was a fitting result to a game in which fortunes fluctuated all day.

Entering the time-on period of the final term, Centrals trailed by 11 points, and it appeared as though Glenelg were certain to win.

However, a magnificent snap goal from the boundary line by Norsworthy lifted the Bulldogs and they finished all

over the Bays.

It was a free kick to Mulholland, 40 yards out and in front, which eventually gave the Bulldogs victory.

But before this, Centrals had wasted unlimited opportunities to seal the game, and it appeared as though they just did not know how to win.

For three minutes solid they subjected the Glenelg defence to incessant pressure, but let them off the hook with mistakes, such as kicking out of play on the full when in a scoring position.

### Key figure

Perhaps the most telling factor in the Bulldogs' tenacious win was the dominance of their half-back-line.

Although Andrews spoilt his game by allow-

ing Sandland to slip away twice in the final term for two goals, his overall performance had an undeniable influence on the game.

Sandland was the key figure in Glenelg's thin attack, and they directed the ball through him whenever possible.

Across centre, Centrals held sway mainly through the efforts of Vivian and Casserly, and they combined extremely well with an elusive half-forward line.

Casserly's organising and manner in which he brought other players into the game were a so contributing factors in the Bulldogs' victory.

### Spasms

Although Rosewarne offered stout resistance and did good work for the Bays, he was unable

to combine well with his team-mates.

This, in fact, was the story of the whole Glenelg side, who lacked cohesion for most of the game.

Two bursts in the first quarter—three goals in three minutes and two goals in two minutes—were the only spasms of methodical football produced by the Bays until the final term.

Both sides committed a feast of errors—the seven-minute to the 15-minute mark of the second term in particular being pitiful.

However, Centrals were able to produce more positive periods, as they had more players backing-up and capable of kicking longer.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
C'trals	1-5	5-9	7-14	10-16	76
Glen.	5-3	5-5	6-7	11-9	75



BY SAM GALLAGHER

Norwood and Glenelg meet at the Bay next week in a clash that could well decide fourth place in the major round.

### DIFFICULT

This follows Central Districts' thrilling last-minute victory over the Tigers at Elizabeth.

The Bulldogs' win was their second in three games over one of the league leaders.

Today, they came back from the brink of defeat to justify predictions that they would play a decisive role in shaping the final four.

Defeat next week, with games against North at Prospect and Sturt at Unley to follow, would almost certainly put Glenelg out of the running.

Defeat for Norwood would be equally damaging. The Redlegs next three games are against Centrals at Norwood, South at Norwood, and Port at Alberton.

Although Norwood could lose next week and still be half a game up coming to the last round.

Their engagement with Port at Alberton is much more difficult than the Bays' draw against Torrens at Glenelg.

Sturt maintained their unbeaten record with an 11-point win over bottom team South at Adelaide, but once again the Blues were under pressure until late in the game.

Over the next two weeks, Sturt will be under heavy pressure to remain unbeaten.

They meet North at Unley and Port at Alberton.

North, with Peter Anderson giving their rucks a tremendous boost, were convincing winners over West today.

## ...AND AT A GLANCE

### AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5-3	9-6	15-11	17-13	115
West	1-4	5-6	7-7	10-13	73

SCORERS.—NORTH: N. Sachse 6.2, Hearl 2.3, Bamford 2.2, Robran 2.2, Anderson 2.0, O'Shannassy 1.1, M. Francou 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.0, Lindner 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Jonas 4.3, Farmer 2.1, Fraser 1.1, Pannenburg 1.1, Russian 1.0, McDonald 1.0, Wallis 0.2, Haupt 0.2, Plew 0.1, Burkett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Anderson, Burns, Phillips, Paull, Bamford, Sachse, Wilkey, Webb, Lehmann. WEST: Pope, Loveday, Thompson, Fraser, Day, Leonard, Plew, Wallis, Jonas.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Webb (shoulder and leg) by Norton, last term. Robran (ankle) by Stringer, last term. WEST: Barry (cramp) by Haupt, three-quarter time. Burkett (bruised thigh) by Milson, last term.

UMPIRE.—P. Craig.

### AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-3	7-13	9-17	10-26	86
South	2-7	4-11	8-14	10-15	75

SCORERS.—STURT: Tilbrook 3.5, Greenslade 2.5, Nunan 2.2, Shearman 1.3, Ottens 1.2, Wild 1.1, Rigney 0.2, Burgan 0.2, Friedrichs 0.2, Bagshaw 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Coombe 3.1, Darley 2.1, Backman 2.1, Ryan 2.0, Howlett 1.2, Bowden 0.2, Goodwin 0.2, Pascoe 0.1, McCarthy 0.1, Trengove 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Bagshaw, Chessell, Nelson, Nunan, Jarrett, Wild, Short, Adcock. SOUTH: Coombe, Backman, Cock, Darley, Palmer, Mausley, Pascoe, McCarthy.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Hicks by Whittaker, last term. SOUTH: Backman (shoulder) by Judd, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Bennet

### AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	5-4	7-8	10-12	11-15	81
Wdv.	0-2	1-10	3-14	6-15	51

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Woodcock 3.4, Coligan 3.2, Wynne 2.3, Pettingill 1.3, R. Oatey 1.0, P. Oatey 1.0, Woolford 0.2, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Roache 3.2, Sewer 1.2, Blight 1.1, Barbary 1.1, Winstanley 0.2, MacVicar 0.2, Christie 0.1, Buckley 0.1, Girardi 0.1, Simonsen 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Woodcock, Wynne, Murphy, Kingston, Mulraney, Poulter, McInnes. WOODVILLE: Simonsen, Allen, Olgilvie, Cummins, Roache, Blight, Sewer and Barbary.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: P. Oatey by Flavel, last term. Poulter by Goodale, last term. WOODVILLE: Buckley (thigh) by Roache, third term. Girardi by Edwards, last term.

UMPIRE.—Murray Ducker.

### AT THEBARTON

	Port	3-6	7-9	12-10	14-17	101
Torr.	2-3	3-5	4-6	7-9	51	

SCORERS.—PORT: J. Cahill 6.1, Freeman 2.3, Sorrell 2.1, Haslam 1.3, Broadbridge 1.3, Ebert 1.2, Woite 0.2, McGie 0.1, Nyland 0.1. TORRENS: Tierney 4.5, Willats 1.1, Phillipou 1.0, Pavlich 1.0, Gibson 0.1, Butler 0.1, Floreani 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: J. Cahill, Errey, Ebert, Nyland, Light, D. Cahill, Obst, Woite. TORRENS: Butler, Tierney, Birt, Ettridge, Gould, Floreani, Wildy, Stevens.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Obst (pulled thigh muscle) by Baker, last term.

UMPIRE.—D. Foster.

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Cent.	1-5	5-9	7-14	10-16	76
Glen.	5-3	5-5	6-7	11-9	75

BEST PLAYERS.—CENTRALS: Vivian, Casserly, Mobbs, Daly, Johns, Davis, Nicks, Andrews, Norsworthy. GLENELG: Voigt, Caldwell, Moss, Marker, Rosewarne, Sandland, Rawson, Osborn.

SCORERS.—CENTRALS: Johns 3.1, Daly 2.4, Mobbs 2.1, Mulholland 2.0, Norsworthy 1.2, Saywell 0.3, Morey 0.2, O'Connor 0.1, Skinner 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Voigt 4.1, Sandland 3.0, D. Phillis 2.1, Osborn 1.0, Rosewarne 1.0, Marker 0.2, Anesbury 0.2, W. Phillis 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—CENTRALS: Fairclough (wrenched knee) by Jones, last term. GLENELG: Hunt (groin) by Button, three-quarter time.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

### TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Today
D. K. Phillis (G'nelg)	2-1	15	74-44
Greenslade (Sturt)	2-5	15	63-55
Coligan (Norwood)	3-2	15	53-33
Tierney (Torrens)	4-5	12	48-29
Freeman (Port)	2-3	13	47-50
Jonas (West)	4-3	16	46-34
Howlett (South)	1-2	16	42-40

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	16	—	—	1798	1141	32	61.17
Port	14	2	—	1747	1198	28	59.32
North	10	6	—	1742	1291	20	57.43
Glenelg	9	7	—	1674	1572	18	51.57
Norwood	8	7	1	1424	1506	17	48.58
Torrens	6	10	—	1439	1607	12	47.24
West	5	10	1	1188	1478	11	44.56
Woodville	5	11	—	1360	1727	10	44.05
Centrals	4	12	—	1312	1585	8	45.28
South	2	14	—	1173	1750	4	40.13

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	5,384
Elizabeth	4,384
Norwood	4,630
Prospect	4,770
Thebarton	5,994
Season total	25,162
1969	656,431
	681,117

### NEXT WEEK

Glenelg v. Norwood (Glenelg)
Sturt v. North (Unley)
Central v. Torrens (Elizabeth)
West v. South (Richmond)
Woodville v. Port (Woodville)



Mike Patterson

## DOUBT OVER NORTH STAR

North champion Barrie Robran was carried off the ground with an ankle injury in the last quarter against West at Prospect today.

He is doubtful to play against Sturt at Unley next Saturday.

Robran went into the showers with a plastic covering over his ankle.

More will be known of the injury when he reports for treatment tomorrow (Sunday) morning.

North ruckman Darryl Webb sustained bruising to a shoulder and leg but is not expected to be kept out next week.

After the game at Prospect, North secretary Mr. Kim Smith and chairman of selectors, Mr. Jack Sutter praised captain-coach Mike Patterson for withdrawing from the side in favor of Maurice Francou.

Mr. Smith said tonight: "Mike Patterson felt that under the wintry conditions with heavy turf and possible rain, Francou would fit into the side better than he (Patterson)."

"It was further evidence of the team-man qualities of the coach," he said.

Francou played a useful game, rather than being a candidate for a best players' list.

North wingman Kei Stringer was taken out of the Seconds game to become a league reserve—as a replacement for Patterson.

West utility player John Burkett had treatment after the game from head trainer Jack Clements for a severely bruised thigh.

Officials are hopeful of Burkett playing against South at Richmond.

Port back pocket Trevor Obst is doubtful to play at Woodville next Saturday, because of a pulled muscle at the back of a thigh.

Woodville centre half-forward Ray Buckley has a bruised thigh.

It will not be known until later whether he will be fit to play against Port. —Ray Barber.