Bays scraped

In a dramatic climax to the minor round, Glenelg edged Norwood out of a place in the final four by a percentage margin of .86.

A crowd of over 15,000 braved the season's bleakest weather to see Norwood tie with Port at Alberton in a valiant last-ditch effort to retain fourth place.

Inspired by captain-coach Bob Oatey, the Redlegs seemed to have the game in their keeping late in the final term. but the Magpies' fighting spirit got them up in the dying stages.

At the Bay, Glenelg had to withstand a determined finish by Torrens before finishing nine points clear to make fourth place secure.

Meanwhile, at Adelaide, erstwhile league leaders Sturt went down to their third successive defeat.

In a strong reaction from last week's dismal. showing against Torrens. the Red and Blacks' fire and determination in the mud were too much for the ailing Blues.

In the heavy conditions



SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt showed a lack of physical strength that casts some doubts on their ability to record fifth successive their

premiership. Glenelg's 11 wins for a place in the finals is the lowest qualifying tally since the introduction of a 20-game minor round in 1963.

Keenest

A sharp improvement by Norwood and Central's vengeance over second half of the season have caused an evening up in the competition among teams other than Port and Sturt, who have been clearly superior over the season as a whole.

However, Sturt's sudden fall from grace and the ability of both North and Glenelg to effectively challenge the two leaders late in the esason have producedw a situation that could develop into one of the keenest fought major rounds ofr years.

Glenelg are likely to be without captain and centreman Ken Eustice for the big game against North next Saturday.

Eustice suffered a rib injury against Torreus today.

Peter Marker, out with an ankle injury today, could be the answer to the loss of Eustice, but prefer Glenelg may Marker on the half-forward line where his bring Fred ability to Phillis into the game is invaluable.

AT GLENELG

Glenelg crept into the Glen. 4-3 four at the Bay Oval today on the strength of a very strong first half, but were forced to defend dourly in the closing minutes against a fastfinishing West Torrens.

The Bays showed a greater desire to place the body in line with and over the ball under conditions that demanded approach.

As a result they broke away to a handy lead. But in each term they displayed a nagging tendency to ease late in the term and permitted the Eagles to get a run on.

Seven goals were kicked by Torrens during the time-on period (Gle-nelg managed three) which suggests an easing in concentration.

There were signs of the confident Bays of last year with plenty of runon play and snappy handball but it wasn't sustained to a degree that would say they were near last year's brilliance.

Slippery

The bulk of the Tigers' drive came from wing-Rosewarne and Crabb and again from Rosewarne when shifted to centre at half-time.

A heavy shower swept the ground just before the game began to make conditions slippery and difficult from the start.
The first 10 minutes
was a giant scramble

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BAYS JUST HANG ON



STAN WICKHAM

and during one mix-up, Ken Eustice stopped a crusher in the ribs and left the ground at the 20minute mark with a broken rib.

Crabb gave Glenelg their first taste of open football to go smartly into attack. Despite some strong defensive work from Wildy and Pill, the Tigers pushed in for a handy lead with Phillis getting two goals.

Worked hard

Seventeen poitns up at the first change, the Tigers swept down Rosewarne's wing early in the second term, and with players running with him they shot in for three tradesmen-like goals in the first nine minutes and looked good looked good.

Birt worked overtime to get the Eagles thinking and actig constructively ahead of centre while Wildy and Pill moved at double time in keeping the Bays in check.

Moving into the third term, Rosewarne directed Glenelg to a 26-point

lead after 12 minutes, before Birt's persistence saw the Eagles start to threaten.

Pill had shut Glenelg's direct route to goal and the Eagles rebounded through him late in the term. With Birt and Mulvihill getting loose in the forward area, they moved under the Bays' guard for three goals in the last five minutes and trailed by 22 points at the last

Tempers became short on a couple of occasions and Max O'Connell had to call on all his guile to maintain order.

With Mulvihill at full forward and Birt still scouting in commanding fashion, the Eagles went in for three goals in eight

Five minutes remained when the crowd (via many transistors (let out a great cheer when news of the Port-Norwood game came through.

This coincided with another Birt goal and the difference was only nine points.



FIRST SEMI: SPLIT



The six Sunday Mail football writers are divided 50/50 in tipping the winner of next Saturday's semi-final.

Bill Henderson

Glenelg, fresh and more settled than North, who have too many players in doubt, should win next week. The dominance that Barrie Robran brings into the North side will Glenelg's main worry.

When the Bays met North two weeks ago there wasn't a kick between them.

North have not im-proved—the Bays have. They have Cornes back, who seems only fitness has left him, and the two recent wins must put the Bays in the right mood.

Doug Thomas

North should qualify for the preliminary final because they have more talent in key positions.

Glenelg have good players in the goal to goal line, but overall they are not likely to have winners in a majority of those posi-

tions.

I don't expect Phillis to get a pack of goals against Hammond, and I don't see anyone in the Glenelg line-up containing Robran. Can Mike Patterson's

influence make North a tougher proposition than they have been in the final round since 19607 Stan Wickham

I've seen both Gleneig

and North over the last two weeks and North strike me as having a bit more understanding in their game. Mainly because of how Robran into the game.

brings so many players The rucks are very similar in set-up and ability. Both would prefer a dry ball to get the best out of their key attack players; namely Sandland

(Glenelg) and Sachse (North). and Glenelg showed signs of getting the flow-on pattern into their game today and with Marker back in the side, will get a lift.

Sam Gallagher

Glenelg have yet to beat North this season but with a more settled side I expect them to win their way into the preliminary final.

Barrie Robran is the

key figure in the game and the fitness of the two Sachse brothers will probably determine the North whether champion plays centre or centre half-forward.

North's performance against Port last week suggests that the Redand-Whites will match the Tigers' determination, but Glenelg look the more even combina-

Gerry Harrison

Glenelg will defeat North for the first time this season and win their way to a pre-

liminary final berth. The Bays have improved their game between each previous encounter, and since their last clash a fortnight ago, and will prove too accomplished.

AT A GLANCE

AT ALBERTON

2nd 3rd Final Pts. 1st Nwd. Port

BEST PLAYERS-NORWOOD: Robert Oatey, N. Harris, Kuchel, Porritt, Butchart, Pettingill, Wood-cock, Mulraney. PORT: J. Cabill, Potter, Clayton, Haslam, Dittmar, Nyland, McGie, Light.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Coligan 6.0, R. Oatey 2.1, Pettingill 1.0, Chapman 1.0, Woodcock 0.1, McInnes 0.1, P. Oatey 0.1, rushed 0.1, PORT: Dittmar 4.3, Cahill 2.2, Freeman 2.2, Spencer 1.0, Haslam 0.2, Ede 01, Nyland 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS-PORT: Sorrell, by Egan, last

UMPIRE-M. Ducker.

AT PROSPECT

3rd Pts. 81 North Cent.

BEST PLAYERS-NORTH: Robran, Paull, Robinson, Hammond, Webb, Cearns, Bamford, CEN-TRALS: Swinstead, Andrews, Farnham, Johns, Skinner, Daly, Kroehn, Davis,

SCORERS—NORTH: Bamford 2.2, Robran 2.1, Norton 2.1, Plummer 2.0, Cearns 2.0, Von Bertouch 1.1, Bradtke 1.0, Burns 0.1, rushed 0.3, CENTRALS: Saywell 2.1, Daly 2.1, Skinner 1.1, Swinstead 1.0, O'Connor 1.0, Johns 1.0, Norsworthy 0.2, Mulholland 0.2, Jones 0.1, Stanton 0.1, rushed 0.1, REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Lehmann (hip), by M. Francou, at half-time, Von Bertouch (hip), by Ford, at three-quarter time, CENTRALS: Andrews, by Stutley, at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—J. Caulfield.

AT ADELAIDE

3rd 1st Final Pts. West 2—2 70 Sturt 1—1

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Day, Wallis, Leonard, Hughes, Pope, Loveday, G. Hewitt, Hooper, Noonan, STURT: Chessell, Endersbee, Bagshaw, Nelson, Adcock, Miels, Rigney.

SCORERS—WEST: Jonas 3.1, Wallis 3.0, Noonan 2.1, G. Hewitt 1.3, Farmer 1.1, Russian 0.1, Milsom 0.1, Bertelsmeier 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Greenslade 3.1, Yeo 2.0, Friedrichs 1.2, Endersbee 1.1, Ottens 1.0, Rigney 1.0, Shearman 0.2, Tilbrook 0.1. REPLACEMENTS-WEST: Day (cramp), by Mac-Kay, final term. UMPIRE—R. Bennet.

AT GLENELG

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3rd Final Pts. 101

TOTT. 13—14 Scorers — GLENELG: Phillis 5.0, Button 3.0, Rawson 2.1, Voigt 1.3, Cornes 1.1, Crabb 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Morgan 1.0, Osborn 0.3, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Mulvihill 5.3, Birt 3.0, Tierney 1.3, Willats 1.4, Kelly 1.0, Phillipou 1.0, Forsyth 1.0, Pavlich 0.1, Bills 0.2,

rushed 0.2

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Rosewarne, Crabb, Caldwell, Hunt, Kernahan, D. Phillis, Cornes, TOR-RENS: Birt, Wildy, Mulvihill, Willats, Forsyth, Bills, REPLACEMENTS,—GLENELG: Eustice (broken rib) by Morgan, first term. Cornes (cramp) by Pattinson, last term. TORRENS: Dabrowski by Bavey, last term. Fielke by White last term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT WOODVILLE

3rd 2nd Final Pts. Wdv. 6-11 11-13 16-14 110 South 3—0

BEST PLAYERS-WOODVILLE, Simunsen, Peters, Hansch, Blight, Barbary, MacVicar, Reeves, Syvertsen, Holland. SOUTH: Foster, Quinn, Mousley,
Cock, Backman, Darley Coombe, Goodwin, aPscoe,
SCORERS—WOODVILLE: MacVicar 3.5, Peters
3.2, Reeves 3.1, Roache 2.2, Hansch 2.1, Sewer 2.0,
Barbary 1.1, Blight 0.2. SOUTH Howlett 3.2, Backman 1.2, Ryan 1.1, Pascoe 1.1, Trengove 0.2, Cock 0.1,
REPLACEMENTS—WOODVILLE: Sewer (bruised
hip) by Buckley second quarter Winstanley (nos-

hip), by Buckley, second quarter. Winstanley (possible hand fracture), by Stemper, last term. SOUTH: Palmer (twisted knee), by Schulz, first quarter. Matthews (bruised shoulder), by Griffin, third quarter. UMPIRE—P. M. Craig.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

					Poi	nts	Prem.		
		w.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%	
Port		17	3	1	2219	1475	35	60.07	
Sturt		17	3	_	2209	1508	34	59.42	
North		12	8	_	2104	1709	24	55.17	
Glenelg		11	9	-	2109	2039	22	50.84	
Norwood		10	8	2	1872	1873	22	49.98	
West .		8	11	1	1478	1775	17	45.43	
Centrals	:	7	13	_	1722	1873	14	47.89	
Torrens		7	13	_	1841	2016	14	47.73	
W'ville .		6	14	_	1621	2193	12	42.50	
South		3	17	_	1492	2206	6	40.34	

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	day	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	5-0	19	93-60
	6-0	19	77-37
	3-1	18	71-61
	2-2	17	68-60
Tierney (Torrens)	1-3	16	65-45
	3-2	20	60-50
Jonas (West)	3-1	20	57-40
	0-1	19	50-39
Saywell (Centrals)	2-1	16	50-26

NEXT WEEK

FIRST SEMI-FINAL North v. Glenelg . (Adelaide)

ATTENDANCES

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Woodvill	e				••				••			
Prospect						 						6,952
Adelaide												8,849
Glenelg												10,148
Alberton												15,059

Glenelg will be without captain

By Ray Barber Glenelg will be

without their captain, Ken Eustice, for the first North against Adelaide Oval next Saturday.

He sustained a broken rib in the first quarter against Torrens at the Bay.

North casualty list are improving.

Neil Sachse (ankle), John Phillips (ankle), and Arch Wilkey (knee) Eustice may not be able

to play again this season.

Neil Kerley tonight but their captain, had to go home.
North's State rover
semi - final Kim Lehmann have hip

dine with Glenelg coach

injuries from today's game against Centrals but are expected to be avallabie. Others on the long

are considered likely to play.

on.

Dennis Sachse and
Gary Wake, with knee
He had arranged to injuries, ar e doubtful.

to Port, mainly through

much physical strength Bill Sutherland

Glenelg will have too

North, which took the

initiative against Central today, should be abel to do the same again next week. Although they went down the week before indirect kicking and some indecision they seem to have mastered these faults now. The Roosters really "fired on all four" in the third term today

and such bursts should be evident again next Saturday.

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