



CENTRALS DOWN: STURT REIGN ON

By Alan Shiell

The challengers come and go . . . but Sturt are still the kings of league football.

The Blues convincingly tarnished new glamor team Centrals' image before a record crowd at Elizabeth Oval today.

With only four minor-round series to be played, the premiership fight seems certain to develop into a three-way contest between Sturt, Port, and North.

North — more unpredictable than Sturt or Port — have the chance to prove they are definite grand final material when they meet Sturt at Unley Oval next Saturday.

But North blow so hot and cold, they could lose to Sturt next week and still "burn" in the finals. North disposed of South by 66 points at Prospect Oval today.

Port swept Norwood aside by six goals at Alberton. The much-vaunted Sturt-Centrals clash was a disappointingly one-sided affair throughout. Centrals' "boom" big men bowed to Sturt's Dean Ottens and Greg Wild. And Sturt, as usual, used the ball expertly. Centrals did not.

Percentage

Norwood and Centrals will be opposed at Norwood Oval next Saturday in a game which could decide which of the two will play in the first semi-final.

If Norwood win, they almost certainly will clinch fourth position. If the Redlegs lose, they are still likely to be in fourth position next Saturday night as they have a useful percentage break on Centrals.

Fourth position in the final four then would be decided on the two sides' winning margins in the past three rounds, presuming they both win as expected.

Centrals will play Torrens (Adelaide), South (Adelaide), and West (Elizabeth).

Norwood will play West (Richmond), Torrens (Thebarton) and Woodville (Norwood).

Glenelg full forward Fred Phillis's nine goals against West at Richmond today took his season's tally to 79 and greatly enhanced his chances of kicking 100 or more goals for the third successive year.

NEXT WEEK

- South v. West (Adelaide)
- Glenelg v. Woodville (Glenelg)
- Norwood v. Central (Norwood)
- Torrens v. Port (Thebarton)
- Sturt v. North (Unley)

Dominating in ruck and across centre, Glenelg romped home against West.

Fred Phillis, at full forward, was in devastating form.

Phillis missed the elusive 10 goals despite desperate efforts in the last quarter.

Phillis finished with 9-4. The first quarter was the most even of the match.

West Adelaide opened with the breeze and attacked through Hewitt at centre half-forward.

Phillis was on target for Glenelg with two goals from as many shots.

Effective

Glenelg's "tall timber" took over in the second term.

Tardif, Carey, and Cornes started to dominate.

Marker was more effective at centre and with McFarlane and Rawson made up a winning centre line.

Rawson and Marker had 27 kicks between them to half-time.

West switched Noonan on to Rawson in an effort to curb the Bay speedster's dominance.

West were battling hard but getting nothing from their rovers or half-forward flankers.

Phillis was confident and the Bays were looking for him at all times.

West made several positional changes at half-time, but to no avail.

Plew went to full back but the body-weight of Phillis was too great for him, too.



	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	3-1	8-2	15-8	21-10	136
West	3-2	4-5	8-5	12-9	81

EASY RIDE FOR BAYS

Rawson was still the big Bay winner at centre wing.

Wayne Phillis had become a power in ruck for Glenelg.

West had been unable to control the Bay followers at any stage.

The Glenelg forwards were capitalising on handball and straight, easy shooting.

West fought the game out well in the last term.

Fire crept into the game and this didn't harm the West cause.

But the big man power of Glenelg answered the challenge.

Tardif, Cornes and Carey outmarked the opposition easily to keep Glenelg attacking.

Tardif, particularly, made a terrific debut.

Tardif is the most natural first game player destined for big football that I have seen for years.

The big interest in the last 10 minutes was Phillis and the 10-goal barrier.

Glenelg were a most

even band, with few passengers.

The Tigers had too much height and method for West Adelaide.

Rawson was Glenelg's most consistent winner with Fred Phillis entitled to high ranking for his big effort at full forward.

Leonard was West Adelaide's best with a consistent effort and Hewitt made the most of his opportunities at centre half-forward.

Two Sturt stars hurt

Sturt's two National Service trainees — rover Mick Nunan and full forward Malcolm Greenslade — were injured at Elizabeth Oval today.

Nunan was concussed, but should be fit to play against North at Unley next week.

Greenslade hurt his right shoulder and went off during the third quarter. He will have it X-rayed tomorrow (Sunday).

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT RICHMOND

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BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Rawson, F. Phillis, Cornes, Marker, Tardif, Carey, Colbey, Voigt, McFarlane. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Leonard, Loveday, Hewitt, Ryan, Fraser, Groves, Pope, Hughes, Burkett.

SCORERS—GLENELG: D. Phillis 9.4, Carey 2.1, Voigt 2.0, Pattinson 2.0, Fitzgerald 1.1, Osborn 1.0, Sandland 1.0, MacFarlane 1.0, Marriott 1.0, Rawson 1.0, W. Phillis 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Jonas 3.2, Hewitt 3.2, MacDonald 3.0, Burkett 1.1, Loveday 1.1, Bandy 1.0, Groves 0.1, Pilkington 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — GLENELG: Fitzgerald by Pattinson in last quarter. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Pilkington by Milsom in third term. M. Groves (leg injury) by Ryan in last term.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-1	7-7	10-10	15-16	106
Nwd.	2-4	3-5	7-9	10-10	70

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Beswick, Woite, Ebert, Haslam, Elleway, J. Cahill, Spencer, Ede. **NORWOOD:** Menz, Poulter, Porritt, Schlein, Butchart, Pettigill, Rosser, R. Oatey.

SCORERS — PORT: J. Cahill 3.1, Milde 3.0, James 2.2, Cunningham 2.1, Gerlach 1.3, Woite 1.1, Ebert 1.1, Sorrell 1.1, Burton 1.0, Haslam 0.4, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Woodcock 4.1, Pettigill 2.3, Seekamp 2.1, R. Oatey 1.1, Bulton 1.0, P. Oatey 0.1, Wynne 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — PORT: Broadbridge by Nyland, Marrett by Burton last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Goodale by Packer, Gregerson (knee) by Gregg last quarter.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	7-7	11-12	17-14	21-18	144
South	4-1	8-4	10-5	12-6	78

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: R. Robran, Burns, Francou, Von Bertouch, B. Robran, Phillips. **SOUTH:** Joseph, Jones, Murphy, McCarthy, Mousley, Ronaldson, Haines.

SCORERS.—NORTH: R. Robran 4-2, Hearl 4-0, Francou 3-5, Patterson 3-0, Sachse 1-3, Von Bertouch 1-2, Webb 1-2, B. Robran 1-1, Anderson 1-0, Phillips 1-0, Sporn 1-0, Stringer 0-1, Rebbeck 0-1, rushed 0-1. **SOUTH:** Jones 4-0, Joseph 3-2, Backman 2-0, Ronaldson 1-0, Murphy 1-0, Ryan 1-0, Gordon 0-2, McCarthy 0-1, rushed 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Sachse (ankle) by Rebbeck at half-time; Sporn by Schultz, last term. **SOUTH:** Gordon, by Hearn, last term; Parsons, by Douglas, last term.

REPORTED.—SOUTH: Jones, by field umpire Scholefield—charging Webb (North) in the third term.

UMPIRE.—Bob Scholefield.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-4	8-5	10-13	15-13	103
Cent.	1-1	4-2	7-6	8-6	54

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Shearman, Bagshaw, Ottens, Davies, Winter, Nunan, Burgan. **CENTRALS:** Swinestead, Norsworthy, Skinner, Nicks, Vivian, Davis.

SCORERS.—STURT: Greenslade 4-3, Ottens 3-2, Chessell 2-2, Winter 2-1, Schoff 1-1, Nunan 1-1, Graham 1-0, Bagshaw 1-0, Friedrichs 0-2, Miels 0-1. **CENTRALS:** Norsworthy 4-0, Saywell 1-2, Haughan 1-0, Moore 1-0, Johns 1-0, Skinner 0-2, Casserly 0-1, Vivian 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS — STURT: Greenslade (shoulder), by Chessell in third term; Burgan, by Hicks, last term. **CENTRALS:** Vivian (cramp), by Morey, last term; Saywell (knee), by O'Conner, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. C. O'Connell.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	2-3	4-7	7-11	10-16	76
Wdv.	3-0	5-0	6-3	7-3	45

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Phillipou, McSparran, Pill, Graham, Floreani, J. F. Bills, Smart, Shallow. **WOODVILLE:** Stemper, Simunsen, Allen, Huppertz, Ruth, Cocks, Hansch, Heaven.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Phillipou 4-3, Dabrowski 3-1, Fielke 1-5, Pill 1-0, Miller 1-0, Bayey 0-3, Shallow 0-2, Pavlich 0-1, rushed 0-1. **WOODVILLE:** Ruth 2-1, Roache 1-1, Hansch 1-0, MacVicar 1-0, Heaven 1-0, Blight 1-0, Huppertz 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS.—WOODVILLE: Peters, by Winstanley, in third term; Allen (groin), by Richter, in final term.

UMPIRE.—D. Foster.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Points	Prem.	%
Port	14	3	1867	1276	28		59.40
North	14	3	1751	1368	28		56.13
Sturt	13	4	1763	1095	26		61.68
Norwood	9	8	1698	1564	18		52.05
Centrals	8	9	1674	1660	16		50.20
Glenelg	8	9	1719	1707	16		50.17
South	5	12	1405	1712	10		45.07
West	5	12	1372	1676	10		45.01
Torrens	5	12	1204	1482	10		44.82
Woodville	4	13	1286	2199	8		36.90

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	9-4	17	79-47
Jones (Centrals)	—	17	66-32
R. Woodcock (Norwood)	4-1	17	51-26
Greenslade (Sturt)	4-3	11	49-37
Howlett (South)	—	15	49-33
Saywell (Centrals)	1-2	17	45-20
Freeman (Port)	—	14	40-42

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	11,984
Elizabeth	13,110
Prospect	5,270
Richmond	4,143
Woodville	3,476
Total	37,983
Season total, 709,628	
1970 comparative total, 698,150	