

SOUTH, CENTRALS CRASH BADLY

By Alan Shiell



South Adelaide and Central District, rated two of the early season glamor teams, crashed dismally in today's fifth round of league football.

Top team Port Adelaide thrashed Centrals by 93 points at Alberton, and third-ranked Sturt crushed South by 48 points at Unley.

Great power

Centrals kicked only four goals, and South managed a paltry three goals.

For years Port have had the reputation of being the league's toughest and most rugged team.

In the first half at Alberton today, Centrals tried to knock Port off their game. But Port still led by 34 points at half-time.

In the second half Port seized control, kicking 9-13 to Centrals' 1-2.

The first half was marred by two angry flare-ups, but the second half was a relatively tame affair.

Former Norwood utility player Bob Kingston, cleared to Port this week played strongly in ruck and proved he will be a decided acquisition to the Magpies.

He needs only match practice now to be a real force.

And full forward Eric Freeman, who returned today after a two-match absence because of injury, demonstrated his value by kicking five goals and handing out about five others.

Port's conclusive win was another example of the tremendous power they are gathering.

They are certain to issue a formidable challenge for his year's premiership.

South failed to handle the heavy conditions at Unley, while Sturt again proved they are sound mud-runners.

South banged on two goals in the first four minutes of the game, then did not goal again until five minutes into the last quarter.

That was their last goal for the match.

Big South ruckman John Ronaldson jarred a knee and is in doubt for next week's game against

Torrens at Adelaide Oval. Port captain John Cahill suffered a bruised hand at Alberton, but he said tonight he expected to be fit to play against North at Prospect next Saturday.

Bay's first

Port centre half-back, Lindsay McGie, received a knock on a hip. More will be known of his injury tomorrow (Sunday) or early next week.

No other injuries of consequence were reported after today's round.

South slipped one game behind fourth-ranked North as a result of their loss to Sturt.

North beat West comfortably at Richmond.

Glenelg won their first match for the season with a clear-cut 37-point win over Torrens at Glenelg Oval.

And Norwood retained second position by nearly doubling Woodville's score at Adelaide Oval.

Torrens and Woodville have yet to win a game.

Details of all matches

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-3	5-5	8-5	11-6	72
South	2-3	2-4	2-6	3-6	24

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Nunan, Graham, Bagshaw, Adcock, Schoff, Brooks, Nelson, Wild.

SOUTH: Murphy, Schmidt, Backman, Coombe, Darley, White, Mousley.

SCORERS.—STURT: Nunan 4.0, Davies 3.4, Friedrichs 1.0, Miels 1.0, Hicks 1.0, Ottens 1.0, Rigney 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Howlett 1.3, Coombe 1.1, Ronaldson 1.0, Backman 0.1, White 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Ryan by Bais and Ronaldson (jarred knee) by Foster last quarter.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	2-2	7-6	9-8	13-15	93
Torr.	3-5	3-7	7-8	8-8	56

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Colbey, Cornes, Marker, Caldwell, W. Phillis, Eblen, Rosewarne, Moss. TORRENS: Wildy, Shallow, Kelly, Bills, Graham, Miller.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: F. Phillis 4.2, Button 2.3, Eblen 2.0, Rosewarne 1.1, Osborne 1.1, Voigt 1.1, Cornes 1.1, Sandland 1.0, Marker 0.2, Hamilton 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Kelly 4.2, White 1.0, Phillipou 1.0, Shallow 1.0, Miller 1.0, Faletic 0.3, Stokes 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Hamilton by Sandland at three-quarter time. TORRENS: Atkinson by Smart last term, Jeffrey by Thompson last term.

UMPIRE.—R. Bennet.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	3-1	7-5	11-12	16-12	108
Wdv.	4-5	4-6	5-7	7-13	55

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: R. Oatey, Menz, Packer, McInnes, Woodcock, Pettingill, Poulter, Wynne, Butchart. WOODVILLE: Holland, McVicar, Ruth, Heaven, Blight, Allan, Cummins, Simonsen, West.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Woodcock 5.2, Seekamp 3.3, Coligan 2.1, R. Oatey 1.1, P. Oatey 1.1, Packer 1.1, Pettingill 1.0, Menz 1.0, Gregerson 1.0, rushed 0.3. WOODVILLE: Ruth 3.4, Roache 3.1, Cummins 1.0, Blight 0.2, Mitchell 0.2, Edwards 0.1, O'Connor 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Coligan and McInnes (both cramp) by Goodale and Rosser, last term. WOODVILLE: Syvertsen by Stowe, third term; O'Connor (cramp) by Edwards, last term.

UMPIRE.—D. Foster.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-2	5-5	8-5	10-8	68
West	1-0	1-3	5-4	6-6	42

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: B. Robran, Hammond, Webb, Sporn, Phillips, Jaworskyj, Ford, Sachse, R. Robran. WEST: Hughes, Fraser, Leonard, Pope, Hewitt, Hooper, Verrier, Plew.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Sachse 4.1, Norton 3.1, Phillips 2.1, Von Bertouch 1.1, Ford 0.2, B. Robran 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Jonas 2.1, MacDonald 2.0, Pannenburg 1.2, G. Hewitt 1.1, Hooper 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Nicholson (groin injury) by Sara at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE.—R. Scholefield.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-7	8-8	10-17	17-21	123
Cent.	1-4	3-4	4-6	4-6	30

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Ebert, Broadbridge, Nyland, Beswick, Spencer, Haslam, Ede, Woite. CENTRALS: Haughan, Vivian, Kroehn, Davis, Swinstead, Mulholland, Casserly.

SCORERS.—PORT: Freeman 5.4, Nyland 2.0, J. Cahill 2.7, D. Cahill 2.1, Spencer 2.1, Broadbridge 1.0, Kingston 1.0, Woite 1.0, Ebert 1.0, Haslam 0.3, Light 0.2, Sorrell 0.1, Marrett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

CENTRALS: Jones 3.0, Mulholland 1.1, Saywell 0.1, Norsworthy 0.1, Haughan 0.1, Vivian 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: McGie (hip) by Clayton, second term; D. Cahill by Errey last term.

CENTRALS: O'Connor by Daly in third term. Morey by Whickham fourth term.

REPORTS.—Farnham (Centrals) by field umpire Ducker and goal umpire Arkman for striking Spencer in second term. O'Connor (Centrals) by boundary umpire Ward for striking Ebert in second term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
Port	5	—	602	317	10	65.50
Norwood	5	—	588	445	10	56.92
Sturt	4	1	481	250	8	65.80
North	4	1	506	339	8	59.88
South	3	2	536	524	6	50.57
West	2	3	397	436	4	47.66
Glenelg	1	4	455	475	2	48.92
Centrals	1	4	396	522	2	43.14
Torrens	—	5	339	471	—	41.85
Woodville	—	5	293	815	—	26.44

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Coligan (Norwood)	2-1	5	26-15
Howlett (South)	1-3	5	24-15
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	4-2	5	20-14
R. Robran (North)	—	5	18-12
Jones (Centrals)	3-0	5	18-10
R. Woodcock (Norwood)	5-2	5	13-11
Backman (South)	0-1	5	13-9
J. Cahill (Port)	2-7	5	12-20

NEXT WEEK

South v. Torrens (Adelaide)
Norwood v. Glenelg (Norwood)
North v. Port (Prospect)
West v. Sturt (Richmond)
(Woodville v. Centrals (Woodville))

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	6,752
Alberton	9,584
Glenelg	7,969
Richmond	(unavailable)
Unley	7,921

AT GLENELG

Glenelg broke through for their first win today by beating Torrens.

But does this win prove they are on the way back?

With seven first year players in their 20 today the Eagles were light on for experience.

This showed up noticeably at times.

There was a heartening lift in form by the Bay defence as they attacked the ball with method and generally had players backing up.

Wayne Phillis, who has been struggling to find form, got many good touches today.

So did Marker and Rosewarne across the centre.

Power

Eblen's body strength and intelligent use of his weight gave further power to Glenelg's rucks and under the sloppy conditions his presence was important in Glenelg's win.

The win was heartening for Glenelg, but not absolutely convincing.

The Tigers made a last minute change by replacing Sandland with Hamilton at centre half-forward. Sandland became a reserve.

The theory was that Hamilton might adapt better to the wet ground.

Better side

But although Hamilton drove at the ball in an effort to fulfil the coach's thinking, the move didn't entirely succeed.

Sandland came on for the last term and had a good hand in Glenelg's dominance of this quarter.

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THE BAYS AT LAST



BY STAN WICKHAM

In the first term, the Eagles were clearly the better side with newcomers Shallow and Kelly blanketing Glenelg rovers and Faletic looming dangerous at centre half-forward.

Glenelg didn't goal until the time-on period.

In the second term, it was different.

Colbey, Moss, and Caldwell had a padlock on the Eagle half-forward line. Cornes, W. Phillis, and Eblen dominated the rucks. Marker drove Glenelg in from centre, and each player played a part.

Cracked

By kicking 5-4 to 0-2, the Bays clearly showed their superiority, and countered all the Eagles' first term strong points.

Purposeful defence, led by a tireless Wildy in the back pocket, a revival by Shallow and Kelly saw the Eagles fight back in the third term.

Had it not been for the uncanny ball winning of Caldwell and Colbey on the half-back flanks, the Eagles might well have been closer than 12 points down at the last change.

The last term was all Glenelg.

Marker and Rosewarne were directing a lot of traffic from across centre. Osborne, Sandland and Button came alive at half-forward and the young Eagles cracked.

Graham and Wildy used all their strength and experience to turn the tide, but the legs were too tired and the ball too heavy at this stage for them to perform enough miracles.

Brian Colbey is back to his uncanny best at half-back and picks with unerring judgment the right time to dash at the ball and clear, while his trapping of the wet ball today was top class.

Graham Cornes shakes off the worry of tender ribs, by burrowing for the ball with that distinctive long-striding, head-down style that wins acclaim and kicks. His was another solid effort.

Marker's form would gladden the Bay selectors and with Rosewarne, Caldwell, Wayne Phillis and Eblen starting to show form the Bays have the semblance of a smile up at last.