

# TEAMS IN FOUR

# MAY STAY

Round 6, 1971

## AT A GLANCE

### AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-6	8-7	16-10	21-12	138
Port	3-1	4-1	5-2	8-7	55

**BEST PLAYERS—NORTH:** Sporn, Hammond, B. Robran, K. Francou, Webb, Norton, Von Bertouch, Jaworskyj, Paull. **PORT:** Woite, Light, D. Cahill, J. Cahill, Haslam, Kingston.

**SCORERS—NORTH:** Sachse 4.2, K. Francou 3.2, Von Bertouch 3.0, Lehmann 2.1, Plummer 2.1, Sporn 2.0, R. Robran 1.1, Ford 1.1, B. Robran 1.0, Norton 1.0, Phillips 1.0, Webb 0.2, M. Francou 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** J. Cahill 2.1, Sorrell 2.1, Baker 1.1, D. Cahill 1.0, Haslam 1.0, Marrett 1.0, Freeman 0.2, Woite 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—NORTH:** Lehmann (eye injury) by Ford, second term; R. Robran (concussion) by M. Francou, third term; Phillips (pulled hamstring) went off late in final term. **PORT:** Beswick (concussion) by Baker, three-quarter time; Spencer by Milde final term.

**UMPIRE—D. Foster.**

### AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	4-2	9-6	15-14	18-17	125
Glen.	3-10	4-15	8-16	15-18	108

**BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD:** Seekamp, Wynne, Roach, Mulraney, Pettingill, R. Oatey, Gregerson, Menz. **GLENELG:** W. Phillis, Marker, Cornes, Voigt, Pattinson, Osborn, Moss.

**SCORERS—NORWOOD:** Pettingill 7.3, Woodcock 4.2, Seekamp 3.3, Wynne 1.2, P. Oatey 1.1, R. Oatey 1.1, Gregerson 1.1, Schlein 0.1, Roach 0.1, rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** D. Phillis 4.2, Voigt 3.2, Pattinson 2.3, Eblen 2.1, Sandland 2.1, Button 1.2, Rosewarne 1.1, Cornes 0.2, Osborn 0.1, Caldwell 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD:** Mulraney (leg injury) and Packer by Goodale and Rosser in last quarter. **GLENELG:** Sandland and Morony by Hamilton and Hockridge last quarter.

**UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.**

### AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-7	4-12	6-15	9-19	73
West	2-1	4-3	7-7	10-10	70

**BEST PLAYERS—STURT:** Nelson, Nunan, Burgan, Bagshaw, Kalleske, Wild, Friedrichs, Graham. **WEST:** Sheuard, Hughes, Gilmour, Plew, Hooper, Verrier, Leonard, Pope.

**SCORERS—STURT:** Goldsworthy 2.2, Hicks 2.1, Nunan 1.3, Davies 1.3, Friedrichs 1.3, Wild 1.3, Ottens 1.0, Schoff 0.1, Burgan 0.1, Bagshaw 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Milsom 3.0, Hooper 3.0, Gilmour 2.0, Pannenburg 1.4, Verrier 1.0, Jonas 0.3, Noonan 0.1, Hewitt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—STURT:** Rigney (concussion) by Kalleske, first term; Miels by Clarke in the fourth term. **WEST:** Pilkington in the fourth term by Frick.

**UMPIRE—J. Caulfield.**

### AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	2-5	4-10	7-12	7-14	56
South	0-1	0-3	4-5	6-8	44

**BEST PLAYERS—WEST TORRENS:** J. Graham, F. Bills, Hewes, Leonard, Phillipou, Miller, Pili, Wildy, B. Bills. **SOUTH ADELAIDE:** Haines, Bais, White, Coombe, Backman, Murphy, Schmidt, Hearne.

**SCORERS—TORRENS:** F. Bills 2.3, Kelly 2.0, Stokes 1.3, Shallow 1.2, Perks 1.0, Paletic 0.3, McSparran 0.1, Smart 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Backman 2.3, Howlett 2.0, Hunt 1.1, Murphy 1.0, Kerinaua 0.1, Palmer 0.1, White 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS:** Floreani (sprained ankle) replaced by Willats at quarter time; White (bruised thigh) by Perks at half-time. **SOUTH:** Kerinaua (hamstring) in third quarter by B. Foster; Ryan (calf muscle) by G. Darley in last quarter.

**UMPIRE—Murray Ducker.**

### AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Wdv.	9-2	13-4	16-8	20-12	132
Cent.	3-2	8-3	14-8	19-10	124

**BEST PLAYERS—WOODVILLE:** Cummins, Blight, Sewer, Holland, Roache, Peters, Hansch, Simunsen, Buckley, Steimper. **CENTRALS:** Haghgan, Casserly, Vivian, Swinstead, Jones, Wyley.

**SCORERS—WOODVILLE:** Roache 7.2, Buckley 4.1, Sewer 4.1, Ruth 3.3, Blight 2.2, Cummins 0.1, Peters 0.1, rushed 0.1. **CENTRALS:** Jones 7.0, Daly 2.2, Haghgan 2.2, Johns 2.1, Sawwell 2.1, Casserly 2.0, Norsworthy 1.1, Wyley 1.0, Mobbs 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS—WOODVILLE:** Heaven (exhaustion) by Mitchell, three-quarter time. **CENTRALS:** Pudney by Richard, half-time; Daly by Mobbs, last term.

**UMPIRE—R. Bennet.**

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
Norwood . . . . .	6	—	713	553	12	56.32
Sturt . . . . .	5	1	554	320	10	63.38
North . . . . .	5	1	644	394	10	62.04
Port . . . . .	5	1	657	455	10	59.08
South . . . . .	3	3	580	580	6	50.00
West . . . . .	2	4	467	509	4	47.84
Glenelg . . . . .	1	5	563	600	2	48.41
Centrals . . . . .	1	5	520	654	2	44.29
Torrens . . . . .	1	5	395	515	2	43.40
Woodville . . . . .	1	5	425	939	2	31.16

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide . . . . .	6,479
Norwood . . . . .	13,852
Prospect . . . . .	13,852
Richmond . . . . .	6,719
Woodville . . . . .	2,858
43,560	
Sea-on total . . . . .	253,255
Comparative 1970 total . . . . .	265,511

### TOP GOALKICKERS

Player (Team)	Today		Total
	Matches	Goals	
Coligan (Norwood)	—	5	26-15
Howlett (South)	2-0	6	26-15
Jones (Centrals)	7-0	6	25-10
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	4-2	6	24-16
R. Robran (North)	1-1	6	19-13
R. Woodcock (Nwd.)	4-2	6	17-13
Backman (South)	2-3	6	15-12
J. Cahill (Port)	2-1	6	14-21

## Best sides



## RIGNEY 200th. A 'HIT'

*By Alan Shiell*  
Sturt rover Roger Rigney was on the field for only four minutes in his two-hundredth game today against West at Richmond.

Rigney suffered concussion in a collision with West ruckman Kevin Gilmour and was carried off on a stretcher.

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

Three North players were injured against Port at Prospect.

Wingman Kym Lehmann received a knock in an eye, forward flanker Rodney Robran was concussed and lacerated a lip, and centre-man John Phillips pulled his right hamstring muscle.

Port backpocket Kevin Beswick also was concussed at Prospect.

*By Alan Shiell*  
This season's league football final four could well be resolved after only six rounds.

The top four teams—Norwood, Sturt, North, and Port—have emerged as the best sides in the competition.

Odds on any of the other six teams playing in the finals lengthened after today's upsets.

Norwood are the only unbeaten side and their form would have to deteriorate enormously for the Redlegs to miss the final four.

Sturt, North, and Port— with only one loss each—look a cut above the sides below them.

In this season's 21-game minor round, it is likely that at least 13 wins will be necessary to play at Adelaide Oval in September.

Sturt, North and Port would need to win eight of their next 15 matches to play in the finals.

That is a contract which each of the three teams should be capable of fulfilling.

They are four points (two wins) ahead of fifth-ranked South, six points ahead of West (sixth) and eight points clear of Glenelg, Centrals, Torrens and Woodville.

While the six sides out of the top four may cause some upsets, they will have a tough time trying to make up their big leeway.

Before today's games, Port, Sturt, and Norwood (in that order) were rated the best chances for the premiership.

But North's shock 83-point win over Port has hurled the Roosters into premiership discussions.

For years North have promised so much, then have been disappointing when the pressure has been applied.

However, North won so conclusively today it seems they are on the verge of shaking off the "inconsistent and iffy" tags.

North's winning margin of 83 points is believed to be the biggest win the Roosters have had over Port.

Port had scored more than any other side in the first five games this season, yet managed only 8-7 against North's 21-12.

### Narrow escape

Sturt, troubled by transfers and injuries, had a narrow escape against West at Richmond.

West led by nine points at the time-on period of the last quarter, but Sturt bounced back to snatch a thrilling victory.

It has become increasingly evident that Norwood, North, and Port have narrowed the gap which has existed in recent seasons between Sturt and all other sides.

On present form Sturt's premiership chances must rate on a par with those of Norwood, North and Port.

The battle of the Oateys—Norwood v. Sturt—is certain to draw a big crowd to Unley Oval next Saturday.

The game should provide an even clearer guide to the extent of Norwood's improvement.

Woodville and Torrens surprised by winning their first matches for the season today.

## AT NORWOOD

In a great game at Norwood, the Redlegs maintained their unbeaten run in the face of a determined last-quarter bid by Glenelg.

Down 40 points at three-quarter time, Glenelg lifted their game to be only 10 points behind 23 minutes into the term.

The Bays made a desperate effort to keep alive their chances of making the finals and at this stage it was anyone's game.

But Norwood were equal to the pressure and their half-forward line kicked them away to a 17-point win.

Glenelg squandered a great chance to take a grip on the game when they led by only two points after having 13 scoring shots to Norwood's six in the first quarter.

The Redlegs started without Bland, (pulled hamstring muscle) at full back and had to rearrange at both ends of the ground.

They brought Thirds player Michael Boase into the ruck, put Menz to full back, and lined up with Pettingill at full forward.

Substituting for Coligan at full forward, Pettingill played a brilliant first half.

He kicked six goals before half-time and it was a little surprising that Glenelg did not reshuffle their defence.

Menz's effort at the other end of the ground was less spectacular but valuable nevertheless.

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BY SAM GALLAGHER

## NORWOOD HOLD ON

certain Fred Phillis to two goals in the first three quarters and kicked with great power.

The first five scoring shots of the match were behinds, all by Glenelg.

Their inaccuracy was emphasised when Pettingill goaled in Norwood's first productive attack and the Redlegs took the lead nine minutes into the term.

### Dominance

Marker's dominance at centre and Voigt's creative roving were the Bays' driving forces at this stage, while Sandland's high marking at centre half-forward loomed as a danger point for the Redlegs.

Close to goal, however, Roach defended with dash and judgment and Norwood's more purposeful approach through Wynne and Seekamp at half-forward kept the scores in touch.

Superior handball and backing up, quick tackling and more effective disposal took the Redlegs to a useful 15-point lead at half-time.

They were struggling in ruck where Wayne

Phillis did a great job for the Bays but Gregerson's determination kept things from getting out of hand in this area.

Overcoming their earlier inaccuracy, the Bays challenged in the third quarter but four goals in the last 10 minutes of the quarter appeared to give Norwood a firm grip on the game.

The Bays switch of Osborn to the wing in this term was a good move but a strong quarter by Bob Oatey, showing great determination after a heavy knock, kept Norwood attacking.

Mulraney at centre half-back had prevented Sandland from exerting a significant influence and Norwood looked set for a comfortable win.

But the Bays had other ideas.

Cornes played a magnificent last quarter in ruck and Osborn took complete control on the wing.

The Redlegs were steadied in the last term by some timely marks by Poulter at centre and at centre half-back after Mulraney's retirement.

**NEXT WEEK SATURDAY**  
West v. Woodville (Adelaide), Port v. South (Alberton), Centrals v. Torrens (Elizabeth), Sturt v. Norwood (Unley).

**MONDAY**  
North v. Glenelg (Adelaide).