

LOSS MAY END STURT HOPES

By Alan Shiell

Sturt's four-point loss to Port at Unley Oval today could well have cost the Blues a place in the final four for the first time since 1963.

With only six minor round series remaining, Sturt and Glenelg are four points (two wins) out of the top four and face tough contracts trying to get into the finals.

The safest bet at this stage is to predict the final four as North, Norwood, Port, and Centrals.

But the last six rounds are riddled with intriguing possibilities.

Centrals, third last season, could still miss the finals.

So, too, could Port, last year's runners-up. Norwood, because of their easier draw, seem almost certain semi-finalists.

North, who still have to meet West, Torrens, and South, appear the only team assured of playing in the finals.

The Roosters are looming as minor premiers and must be premiers favourites at present, particularly after their crushing 58-point win over Centrals at Prospect Oval today.

Centrals are not the all-powerful combination they looked earlier in the season.

Because of their tough draw, it still is possible they could miss a finals berth.

North today displaced Centrals from top position. The Bulldogs had been at the head of the premiership table (and equal top) since the third round this season.

CANDIDATES' DRAW

Remaining matches for the six final four candidates are:

NORTH: West (Richmond), Torrens (Prospect), South (Prospect), Centrals (Adelaide), Port (Prospect), Sturt (Unley).

CENTRALS: Torrens (Thebarton), Glenelg (Elizabeth), Port (Elizabeth), North (Adelaide), Sturt (Elizabeth), Port (Alberton).

PORT: Glenelg (Glenelg), Woodville (Alberton), Centrals (Elizabeth), Sturt (Adelaide), North (Prospect), Centrals (Alberton).

NORWOOD: South (Adelaide), Sturt (Unley), Woodville (Norwood), South (Norwood), Glenelg (Norwood), West (Richmond).

STURT: Woodville (Woodville), Norwood (Unley), Torrens (Thebarton), Port (Adelaide), Centrals (Elizabeth), North (Unley).

GLENELG: Port (Glenelg), Centrals (Elizabeth), West (Glenelg), Torrens (Glenelg), Norwood (Norwood), South (Glenelg).

West and South, "battling" for the wooden spoon, probably will be the two sides to miss out on the Coca-Cola "premiership." It will be played as curtain-raiser games to the first and second semi-finals between the sides finishing fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth at the end of the minor round.

South half-forward Mick Cloonan was concussed at Adelaide Oval today and was admitted to hospital tonight.

South wingman Mark Coombe suffered a recurrence of a groin injury.

I feel muddy miserable!



A MUDLARK not recognisable as a Magpie... that's Port Adelaide rover Trevor Grimwood. Grimwood was a picture of misery but had reason to smile later over Port's four-point win over Sturt. All today's league matches were played in a mudbath.

Verrier booked

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IAN Verrier, State and West ruckman, was reported in today's game at Norwood Oval.

Verrier was reported by goal umpire John Ducker for allegedly striking Norwood's Phil Carman in the face with the left forearm in the last quarter.

Woodville back pocket Greg Cox, a late replacement for Eddie Holland (knee), broke his right thumb at Woodville Oval and will be out for the rest of the season.

Woodville captain and rover Ray Huppertz received a knock on the base of the spine and went off in the third quarter.

Norwood wingman Warren Packer cracked his jaw at Norwood and is expected to be out for at least a fortnight.

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-4	4-4	7-9	8-9	57
Sturt	3-1	6-4	7-4	8-5	53

SCORERS.—PORT: Milde 3.0, Sorrell 2.0, Grimwood 1.2, J. Cahill 1.1, Woite 1.0, Baker 0.1, Cunningham 0.1, James 0.1, rushed 0.3. **STURT:** Greenslade 5.0, Davies 1.1, Graham 1.1, Elliott 1.1, Wild 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Cunningham, Beswick, Clayton, Grimwood, Light, Marrett. **STURT:** Adcock, Davies, Winter, Graham, Whittaker, Bagshaw.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Broadbridge in third term by Nyland. **STURT:** Nelson and Friedrichs in last term by Lloyd and Ottens.

UMPIRE: M. O'Connell.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	8-4	8-6	13-12	14-12	96
Cent.	0-2	0-3	2-4	5-8	38

SCORERS.—NORTH: Von Bertouch 4.0, Rebbeck 3.2, Marsh 2.1, Plummer 2.1, D. Sachse 2.1, Spry 1.0, B. Robran 0.4, Stringer 0.2, rushed 0.1. **CENTRALS:** W. Cochrane 1.1, Mulholland 1.1, Johns 1.0, Moore 1.0, Morey 1.0, Saywell 0.2, Mobbs 0.1, Maccimovic 0.1, Skinner 0.1, Haughan 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Webb, Rebbeck, Von Bertouch, B. Robran, Spry, Marsh. **CENTRALS:** Skinner, Casserly, Norsworthy, R. Cochrane, Morey, W. Cochrane.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: R. Robran in last term by Barr; Phillips in last term by Robinson. **CENTRALS:** Maccimovic in last term by Spaans; Vivian at half-time by Reed.

UMPIRE: P. Mead.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	1-8	3-12	9-18	14-21	105
Wdv.	2-0	3-2	3-2	7-4	46

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Voigt 5.4, Carey 3.1, D. K. Phillis 3.0, Marriott 1.2, Morgan 1.2, Sandland 1.2, Cornes 0.1, Hinson 0.1, Hamilton 0.1, Marker 0.1, rushed 0.6. **WOODVILLE:** Tyrell 2.0, Huppertz 1.1, Sewer 1.1, Winstanley 1.0, J. Brenton 1.0, Cummins 1.0, Willmott 0.1, Ruth 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Colbey, Marker, Cornes, Voigt, Anderson, Millard. **WOODVILLE:** Blight, MacVicar, Winstanley, Allen, Huppertz, Abraham.

REPLACEMENTS.—WOODVILLE: Huppertz (back) third term by Willmott.

UMPIRE: J. Caulfield.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	4-5	7-11	12-13	14-15	99
West	3-4	4-6	5-6	6-9	45

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Coligan 6.1, Pettingill 2.4, Woodcock 2.3, R. Oatey 1.1, Menz 1.1, Gregg 1.0, Seekamp 1.0, P. Oatey 0.1, Rosser 0.1, Taylor 0.1, Button 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Nicholson 2.1, Loveday 1.1, Hewitt 1.1, Fraser 1.0, Noonan 1.0, Leonard 0.3, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Carman, R. Oatey, Taylor, Seekamp, Rosser, Button, Porritt. **WEST:** Nicholson, Hewitt, Noonan, Schapel, Burkett, Pope.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Packer (cracked jaw), third term by Flavel. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Fraser last term by Frick.

REPORT.—WEST ADELAIDE: I. Verrier reported by goal umpire J. Ducker for allegedly striking P. Carman (Norwood) in the face with his left forearm in the last term.

UMPIRE: D. Foster.

AT ADELAIDE

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Torr.	2-0	7-7	8-7	12-9	81
South	2-8	2-8	6-9	9-11	65

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Dabrowski 3.2, Watson 3.0, Phillipou 2.0, White 1.1, Baynes 1.1, Foote 1.0, Pavlich 1.0, Faletic 0.1, F. Bills 0.1, Cousins 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Jones 4.2, Hunt 2.1, Reid 1.1, Ferguson 1.1, Darley 1.0, Kennett 0.2, M. Cloonan 0.2, Howlett 0.1, Ryan 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Graham, Floreani, Phillipou, Faletic, F. Bills, Smart. **SOUTH:** Cock, Darley, Reid, Kennett, Jones, Young.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: White, final term by Cousins. **SOUTH:** Coombe (groin) at three-quarter time by Goodwin; Howlett in final term by Backman.

UMPIRE: M. Ducker.

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Coligan (Norwood)	6-1	15	55-41
Hewitt (West)	1-1	14	52-25
Greenslade (Sturt)	5-0	12	50-38
Sandland (Glenelg)	1-2	15	45-26
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	3-0	10	44-24
James (Port)	0-1	13	41-26
Saywell (Centrals)	0-2	15	39-22
R. Woodcock (Norwood)	2-3	15	38-29

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	11	4	1668	1182	22	58.52
Centrals	11	4	1551	1359	22	53.29
Port	10	5	1621	1351	20	54.54
Norwood	10	5	1571	1395	20	52.96
Sturt	8	7	1523	1197	16	55.99
Glenelg	8	7	1618	1405	16	53.52
Woodville	6	9	1401	1716	12	44.94
Torrens	5	10	1261	1509	10	45.52
West	3	12	1211	1621	6	42.76
South	3	12	1157	1847	6	38.51

BAYS FAILED TO GO IN FOR THE 'KILL'

Glenelg failed to make a real percentage job of their win over Woodville due to their inaccurate kicking for goals.

Woodville, in contrast, kept themselves in the game with their early straight kicking.

Nine goals were scored between both sides when attacking into a strong wind worth about five goals.

Woodville's first term was their best and here they showed great skill to be first to the ball to hold and pressure Glenelg into mistakes.

Glenelg, going with the wind, were held down to a single goal for the term.

This came at the commencement of time-on and to this point they lost a lot of ground due to poor kicking.

Then Glenelg turned the tables on Woodville and played so well that the statistics showed they had their best kick earning tally for the year for a single term.

Lost sting

Their second term was so good that their win looked imminent regardless of the scoreboard.

The last half was practically all the Bays, and although Woodville appeared to lose sting when they lost the captain Huppertz in the third term,

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Glenelg were already in command.

In the third term the strong Glenelg centre line and half back line did not allow Woodville to get within scoring range.

Woodville matched Glenelg in the last term goal for goal, but again it was Woodville's accuracy and the wind that brought them close together on the board.

Glenelg's drive came from the rebound of Colbey and the creative play of Marker at centre.

The lift the Bays got to improve their kicking came in the third term when Peter Carey took over in the air to out-mark Woodville.

Glenelg's best player would have been between three, Voigt, Marker, and Colbey.

Voigt, now back to his old form, won more than 30 kicks and he, with Marker, brought many players into the game.

Unenviable

Colbey had the enviable job of holding Sewer, which he did well. He is a strong rebound player for the Bays.

Cornes was tireless in his approach, but he often came up against Woodville's best player, Blight.

Blight showed the class that won him a world trip, with his outstanding judgment of marks and safe hands.

ATTENDANCES

Unley	10,770
Prospect	9,222
Norwood	7,652
Adelaide	3,546
Woodville	3,295
Total	34,485

NEXT WEEK

South v. Norwood, Adelaide
Glenelg v. Port, Glenelg
West v. North, Richmond
Torrens v. Centrals, Thebarton
Woodville v. Sturt, Woodville