



BATTLE JOINED BY 8 SIDES

With five series of league football over, eight teams still have an excellent chance of playing in this year's finals.

It is the most even start to a league season since the 10-team competition was launched in 1964.

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	7-6	12-12	17-16	23-23	161
South	2-3	3-8	3-13	6-18	54

SCORERS—STURT: Greenslade 6.6, Cramey 4.1, Nunan 3.5, Ottens 2.2, Bagshaw 2.1, Graham 2.1, Friedrichs 1.1, Elliott 1.1, Miels 1.0, Burgan 1.0, Winter 0.2, rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Jones 2.4, Reid 1.2, Bennett 1.1, Coombe 1.0, Cloonan 1.0, Ferguson 0.3, Backman 0.3, Greenwood 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Nunan, Bagshaw, Shearman, Miels, Adcock, Winter, Ottens. **SOUTH:** Coombe, Reid, Mousley, Bennett, Ferguson, Haines, Darcy, Jones.

REPLACEMENTS — STURT: Brooks (hip) by Cramey in first term. Lauder (knee ligament) by Mader at half-time. **SOUTH:** McCarthy (ankle) by Greenwood in last term.

UMPIRE—D. Foster.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-3	8-6	15-16	19-20	134
Port	5-2	10-5	14-5	18-10	118

SCORERS—WEST: Hewitt 9.3, Milsom 3.1, Burkett 2.3, Loveday 2.0, Papst 1.3, Nicholson 1.2, Leonard 1.1, Bandy 0.3, Hooper 0.2, rushed 0.2. **PORT:** Marrett 4.1, D. Cahill 4.0, Cunningham 4.0, J. Cahill 2.2, Milde 2.1, Broadbridge 1.1, Light 1.0, Crouch 0.2, Kingston 0.2, Wolte 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Hewitt, Milsom, Verrier, Fraser, Plew, Loveday, Burkett, Hooper, Papst, **PORT:** Beswick, Broadbridge, Cunningham, Marrett, Light, J. Cahill, Ebert, D. Cahill, Crouch.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Leonard (cramp) by Noonan last quarter. **PORT:** McGie (sprained ankle) by Spencer, third quarter. Nyland by Sorrell, last quarter.

UMPIRE—P. Mead.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-6	10-11	15-17	22-22	154
Torr.	3-1	3-3	5-8	11-16	82

SCORERS—GLENELG: D. K. Phillis 8.6, W. Phillis 4.4, Morgan 4.1, Marker 2.0, Voigt 1.2, Sandland 1.1, Cornes 1.1, Marriott 1.0, Millard 0.3, Carey 0.2, Tardif 0.2. **WEST TORRENS:** Pavlich 4.3, Simmond 4.1, Watson 2.2, Phillpou 1.2, White 0.2, F. Bills 0.2, Floreani 0.1, Shallow 0.1, Miller 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Caldwell, Tardif, Colbey, Cornes, Fred Phillis, Hinson, Voigt, Carey, Millard. **WEST TORRENS:** Fred Bills, White, Graham, B. Bills, Dabrowski, Pavlich, Simmons.

REPLACEMENTS — GLENELG: Tregenza (ankle) by Morgan, half-time. Marker (thigh) by Rawson, last term. **WEST TORRENS:** Hewes by Fielke, last term. Bavey (wrist) by Jeffery, last term.

UMPIRE—J. Caulfield.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-3	8-5	11-13	14-23	107
W'ville	6-2	9-5	10-7	12-9	81

SCORERS—NORTH: Sporn 3.1, Von Bertouch 2.3, N. Sachse 2.1, Hearl 1.9, Phillips 1.3, Stringer 1.1, Robran 1.1, Patterson 1.1, Bevan 1.0, Lehmann 1.0, Strang 0.1, Collins 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Doszina 3.1, Blight 2.1, Sewer 2.0, Peters 2.0, J. Brenton 1.2, O'Connor 1.1, Allen 1.0, Ruth 0.2, P. Brenton 0.1, Wilmott 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Robran, Von Bertouch, Stringer, Paull, Sachse, Bevan, Robinson, Sporn. **WOODVILLE:** Blight, Peters, Sewer, Allen, J. Girardi, Wilmott, Skuse.

REPLACEMENTS — WOODVILLE: Huppertz (concussion) by Heaven at half-time. P. Brenton (bruised hip) by Hansch in final term.

UMPIRE—M. O'Connell.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	7-5	10-11	12-13	15-20	110
Nwd.	0-4	4-8	6-10	14-12	96

SCORERS — CENTRALS: D. Saywell 3.4, B. Norsworthy 3.4, J. Wyley 3.2, G. Jones 2.2, D. Mobbs 2.1, R. Mulholland 1.2, P. Haughan 1.0, K. Johns 0.2, A. Casserly 0.2, L. Skinner 0.1.

NORWOOD: M. Colligan 5.1, R. Woodcock 3.2, N. Pettingill 2.3, J. Wynne 1.1, N. Button 1.0, J. Menz 1.0, R. Oatey 1.0, P. Oatey 0.4, G. Rosser 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRALS: A. Casserly, T. Moore, L. Skinner, S. Morey, B. Norsworthy, D. Mobbs, J. Wyley. **NORWOOD:** J. Wynne, M. Pouiter, W. Packer, M. Colligan, M. Hines, P. Oatey.

UMPIRE—Murray Ducker.

Centrals still are the only unbeaten side.

Six teams—North, Port, Glenelg, Woodville, West, and Norwood—have each won three matches.

Sturt, premiers from 1966-70 and fourth last season, are in eighth position with two wins.

Only win-less Torrens and South can be disregarded as final four contenders.

They would have to win at least 12, possibly 13, of their remaining 16 minor round games.

On current form, that is not even a remote possibility.

By Alan Shiell

Woodville and Norwood fell out of the top four as a result of their losses to North and Centrals today. North climbed from fifth to second, Port slipped from second to third, and Glenelg leapt from seventh to fourth.

Woodville dispelled any lingering doubts that they were not entitled to be rated final four possibilities by extending North for most of today's game at Woodville.

Glenelg ruckman Bob Tregenza will have an X-

ray on Monday for a possible fractured bone in an ankle. He did not resume after half-time at Adelaide Oval today.

Torrens ruckman Michael Bavey sprained a wrist.

Sturt defender Geoff Lauder did not resume after half-time at Unley because of strained knee ligaments.

Sturt half-back Clive Brooks went off in the first quarter with what was described as a concussed hip nerve.

South half-forward Dennis McCarthy injured an ankle.

PHILLIS BOYS IN TOUCH

Set going by a complete ruck-rover dominance, the Glenelg side reacted to thrash a nonplussed Eagle team.



BY STAN WICKHAM

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Tardif started it all from the centre bounces, where he hooked, tapped, and thumped the Bay rovers, Voigt and Marriott into prominence, and they never wasted a touch.

Fred Phillis, at full-forward, was the focal point for all Bay attacks. He reacted with 8-6 and helped out with many others.

Phillis had 22 kicks and 14 marks and that's a professional performance.

His brother, Wayne, at centre half-forward, was nearly as forceful in the first half with powerful marking, but was subdued by Dabrowski in the second half.

Cardwell and Colbey rebounded with great dash and judgment from their half-back flanks and backed up in copybook style to create many Tiger advances.

Carey—16 marks—and Cornes, were also doing things to excellent effect, and set up many fluent passages of attack.

Latching on to their ruck ascendancy, the Bays whipped the ball around with perfect handball and with a multitude of players running past they selected their target well.

After Watson's early goal for the Eagles, Glenelg were too quick for Torrens. They ripped through

to the full forward area where the Bills brothers and Leonard put up a stirring defending effort.

Weight of numbers soon told and the Bays got through to set up an 11-point lead at the first change.

The Bays dominated from this point on and their moves forward were as neat as if they had been traced on a blackboard.

So quick were Glenelg—invariably started by Caldwell or Colbey—that the last to handle the ball had all the time in the world to steady and pick his mark.

Brenton Bills played shoulder to shoulder with Fred Phillis, but so perfect was the ball delivered that Bills could do little about it.

During the second and third terms the Tigers slammed on 11-11 to Torrens 2-7 to indicate Glenelg's dominance.

Carelessness by Glenelg in the last term saw the ball-starved Eagles swoop in to make a contest of it but it didn't prove anything for the Eagles.

The kicking by Torrens to a man and use of handball was appalling. At times it only placed the receiver at a disadvantage.

Glenelg had all the best players and my first choice—after a lot of thought—went to Neville Caldwell on a half-back flank, who is fast running into carnival selection calculations.

Tardif, Cornes, and Carey all rate high with an all points rucking supremacy, while Fred Phillis at the goal-front was as professional as one could wish.

West Torrens best players were hard, but Fred Bills gets my nod for a stirring rear-guard defensive game.

He was just ahead of centreman Greg White who gradually got into the game more in the second half and put the ball to advantage.

Torrens' coach, Alan Greer, worked more shifts than a Broken Hill miner today in an attempt to cover weaknesses.

Let's face it. They've got plenty, too.

Tas. football

Sandy Bay 9-13, Clarence 7-8.

NTFA 9-24, Tasmania 8-20.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Centrals	5	—	575	422	10	57.63
North	3	2	480	405	6	54.23
Port	3	2	534	465	6	53.45
Glenelg	3	2	520	454	6	53.38
Woodville	3	2	521	467	6	52.73
West	3	2	495	482	6	50.66
Norwood	3	2	483	487	6	49.79
Sturt	2	3	518	379	4	57.71
Torrens	—	5	397	582	—	40.55
South	—	5	292	672	—	30.29

TOP SCORERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Hewitt (West)	9-3	5	23-8
Greenslade (Sturt)	6-6	5	21-17
Coligan (Norwood)	5-1	5	20-10
Mulholland (Centrals)	1-2	5	18-12
Baker (Port)	—	4	18-9
Jones (Centrals)	2-2	5	15-8
Sewer (Woodville)	2-0	4	14-6

NEXT WEEK

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

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	9,511
Richmond	8,132
Woodville	6,413
Unley	5,480
Norwood	Not available

I was right when I told you that Woite would play again this season with Port.

I was right when I was the first to tell you there was no risk that Flash Fred would be back with the Bays.

And after Centrals' gutsy win at the Parade today, not much chance of them proving me wrong in last week's prediction that they will play off in the grand final.

Here's two more certs for you . . .

The Rooster and the Tiger will be two of the sides the Bulldogs have to beat in the finals.

Haven't noticed any of the other footy experts tipping three of the final four this early in the season.

I'm still spooky about No. 4 berth, but stick around. It won't take me long to put you in the picture.

Last year's premiers have shown me enough to rate them certainties under the guidance of "Swamp Fox" Patto.

The Rooster pecked holes in the 'Pecker today. Take it from me, though, Woodville, even after today's defeat, still have a ton of confidence.

Wouldn't surprise me if they get cheeky enough to make a takeover bid for the Port area.

Have you had a gander at Glenelg's draw for '72? Would you believe they have a gift pack of three games each against Torrens and South? And their danger-sides in the race for the four face a string of cut-throat contests.

This situation brings to my mind evil thoughts. Could it be possible that a cagy coach with a team of up-and-coming kids could run a few dead uns so that his side could draw all the weakies the following season?

This would just about guarantee him a berth in the four.

Only a shock improver among the also-rans of the previous year could upset his apple cart.

Anyway, this year's draw makes it a breeze for the Bays.

Didn't I tell you?

I can hear the screams from Alberton now. How can I write them off so soon? The same from Unley.

And after their win over Port today the Bloods are no doubt big-noting their chances.

Okay, fellas, I'll take you on one at a time . . .

PORT—Their only decent win this year was against North. In his losses to Norwood and West the Maggie looked a bit scraggy.

STURT—Like Port, their only respectable win was against the '71 premiers. They crushed North 15-9 to 4-10.

But they have since lost to Glenelg and West.

WEST—The Bloods have been stiff. They should have been sitting pretty by now, but lost two games by one kick.

In Westies' favor is their will to win. After unlucky losses it takes a good side to come back and beat both Sturt and Port.

Perhaps the fourth posy will be theirs.

I saw the game at Unley today. Between yawns it occurred to me that the only value in this affair was the return to form of several likely carnival players.

Ottens, Bagshaw, Adcock, Nunan and Friedrichs all played like a German band.

Looks like Fred Phillis has set his sometimes uncertain sights on the goalfront posy for the trip to Perth.

Eight today, and I'm told he shared the wealth with brother Wayne and other teammates.

While on the subject of full forwards, I'm glad young Hewitt settled his little difference of opinion with West coach Bobby Loveday—I'll bet Bob's happy too after Glynn's 9-3 today.

I CALL IT AS I SEE IT . . .



BY DOUG THOMAS

AS TOLD TO BRIAN GILL