

HOT SEAT NOW FOR STURT



Six sides in fray

By Alan Shiell

The fight to get into league football's final four has developed into a cut-throat battle between six teams—Centrals, Norwood, North, Port, Glenelg and Sturt.

And Sturt, premiers from 1966-70 and fourth last season, are in the hot seat.

The Blues, whose degree of excellence set new standards in South Australian football and was the envy of the other nine clubs, are the worst placed of the six final four contenders.

They have won only four of their first eight matches this season, are in sixth position, and probably will need to win at least eight, possibly nine, of their remaining 13 games to have a chance of playing in the finals.

And . . . Sturt still have to play Centrals, Port and North twice—the same sides who finished above Sturt last year.

Today's loss to Norwood at the Parade could well prove an extremely costly one for Sturt.

Certainty

It could mean the difference between Norwood getting into the final four and Sturt missing out.

Centrals, after winning seven of their first eight matches, appear certainties for the finals.

And it is difficult to envisage North or Port falling to gain finals' berths.

Fourth place may become a three-way tussle between Norwood, Glenelg and Sturt.

But at this early stage trying to predict the four finalists is fraught with danger.

Certainly, Norwood supporters who saw the Red-legs' impressive 11-point win over Sturt today would not hear of their side missing the finals.

Norwood proved again their skills have been polished to a high level, although Sturt were without three stars—Paul Bagshaw, Malcolm Greenslade, and Brenton Miels.

Woodville's embarrassing 102-point loss to Port at Woodville Oval was the Peckers' six successive defeat.

Centrals' seven-point defeat of Glenelg rocked the Tigers' confidence, particularly as the Bulldogs were without three key players.

TODAY'S LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	6-3	9-9	15-15	19-16	130
West	1-2	3-9	5-11	10-13	73

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Howlett 3.2, Griffiths 3.2, Reid 2.4, Bennett 2.2, Coombe 2.1, Mousley 2.1, Darley 1.3, Darcy 1.1, S. Palmer 1.0, Young 1.0, Bowden 1.0. WEST: Glyn Hewitt 4.3, Papst 2.1, Milsom 1.2, Noonan 1.1, Fraser 1.0, Bandy 1.0, Loveday 0.2, Nicholson 0.1, Leonard 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Darley, Coombe, S. Palmer, Darcy, Reimann, Mousley, Young, P. Palmer. WEST: Hewitt, Pope, Russian, Plew, Verrier, Loveday, Schapel.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Coombe (twisted ankle) by Griffin in final term. Darcy by Ronaldson in final term. WEST: Dryzal (bruised knee) by Haupt at half-time. Bandy by Keane in the final term.

UMPIRE.—D. Foster.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port.	5-3	12-11	20-14	27-22	184
Wdv.	3-2	5-5	9-8	12-10	82

SCORERS.—PORT: James 8.1, Cahill 3.4, Nyland 3.2, Cunningham 3.2, Milde 3.2, Marrett 3.1, Sorrell 2.1, Kingston 1.4, Grimwood 1.1, Ede 0.2, Light 0.1, Broadbridge 0.1. WOODVILLE: Blight 4.1, Huppertz 3.0, Reid 2.0, Sewer 1.3, Peters 1.1, Doszna 1.0, Wilmott 0.1, Heaven 0.1, Allen 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Kingston, James Light, Cahill (until injured), Sorrell, Nyland. WOODVILLE: Blight, Huppertz, Coudraye, Abraham, Wilmott, Sewer.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: J. Cahill (suspected pulled muscle) third term by D. Errey, P. Woite last term by R. Burton. WOODVILLE: R. Allan (bruised foot) third term by K. Kelly, T. Ettridge (sprained ankle) last term by C. Hopkins.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	3-3	9-6	15-9	16-14	110
Sturt	3-8	5-13	10-15	13-21	99

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: R. Oatey 4.2, P. Oatey 2.3, Woodcock 2.3, Coligan 2.1, Wynne 2.0, Button 2.0, Carman 1.2, Menz 1.1, Pettingill 0.2. STURT: Ottens 4.1, Davies 2.2, Friedrichs 2.1, Whelan 1.5, Graham 1.1, Nunan 1.1, Shearman 1.0, Wild 1.0, Elliott 0.2, Chessell 0.1, Winter 0.1, Short 0.1, Burgan 0.1, Cramey 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: R. Oatey, Button, Packer, Menz, Seekamp, Harris, Gregg, Carman, Butchart. STURT: Burgan, Adcock, Ottens, Casey, Davies, Nunan, Nelson.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Wild (bruised leg) and Whelan (sprained ankle) by Cramey and Sims, last quarter.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-1	9-8	9-12	15-18	108
Torr.	3-2	3-2	7-7	11-7	73

SCORERS.—NORTH: Sachse 7.4, Bevan 3.1, Bamford 1.3, Robran 1.3, Von Bertouch 1.1, Plummer 1.0, Robinson 1.0, Hearl 0.2, Stringer 0.1, Howard 0.1, Jaworskyj 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Pavlich 3.2, Watson 3.1, Cousins 2.1, Pill 1.1, Shallow 1.0, Miller 1.0, Phillipou 0.1, Simmonds 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Robinson, Sporn, Burns, Robran, Jaworskyj, Howard, Sachse, Stringer. TORRENS: F. Bills, Dabrowski, Pavlich, Miller, White, Shallow, Watson.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Patterson (thigh) by May at half-time. Hearl (indisposed) by Lehmann (last term). TORRENS: Graham (hamstring) by Cousins, second term. Faletic by McSpornan, last term.

UMPIRE.—J. Caulfield.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	3-3	7-4	13-6	17-9	111
Glen.	4-3	8-7	12-11	15-14	104

SCORERS.—CENTRALS: Saywell 4.4, Mobbs 4.1, O'Connor 4.0, Mulholland 1.0, Casserly 1.0, Reed 1.0, Norsworthy 1.0, Wyley 1.0, Johns 0.1, W. Cochrane 0.1, Nicks 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: D. Phillis 6.2, Sandland 5.1, Carey 2.1, Graubner 1.0, Morgan 1.0, W. Phillis 0.4, Marriott 0.3, Voigt 0.1, Moss 0.1, Cornes 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS.—CENTRALS: Mobbs, Casserly, Nicks, Saywell, Morey, Vivian, Moore, Prior, Burton. GLENELG: Caldwell, Sandland, Carey, Wayne Phillis, Rosewarne, Hinson, Fred Phillis, Colbey.

REPLACEMENTS.—CENTRALS: Norsworthy (lacerated mouth) by Prior in first term. Spaans by Ireland in last. GLENELG: Hockridge by Moss in last. Morgan (mouth injury) by Graubner in last term.

UMPIRE.—P. Mead.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Points	Prem.	%
Centrals	7	1	860	713	14		54.67
Norwood	6	2	873	746	12		53.92
North	5	3	881	614	10		58.92
Port	5	3	923	729	10		55.87
Glenelg	5	3	915	781	10		53.95
Sturt	4	4	809	644	8		55.67
West	3	5	766	841	6		47.66
Woodville	3	5	781	993	6		44.02
Torrens	1	7	645	877	2		42.37
South	1	7	561	1076	2		34.27

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	16,556
Glenelg	13,811
Woodville	7,482
Thebarton	6,267
Adelaide	3,745

47,861

NEXT WEEK

Port v. Glenelg	Alberton
North v. West	Prospect
Sturt v. Woodville	Unley
Centrals v. Torrens	Elizabeth
Norwood v. South	Adelaide

Centrals' pace sealed it

A great third quarter and a fighting last term against strong opposition, saw the Bulldogs outlast Glenelg at the Bay Oval today.

Spurred on by a brilliant team effort from captain-coach Casserly, the depleted Bulldogs had a meritorious victory.

Face was the key and the Bays floundered in the face of it.

It was a hard, bruising affair with the standard improving as the game went on.

Central withheld their placings and when play opened their forward line had a most unorthodox line-up.

Only three men up forward—with no full forward in position—leaving big open spaces for their pacy men.

However, it was Glenelg who took control into the breeze with Marker at centre, and W. Phillis holding centre half-forward.

But even at this early stage—the Central goals were coming easily.

This became more apparent in the third quarter and their final score of 17-9 proved the point.

When Glenelg went three goals clear in the second

Was it wrestling . . . or football? . . . Whatever it was, Glenelg full back Peter Anderson and Centrals' Rod O'Connor were into it no holds barred in this incident at the Bay (LEFT). Then along came the umpires—a teammate or two—and things were sorted out without any more bother (RIGHT).

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term, Centrals looked in all sorts of bother.

But maintaining their attacking style, the Bulldogs came back strongly to be only nine points down at half-time.

Mobbs had chipped in for two goals during the second term, and with Casserly covering centre, the new Centrals centre-man finished with four majors in a good tactical move.

Coach Kerrey was justifiably hostile at the lack of checking by Glenelg, but it is fair comment to say that skipper Marker was the worst offender.

Youngster Carey was Glenelg's only follower to do well today. Cornes and Hockridge were beaten badly.

Tardiff rucked well enough, but his midfield play was below par.

Terry Moore was the best big man afield and his big, telling marks late in the game showed that his selection for interstate company is not misplaced.

Centrals employed their fast-moving open game in the third quarter with a vengeance.

Their six-goal match-winning burst in this term was a most confident effort.

All players were confident and more direct in their movements.

With Nicks starring in defence, Vivian and Mobbs winning across centre and Casserly flicking out the handpasses, the Bulldogs hit the front and stayed there.

The ruck and roving checking by Glenelg in this term was almost non-existent.

Three quick goals in the last quarter put the seal on the game and although Glenelg fought back courageously to get within two points, the Bulldogs deserved the points.

The roving duels were fairly negative with Mulholland the most damaging of the four.

Marriott and O'Vigt both had plenty of kicks but few were effective.

Casserly was Centrals' best player with Mobbs not far behind.

Saywell was his usual elusive, confident self and finished with 4-4.

Sonny Morey held the Bay rovers goalless in another good defensive effort. The attacking play of Nicks entitled him to high ranking, too.

Moore, I've already mentioned.

Despite the closeness of the scores, Glenelg's best players were harder to find.

Caldwell and Colbey were steady in defence, while Sandland was a safe avenue at half-forward.

Fred Phillis, although playing far too much from behind, kept his average up with six majors.

A lot of Centrals supporters rated this win as one of their best.

I must agree, too. Centrals were without four big name players, they lost Norsworthy early and they were on Glenelg's home ground.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Carman gets 42 votes

Norwood's Phil Carman attracted 42 votes from readers in his long-awaited return to league football last Saturday

But he has a huge task in front of him to catch the runaway leader Barrie Robran.

Robran gathered another 254 votes from loyal fans, while his nearest rival, Russell Ebert, polled 130 votes.

But there are still many weeks of football left for you, the reader, to help your favorite player move up the ladder.

The top 11 are:

B. Robran (North)	1,174
R. Ebert (Port)	648
Wynne (Norwood)	160
Cornes (Glenelg)	146
Mulholland (Centrals)	75
Rosser (Norwood)	71
Hewitt (West)	69
Bagshaw (Sturt)	58
R. Oatey (Norwood)	49
O'Connor (Woodville)	42
Carman (Norwood)	42

Winner of People's Choice will receive \$1,000.

The outcome of People's Choice depends on you, the reader, voting for your favorite player — but you must select him from our lists of best players.

All entries MUST be on the official coupon, which must contain your name and address, otherwise your entry will not go into the barrel and obviously you cannot win the \$25 order on Burns for Blinds.

Winner of the \$25 order on Burns for Blinds for the last series was Mrs. D. J. Robinson, 9 Spring street, Beverley, SA, 5009.

Remember the poll winner at the end of the season will receive \$1,000. So reward your favorite player with your votes. You have until the first mail Wednesday or 10 a.m. Wednesday to get your vote to People's Choice, Box 1011, GPO, Adelaide, or delivered to Newspaper House, North terrace, Adelaide.

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