

TODAY'S LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	8-2	11-4	13-8	17-15	117
Port	2-2	6-6	12-15	13-17	95

SCORERS. — CENTRALS: Wyley 6-1, Johns 2-2, Vivian 2-1, Nicks 2-0, Mulholland 1-4, Jarman 1-1, Moore 1-1, Russell 1-1, Saywell 1-0, Reed 0-4. PORT: Kingston 4-1, J. Cahill 3-2, Grimwood 3-2, Cunningham 2-2, Marrett 1-0, Gerlach 0-2, Hynes 0-2, Woite 0-2, Northcott 0-1, Ebert 0-1, rushed 0-2.

BEST PLAYERS. — CENTRALS: Morey, Vivian, Davis, Farnham, Wyley, Nicks. PORT: J. Cahill, Ebert, Grimwood, Woite, Kingston, Cunningham.

REPLACEMENTS. — CENTRALS: Mobbs (sprained ankle) by Nicks in first term; R. Cochran (bruised thigh) by Thomas in third term. PORT: Hynes (sprained ankle) by Tredrea in third term; Northcott by Milde in final term.

UMPIRE. — M. Ducker.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-3	12-11	17-12	23-16	154
Nwd.	2-5	6-6	9-12	10-13	73

SCORERS. — STURT: Whelan, 8-2, Barton 6-1, Casey 4-3, Davies 2-2, Bagshaw 1-1, Graham 1-0, Wild 1-0, Klomp 0-2, Howard 0-1, Friedrichs 0-1, rushed 0-3. NORWOOD: Coligan 4-2, Seekamp 3-0, Garman 1-1, Oatey 1-0, Button 1-0, Pettingill 0-4, Packer 0-1, Woodcock 0-1, Rosser 0-1, rushed 0-3.

BEST PLAYERS. — STURT: Davies, Bagshaw, Barton, Nunan, Casey, Whelan. NORWOOD: Seekamp, Carman, Porritt, Rosser, Gregg.

REPLACEMENTS. — STURT: Nil. NORWOOD: Wynne by Bland at three-quarter time, Gallagher by Fienemann last quarter.

UMPIRE. — R. Charlesworth.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	5-6	9-8	16-19	20-29	149
Wdv.	1-5	5-9	6-10	10-11	71

SCORERS. — GLENELG: Carey 4-4, Voigt 4-2, W. Phillis 3-2, Moss 3-0, Wickens 2-6, Marker 1-4, Marriott 1-3, D. Phillis 1-2, Cornes 1-2, Hamilton 0-2, Sandland 0-1, rushed 0-1. WOODVILLE: Sewer 3-0, Huppertz 2-1, Girardi 1-2, Holland 1-2, Cummin 1-0, Mitchell 1-0, MacVicar 1-0, Dozna 0-3, Blight 0-1, Brenton 0-1, rushed 0-1.

BEST PLAYERS. — GLENELG: Hamilton, Marriott, Marker, Wickens, Cornes, Voigt. WOODVILLE: Huppertz, Holland, Blight, Stemper, Allen, Reid.

REPLACEMENTS. — WOODVILLE: O'Connor (compound fracture right leg) by Towles first term; Abraham (ribs) by Buckley third term. GLENELG: Wickens (thigh) by Bennet last term; Cornes by Sandland last term.

UMPIRE. — P. Meade.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	1-3	4-6	11-13	12-14	86
West	0-3	6-7	7-8	12-12	84

SCORERS—SOUTH: M. Dittmar 2.2, Hateley 2.1, Darley 2.0, Waldron 1.4, Bennett 1.3, Ryan 1.1, Kearney 1.1, Williams 1.1, Reid 1.0, Coombe 0.1. WEST: Loveday 4.2, Bandy 3.0, Pope 2.0, Keddie 1.2, Kellett 1.1, Fraser 1.0, F. Leonard 0.2, Holt 0.2, Morris 0.1, Pannenburg 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Hateley, Haines, Waldron, Coombe, Ryan, Darley. WEST: Loveday, Verrier, Holt, Pope, Hewitt, Morris.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Kearney (torn ligaments left foot) by Griffith at half-time. WEST: Pannenburg (knee injury) by Burkett in third term; Papst (throat) by Fraser in third term.

UMPIRE—P. Craig.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-5	4-6	10-12	13-14	92
Torr.	2-4	4-9	5-10	7-15	57

SCORERS—NORTH: D. Sachse 6.3, Von Bertouch 2.0, Payne 2.0, R. Robran 1.3, Rebbeck 1.2, Marsh 1.1, Phillips 0.1, N. Sachse 0.1, rushed 0.3. WEST TORRENS: N. Roberts 3.3, Faletic 1.2, Miller 1.2, Shallow 1.1, Work 1.0, Watson 0.4, McKenzie 0.2, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: D. Sachse, Hammond, Howard, Von Bertouch, Phillips, R. Robran. TORRENS: G. Pill, Roberts, F. Bills, Floreani, B. Bills, Watson.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Stringer by Maloney in fourth term; Sporn by Mumford in fourth term. TORRENS: Roberts (cramp) by Shallow in fourth term; Pavlich by Work in fourth term.

UMPIRE—Des Foster.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Sturt	1	—	154	73	2	2	67.84
Glenelg	1	—	149	71	2	2	67.72
North	1	—	92	57	2	2	61.74
Centrals	1	—	117	95	2	2	55.18
South	1	—	86	84	2	2	50.58
West	—	1	84	86	—	—	49.42
Port	—	1	95	117	—	—	44.82
Torrans	—	1	57	92	—	—	38.26
Woodville	—	1	71	149	—	—	32.28
Norwood	—	1	73	154	—	—	32.16

CRASH GO PECKERS!

And three badly hurt

By Alan Shiell

Woodville, freely tipped as probable semi-finalists this season, suffered an embarrassing 13-goal thrashing against Glenelg at Woodville in yesterday's opening round of league football.

And the Peckers' misery was made complete by serious injuries to three players—rover John O'Connor, ruckman Peter Brenton, and full back Ian Abraham.

O'Connor broke his right leg in two places. He is extremely unlikely to play again this year.

Brenton broke the knuckle on his left index finger and is expected to be out for four or five weeks.

Abraham cracked ribs on his left side and will miss two or three matches.

O'Connor, who is in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, will have his right leg in splints and plaster for 10 weeks.

He was carried off on a stretcher early in the first quarter after tripping over a Glenelg player's leg.

Woodville's fine pre-season trial form suggested that, in only their tenth league season, they would be strong final five contenders.

But Glenelg swept aside such thoughts, even if only temporarily, with a remarkably impressive display which confirmed the Tigers as big improvers from last season.

Glenelg had 49 scoring shots to Woodville's 21.

Half-forward flanker Greg Wickens, Glenelg's outstanding local junior, made a classy debut, and obviously has a big future.

The size of Glenelg's win was only one of several shocks in yesterday's first of 21 series, which drew a total attendance of 52,504.

Crowds at last season's opening round aggregated 58,043. But the figure cannot be compared as it was a split round, with Sturt and Centrals playing on Easter Monday.

Total attendance at the opening series in 1971 was only 40,802.

Huge win

Record attendance for a five-match opening series is 54,003 in 1966.

With pre-season trials against interstate clubs becoming an increasing part of the football year, it was believed in official quarters that some of the gloss may have been taken off the first league round.

But yesterday's crowds disproved that theory.

Sturt, premiers from 1966-70, fourth in 1971, and fifth last year, are right back in business if yesterday's surprisingly huge 81-point win over Norwood is taken as a guide.

Sturt whipped the ball away from centre bounces

so convincingly and consistently it was suggested in informed circles last night that the new 50-yard diamond (or square) rule almost looked as if it had been designed for the Blues' slick style.

Sturt would have gained immense satisfaction out of the impressive first full-game debuts of centreman Brendon Howard, rover Robert Barton, and half-forward Robert Klomp.

Norwood's new wingman Philip Gallagher played soundly, but former Melbourne and Victorian centre half-forward Ross Dillon made a relatively inconspicuous entry into South Australian football.

The Redlegs' form was hard to reconcile with the performances which won them fourth position last season.

Centrals, weakened seriously by injuries to key players, stunned Port with a power-house eight-goal first quarter and consolidated sufficiently to finish 22 points in front at Adelaide Oval.

Centrals will be a force again. But it was a disturbing defeat for Port.

BAYS GIVE PECKERS COMPLETE DRUBBING

BY  STAN WICKHAM

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Glenelg smashed Woodville's pre-season form bubble with a resounding 78-point drubbing of the Peckers at Woodville.

It was an all-departments victory for the Bays as they proved to be too physically strong and too physically skilled.

Perhaps they were helped in their onslaught by the decision of Woodville skipper Ray Huppertz, who elected to kick into a steady three-goal breeze after winning the toss.

The Bays accepted the invitation and led by 25 points at the first change after receiving drive from Hamilton (centre) and first game player Wickens (half-forward).

Woodville opened dashingly but were astray for four successive points.

Thereafter the Tigers barely gave the Peckers scratching room as they tackled hard, often, and quick to unbalance them.

Rex Voigt struck a purple patch of scoring early in the second term with three goals in as many minutes and the seal was virtually set on the result.

Holland, Blight, Huppertz, tried desperately to get Woodville back in the game, but the Glenelg defence, with Colbey and Caldwell rebounding grandly from the flanks, held firm.

BLANKETED

The unfortunate loss of O'Connor (broken leg) in the first term, plus Abraham, who was knocked silly with a beauty in the

ribs, robbed Woodville of some punch.

Although leading by 23 points at half-time, the Bays' key forwards Carey and D. Phillis were blanketed.

Their drive had come from flankers Wickens and Moss with a combination of winning rucks and rovers.

Then came a change that altered Glenelg's whole pattern.

After half-time, Woodville chose to play a man loose in their back lines. Wayne Phillis trailed him down and immediately grabbed several telling marks.

KERLEY MOVE

Coach Neil Kerley acted promptly. He swung Wayne Phillis to centre half-forward, Carey full forward and Fred Phillis with a roaming capacity.

The effect was dynamic as the Tigers dominated the aerial duels and poured through W. Phillis to Carey to amass 7-11 to Woodville's meagre 1-1.

TOP SCORERS	ATTENDANCES	NEXT WEEK
Whelan (Sturt) 8.2	Adelaide 17,685	South v. Woodville (Adelaide).
D. Sachse (North) 6.3	Norwood 17,910	Centrals v. Torrens (Elizabeth).
Wyley (Centrals) 6.1	Richmond 4,075	Glenelg v. Sturt (Glenelg).
Barton (Sturt) 6.1	Thebarton 6,735	Norwood v. North (Norwood).
Carey (Glenelg) 4.4	Woodville 6,099	West v. Port (Richmond).
Casey (Sturt) 4.3		
Voigt (Glenelg) 4.2	Total for round 1 52,504	
Coligan (Norwood) 4.2	1972 comparative 58,043	
Loveday (West) 4.2		
Kingston (Port) 4.1		