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# FIVE LOOK SURE

By Alan Shiell

Centrals severe 67-point loss to Sturt at Elizabeth Oval yesterday must cast grave doubts about the Bulldogs' ability to play in this year's finals.

Dare it be said so early, but after seven of the 21 minor round series, indications are that the final five will be Glenelg, North, Sturt, Port, and Norwood.

Currently, they are the five top teams, although the order is: Glenelg, Sturt, North, Port, and Norwood.

Predicting semi-finalists in May is fraught with danger.

But on form shown so far, West look to have no hope after winning only one of their seven games.

Woodville, Torrens, and South, with only two wins each, would seem to have little chance.

Already, they are three wins (six points) behind Sturt, North, and Port, and two wins behind fifth-ranked Norwood.

Centrals' heavy loss was more disturbing in that it was at Elizabeth, where the Bulldogs normally bark loudest.

## INJURIES

Certainly, Centrals have had a cruel run of injuries this season.

Any self-respecting betting man would have his money on a North-Glenelg grand final at this early stage.

Sturt are entitled to be third favorites.

Port, shaken by their 68-point loss to Norwood last Monday, defeated Woodville by 25 points at Alberton yesterday.

It was not an impressive win.

As in the Norwood game last Monday, there were some alarming signs of lethargy and lack of pressure about Port's performance.

Torrens had reason to be satisfied with their 61-point success over West at Thebarton. It followed the Eagles' 35-point win over South last week.

Worst injury of the day was at Elizabeth where Centrals full back Ian Kroehn suffered a depressed cheekbone fracture. He was admitted to Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Three Glenelg players were injured in the game at Prospect.

Wingman Peter Millard was concussed early in the first quarter, captain Peter Marker suffered a gashed bottom lip and had four stitches inserted over his left eye, and follower Graham Cornes received a kick in his left thigh.

North follower Lance Morton pulled a hamstring muscle late in the first quarter.

## ALL TODAY'S LEAGUE DETAILS

### AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	6-6	8-10	15-14	18-16	124
Cent.	2-1	5-3	5-6	8-9	57

SCORERS—STURT: Barton 4.4, Davies 4.1, Whelan 3.4, Casey 2.1, Nunan 2.1, Greenslade 1.2, Burgan 1.0, Graham 1.0, Ottens 0.1, rushed 0.2. CENTRALS: Russell 3.1, Norsworthy 3.0, Jones 1.3, Casserly 1.0, McLay 0.2, Haughan, W. Cochrane, 0.1, 0.1, R. Cochrane 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Davies, Nunan, Howard, Barton, Burgan, Bagshaw, Graham, Miels, Whelan. CENTRALS: Norsworthy, Morey, Johns, R. Cochrane, Moore.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Nil. CENTRALS: Kroehn (facial injury), by O'Connor, third quarter. UMPIRE: R. Charlesworth.

### AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	7-4	12-5	15-14	21-18	144
West	3-2	8-5	9-9	12-11	83

SCORERS—TORRENS: Mulvihill 4.5, McKenzie 4.0, Shallow 2.2, Puhle 2.2, Philliou 2.1, Faletic 2.1, Watson 2.0, Roberts 1.1, Floreani 1.0, White 1.0, Pill 0.3, Kelly 0.1, Miller 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Gurney 3.2, Kellett 2.0, Keane 1.2, Hoult 1.1, Kulhman 1.1, Hunt 1.1, Nicholson 1.0, Morris 1.0, Schapel 1.0, Miller 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Pill, McKenzie, Cousins, Pavlich, Shallow, Mulvihill. WEST: Schapel, Leonard, Burns, Keddie, Kulhman, Kellett.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Watson (leg) by White, Roberts by Clarke, both last quarter. WEST: Morris (stomach) by Hoult, half-time. Hunt by Oliver, last quarter. UMPIRE—Bill Noonan.

### AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-5	7-8	15-12	17-16	118
Wdv.	3-4	7-10	9-14	13-15	93

SCORERS—PORT: Ebert 6.4, Sorrell 3.0, Milde 2.3, J. Cahill 2.2, Gerlach 2.0, James 2.0, Cunningham 0.2, Natt 0.1, Light 0.1, Grimwood 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Huppertz 3.2, Doszna 2.3, Peters 2.1, Ruth 2.0, Sewer 2.0, McVicar 1.0, J. Girardi 1.0, Holland 0.3, Blight 0.2, Coudraye 0.2, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: D. Cahill, Ebert, Tredrea, James, Sorrell, Natt, Beswick. WOODVILLE: Holland, Cox, Huppertz, Blight, Cummins, Wilmott.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Milde by Kurovec, Gerlach by O'Brien, both last quarter. WOODVILLE: Huppertz by Winstanley, Cummins by Allen, both last quarter. UMPIRE—Bob Jackson.

### AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	0-2	5-6	10-10	14-13	97
Glen.	2-4	4-12	6-16	8-22	70

SCORERS—NORTH: R. Robran 4.2, D. Sachse 3.1, Sporn 2.0, Marsh 1.3, Payne 1.1, Hearl 1.1, B. Robran 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.0, Schubert 0.1, Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Voigt 3.3, Wickens 2.4, D. Phillis 1.0, Carey 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Marker 0.3, Sandland 0.2, Cornes 0.2, Marriott 0.1, Lipp 0.1, Phillis 0.1, rushed 0.5.

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: B. Robran, Von Bertouch, Marsh, Hammond, N. Sachse, R. Robran. GLENELG: Anderson, Voigt, Hamilton, Caldwell, Rawson, Cornes.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Morton (hamstring) by Westbrook, first quarter, Marsh (cramp) by Robinson, last quarter. GLENELG: Millard (concussion) by Bennett, first quarter, Cornes (thigh) by Lipp, third quarter. UMPIRE—Murray Ducker.

### AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	4-3	12-9	16-17	21-22	148
South	3-5	3-7	6-12	9-14	68

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Woodcock 5.0, Rosser 4.6, Coligan 4.4, Schlein 2.0, Oatey 1.2, White 1.2, Packer 1.0, Bland 1.0, Pettingill 1.0, Olsen 0.3, Carmen 0.1, Menz 0.1, rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Darcy 3.2, Jochinke 1.2, Darley 1.1, Hunt 1.0, Waldron 1.0, Kearney 1.0, Hateley 1.0, Ryan 0.3, Bitman 0.2, Harris 0.1, Earl 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Dillon, Rosser, Pettingill, Seekamp, Oatey, Butchart, Woodcock. SOUTH: Jackman, Haines, Darley, Darcy, Coombe, Bracegirdle.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Carman (eye) by Bland, three-quarter time. SOUTH: Earl (groin) by Hunt, half-time, Jochinke (hamstring) by Waldron, three-quarter time.

REPORT—R. Porritt (Norwood), reported by central umpire P. Mead for allegedly kicking R. Hateley (SA) during the first quarter. UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

## ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	9,654
Elizabeth	11,709
Prospect	14,232
Thebarton	5,725
Alberton	8,334
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,654</b>
<b>SEASON TOTAL</b>	<b>371,826</b>
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	<b>362,328</b>

## NEXT ROUND

JUNE 2

Sturt v. Woodville (Adelaide).  
Port v. Glenelg (Alberton)  
Norwood v. Torrens (Norwood)  
North v. South (Prospect)  
West v. Centrals (Richmond)

## LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
D. Sachse (North)	3.1	7	30.23
Whelan (Sturt)	3.4	7	30.19
Voigt (Glenelg)	3.3	7	24.13
J. Cahill (Port)	2.2	7	23.17
Wickens (Glenelg)	2.4	7	21.18
Dittmar (South)	0.2	7	21.17
Carey (Glenelg)	1.0	7	21.14
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	1.0	7	21.13
James (Port)	2.0	7	21.8

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	6	1	1000	625	12	61.53
Sturt	5	2	803	635	10	55.84
North	5	2	783	651	10	54.60
Port	5	2	798	683	10	53.88
Norwood	4	3	758	743	8	50.49
Centrals	3	4	666	756	6	46.83
Woodville	2	5	792	884	4	47.25
Torrens	2	5	629	761	4	45.25
South	2	5	583	806	4	39.41
West	1	6	601	779	2	43.55

# ROOSTERS END BAY RUN IN TIGHT FIGHT

BY  SAM GALLAGHER

As told to Trevor Gill

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**North ended Glenelg's winning run at Prospect Oval in a game charged with the atmosphere of a final.**

With the scores locked together after a first half of the toughest and tightest football of the season, North produced some of their dual premiership form in a thrilling third term.

But the luck of the game went against the Tigers.

Their two most creative players, Cornes and Marker, were forced out of the game with injuries in the second half.

Cornes limped off the ground early in the third quarter, and Marker was confined to the forward pocket for most of the last two quarters.

But North deserve full credit for their match-winning third quarter into the steady breeze.

It was their third term effort which broke the Bay's resistance and carried North to victory.

North's success was based on control in four of the five key positions, and the speed of rovers Von Bertouch and Marsh.

Barry Robran won centre for the Roosters with a typical creative display. His opponent Hamilton was a consistent kick winner, but he failed to get the same value as Robran.

Robran was the only player, in the very tight game, who occasionally seemed to have time to spare.

Rovers Terry Von Bertouch and David Marsh

played an important part in the Rooster's win.

Coach Patterson played both in the diamond for the centre bounces to give North control of the ball when it hit the ground.

This tactic was particularly effective when North made their match-winning bid in the third quarter.

The speed of the two Rooster rovers gave North an impetus that the Bays found hard to match, despite a consistent effort from Rex Voigt.

Bob Hammond's great game in defence showed he is still the best full-back in the league

In the first quarter, with the Bays constantly in attack, Hammond repeatedly drove them out.

Rodney Robran, at centre half-forward, gave North's attack a pivot which the Bays lacked.

Glenelg never stopped trying and by sheer persistence fought to within 11 points, and a winning chance, in the last quarter.

But Robran's control at centre, and aerial superiority and backing up all over the ground, took North away to a convincing win.

I CALL IT AS I SEE IT ...



BY DOUG THOMAS WITH JOHN HEALEY

# Patto's men really got down to it

It's nothing new that you are as good in football as your opponents allow you to be.

And that—while it is perhaps simplifying the position a little—is why North ended the Glenelg run of wins and triumphed by 27 points at Prospect Oval yesterday.

## Bays had to knuckle under

Glenelg with their many tall men have been dominating the aerial duels this year and you could have bet that North coach Mike Patterson would do something about that.

The old Swamp Fox did, and what he produced is what almost gained South Australia, under his direction, a win over Victoria recently.

Patto obviously told his men to keep the ball on the ground whenever possible—and it paid off.

It paid off because he took one of his ruckmen out of the diamond at centre bounces and put in a second rover.

This year the team that has been getting the ball away from the diamond cleanly has been winning.

Until yesterday if Rooster big men Spry and Sporn had been paid a few dollars for every time they marked, kicked, or won a hit-out they would not have earned enough to feed a sick canary.

But this was their day.

When not able to take the ball cleanly they brought it down close to their bodies and let the North small fry burrow in for it.

**GLENELG** coach Kery, as frustrated as the Skylab people, couldn't do much about it.

He lost a wingman, Millard, in the opening few minutes and had to bring on a rover for the flank.

Then Knuckles lost a piece of equipment as valuable as some of the Skylab gear—the Blond Bombshell.

Cornes had to quit with an injury just after half-time. And he'd been probably the Tigers' best man.

Marker, who had been on the ball, had to be moved to a forward pocket after copping a nasty one in the face.

All the ifs and buts won't change the fact that North won and there's nothing to say that the result would have been different anyway.

But you've got to hand it to Patto. He must have felt it was finger-licking good.

**THEY** came in threes, and that applies to the embarrassments and

shocks of the past week — Washington and Watergate, the Conservatives and the call girls, and the taming of the Tigers.

Glenelg lost the game and they're not happy about it.

But it means the tension is off them to keep up a winning run. And they'll bounce back.

Donald Neil has been more than a mite generous lately in talking on television about his beaten opponents.

Nice bloke, Kerls, but I'm glad that after the Bays were rolled yesterday I wasn't invited to his home last night for a brandy and Coke.

He probably threw a party for his children — a packet of hundreds and thousands tossed into the wood heap.

**WE**'ve heard a lot about sub-standard football after the Torrens-South schmozzle.

Yesterday it was the other side of the coin—a high-class match between two good sides, and even though the heating system had failed in the Press box, I didn't want the game to finish.

**I**'VE given Neil Sachse a couple of decent bouquets in the past because of actions which penalised his side.

Against Glenelg he was THE stumbling block which repeatedly stopped the Bays' forward moves.

The only time Carey, at centre half-forward, saw the ball at close

quarters was in the dressing room in a pre-match warm-up.

**THERE** was more activity on the coaches' benches than in the corridors of the House of Lords.

Dennis Sachse, not known to be a Stawell Gift candidate, was switched from full forward to a half-forward flank, where the essentials are speed and turning ability.

Speed Dennis hasn't got and I thank one of the spectators for a phrase. He yelled: "Sachse on a flank! I've seen milk turn quicker."

**OUR** Australian rules clubs need all the help they can get — particularly the juniors.

So give a pat on the back to Marion Council, which has given Morphettville Park Club a fine oval — on what was formerly used for keeping excess soil — with \$22,500 worth of clubrooms and all facilities.

It's a most attractive ground, with much thought given to its preparation.

The result is that 120 lads have use of the oval — and for 12 years the club had been pushed round from pillar to post in search of a ground.

The club has three teams in Glenelg South Association.

**Memo** to other councils: What about it?

And how many councils have a sports committee? Marion has.

## GIVE KIDS A GO

**THE** adult admission charge (75 cents) at league grounds is for those over 16 — which can include high school students.

A caller pointed this out to me last week and made a valid point about the gap between juvenile and adult charges — 25 cents and 75 cents.

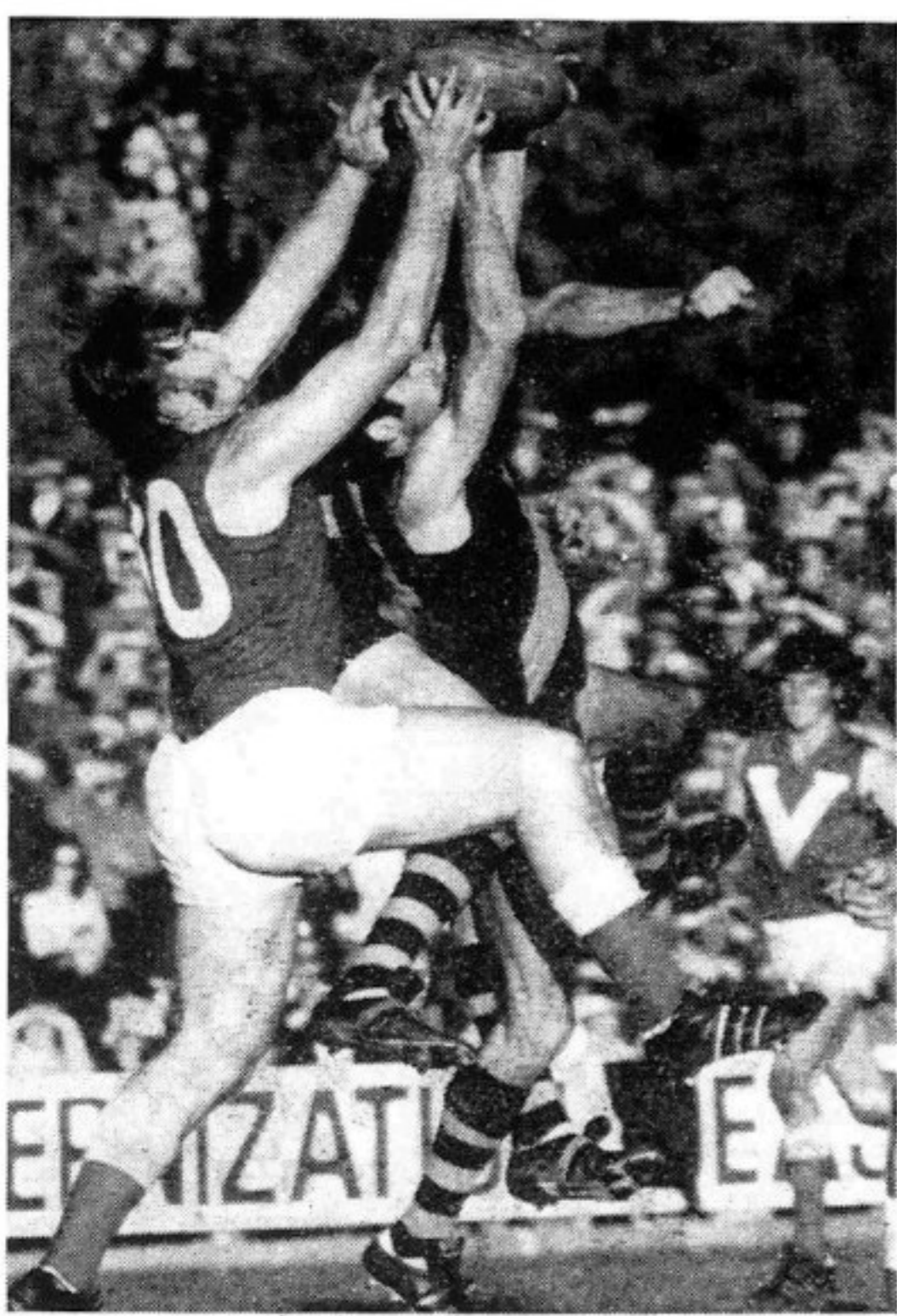
He has two sons under 16 and two over 16. So when he, his wife, and the boys go to a match it sets him back about \$5 by the time the afternoon has ended.

And this means he just can't afford to let the boys go every Saturday.

He suggested what seems a good idea, that there be junior member-

ship of the league with boys and girls at primary and high schools obtaining a season's badge — either from school or their league clubs — and paying, say, 15 cents (primary) or 35 cents at the oval on production of the badge. A new one would be issued each year.

With the rivalry of that other game in which they quaintly use their heads for kicking, this is one way of keeping the support of lads who will provide some of the league players and many of the patrons in the future.



**NORTH ADELAIDE'S** lumbering full-forward Dennis Sachse "sandwiches" a Glenelg player as he attempts to take this mark over Tiger Brian Colbey.