

SO NOW, A 3-WAY FIGHT

By Alan Shiell

Take your pick for this year's league football premiership — Glenelg, North, or Sturt.

On current form, it's looming as a three-way fight between those sides.

Shock losses to Port and Norwood in yesterday's ninth round emphasised that widely-held opinion.

Torrens crushed Port by 53 points at Thebarton, and Woodville beat Norwood by 10 points at Woodville.

The Magpies are in trouble.

Yesterday's loss was their third in the last four games—a fact which must be causing grave concern to the Port hierarchy.

Port lost to Norwood by 68 points in the sixth series, beat Woodville by 25 points, and lost to Glenelg by six points before yesterday's humiliation.

Torrens' win proved what everyone had suspected — the Eagles are a much stronger combination than five successive losses suggested earlier this season.

After North defeated Torrens by 35 points in the opening round, Rooster coach Mike Patterson told me: "They'll wipe out a few sides this year."

It has taken time — much too long for Bill Barrot's satisfaction — but Torrens now seem likely to bear out Patterson's prediction.

Fifth win

The Eagles have climbed into sixth position — four points (two wins) behind Port (fourth) and Norwood (fifth) — and cannot be underestimated as a final five proposition.

The same can possibly be said of Woodville, although they do not impress as much as Torrens at this stage.

The Peckers' success yesterday was their fifth win over Norwood at Woodville Oval. They previously won in 1965, 1966, 1968, and 1969.

Since they were admitted to the league competition in 1964, Woodville have beaten Norwood nine times in 23 meetings.

Glenelg's 66-point win over West at the Bay Oval was typical of the Tigers' vastly improved form this season.

And it dented any boost West gained from their 56-point win over Centrals yesterday week.

Glenelg full forward Fred Phillis took his league career goal tally to 501 in 153 matches since his debut in 1966.

Sturt did as they pleased in "killing" South by 97 points in a miserable game at Adelaide Oval.

It easily was one of the worst matches of the season, highlighting South's problems.

BAY WINGER INJURED

Glenelg wingman Colin Anderson pulled a hamstring muscle in yesterday's league game against West at Glenelg Oval.

He is unlikely to play against Woodville at the Bay Oval next Saturday. Anderson was replaced in the third quarter.

Glenelg follower Graham Cornes went off in the last quarter with a thigh injury.

TODAY'S LEAGUE DETAILS

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	6-7	11-10	14-16	17-20	122
West	1-3	2-6	6-9	7-14	56

SCORERS—GLENELG: Voigt 5.5, D. K. Phillis 3.3, Cornes 3.0, Bennett 2.0, MacFarlane 1.1, Wickens 1.1, Hamilton 1.1, Marker 1.0, Carey 0.4, Sandland 0.2, rushed 0.1. WEST: Verrier 2.0, Nicholson 1.2, Keddie 1.2, Hunt 1.1, Gurney 1.0, Leonard 1.0, Bamford 0.2, Kuhlman 0.2, Higgins 0.1, Loveday 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Hamilton, Voigt, Marker, Bennett, Colbey, Tregenza, Cornes, Tardiff. WEST: Papst, Kennedy, Keddie, Verrier, Kuhlman, Morris, Leonard.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: C. Anderson (hamstring) by Sandland in the third term. Cornes (thigh) by Marriott in the last term. WEST: Verrier (angle) by Higgins at three-quarter time. Kellett by Schapel in the last term.

UMPIRE—W. Noonan.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Tor.	4-3	10-5	13-8	15-12	102
Port	1-4	3-7	6-10	6-13	49

SCORERS—TORRENS: Mulvihill 5.3, Phillipou 4.2, Shallow 2.3, Roberts 2.1, Floreani 1.1, White 1.0, Faletic 0.1, rushed 0.1. PORT: Sorrell 2.1, J. Cahill 2.0, Grimwood 1.0, Tredrea 1.0, Cunningham 0.3, Woite 0.2, Natt 0.1, Ebert 0.1, Gerlach 0.1, Milde 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: McKenzie, Faletic, F. Bills, Mulvihill, Phillipou, Work, Floreani, Kelly. PORT: James, Cunningham, D. Cahill, Sorrell, Woite, Grimwood.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Puhle by Work (broken blood vessel in leg) in first quarter. Smart replaced by Fielke during last quarter. PORT: Haynes replaced by Spencer during last quarter.

UMPIRE—Murray Ducker.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Wdv.	1-3	7-8	10-11	12-13	85
Nwd.	2-7	3-11	7-16	9-21	75

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Doszna 3.0, Meuret 2.3, Blight 2.2, Ruth 2.0, Sewer 1.3, Brenton 1.0, Winstanley 1.0, Coudraye 0.2, Huppertz 0.1, Cummins 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Rosser 3.3, Schlein 2.1, Button 1.3, Coligan 1.2, Wynne 1.1, Woodcock 1.1, Pettingill 0.3, Seekamp 0.2, Olsen 0.1, Oatey 0.1, Menz 0.1, Packer 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS—WOODVILLE: Blight, Huppertz, Cox, Meuret, Winstanley, Ruth. NORWOOD: Taylor, Stasinowsky, Dillon, Seekamp, Wynne, Woodcock.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Olsen (cramp) by Gregg in last quarter. UMPIRE—Des Foster.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	6-5	11-10	15-13	20-19	139
South	1-0	3-3	4-6	6-6	42

SCORERS—STURT: Greenslade 4.3, Davies 4.1, Whelan 3.2, Barton 2.2, Ottens 2.1, Miels 2.0, Casey 1.2, Nunan 1.2, Bagshaw 1.1, Burgan 0.2, Graham 0.1, Howard 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Darley 2.0, Hateley 2.0, Darcy 1.1, Williams 1.0, Hunt 0.3, Jackman 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Davies, Greenslade, Burgan, Bagshaw, Graham, Winter, Howard. SOUTH: Coombe, Cock, Darley, Palmer, Hateley, Williams, Schultz.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Whelan (twisted ankle) by Goldsworthy in the final term. SOUTH: Jackman (forehead) by Cloonan in the final term, and Coombe (hamstring strain) by Quinn in the final term.

UMPIRE—Bob Jackson.

ATTENDANCES

ADELAIDE	6,356
GLENELG	9,296
THEBARTON	8,063
WOODVILLE	6,113

TOTAL	29,828
SEASON'S TOTAL	440,766

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	9	8	1	1222	775	16	61.19
Sturt	9	7	2	1079	759	14	58.70
North	8	6	2	893	700	12	56.05
Port	9	5	4	941	885	10	51.53
Norwood	9	5	4	926	914	10	50.32
Torrens	9	3	6	817	903	6	47.50
Woodville	9	3	6	959	1096	6	46.66
Centrals	8	3	5	742	888	6	45.52
South	9	2	7	674	1145	4	37.05
West	9	2	7	789	977	4	44.67

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Whelan (Sturt)	3-2	9	40-22
D. Sachse (North)	—	8	35-29
J. Cahill (Port)	2-0	9	30-20
Voigt (Glenelg)	5-5	9	29-19
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	3-3	9	28-19
Doszna (Woodville)	3-0	9	26-10
Wickens (Glenelg)	1-1	9	24-22
Carey (Glenelg)	0-4	9	23-18

TOMORROW

North v. Centrals.

NEXT ROUND

South v. West
Centrals v. Port
Glenelg v. Woodville
North v. Torrens
Sturt v. Norwood

West flounder after Tigers' power

Dominance in the centre diamond and complete control all over the ground gave Glenelg an overpowering 66-point win against West at the Bay yesterday.

The Tigers, with masterly attacking handball, left a floundering West Adelaide flat-footed in the onslaught.

From the first bounce, Glenelg showed a pattern of power play that left little doubt about the ultimate result.

West's centre diamond tactics were astray early and they made no attempt to solve the problem.

The Tigers enjoyed the luxury of the freedom and capitalised.

Ignoring the wind and rain, Glenelg revealed all

their skills and at times almost toyed with West.

I know I am giving the Blood 'n' Tar's the "cold shoulder" on yesterday's performance, but there was little merit in their game.

Won kicks

Hamilton starred at centre for the Tigers—he won the hard ball, kicking to advantage, and generally made the play at the pivot.

In opposition Keddie won plenty of kicks, but the majority were under pressure and were snared by the ever-alert Bay defenders.

The rebound created by Colbey, Wayne Phillis, and Peter Anderson not only dispirited West, but initiated torrents of Tiger attacks.

The entire Glenelg ruck complex — Tardiff, Tregenza, Marker, Cornes, Voigt, and Bennett — rivalled the Grenadier Guards for precision.

The Tigers hunted in packs and on each occasion players had a choice of team mates to pass.



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Glenelg's dominance in the first term—with five of their six goals to different players—typified their supremacy.

Interest centred on Glenelg's ace full forward, Fred Phillis, in the second term when he had a chance to record his 500th league goal.

But he booted the ball into the man from 30 yards directly in front.

His next chance came early in the third term

when he was freed hard against the left pocket boundary.

Phillis steered a check-side punt through to the lasting acclamation of Glenelg fans, and a small bunch of "worshippers" who invaded the arena.

Glenelg had many players who shone.

Apart from the versatile ruck combination, they also had Colbey at half-back, Hamilton (centre), Peter Anderson (full back), and wingman MacFarlane.