

SOUTH 'DARK HORSE'

Final five wide open

By Julian Swinstead

Centrals certainly did it yesterday.

They were not trying to, but they have thrown the final five wide open by losing to South.

Glenelg and Centrals, with seven wins and six losses each, are in fourth and fifth position respectively. Then with five wins and eight losses are North, Torrens and South.

What about South? They must be the dark horse for the final five.

WERE THEY REALLY IN FINAL?

Mighty have fallen

Only the names of the rivals were the same at the Bay yesterday when the teams of the magnificent 1973 grand final, Glenelg and North, scrambled and struggled with final five thoughts uppermost.

BY RAY BARBER

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-1	10-11	13-15	15-24	114
North	6-6	8-6	14-10	17-10	112

The Boys got home by two points and then North's third Sachse, John, as the players walked off the ground, deliberately kicked the ball into the crowd in frustration.

It was that sort of game. Either side could have won.

Glenelg deserved to win with the greater amount of play — 39 scoring shots to 27. North kicked two more goals (17 to 15) to support an argument that they should have won.

But the mistakes they made would never have been part of the name of the game in their illustrious 1973 season.

However, crumbs of comfort were seen by officials of both sides after the game.

IN HIS CHEEK

Glenelg coach Neil Kerley was thankful for those premiership points that put them two games ahead of North, Torrens and South.

With cheek slightly protruding Neil said: "Never in doubt. It was just a question of by how much." North president, John Blenden, a former fine half-back player for the Roosters, said: "We did well. There was much better application and attitude.

"We're only two games out of the five and North are still in it."

Glenelg's first quarter won them the game. They

kicked into the stiff north-westerly which had brought to North thoughts of nine goals to one or two when they kicked to the scoring (southern) end.

While North reaped a reasonable 6-6 the Tigers got enough movement to kick 4-1 and take their turn at the riches only 17 points down.

Glenelg captain, Peter Marker, had helped by playing loose in defence and supplementing the pressure put on North attacks.

It was natural for North to have the same idea going against the breeze and the most experienced player afield, Charlie Payne, filled a similar role in the second term.

He was so useful there that, combined with seven goals at full forward, Payne finished as best of the 36.

At half time Neil Kerley had scope to point out tactfully Glenelg had been able to come in only with a 17-point (margin), when the ticket was for much more.

The North rucks got more first touches at bounces and throw-ins, but Glenelg had more players running and consistently winning kicks for the better balance.

Finally, the Tigers' attack was more diversified with a wider spread of scorers.

I don't think this is over-reacting to yesterday's game at Adelaide Oval.

South beat Centrals by 15 points and it should have been more.

The Bulldogs had no heart in their play and were content to wait for South players to get the ball and then put in their cent's worth.

It was a poor display by Centrals and their one hope is that they couldn't possibly play that badly again.

Of course, South put them under pressure all day.

Centrals cannot afford another loss.

Next week they meet North—thank goodness it's at Elizabeth.

TURNABOUT

Being honest, AND an old Bulldog, I hope they bounce back with a vengeance.

Glenelg and North fought out a beauty in the tightest finish of the day.

The Tigers got home by two points—a real turnabout from the last time the sides met at the Bay. Then Glenelg won by 26 goals!

Both sides had trouble handling the gusty conditions and mistakes were the order of the day.

Woodville, after putting in a good first quarter and holding Sturt to a seven-point lead, compounded in the second term.

From the 16-minute mark to five minutes into the last term the Peckers could not score a goal.

Sturt ran out winners by 68 points.

Star Sturt ruckman Rick Davies left the ground at three quarter time, but is not injured.

Sturt coach Jack Oatey, said he had taken Davies off "to give him a rest."

To three quarter time Davies had snared 14 kicks, had 20 knock-outs, taken 11 marks and was easily best on ground.

Few would argue when I say Sturt will be minor premiers.

And with what price for premiers?



RICK DAVIES

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	8-8	11-11	14-15	16-21	117
Cent.	3-6	5-15	8-21	13-24	102

GOALKICKERS—SOUTH: Robbins 4.3, Keddle 4.2, Jackman 2.2, Davis 2.1, Bracegirdle 2.0, Earl 1.3, Schultz 1.2, Fuller 0.2, Coombe 0.1, Caesarowicz 0.1, rushed 0.4. CENTRALS: Saywell 5.0, Wylie 2.2, Reed 1.3, O'Connor 1.3, Ashmead 1.3, Norsworthy 1.2, Cropley 1.9, Casserly 1.0, Mobbs 0.6, R. Cochrane 0.2, Skinner 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: Bennett, Haines, Keddle, Robbins, Bracegirdle, Jackman, Young. CENTRALS: Morey, W. Cochrane, Thomas, Mobbs, Moore, Norsworthy.

REPLACEMENTS — SOUTH: Bracegirdle (cramp) by Ryan last quarter; Davis by Linke last quarter. CENTRALS: Johns (cramp) by Russell and Maksimovic by Cropley both at three quarter time.

UMPIRE—R. Bennet.

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	2-8	2-15	11-20	14-25	109
West	1-2	4-6	4-6	7-12	54

GOALKICKERS — NORWOOD: Woodcock 3.6, Thomson 3.3, Gregg 2.0, Wynne 1.4, Rosser 1.3, Button 1.1, Packer 1.1, Schlein 1.0, Dillon 1.0, Tye 0.2, Gallagher 0.2, Craig 0.1, Taylor 0.1, Poulter 0.1. WEST: Loveday 2.0, Kennedy 2.0, Grimwood 1.2, Hollick 1.1, Sheehan 1.0, Humphrey 0.2, Morris 0.2, Verrier 0.1, Drzal 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Woodcock, Packer, Gallagher, Poulter, Olsen, Thomson, Gregg. WEST: Hollick, Kulhmann, Groves, Kennedy, Grimwood, Humphrey.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Tye by Turbill, final quarter. WEST: Hail by Drzal, third quarter; Hagen by Summerton, final quarter.

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-5	5-10	13-16	16-20	116
Wood.	3-4	3-9	3-11	6-12	48

GOALKICKERS—STURT: Whelan 6.1, Schultz 4.2, Graham 1.4, Greenslade 1.3, Howard 1.3, Bagshaw 1.2, Davies 1.1, Klomp 1.0, Lloyd 0.1, Barton 0.1, Sims 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Heaven 2.1, Ettridge 1.0, Winstanley 1.0, Tyrell 1.0, Parker 1.0, Girardi 0.2, Maylin 0.2, O'Connor 0.1, Sewer 0.1, Cummins 0.1, rushed 0.4.

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Davies, Schultz, Howard, Bagshaw, Richardson, Nelson, Barton, Graham. WOODVILLE: Girardi, Maylin, Winstanley, Cummins.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Davies by Sims at three quarter time. WOODVILLE: Smith by Peters in third term.

UMPIRE—J. Caulfield.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-1	10-11	13-15	15-24	114
North	6-6	8-6	14-10	17-10	112

GOALKICKERS — GLENELG: Sandland 2.3, Caldwell 2.3, Wickens 2.3, Rawson 2.0, Marker 1.2, MacFarlane 1.2, Carey 1.2, F. Phillis 1.1, Dack 1.1, Tregenza 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Hodgeman 0.2, Voigt 0.1, rushed 0.4. NORTH: Payne 7.0, McInnes 2.2, N. Sachse 2.1, Eichner 2.0, Plurttmer 1.2, Schulz 1.1, Hearl 1.0, D. Sachse 1.0, Robinson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Caldwell, MacFarlane, Sandland, Bennett, Carey, Marker, Rawson. NORTH: Payne, Eichner, N. Sachse, Robinson, Marsh, Von Bertouch, Sporn.

REPLACEMENTS — GLENELG: Dack (knee injury) by Wickens early in third quarter, Voigt by Hodgeman in last quarter. NORTH: McInnes (leg), at three-quarter time by Webb.

UMPIRE—M. Ducker.

AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-4	6-13	8-17	15-21	111
Torr.	2-7	4-8	7-9	8-12	60

GOALKICKERS—PORT: Porplycia 4.2, Gerlach 2.4, Cunningham 2.2, Cahill 2.0, James 1.3, Northcott 1.1, Taylor 1.1, Marrett 1.1, Sorrell 1.1, Natt 0.1, Boston 0.1, Light 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: Roberts 4.1, Floreani 2.2, Mulvihill 2.1, Homan 0.1, S. Pavlich 0.1, M. Pavlich 0.1, F. Bills 0.1, McKenzie 0.1, Shallow 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Woite, Light, Cunningham, Cahill, Ebert, Porplycia. TORRENS: Dabrowski, Roberts, F. Bills, Shallow (until injured), Floreani, White.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Cunningham (shoulder) by Boston; Kingston by Natt, both in last term. TORRENS: Shallow (groin) by Graham, third quarter; S. Pavlich (heel) by M. Pavlich, final term.

UMPIRE—D. Foster.

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide Oval	5,619
Football Park	5,698
Unley Oval	6,008
Thebarton Oval	9,337
Glenelg	8,345
Total	35,007

PREMIERSHIP

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Sturt	12	1	—	1720	993	24	63.40	
Norwood	10	3	—	1605	1188	20	57.51	
Port	9	3	1	1608	1413	19	53.23	
Glenelg	7	6	—	1763	1471	14	54.51	
Centrals	7	6	—	1533	1372	14	52.77	
North	5	8	—	1335	1403	10	48.76	
Torrens	5	8	—	1285	1464	10	46.74	
South	5	8	—	1385	1743	10	44.28	
Woodville	3	9	1	1148	1718	7	40.06	
West	1	12	—	1055	1674	2	38.66	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Whelan (Sturt)	6-1	11	67-14
Sandland (Glenelg)	2-3	13	53-34
Loveday (West)	2-0	13	46-28
Saywell (Centrals)	5-0	13	44-20
Woodcock (Norwood)	3-6	13	41-40
Graham (Sturt)	1-4	13	40-39
Reed (Centrals)	1-3	13	40-23
Gerlach (Port)	2-4	13	38-30

NEXT WEEK

South v. Torrens, Adelaide
Port v. Sturt, Alberton
Centrals v. North, Elizabeth
Glenelg v. West, Glenelg
Norwood v. Woodville, Norwood
(Selected match at Football Park)