


GAME BLOODS JUST MISS

And Torrens turn it on

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West, desperately battling against all odds for a spot in the final five, gave league hotshots Sturt a shake-up at Football Park in yesterday's split round of matches.

The Bloods just failed to grab an upset win, going down by five points, 13-27 to 15-10, in a game marred by Sturt's poor kicking for goal.

And while things almost went astray at Football Park, Torrens recorded their first win for the season against Central Districts at Elizabeth.

The Eagles scored a mammoth 88-point win over the Bulldogs after losing 13 games in a row.

It was their biggest win at Elizabeth since they recorded a 47-point victory there in 1969.

In the only other game played yesterday Glenelg proved the masters of Woodville with a 111-point drubbing.

Star Glenelg big man Peter Carey bounced back into match-winning form

with a best-on-ground showing. Carey kicked 6-3 from 21 kicks and 12 marks with a great performance at centre half-forward.

IN DOUBT

But Glenelg could be without captain Peter Marker for next Sunday's Datsun Cup final against Sturt.

Marker has an injured ankle and club officials fear he may need to miss a game.

Woodville skipper John Girardi is another in

doubt. His injured shoulder ligaments will be X-rayed on Monday.

The Bays went to the top of the ladder after having played one more game than Norwood, but are likely to take the second spot if the Red-legs beat North at Prospect next week.

Glenelg have a greater percentage than Sturt, who lost ground in their fight against West.

Sturt's score of 13-27 against the Bloods was the

highest number of behinds they have kicked against West. It beats the 16-23 they scored earlier this year.

And their off-line kicking shows up even further when their combined scores this year are tallied.

The Blues notched 29-52, compared with West's 29-16.

West, who with Centrals, Torrens and Woodville will rest next week, could lose Glynn Hewitt with a recurrent hamstring injury.

RELENTLESS GLENELG OUT OF RUT

BY  PETER PRIME

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	10-7	15-13	21-22	30-26	206
Wood.	2-1	8-2	9-7	14-11	95

A well-oiled machine-like Glenelg mercilessly crushed a despondent Woodville at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

Glenelg, winners of one of their past four games, methodically and precisely outplayed the Peckers to end their mid-season rut, and again come into premiership contention.

Peter Carey was the architect behind the Tigers' win with a powerhouse display at centre half-forward. Back in his favorite position, the extraordinary Carey picked up 21 kicks, 12 marks, eight handballs, six hit-outs and 6-3 for the match as he cut Woodville's defence apart.

Slick handball, precision kicking and high marking was the order of the day as Kerl's Tigers put on 10-7 to a ragged Woodville's 2-1 for the opening quarter.

Woodville, who in many games this season have been in a winning position but have failed to kick on, were beyond comparison. While Glenelg outmarked, out-kicked and outran the Peckers, Woodville made mistake after mistake.

FROM THE CENTRE

When Woodville did attack they were held out by a close-checking, tough and compact defence. On the other hand, Glenelg streamed into attack with a systematic brand of football the Peckers failed to combat at any stage of the game.

Rebeck, Carey and Weston formed an effective and efficient half-forward line - able to find the open spaces of the small Glenelg Oval.

Glenelg easily won the centre square battle, getting the ball away with monotonous regularity.

Wayne Phillis was another headache for the Woodville camp, marking well around the ground and constantly protecting his smaller players with his body.

Woodville had few good men. Former Geelong player Graham Linke was by far their best, picking up kicks around the ground, but continually seeing them repulsed by Glenelg players.

Had it not been for resolute defence in the first quarter by Woodville's Tyrell, Glenelg's winning margin would have been far greater.

Stephen Copping, Peter Marker (until injured) and Peter Millard have Glenelg an important edge across centre and with live-wire rover Hodgeman controlling the packs, Glenelg maintained constant pressure.

One facet of Glenelg's game that no doubt disappointed coach Kerley was the Tigers' inaccuracy within range of goal.

Many times players failed to steady resulting in hurried shots.

Late in the final quarter, it was clearly evident Woodville lacked big man strength as the Tigers continued to dominate around the ground.

All in all, it was a game Woodville will want to forget.

ALL THE LEAGUE DETAILS

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	0-7	6-15	9-24	13-27	105
West	5-4	7-6	11-9	15-10	100

BEST PLAYERS - STURT: Klomp, Graham, Davies, Lloyd, Winter, Greenslade, Oatey. WEST: Grimwood, Buckley, Loveday, Morris, Beswick, Kennedy.

SCORERS - STURT: Whelan 2.4, Graham 2.3, Greenslade 2.2, Wild 2.2, Oatey 2.1, Klomp 1.8, Nunan 1.2, Howard 1.0, Davies 0.2, Heinrich 0.1, Lauder 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Morris 4.1, Buckley 3.0, G. Hewitt 2.1, Loveday 1.1, Gurney 1.1, Humphrey 1.0, Wheaton 1.0, Ravlich 1.0, Kennedy 1.0, D. Hewitt 0.2, Beswick 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS - WEST: G. Hewitt (hamstring) by Boston, third quarter, Wheaton by Ravlich, final quarter. UMPIRE - D. Foster.

AT GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	10-7	15-13	21-22	30-26	206
Wood.	2-1	8-2	9-7	14-11	95

BEST PLAYERS - GLENELG: Carey, W. Phillis, Copping, Rebeck, Weston, Hodgeman, D. Phillis. WOODVILLE: Linke, Rattley, Tyrell, Sewer, Winstanley.

SCORERS - GLENELG: D. Phillis 7.2, Carey 6.3, Rebeck 5.3, Hodgeman 3.5, Cornes 3.2, Weston 2.1, W. Phillis 2.1, Marker 1.3, Copping 1.1, Bennett 0.2, Rawson 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Roberts 3.2, Rattley 3.1, Brenton 2.1, Sewer 2.0, MacVicar 2.0, Tyrell 1.1, Hine 1.0, Linke 0.2, Winstanley 0.1, Maylin 0.1, Spry 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS - GLENELG: Bennett (bruised back) by Rady, half-time, Marker (twisted ankle) by Hamilton, three-quarter time. WOODVILLE: Girardi (shoulder) by Maylin, second quarter, Crane by Spry, last quarter. UMPIRE - L. Argent.

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY

North v. Norwood (Prospect Oval)
South v. Port (Adelaide Oval)

SUNDAY

Datsun League Cup Final: Sturt v. Glenelg (Football Park)

AT ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Tor.	2-7	8-11	12-16	22-20	152
Cent.	5-1	6-3	8-9	9-10	64

BEST PLAYERS - TORRENS: Faletic, Noonan, Pickle, Wallace, McKenzie, Dare, White. CENTRALS: Skinner, Campbell, Norsworthy, Maksimovic.

SCORERS - TORRENS: Noonan 7.1, Raggatt 4.2, Faletic 2.3, Cassin 2.3, Forbes 2.2, Hank 2.2, Wallace 1.3, Fielke 1.2, Homan 1.1, Dare 0.1. CENTRALS: Reed 3.3, Skinner 2.0, Norsworthy 1.3, Nicks 1.1, Maksimovic 1.0, McKay 1.0, Casserly 0.1, Moore 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS - TORRENS: Cassin (thigh) by Hank, second quarter; Raggatt (ankle) by Mead last quarter. CENTRALS: Krieg (concussion) by Rae third quarter. Ashmead by Johns, three-quarter time. UMPIRE: R. Bennet.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	14	11	3	2023	1352	22	59.94
Sturt	14	11	3	1687	1157	22	59.32
Norwood	13	11	2	1539	1227	22	55.64
Port	13	8	5	1597	1387	16	53.52
North	13	7	6	1490	1529	14	49.35
Centrals	14	6	8	1411	1622	12	46.52
West	14	5	9	1427	1605	10	47.06
South	13	4	9	1255	1584	8	44.21
Woodville	14	4	10	1279	1766	8	42.00
Torrens	14	1	13	1374	1853	2	42.58

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	7-2	12	74-29
Reed (Centrals)	3-3	12	55-28
Whelan (Sturt)	2-4	14	54-30
Graham (Sturt)	2-3	14	45-39
Hodgeman, (Glenelg)	3-5	14	43-31
Dillon (Norwood)	—	13	42-25
Cahill (Port)	—	13	37-36
Hill (North)	—	12	35-22