

Glenelg pushed—but so what?

BY  TERRY WILLIAMS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	3-2	8-5	11-7	16.14	110
Sturt	2-2	5-8	8-13	12.16	88

ALL LEAGUE DETAILS

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-3	6-9	8-17	12-26	98
Cent.	2-5	7-6	10-9	11-15	81

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Stevenson, Hayes, Grimwood, Kennedy, Beswick. **CENTRALS:** R. Cochran, Vivian, Zorola, Mobbs, Norsworthy. **SCORERS — WEST:** Hewitt 5.3, Kennedy 3.0, Hayes 1.4, Buckley 1.6, Gurney 1.3, Hamilton 1.0, Wheaton 0.5, Beswick 0.2, Grimwood 0.2, rushed 0.1. **CENTRALS:** Reed 4.3, Mobbs 2.1, Hughes 2.0, Norsworthy 1.2, Skinner 1.2, Ashmead 1.0, Vivian 0.2, Clarke 0.1, Nicks 0.1, Maksimovic 0.1, McKay 0.1, rushed 0.1. **REPLACEMENTS — WEST:** Boston (cramp) by Hamilton and Kellett (cramp) by Thiele both in last quarter. **CENTRALS:** Chiron (concussion) by Rae second quarter. **UMPIRE — R. Bennet.**

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	6-4	8-8	12-15	17-21	123
South	3-2	8-4	11-9	13-12	90

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Dillon, Gallagher, Turbill, Woodcock, Craig, Poulter, Rix. **SOUTH:** Robbins, Jackman, Young, Hines, Coombe, Keddle. **SCORERS — NORWOOD:** Turbill 5.1, Roberts 3.2, Dillon 2.5, Woodcock 2.4, Menz 1.2, Nicholson 1.2, Pettingill 1.1, Rosser 1.0, Gallagher 1.0, Poulter 0.3, Craig 0.1. **SOUTH:** Young 5.0, Jackman 4.2, Keddle 2.0, Davis 1.1, Robbins 1.1, A. Bennett 0.3, Hines 0.1, Coombe 0.1, Baker 0.1, rushed 0.2. **REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD:** Kerley (knee) by Menz at half-time; Zubrinich (leg) by Packer at three-quarter time. **SOUTH:** Cutting by Baker in third quarter, Goodwin by Hateley in last quarter. **UMPIRE — C. Steinert.**

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-3	15-7	20-8	26-13	169
Wdv.	4-2	4-5	6-9	10-14	74

BEST PLAYERS — PORT: Ebert, Gerlach, Wolte, Taylor, Natt, Porplycia, Cahill, Kinnear. **WOODVILLE:** Fowles, Richter, Richards, Linke, Roberts, Ruth. **SCORERS — PORT:** Gerlach 11.4, Cahill 5.1, Taylor 2.1, Kinnear 2.0, Wolte 1.3, Whatman 1.1, Porplycia 1.1, Ebert 1.1, Light 1.0, Tredrea 1.0, James 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Boyanich 4.3, Roberts 2.2, Brenton 1.2, MacVicar 1.1, Ruth 1.1, O'Connor 1.0, Richter 0.1, Fowles 0.1, rushed 0.3. **REPLACEMENTS — PORT:** Evans (heavy knock) by Burton, second quarter; Ede (eye) by Milde, third quarter. **WOODVILLE:** Sewer (toe), by Roberts, third quarter; O'Connor by Maylin, final quarter. **UMPIRE — W. Noonan.**

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	6-4	12-7	21-9	135
Torr.	5-3	11-5	13-8	17-9	111

BEST PLAYERS — NORTH: Robinson, Stringer, B. Robran, McInnes, Hill, TORRENS: Faletic, Wallace, Inglis, Cousins, Cassin. **SCORERS — NORTH:** Sandland 5.1, Kirk 3.1, Kloke 3.1, Plummer 3.0, Marsh 1.1, Myles 1.1, Hill 1.1, Gum 1.0, McCann 1.0, B. Robran 1.0, Eatts 1.0, rushed 0.3. **TORRENS:** Mulvihill 5.0, Fielke 3.0, McKenzie 3.0, S. Pavlich 2.1, Cassin 2.0, Wallace 1.1, Kluzek 1.0, Faletic 0.2, Keast 0.2, Inglis 0.1, rushed 0.2. **REPLACEMENT — NORTH:** Eatts by McCann, TORRENS: White by Kluzek. **UMPIRE — R. Scholefield.**

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Glenelg	4	—	578	335	8	63.31	
Centrals	3	1	465	347	6	57.27	
Sturt	3	1	500	400	6	55.56	
West	3	1	422	455	6	48.12	
Norwood	2	2	446	430	4	50.91	
North	2	2	445	510	4	46.60	
Port	1	3	466	463	2	50.16	
South	1	3	414	457	2	47.53	
Woodville	1	3	383	515	2	42.65	
Torrans	—	4	370	577	—	39.07	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	6-2	4	26-8
Reed (Centrals)	4-3	4	22-13
Whelan (Sturt)	4-1	4	20-6
Gerlach (Port)	11-4	4	15-11
Sandland (North)	5-1	4	14-13
Cahill (Port)	5-1	4	14-9
Hewitt (West)	5-3	4	12-8
Norsworthy (Centrals)	1-2	4	12-7

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	7,348
Prospect	8,892
Richmond	6,811
Woodville	8,316
Football Park (Friday)	36,053
Total	67,420

NEXT ROUND

Torrans v. Centrals, Football Park.
 Port v. South, Adelaide Oval.
 Norwood v. North, Norwood Oval.
 Sturt v. West, Unley Oval.
 Woodville v. Glenelg, Woodville Oval.

SUNDAY MAIL, April 27, 1975.

So the Bays were put to the test against Sturt on Anzac Day?

So they are no certainties for the '75 premiership pennant... and Sturt nearly caught them late in the last quarter.

So what's all the fuss about? Of course Sturt were going to push Glenelg to their limits. The Tiger victory is no indication that Kerley's tearaway Tigers are going to have it all their own way. Last year's grand finalists played only as they knew how — to win.

Both sides were nit hard before the game started with shock omissions. And when Tardif sprained an ankle at a centre bounce late in the second term the Bays were in for more strife. They were forced into even more changes — but don't forget Glenelg have been playing without their top ruckman Bob Tregenza. Their followers should be used to doing that little bit extra. In any case Glenelg were not getting a great deal of drive from their rucks. Sturt were winning the bounces but the brilliant

IT HAD TO BE TOUGH

Peter Marker was snaring the ball for the Bays at centre and Caldwell, playing another great game, was doing likewise around the ground. If Sturt had not got drive from Michael Graham, and Lloyd the result could have been even worse for the Blues. Obst was holding an out-of-touch Whelan, Voigt made few mistakes and young Weston, into the game after Rawson dropped out, did his share. **HARD TIME** Sturt could forget their wings. Just the same, the Bays were in trouble at centre

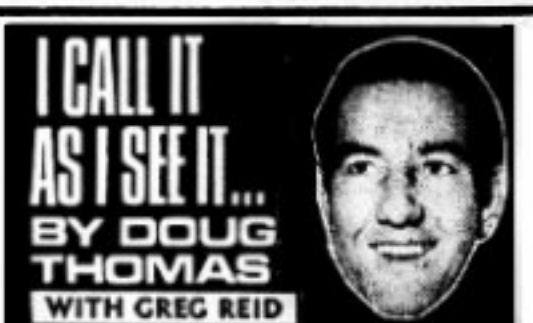
half-forward where Nelson gave Carey a hard time. Bruce Winter must rank highly for the Blues — despite Fred Phillis' six goals. The "old master" — for he is now that — has once again won the hearts of all loyal Glenelg fans. His confidence is back. His straight shooting is back. One goal from the half-forward flank brought back memories of 1969 and his Magarey Medal. One thing is certain from Friday's game: The other eight teams will need to play very well just to keep in touch with South Australia's league masters.

NO-ONE WILL TOPPLE THE BAYS THIS YEAR

It's been a long time since a side has gone through a season undefeated.

I know it takes a brave man to tip that any side will achieve this feat, but my tip is that the Bays will do, just that this year.

Friday's game was a bottler, and I was pleased to see that Sturt pushed Glenelg the whole way. I know both sides had players out through injury—Glenelg lost Jim Rawson and Peter Anderson, while Sturt were without the services of the best ruckman in the State, Rick Davies. The Blues don't miss Davies only at the centre bounces, they miss his brilliance and creativity all around the ground. I thought that when Sturt got within three points of Glenelg in the final term we might see the Tigers toppled. But, as has been their pattern throughout the year, they came back strongly to run out convincing winners. The final five is still wide open—but the top two berths have been taken, by Glenelg and Sturt, and the only interest now is who can fill the other three spots. I know it is early in the season, but for my money it will be a Sturt-Glenelg grand final, with the Tigers running out winners.



ONE big lesson came from Friday's game — a lesson which must be learnt by other sides if they want to topple Glenelg and Sturt—handball is a winner.

I was one of Robert Oatey's strongest critics in his coaching days with Norwood for making the Redlegs overdo handball. However, the way both these top sides throw the ball around is unbelievable. At one stage on Friday, with the Bays in full flight, it seemed Wayne Phillis had left his boots at home. He continually handballed, and on every occasion it set up a loose man, and with players streaming down the ground I thought I was at a rugby league game, with a line of players attempting to score a try. The effectiveness of handball can be seen in statistics each week. Winning sides are using twice as much handball as the losers. Glenelg and Sturt have now set the standard which other clubs will have to reach if they are to get to the top. I can sound only one note of warning — Richmond, dubbed the unbeatables in Victoria, were found wanting against the heavy bodywork and ferocious tackling of Hawthorn. Some say that Hawthorn don't play pretty football, and that the handball and slick moving game is better to watch. However, this sort of approach was recently summed up by Glenelg's Neil Kerley who said: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

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Glenelg's resources tested to limit

By MIKE COWARD

Glenelg defeated Sturt by 22 points yesterday but found out that it has no divine right to the 1975 premiership.

Sturt had enough chances to win the memorable encounter in front of 36,053 ecstatic followers at Football Park.

Midway through the last quarter it gamely fought to within three points of Glenelg.

For the first time this year, Glenelg, which all day had many of its big guns out of action, lost its composure and was nervously on the defensive.

Sturt sensed it had its quarry cornered, but was unable to make the kill.

But it so easily could have. Sadly, Mike Graham, who had played marvellously, chose that moment to kick out on the full. And only a moment later, Ken Whelan, who was way below his best, did the same.

Glenelg swept the ball forward and Fred Phillis sensationally and instinctively handballed over his shoulder to Neville Caldwell. He kicked his fourth goal and effectively ended the Sturt rally.

Glenelg was heartened by the effort and with renewed verve went forward repeatedly in the last 10 minutes to add a further 2.2 to Sturt's two points.

Glenelg's victory was a tribute to its resources when all seemed lost. It relied purely on faith, its run and its record.

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Sturt	2.2	5.8	8.13	12.16	(88)

Glenelg began to make heavy going of the assignment late in the second term when big Rob Tardif sprained an ankle and hobbled to a forward pocket.

He did not reappear in the second half and a lifeless Peter Carey, who had been well beaten by Phil Nelson, was summoned to aid Wayne Phillis.

Tardif's misfortune, provided Greg Wild with the psychological lift he urgently needed.

Splendidly supported by Trevor Sims — an 11th hour replacement for Rick Davies who is still favoring an ankle — he became a formidable opponent.

He immediately involved Mick Nunan, the best rover afield, who in turn involved Mike Graham and Brendon Howard who by then had changed places with Robert Klomp.

But in the face of the most savage barrage, youngsters Paul Weston — called in at the last minute to replace the injured Jimmy Rawson — and Peter Obst and experienced Rex Voigt, stood firm.

If Sturt's attacks weren't launched from within the square, they came from half-back where Tony Lloyd was supreme, and Nelson always efficient.

They certainly didn't come from the wings where John MacFarlane had been magnificent, until his frail frame could

not withstand any more punishment.

Tony Burgan and Brenton Miels would prefer to forget the whole affair. They should be grateful they had Lloyd, Nelson, Bruce Winter and the courageous and powerful John Murphy to rely on.

And Glenelg should be just as grateful it has captain Peter Marker in such devastating touch.

He engineered nearly all of its positive thrusts, and, as usual, won an extraordinary number of hard balls. He is an inspiration to the side.

Much of the desperation rubbed off on to his team-mates who collectively have brought a new dimension to defensive techniques with their blocking and smothering. They might not have been good enough to attack, but they showed a lot of courage and purpose in defending.

The game was of a high standard despite the confusing exhibition of umpire Des Foster, who made far too many obvious mistakes for such a grand occasion.

Any doubts that Glenelg and Sturt are not the best outfits in the competition were dispelled yesterday.

Goalkickers — Glenelg — D. Phillis, 6.2; Caldwell, 4.1; Rebeck, 1.3; Cornes, Marker, 1.2; C. Anderson, Copping, 1.1; Bennett, 1.0; Tardif, Hodge-man, 0.1. Sturt — Graham, 4.4; Whelan, 4.1; Nunan 2.1; Wild, 1.2; Sims, 1.1; Greenslade, 0.3; Klomp, Barton, Howard, Murphy, 0.1.

BEST — Glenelg — Marker, Weston, Obst, Voigt, W. Phillis, MacFarlane. Sturt — Lloyd, Murphy, Graham, Wild, Nelson, Sims.
 Umpire — D. Foster.

Yesterday's stars

A. Lloyd (St.)	3
P. Marker (G)	2
J. Murphy (St.)	1