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CENTRALS' TURN TO TUMBLE

By Julian Swinstead

Last week it was West's turn—and yesterday Centrals tasted the sour medicine.

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. Cochrane, Vivian, Zorloa, 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, Woite, Taylor, Natt, Porpycia, Cahill, Kinnear. **WOODVILLE:** Fowles, Richter, Richards, Linke, Roberts, Ruth.

SCORERS — PORT: Gerlach 11.4, Cahill 5.1, Taylor 2.1, Kinnear 2.0, Woite 1.3, Whatman 1.1, Porpycia 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	
Torrens	—	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	6,892
Richmond	8,811
Woodville	8,316
Football Park (Friday)	36,053
Total	67,420

NEXT ROUND

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

Centrals' hopes crashed as they went down by 17 points to West in a slogging game.

That left Glenelg the only undefeated side with four wins. Then come Centrals, Sturt, West and Norwood.

It was the first time Centrals had journeyed from Elizabeth Oval this season. Next week they meet Torrens at Football Park and have a chance to break the away-from-home bogey.

Port look like they're back in business after a crushing win over the improved Woodville side.

Norwood won well over South but it was costly. Victorian recruit Stephen Kerley left the field at

half-time with a knee injury and could miss next week's game against North.

Kerley went down just before quarter time and was in the hands of six trainers when the siren sounded. John Menz replaced him.

South also suffered a blow when champion former VFA player Graham Robbins got a corked thigh.

Robbins, who was rated best afield, dropped out of the game in the last quarter. But he should be right next Saturday.

Woodville's dashing wingman Ralph Sewer injured a big toe during the clash against Port and limped off at half-time.

He will find out how serious the injury is when the toe is X-rayed tomorrow.

Glenelg pushed—but

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

so what?

IT HAD TO BE TOUGH

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


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 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 Peter Marker was snaring

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	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

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

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."

TWO weeks ago I mentioned that the boys from West Adelaide were a little upset about the \$500 return they received from a trial game against West Torrens.

THE BAYS THIS YEAR

I CALL IT AS I SEE IT...
BY DOUG THOMAS
WITH GREG REID



This week Torrens' chairman, Wayne Jackson, a man I respect as a person and a player, was quickly on the dog-and-bone to set the record straight.

For starters, it seems that all the people who entered the ground didn't pay because of a lack of gatekeepers.

Also Wayne informs me that the \$500 sent to West Adelaide was only a guaranteed amount — it appears that there is more money on the way.

The air has been cleared between the two clubs now, a step which can only do good for SA football.

It looks as if those television adds of mine asking "Am I ever wrong?" might have got me into a bit of trouble in this case.

LEAGUE clubs seem to be going further and further in their efforts to recruit young players.

In fact, I don't know where they are going to stop — perhaps they'll start signing up kids in the cradle.

I heard this week from former West Adelaide and State star, Glyn Williams, whose son, Michael, is proving to be a really good footballer.

Glyn and family live on the border between Colingwood and Fitzroy in Melbourne.

Thirteen-year-old Michael put up a good showing last week in an Under 14s game and immediately father Glyn had both clubs on his doorstep attempting to sign up the boy.

Both clubs wanted to get Michael to train with them, and were offering very attractive propositions—as I said they might yet get as far back as the cradle.