

PORT'S TURN TO TAKE LEAD

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	1-2	7-6	7-10	11-16	82
Sturt	2-5	4-6	5-7	8-11	59

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Nicholson, Seekamp, Rosser, Taylor, Gregg, Button, Woodcock.
STURT: Miels, Graham, Nunan, Lloyd, Burgan, Howard, Sims.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Seekamp 3.2, Michal-anney 3.0, Poulter 2.1, Taylor 1.1, Nicholson 1.0, Dunstan 1.0, Woodcock 0.2, Zubrinich 0.1, Gallagher 0.1, Parke 0.1, Dillon 0.1, Rosser 0.1, rushed 0.5.
STURT: Greenslade 4.1, Nunan 2.1, Schultz 1.1, Leonard 1.0, Burgan 0.1, Howard 0.1, Pettingill 0.1, Davies 0.1, Heinrich 0.1, Graham 0.1, Klomp 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD: Kerley (corked thigh and hit on nose) by Dillon, third quarter.
STURT: Leonard (flu) by Heinrich, third quarter; Graham (thigh) by Sanders, last quarter.
UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

ADELAIDE OVAL

South	3-4	7-10	12-13	15-22	112
Torr.	6-1	8-2	10-2	12-5	77

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: Minnis, Hines, Baynes, Reimann, Mousley, Schultz, Cox.
TORRENS: White, McKenzie, Floreani, Inglis, Hank, Homan.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Bennett 4.3, Collins 4.0, Baynes 2.4, Schultz 2.1, Cox 1.3, Young 1.2, Hines 1.2, Robbins 0.2, Minnis 0.1, Cock 0.1, rushed 0.3.
TORRENS: Inglis 3.0, Hank 2.3, Lyons 2.1, Floreani 2.0, Faletic 1.0, Forbes 1.0, Green 1.0, Rivers 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — SOUTH: Collins by Sando third quarter; McInnes by Schneebichler last quarter.
TORRENS: Abraham (shoulder) by Kelly third quarter; Virgin by Alexander last quarter.
UMPIRE—Ron Stennett.

WOODVILLE OVAL

Cent.	1-9	6-13	12-19	14-23	107
Wood.	2-1	6-3	6-4	10-8	68

BEST PLAYERS — CENTRALS: R. Cochrane, Wilson, Norsworthy, Beythien, Wanganeen, Vivian.
WOODVILLE: Girardi, L. Twelftree, Cummins, Sewer, Richards, MacVicar.

GOALKICKERS — CENTRALS: Wilson 4.3, Reed 4.3, Saywell 2.2, Wyley 1.3, Norsworthy 1.1, Krieg 1.0, Price 1.0, Mobbs 0.5, Skinner 0.2, Wanganeen 0.1, Heinrich 0.1, rushed 0.2.
WOODVILLE: L. Twelftree 3.0, Richards 2.1, Roberts 2.0, B. Twelftree 1.0, Cummins 1.0, Maylin 1.0, Mulvihill 0.2, Harvey 0.1, Girardi 0.1, Heaven 0.1, Flynn 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—CENTRALS: Wyley by Swinstead and Price by Zorich in final quarter.
WOODVILLE: Nicholls (thigh) by Heaven in third quarter, Stemper (knee) by Hutton in final quarter.
UMPIRE—D. Foster.

GLENELG OVAL

Port	2-4	7-9	10-11	16-12	108
Glen.	5-3	7-7	13-8	13-10	88

BEST PLAYERS — PORT: Cahill, Cunningham, Porplycia, Ebert, James, Natt, Whatman.
GLENELG: Weston, Copping, Lihou, Marker, MacFarlane, D. Phillis.

SCORERS — PORT: D. Cahill 5.2, Whatman 5.1, Cunningham 3.1, Kozlowski 1.2, Porplycia 1.0, Broderick 1.0, G. Phillips 0.2, Jackman 0.2, rushed 0.2.
GLENELG: D. Phillis 6.0, Rebbeck 1.4, McInerney 1.2, Hodgeman 1.1, Copping 1.1, Obst 1.0, Caldwell 1.0, Johnston 1.0, Marker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — PORT: Broderick by Verrier at three-quarter time.
GLENELG: Carey (ankle) by Johnston at quarter time, Obst by Rady during final quarter.
UMPIRE—Bob Scholefeld.

RICHMOND OVAL

West	0-5	9-11	13-14	19-17	131
North	3-3	3-4	3-6	8-7	55

BEST PLAYERS. — WEST: Stevenson, Grimwood, Gurney, Beswick, Donaldson, G. Hewitt.
NORTH: Doszna, R. Robran.

SCORERS. — WEST: Gurney 5.0, G. Hewitt 4.1, Meuret 2.1, Kennedy 2.0, Pierson 1.3, Stevenson 1.2, Grimwood 1.2, Hollick 1.1, Summerton 1.0, Ravlich 1.0, M. Williams 0.2, D. Hewitt 0.1, rushed 0.4.
NORTH: Doszna 2.2, Sandland 2.1, R. Robran 1.1, McCann 1.1, Plummer 1.0, Baruzzi 1.0, Roach 0.1, Diorio 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — WEST: Buckley by A. Williams and Pierson by Ravlich both last quarter.
NORTH: Howard (back) by Roach quarter time; Sporn by McCann last quarter.
UMPIRE—R. Charlesworth.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	9	3	1426	1182	18	54.68
Sturt	8	4	1406	1052	16	57.20
Glenelg	8	4	1581	1237	16	56.10
Norwood	8	4	1410	1118	16	55.78
West	7	5	1259	1070	14	54.06
South	5	7	1310	1368	10	48.92
Centrals	5	7	1049	1379	10	43.20
Woodville	4	8	1195	1429	8	45.54
North	4	8	1138	1516	8	42.88
Torrens	2	10	1123	1546	4	42.08

By Alan Shiell

Port's climb up the league football premierships table climaxed yesterday when they stole top position from Sturt, who had pinched it from Glenelg last week.

The Magpies have won eight of their last nine matches and look sufficiently well-equipped to make their boldest bid for the flag since their 1965 grand final win.

They steamrolled Glenelg at the Bay Oval yesterday with a dramatic last-quarter resurgence which saw them outscore the Tigers 6-1 to 0-2.

A crowd of 13,742 watched Glenelg stumble to their second successive defeat and fourth in the past seven matches.

At Football Park, 13,031 spectators witnessed Norwood's 23-point victory over Sturt.

Norwood have now drawn level on points with Sturt and Glenelg, and the battle for the minor premiership is likely to develop into a boots-and-all affair over the remaining nine rounds.

The final five may be decided, already, but at least we can look forward to a magnificent finals' series, with Port, Sturt, Glenelg, and Norwood all fancying their premierships prospects.

Woodville and North ruined their hopes of taking fifth position from West by their losses yesterday.

Only South and Centrals remain as contenders for West's spot.

Yesterdays total attendance of 36,080 was an indictment of the drawing power of the lower clubs.

South, Torrens, West, North, Centrals, and Woodville attracted only 9,307 spectators between them.

The Woodville Oval figure of 2,301 would be laughable if it were not so sad.

OBVIOUS

Aggregate crowd for the first 12 rounds this season is 469,813 — 19,555 down on the comparative figure for last season (excluding Datsun Cup matches).

But this year's draw has included three split rounds so far. There was only one split round in the first 12 series last season.

Maybe the cold, blustery conditions prevented the 40,000 mark being reached yesterday.

Whatever, and even allowing for South Australians being fair-weather supporters, it is now more painfully obvious than ever that the six bottom clubs are not pulling their weight in terms of crowd figures.

It is a powerful argument for proponents of an eight-team competition.

Port and Norwood at Football Park will be THE star attraction next Saturday.

The old rivals will pack 'em in, as only they know how.

North half-back Alan Howard was admitted to hospital after being concussed against West at Richmond yesterday.

WHATMAN STEERS PORT HOME

Robert Whatman kicked four final term goals from right forward pocket to give Port Adelaide a 20-point win over Glenelg.

Whatman, who had only nine kicks to three-quarter time, exploded in the last quarter to help Port turn a 15-point three-quarter-time deficit into victory.

Port did not play brilliant football apart from a late burst in the second term and from the 15-minute mark of the final term.

Port coach John Cahill said after the game the Magpies had not played well.

"We scratched around for most of the game but played good football in the final term. It's great to get the two points on the board," he said.

Glenelg did not help themselves.

They dominated for most of the first half, but allowed Port to kick three goals in the time-on period of the second term to lead by two points at half-time.

SCRATCHERS

The Magpies' smaller players, Darrell Cahill, Brian Cunningham, and Andy Porplycia were the "scratchers" who burrowed in all day to keep Port alive.

Glenelg were in control on the wings early in the game, through John MacFarlane and Stephen Copping, and with dynamic Kym Hodgeman bobbing up everywhere continually drove the ball into attack.

Poor kicking for goal did not help Glenelg at this stage — but worse was to come.

The Tigers, kicking with the wind in the third term, cleared away to lead 15 points at the final change.

After a lucky bounce Whatman was able to goal 15 seconds into the final term to reduce the margin to nine points.

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PROBLEMS

Glenelg steadied and Adrian Rebbeck, the Bay half-forward flanker, had two easy chances to goal but muffed both.

Port's confidence lifted and the Bays appeared to falter, began playing from behind and losing the run of the ball.

The Maggies swept aside their opponents and added five goals in 10 minutes to race to a 20 point victory.

However, Port have their problems. With Randall

Gerlach's trouble, his absence has left a hole in the Port forward line and Cahill would be looking for a quick return of Tim Evans and Peter Stephens.

Broderick and Kozlowski did not give full value today and Port had to rely firstly on Darrel Cahill, then finally Whatman to kick their goals.

Cahill was a magnificent player all day, only overshadowed by Glenelg's Paul Weston for best on the ground.



THE captains collide . . . Magpie skipper Russell Ebert almost has a spectacular flying head scissors on his Tiger counterpart Peter Marker at the Bay yesterday. After an even three quarters, Ebert got the edge in the last term when Port raced away with the game. — Picture by Dennis Rogers.