

PORT SET FOR FLAG

By Alan Shiell

Round 13, 1976

Port are clear-cut favorites for the 1976 league football premiership, following their humbling of last year's premiers Norwood at Football Park yesterday.

Having won nine of their past 10 games, the Magpies have left no doubt they have the necessary skill to go with their renowned aggression.

Victory over Sturt at Unley next Saturday could well clinch the minor premiership for Port. After the Sturt match,

Port play North, Woodville, Torrens, West, and South before fronting up to Sturt and Norwood in the last two series.

Port are almost at full strength. Their line-up will be complete when they have Tim Evans fit again and back at full forward.

Port's other problem spot — centre half-forward — is likely to be disputed by Peter Stephens and Ian Verrier.

Stephens kicked four goals from full forward after replacing David Grainger in the first quarter at Football Park yesterday.

Verrier handled centre half-forward competently enough yesterday after some mediocre displays in a number of positions this season.

Apart from Port's destruction of Norwood, only

other significant result in yesterday's thirteenth round was South's 38-point win over West at Adelaide Oval.

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It provided a much-needed lift for the competition and kept alive South's hopes of ousting West from fifth position in the final five.

Draw for West and South in the remaining eight series is:

WEST: Woodville, Glenelg, Sturt, Centrals, Port Norwood, North, Woodville.

SOUTH: Centrals, Sturt, Glenelg, Norwood, North, Port, Centrals, North.

Centrals are clinging to a slim hope of getting fifth

spot ahead of West and South.

Norwood, only one win clear of West, are in grave danger of missing first, second, or third position at the end of the minor round.

The Redlegs may have to be content with playing in the cut-throat elimination final against West, South, or even Centrals.

Bleak weather conditions yesterday's total attendance, which was only 29,100.

Considering the biting-cold wind and rain, it was a tribute to the drawing power of Port and Norwood that they could attract 16,802 to Football Park.

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-3	4-6	10-10	12-10	82
Nwd.	0-2	0-6	1-10	6-15	51

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: James, Ebert, Woite, Cunningham, Cahill, G. Phillips, Ede, Whatman, Stephens. **NORWOOD:** Rosser, Wynne, Seekamp, Taylor, Stasinowsky.

SCORERS—PORT: Stephens 4.0, Whatman 3.0, G. Phillips 1.3, Cunningham 1.1, Cahill 1.0, Jackman 1.0, Kinnear 1.0, Porplycia 0.1, Marrett 0.1, rushed 0.4. **NORWOOD:** Seekamp 2.1, Poulter 1.3, Taylor 1.2, Woodcock 1.2, Gallagher 1.1, Michalanney 0.2, Nicholson 0.1, Craig 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Grainger (ankle) by Stephens, first quarter; Woite (ankle) by Milde, last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Zubrinich (ankle) by Rix, second quarter; Kerley by Dunstan, last quarter.

UMPIRE—Des Foster.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-4	6-10	11-15	15-16	106
West	4-5	5-9	7-13	9-14	68

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Minnis, Doyle, Cox, Young, Schultz, Reimann, Baynes. **WEST:** Donaldson, Hollick, Meuret, Beswick, Grimwood, Pierson.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Bennett 4.4, Young 3.0, Baynes 2.3, Cox 2.3, Robbins 2.1, Collins 1.1, Minnis 1.0, Hateley 0.2, Doyle 0.1, Fuller 0.1. **WEST:** Pierson 4.4, Williams 2.2, Grimwood 2.1, Meuret 1.1, Hollick 0.2, Buckley 0.2, Donaldson 0.1, Gurney 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Cobb by Keddie, three-quarter time; Fuller by Schneeblecher, final quarter. **WEST:** Gurney by Munn, Summerton by Storch both in final quarter.

UMPIRE—Bob Schofield.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	3-3	6-8	11-11	18-16	124
Torr.	2-6	7-7	8-10	15-12	102

BEST PLAYERS — CENTRALS: Krieg, Nicks, Saywell, Skinner, Norsworthy. **TORRENS:** Green, White, Faletic, Hank, Cousins.

SCORERS — CENTRALS: Saywell 6.3, Reed 5.1, Skinner 3.3, Wylie 1.4, Krieg 1.2, Vivian 1.1, Mobbs 1.0, Wilson 0.1, Norsworthy 0.1. **TORRENS:** Faletic 3.2, Dabrowski 3.0, Hammill 3.0, Rivers 2.1, Pavlich 2.0, Floreani 1.2, Green 1.2, Cassin 0.2, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS — CENTRALS: R. Cochrane (severe concussion) by Koch third quarter; Price by Swinstead last quarter. **TORRENS:** Manouge (groin) by Haxmill and Kelly (back) by Berry both lost quarter.

UMPIRE — Rick Charlesworth.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-5	4-7	9-11	14-15	99
Wdv.	2-3	4-5	6-8	8-9	57

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Davies, Leonard, Barton, Numan, Sims, Greenslade. **WOODVILLE:** Maylin, Cummins, Girardi, Ruth, Sewer, L. Twelftree.

SCORERS — STURT: Bagshaw 5.1, Barton 4.2, Heinrich 2.0, Casey 1.3, Miels 1.1, Wild 1.1, Burgan 0.2, Greenslade 0.1, Pettingill 0.1, Davies 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE —** Ruth 4.2, Sewer 3.1, Hutton 1.1, Harvey 0.2, Maylin 0.1, Twelftree 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — STURT: Howard (ankle) by Heinrich first quarter. **WOODVILLE:** Sewer (ankle) by Heaven and B. Twelftree by Fowles, both last quarter.

UMPIRE — Jim Field.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	1-5	6-7	12-9	17-16	118
North	3-4	5-5	9-9	9-10	64

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Weston, Paech, Rawson, Copping, McFarlane, Hodgeman, Anderson. **NORTH:** Barruzzi, Doszna, Eatts, Crouch, Plummer, Muller.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Anderson 5.0, Holst 2.4, D. Phillis 2.2, Copping 2.2, Caldwell 2.0, McInerney 1.2, Cornes 1.2, Hercocok 1.1, Hodgeman 1.1, McFarlane 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORTH:** Doszna 5.1, Eichner 2.1, Crouch 1.2, Diorio 1.0, Hill 0.3, Robran 0.1, Eatts 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — GLENELG: McInerney by Marriotti, third quarter; Weston by Pollard, final quarter. **NORTH:** Marsh (hamstring) by Roach, third quarter.

UMPIRE—Ron Stennett.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
Michalanney (Norwood)	0-2	13	52-29
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	2-2	12	50-24
Pierson (West)	4-4	13	48-39
Bennett (South)	4-4	13	45-30
Whelan (Sturt)	—	9	44-25
Gerlach (Port)	—	11	39-27
Reed (Centrals)	5-1	13	39-13



A HEAD ABOVE THE REST

THE picture tells the story. Glenelg's Colin Anderson was a head above the rest at the Prospect Oval yesterday. The Glenelg full forward was in fine form and finished with five goals for the day. This was only equalled by North Adelaide's Michael Dozna. Anderson marked this ball above teammate Bob Paech, an unidentified North Adelaide player and Bohdan Jaworskyj

—Picture Kevin Bull

THREE QUICK GOALS AND TIGERS SEW UP GAME

It took Glenelg three quarters to wear down North Adelaide at Prospect yesterday. In the end determination was not enough for North.

In the Rooster dressing room before the game coach, Mike Patterson, had a blackboard with a number of points chalked in.

Such things as being first to the ball, picking up the crumbs, tackling hard and fast and being desperate, not just trying hard, were the things he wanted his players to remember.

The Roosters did all those things, but finally Glenelg showed too much assurance and skill and ran away with the game easily.

SEWN UP

It was the first seven or eight minutes of the final quarter that sewed up the match for Glenelg.

Three quick goals put paid to any chance North had.

But the turning point came earlier in the match, when Neil Kerley made what turned out to be the winning move.



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He rearranged his forward line, swinging Fred Phillis out from goals to half-forward flank, Chris Hercocok across to centre half-forward, and Colin Anderson into the goals.

The positional changes let all three into the game — Phillis and Anderson in particular.

IMPASSABLE

North full-back, John Plummer, had held his position well until then, but Anderson finished the biggest scorer for the Bays with five goals without a miss.

But to credit these three players with the Glenelg win would be wrong.

Paul Weston — impassable at centre half-back until he left the ground with a chest injury — ruckman Bob Paech and winger Stephen Copping, also had a good deal to do with the result.

If Paech had done nothing else but win the knocks all day as he did (19 times he sent the ball down to his rovers from the ball-ups and throw ins) he would have done his job.

But he also had 15 kicks and half a dozen handballs.

North's ruck counterpart, Kenton Muller, did his job too, but was not the influence Paech proved to be.

On the wings, Stephen Copping was dashing, firing the ball forward consistently despite a slow start.

North's wingman of the day was John Baruzzi.

Unlike Copping, he was in it from the outset and when North were in attack it was often because Baruzzi had put them there.

After the game Neil Kerley said he was happy once his charges began to fire.

"We had a bad start," he said.

He paused and then said: "Or have it the other way — North started well."

They did too, but did not have the goods to keep it up.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	10	3	1508	1233	20	55.02	
Sturt	9	4	1505	1109	18	57.57	
Glenelg	9	4	1699	1301	18	56.63	
Norwood	8	5	1461	1200	16	54.90	
West	7	6	1327	1176	14	53.02	
South	6	7	1416	1436	12	49.65	
Centrals	6	7	1173	1481	12	44.20	
Woodville	4	9	1252	1528	8	45.04	
North	4	9	1202	1634	8	42.38	
Torrens	2	11	1225	1670	4	42.31	

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	16,802
Adelaide Oval	3,840
Elizabeth Oval	3,047
Prospect Oval	2,757
Woodville Oval	2,654
Total	29,100

NEXT WEEK

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