

WHERE DID YOU GO?

By Alan Shiell

Where have all the footy fans gone?



Despite perfect weather, for the second successive Saturday, the total attendance at yesterday's matches was again below 40,000.

The five matches drew an aggregate crowd of only 38,819.

Last week's opening round attracted 39,150 spectators.

The figures are below the first two rounds (played on successive Saturdays) last season — 43,329 and 45,810.

It is a disturbing fact for the South Australian National Football League that, after only two rounds, crowds are already down 11,170 on last season.

Last year was not a good one for crowds compared with previous record seasons.

Victorian Football League attendances make SA's look even more dismal.

About 144,000 people saw the six VFL matches yesterday.

Final figures for all games were not available late last night but Melbourne and Footscray drew a crowd of 34,241 to the Melbourne Cricket Ground and an estimated 30,000 spectators watched the Essendon-Carlton match.

Biggest crowd yesterday was 16,426 at the Glenelg-Port battle at Adelaide Oval — still a popular venue with all football followers.

Football Park, which has yet to gain complete acceptance from many fans, had a crowd of only 12,671 at the Glenelg-Sturt game last week.

Unley Oval, which provided the shock upset yesterday, hosted only 9,915 spectators, and Tebarton Oval's attendance almost defies comment — a miserable 2,794.

GLENELG back pocket Rex Voigt (above) stands over Port rover Brian Cunningham after colliding heavily with him in the first quarter at Adelaide Oval. **MIDDLE:** A trainer attends to Cunningham and another hurries to his aid. **BELOW:** Cunningham is revived, but he left the field soon after with slight concussion.

BAYS RE-WRITE HISTORY

Glenelg rewrote another piece of football history in demolishing Port by 88 points at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

The Tigers' 27-17 (179) was the highest score ever kicked against the Magpies.

It beat by six points Sturt's 26-17 (173) against Port at Unley in 1974.

It beat by 17 points Glenelg's previous highest score against Port — 25-12 (162) at Football Park in the 1974 preliminary final.

It beat by 14 points Glenelg's previous highest winning margin over Port — 74 points at Alberton in 1950 when the scores were Glenelg 17-16 (118) to Port 6-8 (44).

However, it was not Port's biggest losing margin.

Torrens defeated Port by 111 points at Thebarton in 1948 — 22-16 (148) to 4-13 (37).

Immediately after yesterday's game, Glenelg were claiming an Australian record for the most number of handpasses in a match.

Their tally of 183 was four fewer than they had against Centrals at the Bay Oval last season when they kicked a record 49-23 (317) to Centrals' 11-13 (79).

AVALANCHE

A total of 183 handpasses to Port's 62 sums up the story of the Tigers' runaway victory.

As Port coach John Cahill, looking as if he had aged 10 years, said in the dressing room after the game: "Glenelg players had more confidence in each other and were always up with the ball."

"We were much too hesitant. It was a very disappointing effort."

Glenelg coach Neil Kerley, trying to play it cool, but barely able to resist, the smile on his face, said: "We used the ball a lot better than Port and

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found our players. "We were always up with the ball and moving it on quickly."

"Our defence has improved this season. Paul Weston, at centre half-back, has given us a big boost."

It was a magnificent first quarter; one of the fastest and tightest you could wish to see.

Port led by five points at quarter-time and the winner was well hidden.

Glenelg went a long way towards clinching their second successive win by out-scoring Port 6-4 to 1-0 in the second quarter.

CONFIDENCE

The Magpies clung to the Tigers in the third quarter with both teams scoring 3-4, and Glenelg still leading by 29 points at the last change.

Then came an amazing avalanche of goals which swept Port aside just as Sturt were cast off when Glenelg kicked 12-9 in the second quarter at Football Park in the opening round.

Glenelg rammed on 13-6 while Port mustered only 4-1.

Rarely have Port suffered such embarrassment.

It was a stunning performance by Glenelg, one which proved, if proof

were needed after their 58-point defeat of Sturt the previous week, just what a powerful side they are.

Port had a few players who got into the act with any consistency — rover Darrell Cahill, wingman Kym Kinnear, and half-forward Andy Porplycia, who roved after Brian Cunningham walked off groggily in the first quarter.

Glenelg had dominant players everywhere, with follower Graham Cornes, centreman Peter Marker, and centre half-back Weston being particularly outstanding.

Cornes, who will be a more consistent player this season, and Marker are in rare touch (they also shone against Sturt), and Weston, a youngster of enormous potential, has a mortgage on the key defensive post for as long as he wants.

Colin Anderson was a big success at centre half-forward, Adrian Rebeck, a great opportunist, snared five goals, and Fred Phillis, at full forward, gathered seven goals with a minimum of fuss.

Kerley didn't say it (thankfully), but that grand old coaches' cliché "it was a great team effort" suited the Tigers to a T.

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	7-6	11-12	17-15	117
West	3-2	7-6	12-8	13-13	91

BEST PLAYERS. — NORTH: B. Stringer, Hill, Marsh, Sandland, Baruzzi, R. Robran, Plumber, Howard. WEST: Morris, Gurney, Pierson, Grimwood, Humphrey, Hayes.

SCORERS. — NORTH: Sandland 5.5, Hill 3.3, Marsh 3.0, Roach 1.1, Payne 1.1, W. Stringer 1.1, Gum 1.0, Cloke 1.0, Schmidt 1.0, R. Robran 0.1, Baruzzi 0.1, B. Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Morris 5.0, Pierson 4.2, Grimwood 2.2, Ravlich 2.1, Kellett 0.3, Hollick 0.2, Humphrey 0.1, Summerton 0.1, Gurney 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — NORTH: Cloke and Anderson by Schmidt and Muller, last quarter. WEST: Williams and Ravlich by Hamilton and Kellett, last quarter.

UMPIRE.—Des Foster.

AT UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-2	10-10	15-14	21-20	146
Norw'd	2-5	6-5	8-9	12-11	83

BEST PLAYERS. — STURT: Davies, Bagshaw, Nunan, Howard, Miels, Nelson, Lloyd, Sanders. NORWOOD: Taylor, Wynne, Nicholson (until injured), Dunstan, Pope.

SCORERS. — STURT: Whelan 6.2, Casey 4.1, Davies 3.1, Graham 2.2, Nunan 2.2, Leonard 2.1, Wild 1.1, Burgan 1.1, Miels 0.2, Greenslade 0.2, Bagshaw 0.1, Howard 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORWOOD: Dunstan 4.1, Wynne 3.2, Michalanne 1.2, Poulter 1.0, Nicholson 1.0, Seekamp 1.0, Woodcock 1.0, Dillon 0.3, Craig 0.1, Rosser 0.1, Button 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — STURT: Oatey (hamstring) replaced by Leonard in first quarter, Nunan (bruised ribs) by Greenslade in last quarter. NORWOOD: Nicholson (head) by Olsen and Rosser (leg) by Thiel, both at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE: Bob Scholefield.

AT THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	3-2	7-3	13-8	18-16	124
South	5-3	8-11	9-13	12-16	88

BEST PLAYERS. — TORRENS: Floreani, Inglis, Raggatt, G. White, Noonan, McKenzie. SOUTH: Doyle, Young, Robbins, Bennett, Reimann, Cox.

GOALKICKERS. — TORRENS: Raggatt 5.1, Noonan 4.5, Inglis 3.1, Faletic 2.1, Cassin 2.0, Floreani 1.1, Verrall 1.1, Goetz 0.4, Hank 0.1, G. White 0.1. SOUTH: Bennett 5.1, Young 2.3, Hines 2.0, Cox 1.3, Linke 1.0, Schneebichler 1.0, Fry 0.3, Keddie 0.2, Schultz 0.2, Doyle 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — TORRENS: P. Cousins (concussion) by Nicholls third quarter, Goetz by Green last quarter.

UMPIRE — Trevor Thomas.

AT ADELAIDE OVAL

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BEST PLAYERS. — GLENELG: Cornes, Marker, Weston, C. Anderson, Voigt, Rebeck, Rawson, D. Phillis, MacFarlane, Hodgeman. PORT: Cahill, Kinnear, Porplycia.

GOALKICKERS. — GLENELG: D. Phillis 7.0, Rebeck 5.3, Cornes 3.2, C. Anderson 3.1, Hodgeman 2.2, Marriott 1.2, McInerney 1.2, Caldwell 1.2, Marker 1.1, MacFarlane 1.1, Copping 1.0, Carey 1.0, Millard 0.1. PORT: Cahill 3.1, T. Evans 3.0, Whatman 2.1, Kinnear 1.1, Marrett 1.1, Porplycia 1.0, Burton 1.0, Woite 1.0, Light 1.0, Natt 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS. — GLENELG: Croser (ankle), by Obst and McInerney by Marriott both in last quarter. PORT: Cunningham (concussion), by Hynes, first quarter.

UMPIRE — Laurie Argent.

AT ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	2-3	10-11	14-13	18-18	126
Wdvil.	5-2	8-2	14-4	15-6	96

BEST PLAYERS. — CENTRALS: Skinner, Norsworthy, Vivian, R. Cochrane, Beythien, Boehm, Wyley. WOODVILLE: Richards, Linke, Brenton, Maylin, Tyrrell.

SCORERS. — CENTRALS: Reed 6.0, Norsworthy 3.6, Wyley 3.1, Maylin 2.3, Mobbs 1.2, Vivian 1.1, Skinner 1.1, Krieg 1.0, Beythien 0.3, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Briant 4.2, Sewer 3.0, Ruth 2-1, Holland 2.0, Parker 1.1, Richards 1.1, Cummins 1.0, Maylin 1.0, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — CENTRALS: Mobbs by Russell, Crockford by Price during last quarter. WOODVILLE: Ruth by Crane at three-quarter time; Smith (concussion) by Roberts, final quarter.

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	2	—	318	172	4	64.90
Norwood	1	1	292	230	2	55.94
Woodville	1	1	234	193	2	54.80
West	1	1	213	192	2	52.59
Sturt	1	1	227	222	2	50.56
Torrens	1	1	199	210	2	48.66
Centrals	1	1	198	220	2	47.37
Port	1	1	215	251	2	46.14
North	1	1	201	300	2	40.12
South	—	2	155	262	—	37.17

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Pierson (West)	4-2	2	12-5
Raggatt (Torrens)	5-1	2	10-3
Woodcock (Norwood)	1-0	2	9-1
Sandland (North)	5-5	2	8-8
Evans (Port)	3-0	2	8-1
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	7-0	2	8-0
Michalanne (Norwood)	1-2	2	7-5
J. Brenton (Woodville)	4-2	2	7-3
Reed (Centrals)	6-0	2	7-0

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	4,892
Adelaide Oval	16,426
Unley Oval	9,915
Elizabeth Oval	4,792
Thebarton Oval	2,794
Total	38,819

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Norwood v. Port, Football Park.