

MAIL FOOTBALL...FIRST FOR FOOTBALL

LEAGUE DETAILS

AT FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-3	8-11	13-13	17-18	120
North	5-5	8-6	11-9	12-13	85

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Hodgeman, Marker, McFarlane, Caldwell, Carey, Weston, Cornes, Rawson. NORTH: R. Robran, B. Stringer, Sandland, Marsh, Howard, Hill.

SCORERS — GLENELG: F. Phillis 5.3, Caldwell 3.2, Anderson 3.1, Hodgeman 2.3, Marker 2.1, Copping 1.1, McInerney 1.1, Cornes 0.2, Marriott 0.1, Carey 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Sandland 4.2, Hill 2.2, W. Stringer 2.1, Schmidt 1.2, B. Stringer 1.0, Cloke 1.0, Muller 1.0, Roach 0.2, Baruzzi 0.1, McCann 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — GLENELG: Marriott by Lihou three quarter time; McFarlane by Paech last quarter. NORTH: Baruzzi (bruised thigh), by Schmidt and Schlein by Eatts, both in last quarter. UMPIRE—Trevor Thomas.

AT UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-3	10-10	13-14	15-19	109
Wood.	3-6	4-6	7-6	13-8	86

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Howard, Davies, Whelan, Leonard, Graham, Klomp. WOODVILLE: MacVicar, Holland, Stemper, Sewer, Ruth, Tyrrell.

GOALKICKERS — STURT: Whelan 6.5, Barton 2.2, Leonard 2.0, Graham 1.2, Klomp 1.2, Howard 1.0, Miels 1.0, Wild 1.0, Casey 0.3, Davies 0.2, Bagshaw 0.2, Hunt 0.1. WOODVILLE: Sewer 4.0, Richards 3.0, MacVicar 2.0, Holland 1.3, Cailotto 1.1, Roberts 1.0, Girardi 1.0, Ruth 0.1, Brenton 0.1, Parker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WOODVILLE: Cailotto by Eckhold in final quarter. UMPIRE — L. Argent.

AT RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	8-4	12-7	16-10	17-18	120
South	2-4	7-10	9-12	13-14	92

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: G. Hewitt, Gurney, Humphrey, Hollick, Meuret, Grimwood. SOUTH: Young, Reiman, McInnes, Doyle, Greenwood, Fry.

SCORERS — WEST: Pierson 4.4, G. Hewitt 4.3, Gurney 3.0, Grimwood 2.0, Humphrey 1.2, Hollick 1.1, Morris 1.0, Kennedy 1.0, Summerton 0.2, Meuret 0.1, Buckley 0.1, Hayes 0.1, Ravlich 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Young 4.1, Bennett 3.2, Doyle 2.1, Robbins 1.2, Linke 1.1, Keddle 1.0, Schultz 1.0, Hatley 0.2, Baynes 0.2, Cox 0.1, Minnis 0.1, Hines 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WEST: Kennedy (thigh) by Ravlich during third quarter. Morris by Kellett last quarter. SOUTH: Cox by Miller three-quarter time and Linke by Fuller during last term.

REPORT — R. Doyle (South) reported by boundary umpire C. Miller for allegedly striking L. Humphrey with a clenched fist during the third quarter. UMPIRE: Peter Mead.

AT THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	2-2	7-6	12-13	16-14	110
Tor.	3-3	6-7	10-10	13-15	93

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRALS: Skinner, McKay, Wyley, Vivian, Reed, Beythien. TORRENS: McKenzie, Cassin, White, Nicholls, Noonan, Azzopardi.

SCORERS — CENTRALS: Reed 4.3, Wyley 4.1, Saywell 3.4, Skinner 2.1, Vivian 2.0, Krieg 1.0, Beythien 0.2, Mobbs 0.2, R. Cochrane 0.1. TORRENS: Noonan 4.2, Raggatt 3.4, Homan 2.1, Paletic 1.2, Hank 1.1, White 1.0, Brice 1.0, Cassin 0.2, Verrall 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — CENTRALS: W. Cochrane (back) by Nicks first quarter, Mobbs (shoulder) by Price last quarter. TORRENS: Alexander (groin) by B. White third quarter, A. Forbes (back) by Brice last quarter. UMPIRE: Bob Scholefield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
				For	Agst.		
Glenelg	3	3	—	438	257	6	63.02
West	3	2	1	333	284	4	53.97
Sturt	3	2	1	336	308	4	52.17
Centrals	3	2	1	308	313	4	49.60
Norwood	2	1	1	292	230	2	55.94
Woodville	3	1	2	320	302	2	51.45
Torrens	3	1	2	292	320	2	47.71
Port	2	1	1	215	251	2	46.14
North	2	1	2	286	420	2	40.51
South	3	—	3	247	382	—	39.27

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Pierson (West)	4-4	3	16-9
Raggatt (Torrens)	3-4	3	13-7
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	5-3	3	13-3
Sandland (North)	4-2	3	12-10
Whelan (Sturt)	6-5	2	12-7
Reed (Centrals)	4-3	3	11-3

WEAK FOOTY, POOR CROWD

GLENELG WON— BUT DON'T BRAG

Glenelg beat North by 35 points at Football Park, but it was not the sort of win to brag about.

BY RAY BARBER

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-3	8-11	13-13	17-18	120
North	5-5	8-6	11-9	12-13	85

It was, in fact, a game the Glenelg hierarchy and their fans will find difficult to remember when it comes to finals time.

For North, their consolation prize was that they shook the daylight out of the undefeated league side for half the game.

But over the whole game, Glenelg were a much more competent band with a far sounder spread of good players.

The Bays (rather than Tigers) were only a pale shadow of their all-conquering start against Sturt and Port, who finished fourth and third respectively last season.

Glenelg seemed more affected by the holiday atmosphere than North. The Roosters pestered with pace in the first half when they led by eight points (not enough with the handy breeze to the southern end) and trailed by only five points at half-time.

The Bays became more like Tigers after a tongue-lashing by coach Neil Kerley at the long break.

Glenelg were put on their wrong leg early by the approach and tackling tenacity of the opposition.

It was to former Glenelg forward John Sandland that North directed a down-the-middle attack.

And there was North support from Trevor Hill, who could become one of the best half-forward flankers in the game.

But it was not so evident in the last half when North could register only 4-7 to Glenelg's 9-7.

Peter Carey showed up the lack of experience in the North rucks and rover Kym Hodgeman, after a quiet start, gradually began to bring the Bays' big guns into action.

Hodgeman finished with 23 kicks, 20 handballs and joined the goalkicking with 2-3 to be best afield.

Glenelg should have "killed off" the game in the second quarter with their first use of the breeze. But they left their accuracy back at Brighton road — kicking only four goals from 12 scoring shots.

They got away from North in the third term, but the Roosters came back at them again to get within 16 points for the run home.

SUPERIOR ATTACK

Then a far superior attack—North booted only one goal in the last term, and that was by reserve Greg Schmidt—set the seal.

There were status duels between Peter Marker-Barry Stringer and Rodney Robran-Collin Anderson to stimulate the sparse attendance (8,401).

Marker and Stringer, playing wide apart, were big aids while Anderson, after a strong second quarter, was tamed by Robran.

Glenelg have now beaten North in their past eight meetings—their biggest sequence against them.

BLAME MUST BE SHARED

BY ALAN SHIELL

Four sub-standard league football matches got what they deserved yesterday — a paltry total attendance of 20,689.

South again failed to attract a crowd of 3,000. They have drawn only 8,766 spectators to their first three games against Woodville, Torrens, and West.

Those three clubs also must share the blame for the hefty fall-off in attendances in the first three rounds this season.

Woodville have drawn only 12,530, Torrens 13,003, and West 13,408.

This might all sound a repeat of the poor crowd figures revealed on this page last week.

It is not meant to put the boots into the clubs or the South Australian National Football League, but merely to point out some hard facts.

"Be positive, not negative." SANFL officials might argue.

Well, there was not much of a positive nature to come out of yesterday's third series, in which all four games were criticised for being lack-lustre affairs below the standard expected at league level.

Norwood and Port should attract a crowd of 15,000-20,000 to Football Park tomorrow.

And the traditional rivals can be expected to put on a show worthy of such a figure.

Norwood, Port, Glenelg, and Sturt will give you value for your \$1.50 admission, at least when they are playing against each other.

Sadly, the other six teams have still to prove they have made any significant improvement from last season.

Under the proud heading "Most Even Start In League History," the Football Budget yesterday carried a lead story which said in part: "... this year's five is wide open.

"Of last year's finalists, only Glenelg, at this stage look certain for 1976." Oh yeh!



ABOVE: The action was really on at Football Park yesterday. Glenelg's John McFarlane was being hotly pursued by North's David Marsh while Greg Schlein and North's Barry Stanton, their fitness instructor, look on.



LEFT: The man putting the brakes on North Adelaide's Wayne Stringer is Glenelg's Peter Carey. Big Peter wasn't quite as fast as Wayne on the occasion and grabbed the nearest thing, his guernsey. It didn't quite work though, Stringer was soon on his way after pulling free.

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	8,401
Richmond Oval	2,943
Thebarton Oval	4,636
Unley Oval	4,709
Total	20,689

NEXT ROUND

SATURDAY APRIL 24
Port v. Sturt, Football Park
Woodville v. West, Adelaide Oval
Centrals v. South, Elizabeth Oval
North v. Torrens, Prospect Oval
MONDAY APRIL 26
Norwood v. Glenelg, Football Park

BY GUM... what a mark! North's Gary Gum really put Glenelg high flier Graham Cornes under the hammer when they came to grips at Football Park. Cornes, striving to spoil, gave all he had, but still couldn't make it any more tougher for the Rooster wingman. Peter Millard is the Tiger on the turf.—Picture by Ray Titus.

