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SOUTH TRIUMPH!

Life is back in league

By Alan Shiell

South, who, in recent years have taken more knocks than a punch-drunk boxer, suddenly are the saviors of the league football competition.

Haydn Bunton's Panthers are pounding towards the top five and, in the process, have injected much-needed interest into the premiership table.

South continued their giant-killing feats in yesterday's ninth round by toppling Norwood, last year's premiers, by five points in a thrilling finish at Adelaide Oval.

It was the third time in the past four games that South had humbled one of the top five teams of last season.

They stunned Sturt by 11 points at Unley in the fifth series, and shocked Glenelg by 33 points at Adelaide Oval in the seventh round.

In between the Sturt

and Glenelg triumphs, South thrashed Torrens by 80 points at Adelaide Oval.

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But, unaccountably, based on their showings against Sturt and Glenelg, the Panthers bowed to North by 35 points at Prospect last week.

Yesterday, however, South put their slick, new-look game together again, much to Norwood's surprise.

Now we wait anxiously for South's next big test—Port at Adelaide Oval next Saturday.

The match is of sufficient importance to draw a crowd of at least 15,000.

South don't need to toss Port to still be regarded as worthy final five contenders.

But, by golly, if they can beat the Magpies, there is a very real chance Bunton's boys will be gracing Football Park in September.

West, of course, has other ideas after their 82-point trouncing of Centrals at Richmond yesterday.

West would be firmly installed as favorite for at least fifth position in the final five—if it had not been for South's spectacular resurgence.

Norwood, with only five wins, are in some difficulty.

They can probably kiss goodbye their hopes of again winning the minor premiership.

The Redlegs, like Glenelg, Sturt and Port, have a tough draw and cannot afford to drop matches against sides below them on the premiership table.

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Port, Tor.

BEST PLAYERS. — PORT: Cahill, Ebert, Cunningham, G. Phillips, Woite, James. TORRENS: G. White, Green, Dabrowski, Faletic, Hank.

SCORERS. — PORT: Gerlach 6.4, Cahill 4.3, G. Phillips 3.5, Whatman 3.2, Cunningham 3.1, Jackman 2.1, Porplycia 1.2, James 1.1, Kinnear 0.2, Natt 0.1, Light 0.1, Kozlowski 0.1, N. Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Inglis 3.0, Manouge 2.2, McKenzie 2.1, Florean 2.0, Hamill 2.0, Faletic 1.4, Green 1.2, Pavlich 1.1, G. White 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS. — PORT: Verrier by Kozlowski, Ede by N. Phillips last quarter.

TORRENS: P. Cousins by Nicholls half-time. M. Cousins by Lyons last quarter.

UMPIRE. — R. Stennett.

UNLEY OVAL

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Sturt, North

BEST PLAYERS. — STURT: Graham, Greenslade, Bagshaw, Davies, Miels, Whelan, Sims. NORTH: R. Robran, Algate, Jaworskyj, Roach, Muller, Marsh.

SCORERS. — STURT: Whelan 6.4, Greenslade 4.2, Nunan 3.1, Leonard 2.2, Burgan 2.2, Schultz 2.1, Davies 1.2, Wild 1.1, Graham 1.1, Miels 1.0, Casey 0.1, Bagshaw 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: R. Robran 3.1, Jaworskyj 2.2, Marsh 1.2, Sachse 1.2, Algate 1.2, Roach 1.1, B. Robran 1.0, Diorio 1.0, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS. — STURT: Oatey (hamstring) by Schultz, second quarter, Lloyd (thigh) by Cece final quarter. NORTH: Baruzzi by Diorio, final quarter.

UMPIRE. — R. Scholefield.

RICHMOND OVAL

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: West, Cent.

BEST PLAYERS. — WEST: Meuret, M. Williams, Grimwood, Kennedy, Stevenson, G. Hewitt. CENTRALS: Skinner, Morey, Wyley, Norsworthy, McKay, Koch.

SCORERS. — WEST: Pierson 5.4, Gurney 4.0, G. Hewitt 2.2, Buckley 2.0, M. Williams 1.3, Grimwood 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Donaldson 1.0, Meuret 0.3, A. Williams 0.2, Hollick 0.1. CENTRALS: Saywell 1.3, Wyley 1.1, Reed 1.0, Bevan 1.0, Skinner 0.1, Beythien 0.1, B. Norsworthy 0.1, Campbell 0.1, Hughes 0.1, Price 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS. — WEST: Hollick by Storch, Loveday by Hamilton, final quarter.

CENTRALS: Swinstead by Johns half-time, Reed by Price three-quarter time.

REPORTS. — Kevin Johns of Centrals by umpire Peter Mead for allegedly striking Robbie Donaldson (West) with a clenched fist behind the neck during the last quarter.

UMPIRE. — Peter Mead.

GLENELG OVAL

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Glen., W'ville.

SCORERS. — GLENELG: Hodgeman 5.4, Rebbeck 5.4, Cornes 5.0, Caldwell 4.3, McInerney 3.3, Rady 2.4, Carey 2.1, C. Anderson 1.2, Marker 1.2, Holst 0.2, W. Phillis 0.2, Paech 0.1, Copping 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: L. Twelftree 3.1, Mulvihill 2.1, O'Connor 2.0, B. Twelftree 1.3, Sewer 1.1, Holland 1.0, Girardi 1.0, Parker 0.3, Ruth 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST PLAYERS. — GLENELG: McInerney, Hodgeman, Cornes, Anderson, Rebbeck, Holst, Rady. WOODVILLE: Walker, Roberts, MacVicar, Holland, Sewer.

REPLACEMENTS. — GLENELG: Weston by Hywood, three-quarter time. WOODVILLE: Girardi (bruised knee) by Nicholls, half-time. MacVicar (fatigue) by Carter, last quarter.

UMPIRE. — Jim Field.

ADELAIDE OVAL

Table with columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: South, Nwd.

BEST PLAYERS. — SOUTH: Fry, Palmer, McInnes, Mousley, Young, Hateley. NORWOOD: Nicholson, Craig, Pope, Kerley, Parke.

SCORERS. — SOUTH: Bennett 5.3, Cox 4.0, Doyle 1.1, Young 1.1, Fuller 1.0, Hines 1.0, Minnis 0.3, Hateley 0.3, Robbins 0.2, rushed 0.2. NORWOOD: Michalanney 3.3, Olsen 2.3, Parke 2.2, Poulter 1.1, Nalder 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Nicholson 1.0, Craig 1.0, Gregg 0.1, Dillon 0.1, rushed 0.5.

REPLACEMENTS. — SOUTH: Collins by Keam, McInnes by Linke, last quarter. NORWOOD: Woodcock by Adler, three quarter time and Seekamp by Roberts, last quarter.

REPORTS. — South wingman Graham Schultz for allegedly kicking Roger Woodcock in the second quarter.

UMPIRE. — T. Thomas.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Table with columns: W., L., For, Agst, Pts., % Rows: Glenelg, Sturt, Port, Norwood, West, South, Centrals, Woodville, North, Torrens



LEFT: A fight to the finish and the tension shows . . . Norwood ruckman Neil Button tackles South rover Phil Cox in a rugged last quarter at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Glenelg swamped luckless Peckers

Glenelg swamped Woodville, 59 scoring shots to 22, to record a ridiculously easy 122-point win at the Bay Oval.

It was the Peckers' poorest effort for years.

As a contest the game was an embarrassment after quarter-time.

Glenelg led 4-12 to 4-2 after the first quarter, then piled on 24-19 to Woodville's meagre 7-9 in the last three quarters.

The Tigers did as they pleased while receiving barely token opposition.

So complete was Glenelg's control of the game, it was difficult to believe Woodville had beaten Port only a fortnight earlier.

If nothing else, the result exposed Woodville's glaring lack of depth.

In fairness to the Peckers, it should be pointed out they were without seven regular players — centre half-forward Laurie Richards, ruckman Jim Brenton, centreman John Cummins, who played in the Reserves after standing out for a month, back pocket Ken Crane, and their entire half-back line from the Port match — Barry Tyrrell, Graeme Linke, and Frank Stempier, who withdrew yesterday because of 'flu.

In addition, captain-follower John Girardi did not resume after half-time because of severe bruising behind a knee.

Defender Eddie Richter and wingman Brian Winstanley have still to play a league game this season because of injuries sustained in trial matches.

While Woodville could reflect ruefully on their long injury list, Glenelg



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were also entitled to list their casualties who were unavailable yesterday—full forward Fred Phillis ('flu), half-backs Brian Colbey and Jim Rawson, wingmen Peter Millard and John MacFarlane, full back Greg Croser, and half-forward Greg Wickens.

Moreover, Glenelg have lost six players from last year's league training list—Bob Tardif, Bob Tregenza, Greg Bennett, Kerry Hamilton, Ted Osborn and Peter Anderson.

So Glenelg, leading the premiership table, have proved they have a vast reservoir of talent.

Woodville have some promising youngsters, who need to develop further before they can become consistent league players.

Outstanding feature — and there were many—of yesterday's game was the magnificent roving of Peter McInerney and Kym Hodgeman, who shared 54-kicks (26 and 28), eight of which produced goals.



KYM HODGEMAN

McInerney's immaculate kicking invariably found a team-mate. It was probably his finest game for the Tigers, one which will give the shy former Whyalla star's confidence a great boost.

Follower Graham Cornes was at his elusive, high-marking best, and left-footer Colin Anderson dominated at centre half-forward and on the ball when used as a knock ruckman.

Opportunist half-forward Adrian Rebbeck kicked five goals, and long-kicking David Holst controlled his wing.

For Woodville, half-back flanker Chris Walker, full back John Roberts, ruckman Colin MacVicar, centreman Eddie Holland, and forward flanker Ralph Sewer battled gamely against overwhelming odds.

Sadly, too many Peckers did not contribute enough.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with columns: Today, Matches, Total Rows: Michalanney (Norwood), Whelan (Sturt), D. K. Phillis (Glenelg), Pierson (West), Reed (Centrals), Bennett (South), Woodcock (Norwood), Hodgeman (Glenelg)

ATTENDANCES

Table with columns: Football Park, Adelaide, Glenelg, Richmond, Unley, Total