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# '5' FIGHT COMES TO LIFE!

Revenge for Glenelg; a desperate final quarter burst by North to draw with Centrals; and Sturt regain much of their poise, although beaten by Norwood.

Yesterday's dramatic series has infused new life into SA football after last Saturday's one-sided debacle.

Glenelg, who had led for three quarters and been beaten by Port at Alberton

in the first series, upset the tipsters' appellation with a convincing 21-point win at Glenelg. Again the Bays led, but when Port started to revive in the final term Glenelg stifled the challenge. Lowly-ranked sides North and Centrals fought an exciting draw at Prospect with umpire Steve Semmler's decision not to award North's Tony Roach either a mark or free only seconds before the final siren upsetting Rooster fans.

The fans were crowing Roach was entitled to a kick and, from his position only 25 metres from goal,

he could have registered a score and given North victory.

North had fought back from an 18-point deficit early in the final quarter. The lead changed 16 times. The Roosters' phenomenal accuracy — 20-5 — played a big part in enabling them to snatch a draw.

Centrals' giant full-forward Gary Jones provided something of an anticlimax, booting nine goals to three-quarter time, then kicking a point with his only shot in the last quarter from dead in front, 30 metres out.

## RELIABLES

Sturt hounded for the past month with losses to South, Centrals and North, indicated they are back on the trail to the final five with a good display against Norwood at Football Park.

Norwood proved they are the side to beat with a 23-point win over the Blues after Sturt had got within four points midway through the final term.

Norwood again were well served by ruckman Neil Button and across centre by Neil Craig and Glen Rosser.

For Sturt, it was the old reliables like Paul Bagshaw, Rick Davies, Michael Graham and Robbert Klomp, who gave them poise.

South held third place on the ladder with an effortless win over a once again disappointing West.

After an even first term, South moved into "overdrive" and, with a nine-goal second term, left West wallowing.

Neil Kerley's West Torrens, by virtue of their 18-point victory over Woodville at Woodville have an equal number of points as fifth-placed West, but

## Mark-of-day, and he's outed

GLENELG centre half-back Wayne Phillis took the mark of the day—and crashed to break his right collarbone in yesterday's match against Port (see picture at top). He landed heavily on his shoulder. Phillis left the ground to have the bone set, but will be out several weeks. The pictures were captured by Sunday Mail reader Paul Tyson.



poorer percentage sees them in seventh spot — their highest position for several seasons. Torrens were well served by their latest imports, Chris Kellett from West Adelaide, and Phil Ashmead from Centrals.

## LEAGUE DETAILS

| FOOTBALL PARK |     |     |       |       |      |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
|               | 1st | 2nd | 3rd   | Final | Pts. |
| Nwd.          | 5-3 | 6-9 | 12-13 | 16-15 | 111  |
| Sturt         | 1-2 | 5-4 | 8-7   | 13-10 | 88   |

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Button, Rosser, Michalanne, Craig, Clarke, Taylor. STURT: Klomp, Davies, Bagshaw, Graham, Burgan.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Adler 5.4, Michalanne 3.3, Rosser 3.2, Woodcock 2.1, Craig 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.0, Gallagher 1.0, Palm 0.1, Seekamp 0.1, Dunstan 0.1, Dillon 0.1. STURT: Bagshaw 3.0, Nunan 2.1, Oatey 2.0, Graham 2.0, Greenslade 1.1, Leonard 1.1, Giles 1.0, Davies 1.0, Miels 0.2, Sims 0.1, Barton 0.1, Cece 0.1, Burgan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—STURT: Greenslade (concussion) by Lloyd last quarter. UMPIRE: Des Foster.

| GLENELG OVAL |     |     |       |       |      |
|--------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|
|              | 1st | 2nd | 3rd   | Final | Pts. |
| Glen.        | 5-3 | 9-6 | 12-12 | 15-14 | 104  |
| Port         | 4-4 | 4-7 | 8-12  | 11-17 | 83   |

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Hodgeman, McInerney, Paech, Carey, Holst, Johnston, Marker. PORT: James, Cunningham, Light, Woite, Cahill, Ebert, Belton.

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INJURIES—GLENELG: W. Phillis (broken collarbone). PORT: Whatman (ankle). UMPIRE: Bob Scholefield.

| PROSPECT OVAL |     |      |      |       |      |
|---------------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
|               | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd  | Final | Pts. |
| Cent.         | 6-3 | 13-6 | 18-7 | 19-11 | 125  |
| North         | 6-0 | 11-1 | 16-2 | 20-5  | 125  |

BEST PLAYERS — CENTRALS: Jones, Borsworthy, Mobbs, Krieg, Nicks, Jones, Skinner, Norwithen. NORTH: Robran, Pelle, Hill, Hoekman, Jaworsky, Roach.

SCORERS—CENTRALS: Jones 9.1, Wilson 3.5, Reed 2.1, Norsworthy 1.2, Hughes 1.1, Wanganeen 1.0, Beythien 1.0, Krieg 1.0, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Pelle 5.2, Tocaciu 4.1, Robran 4.0, Cloke 3.1, Roach 2.0, Diorio 1.0, Hoekman 1.0, rushed 0.1. UMPIRE: Steve Semmler.

| WOODVILLE OVAL |     |     |      |       |      |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
|                | 1st | 2nd | 3rd  | Final | Pts. |
| Torrs.         | 4-4 | 7-6 | 12-9 | 15-16 | 106  |
| Wdy.           | 1-7 | 5-8 | 9-15 | 12-16 | 88   |

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: McSparran, Ashmead, Faletic, Manouge, Hamill, G. White, Florent. WOODVILLE: Ruth, Anderson, Girardi, Tyrell, Stemper, Heaven.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Kellett 4.0, Faletic 2.3, Manouge 2.3, Phillipou 2.1, Rendall 2.0, Ashmead 1.3, Inglis 1.0, Tregenna 1.0, S. White 0.2, McSparran 0.2, Pavlich 0.1, Miller 0.1. WOODVILLE: Ruth 4.4, McInnes 2.2, Sewer 2.1, Krieg 1.2, McVicar 1.0, Schutz 1.0, Brenton 0.2, Hutton 0.2, Parsons 0.1, Stemper 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Deards (knee) in third quarter, McInnes (knee) in final quarter. UMPIRE: Robin Bennet.

| ADELAIDE OVAL |     |      |       |       |      |
|---------------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
|               | 1st | 2nd  | 3rd   | Final | Pts. |
| South         | 4-4 | 13-8 | 17-11 | 22-15 | 147  |
| West          | 5-3 | 6-6  | 8-8   | 13-12 | 90   |

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: Hateley, Fry, Karklls, Doyle, Cox. WEST: Hayes, Beswick, Stevenson, Hollick.

GOALKICKERS — SOUTH: Bennett 3.3, Hateley 3.1, Fry 3.0, Karklls 2.3, Slattery 2.1, Robbins 2.0, Doyle 2.0, Cox 1.1, Baynes, Collins, Mously 0.2, Fry 0.1, rushed 0.3. WEST: Pierson 3.2, Gurney 3.0, Kersten 2.2, Hewitt 1.2, M. Williams 1.1, Meuret 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Mayne 1.0, Stevenson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — SOUTH: Earl (eye). UMPIRE: Colin Steinert.

| PREMIERSHIP TABLE |    |    |    |            |                |          |
|-------------------|----|----|----|------------|----------------|----------|
|                   | W. | L. | D. | Points For | Points Against | Prems. % |
| Norwood           | 9  | 1  | —  | 1372       | 796            | 18 63.28 |
| Port              | 8  | 2  | —  | 1484       | 944            | 16 61.12 |
| South             | 7  | 3  | —  | 1228       | 1048           | 14 53.95 |
| Glenelg           | 6  | 4  | —  | 1216       | 928            | 12 56.72 |
| West              | 4  | 6  | —  | 1019       | 1033           | 8 49.66  |
| Sturt             | 4  | 6  | —  | 969        | 1034           | 8 48.38  |
| Torrens           | 4  | 6  | —  | 897        | 1168           | 8 43.56  |
| Centrals          | 3  | 6  | 1  | 984        | 1273           | 7 43.60  |
| North             | 3  | 6  | 1  | 1031       | 1361           | 7 43.10  |
| Woodville         | 1  | 9  | —  | 851        | 1472           | 2 36.63  |

| LEADING GOALKICKERS |           |         |       |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                     | Yesterday | Matches | Total |
| Cornes (Glenelg)    | 3-2       | 9       | 44-32 |
| Jones (Centrals)    | 9-1       | 8       | 43-9  |
| Adler (Norwood)     | 5-4       | 10      | 41-29 |
| Gerlach (Port)      | 1-3       | 8       | 41-25 |
| R. Robran (North)   | 4-0       | 10      | 32-29 |
| Robbins (South)     | 2-0       | 10      | 32-22 |
| Copping (Glenelg)   | 0-2       | 9       | 29-15 |

| ATTENDANCES   |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Football Park | 12,733        |
| Adelaide Oval | 5,667         |
| Woodville     | 3,302         |
| Glenelg       | 15,377        |
| Prospect      | 4,176         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>41,255</b> |

# MORALE BOOST FOR THE BAYS

Glenelg had a morale boosting 21-point win over Port when their tackling and pressure were far too constant for the Magpies.

Actually the Tigers deserved to win by more. Collectively they won at least three quarters to one, with superior knowhow and teamwork.

It appeared that their drubbing by Perth (in Perth) on Tuesday supplied the necessary incentive.

Glenelg came home from the 1,700-mile trip mentally frustrated and physically shaken.

Port, after their virtual 25-goal win over West Perth in the NFL game at Norwood on Tuesday, went to the Bay as red hot favorite.

Glenelg quickly showed their betting odds should have been much shorter.

It was a tribute to Glenelg's attack that they accomplished the coup de grace without the usual Graham Cornes-Steve Copping goals spree.

Cornes finished as Glenelg's leading scorer, but only because he set up a strong attacking unit at centre half-forward while a goalless Copping went to a centre wing — where he made a name for himself last season.

When usually brilliant Randall Gerlach was shifted to a forward pocket after half-time David

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Granger began to give the Magpies some chance by getting three goals in the third quarter.

A gratified Glenelg coach John Nicholls said after the game: "Our players have not bumped so hard for the season."

"Our attack on the ball was impressive."

"We took a chance in playing Neville Caldwell and Peter Carey, who brought home injuries from Perth."

"Kym Hodgeman and Peter McInerney must now be as good as any roving combination here."

Port coach John Cahill had a different story.

"I was very disappointed, for we did not play well."

## Destroy

"Perhaps the heavy going in the rain at Norwood on Tuesday night took more out of our legs than we thought."

From the outset, Glenelg gave every sign of setting out to destroy the jinx that Port had had over their previous three meetings at Alberton (on April 2) in last season's second semifinal at Football Park and at Glenelg half-way through 1976.

The Tigers were first to the ball, had better recovery and their kicking and handball produced far better direction than the Magpies.

With Bob Paech going well in the rucks the Glenelg rovers more consistent than their counterparts and an easier approach to goals, they built up a virtual five-goal break at half-time.

## Togetherness

Russell Ebert and Peter Marker produced no significant ascendancy in the centre and Glenelg had a lot more players putting it together.

There were signs of a Port revival in the third quarter when they added 4-5 to 3-6.

It was not enough to inspire great confidence for the Magpie camp.

All they had going for them was hope.

When Trevor Sorrell, who had been transferred to centre half-forward made it 10-3 to 13-12, it looked ominous for Glenelg.

But the Bays kept running and Cornes took one of his fantastic marks in front of a pack half-way through the last term.

It was enough to steady his side and even had teammates hugging each other in anticipation of the eventual result.



Port's Max James soars... and takes a brilliant mark over Glenelg's Peter Carey and Graham Cornes.