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LEAGUE DETAILS...

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-4	5-12	5-15	9-17	71
Nwd.	1-3	4-3	5-7	10-9	69

BEST PLAYERS — PORT: Ebert, James, Cahill, Marrett, Phillips, Belton. **NORWOOD:** Clarke, Button, Fienemann, Rosser, Gregg, Taylor.

SCORERS — PORT: Sorrell 3.3, Blethyn 2.2, Cahill 2.1, Cunningham 1.0, Porpycia 1.0, Gerlach 0.4, Kinnear 0.2, Phillips 0.2, Granger 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Michalanne 3.0, Fienemann 2.1, Adler 2.0, Button 1.2, Woodcock 1.1, Palm 1.1, Sapwell 0.2, Rosser 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — PORT: Gerlach (knee), Porpycia (recurrence of calf). **NORWOOD:** Von Bertouch (hamstring) Zubrinich (knee).

UMPIRE: Peter Mead.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-6	11-10	17-14	26-18	174
Wvle.	4-0	8-2	11-4	15-9	99

BEST PLAYERS — SOUTH: Cox, Hines, Hateley, Robbins, Fuller, Mousley, Cock, Baynes. **WOODVILLE:** Ruth, Sewer, Tyrrell, MacVicar, Denness, Parsons, Maylin.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Bennett 3.3, Cox 3.3, Fry 3.1, Fuller 3.1, Hateley 3.0, Hines 2.1, Robbins 2.1, Miller 2.0, Karklis 1.2, Slattery 1.2, Collins 1.1, Mousley 1.0, Baynes 1.0, Butler 0.1, Dry 0.1, rushed 0.1.

WOODVILLE: Ruth 3.3, Nicholls 3.0, Carty 2.1, Tyrrell 2.0, Roberts 1.1, McInnes 1.1, Sewer 1.1, Parsons 1.0, Denness 1.0, Hutton 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — WOODVILLE: Girardi (suspected cartilage damage).

UMPIRE: Steve Semmler.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-1	7-1	14-4	22-7	139
Glen.	3-5	7-7	11-10	13-14	92

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Davies, Miels, Graham, Burgan, Klomp, Greenslade, Lauder. **GLENELG:** Hodgeman, Copping, Holst, Paech, McInerney.

SCORERS — STURT: Greenslade 4.3, Wild 4.0, Oatey 3.0, Burgan 3.0, Casey 2.1, Barton 1.1, Davies 1.1, Graham 1.1, Nunan 1.0, Miels, Sims. **GLENELG:** Copping 6.5, Holst 3.2, Paech 2.0, Rawson 1.0, Cornes 1.0, Caldwell 0.2, Rady 0.2, Hodgeman 0.1, Voigt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—STURT: Nunan (eye) second quarter. **GLENELG:** Marker (knee) third quarter.

UMPIRE: Colin Stienert.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	9-5	15-7	25-14	28-19	187
Torr.	1-0	5-2	8-3	13-11	89

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Jaworskyj, Hill, Cloke, Robran, Howard, Muller, Plummer. **TORRENS:** Manouge, Tregenza, G. White, Cousins.

SCORERS—NORTH: Robran 6.2, Roach 5.5, Tocaclu 3.1, Cloke 3.1, Palmer 2.2, Hill 2.2, Hoekman 2.1, Pelle 2.0, Stringer 1.2, Muller 1.0, Eichner 1.0, Kirk 0.1, rushed 0.2. **TORRENS:** Inglis 3.1, Kelett 2.3, M. Pavlich 2.0, Manouge 1.2, G. White 1.1, Faletic 1.0, Ashmead 1.0, Floreanl 1.0, Marriott 0.1, T. White 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—NORTH: Pelle (knee) in third quarter, Kirk (knee) in second quarter. **TORRENS:** Manouge (suspected broken wrist) played out the game.

UMPIRE—Jim Field.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Nwd.	11	9	2	—	1441	867	18	62.44
Port	11	9	2	—	1555	1013	18	60.56
South	11	8	3	—	1402	1147	16	53.00
Glen.	11	6	5	—	1308	1067	12	55.07
Sturt	11	5	6	—	1108	1126	10	49.60
North	11	4	6	1	1218	1450	9	45.65
West	10	4	6	—	1019	1033	8	49.66
Tor.	11	4	7	—	986	1349	7	43.60
Cen.	10	3	6	1	984	1273	7	43.60
Wood.	11	1	10	—	950	1646	2	36.59

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Y'DAY	MATCHES	TOTAL
Cornes (Glenelg)	1-0	10	45-33
Adler (Norwood)	2-0	11	43-29
Jones (Centrals)	—	8	43-9
Gerlach (Port)	0-4	9	41-29
R. Robran (North)	6-2	11	38-31
Copping (Glenelg)	6-3	10	35-20
Robbins (South)	2-1	11	34-23

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	5,746
Alberton Oval	22,738
Adelaide Oval	3,462
Unley Oval	12,644
Total	44,590

NEXT ROUND

West v. Sturt, Football Park.
Centrals v. Port, Elizabeth Oval.
Torrens v. South, Thebarton Oval.
Woodville v. North, Woodville Oval.
Norwood v. Glenelg, Norwood Oval.

A record Alberton and suburban oval crowd of 22,738 yesterday saw Port break Norwood's acclaimed stranglehold on this year's flag, as finals fever reached a new peak.

More than 44,000 fans flocked to see yesterday's four games, which also saw Sturt give further proof they are on the comeback trail.

The Blues had the misfortune to lose tigerish rover Mick Nunan early in the game with an eye injury, and he is likely to be in the Royal Adelaide Hospital for two to three days as a precaution.

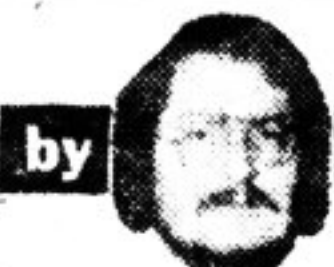
Nunan received his injury where in typical fashion, he was trying to burrow the ball from a centre bounce pack.

Woodville's woes were accentuated when captain John Girardi was carried off on a stretcher during the second quarter against South at Adelaide with suspected knee cartilage damage.

The injury will be X-rayed at Queen Elizabeth Hospital today, but Woodville officials fear the worst. Girardi might be out for the rest of the season.

Fine touch

Port's two-point win at Alberton was not enough to give them the premiership lead. Norwood are hanging on by percentage.



by

Round 11, 1977

GRAHAM FISCHER

PORT HIT BACK

The match-of-the-day produced a grandstand finish which had the record crowd cheering themselves hoarse.

The sides battled goal-for-goal in the final quarter after Norwood had hit back from a 25-point deficit in the second term.

Russell Ebert was in superb touch.

Norwood's rucks were beaten to half time, but after that they lifted and Norwood played better football all over the field.

Port's Randall Gerlach (knee) and Andy Porpycia (calf) suffered recurrences of old injuries and examinations today will provide more information.

A similar situation will apply at Norwood where Grant Zubrinich (knee) and Terry Von Bertouch (hamstring) were replaced.

At Unley, Sturt showed something like their best form to beat Glenelg.

Their older brigade of Brenton Miels, Michael Graham, Rick Davies, and Tony Burgan were mainly responsible for getting Sturt back into the winning list.

In view of the disappointing form of West and Centrals, the final five looks settled.

Norwood and Port seem assured of the first and second spots, while South—with an easy win over Woodville—are two games clear of Glenelg and three in front of Sturt.

South continued to hold down third place on the point win over Woodville ladder with a crushing 75-18 after the Peckers had surprised everyone by leading by six points at quarter time.

But the Peckers' bid for glory was short-lived as South piled off nine goals in the second term.

Rover Phil Cox was a prolific kick-winner for South, while Haydn Buntton would have been pleased with Peter Hines' form and the fact that he was able to complete the game.

North kicked a mammoth 28 goals in embarrassing Torrens at Football Park.

The Roosters beat Torrens by 98 points, and coach Neil Kerley must have been extremely disappointed with the lack of fight shown by his men.

Sturt swing back into big business

SECOND HALF RAMPAGE



BY

MIKE PILKINGTON

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At last it has happened. Sturt are back on the winning road.

And they hit back with a vengeance against Glenelg at Unley yesterday.

After an even first half, Sturt tore the Tigers apart with brilliant, flow-on football to win by 47 points.

It was an amazing result because the Bays looked far the better side in the first half.

Sturt started slowly, as they have often done this season, and Glenelg steam-rolled their way to a 16-point lead with only a minute to go in the first quarter.

Then Rick Davies pulled down a big mark and made no mistake, for Sturt's second goal as the siren sounded.

Inaccurate

Glenelg could have set up a commanding lead in the opening quarter had had not been for their inaccurate kicking.

Stephen Copping was the early culprit with only one goal from four set shots.

Even in the second quarter when the Blues booted five straight goals to Glenelg's 4-2, nobody could conceive what would happen in the second half.

Davies, who had battled hard against Bob Paech and Peter Carey, took complete control.

A delight

Brenton Miels and Michael Graham grabbed charge of the centreline and Malcolm Greenslade was at his effective best at centre half-forward.

Apart from Copping (six goals), Glenelg did not have one real winner up forward.

Follower David Holst used his bulk to notch



Stephen Copping

three goals and ruckman Bob Paech added two.

But the third quarter saw Sturt get it altogether.



Malcolm Greenslade

They ran, used clever handball, and their foot-passing was a delight.

They added 7-3 but the Tigers did not give up and replied with 4-3.

It was only two goals the difference and anyone's game—or so the crowd thought.

Then Glenelg wilted under the fierce pressure exerted by Sturt.

Also, Sturt had a fresh man in Greg Wild, who had done nothing all day, lurking in the goalsquare.

But he kicked four goals in the last quarter—as Sturt pulverised the demoralised the Tigers.

Won ruck

Although Rick Davies easily won the ruck, the Bay rovers, Kym Hodgeman and Peter McInerney eclipsed their opponents to grab a big percentage of the kicks from the square.

But Sturt's defence, led by Robbert Klomp, was tight all day.

Miels won his wing and Michael Graham was superb in the centre.

Jack Oatey's tactic of Geoff Lauder shadowing Graham Cornes paid huge dividends, and Tony Burgan on the ball was a winner as well.

Yes, Sturt are back and last year's premiers are going to be a lot tougher to beat from now on.

MARK THAT 'SANK' NORWOOD

IT'S half-way through the last quarter at Alberton and Port are only one point ahead of Norwood... bespectacled Magpie "rookie" Geoff Blethyn stays behind a flying pack and the ball falls safely into his arms—and it's a mark that sinks the Redlegs' chances

of two premierships points. The former Essendon star kicked Port's last goal, and later their last point, to end up with 2.1 and the honor of being a match-winner in his first league appearance for Port.

