

WEST NOW GENUINE THREAT

Round 17, 1977

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	6-1	6-3	7-5	10-5	65
North	1-6	3-11	5-14	7-16	58

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Hateley, Doyle, Mousley, Cox, Palmer. **NORTH:** Hill, Stringer, Roach, Diorio, Jaworskyj.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Robbins 2.2, Bennett 2.1, Hateley 2.1, Slattery 1.1, Butler 1.0, Cox 1.0, Fry 1.0. **NORTH:** Robran 2.0, Cloke 1.2, Muller 1.0, Ah Cae 1.0, Diorio 1.0, Eichner 1.0, Hill 0.2, Stringer 0.2, Kirk 0.1, Roach 0.1, Howard 0.1, rushed 0.7.

INJURIES.—NORTH: Howard (achilles tendon). **UMPIRES:** Robin Bennet and Ric Charlesworth.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Tor.	3-3	7-10	10-15	10-16	76
Sturt	3-6	8-8	8-10	10-15	75

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Faletic, G. White, Ashmead, Hamill, Rendell, Floreani, Cousins, Phillipou. **STURT:** Davies, Klomp, Nunan, Burgan, Bagshaw.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: G. White 2.2, Ashmead 2.1, M. Pavlich 2.0, Marriott 1.1, Miller 1.0, Faletic 1.0, Floreani 1.0, Kellett 0.5, S. Pavlich 0.2, Manouge 0.2, S. White 0.1, McSpornan 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Leonard 2.1, Greenslade 2.1, Miels 2.0, Davies 2.0, Nunan 1.2, Casey 1.1, Bagshaw 0.3, Burgan 0.1, Klomp 0.1, Sanders 0.1, Oatey 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES.—TORRENS: C. Marriott, hamstring in second quarter. **UMPIRES:** Trevor Thomas, Ron Stennett.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.	3-3	11-7	17-11	21-15	141
Cent.	3-1	5-6	5-6	8-11	59

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Michalanney, Woodcock, Craig, Rosser, Taylor, Kerley, Button. **CENTRALS:** Beythien, Norsworthy, Jonas, Nalder, Clarke, V. van.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Woodcock 5.2, Michalanney 5.1, Adler 4.1, Gallagher 2.1, Von Bertouch 2.0, Rosser 1.1, Taylor 1.0, Dillon 1.0, Gregg 0.3, Button 0.2, Craig 0.2, rushed 0.2. **CENTRALS:** Jonas 3.1, W. Cochrane 1.5, Saywell 1.1, Wilson 1.1, Heinrich 1.0, Beythien 1.0, McLay 0.1, Mobbs 0.1, Norsworthy 0.1.

INJURIES.—CENTRALS: Clarke (thigh). **UMPIRES:** Des Foster-Frank McHugh.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-7	5-11	7-12	9-13	67
Glen.	3-0	4-1	6-7	8-11	59

BEST PLAYERS: WEST: Stevenson, M. Williams, Kunimann, Greenwood, Donaldson, Kenney, GLENELG: Carey, Voigt, Hodgeman, Marker, Holst, Copping.

SCORERS.—WEST: Pierson 2.2, Meuret 2.2, Kennedy 2.1, Loveday 1.1, Gurney 1.1, Davoren 1.0, Hewitt 0.2, Buckley 0.2, Greenwood 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Marker 2.2, Cairwen 2.0, Raay 2.0, Carey 1.1, Copping 1.1, McInerney 0.2, Holst 0.1, Jackson 0.1, Hodgeman 0.1, Hywood 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPORT.—GLENELG: Steve Hywood was reported by field umpires Roger Magor and Bob Scholefield for alleged misconduct. **UMPIRES:** Bob Scholefield and Roger Magor.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Prem.	%
Port	16	12	3	1	2158	1425	25	60.23
Norwood	17	12	5	—	2244	1352	24	60.19
Glenelg	17	11	6	—	2155	1585	22	57.62
South	17	10	7	—	1990	1735	20	53.42
West	17	10	7	—	1696	1547	20	52.30
Sturt	17	7	9	1	1756	1692	15	50.93
Torrens	17	7	10	—	1486	1974	14	42.95
North	17	6	10	1	1708	2194	13	43.77
Woodville	16	4	12	—	1478	2222	8	39.95
Centrals	17	3	13	1	1531	2276	7	40.22

GOALKICKERS

	Y'day	Matches	Total
Cornes (Glenelg)	—	15	61-38
Copping (Glenelg)	1-1	16	61-34
Adler (Norwood)	4-1	17	55-35
Jones (Centrals)	—	13	52-17
R. Robran (North)	2-0	16	51-37
Slattery (South)	1-1	17	44-22
Gerlach (Port)	—	11	43-30
Robbins (South)	2-2	17	42-29

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	2,940
Richmond	6,543
Norwood	4,854
Unley	5,040
Total	19,377

NEXT ROUND

SOUTH v. NORWOOD, Football Park
 GLENELG v. CENTRALS, Glenelg
 WOODVILLE v. WEST, Woodville
 PORT v. TORRENS, Alberton
 NORTH v. STURT, Prospect

by



GRAHAM FISCHER

West's dramatic charge towards their first premiership in 16 years continued yesterday with an eight-point win over Glenelg at Richmond.

It was a far cry from the sweltering heat when West downed Norwood in 1961 to claim the premiership, but at Richmond Oval yesterday the Bloods certainly put it together.

It was their sixth win from their last seven games.

West supporters are shouting now that the Bloods have toppled the big three — Port, Norwood and Glenelg—and all that remains is to carry off the flag.

West shrugged off early inaccuracy, and then a determined comeback by Glenelg.

The Bays took a one-point lead during the third term, but West showed they had "come of age" by fighting back.

Sturt's faint hope of making this year's finals was snuffed out by a thrilling one-point defeat by Torrens.

HIT BACK

It was the Eagles' first win at Unley for 14 years. Sturt, down 17 points at the last change, fought back magnificently. But Chris Kellett's point early in the final term — Torrens' only score of the quarter — proved the difference.

South, after their string of defeats in June, notched their second successive win, but were far from impressive in scoring by seven points from North.

The wet conditions did not suit the fast-moving Panthers, and they failed to produce a real winner up forward.

South looked a million dollars when they led by 25 points at quarter time, but North fought back and took a five-point lead midway through the last quarter.

Then Shane Butler dribbled through a goal at the 26-minute mark to sink the Roosters.

It took Norwood only one quarter to shake off Centrals, the flops of 77, at Norwood Oval.

The Redlegs had a great warm-up for Tuesday night's NFL grand final against East Perth as they coasted home by 82 points.

Centrals gave their supporters little reason to think they are about to brake the slide which has embarrassed the club this season.

10 GOALS

Norwood were well served across half-forward where Jim Michalanney and Roger Woodcock cut the Bulldog half-back line to pieces, booting 10 goals between them.

One encouraging sign for the Bulldogs was the excellent debut by Peter Jonas, young brother of former State and West star David Jonas.

The State selectors, Gof Motley, Bob Shearman and Neil Kerley, will meet tonight to decide any changes to the squad for next Saturday's game against Western Australia in Perth.

PREMIERSHIP TALK IN THE AIR

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Everybody's talking at Richmond Oval and the word is "premiership" following West's eight point triumph over Glenelg.

The Bloods have now won six of their past seven games and have wins over Port, Norwood and Glenelg—regarded as the Big Three for the flag.

They should have beaten Glenelg by more.

It was only West's inaccuracy in the first half which enabled the Tigers to be 16 points down at the long break.

Until then West had 16 scoring shots compared to only five by Glenelg.

West's early dominance stemmed from the explosive form of centreman Mark Williams backed up by wingman Robbie Donaldson who, like a puppeteer, had the ball on a string.

Glenelg's few attacks were repulsed by Bruce Stevenson at centre half-back.

Dominance

The Bays' only ray of hope was from "Superboy" Peter Carey who was used as a ruckman by coach John Nicholls.

The West dominance across centre also stemmed from the fact that the Bay players were out of touch.

John "Snout" MacFarlane was beaten pointlessly on his wing; Syd Jackson, who appeared to be in the centre for some of the time was down on form and Peter Marker did not have a large impact.

Nicholls made wholesale changes at half-time — among them was the switch of Stephen Copping to a wing and David Holst to the centre.

These players lifted Glenelg and rover Kym Hodgeman increased his effort.

Inaccuracy set in and the Bays added 2-6 but it

As a last resort, he switched Fred Phillis to full forward with only minutes to go but it was not long enough for the former champion goal-sneak to get his legs moving.

Bustling Bruce Stevenson led a tight West defence and Glenelg were forced to attack through the flanks but Greg Summerton and Simon Tait were equal to the task of containing their opponents.

Despite West's meteoric return to premiership possibilities, they still lack a forward who can be relied upon to kick match winning tallies.

But Fos Williams believes all his forwards contribute regularly enough to provide a winning score.

Three of West's down the centre players—Bruce Stevenson, Mark Williams and Keith Kuhlmann — figured highly in the best players.

But the Bloods had many players who contributed at different stages of the game.

Apart from Peter Carey and a tigerish back pocket display by Rex Voigt, Glenelg's best players were hard to find.



READY, set, go... and the chase is on. West's lanky Dexter Kennedy snares the ball and heads towards the Bloods' end at Richmond Oval hotly pursued by Glenelg's Fred Phillis. The picture, taken by Sunday Mail football photographer Ray Titus, looks more like something out of an American Gridiron games than 'Aussie rules.'