

Round 18, 1977

LEAGUE DETAILS

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-6	7-8	10-10	19-12	126
Sturt	2-6	6-8	11-12	16-13	109

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Hill, Cloke, Palmer, Jaworskyj, Robran, Roach. STURT: Sims, Bagshaw, Nunan, Greenslade, Miels, Burgan.  
 SCORERS—NORTH: Cloke 4.1, Ah Chee 3.1, Robran 3.0, Hill 3.0, Roach 2.2, Diorio 2.1, Eichner 1.3, McCann 1.2, Lofts 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Sims 3.1, Greenslade 2.2, Oatey 2.2, Nunan 2.1, Cece 2.1, Lauder 2.0, Barton 1.3, Bagshaw 1.1, Giles 1.0, rushed 0.2.  
 INJURIES—STURT: Giles (ankle) at three-quarter time.  
 UMPIRES: Ron Stennet and Trevor Thomas.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	7-2	8-4	8-8	13-11	89
Torr.	2-1	8-4	9-6	12-9	81

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Fragomeni, Spry, Cahill, Light, Eckerman, Evans, Curtis. TORRENS: Miller, McSparran, G. White, Kellett, Phillipou, Floreani, S. White.  
 SCORERS—PORT: Evans 6.4, Belton 2.0, Blethyn 2.0, Sorrell 1.2, Granger 1.1, Kinnear 1.0, Cahill 0.2, Light 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Kellett 6.2, S. White 3.1, G. White 1.0, Floreani 1.0, Ashmead 1.0, S. Pavlich 0.2, McSparran 0.1, Hank 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
 INJURIES—PORT: Porplycia (recurrent hamstring), Gerlach (ankle). TORRENS: Ashmead (possible fractured leg).  
 UMPIRES: Ric Charlesworth and Des Foster.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	4-3	11-10	15-13	21-15	141
Glen.	5-4	6-8	12-12	17-17	119

BEST PLAYERS — CENTRALS: Jones, Nalder, Wilson, Krieg, Clarke. GLENELG: Rady, Weston, Lihou, Jackson.  
 SCORERS — CENTRALS: Wilson 4.2, Jones 4.1, Hughes 2.4, W. Cochrane 2.3, Skinner 2.1, Saywell 2.0, Krieg 1.2, Norseworthy 1.1, Noak 1.0, Jonas 1.0, Clarke 1.0, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Lihou 3.1, Rady 2.4, Cornes 2.4, Jackson 2.1, W. Phillis 2.1, Caldwell 2.1, McInerney 1.0, Crabb 1.0, Paech 1.0, Voigt 1.0, Holst 0.2, Weston 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
 INJURIES — CENTRALS: W. Cochrane (concussion) in the last quarter. GLENELG: P. McInerney (ankle) in the second quarter.  
 REPORT — GLENELG: G. Wickens by boundary umpire P. Young for allegedly striking an unnamed Centrals player in the third quarter.  
 UMPIRES — D. Rebbeck and S. Semmler.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-4	8-8	15-10	17-14	116
Nwd.	2-4	4-10	6-14	11-17	83

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Hateley, Mousley, Hines, Cox, Earl, Baynes, Fry, Haines. NORWOOD: Rosser, Button, Clarke, Gregg.  
 SCORERS—SOUTH: Cox 4.1, Bennett 3.4, Slattey 2.2, Hateley 2.0, Mousley 1.3, Farrer 1.1, Fry 1.1, Earl 1.1, Keam 1.0, Hines 1.0, Karklis 0.1. NORWOOD: Dillon 4.0, Von Bertouch 2.2, Adler 2.1, Sapwell 1.2, Rosser 1.1, Palm 1.0, Button 0.1, Gallagher 0.2, Dunstan 0.2, Woodcock 0.1, Olsen 0.1, rushed 0.3.  
 INJURIES—SOUTH: Peter Haines (knock on right ankle, third quarter).  
 UMPIRES—Roger Magor and Bob Scholefield. Crowd—8,236.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-2	10-6	11-9	17-13	115
Wdv.	2-4	6-6	9-12	13-15	93

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Gurney, Loveday, Hollick, Donaldson, Kersten, Buckley, Grimwood. WOODVILLE: Maylin, Parker, Tyrrell, Ford, Dennes.  
 SCORERS — WEST: Buckley 5.1, Pierson 3.4, Meuret 2.1, Gurney 2.1, Davoren 2.0, Kersten 1.1, Donaldson 1.1, Grimwood 1.0, Hollick 0.1, Loveday 0.1, Whittington 0.1, rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: L. Twelftree 4.5, B. Twelftree 2.2, Brenton 2.1, Krieg 1.1, Nicholls 1.1, Parker 1.1, Crane 1.1, Ruth 1.0, Hutton 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
 INJURIES — WOODVILLE: Heaven (thigh) in first quarter, Crane (ribs) in third quarter.  
 REPORTS — R. Hutton (Woodville) by umpire Bennet for deliberately striking an un-named West Adelaide player in the lower stomach with a clenched fist during the second quarter.  
 UMPIRES — Robin Bennet and Frank McHugh.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	14	3	1	2326	1546	29	60.07
Norwood	12	6	—	2127	1468	24	59.17
Glenelg	11	7	—	2274	1726	22	56.85
South	11	7	—	2106	1818	22	53.67
West	11	7	—	1811	1640	22	52.48
Sturt	7	10	1	1865	1818	15	50.64
North	7	10	1	1834	2303	15	44.33
Torrans	7	11	—	1567	2063	14	43.17
Centrals	4	13	1	1672	2395	9	41.11
Woodville	4	14	—	1611	2416	8	40.00

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Y'day	Matches	Total
Cornes (Glenelg)	2-4	16	63-42
Copping (Glenelg)	—	16	61-34
Adler (Norwood)	2-1	18	57-36
Jones (Centrals)	4-1	15	56-18
R. Robran (North)	3-0	17	54-37
Gerlach (Port)	—	13	46-30
Slattey (South)	2-2	18	46-24

ATTENDANCES

FOOTBALL PARK	8,236
GLENELG OVAL	5,926
WOODVILLE OVAL	2,871
ALBERTON OVAL	9,536
PROSPECT OVAL	5,223
TOTAL	31,792

NEXT ROUND

SATURDAY

Torrans v. South, Football Park  
 West v. North, Richmond Oval  
 Woodville v. Centrals, Woodville Oval  
 Norwood v. Port, Norwood Oval.

SUNDAY

Glenelg v. Sturt, Football Park

SOUTH BACK AS A THREAT

By Graham Fischer

South sizzled back into premiership contention at Football Park when they out-ran Norwood, who were struck down by the dreaded NFL "hang-over."

Coach Haydn Bunton obviously instructed his Panthers to run all over Football Park to bring out any tiredness in the Norwood legs, and it worked, as South was never in danger.

Centrals ridiculed for much of the season, hit their critics for six with an exciting 22 point win over Glenelg at the Bay.

Worse for the Bays was a possible serious ankle injury to rover Peter McInerney who will be X-rayed today.

Centrals didn't come out unscathed as Bill Cochran was carried from the ground unconscious and he will be in doubt for next Saturday with concussion.

FRIGHT

North notched up their second win over Sturt this season at Prospect, and sent the Blues home a tired, old combination.

Torrans gave Port the fright of their lives at Alberton with the Magpies sneaking home by eight points.

But Port will be without Andy Porplycia (recurrent hamstring) and Randall Gerlach (ankle) for next Saturday's vital clash with Norwood at the Parade.

Torrans' rover Phil Ashmead will be X-rayed on Monday for a possible hairline fracture of his left leg.

BULLDOGS RAID THE TIGER LAIR

by TREVOR GILL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	4-3	11-10	15-13	21-15	141
Glen.	5-4	6-8	12-12	17-17	119

It was a game of gutsy triumph for the Bulldogs, and a day of disaster for Glenelg on their own ground.

Centrals, after losing their past seven games, bullock the Bays all day to finally give them their third win over the Tigers from their past three encounters.

Incredible, but true!

And Glenelg, missing their State team members, finished with Greg Wickens reported and rover Peter McInerney with a possible serious ankle injury.

McInerney was home in bed after the game and will have his ankle X-rayed this morning.

To make matters worse, champion Graham Cornes pulled up sorely after returning from absence with the knee injury that kept him out of the State squad.

As the Bulldogs celebrated with cold cans in their rooms, perhaps the only cheering factor in the Glenelg quarters was the pleasing return of defender Paul Weston, who had not played for many weeks since dislocating his right shoulder.

Big surge

Wayne Phillis, also back from a long collarbone injury, did not become a force during the game and finished with only six kicks.

The Bulldogs held on grimly in the face of a last quarter surge by the Bays, and it would have been an injustice if they had not won.

The Tigers got to within one straight kick in the last minutes, but Centrals did not buckle and went on to win with the authority they showed throughout the game.

Their most dominating player was big Garry Jones at centre half-forward, who finished with four good goals from 13 marks and 15 kicks.

Cheeky Bulldog forward Wilbur Wilson sharked effectively, especially in the first and last quarters, and Bill Nalder rucked well.

Trouble spot

Most Centrals players were effective at some time and the win was just what the doctor ordered.

Centrals coach Gary Window told me a fortnight ago after his boys

were savaged by South that all Centrals needed to boost their confidence was a strong win.

Tiger coach John Nicholls tried just about everything to stem the runaway Bulldogs.

He started the game with Cornes in the back pocket, Paul Weston at centre half back and Wayne Phillis at centre half-forward.

But it was clear immediately that Cornes, who has 63 goals this season, was just not suited in defence and Glenelg were sadly lacking somebody to kick to effectively at full forward.

The certain move came later in the quarter and Cornes picked up two quick goals late.

But then troubles at centre half - forward emerged and Paul Weston was put there to provide some drive and Wayne Phillis went on the ball.

Centre half-forward was the trouble spot nearly all day for Glenelg and showed how much they depend on big Peter Carey (State team) to pull down marks and drive the ball into attack.

With Centrals rebounding strongly, tackling fast and easily penetrating their forward lines, the Tigers fought to get the ball forward to Cornes.

Jones was like a mountain in the forward packs and continually sent Centrals ahead.

And when McInerney impeded off in the second term the Bays were really in trouble. Rex Voigt was called in from the back pocket to replace McInerney.

Glenelg started to hit their straps in the last quarter and got to within one straight kick. Then Centrals knuckled down again and booted clear.

W.A.	5-2	6-7	9-10	18-17	125
S.A.	4-4	7-11	8-17	11-19	85

BEST — WA: Featherby, Green, Mitsopoulos, Glendinning, Michael, Peake. SA: James, Carey, Stringer, Taylor, Faletic, Klomp.

SCORERS — WA: Mitsopoulos 5.0, Sewell 3.3, Valli 3.1, Kelly 2.0, Moss 1.3, Morley 1.2, Currie 1.1, Adamson 1.1, Curtis 1.0, Peake 0.2, Hargraves 0.2, rushed 0.2. SA: James 5.1, Michalanny 2.3, Carey 2.2, Faletic 1.1, Cunningham 1.0, Hewitt 0.4, Hodgeman 0.3, Klomp 0.1, Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.3.

Replacements—WA: Valli by Curtis, last quarter. SA: Stephenson by Sewer, third quarter; Craig by Robbins, last quarter.

UMPIRE—Peter Mead.