

MAIL FOOTBALL...FIRST FOR FOOTBALL

Round 21, 1977

ALL THE FOOTY DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-3	9-9	13-12	17-13	115
Glen.	2-4	3-4	5-9	8-14	62

BEST PLAYERS — PORT: James, Ebert, Woite, Cahill, Spry, Belton, Evans, Phillips. **GLENELG**: Hodgeman, Weston, D. Johnston.

SCORERS — PORT: Evans 9.3, Cahill 3.0, Separovich 2.2, Belton 1.2, Sorrell 1.1, Woite 1.0, James 0.1, Light 0.1, Kinnear 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG**: Copping 1.3, MacFarlane 1.2, Jackson 1.2, Hodgeman 1.2, Farquhar 1.1, D. Phillis 1.1, Caldwell 1.0, Crabb 1.0, D. Johnston 0.1, Marker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — PORT: Carl Fragomeni (elbow), Ian Verrier (knee).

UMPIRES — Peter Mead and Bob Scholefield.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-4	10-6	13-8	18-11	119
North	1-4	6-5	8-8	13-11	89

BEST PLAYERS — TORRENS: McSparran, Dabrowski, Faletic, Cousins, Marriott, White, Manouge, Rendell. **NORTH**: Jaworskyj, Cloke, Roach, B. Stringer, Baruzzi, Hill.

SCORERS — TORRENS: M. Pavlich 3.1, Kellett 3.0, S. Pavlich 2.1, Miller 2.1, Marriott 2.1, G. White 1.1, McSparran 1.1, Inglis 1.0, Monouge 1.0, Hamill 1.0, Rendell 1.0, Floreani 0.2, Faletic 0.2, Raggatt 0.1. **NORTH**: Cloke 4.0, Roach 2.1, Hoekman 2.0, B. Stringer 2.0, Hill 1.2, Palmer 1.0, Diorio 1.0, Robran 0.3, W. Stringer 0.1, Eichner 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — TORRENS: Kellett (strained ankle ligaments). **NORTH**: W. Stringer (shoulder), Howard (achilles tendon).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent and Dennis Rebbeck.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-7	8-13	12-19	23-21	159
Wood.	1-1	2-2	6-7	7-8	50

BEST PLAYERS — WEST: Grimwood, Kennedy, Buckley, Hayes, Meuret, Davoran. **WOODVILLE**: Sewer, Stemper, Anderson, Parker.

SCORERS — WEST: Davoran 5.1, G. Hewitt 4.0, Buckley 3.5, Meuret 3.1, Whittington 2.1, Pierson 2.0, Grimwood 1.6, Donaldson 1.1, Williamson 1.1, Lovejoy 1.0, Kennedy 0.1, Gurney 0.1, Hollick 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE**: Parker 2.0, Roberts 1.1, Crane 1.1, Ruth 1.0, Tyrrell 1.0, B. Twelthtree 1.0, Perren 0.2, Hutton 0.1, Dennes 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — WEST: Gurney (ankle) third quarter. **WOODVILLE**: Nicholls (ankle) second quarter.

REPORTS — WOODVILLE: P. Anderson, by field umpire Trevor Thomas and goal umpire R. M. Aikman for alleged misconduct.

UMPIRES — Roger Magor and Trevor Thomas.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-1	8-3	13-5	17-10	112
Nwd.	1-4	2-7	5-13	9-17	71

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Klomp, Nunan, Davies, Heinrich, Whelan, Greenslade, Burgan, Leonard. **NORWOOD**: Von Bertouch, Taylor, Dunstan, Gallagher.

SCORERS — STURT: Greenslade 4.1, Davies 3.2, Sims 3.0, Whelan 2.2, Nunan 1.1, Barton 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Burgan 1.0, Klomp 1.0, Bagshaw 0.3. **NORWOOD**: Nicholson 2.2, Palm 2.1, Woodcock 2.0, Adler 1.1, Von Bertouch 1.1, Gallagher 1.1, Turbill 0.4, Michalanney 0.1, Craig 0.1, Clarke 0.1, Pope 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — STURT: Howard, hamstring; Miels, knee. **NORWOOD**: Button, groin; Kerley, knee.

UMPIRES — Robin Bennet, Des Foster.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	16	4	1	2654	1812	33	59.43
Glenelg	13	8	—	2542	2000	26	55.97
West	13	8	—	2126	1837	26	53.66
Norwood	12	9	—	2357	1791	24	56.82
South	12	8	—	2282	2000	24	53.29
Torrens	10	11	—	1922	2282	20	45.72
Sturt	9	11	1	2181	2097	19	50.98
North	7	13	1	2096	2629	15	44.36
Centrals	5	14	1	1839	2572	11	41.69
W'ville	5	16	—	1843	2822	10	39.51

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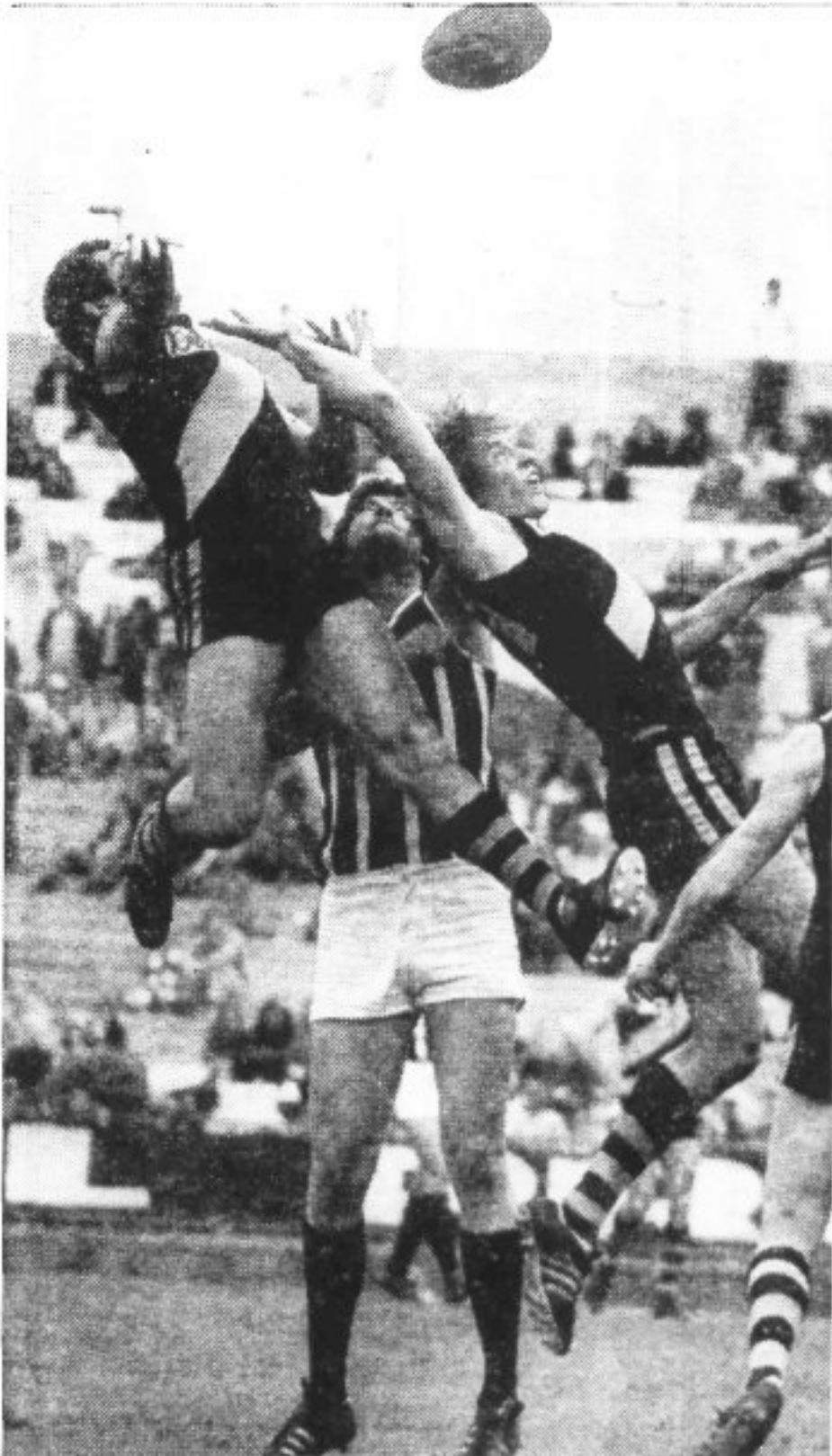
	Y'day	Matches	Total
Cornes (Glenelg)	—	19	69-47
Copping (Glenelg)	1-3	19	67-42
T. Evans (Port)	9-3	13	67-33
Adler (Norwood)	1-1	21	63-41
R. Robran (North)	0-3	20	58-42
Jones (Centrals)	—	17	57-20
Pierson (West)	2-0	16	52-44

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	18,041
Richmond Oval	2,309
Thebarton Oval	3,948
Unley Oval	8,812
Total	33,110

NEXT ROUND

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



HITTING a high spot during a day of failing fortunes was Glenelg's Steve Hywood, who soared for the ball above (from left) Port Adelaide's Jack Spry and Bay teammate Bob Paech at Football Park yesterday.

TWO SPOTS WIDE OPEN

But Port are 'hot'

Port yesterday reaffirmed their right to premiership favoritism with a dazzling win over Glenelg at Football Park, but left the battle for second and third spots — and the double chance — wide open.

The thrashing of Glenelg, and Norwood's continued slide with a 41-point loss to Sturt, has left the way open for South and West to reach second and third places at the end of the minor round.

BY  **GRAHAM FISCHER**

A South win over Centrals today will make next Saturday's round vital to the final composition of the final five.

The gloss was taken off Port's win with Carl Fragomeni being taken to hospital for X-rays of an injured elbow.

Team manager "Brick" Hoffman said it was only a precautionary measure, but there will be many anxious Magpie fans waiting for the results.

Magpie centre half-back Ian Verrier also left the ground in the first quarter against Glenelg with a knee injury. The damage will be assessed today.

Port full-forward Tim Evans continued his remarkable goal-kicking bonanza with another nine to take his tally to 58 in his past nine games.

Glenelg's drop in form after their brilliant display to thrash Norwood a week earlier is "par-for-the-course" for this season's topsy-turvy program.

The Bays' clash with South at the Bay next week will be vital to the finishing positions of both sides, and the loser will have to play in the elimination final the following week.

West and Norwood, the other finalists, meet Sturt and Torrens—the form teams of the competition at present, with Port Adelaide.

Sturt, who "jumped" Norwood in the first quarter and never let them back into the game, meet West at Football Park.

The Bloods have won seven of their past eight.

Sturt's Brendon Howard incurred a hamstring injury yesterday and will be unavailable next Saturday.

Norwood, NFL champions and one-time league leaders, have sunk into a chasm, losing eight of their past 10 league games.

The Redlegs' problems are enlarged with ruckman Neil Button's inability to shake off a groin injury. It flared up again yesterday.

Centre half-back Stephen Kerley has a slight knee injury, but he should be fit for next Saturday.

Torrens, with a hat-trick of wins behind them, will have their tails up when they go to the Parade next Saturday.

The Eagles expect full-forward Chris Kellett to be available, although he went off with strained ankle ligaments yesterday.

North won't have Wayne Stringer or Alan Howard for their clash with Woodville.

Stringer was taken to

Queen Elizabeth Hospital for X-rays of a bad shoulder injury, while Howard has an achilles tendon problem.

Woodville full back Peter Anderson was reported for alleged misconduct and abusive language during Woodville's dismal performance against West.

Field umpire Trevor Thomas and goal umpire R. M. Aikman allege Anderson gave a two-finger "salute" with both hands as the other field umpire, Roger Magor, had his back turned.

Aikman also reported Anderson for alleged abusive language after he had been told he had been reported.

West ruckman David Gurney left the ground with a twisted left ankle during the third quarter, but is expected to be fit to train this week.

Pecker rover John Nicholls will have X-rays today on his suspected badly strained left ankle.

He was carried from the ground on a stretcher during the second term, and the X-rays will be taken as a precautionary measure.

MAGPIES STORM TO FINAL FLAG

by  **MIKE PILKINGTON**

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Port Adelaide proved once and for all that they are the best team in the League by absolutely destroying a pitiful Glenelg.

It was powerful, pulverising, precise Port who simply tore the Tigers to shreds in a no-contest affair at Football Park.

Max James, Russell Ebert, Peter Woite, Jack Spry, you could go on, they were all brilliant.

Greg Phillips at full-back took on and beat players like Fred Phillis, Bob Paech and Nick Crabb.

Then there was Tim Evans at full forward who slammed through nine goals and played havoc with the Phillis brothers, Fred and Wayne who both tried to curb him.

It was champagne Port who simply toyed and then killed-off the meek boys from the Bay.

Only Kym Hodgeman, Paul Weston and David Johnston could really feel that they at least played well for the Tigers.

Quiet start

The only good thing to happen to Glenelg yesterday was the final siren which put them out of their misery.

Just to show how badly the Bays played take Graham Cornes, Fred and Wayne Phillis, Nick Crabb, Bob Paech, Daryl Rady and Rex Voigt add their kicks together and they did not match the combined totals of Port's Greg Phillips and Darrell Cahill.

The Magpies started off quietly and only led by five points at quarter time.

But in the next two terms they piled on 10-9 to a paltry 3-5 from the opposition, if you could call it that.

Port controlled centre with Russell Ebert, the rucks with John Spry, the backlines with Peter Woite and the youngsters in Phillips, Len Warren and Ivan Eckerman.

Last ditch

Also Max James did not

find it too hard to grab 12 marks, six handballs and 16 kicks.

Glenelg went in for the half-time break 41 points down. Coach John Nicholls changed almost every line in a desperate last-ditch bid to instil some life into his side.

Fred Phillis went to full forward, Wayne to full back, Neville Caldwell to centre half-forward, John MacFarlane to the forward pocket and David Holst on to Russell Ebert.

Caldwell and MacFarlane banged through two early goals in the third quarter and the Bays were only 28 points down.

That was as close as they got. The Magpies powered back into top gear and slammed on four goals to race away.

Everything Glenelg tried to do turned sour. Their handball was shocking, kicking to position awful and they had no system in attack.

Peter Carey's absence was most noticeable but it would not have made any difference.

Cornes had one of his worst football games and picked up only three kicks.

Port coach John Cahill was a very pleased man after the game.

And he had every reason to be. They've still got Brian Cunningham to come back and Randall Gerlach and Geoff Blaythyn who booted 12 goals between them in the reserves as finding form.

It was a different story with Nicholls. He sat in a small room and just studied the statistics.

Port are now certain premiership favorites and on what they showed yesterday, the Magpies could almost start planning the celebrations for this first premiership since 1965.



ABOVE: One of the players to get a taste of the Magpies' wrath was Glenelg's Stephen Copping. In this incident, he tried to outmark rugged Max James but wasn't equal to the task. James took a superb mark and was named Port's best.