

MAIL FOOTBALL.....FIRST FOR FOOTBALL

BLUES' BIG BUSTER

By Graham Fischer

Centrals, humbled by bottom side Woodville last Saturday, turned in one of football's greatest form reversals to annihilate last year's premiers Sturt and leave the Blues staggering in seventh spot on the ladder.

Sturt's plight could have been worse. Only percentage stopped them crashing to ninth.

Sturt's demise stemmed from too many regular players out of form and they could not get sustained drive from ruckman Rick Davies who yesterday was thrashed by Peter Beythien, Ken Heinrich and Bill Nalder.

But don't start writing off Sturt's chances for the finals. They have too much talent not to improve and a finals' berth is still not a difficult project.

Already, Norwood, Port and Glenelg have indicated they will fill the top three positions.

South, despite their crushing losses to Glenelg and Port have enough potential to fill either fourth or fifth and, on overall form, that leaves West and Sturt to grab the other place.

Assuming West win today at Football Park, they are only going to be one win ahead of Sturt.

Sturt's next three games are against Woodville, North and Torrens. Provided they return to something like their recognised form they should win all three. But another loss

would put the Blues in an awkward position.

Challenge

Centrals are entitled to be swabbed after yesterday's game but their stunning reversal will add more bite to the competition.

It has been frustrating for coach Gary Window, knowing his players have not been producing their real ability but, with a sustained return to form, the Bulldogs will be quick to throw out a challenge for the finals.

Norwood coach Bob Hammond took the precaution of resting ruckman Neil Button and rover Terry von Bertouch after half-time against North.

State squad member Button had a slight recurrence of his ankle trouble while Von Bertouch had a thigh injury.

Both will be fit for Tuesday night's match against the Australian Capital Territory at Canberra.

Port rover Brian Cunningham, also in the State squad, was rested after taking a heavy head knock early in the second quarter against South at Football Park.

Cunningham remained on the reserves' bench for the rest of the game but was not used by coach John Cahill.

Central's display a fine form reversal

Glenelg power too much for Peckers

The Tigers revealed their immense power in a first quarter blitzkrieg to drive the hapless Peckers into the dust at Woodville Oval yesterday.


With their big guns firing, Peter Carey, Stephen Copping, in ruck and at the goalfrost, Glenelg shattered Woodville in a demoralising 12-goal assault.

To their credit, the less skilful Peckers were able to martial their forces and fight back.

They matched the Tigers in the second term scoring 2-2 to Glenelg's 2-3.

It was if coach John Nicholls had instructed his well-oiled machine to call a halt to the slaughter.

Highlight of the match was big Carey's dominance in ruck and his marking

by  **ASHLEY MALLET**

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Glen. | 12-6 | 14-9 | 18-11 | 25-15 | 165 |
| W'ville | 2-2 | 4-4 | 6-5 | 11-7 | 73 |

GRAND GAME

Carey grabbed 14 marks for the game and gave out 12 handballs, often to the fleet-footed Kym Hodge-

man, who capped off a grand game with six goals. In the first term, Neville Caldwell ran riot on his wing while opposed to the Peckers' Steven Parsons. Later, Parsons matched Caldwell and was one of Woodville's most determined players.

Big Glenelg coach John Nicholls was delighted with the result.

"I guess we relaxed a little at stages," he said. "But that's pretty natural when you're 15 goals in front."

"I can understand the players relaxing in low-atmosphere games of this sort."

A misty-eyed Peckers' coach, John McInnes, said after the game: "That first quarter killed it for us."

"But we came back strongly to match it with Glenelg in the final three terms."

McInnes was pleased with the job Barry Tyrrell did in reducing the effectiveness of Glenelg's mercurial high-flyer, Graham Cornes.

Cornes was still able to do a lot of good things for the Tigers, but Tyrrell spoiled on several occasions and put the blonde bombshell under pressure.

Mid-way through the third term, Cornes hooked a ball over his left shoulder in desperation and it sailed through for a major.

Too often Woodville — as they have done for most of the season — delivered the ball high into the forward lines.

Glenelg were too strong in the air and their defence, with Jim Lihou, Rex Voigt and Wayne Phillis repulsed the spasmodic attacks.

TALONS

The Tigers again showed their claws in a final-term burst of power.

After three minutes of the final term, they had kicked as many goals, as, if to say: "We can do it at will, so don't harass us."

While Woodville are scratching their ruffled feathers for an answer to provide a semblance of cohesion in their thin ranks, the Tigers have the class and the all-round skill to beat all comers.

One saving grace for the Peckers is the good news that talented winger Phil Maylin is likely to be back in the side on Saturday.

ALL THE LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Port | 7-4 | 11-8 | 14-14 | 23-20 | 158 |
| South | 2-4 | 5-4 | 6-8 | 9-11 | 65 |

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Oahill, Ebert, Phillips, Sorrell, Belton, Woite, Giles. **SOUTH:** Bennett, Cock, Robbins, Cox, Baynes.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 5.3, Cahill 5.0, Sorrell 3.4, Phillips 3.1, Whatman 3.0, Belton 2.0, Granger 1.2, Natt 1.0, Porplycia 0.3, Cunningham 0.2, Kinnear 0.1, Ebert 0.1, rushed 0.3. **SOUTH:** Robbins 2.2, Slatery 2.1, Parker 2.0, Minnis 1.1, Cox 1.1, Cutting 1.0, Bennett 0.5, rushed 0.1.

INJURY—PORT: Cunningham (head knock).

UMPIRE: Laurie Argent.

NORWOOD OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Norwd. | 4-4 | 13-10 | 24-15 | 33-21 | 219 |
| North | 2-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 | 10-9 | 69 |

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Dunstan, Rosser, Kerley, Adler, Gallagher, Gregg, Woodcock, Stasinowsky. **NORTH:** Jaworskyj, R. Robran, Diorio, Howard, Doszna.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Alder 8.2, Woodcock 5.2, Rosser 4.4, Gallagher 3.4, Thiel 3.1, Olsen 3.0, Palm 2.1, Gregg 2.0, Zubrinich 1.1, Clarke 1.1, Sapwell 1.0, von Bertouch 0.1, Seekamp 0.1, rushed 0.3.

NORTH: Doszna 3.1, R. Robran 3.1, Jaworskyj 1.2, Diorio 1.1, Eatts 1.0, Palmer 1.0, McInnes 0.1, Plummer 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: von Bertouch (thigh), Button (ankle). **NORTH:** Hill (ankle), W. Stringer (shoulder).

UMPIRE—Des Foster.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | W. | L. | Point For | Point Agnst. | Prem. Pts. | % |
|-----------|----|----|-----------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Norwood | 5 | 1 | 914 | 485 | 10 | 65.33 |
| Port | 5 | 1 | 872 | 608 | 10 | 58.91 |
| Glenelg | 4 | 2 | 788 | 544 | 8 | 59.16 |
| South | 4 | 2 | 684 | 718 | 8 | 48.78 |
| West | 2 | 3 | 529 | 529 | 4 | 50.00 |
| North | 2 | 4 | 667 | 786 | 4 | 45.90 |
| Sturt | 2 | 4 | 541 | 666 | 4 | 44.82 |
| Centrals | 2 | 4 | 582 | 737 | 4 | 44.12 |
| Torrens | 2 | 3 | 464 | 623 | 4 | 42.69 |
| Woodville | 1 | 5 | 548 | 881 | 2 | 38.35 |

NEXT ROUND

- Norwood v. West, Football Park
- Torrens v. Glenelg, Thebarton Oval
- North v. Port, Prospect Oval
- Sturt v. Woodville, Unley Oval
- South v. Centrals, Adelaide Oval

WOODVILLE OVAL

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BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Carey, Hodgeman, Copping, McInerney, Rawson, Lihou. **WOODVILLE:** Roberts, Parsons, Stemper, Tyrrell, Andreson, Twel-tree.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Hodgeman 6.1, Copping 6.0, Cornes 3.4, Marker 2.1, Rady 2.0, Caldwell 2.0, Wickens 2.0, McInerney 1.3, Rawson 1.1, Avery 0.1, MacFarlane 0.1, W. Phillis 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE:** Mulvihill 4.0, Roberts 2.0, Parsons 2.0, Hine 1.1, Carly 1.0, Brenton 1.0, MacVicar 0.2, Girardi 0.2, Sewer 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Rady (bruised knee, second quarter). **WOODVILLE:** Twel-tree (strained groin, half-time).

UMPIRE — Bob Scholefield.

ELIZABETH OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Cent. | 5-10 | 9-11 | 14-16 | 19-17 | 131 |
| Sturt | 2-1 | 4-5 | 7-6 | 12-8 | 80 |

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRAL: Saywell, Beythien, Skinner, Mobbs, Heinrich, Jones, Wyley. **STURT:** Graham, Bagshaw, Cece, Burgan.

SCORERS—CENTRALS: Jones 7.1, Saywell 7.0, Reed 3.2, Skinner 1.4, Norsworthy 1.2, Nalder 0.2, Krieg 0.2, Wyley 0.1, Mobbs 0.1, Beythien 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Greenslade 5.1, Cece 2.0, Graham 2.0, Leonard 1.2, Klomp 1.1, Wild 1.0, Barton 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES—STURT: Silvano Cece (cramp) last quarter.

UMPIRE: Peter Mead.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

| | Y'day | Match | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Adler (Norwood) | 8 | 6 | 30 |
| Cornes (Glenelg) | 3 | 6 | 29 |
| Mulvihill (Woodville) | 4 | 6 | 25 |
| Copping (Glenelg) | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| Gerlach (Port) | — | 5 | 23 |
| Robran (North) | 3 | 6 | 22 |
| Palm (Norwood) | 2 | 6 | 20 |
| Robbins (South) | 2 | 6 | 18 |
| Cahill (Port) | 5 | 6 | 17 |
| Ravlich (West) | — | 5 | 17 |
| Whelan (Sturt) | — | 5 | 16 |
| Hill (North) | — | 5 | 16 |
| Phillipou (Torrens) | — | 5 | 15 |

ATTENDANCES

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|----------------|---------------|
| Football Park | 16,398 |
| Elizabeth Oval | 5,863 |
| Norwood Oval | 8,328 |
| Woodville Oval | 3,876 |
| Total | 34,465 |