

They've got to go!

By Stephen Middleton

Peckers certain to drop from 5

They are in the five for the second week in a row — but they've got to go.

Woodville's disappointing show against league leaders Sturt should be enough of a heartache for coach John McInnes.

But tomorrow his team will be booted out of the top bracket when either Centrals or North move into fifth spot.

The two meet at Elizabeth and while both are level with Woodville on premiership points, both have a better percentage.

The Centrals - North clash is a vital one for both sides as it will open up a one-game break over two of last year's finalists — West and South.

The other match in the uncompleted tenth round is at Football Park, where Torrens will be out to repeat their upset win over Norwood earlier this season.

Torrens must get a win to keep alive any hope they have of getting into the finals.

In a situation that seems inconceivable, Torrens could still make the five despite the fact that they have won only two of their first nine games. Their big hope for tomorrow will be the memory of that success against the Redlegs at Thebarton in the second match of 1978.



PIGGYBACK! West forward Matt Davoren seems to think he can save his legs by hitching a ride with Tiger Stephen Hywood, during the match at Glenelg Oval yesterday

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-1	3-4	5-6	9-13	67
South	2-7	2-8	3-11	4-11	35

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Kinnear, Cunningham, Cahill, Phillips, Clifford, Antt. **SOUTH:** Earl, Minnis, Baynes, Hines, Bennett, Dry.
SCORERS—PORT: Evans 3.1, Cunningham 2.0, Sorrell 1.3, Cahill 1.2, Whatman 1.1, Burton 1.0, Kinnear 0.2, Batt 0.1, Porphyria 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Lyons 2.0, Hateley 1.2, Earl 1.1, Baynes 0.2, Cox 0.1, Minnis 0.1, Dry 0.1, Slattery 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—PORT: Spry (first quarter) lacerated above left knee. **SOUTH:** Wilson (third) hamstring.
UMPIRES: B. O'Connor, R. Magor.

WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-6	10-6	17-8	17-13	115
W'ville	2-1	3-3	4-4	6-7	43

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Derrington, Sanders, Winter, Barton, Howard, Downes, Casey. **WOODVILLE:** Sewer, Close, Ruth, Hewitt, Stemper, Dennes.
SCORERS—STURT: Derrington 4.3, Graham 4.2, Bagshaw 4.1, Barton 3.2, Winter 1.3, Howard 1.0, Davies 0.1, Leonard 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Ruth 2.1, Close 1.1, Dennes 1.0, Hutton 1.0, Tyrrell 1.0, Sewer 0.1, Parker 0.1, Hewitt 0.1, rushed 0.2.
REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Downes (shoulder) by Lloyd during final term, Graham (strained thigh) by Smith during final term. **WOODVILLE:** Ford (facial injury) by Davis during second quarter, Dennes (knee) by Nicholls during last term.
UMPIRES: Mark Coome and Ric Charlesworth.

GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	6-1	9-4	10-5	13-11	89
West	5-3	5-4	8-8	9-9	63

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Carey, Weston, Hodgeman, Cornes, Hywood, MacFarlane, Copping. **WEST:** Meuret, Kennedy, Hayes, Davoren, Donaldson, Summerton.
SCORERS—GLENELG: Copping 3.2, Hodgeman 3.0, Ridy 2.1, Whiting 1.3, Weston 1.2, McInerney 1.0, Cornes 1.0, Caldwell 1.0, Holst 0.1, Carey 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Davoren 3.2, Meuret 2.1, Reynolds 1.1, Drew 1.0, Hagen 1.0, Grimwood 1.0, Weideman 0.1, Loveday 0.1, Summerton 0.1, rushed 0.2.
UMPIRES— Laurie Argent, Frank McHugh.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	10	9	1	1312	829	18	61.28
Glenelg	10	9	1	1185	898	18	56.89
Norwood	9	6	3	918	686	12	57.23
Port	10	6	4	1029	952	12	51.94
Woodville	10	4	6	913	1133	8	44.62
West	10	3	7	831	934	6	47.08
North	9	3	6	930	1091	6	46.02
Centrals	9	3	6	838	1022	6	45.05
South	10	3	7	871	1067	6	44.94
Torrens	9	2	7	833	1048	4	44.28

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
Bagshaw (Sturt)	4.1	9	37.16
T. Evans (Port)	3.1	10	31.26
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	3.0	10	31.16
Phillis (Glenelg)	—	6	28.12
Winter (Sturt)	1.3	10	25.23
Saywell (Centrals)	—	9	22.9
Copping (Glenelg)	3.2	10	21.15
Sorrell (Port)	1.3	8	21.14

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	19,218
Glenelg	7,722
Woodville	6,957
Total	24,897

One quarter burst gives Glenelg the win

Glenelg 13-11, West 9-9

Glenelg did it again . . . they won another game of football with a burst during one quarter.

They stormed away from West in the opening 10 minutes of yesterday's clash at the Bay Oval, and they were never headed from that point on.

West nagged away at Glenelg for the rest of the day, but only briefly during the final quarter did the Bloods look as if they were going to pull off an upset win.

They narrowed the gap to nine points, but with Peter Carey, Paul Weston, Kym Hodgeman, and Graham Cornes paving the way, the Bays slipped away again to tie up the match when Stephen Copping slammed through two late goals.

For Copping it was a case of repeating the dose he had given West earlier in the game, when during the third quarter the Bloods closed in on Glenelg to cut their lead to three points.

When Glenelg needed a goal then, it was Copping who gave it to them and his three major scores for the day were telling shots. Once again, West missed an opportunity to knock over one of the top sides, with the Bays playing their third game in eight days.

The night match against West Perth on Tuesday was expected to have taken a toll of Glenelg's run, and

when steady drizzle fell all morning, the prospect of a heavy ball and a slow turf must have given West plenty of hope for a win.

But it was the opening minutes of the game that proved to be most critical — not the closing stages, when Glenelg should have been tiring.

Glenelg covered the loss of Colin MacVicar from ruck (because of a bout of tonsillitis coupled with the 'flu) and raced the ball goalwards from the first bounce.

Peter Carey showed how valuable a big man he can be, on a day not really suited to footballers of his size. He tapped the ball down to his rovers and to centreman Paul Weston, and they did the job.

Kym Hodgeman exploded with three goals in the first 10 minutes, and co-rover, Peter McInerney had one as well.

"That opening cost us the match," Fos Williams said after the game. He was almost right, because from that point Glenelg kicked 9-11 to West's 9-9.

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No counter

What cost West the game was their inability to counter Cornes, Weston and Hodgeman around the packs, and Copping at full forward.

Dexter Kennedy matched Peter Carey in the ruck clashes, but Carey went on with the game more effectively than Kennedy around the ground.

What kept West in touch was a combination of some fine work in attack by Peter Meuret and Matt Davoren, and some great play in the backlines by Ray Hayes and (during the second half) Greg Summerton and Kevin Beswick.

But it was only enough to keep them in touch. It was never enough to win them the game.

"Our confidence has been dented, and you can't build up confidence when you get jumped on in the first 10 minutes," said Williams.

His opposing chief, John Nicholls, was a happier man, saying: "We played four quarters of pressure football. I don't think you could say we ever looked as if we were going to be beaten."