

# FOOTBALL SHORT ODDS ON SUPER STURT

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By Stephen Middleton

The odds against Sturt reaching the grand final shortened at Unley Oval yesterday when the Blues triumphed again.

They took Norwood apart during the third quarter to run away with the game after an even first half.

What was expected to be a test of Sturt's right to sit at the head of the premiership ladder turned into a third quarter display of their skills.

It is now up to Glenelg to lay down the challenge next week.

But as the season continues the loss Sturt suffered at the hands of West in the sixth round becomes more and more of an enigma.

The final four looks set, as it stands, but the fight for fifth place is still wide open following wins to Torrens and Woodville yesterday.

Torrens' victory was an indication of their new approach — it was only their second against North in 18 attempts.

## Kerley's sweet revenge

For Neil Kerley it was sweet revenge. Twelve months ago almost to the day North tore Torrens apart at Football Park and kicked a record score against the Eagles.

Yesterday Torrens achieved the same feat. Their final score was a club record over North, beating their previous highest — set in 1959 — by 27 points.

And Woodville's great last quarter against West enabled them to record their biggest score against the Bloods, as well as lifting their hopes of slotting into the final five by September.

They went one goal better yesterday than they did in 1970 when they set their previous high score.

For Centrals, their clash with South at Adelaide Oval today is vital if they are to stay in touch with the five.

## Cornes, Hank injured

Glenelg and State captain Graham Cornes was carried off in the last quarter against Port Adelaide yesterday and is very doubtful for Saturday's match against Sturt.

He hobbled out of the Glenelg changerooms on crutches with a sprained left ankle.

Cornes sustained the injury when attempting a spectacular mark.

The ankle is badly swollen and will be treated today and during the week.

Cornes will not be available for Glenelg's NFL quarter-final match against VFA side Coburg at Nor-

wood Oval on Tuesday night.

Port Adelaide full-forward Tim Evans was limping in the last quarter with a jarred knee, but will be fit for Saturday's match against North Adelaide.

West Torrens rover Barry Hank will have a shoulder X-rayed today.

He is most doubtful for next week's match against South, while Eagle centre half-back Henry Dabrow-

ski may also miss with a corked thigh.

Former Carlton player David McKay sustained an ankle injury the first time he went for the ball in his debut with Torrens, but should be fit for next week.

Woodville's Peter Anderson will have a precautionary X-ray to determine if he has a cracked jaw.

Anderson was met heavily in a pack during the first quarter against West but finished the game.



GLENELG'S Stephen Copping bundles Port ruckman Ian Verrier out of the way in an attempt to mark.

●BELOW A blow for the Boys' Glenelg and State captain Graham Cornes is carried from the ground after crashing heavily and injuring his ankle in the last quarter.



## ELLIOTTS League Details

### GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	3-3	7-8	10-14	15-24	114
Port	5-6	8-9	11-14	14-14	98

BEST — GLENELG: Copping, Weston, Carey, Hodgeman, Lihou, Johnston. PORT: Ebert, Cunningham, Porpocia, Belton, Phillips, Natt.  
SCORERS — GLENELG: Phillips 45, Copping 44, Weston 32, Carey 13, Hodgeman 12, Whiting 10, Caldwell 10, Johnston 02, Cornes 01, McInerney 01, Voigt 01; rushed 03. PORT: Evans 35, Cahill 23, Porpocia 22, Batt 21, Clifford 20, Cunningham 10, Ebert 10, Curtis 10, Natt 01; rushed 02.  
INJURIES — GLENELG: Cornes (sprained left ankle, 4th quarter); PORT: Evans (jarred knee, 4th quarter), White (calf, 4th quarter).  
UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Trevor Thomas.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	6-4	12-7	19-15	25-20	170
North	0-0	3-3	6-5	13-10	88

BEST — TORRENS: Inglis, Jackman, McSpornan, Hanna, N. Roberts, Pavlich, Manouge, White, Marriott, NORTH: B. Stringer, Ellis, W. Stringer, Gum, Lofts.  
SCORERS — TORRENS: Inglis 64, Pavlich 42, Jackman 33, Hanna 30, McKay 21, N. Roberts 20, Hank 20, Phillipou 10, Giles 10, Miller 10, McSpornan 02, Marriott 01, Manouge 01; rushed 06. NORTH: Lofts 32, Russell 30, Pelle 20, W. Stringer 13, Roach 13, Sporn 11, B. Stringer 11, Ellis 10, Riley 01.  
INJURIES — TORRENS: Hank (shoulder, 2nd quarter), Dabrowski (thigh, 3rd quarter), McKay (ankle).  
UMPIRES: Ric Charlesworth and Mark Coombe.

### UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-9	5-9	11-11	16-12	108
Nwd.	3-2	5-8	5-13	9-18	72

BEST — STURT: Davies, Burgan, Casey, Barton, Heinrich, Wiseman, Klamp, NORWOOD: Taylor, Rosser, Sapwell, Nicholson, Gallagher, Button.  
SCORERS — STURT: Heinrich 50, Winter 42, Bagshaw 2-3, Hartreaves 2-0, Burgan 1-1, Barton 1-0, Hunt 1-0, Smith 0-2, Weathersald 0-1, Sims 0-1, Davies 0-1, NORWOOD: Michelanny 2-4, Rosser 2-0, Gallagher 1-2, von Bertouch 1-1, Phillips 1-1, Armour 1-0, Dunstan 1-0, Sapwell 0-3, Woodcock 0-1, Gregg 0-1, Button 0-1, rushed 04.  
INJURIES — NORWOOD: Kerley (shoulder, first quarter).  
UMPIRES—Des Foster, Ricky Kinnear.

### WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'ville	3-3	10-6	14-9	21-12	138
West	5-4	8-4	13-11	15-14	104

BEST — WOODVILLE: Goodingham, Close, Howard, Ramsey, Ruth, Maylin. WEST: Morris, Donaldson, Meuret, Williams, Hagan.  
SCORERS — WOODVILLE: Roberts 51, Howard 34, Sewer 30, Jensen 22, G. Hewitt 21, Ramsey 13, Ruth 11, Maylin 10, Goodingham 10, Close 10, Dennes 10, WEST: Davoren 61, Morris 24, Grimwood 20, Hagan 13, Weideman 11, Robertson 10, Meuret 10, Williams 10, Donaldson 01, rushed 04.  
INJURIES — WEST: Phil Kersten (sprained ankle, first quarter), Bruce Stevenson (damaged nerve in left foot, second quarter). WOODVILLE: Peter Anderson (jaw injury, first quarter).  
UMPIRES—Roger Magor and Brenton O'Connor.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	13	12	1	1754	1092	24	61.63
Glenelg	13	11	2	1480	1190	22	55.43
Norwood	13	8	5	1284	980	16	56.71
Port	13	7	6	1241	1273	14	50.16
Torrens	13	6	7	1293	1306	12	49.75
Woodville	13	6	7	1217	1423	10	46.00
Centrals	12	5	7	1169	1363	10	45.81
West	13	3	10	1071	1278	6	45.59
North	13	3	10	1278	1674	6	44.27
South	12	3	9	1013	1301	6	43.78

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
Bagshaw (Sturt)	23	12	53.25
T. Evans (Port)	35	13	57.32
George (Centrals)	—	8	36.25
Winter (Sturt)	42	13	36.25
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	12	13	35.21
Phillis (Glenelg)	45	8	32.78
Copping (Glenelg)	44	13	31.22
Davoren (West)	61	12	29.16

### CROWDS

Unley	14,165
Glenelg	13,377
Football Park	6,504
Woodville	2,673
Total	36,619

### PROGRAM

TODAY—Centrals v. South (Adelaide).  
SATURDAY—South v. Torrens (Football Park); Sturt v. Glenelg (Unley); North v. Port (Prospect); Norwood v. Woodville (Norwood); West v. Centrals (Richmond).

# Wham! Bay stars turn on power

Glenelg 15-24, Port 14-14

Glenelg ran Port Adelaide into the Bay Oval soil yesterday and shattered the Magpies' confidence with their superb desperation.

The match also proved how much Glenelg's star players are worth when they lifted the Tigers from a losing position to win comfortably by 16 points.

Port led up to 30 seconds into the last quarter and then wham! — Glenelg fired in 15 scoring shots to the Magpies' miserable three.

That scoring effort, and the fact that Glenelg had 31 more kicks in the last quarter, tells the story of how the Bays stormed home and the Magpies wilted under pressure.

Port should have led by at least five goals at half-time, but had to be content with a seven-point lead after throwing countless goals away.

They lacked confidence in attack and, for some reason, persisted in short, ridiculous passes in working the ball down the ground.

Glenelg had few winners up to half-time, were beaten badly in ruck, and their rovers Kym Hodgeman and Peter McInerney were shut out of the game.

But what a change after half-time! Peter Carey went into

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ruck and fed Hodgeman, who in turn pounded Glenelg in attack consistently.

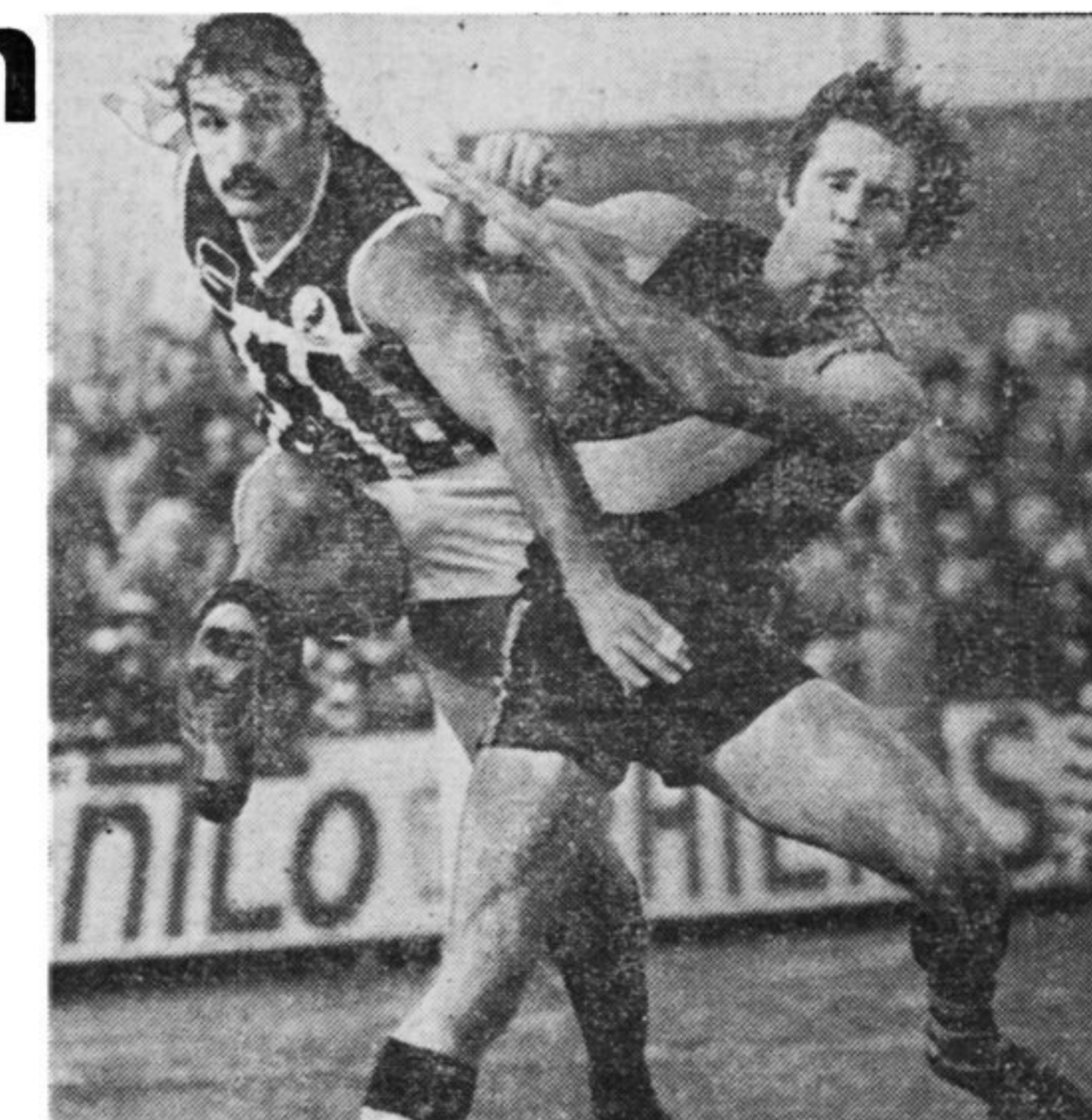
Paul Weston, who played in the shadow of Stephen Clifford in the first half, was uncontrolled in the second, and also played a major role in lifting the Bays to a grand win.

Then there was Graham Cornes, who improved immensely as the game wore on, David Johnston, who continued to battle hard, and Fred Phillis, who lifted at full forward.

## Faded out

Meanwhile, the Port brigade faded dismally and their early stars, such as Andy Porpocia, Clifford, Chris Natt and Darrell Cahill, were rarely sighted.

Their captain, Russell Ebert and rover Brian



MAGPIE back pocket Carl Fragomeni gets away a copybook clearing kick to turn back a Bay attack, despite opposition from Glenelg rover Peter McInerney

Cunningham, were the only two to carry on their early good efforts.

Glenelg fought back courageously, and once their "big name" players fired, they displayed the teamwork and fierce pressure for which they are renowned.

Stephen Copping, who played in a forward pocket was best on ground, narrowly ahead of Weston.

Copping was one of the few to be consistently good for four quarters, and his three goals in the first half kept Glenelg in touch.

Glenelg coach John Nicholls believed West Torrens had a lot to do with the win over Port.

"The heavy loss to Torrens did us good, and so will the win against Port. Yesterday's win was

very satisfying because we had to work hard in the second half to get there," he added.

Port coach John Cahill thought his side should have been three or four goals up at half-time.

"We played too short and their centre and half-back lines got on top of us in the second half.