

Juniors' still in the finals race

Adelaide football's two "junior" clubs thumbed their noses at the critics yesterday and pulled off upset wins.

With Sturt beating Port at Alberton, the race for fourth and fifth placings in the premiership table is still wide open.

By Stephen Middleton

And if picking the winner of the South-West clash was hard on Friday they showed why when they drew at Adelaide Oval.

Woodville and Central Districts knocked over their highly-fancied opposition without much trouble yesterday — the Peckers tossing over Glenelg by 26 points and Centrals beating Torrens by 19 points.

With Sturt continuing their run of wins over Port, the premiership table opened up again as four sides closed up in the fight for a place in the final five.

Ironically, among the contenders were Centrals, who were written off as finals chances by their coach only a couple of weeks ago.

"We start working on 1979," were Daryl Hicks' words after Centrals crashed to West Adelaide on July 1.

Since then the Bulldogs have played two of the top five teams and beaten them both.

For Woodville and Torrens the slot in the major round will be largely determined in two games in the next few weeks.

They meet each other twice before the end of the minor round — one game at Thebarton and one at Woodville.

And Torrens face the prospect of meeting Sturt twice before the end of the season.

Defeat in both matches would open the door for

either Woodville or Centrals, who should stage an epic contest at Adelaide Oval when they meet on August 12.

And what of Norwood should they lose two pre-

miership points?

Such a development could make third position in the finals as open as fourth and fifth, with Torrens and Port breathing down the Redlegs' necks.

Hines' season at end



Peter Hines

Season 1978 finished for three league footballers yesterday.

South ruckman Peter Hines, the Panthers' most valuable player this year, broke the ulna, a bone in his left forearm, and his absence will be a blow to South.

The Panthers must play the NFL final against Glenelg, and still hold a faint hope for qualifying for the major round.

North lost Stephen Forth (broken collarbone) and Allan Howard (achilles tendon).

Ruckman Kenton Muller was carried off with concussion and is in doubt for next week.

Glenelg are most unlikely to have dynamic rover Kym Hodgeman, available for Tuesday night. He has a bruised shoulder.

There is a possibility he will miss next Saturday's clash with Centrals at the Bay.

Woodville reported Ken Crane with a broken nose, but he will play against Port at Football Park.

Apart from crashing to Centrals, Torrens also had the misfortune to have star ruckman-forward Dirk Inglis suffer a strained groin. He could miss the important clash with Sturt at Thebarton.

Craig Marriott has a badly gashed ankle and also is in some doubt.

Sturt ruck rover Tony Burgan was replaced with bruised ribs at half-time against Port.

He will have a precautionary X-ray, but should be available next week.—GRAHAM FISCHER

Peckers get the Bays in a tangle

Woodville 11-10, Glenelg 6-14

By Ashley Porter

Woodville left Glenelg bungling in the quagmire at Woodville Oval yesterday on their winning way and sent a shiver down the backs of the other League teams.

The win was certainly not a fluke and the Peckers have come from the premiership table horrors to a force to be reckoned with.

Gone are the days of Woodville "dropping their bundle," telling themselves they cannot win, blaming everyone else for their mistakes and, most of all, accepting defeat.

Something has flared in the club and their never-say-die approach on the field is nothing less than exciting.

Fighting

The desperation they showed against Glenelg was admirable.

They did not play well because they are enjoying success. They gave 100 per cent effort because they lost their last game against South Adelaide.

Their attitude is far more professional — from the administration to the players—and Glenelg were the unfortunate ones yesterday to learn that the Peckers have got off their perches and are in there

fighting for their name.

Woodville won because they played with desperation, courage, and teamwork.

Glenelg lost because they lacked motivation and desire for the ball.

Woodville ran through the mud, tackled hard and searched and found team mates nearby when in trouble.

They led by a goal at half-time and rattled the Bays with pressure in the third quarter against the wind.

Glenelg kicked only 1-3 with the wind while Woodville blasted four straight goals.

In the fourth, the Peckers were off target by kicking 2-5, but Glenelg were worse as they managed only 1-6.

It was a superb team effort, but Darrell Hewitt, Phil Maylin and Ralph Sewer must head the best players list.

They attacked constantly and guided their team mates through Glenelg's ragged defence.

Phil Howard was impressive on a wing,

Brian Close roved tirelessly, and Lindsay Heaven and Phil Reimann were the backbones of Woodville's defence.

Glenelg suffered a bitter blow when rover Kym Hodgeman went off in the third quarter with a shoulder injury.

He was one of their best players up to then and Glenelg missed his desperation and team work.

David Johnston was their best on a wing and was well supported by Jim Lihou in defence.

Unfortunately, their efforts were in vain on many occasions because when they delivered the ball into the forward lines Glenelg lacked system and fluttered scoring chances away.

Waiting

The game was really a case of one team working hard for a win and the other waiting for everything to happen for them.

Woodville deserve their chance for the finals, and if they continue yesterday's effort, they will be at Football Park in September.

Glenelg's score of 6-14 equalled their lowest score against Woodville.

In 1966, when the Bays were bottom, they kicked 5-20 and lost to Woodville at Woodville Oval.

SUPER ELLIOTTS League Details

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Centrals	7-2	10-2	14-3	17-5	107
Torrens	0-1	8-6	9-12	12-16	88

BEST—CENTRALS: Maksimovic, Wilson, Norsworthy, Nalder, Jonas, Vivian. TORRENS: McSparran, Hanna, Jackman, Marriott, Hewitt, Miller.
SCORERS—CENTRALS: Wilson 4-2, Maksimovic 3-0, George 3-1, Beythien 2-0, Norsworthy 2-1, Nalder 1-0, Van Dommele 1-1, Stone 1-0. TORRENS: McSparran 4-3, Marriott 3-3, Jackman 2-2, Lindsay 1-0, Hanna 1-2, Hank 1-1, Giles 0-1, McKay 0-2, Pavlich 0-1, rushed 1.
INJURIES—TORRENS: Dirk Inglis (badly strained groin) off half-time, Craig Marriott (gashed ankle).
UMPIRES—Robin Bennet, Mark Coombe.

ADELAIDE OVAL

West	2-9	4-11	5-13	7-16	58
South	0-4	3-5	5-9	8-10	58

BEST—WEST: Kennedy, Morris, Weideman, Stevenson, Grimwood, Reynolds. SOUTH: Baynes, Butler, Slatery, Schneebichler, Keam, Bennett.
SCORERS—WEST: Weideman 2-1, Kennedy 2-2, Morris 1-2, Pierson 1-1, Williams 1-0, Loveday 0-1, Kuhlmann 0-1, Meuret 0-1, Grimwood 0-1, rushed 0-5. SOUTH: Keam 2-2, Bennett 2-1, Schneebichler 1-1, Hateley 1-0, Lyons 1-0, Slatery 1-0, Cobb 0-1, Harradnie 0-1, rushed 0-4.
INJURY—SOUTH: Peter Hines (broken arm) second quarter.
UMPIRES—Steve Semmler, Bob Scholefield.

ALBERTON OVAL

Sturt	6-0	11-1	16-3	18-11	119
Port	1-2	5-6	6-12	6-13	49

BEST—STURT: Graham, Klomp, Davies, Wark, Downes, Derrington. PORT: Clifford, Eoert, Faletic, Cunningham, Phillips.
SCORERS—STURT: Davies 3-3, Smith 3-1, Derrington 3-0, Sims 3-0, Bagshaw 3-0, Downes 2-0, Graham 1-1, Weatherald 0-2, Winter 0-1, Barton 0-1, Heinrich 0-1, rushed 0-1. PORT: Faletic 2-0, Evans 1-3, Clifford 1-1, Granger 1-1, Ebert 1-0, Belton 0-3, Cunningham 0-2, Phillips 0-1, Porphyria 0-1, rushed 0-1.
INJURY—STURT: Burgan (bruised ribs) half-time.
UMPIRES—Des Foster, Roger Magor.

WOODVILLE OVAL

Woodville	1-3	5-5	9-5	11-10	76
Glenelg	2-3	4-5	5-8	6-14	50

BEST—WOODVILLE: D. Hewitt, Maylin, Sewer, Howard, Close, Heaven, Reimann. GLENELG: D. Johnston, Lihou, Coping, Caldwell, Carey, West, n.
SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Howard 3-1, Krieg 2-0, D. Hewitt 2-0, Tyrrell 1-3, Brown 1-1, Sewer, Close, rushed 0-5. GLENELG: Rody 2-1, Cornes 1-2, McInerney 1-1, MacFarlane Holst, Caldwell 0-4, Weston 0-2, Hodgeman 0-1, MacVicar 0-1, rushed 0-2.
INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Crane (broken nose) fourth quarter. GLENELG: Hodgeman (shoulder) third quarter.
UMPIRES—R. Kinnear, P. Mead.

FOOTBALL PARK

Norwood	2-1	7-6	9-13	11-19	85
North	2-3	3-5	4-5	4-11	35

BEST—NORWOOD: Button, Nicholson, Jenkins, Kerlev, Taylor, Gallagher, Maddison. NORTH: Hill, Jaworsky, McAdam, Baruzzi.
SCORERS—NORWOOD: Dillon 4-2, Maddison 2-2, Adamson 2-1, Menzel 1-4, Nicholson 1-0, McAlanney 1-0, Rosser 0-2, Von Bertouch 0-1, Gregg 0-1, Gallagher 0-1, rushed 0-5. NORTH—Baruzzi 1-3, Hill 1-2, McAdam 1-0, W. Stringer 1-0, Cloke 0-2, Muller 0-1, Roach 0-1, Tccaci 0-1, rushed 0-1.
INJURIES—NORTH: Kenton Muller (concussion), Stephen Forth (broken collarbone) first quarter, Alan Howard (achilles tendon) second quarter.
UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth and Brenton O'Connor.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	15	1		2094	1320	30	61.34
Glenelg	12	4		1798	1440	24	55.53
Norwood	10	6		1556	1176	20	56.95
Torrens	8	8		1590	1578	16	50.19
Port	8	8		1564	1607	16	49.32
Woodville	7	9		1455	1682	14	46.38
Centrals	7	9		1496	1772	14	45.78
South	5	10	1	1363	1586	11	46.22
West	4	11	1	1332	1487	9	47.25
North	3	13		1469	2075	6	41.45

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yest.	Matches	Total
Bagshaw (Sturt)	3.0	15	64.32
George (Centrals)	3.1	10	53.37
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	0.1	16	44.26
T. Evans (Port)	1.3	16	43.42
Winter (Sturt)	0.1	16	43.28
Copping (Glenelg)	—	16	36.23
Davoren (West)	—	14	33.19
Phillis (Glenelg)	—	8	32.18

CROWDS

Football Park	4,182
Adelaide	3,411
Alberton	9,909
Elizabeth	5,412
Woodville	2,633
TOTAL	25,518

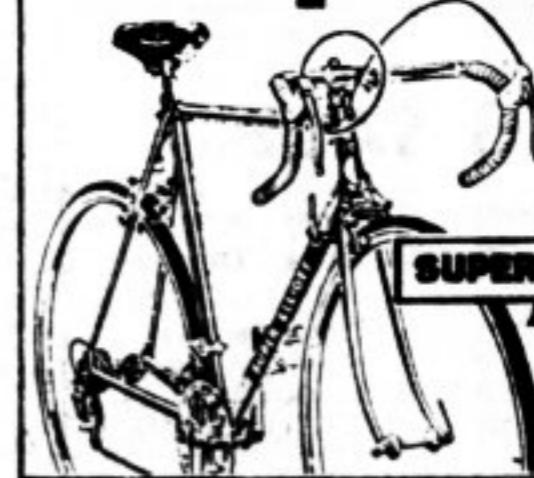
PROGRAM

SATURDAY — Port-Woodville (Football Park), Torrens-Sturt (Thebarton), North-South (Prospect), Glenelg-Centrals (Glenelg).
SUNDAY — West-Norwood (Richmond).

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

Footscray 15-17, Essendon 13-8, Fitzroy 18-14, Hawthorn 17-19, Richmond 17-19, Melbourne 14-9, Geelong 16-8, St. Kilda 12-20, North Melbourne 15-11, Collingwood 7-17, Carlton 16-16, South Melbourne 9-17.
W.A. LEAGUE — South Fremantle 14-14, West Perth 10-15, East Perth 21-11, Swan Districts 13-10, Perth 24-21, Subiaco 16-9, East Fremantle 15-17, Claremont 6-10.
TASMANIA — Sandy Bay 14-12, Glenorchy 10-11, North Hobart 23-11, Hobart 9-12, Longford 17-11, North Launceston 13-16, Scottsdale 6-11, Launceston 4-11, City-South 22-15, East Launceston 9-14, East Devonport 10-11, Latrobe 10-1, Penguin 17-16, Devonport 12-17, Wynyard 15-13, Burnie 8-6, Coocoe 15-13, Ulverstone 11-7.

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