

DOGS' FAILURE SAVES KERLS

Eagles in five

By Stephen Middleton

West Torrens' coach, Neil Kerley, proved yesterday that one man's misfortune is another's gain despite the Eagles' loss to Norwood at the Parade.

Woodville's win over Daryl Hicks' Centrals was the reason for Kerley's relief.

Centrals' defeat kept them one win behind Torrens who are now virtually assured of a spot in the finals next month.

By Hicks' own judgment Centrals need to win every

game between now and the end of the minor round — three weeks away.

The Eagles have a percentage lead on Centrals that is as good as a second win and next week could slip away to a genuine two-game break.

Torrens play Woodville at Thebarton, while Centrals face the daunting prospect of tackling league leaders Sturt at Unley.

Rejuvenation

Should Centrals lose next week and Torrens win the fifth spot will be a certainty for the Eagles.

With only two games left in the minor round Centrals would be unable to catch Torrens.

An Eagle win next week would also spell the end of the road for Woodville, the position South, West and North now find themselves in.

None of these sides can make the finals — and it is worth bearing in mind that two of them were finalists last season.

Just as important as the fight for fifth spot however, is Port's rejuvenation in the past three matches.

The Magpies have handed out solid hammerings to Woodville, Centrals and Glenelg, to revive some of their 1977 premiership glories.

On the block

And Glenelg once more found themselves as the chopping block, with little joy in the trip home from Alberton.

The only bright point to come out of the game for the Bays was that they kicked more than six goals — for the first time since July 8.

Magpies show up the sad truth... Bays shouldn't be in the five

Port 16-15, Glenelg 9-8

An impressive 49-point win to Port over Glenelg at Alberton yesterday proved two things.

Last year's premiers are nearing top form at the business end of the season and Glenelg do not deserve their spot in the final five.

It is a pity to see Torrens, Centrals and Woodville battling it out for fifth spot, when an out-of-form Glenelg sit one game clear of Port Adelaide in third spot.

Glenelg are not worthy finals contenders. They have been able to win only two of their last nine games.

One was against North and the other against Port, who re-venge that defeat yesterday.

If you include the NFL final, the Tigers have lost to every side in the league bar West and North, the bottom two sides.

Glenelg officials have produced a series of excuses including, wet weather, tired legs and the best of all, "we couldn't lose third spot so we're having a rest."

Yesterday the plain facts emerged, they are just not a top side.

Port started the afternoon on the right foot by winning the toss. The south-westerly wind was worth at least three goals and Port took advantage of it.

Excuses

It was to be the trend of the afternoon, with the Magpies never in danger of losing the game.

Overall, Glenelg played about 10 minutes of football — late in the second term.

The two sides were a complete contrast. Port had a spearhead in Tim Evans, Glenelg did not. Port were prepared to commit themselves and run in packs, Glenelg weren't. And Port talked, the Bays didn't raise a whisper.

It was obvious from the sidelines that Glenelg players were going solo.

By Stephen Price

Port coach John Cahill confirmed the contrast with a simple: "It was the complete team effort."

Port's centreline was dominant all day.

The four players Cahill used there had 71 kicks between them.

Clifford, Light, Kinnear and Ebert were all in Port's best. With this quartet rushing the ball forward to Tim Evans, it wasn't surprising he finished with eight goals.

In an extraordinary coaching move, Nicholls left big Bob Tardif on Evans for three of the four quarters.

Jack Spry made a welcome return to ruck but was shadowed by Colin MacVicar in possibly his best game for the Bays.

He was one of a few Glenelg players who put in all day. Hodgeman was as usual impressive and Cornes tried hard.

Peckers go for record!

Woodville seem set for their best season in league football following their win over Centrals at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

The victory was their eighth for the season — equalling their previous best performance.

The club's most successful year since joining the league competition 14 years ago was in 1969 when they were coached by Noel Teasdale.

That year the Peckers finished seventh.

Woodville have three opportunities remaining to make 1978 their best year yet.

They play Torrens next week at Thebarton, Norwood the following week at Woodville and North at Prospect in the last match of the season.

For coach John McInnes, yesterday's one-point win could make him more successful than Woodville's five other coaches—Harold McDonald, Peter Obst, Noel Teasdale, Barrie Barbary and Greg Brehaut.

"Nine wins is our aim," McInnes said after yesterday's match.

"We have equalled our best and now we must go one step further."

Looking back at Woodville's performances in 1969 it is worth recalling a few names from the team that season.

Malcolm Blight, Ray Huppertz and Colin MacVicar are three who quickly come to mind.

Two more are Ralph Sewer, who played yesterday, and Barry Ion, who watched the game from the Press box.

—STEPHEN MIDDLETON

SPINNING WHEEL TYRES LEAGUE DETAILS

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Woodville	4-2	6-9	9-15	13-16	94
Centrals	5-2	7-4	11-7	14-9	93

BEST—WOODVILLE: Hutton, Goodingham, Close, Howard, Sewer, Tyrell. **CENTRALS:** Mobbs, Van Dommele, Harrington, Norsworthy, Beythien, Rae.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Howard 3.4, Brown 2.3, Close 2.2, Parker 1.1, G. Hewitt 1.1, Maylin 1.1, Sewer 1.1, Mil-denhall 1.0, Hutton 1.0, Carty 0.1, rushed 0.3. **CENTRALS:** George 3.2, R. Van Dommele 3.1, W. Cochrane 3.0, Mobbs 2.1, Norsworthy 2.0, Maksimovic 1.0, Beythien 0.2, Wilson 0.1, Vivian 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: D. Hewitt (thigh) first quarter. **CENTRALS:** George (calf) first quarter.

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Robin Bennet.

ALBERTON OVAL

Port	4-6	10-9	14-13	16-15	111
Glenelg	1-2	6-6	7-8	9-8	62

BEST—PORT: Clifford, Light, Cunningham, Kinnear, Evans, Ebert. **GLENELG:** Hodgeman, MacVicar, Cornes, Lihou, Weston.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 8.3, Cunningham 3.1, Gill 1.1, Faletic 1-0, Porphyria 1-2, Sorrell 1-0, Ebert 1-2, Cahill 0-1, Kinnear 0-3, rushed 0-2. **GLENELG:** Carey 4-2, Hodgeman 2-0, McInerney 1-1, Weston 1-0, Copping 1-3, Marker 0-1, Cornes 0-1.

INJURIES—PORT: Brian Cunningham (cut knee) last quarter, Carl Fragomeni (slightly strained hamstring).

UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth, Trevor Thomas.

FOOTBALL PARK

Sturt	2-3	6-8	7-12	8-16	64
North	2-3	2-4	4-11	7-13	55

BEST—STURT: Davies, Burgan, Barton, Sims, Wiseman, Klomp. **NORTH:** Baruzzi, Jaworski, Hill, W. Stringer, Tiller, Downie.

SCORERS—STURT: Pfeiffer 2-2, Davies 2-0, Barton 1-2, Burgan 1-0, Smith 1-0, Hunt 1-0, Winter 0-2, Derrington 0-2, Leonard 0-2, Cece 0-1, Sims 0-1, Graham 0-1, Reed 0-1, rushed 0-2. **NORTH:** Pelle 3-2, Baruzzi 1-1, McAdam 1-1, Tiller 1-1, Gum 1-0, Hill 0-3, Jaworski 0-2, Cloke 0-2, rushed 0-1.

INJURY—STURT: Graham (strained thigh) first quarter.

UMPIRES—M. Coombe, R. Kinnear.

NORWOOD OVAL

Norwood	3-2	5-4	10-6	14-7	91
Torrens	1-3	4-5	8-9	11-14	80

BEST—NORWOOD: Nicholson, Button, Taylor, Rosser, Craig, Gallagher. **TORRENS:** McSporran, Phillipou, Keillett, Jackman, Dabrowski, P. Cousins.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Dillon 2-4, Nunan 2-1, Von Bertouch 2-0, Taylor 2-0, Maddison 1-1, Gregg 1-0, Zubrinich 1-0, Armour 1-0, Gallagher 1-0, Rosser 1-0, Michalanne 0-1. **TORRENS:** Keillett 4-3, Hanna 2-0, Raggart 1-3, Jackman 1-1, McKay 1-1, M. Pavlich 1-0, Rendell 1-0, McSporran 0-3, Inghis 0-2, Lindsay 0-1.

UMPIRES—Bob Scholefield, Roger Magor.

RICHMOND OVAL

South	1-1	9-2	11-2	17-8	110
West	3-6	7-6	9-7	11-7	73

BEST—SOUTH: Bennett, Hateley, Butler, Baynes, Palmer, Schneebichler. **WEST:** Kennedy, Hayes, M. Williams, Donaldson, Weideman, Dunlop.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Hateley 3.1, Linke 3.0, Schulz 2.1, Schneebichler 2.0, Slattery 2.0, Dry 2.0, Bennett 1.3, Lyons 1.0, Butler 1.0, rushed 0.3. **WEST:** Meuret 3.0, Morris 2.2, Dunlop 2.0, Drew 1.1, A. Williams 1.1, Weideman 1.1, M. Williams 1.0, Grimwood 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—SOUTH: Slattery (thigh) and Lyons (thigh), third term.

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Peter Mead.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Sturt	18	1	—	2316	1486	36	60.91
Norwood	13	6	—	1777	1354	26	56.76
Glenelg	12	7	—	1952	1700	24	53.45
Port	11	8	—	1975	1842	22	51.74
Torrens	9	10	—	1799	1801	18	49.97
Centrals	8	11	—	1752	2025	16	46.39
Woodville	8	11	—	1699	2035	16	45.50
South	6	12	1	1583	1846	13	46.16
West	5	13	1	1598	1698	11	48.48
North	4	15	—	1671	2335	8	41.71

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yest.	Matches	Total
Bagshaw (Sturt)	—	16	64.33
Evans (Port)	8.3	19	62.52
George (Centrals)	3.2	13	61.43
Hodgeman (Glenelg)	2.0	19	45.29
Winter (Sturt)	0.2	19	46.35
Copping (Glenelg)	1.3	19	39.28
Jackman (Torrens)	1.1	19	36.22
Inghis (Torrens)	0.2	18	34.16

CROWDS

Football Park	4,491
Adelaide Oval	3,392
Alberton	10,014
Richmond	2,167
Norwood	10,025
Total	30,089

PROGRAM

SATURDAY: West v. Port (Football Park), South v. Glenelg (Adelaide), Norwood v. North (Norwood), Sturt v. Centrals (Unley), Torrens v. Woodville (Thebarton).
