

FOOTBALL CENTRALS

SOAR TO TOP

And what a turn-up for Torrens too

By Stephen Middleton

You can bet they'll be grinning out at Elizabeth this morning.

Central District have climbed from bottom to top of the premiership list.

Their reversal provided one of the highlights of yesterday's second round of 1978 league football.

But there was plenty of other interest in the four matches played.

West Torrens pulled off an upset win over Norwood at Thebarton, two players were reported in that match, Fred Phillis set a new goalkicking record for Glenelg, and West Adelaide failed by three seconds to defeat the Tigers.

lowed, most clubs fared better yesterday.

Norwood defender Stephen Kerley appears to be the most seriously injured. He was carried from Thebarton Oval with a bruised back.

Richard Manouge may miss Torrens' next game with a suspected fracture of his right thumb, and Woodville captain, Frank Stemper, has an eye injury

that club officials are worried about.

The seriousness of the problem won't be known until swelling goes down and Stemper can see a specialist.

The other clubs reported no casualties.

And at Football Park, Glenelg goalsneak, Fred Phillis, broke Jack Owens' old club record when he kicked his 828th goal. The record had stood for 46 years.

Port Adelaide and South will complete the second round today when they clash at Adelaide Oval.

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	5-9	10-12	12-20	13-21	99
West	2-3	7-5	10-7	14-12	96

BEST PLAYERS — GLENELG: Hodgeman, Cornes, Hywood, Holst, Voigt, Farquhar. WEST: Williams, Meuret, Hagen, Kennedy, Grimwood, Morris.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Hodgeman 4.4, Phillis 2.2, Weston 1.2, Cornes 1.2, Caldwell 1.2, Holst 1.1, McInerney 1.0, Lihou 1.0, Farquhar 1.0, Tardif 0.3, Carey 0.2, Copping 0.1, Hywood 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Meuret 3.2, Davoren 3.1, Hagen 3.0, Ravlich 2.2, Buckley 2.0, Donaldson 1.1, Morris 0.1, Loveday 0.1, Grimwood 0.1, Hayes 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES—Dennis Rebbeck, Laurie Argent.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-2	7-9	14-12	19-15	129
W'ville	3-5	8-6	12-8	15-11	101

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Burgan, Klomp, Bagshaw, Hargreaves, Davies, Smith. WOODVILLE: Dennes, Sewer, Goodingham, Ramsey, D. Hewitt, Ford.

SCORERS—STURT: Bagshaw 5.4, Whelan 4.2, Barton 3.0, Pettigill 3.0, Winter 2.3, Derrington 1.2, Weatherald 1.0, Davies 0.1, Mutton 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Ford 4.0, G. Hewitt 3.2, D. Hewitt 3.1, Roberts 2.1, Ramsey 2.1, Goodingham 1.0, Sewer 0.2, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Stemper (eye) during last term. **UMPIRES**: Roger Magor, Trevor Thomas.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Cent.	2-8	8-11	12-18	17-20	122
North	3-3	7-7	10-10	15-13	103

BEST PLAYERS — CENTRALS: Beythlen, Rae, Swinstead, Heinrich, Boehm, Van Dommle. NORTH: Stringer, Hill, Doszna, Jaworski, Roach, Tiller.

SCORERS — CENTRALS: Saywell 3-2, Skinner 3-2, Beythien 2-4, Wyley 2-2, Rae 2-0, Maksimovic 1-1, Wilson 1-0, Jonas 1-1, Van Dommle 1-3, Norsworthy 1-0, Mobbs 0-1, rushed 0-4. NORTH: Cloke 3-3, Roach 2, Sporn 2-0, Robran 2-1, Diorio 2-0, Tiller 1-1, Redden 1-2, Ah Chee 1-0, Riley 1-0, Doszna 0-1, Hill 0-1, rused 0-3.

INJURY — CENTRALS: Norsworthy (bruised shoulder third quarter). Jonas (ankle last quarter).

UMPIRES — Jim Field, Peter Mead.

THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens.	5-2	8-5	13-11	15-15	105
Nwd.	2-2	8-4	10-5	11-9	75

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: N. Roberts, Searle, Ingils, Rendall, White, McSpornan. NORWOOD: Gallagher, Button, Taylor, Rosser, Woodcock, Von Bertouch.

SCORERS—TORRENS: N. Roberts 4.1, Hamill 3.0, Ingils 2.3, Miller 2.0, McSpornan 1.2, Pavlich 1.2, Jackman 1.1, Rendall 1.0, Marriott 0.2, White 0.1, Faletic 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Woodcock 3.2, Gallagher 1.2, Michalanne 1.1, Thiel 1.0, Armour 1.0, Rosser 1.0, Palm 1.0, Dunstan 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Von Bertouch 0.2, Gregg 0.1, Button 0.1.

INJURIES—TORRENS: Manouge (third quarter) suspected fractured right thumb. NORWOOD: Kerley (last quarter), bruised back.

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Bob Scholefield.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Matches	Total
D. K. Phillis (Glenelg)	4-1	2	12-3
Roberts (Torrens)	2-2	2	8-3
Pettigill (Sturt)	3-0	2	8-0
Cloke (North)	3-3	2	7-5
Beythlen (Centrals)	2-4	2	6-5
Winter (Sturt)	2-3	2	6-4
Bagshaw (Sturt)	5-4	2	6-4
Ravlich (West)	2-2	2	6-3

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem.	%
Centrals	2	2	—	240	177	4	57.55
Glenelg	2	2	—	32	177	4	56.72
Sturt	2	2	—	255	200	4	56.04
West	2	1	1	215	196	2	52.31
Torrens	2	1	1	202	193	2	51.14
Norwood	2	1	1	150	165	2	47.62
North	2	—	2	202	248	—	44.89
Port	1	—	1	60	75	—	44.44
Woodville	2	—	2	175	247	—	41.47
South	1	—	1	60	133	—	37.56

PROGRAM CROWDS

TODAY: South v. Port (Adelaide Oval).	Football Park	10,837
SATURDAY: Torrens v. Glenelg (Football Park); Port v. West (Alberton); Centrals v. Sturt (Elizabeth); Norwood v. South (Norwood); Woodville v. North (Woodville).	Prospect	7,064
	Unley	6,413
	Thebarton	7,818
	TOTAL	32,162

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

SYDNEY: Souths 16 (S. Little, R. Laurie, T. Fahey, G. Wright tries, S. Little 2 goals) d. St. George 8 (S. Butler, S. Edge tries, M. Brennan goal).

PERTH: East Perth 16.18 d. Subiaco 12.9; Claremont 24.13 d. West Perth 16.18; Perth 25.22 d. Swan Districts 16.11; South Fremantle 24.18 d. East Fremantle 16.15.

N.T.F.A.: Launceston, 17-8 (110). North Launceston, 12-18 (90); Longford, 17-15 (117); City-South, 17-13 (115); Scottsdale, 18-27 (135); East Launceston, 13-6 (84).

N.W.F.U.: Penguin, 21-21 (147); Devonport, 13-28 (104); Wynyard 22-14 (146); Burnie, 10-16 (76); Ulverstone, 19-14 (123); Coocoe, 11-13 (79); East Devonport, 14-17 (101); Latrobe, 12-18 (79).

T.F.L.: Hobart, 12-11 (83); Clarence, 9-10 (64); Sandy Bay, 19-28 (142); North Hobart, 4-6 (30); Glenorchy, 14-14 (98); Norfolk, 11-16 (82).

Injuries

The Eagles led almost from start to finish.

It was a tight match, hard and fast, and the tension led to two reports during the final quarter as Norwood fought to peg back the Eagles.

Torrens defender Rick Searle, playing his second league match, was reported by goal umpire Des Hillebrand for allegedly striking Norwood's David Palm.

And umpire Hillebrand also reported Palm — for allegedly kicking Searle.

After last week's bruising start to the season and the crop of injuries that fol-



Not this time!

It's rare for Glenelg's high-flying bombshell Graham Cornes to miss a mark. This time he did and the ball slipped through his hands. Cornes got a lift from team-mate Michael Farquhar but his timing was out. Other players in the picture are West's Kevin Beswick (left) and Mark Williams.

Three seconds —and Bays boot a winner!

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Tight finishes in football matches don't come much tighter than the one witnessed at Football Park yesterday.

Glenelg kicked the match-winning goal with three seconds remaining.

Bay youngster Michael Farquhar was the one to cover himself with glory when he was awarded a free kick after a big pack contested a mark near goal.

He kicked accurately; the umpires raced the ball back to centre and bounced it and then the timekeepers rang the siren.

It was a depressing moment for West supporters, who had watched the Bloods battle to the lead during the final quarter only to be beaten at the death knock.

For Glenelg it was a real lesson on just how important it is to play the match out, and how crucial lapses in concentration can be.

Inspired

Because it was a lapse in concentration that had let West back into the game when they appeared beaten. Glenelg's atrocious goal shooting was another factor.

There was another reason — inspired bursts of football by Dexter Kennedy and Norm Hagen.

Glenelg started the game on a high note, with their big men performing well. Carey and Tardif were doing well enough in ruck to push the ball out to Kym Hodgeman more often than West could counter, and Graham Cornes was marking strongly around the ground.

Across half-back they were repelling the West attacks, while Rex Voigt was mopping up any plays to sneak past this line.

Pressure

Fred Phillis kicked his 826th goal and thus equalled the Glenelg record and things looked fairly comfortable.

But it was ominous that from 14 shots at goal in the first quarter only five went through the middle.

West were applying the pressure in their backlines, with Kevin Beswick in outstanding form early.

Lee Ravlich had made the most of two opportunities however, and he showed West had a goal-mouth target to be utilised when they had their turn with the wind in the second quarter.

It was then that Glenelg shifted Farquhar away from full-back and swung Chris Hercocock into the key position to counter Ravlich. He did the job well, stopping Ravlich from notching any more goals.

Peter Meuret became a problem at this time however, and, with Mark Williams setting up the attacks from midfield, West took the game right up to Glenelg.

Showed form

Half-time saw positional changes from both sides and Glenelg get their second chance with the wind. It was during the third quarter that they nearly lost the game.

Apart from Kym Hodgeman — who did it twice — no Bay forward was capable of kicking a goal, while Meuret managed one into the wind for West and Norm Hagen began to show some form on the half-forward flank.

To complete the transformation, Dexter Kennedy improved his contribution and suddenly West were transformed.

With the wind at their backs, West ran home via Hagen's flank and he could do no wrong. He goaled for the third time and then Matt Davoren emerged as the replacement for Ravlich around goals.

He grabbed two strong marks and with his second goal he levelled the scores. Three points followed and West appeared to have the match won, but back came the Bays through Cornes, Carey and young Farquhar.

Glenelg kicked only three goals after half-time, but that last one was just enough.