

FOOTBALL

Tigers go back on the prowl

Glenelg 12-11, Torrens 6-12

The tenacious Tigers beat Torrens comfortably yesterday and are poised to bite harder than ever in their quest for a premiership.

They mastered the Eagles and the sloppy conditions with confidence, almost with arrogance, and proved they will be hard to beat over the next few weeks.

Torrens were disappointing. They have not won a major round game for 24 years and on their performance yesterday will not win next Saturday.

Glenelg showed more skills, desperation and direction with the ball, and deserved their win.

Their teamwork was excellent and for four quarters they pressured the Eagles into mistakes.

Coach John Nicholls was naturally pleased with the win and said Glenelg improved last week and improved even more yesterday.

A dejected Torrens coach, Neil Kerley, said the loss did not mean his team would go into the elimination final without confidence.

"We just played badly and next week is a different game.

"Glenelg were more desperate because they had the incentive of the double chance in the finals and they handled the wet better," Kerley said.

Glenelg's best quarter was the second when they outscored Torrens against the strong wind.

The effort and the 27-point lead at half-time paved the way for the win and left Torrens an almost impossible chance of recovery.

Rattled

Glenelg had many fine players. Heading the list were Graham Cornes, Kym Hodgeman and Stephen Copping.

Glenelg always seemed to have more players near the ball and were able to win the race for it.

They backed up better, and when Torrens got the ball, Glenelg were always there to tackle.

Several times in the second half Glenelg choked Torrens' forward lines, and at one stage, Fred Phillis was the only Glenelg player past their centre line — and he was at centre wing.

This made it even harder for Torrens to score and they seemed "rattled" by the pressure.

Torrens lost brilliant rover Ian Jackman with slight concussion in the second quarter, and his absence made their situation even worse.

Torrens 'rattled'

By Ashley Porter

Cornes and Hodgeman finished with 59 kicks, 27 handballs and 16 marks between them and were unbeatable when they combined as a follower-rover combination.

Copping played a great game on a wing and drove his side into attack on many occasions.

He took some superb marks in attack and deserved the three goals he kicked.

Paul Weston also shone with 19 kicks and 15 handballs, he steered his side from centre and played a good team game.

Rover Peter McInerney regained his best form and was again dangerous near the goals.

Torrens had few good players.

Greg White was possibly their best on a half-back flank and Kevin McSporrans gave them some drive from centre.

Overall, it was a promising effort from Glenelg and a bad one from Torrens, one they would no doubt like to forget.

STURT-N. MELB: IT MAY BE ON

Sturt and North Melbourne seem certain to clash in Adelaide next weekend.

South Australia and Victorian minor premiers could play a curtain-raiser to one of the two finals.

The game has been made possible by the Victorian club finishing minor premiers, something that was no definite until after yesterday's final round in Melbourne.

Both sides now have a week's rest before their first final commitment.

Immediately after Sturt officials learned yesterday that North had finished top, they rang their Melbourne counterparts to finalise details of the game.

It is thought that SANFL approval is now the only thing hinging on whether the game takes place or not.

It is widely known that North's volatile coach, Ron Barassi is extra keen to stage the game.

If it comes off it will break the drought between

SA and Victorian games that has existed for several seasons.

Sturt team manager, Ted Langridge, was obviously excited about the possibility of the game after yesterday's clash with West.

"We would love to take on North Melbourne," he said.

"We are excited they have finished top and it is now possible.

Risk

"Of course there is a risk with injury, but you can get injured at training," he said.

Quizzed on whether he thought it might not be such a bad thing if Sturt were to lose to a side like North after so many wins, Langridge reacted angrily.

By Stephen Price

"We will not be playing to lose, don't think that," he said.

"Whenever we play, we play to win. Jack is very keen to have the contest and to win the game," he said.

It was thought that the game may have been held at Norwood Oval mid-week under lights, but Langridge soon dispelled that possibility.

"No it will not be under lights, it will be a day game."

Sturt are obviously confident of a win over North following their remarkable season.

It turns out that the league leaders broke Glenelg's existing record of number of games won in a season.

They notched up their twenty-first victory yesterday, beating the Bays' 1973 total by one game.

In addition they are the first side since Port in 1914 to finish six games clear on the table at the end of the minor round.

League Details

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-5	6-8	11-11	12-11	83
Torrens	0-1	2-5	4-6	6-12	48

BEST — GLENELG: Cornes, Hodgeman, Copping, Weston, McInerney, Carey, Holst. TORRENS: G. White, McSporrans, Marriott, P. Cousins, Inglis.
SCORERS — GLENELG: Copping 3.1, McInerney 3.0, Phillis 2.1, Weston 2.0, Hodgeman 1.0, Marker 1.0, Holst 0.3, P. Bradley 0.2, Cornes 0.1, Carey 0.1, Paech 0.1, rushed 0.1.
TORRENS: McKay 2.1, Hamill 1.1, Hanna 1.1, S. White 1.1, McSporrans 1.0, N. Roberts 0.3, Lindsay 0.2, Hank 0.1, Kellest 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — GLENELG: Paech (first bruised thigh. TORRENS: Jackman (second) slight concussion.
UMPIRES: P. Mend, R. Scholefield.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-3	4-4	5-4	7-8	50
Centrals	1-3	1-4	2-6	3-7	25

BEST — SOUTH: Bennett, Palmer, Baynes, Slattery, Butler, Harradine. CENTRALS: Norworthy, Vivian, Skinner, Boehm.
SCORERS — SOUTH: Ruscuklic 2.1, Harradine 1.2, Baynes 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Collins 1.0, Dry 1.0, Lewis 0.1, Linke 0.1, Lyons 0.1, Slattery 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: George 1.1, Vivian 1.1, Harrington 1.0, Beythien 0.1, rushed 0.4.
UMPIRES — Mark Coombe, Ric Kinneer.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	0-1	6-11	9-15	13-18	96
West	6-3	6-3	9-6	9-8	62

BEST — STURT: Burgan, Heinrich, Sims, Cece, Downes, Barton. WEST: Kennedy, Grimwood, Drew, Hayes, Tait.
SCORERS — STURT: Bagshaw 3.2, Cece 3.2, Sims 3.1, Kiomp 1.1, Winter 1.1, Howard 1.0, Barton 1.3, Mutton 0.2, Downes 0.2, Davies 0.1, Burgan 0.2, rushed 0.1. WEST: Weideman 3.0, Grimwood 3.0, Dunlop 1.0, Luders 1.3, Donaldson 1.1, Reynolds 0.1, Morgan 0.1, Loveday 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — STURT: Jim Derrington (bruised hip) off first quarter. Phil Sanders (bruised calf) off last quarter.
UMPIRES — Ric Charlesworth, Trevor Thomas.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'dville	10-4	12-7	16-10	17-12	114
North	2-3	5-11	8-14	10-18	78

BEST — WOODVILLE: Sewer, Maylin, Hutton, Close, Parker, Krieg, Dennes. NORTH: Cloke, B. Stringer, Gehling, Tiller, McAdam, Algate.
SCORERS — WOODVILLE: Close 4.2, Ruth 3.2, Tyrrell 3.1, Hutton 3.0, Krieg 1.1, Sewer 1.1, Maylin 1.1, Reimann 1.1, Parker 0.1, Roberts 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Cloke 4.2, Baruzzi 3.1, Hill 1.3, Peile 1.2, Sachse 1.0, McAdam 0.4, B. Stringer 0.1, Gehling 0.1, Tiller 0.1, Algate 0.1, Gum 0.1, rushed 0.1.
REPLACEMENTS — WOODVILLE: Roberts (shoulder) during third term. D Hewitt (ankle) during third quarter.
UMPIRES — Roger Magor and Brent O'Connor.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-3	8-7	10-9	12-15	87
Norwood	2-3	3-7	5-9	6-10	46

BEST — PORT: Light, Faletic, Clifford, Granger, Fragoment, Batt. NORWOOD: Taylor, Von Bertouch, Adamson, Nunan, Craig, Button.
SCORERS — PORT: Evans 4-4, Cunningham 3-3, Granger 2-2, Ebert 2-0, Gill 1-1, Porphyria 0-1, Clifford 0-1, rushed 0-3.
NORWOOD: Woodcock 3-0, Phillis 2-2, Von Bertouch 1-0, Adamson 0-2, Armour 0-1, Gallagher 0-1, Palm 0-1, Gregg 0-1, Button 0-1, rushed 0-1.
INJURIES — NORWOOD: Nicholson (ankle) in second quarter. Button (shin).
UMPIRES: Des Foster, Laurie Argent.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	Pts.	%
STURT	21	1	-	2733	1734	42	61.18
NORWOOD	15	7	-	2078	1636	30	55.95
GLENELG	14	8	-	2272	1959	28	53.70
PORT	14	8	-	2287	2055	28	52.67
TORRENS	10	12	-	2082	2123	20	49.51
WOODVILLE	9	13	-	1981	2358	18	45.66
SOUTH	8	13	1	1832	2057	17	47.11
CENTRALS	8	14	-	1947	2386	16	44.93
WEST	5	16	1	1839	2070	11	47.04
NORTH	5	17	-	2005	2678	10	42.81

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yest.	Matches	Total
EVANS (Port)	4.4	22	78.62
BAGSHAW (Sturt)	3.2	18	71.35
GEORGE (Centrals)	1.1	15	68.47
WINTER (Sturt)	1.1	22	53.37
HODGEMAN (Glenelg)	1.0	22	51.31
COPPING (Glenelg)	3.1	22	45.31
PHILLIS (Glenelg)	2.1	11	41.20
LINKE (South)	0.1	16	36.30

CROWDS

Prospect	2,743
Alberton	10,636
Football Park	5,088
Glenelg	6,887
Elizabeth	2,490
Total	27,842

PROGRAM

SATURDAY. — Elimination Final: Port v. Torrens.
SUNDAY. — Qualifying Final: Glenelg v. Norwood.