

FOOTBALL

Five might now be settled

League football's final five might well be decided — with five rounds still to play.

●West Torrens tumbled out of contention yesterday with an 11-goal loss to Glenelg at Football Park.
 ●North Adelaide seriously weakened its finals' hopes by losing to Woodville by 56 points at Woodville.
 ●And Sturt lessened its prospects when it succumbed to Central District by three points at Unley.
 Fifth-ranked Woodville is playing like a certain

By ALAN SHIELL
 finalist. It is now one win ahead of Sturt, but the difference really is two wins because of Woodville's vastly superior percentage.
 Port Adelaide forfeited top position to Central by suffering a shock four-point loss to West Adelaide at Alberton.

Norwood's 15-point win against South Adelaide at the Parade pushed the Redlegs into third place and the Panthers down to fourth.
 Torrens, with the worst percentage of all clubs, now is a strong candidate for the wooden spoon.
 Yesterday's total attendance of 35,066 was about only 1000 below the average five-match crowd this season.

Bays batter tattered Torrens

By Ashley Mallett

Glenelg ran amok to crush West Torrens by 66 points in a one-sided match at Football Park yesterday.

Tiger follower Graham Cornes was the crowd's white-haired boy as he tore gaping holes in the Eagles defence, took 14 big marks round the ground, and inspired Glenelg players to a man.

Cornes had an able lieutenant in burly ruckman Peter Carey, who celebrated his 200th senior game with a lion-hearted display of ruck work.

Shocker

Rovers Kym Hodgeman and Peter McInerney took full advantage of Carey and Cornes' taps and quick-fire handpasses to continually drive the Tigers forward.

The first term however was a shocker.

Both sides kicked poorly and too often players split easy marks or handballed to an opposing player.

But Glenelg lifted magnificently under Cornes' inspiration.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1-5	7-8	13-11	19-15	129
Torr.	2-6	3-10	5-13	8-15	63

The Eagles did not have one winner in the attacking zone. There was little or no system and it must have broken the hearts of back men like Henry Dabrowski and Peter Cousins.
 Robert Muir, too, played his part, but too few Torrens players put in for four quarters.

Along with Muir, Dabrowski, and Cousins, the only other shining light was Kevin Hill.

Hill won his wing handsomely and ran all day to give coach Neil Kerley a hint of pleasure.

Perhaps with Dirk Inglis (knee), Craig Marriott (hamstring), and Leigh Robson (ankle) in the side Torrens might have put on a better show.

But it was no contest after the bumbling lacklustre first term.

Superfit Cornes, Carey, Hodgeman, McInerney, Weston (after a bad first quarter) and Stephen Copping (five goals at full forward) cut the Eagles to shreds.

Glenelg players were first to the ball and rarely was a Torrens forward seen going for a mark in the front position.

The Tigers might yet ruffle more than an eagle's feathers before season '79 is finished.

Bay man named in 3 reports

GLENELG'S David Holst figured in three reports during the fiery third term against West Torrens at Football Park yesterday.

First the volatile West Torrens player Ian Wallace was reported by goal umpire Des Hillebrand for allegedly striking Holst.

Then late in the term Holst was reported by field umpire Trevor Thomas for allegedly charging Torrens' Robert Muir.

Holst was also reported by goal umpire Hillebrand for allegedly striking Muir.

Tempers had become frayed after Holst was flattened behind the play early in the term, but Glenelg did not become rattled and kicked away to a 66-point win.

West Adelaide forward Trevor Pierson was admitted to Royal Adelaide Hospital last night with a possible broken ankle.

He fell awkwardly during the last three minutes of the exciting clash with Port Adelaide at Alberton.

Norwood's Michael Aish was one of Norwood's best until he was carried off with an ankle injury during the last quarter.

Norwood officials said the injury was not as serious as first thought when he was carried off on a stretcher.

Sturt half-forward John Hunt also injured an ankle.

He was on crutches after the match against Central District and seems certain to miss two or three games.

LEAGUE DETAILS

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-3	9-7	14-10	19-13	127
Port	9-5	12-7	14-11	18-15	123

BEST—WEST: Kennedy, Borchard, Morris, Hayes, Beswick, Dunlop, Dunhill. **PORT:** Cahill, Belton, Paletic, Cunningham, Clifford, Abernethy.
SCORERS—WEST: Luders 7.1, Pierson 3.1, Dunhill 2.1, Bennett 1.2, Morris 1.2, Dunlop 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Borchard 1.0, Meuret 1.0, Papst 1.0, rushed 0.5. **PORT:** Cahill 5.0, Belton 3.0, Evans 2.2, Cunningham 2.2, Gill 2.1, Clifford 2.0, Boyd 1.3, Abernethy 1.0, Paletic 0.3, Curtis 0.2, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—WEST: Pierson (possible broken ankle).
UMPIRES: Graham Hilton, Brenton O'Connor.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	3-7	6-10	9-13	13-20	98
Sturt	0-2	7-6	11-11	14-11	95

BEST—CENTRAL: Jonas, Beythien, Duckworth, Wilson, Mobbs, Schultz, Van Donmele, B. Norsworthy. **STURT:** Hardeman, Davies, Zilm, Howard, Wark, Sims, Hargreaves.
SCORERS—CENTRAL: Wilson 4.4, Duckworth 3.1, Gillies 2.1, Lehmann 1.4, Mobbs 1.1, B. Norsworthy 1.1, Beythien 1.0, Cowie 0.3, Jonas 0.3, Harrington 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Whelan 3.2, Bagshaw 3.1, P. Heinrich 2.0, J. Warren 2.0, Downes 1.3, Davies 1.1, Hunt 1.0, Sims 1.0, Zilm 0.1, Coulls 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—STURT: Hunt (ankle) off last quarter.
UMPIRES: Peter Mead, Laurie Argent.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
W'ville	2-3	7-3	12-10	18-12	120
North	3-2	5-8	6-12	8-16	64

BEST—WOODVILLE: Roberts, Maylin, D. Hewitt, Grambeau, Heaven, G. Hewitt, Hutton, Davis, Sewer. **NORTH:** R. Robran, Cloke, Pelle, B. Stringer, Hill, Porth, B. Robran.
SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Roberts 7.1, G. Hewitt 5.2, Close 2.1, Mildenhall 1.2, D. Hewitt 1.2, Sewer 1.0, Darmody 1.0, Howard 0.2, Parker 0.2. **NORTH:** Baruzzi 2.3, Hill 1.6, Redden 1.1, Pelle 1.1, B. Robran 1.0, Schlein 1.0, Hay 1.0, coach 0.2, Tocaciu 0.1, Hartfield 0.1, R. Robran 0.1.
UMPIRES—Des Foster, John Hylton.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-4	8-6	11-8	13-14	92
South	0-0	4-4	8-6	11-11	77

BEST—NORWOOD: Kerley, Button, Thiel, Nunan, Aish, Craig. **SOUTH:** Hines, Baynes, Keam, Bennett, Clarke, Butler.
SCORERS—NORWOOD: Barton 2.4, Woodcock 2.3, Rosser 2.0, Aish 2.0, Thiel 1.2, Gallagher 1.1, Wynns 1.0, Nicholson 1.0, Button 1.0, rushed 0.4. **SOUTH:** G. Brooksby 3.3, Linke 2.4, Butler 1.1, Bennett 1.1, Bracegirdle 1.1, Baynes 1.0, Hateley 1.0, Fry 1.0, Slattery 0.1.
UMPIRES—John Caulfield and Bob Scholefield.
INJURIES—NORWOOD: Aish (ankle).

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1-5	7-8	13-11	19-15	129
Torrens	2-6	3-10	5-13	8-15	63

BEST—GLENELG: Cornes, Carey, McInerney, Holst, Copping, Weston, Hodgeman, Lihou. **TORRENS:** Muir, Hill, Dabrowski, P. Cousins.
SCORERS—GLENELG: Copping 5-3, Weston 2-3, Hodgeman 2-2, Cornes 2-0, McInerney 2-0, Marshall 1-2, Carey 1-2, Hurley 1-1, MacVicar 1-0, MacFarlane 1-0, Harrison 1-0, rushed 0-1. **TORRENS:** M. Hewitt 2-2, Jackman 1-3, Lindsay 1-1, Dabrowski 1-1, Hill 1-1, McSpornan 1-0, Azzopardi 1-0, Wallace 0-3, Muir 0-1, G. White 0-1, rushed 0-2.
INJURIES—GLENELG: Lihou (head) and D. Bradley (cork) last term.
REPORTS—Holst (Glenelg) by goal umpire Des Hillebrand for allegedly striking Muir in third term and by field umpire Trevor Thomas for allegedly charging Muir in the third term. Ian Wallace (Torrens) by goal umpire Des Hillebrand for allegedly striking David Holst in the third quarter.
UMPIRES: Rick Kinnear, Trevor Thomas.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts	%
Central	17	11	5	1	1710	1676	23	50.50
Port	17	11	6	—	1664	1489	22	52.78
Norw'd	17	10	7	—	1918	1523	20	55.74
South	17	10	7	—	1527	1565	20	49.39
W'ville	17	9	8	—	1709	1532	18	52.73
Sturt	17	8	9	—	1706	1734	16	49.59
North	17	7	10	—	1626	1823	14	47.14
Glenelg	17	6	10	1	1573	1626	13	49.17
Torr's	17	6	10	1	1501	1803	13	45.43
West	17	5	11	1	1653	1817	11	47.61

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
G. Hewitt (Woodville)	17	5.2	66.45
Evans (Port)	13	2.2	48.33
Carty (Woodville)	17	—	42.22
Luders (West)	16	7.1	41.31
P. Heinrich (Sturt)	17	2.0	40.30
Pierson (West)	13	3.1	38.18
Slattery (South)	17	0.1	37.28
Whelan (Sturt)	14	3.2	36.25

CROWDS

Football Park	6132
Unley	10,327
Alberton	7604
Norwood	8449
Woodville	3554
Total	36,066

PROGRAM

SATURDAY—Port v Central (Football Park), Norwood v Woodville (Norwood), South v Sturt (Adelaide), Glenelg v West (Glenelg).
SUNDAY: North v Torrens (Football Park).