

BEATEN, BUT SECURE IN FIVE

By Alan Shieff

Woodville, run over by West Adelaide yesterday, still will play in the league football finals for the first time.

Losses by Sturt and North Adelaide removed all doubts about the composition of the final five, with only one minor round series to play.

Central District has clinched its first minor premiership and goes straight into the second semi-final at Football Park on Sunday, September 16.

Norwood and Woodville will clash in the elimination final on Saturday.

September 8, and Port Adelaide and South Adelaide will meet in the qualifying final the next day.

Loser of the Norwood-Woodville match will drop out of the premiership fight. The winner will play the loser of the Port-South game in the first semi-final on Saturday, September 15.

Winner of the Port-South match will front Central.

First time

Sturt and North still might draw level on points with Norwood and Woodville, but their percentages are too inferior to climb above them.

Central, South and Woodville have replaced Sturt, Glenelg and West

Torrens from last season's final five.

It is the first time Central and Woodville have been in the finals together since they were admitted to the league competition in 1964.

Central, which won its sixth match in a row yesterday—a club record—was beaten by Port in the 1971 and 1972 preliminary finals, the only previous years it competed in the finals.

Woodville's joy at making the finals for the first time was tempered by its last-quarter fade-out at Football Park yesterday, when West outscored it 11.3 to 1.3 to convert a three-quarter time deficit of 28 points into a 32-point win.

Bounce-back Bays

Glenelg withstood a 10-goal first-term onslaught to slog its way to a convincing 23-point win over Sturt at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

A fit and trim Peter Carey controlled the rucks all day, giving rover Kym Hodgeman an armchair ride from centre bounces and Paul Weston was superb in the pivot.

Carey had 20 effective hitouts, gave out seven handpasses, took seven marks and had 11 kicks to win best man afield by the narrowest of margins from Weston.

Weston's dominance in the centre was significant. He had 32 kicks, 10 in the first quarter when Sturt continually drove deep into attack, 16 handballs, 11 marks and capped it off with three vital goals.

Brilliant

Glenelg's performance was brilliant after trailing by six goals at quarter time.

Sturt appeared to get so far in front that even some of the side's "walking wounded" could hold off Glenelg advances later in the match.

The play might have worked had not Sturt fallen into a big hole in the third term.

That's where Glenelg won the match.

Against the stiff wind Glenelg held Sturt to 3-5, while the Tigers kicked 4-7 to take a one point lead by the end of the quarter.

Carey, Weston, Hodgeman and Graham Cornes emerged as the four cornerstones of numerous Glenelg attacks.

David Holst played the loose man in defence role to perfection in the third term.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-4	11-10	15-17	21-25	151
Sturt	10-4	13-5	16-10	19-14	128

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kicked yesterday was its highest losing score at the Bay.

Jack Oatey would be consoled by that fact.

And with the wind at their backs the Tigers played up to their name and stormed home to a convincing win.

Rick Davies was the one shining light for the Blues, although even he was eclipsed by the brilliant ruckwork of Carey.

Yet Davies managed 16 kicks, 10 marks, eight handballs and nine hitouts to be far and away Sturt's best.

But for Davies Glenelg might well have won by a far greater margin than 23 points.

Sturt disappointed in defence and too often Glenelg players were able to slip passes to a player alone and within easy scoring range.

Michael Graham fought hard all day, as did Phil Sanders and Greg Brand, who looks like a smaller version of John "Diamond Jim" Tilbrook.

Sadly too much was expected of too few and Davies appeared as disappointed as any Sturt fan and official with the outcome.

Sturt offered no excuses for the loss, but there seems little doubt that many Sturt players are now where near 100 per cent fit.

No excuses

Glenelg coach John Halbert was pleased with the win "but we should have won by more."

Halbert can now look to season 1980 with a good deal more confidence. For Sturt it's mothballs.

At least the 19-14 Sturt



GLENELG coach John Halbert took the bold step of scolding the field umpires after the first quarter against Sturt at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

The umpires were Graham Hilton and Brenton O'Connor. One turned his back on Halbert.

Halbert spoke with them for about two minutes as they stood in the centre of the ground.

"I questioned a number of decisions which cost Glenelg some important goals," Halbert explained.

Clearly displeased, brought rousing cheers from Glenelg fans.

Halbert's "chat" At the end of the first term Glenelg trailed Sturt by six goals.

Three of Sturt's 10 goals for the term came from what could be described as dubious decisions.

Rick Davies was awarded a mark deep on the half-forward flank when he grabbed the ball along with two other players, all having a firm grip of the ball.

But Glenelg stormed home in the final three quarters for a 23-point win. — ASHLEY MALLET

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

West	3-1	7-6	10-9	21-12	138
Woodville	6-5	9-13	13-19	14-22	106

BEST — WEST: Morris, Kennedy, Meuret, Drew, Reynolds, Pierson, Rechner, Fielke. **WOODVILLE**: D. Hewitt, Roberts, Hutton, Howard, Darmody, Maylin, Carty, Grambeau, G. Hewitt, Close.

SCORERS — WEST: Pierson 6.3, Morris 4.2, Meuret 3.3, Rechner 2.2, Luders 2.0, Dunlop 2.0, Grosser 2.0, Window 0.1, Gregg 0.1. **WOODVILLE**: D. Hewitt 4.4, G. Hewitt 4.2, Carty 3.4, Maylin 1.2, Roberts 1.0, Close 1.0, Parker 0.2, Sapwell 0.2, Vince 0.1, Howard 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — WEST: Beswick (bruised ribs), off second quarter, Dunlop (ankle) off late last quarter, Donaldson (bruised thigh), Meuret (thumb). **WOODVILLE**: Maylin (ankle), Goodingham (hamstring strain). **UMPIRES**: Peter Mead, Mark Coombe.

GLENELG OVAL

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BEST — GLENELG: Carey, Weston, Hodgeman, Woite, Cornes, Copping, Holst, MacFarlane. **STURT**: Davies, Graham, Brand, Sanders.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Hodgeman 4.5, Weston 3.2, Cornes 3.2, Walter 3.0, Woite 2.5, Davison 2.1, Hurley 2.1, Copping 1.1, Holst 1.0, Caldwell 2.4, MacFarlane 0.1, Carey 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT**: Davies 3.1, Graham 2.6, Mutton 2.0, Derrington 2.0, Bagshaw 2.0, Leonard 2.0, Brand 2.0, P. Heinrich 1.3, Howard 1.1, Sims 1.1, Sanders 1.0, Whelan 0.2.

INJURIES — GLENELG: Weston (ankle), Davison (ankle). **STURT**: Mutton (possible broken ribs, third term), Andrew Downes (hamstring, first term), B. Howard (sore feet) left field early first term, returned start of third quarter. **UMPIRES**: Geoff Hilton, Brenton O'Connor.

ADELAIDE OVAL

South	6-2	14-5	20-10	27-14	176
North	4-3	5-6	9-8	10-16	76

BEST — SOUTH: Bennett, Baynes, Butler, Collins, Cox, Slattery. **NORTH**: Forth, Cloke, Redden, B. Robran.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Linke 4.1, Schneebichler 4.0, Cox 3.2, Slattery 3.1, Collins 2.2, Bennett 2.1, Hatley 2.0, Coleman 1.2, Hawkins 1.1, Hines 1.1, Dry 1.0, Mousley 1.0, Clarke 1.0, Baynes 1.0, rushed 0.3. **NORTH**: Cloke 2.3, Baruzzi 2.2, Hill 1.4, Roach 1.1, Downie 1.1, Conder 1.0, Forth 1.0, B. Robran 1.0, Schlein 0.1, Pelle 0.1, Aigate 0.1, rushed 0.2. **UMPIRES**: Bob Scholefield, Trevor Thomas.

ELIZABETH OVAL

Central	7-7	8-11	16-18	22-22	154
Torrens	1-0	6-6	7-10	12-12	84

BEST — CENTRAL: Jonas, Vivian, McKay, Mobbs, M. Norsworthy, Duckworth. **TORRENS**: Giles, Enright, Rendell, Lindsay, Green, Marriot.

SCORERS — CENTRAL: Jonas 5.3, Lehmann 4.3, Wilson 3.3, Van Dommelle 2.1, Gillies 2.1, Stevenson 2.1, M. Norsworthy 2.0, Vivian 1.0, Schultz 1.0, Duckworth 0.3, Mobbs 0.1, Prior 0.1, rushed 0.5. **TORRENS**: Rendell 3.0, Marriot 1.2, Hill 1.1, Lindsay 1.1, Phillipou 1.1, Green 1.1, Giles 1.0, Wallace 1.0, Manouge 1.0, Hanna 1.0, S. White 0.2, P. Cousins 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Schultz (bruised ribs). **TORRENS**: Jackman (broken nose), Dabrowski (fractured thumb). **UMPIRES**: J. Hylton, F. McHugh.

REPORTED — Peter Phillipou (Torrens) for allegedly striking Bill Cochran (Central) with a forearm by goal umpire D. Hillebrand in second quarter.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Central	21	15	5	1	2225	2017	31	52.45
*Port	20	13	7	—	1963	1738	26	53.03
South	21	13	8	—	1953	1877	26	50.99
*Norwood	20	10	10	—	2128	1814	20	53.98
Woodville	21	10	11	—	2035	1914	20	51.51
Sturt	21	9	12	—	2049	2184	18	48.39
North	21	9	12	—	1980	2251	18	46.80
Glenelg	21	8	12	1	2021	2105	17	48.98
Torrens	21	8	12	1	1830	2169	17	45.76
West	21	7	13	1	2135	2248	15	48.71

*Play today

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest.	Total
G. Hewitt (Woodville)	21	4.2	76.51
Evans (Port)	16	—	58.39
Luders (West)	20	2.0	56.38
Pierson (West)	17	6.3	53.24
Carty (Woodville)	21	3.4	52.28

CROWDS

Adelaide Oval	7039
Football Park	3785
Glenelg	8833
Elizabeth	9496
Total:	29,153

PROGRAM

SATURDAY — Port v Glenelg (Football Pk), North v West (Prospect), Norwood v Sturt (Norwood), Woodville v Torrens (Woodville), Central v South (Elizabeth).

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

MELBOURNE — Essendon 13.17, South Melbourne 10.16; North Melbourne 24.21, Hawthorn 7.18; Geelong 17-13, Richmond 12.17; Melbourne 24.17, St Kilda 12.24; Collingwood 18.12, Carlton 14.17; Fitzroy 22.19, Footscray 14.16.

TASMANIA — TFL — Clarence 18.11, Glenorchy 16.15; Hobart 11.16, Sandy Bay 11.15; North Hobart 16.16, New Norfolk 13.9. **N.T.F.A.** — City South 16.13, Longford 12.11; Launceston 13.12, North Launceston 11.10; Scottsdale 24.20, East Launceston 5-9.

PERTH — Swan Districts 22.18, South Fremantle 14.8; East Fremantle 25.16, Subiaco 13.8; Claremont 35.8, Perth 14.15; East Perth 14.11, West Perth 11.15.

SYDNEY — Manly 23, Canterbury 11.