

# FOOTBALL

## THAT BUBBLE BURSTS!

By ALAN SHIELL

Adelaide Oval reverberated to the noisy sound of South Adelaide's bubble bursting yesterday as Norwood rose to its greatest challenge of the season.

Bob Hammond's Redlegs finally overcame their 1978 premiership hangover with a whopping 84-point win that justified pre-season predictions that they were the side to beat for the 79 flag.

Boom team South's huge loss was in keeping with the thoroughly unpredictable nature of this season's topsy-turvy competition.

To a lesser degree, so was the ease with which North Adelaide dispensed with Woodville — eight goals — at Prospect.

Central District reaffirmed its claims for a final five spot by rolling Sturt with an amazing last-quarter blitz, in which it rammed on 10-9 to 1-0, at Elizabeth.

West Torrens displaced Sturt from fifth position by downing Glenelg by 22 points at Football Park.

Port Adelaide, as expected, was too good — by five goals — for West Adelaide at Richmond.



Norwood "superman" Bruce Winter, flies for a mark in front of two South Adelaide opponents. Winter turned in a super performance at Adelaide Oval, contributing nine goals to Norwood's crushing victory.

# TORRENS CLOSE TO ITS BEST

Torrens 17-12, Glenelg 13-14

West Torrens showed only glimpses of its best form and still had little trouble in brushing off a disappointing Glenelg at Football Park yesterday.

Torrens started to show its real form with players running down the ground, quickly moving the ball, backing up, and working as a team.

It was the same old story from Glenelg, it just had no system in attack.

There were patches of great and scrappy football. Overall the match was entertaining and Torrens always looked the winner.

Its effort with the wind won the match — 15 of its 17 goals came with the wind and it had a goalless second quarter.

Glenelg has had trouble in scoring goals in recent matches, and without being too unfair, the 13 it kicked was not a true indication of its ability.

### Missing

Torrens ran the ball down from the backlines and on six occasions, had play by Torrens left Glenelg players on their own and the Tigers scored six goals from it.

It was Torrens' bad play that scored those goals, not any systematic play by Glenelg.

By Ashley Porter



Ian Jackman... heavy knocks

Glenelg's forward line was unsettled before the game when former Port Adelaide Magarey Medalist Peter Woite, who was named at centre half-forward, withdrew after failing a fitness test.

## The Bays still wait for Woite

FORMER Port Adelaide defender Peter Woite was ruled unfit by Glenelg selectors and was replaced for the game against West Torrens.

It would have been his first game for Glenelg since being cleared several weeks ago.

Geoff Blethyn was cleared from Port at the same time, and neither played yesterday or has been named in Glenelg's side to play Central in Tuesday night's Escort Cup game.

Glenelg named an unplaced 26 players for the game, including Peter Whiting who replaced Woite.

It will be Glenelg's first appearance in the Escort Cup, and Central's second after beating VFA side Preston.

Six players added to the squad are David Marshall, Stuart Hillier, Peter Johnston, Michael Luniss, Greg Croser and Peter Hurley.

It would have been his first game for Glenelg and he could have been the link it has been missing.

Torrens scored only 2-6 against the wind because it stacked its backlines in those quarters, and like Glenelg, had a loose man in defence.

Torrens had many contributors, especially Kevin McSporran who was once again a driving force from centre.

Ian Jackman received several heavy knocks but still roved tirelessly, and the opportunities he created boosted Torrens when needed most.

Bruce Lindsay did useful things on his wing, Richard Manouge was impressive on his wing, and Matthew Rendell used his mobility well and gave Torrens strength in ruck.

Glenelg had three very good players in rover Kym Hodgeman, ruckman Colin MacVicar and Paul Weston at centre half-back and at centre in the last quarter.

### Bite

Hodgeman gave Glenelg bite in its forward lines and one hates to think what Glenelg's score would have been without his efforts.

Glenelg looked strong early in the last quarter when it scored three goals in six minutes, mainly due to MacVicar's efforts in ruck and the riving force from Weston at centre.

### CROWDS

Elizabeth	7610
Richmond	5264
Prospect	4149
Football Park	7794
Adel. Oval	9214
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,022</b>

## LEAGUE DETAILS

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	8-4	8-8	15-10	17-12	114
Glenelg	4-2	7-6	9-11	13-14	92

BEST-TORRENS: McSporran, Jackman, Lindsay, Manouge, Rendell, Floreani. GLENELG: Hodgeman, MacVicar, Weston, Copping, Caldwell, MacFarlane.

SCORERS-TORRENS: Kellett 3.1, McSporran 3.0, Jackman 2.2, Roberts 2.1, Hank 2.1, Lindsay 2.1, Levitzke 1.2, Hill 1.0, Hewett 1.0, Manouge 0.1, M. Cousins 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Hodgeman 3.1, Greenslade 2.0, McInerney 2.0, Holst 1.3, Weston 1.2, Whiting 1.1, Copping 1.0, Crabb 1.0, Davison 1.0, Caldwell 0.3, MacFarlane 0.1, Todman 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES-TORRENS: P. Cousins (lacerated face), Hill (cut lip).

UMPIRES—John Hylton, Peter Mead.

### ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	5-4	9-12	17-13	23-16	154
South	4-1	4-3	6-7	10-10	70

BEST.—NORWOOD: Button, W. Phillis, Menzel, Winter, Taylor, Clarke. SOUTH: Hateley, Baynes, Mousley, Bennett.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Winter 9.0, Menzel 4.1, Palm 3.1, Phillis 2.4, Aish 2.2, Adler 2.1, Armour 1.1, Gallagher 0.1, Button 0.1, Taylor 0.1, rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Hateley 3.0, Linke 2.5, Hawkins 2.0, Cox 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Slattery 1.0, Bracegirdle 0.2, rushed 0.2.

REPORTS.—NORWOOD: P. Gallagher by boundary umpire Peter Young for allegedly kicking R. Hateley in first term.

INJURIES.—NORWOOD: Menzel (foot, last term) and Armour (neck, first term, but played out match). SOUTH: G. Clarke (back, first term) and Slattery (ankle, third term).

UMPIRES: Rick Charlesworth and Bob Scholefield.

### ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	5-3	10-4	11-4	21-13	139
Sturt	2-2	5-5	14-15	15-15	105

BEST-CENTRAL: Gillies, Mobbs, Duckworth, Stevenson, Vivian, Beythlen. STURT: Friedrichs, Howard, Wark, Davies, Sanders.

SCORERS-CENTRAL: Duckworth 5.0, Gillies 4.4, Stone 4.2, Mobbs 3.1, Stevenson 1.2, Lehmann 1.1, Vivian 1.0, Jonas 1.0, Beythlen 1.0, McLay 0.1. STURT: Whelan 3.3, Hargreaves 3.1, Bagshaw 2.3, P. Heinrich 2.2, Hardeman 1.1, Friedrichs 1.1, Howard 1.1, Davies 1.0, Graham 1.0, Sims 0.1, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES-STURT: Reed (bruised jaw), Hargreaves (rib), Graham (bruised knee). CENTRAL: Norsworthy (slight concussion).

UMPIRES—Mark Coombe and Steve Semmler.

### RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-7	8-8	17-13	18-14	122
West	3-3	9-5	11-8	13-14	92

BEST-PORT: Faletic, Cahill, Cunningham, Boyd, Dawson, Evans. WEST: Meuret, Summerton, Hollick, Drew, Weideman, Donaldson.

SCORERS-PORT: Evans 5.0, Curtis 4.1, Cahill 2.5, Cunningham 2.2, Faletic 1.2, Clifford 1.1, Boyd 1.0, Porphyria 1.0, Tate 1.0, Belton 0.1, M. Williams 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Hollick 4.1, Luders 3.5, Weideman 3.1, Meuret 2.0, Gregg 1.0, Faltin 0.3, Summerton 0.1, Fielke 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES-PORT: Spry (two stitches above eye), Eckerman (leg). WEST: Meuret (knee).

UMPIRES: Ron Stennett, Brenton O'Connor.

### PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	6-1	7-5	14-10	21-16	142
Woodville	3-4	6-9	10-12	13-16	94

BEST-NORTH: Baruzzi, Redden, R. Robran, B. Stringer, Hay, Hill. WOODVILLE: D. Hewitt, Roberts, Hutton, Carty, Maylin, Heaven.

SCORERS-NORTH: Hay 5.1, Baruzzi 4.3, Hill 3.3, Roach 2.4, Schmidt 2.1, R. Robran 2.0, Tocactu 1.0, Redden 1.0, McAdam 1.0, Pelle 0.1, rushed 3. WOODVILLE: D. Hewitt 4.3, Carty 4.1, G. Hewitt 3.3, Parker 1.1, Sewer 1.1, Heaven 0.2, Maylin 0.1, Roberts 0.1, Close 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES-NORTH: John Riley (ankle off last quarter).

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Ric Kinnear.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	-F.	A.	P.	%
South	6	2	—	711	701	12	53.98
Central	5	2	1	878	760	11	53.60
North	5	3	—	860	814	10	51.37
Port	5	3	—	720	694	10	50.93
Torrens	4	3	1	811	789	9	50.69
Norwood	4	4	—	911	793	8	53.46
Sturt	4	4	—	797	909	8	46.73
Glenelg	3	5	—	700	776	6	47.43
Woodville	2	6	—	858	843	4	50.44
West	1	7	—	787	952	2	45.20

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest.	Total
Evans (Port)	7	5.0	24-18
G. Hewitt (Woodville)	8	3.3	33-27
Luders (West)	7	3.5	24-9
Adler (Norwood)	7	2.1	23-18
Pierson (West)	7	—	23-8
P. Heinrich (Sturt)	8	2.2	21-14