

Premiership table

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.C.
PORT	9	1	1	1555	792	19	66.3
GLENELG	9	2	—	1405	940	18	59.9
TORRENS	8	3	—	1054	959	16	52.4
CENTRAL	6	4	1	1217	1169	13	51.0
SOUTH	5	6	—	1064	1078	10	49.7
STURT	5	6	—	1186	1227	10	49.2
NORWOOD	4	7	—	1108	1200	8	48.0
NORTH	4	7	—	1078	1267	8	46.0
WEST	3	8	—	978	1376	6	41.5
WOODVILLE	1	10	—	979	1656	2	37.2

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yesterday	Total
EVANS (Port Adelaide)	4.3	64.25
WALTER (Glenelg)	1.1	41.16
LINKE (South Adelaide)	4.2	35.21
HOLLIS (Sturt)	4.4	34.19
CARTY (Woodville)	—	26.21
WOODCOCK (Norwood)	2.1	26.18

Crowds

FOOTBALL PARK
(PA v. N) 17,667
PROSPECT OVAL
(G v. NA) 8161
ELIZABETH OVAL
(CD v. SA) 8194
UNLEY OVAL
(St. v. Wd.) 5570
RICHMOND OVAL
(WT v. WA) 5157
Total 44,749

This week

FOOTBALL PARK
Central v. Glenelg
ADELAIDE OVAL
South v. North
RICHMOND OVAL
West v. Norwood
ALBERTON OVAL
Port v. Woodville
THEBARTON OVAL
Torrens v. Sturt

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Lindsay closes gap despite leg injury

Bruce Lindsay's strong performance against West Adelaide at Richmond Oval has clinched him second place in "The Advertiser" Trophy.

Lindsay, a late withdrawal from the State Youth team on Saturday because of a leg injury, turned in a fine four-quarter effort for best-afield votes.

He trails Glenelg rover Kym Hodgeman by two votes.

Colin Casey was not at his vintage best at Unley yesterday, but he did the hard things when required and earned three votes.

Port's follower Milan Falefic was best man on the ground against Norwood at Football Park. Fill-in centremen

Stephen Copping dominated in Glenelg's easy win over North Adelaide.

Ron Hateley never stopped running for South Adelaide against Central District.

RICHMOND OVAL
B. Lindsay (WT) 3
K. McSparran (WT) 2
R. Donaldson (WA) 1

UNLEY OVAL
C. Casey (St.) 3
R. Hill (St.) 2
L. Heaven (W) 2

FOOTBALL PARK
M. Falefic (PA) 3
R. Ebert (PA) 2
B. Cunningham (PA) 1

PROSPECT OVAL
S. Copping (G) 3
J. MacFarlane (G) 2
N. Caldwell (G) 1

ELIZABETH OVAL
R. Hateley (SA) 3
M. Prior (CD) 2
J. Duckworth (CD) 1

LEADERS — Hodgeman (G) 14, Lindsay (WT) 12, Taylor (N) 11, Gallagher (N), Davies (S), Ebert (PA) 10, Hill (NA), Jonas (CD) 8.

Two games in 3 days easy

By LANCE CAMPBELL

Two chances went begging at Prospect Oval yesterday.

The chance to test the theory that two games in three days is too much for your average champion footballer slipped by without a whimper, and with it passed North Adelaide's big opportunity to prove itself a team of stature.

Glenelg's win was well-earned, but the 75-point margin was achieved under such featherweight pressure that it must be more a matter of North's shame than Glenelg's total satisfaction.

If the now-famous Carey, Hodgeman and Co. clique was tired from walloping WA on Saturday, North made no effort to bring it to its knees early.

Glenelg had 10 scoring shots in the first 15 minutes, mainly engineered by the intelligent ruckwork of Peter Carey and the quicksilver movement of Kym Hodgeman.

North's defensive work was terrible, and the old catchery about basic mistakes — mastering the fundamentals — rang loud and clear.

Marks were spilled, the North body rarely was placed behind the ball, and only some slap-

dash kicking by Glenelg staved off the rout until after half-time.

North added a rickety 28 when it used the wind in the second quarter, but Glenelg was able to use thoughtful, constructive patterns of play to counter with 5.2.

At the centre of this was Stephen Copping, filling in for Paul Weston, who had taken a facial knock and semi-retired to a half-forward flank.

With wingmen John MacFarlane and David Marshall alongside him, and Neville Caldwell enjoying unexpected freedom at centre half-forward, Copping was able to cut holes in the disintegrated North defence.

Only Trevor Clisby, in forthright form at full back, and to a lesser extent Dean Conder made worthwhile gestures against the Glenelg tide.

Coach Barrie Robran battled out three quarters of the game, but some of the old zip was missing, and like most of his team-mates he often found himself alone in a circle of Glenelg players.

Not even talent as great as Robran's can triumph when outnumbered three to one. And yesterday North was always too late with the reinforcements.

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg: Copping 5.2, Caldwell 4.1, Hodgeman 3.1, Weston 2.2, Walter, McInerney 1.1, Carey, Paynter 1.0, Marshall 0.2, MacVicar 0.1, rushed 0.4. North: Hay 2.1, McAdam 1.2, Diorio, R. Robran, Hartfield 1.1, Hill 0.2, Cloke, B. Stringer 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST — Glenelg: Copping, MacFarlane, Caldwell, Hodgeman, Carey, Weston, Marshall. North: Clisby, B. Robran, Conder, Redden, Hay. Umpires — P. Mead, D. Foster.

RESERVES

NORWOOD v. PORT
N 0.0 4.5 7.5 14.7
PA 3.9 4.9 7.12 8.15

STURT v. WOODVILLE
Wd. 4.8 8.10 14.13 15.16
St. 0.2 2.8 4.9 11.15

NORTH v. GLENELG
NA 6.4 10.6 16.5 19.7
G 1.0 5.9 6.12 11.18

CENTRAL v. SOUTH
CD 0.6 2.6 4.11 6.14
SA 0.2 4.6 4.6 6.13

WEST v. TORRENS
WA 1.1 7.7 10.10 12.16
WT 8.7 9.7 13.11 14.12

Panthers need miracle cure to halt slump

South Adelaide is in danger of sliding out of the top five following its fourth defeat in five games when beaten by Central District yesterday.

It was its third league defeat in a row following earlier defeats by Norwood and Glenelg and is clinging precariously to fifth place by half a per cent from Sturt.

It is a serious mid-season slump that could end South's grand final hopes if coach Haydn Bunton does not find a miracle cure quickly.

Yesterday's form was encouraging. A 19-point loss to Central at Elizabeth is not the end of the world — it could have been worse.

Although Frank Spiel is back to bolster the rucks South still faces a daunting rehabilitation task.

Its next game is against North Adelaide at Adelaide Oval.

It is a real danger game for South because North, along with Norwood, is one game behind South

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and Sturt in the battle for a place in the major round. South needs the North Adelaide game because the following week it meets the formidable Port Adelaide.

Port and Glenelg confirmed their rights to first and second place on the premiership ladder with convincing wins over Norwood and North.

On form it is difficult to imagine anyone seriously challenging either of them.

There is still a nagging doubt about West Torrens, despite its eight wins for the year.

At times it can look very good — capable of winning half a dozen premierships. Yet just as easily it can falter and drop games it should not — like the recent one to Woodville.

Central is similar. At its best it is unbeatable but it produces too many ordinary performances at the moment to be a convincing grand final contender.

Sturt's claims have also taken a battering since the big pre-season build-up and yesterday's struggling form against Woodville seemed consistent with its real ability.

Port 2.5 9.9 13.11 23.16 (154)
Norwood 2.2 4.4 8.8 9.10 (64)

GOALKICKERS — Port Adelaide: Clifford, Evans 4.3, Boyd 4.1, Agius 4.0, Abernethy 2.2, Cunningham 2.0, Falefic 1.4, Ebert 1.2, M. Williams 1.0, Cahill 0.1. Norwood: Hoffmann 2.2, Woodcock, Kerley, Menzel 2.1, Dunstan 1.0, Gallagher 0.2, Schmaal 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST — Port Adelaide: Falefic, Ebert, Cunningham, Cahill, Clifford, Nutt, Phillips, Abernethy. Norwood: Thiel, Gallagher, Taylor, Nicholson, Hoffman. Umpires — R. Kinnear, R. Scholefield.

Torrens 1.2 7.7 9.9 18.14 (122)
West 4.3 5.3 8.8 10.8 (68)

GOALKICKERS — West Torrens: Hewett, Roberts 7.2, McSparran 4.1, Galt, Fiorani 2.0, Rendell 1.1, Lindsay 1.0, G. White 0.3, Pavlich, Hill 0.1, rushed 0.3. West Adelaide: Tate 6.1, Bennett 1.2, Lindner, R. Hamilton 1.1, Rechner 1.0, Davoren, Donaldson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST — West Torrens: Lindsay, McSparran, Hewett, Roberts, Rendell, Cousins, Pavlich. West Adelaide: Donaldson, Kennedy, Tate, Bennett, R. Hamilton. Umpires — G. Hilton, T. Thomas.

Central 2.2 5.5 8.9 14.14 (98)
South 3.2 3.2 8.9 11.13 (79)

GOALKICKERS — Central: Gillies 4.0, Jonas 3.1, Mobbs 2.0, Wilson 1.4, McLay 1.2, McKay 1.1, Norworthy, Beythein 1.0, Schultz 0.2, rushed 0.4. South: Linke 4.2, G. Brooksby 2.1, Butler 2.0, Hateley 1.2, Schneebichler 1.1, Cox 1.0, Naley 0.3, Collins, Hawkins, Baynes 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST — Central: Prior, Duckworth, McLay, Gillies, Mobbs, Cowie. South: Hateley, Naley, Baynes, Brooksby, Butler, Spiel.

Sturt 4.2 5.8 8.11 13.20 (98)
Woodville 2.4 5.4 11.6 13.6 (84)

GOALKICKERS — Sturt: Hollis 4.4, Hargreaves 3.1, Graham, Sanders 2.0, P. Heinrich 1.5, Bagshaw 1.0, Fry, Howard 0.2, Wilson, Hardeman 0.1, rushed 0.4. Woodville: G. Hewitt 3.0, Tonkin 2.2, Sewer 2.1, Close, D. Hewitt 2.0, Crane 1.1, Hounsell 1.0, Darmody 0.1, rushed 0.1.

BEST — Sturt: Casey, Hill, Howard, Hargreaves, Hollis, Bagshaw, Woodville: Heaven, Sewer, Murdoch, Hounsell, Cicse, Hutton. Umpires — B. O'Connor, R. Charlesworth.

Glenelg rover to fore

Champion Glenelg rover Kym Hodgeman has once more grabbed the lead in "The Advertiser" Kenmax best team man award.

Hodgeman gained four votes against North Adelaide whereas Norwood captain Mike Taylor failed to poll against Port Adelaide.

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PROSPECT OVAL
P. Carey (G) 5
K. Hodgeman (G) 4
T. Clisby (NA) 3
B. Robran (NA) 2
S. Copping (G) 1

UNLEY OVAL
C. Casey (St.) 4
R. Hill (St.) 4
B. Howard (St.) 3
L. Heaven (W) 2
C. Murdoch (W) 2

RICHMOND OVAL
M. Rendell (WT) 5
K. McSparran (WT) 4
B. Lindsay (WT) 3
R. Donaldson (WA) 2
R. Hayes (WA) 1

FOOTBALL PARK
R. Ebert (PA) 5

C. Natt (PA) 4
D. Cahill (PA) 3
B. Cunningham (PA) 2
M. Williams (PA) 1

ELIZABETH OVAL
C. McLay (CD) 5
D. Mobbs (CD) 4
G. Baynes (SA) 3
S. Butler (SA) 2
B. Stevenson (CD) 1

LEADERS — Hodgeman (G) 33, Taylor (N) 30, M. Williams (PA) 27, Ebert (PA) 25, Baynes (SA) 25, Davies (St.) 21, C. Natt (PA), Hill (NA), Jonas (CD) 19, Spiel (SA), Carey (G) 16.