



Finals race is still wide open

Round 19, 1981

11-goal return for champion

Sturt, battered by injuries and hounded by critics this season, has kept itself very much alive in the finals race.

Sturt chances alive

HOBART: Former champion Hawthorn full-forward Peter Hudson, 35, yesterday made an 11-goal comeback to football after a two-year absence.

Hudson started on the interchange bench for Glenorchy in yesterday's TANFL rostered game against Sandy Bay.

Hudson has been coach of Glenorchy for the past three seasons, but last played in the 1979 finals series.

His return has been tipped since the beginning of the 1981 season as Glenorchy has failed in a number of important matches.

Yesterday Glenorchy consolidated its third position by kicking 16-10 to Sandy Bay's 12-19.

Hudson's last season in senior football saw him break the Tasmanian goal-kicking record as well as winning the William Leitch best and fairest medal in 1979.

Ladder leader Clarence was beaten yesterday by second-placed New Norfolk, but ladder positions remained unaltered.



Peter Hudson

In a run-away last term against the wind at Elizabeth yesterday, the Blues severely damaged Central District's aspirations.

But they must still win two of their last three minor round matches to hold off the Bulldogs and West Adelaide — a daunting task because Sturt is yet to meet Port at Alberton, South at Football Park and Glenelg at Adelaide.

The challenge for Central and West is easier.

Central meets North at Prospect, Norwood at the Parade and Woodville at Elizabeth. The Wolves play Torrens at Richmond, North at Adelaide and South at Richmond.

And to cap off a great build-up to the finals,

By Ashley Porter

South suddenly has found itself under pressure to hold a spot for a double chance in the finals after losing to Port at Alberton.

History

The Panthers lead Port by only two premierships points, with Norwood, who won convincingly over North, only one further point behind.

South must play Woodville at Woodville, Sturt at Football Park, and West at Richmond.

The nineteenth round produced a great triumph for Woodville at the other end of the scale when it virtually presented Torrens

with the wooden spoon.

It was the Pecekr's second win over Torrens this season, indicating no doubt as far as Woodville is concerned who deserves to be bottom.

Former Magarey Medalist Fred Phillis played his first league game since damaging an Achilles tendon in 1978, and booted four goals against West.

It was a welcome return for the champion full forward who is the third greatest goalkicker in the SANFL history.

The main interest over the next three rounds will be who will play in the elimination final.

Sturt certainly deserves a spot after outscoring Central against the wind in the last term, and

watching the Bulldogs waste opportunities in the second term when they kicked only three goals from 13 scoring shots.

Central coach Daryl Hicks said he believed his side lacked the ruthlessness of Sturt, but the fight for the finals was far from over.

The only certain position on the premiership table is top — Glenelg is 10 premierships points clear of South.

The Tigers trailed by 15 points at three quarter time against West at Football Park, but proved too strong in the last term, with the use of the wind.

The last time Glenelg finished minor premier was in 1973, when it won its second premiership.

Now a hard road ahead

By Peter Prime

Glenelg 17-17 West 12-22

Glenelg, perched comfortably at the head of the league table had to battle hard before finally shaking off a persistent West Adelaide by 25 points at Football Park yesterday.

The loss by Neil Kerley's Wolves severely dented their final five hopes and they now have a hard road ahead to win

a place at league headquarters come finals time.

It was a hard and vigorous game yesterday and one which will stand the Tigers in good stead for its finals preparation.

While Glenelg took the two points, West took the game right up to the Tigers, who had to fight tooth and nail before finally overcoming a gallant challenge.

West had its chances to win but its wayward kick-

ing, especially in front of goals, let it down.

After a magnificent third quarter in which it rattled on 8-11, West held a 15-point advantage going into the last term.

But slowly and surely Glenelg, with the aid of a breeze, got its game, smooth, running together to run out convincing winners.

In the dressing rooms after the game Glenelg coach John Halbert said

he was pleased with his side's win.

"Our first two quarters were good but I was disappointed in our third term when we were far too loose in the defence."

"Morris in particular was a damaging player across half-forward, with four goals for the term," Halbert said.

"Our final quarter effort was pleasing."

Coach Halbert also paid tribute to full forward Fred Phillis, playing his first league game since

1978.

"For a man who has been out of football for such a long period, Fred's form was encouraging."

"He not only kicked four goals but he competed and used his body to advantage," Halbert said.

Glenelg captain Paul Weston was probably its best player yesterday finishing with 16 kicks and 12 handballs.

He continually created opportunities for his team mates and was a constant source of inspiration.

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2-4	8-8	10-10	17-17	119
West	2-7	3-8	11-19	12-22	94

BEST — GLENELG: Weston, Copping, Cornes, Marshall, Paynter, Kuhlman. WEST: Borchard, Morris, Grosser, Beech, Bennett, Kennedy.

SCORERS — GLENELG: Copping 4.5, Phillis 4.1, Paynter 2.1, McInerney 2.0, Weston 1.2, Sewer 1.1, Kernahan 1.1, Marshall 1.0, McDermott 1.0, Anderson 0.1, Brown 0.1, Cornes 0.1, rushed 0.3. WEST: Morris 4.3, Grosser 2.2, Williams 1.5, Luders 1.2, Kennedy 1.1, Meuret 1.1, Fielke 1.0, Rechner 1.0, Bennett 0.1, De Jong 0.1, Lamb 0.1, Borchard 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES — WEST: Williams (hamstring), Hamilton (concussion).

UMPIRES — Jim Field, Trevor Thomas.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	5-4	9-6	15-11	19-16	130
North	0-2	3-8	4-10	7-13	55

BEST—NORWOOD: M. Aish, Thomas, P. Gallagher, Menzel, A. Aish, Jenkins. NORTH: Tiller, Pelle, Lokan, McAdam, Kerley, Riley.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: A. Aish 4.2, Hartfield 3.3, Thomas 3.0, Menzel 2.2, M. Aish 2.0, Woodcock 2.0, Barton 1.1, Thiel 1.1, P. Gallagher 1.1, Jenkins 0.1, Button 0.1, Fosdike 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORTH: Stanbridge 3.1, Arnold 1.2, B. Stringer 1.1, Pelle 1.1, Riley 1.0, Lokan 0.2, Tiller 0.2, Green 0.1, McAdam 0.1, Wildy 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Laurie Argent.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-6	6-8	11-14	17-16	118
Central	4-1	7-11	8-13	13-16	94

BEST—STURT: Craig, Sims, Hollis, Fry, Radbone, Friedrichs. CENTRAL: Livesey, Gillies, Platten, P. Graham, Krieg.

SCORERS — STURT: Hollis 7.5, Paech 3.1, Friedrichs 3.0, P. Heinrich 2.0, D. Smith 1.1, Radbone 1.0, Graham 0.3, Zubrinich 0.2, Craig 0.1, Derrington 0.1, Reed 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRAL: Platten 2.3, Edwards 2.2, Hart 1.3, Gillies 1.2, Krieg 1.2, Bevhien 1.1, Wright 1.1, Livesey 1.0, Prior 1.0, Moore 1.0, Van Dommels 1.0, Earnshaw 0.1, rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES—Adrian Forster, Bob Scholefeld.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Woodville	3-4	6-9	12-12	18-15	123
Torrens	5-2	7-5	12-8	18-10	118

BEST—WOODVILLE: Huppats, Matheson, G. Hewitt, Heaven, Mansfield. TORRENS: Inglis, McSparran, Hanna, Enright, T. Hill.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: G. Hewitt 5.3, Huppats 3.2, Carty 2.1, Richards 2.1, Simpson 2.0, Darmody 1.2, Scheer 1.1, Mansfield 1.1, Heaven 1.0, Matheson 0.2, Close 0.1, Lennon 0.1. TORRENS: Inglis 8.1, M. Hewitt 3.0, McSparran 2.3, Thomas 2.0, T. Hill 1.1, Johnson 1.0, Grambeau 1.0, Rendell 0.1, Phillipou 0.1, K. Hill 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—TORRENS: Roberts (concussion)

UMPIRES: Ric Charlesworth, Peter Mead.



Normally elusive Tiger half-forward Ralph "Zip-Zap" Sezer went to ground with a nasty crunch when he met up with West Adelaide's Mark Beech at Football Park—Picture Dennis Rogers



THE big men fly... Glenelg's Fred Phillis (left) for a mark and Matt Davoren (West Adelaide) for a spoil

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	8-6	8-10	14-16	15-17	107
South	2-0	6-2	6-2	10-3	63

BEST PLAYERS — PORT: Cunningham, Ebert, Eckermann, Sorrell, Hughes, Phillips, Kinnear. SOUTH: Harradine, Naley, Hawkins, Fairclough, Parquhar.

SCORERS — PORT: Cunningham 3.2, Evans 3.1, Boyd 3.1, Robertson 2.2, Belton 2.2, Porplycia 1.1, Granger 1.0, Phillips 0.2, Clifford 0.1, rushed 0.5. SOUTH: Hawkins 2.1, Collins 2.0, Fairclough 2.0, Naley 1.1, Linke 1.0, Woud 1.0, Miller 1.0, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — John Hylton, Ric Kinnear.

CROWDS

Football Park	8718
Alberton	10,645
Adelaide	3463
Elizabeth	9298
Norwood	8280
Total	40,403

THIS WEEK

Norwood v Glenelg (Football Park), Port v Sturt (Alberton), North v Central (Prospect), West v Torrens (Richmond), Woodville v South (Woodville).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts	%
Glenelg	18	1	—	2307	1675	36	57.94
South	13	6	—	1939	1701	26	53.27
Port	12	7	—	1976	1759	24	52.90
Norwood	11	7	1	2032	1739	23	53.88
Sturt	10	8	1	1922	1862	21	50.79
Central	9	10	—	2095	1849	18	53.12
West	9	10	—	2183	1996	18	52.24
North	7	12	—	1862	2127	14	46.68
Woodville	3	16	—	1572	2652	6	37.22
Torrens	2	17	—	1734	2262	4	43.39

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
Evans (Port)	18	3-2	67-56
Luders (West)	17	1-2	57-47
Hollis (Sturt)	19	7-5	52-46
Linke (South)	15	1-0	50-37
Platten (Central)	18	2-3	41-28