

Legitimate premiership contenders

By Peter Prime

Glenelg 33-26; Woodville 11-9

To base football judgments purely on the strength of one performance is perhaps ill-advised.

But nonetheless there were two inescapable conclusions to be drawn from Glenelg's mammoth 149-point whitewash over a deplorable Woodville at Glenelg Oval yesterday.

The Tigers proved to all and sundry at Brighton Rd it is indeed a grand team and a legitimate favorite for the flag.

On the other hand, Rod Oisson's Peckers revealed they have insurmountable problems and much work to do before they can even think of rising from the depths of the table next season.

Glenelg, firmly entrenched at the top of the ladder, and with its sights solely set on the major round, perhaps could have been forgiven for being a

little complacent before yesterday's clash.

But with last week's drubbing by Norwood still fresh in its mind, Glenelg completed the total demolition of Woodville to win in magnificent style.

The Peckers paled by comparison and were made to look like a "parklands rabble." After an even first quarter the Tigers simply "toyed" with Woodville which became a frustrated and undisciplined unit.

After the first term, Glenelg ran relentlessly, always providing teammates with an alternative, handling the ball cleanly and disposing of it with precision.

Glenelg did not appear to have a weakness yesterday, with its players

seeming to thoroughly enjoy the big goal-scoring occasion.

The Tigers do not have a player high in the goal-scoring lists, but they have still kicked more goals than any other side and through many avenues. They did likewise yesterday.

Wingman Peter Brown was perhaps its best, finishing with six goals from a wing in a slick display. Stephen Kernahan at centre-half forward was a powerhouse with 17 kicks, 10 handballs and 11 strong marks. David Holst and the whole Glenelg defence in general was impregnable; John Paynter was clever around the ground and Stephen Copping and captain Paul Weston were other eye-catchers.

For Woodville, Ray Huppertz was best with five goals, and an inspiration to his team-mates.

West in control of its destiny

West Adelaide has snatched the lead in one of the most exciting three-way battles for a place in the finals.

With only one round before the majors, West is fifth with 21 points and 52.46 per cent, followed by Sturt (21, 49.55) and Central District (20, 52.62).

West plays South Adelaide at Richmond this week, while Sturt meets Glenelg at Adelaide Oval and Central is at home to Woodville.

The Bulldogs could be the favorite to fill fifth spot but as West coach Neil Kerley said last night: "West is already there."

Destiny

He added: "We know exactly what we have to do to get into the finals. Beat South."

"We don't have to rely on anyone else, just ourselves. We will control our own destiny."

And while those three teams stage a bitter struggle to play at Football Park in a fortnight, Port Adelaide and Norwood are ready for a

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showdown there on Saturday to determine which side will have a double chance in the finals.

In a high-scoring twenty-first round yesterday, Port crushed West Torrens at Thebarton, Norwood dented Central's aspirations with a convincing 59 point victory, South pounded Sturt by 49 points, West proved too good for North, while minor premier Glenelg bombarded Woodville by a huge 149 points.

The Panthers' impressive victory assured them of a double chance in the finals.

Interest in the last

minor round will be shared around four grounds as the top seven teams jostle to determine the make-up of the final five.

Yesterday's round promised everything—exciting matches and superb weather conditions.

But it attracted a mere 30,416 people at the five games, a most disappointing aggregate attendance.

Hopefully, next Saturday's program will receive the big support it deserves.

Norwood coach Neil Balme resumed in the Reserves yesterday after missing seven matches with a broken thumb. He played in the first half and is a chance to play League against Port.

The personal duel for Magarey Medal votes between Norwood's Michael Aish and Sturt's Neil Craig was certainly one-sided yesterday.

Craig recorded only four kicks—all in the second term—while the Redleg youngster amassed 23 kicks, eight handballs and 12 marks.

LEAGUE DETAILS

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-1	16-5	21-7	25-11	161
Sturt	3-9	9-12	14-13	16-16	112

BEST—SOUTH: Naley, Collins, Fairclough, Harradine, Linke, Palmer. STURT: Fry, Sims, Graham, Hutton, Friedrichs, Paech.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Linke 7-5, Slattery 4-0, Harradine 3-3, Naley 3-0, Aitken 3-0, Collins 2-0, Miller 2-0, Schneebichler 1-0, Butler 0-1, G. Brooksby 0-1, Baynes 0-1. STURT: Hollis 3-5, Friedrichs 3-1, Spel 3-0, Graham 2-2, Sims 2-0, Paech 1-2, Fry 1-1, Derrington 1-0, Downes 0-2, Zilm 0-1; rushed 0-2.

INJURIES—STURT: Derrington (bruised back). UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth, Bob Scholefield.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6-4	12-7	17-12	22-19	151
North	3-5	9-6	12-12	17-14	116

BEST — WEST: Borchard, Morris, Kantilafas, Bennett, Hamilton, Falting, Wells. NORTH: Tiller, Antrobus, Schlein, Redden, Clisby, McAdam.

SCORERS — WEST: Morris 6-3, Luders 5-4, Falting 4-3, Bennett 3-2, Grosser 3-1, Wells 1-2, Hamilton 0-1, Mickan 0-1, rushed 0-2. NORTH: McAdam 4-1, Antrobus 3-2, Stanbridge 3-1, Arnold 2-0, Green 1-1, Schlein 1-1, Wildy 1-1, Redden 1-0, Pelle 1-0, Riley 0-2, Lokan, 0-1, W. Stringer 0-1, Tiller 0-2, Winter 0-1, rushed 0-1.

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Des Foster.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	7-5	15-7	20-11	29-18	192
Central	5-1	12-4	14-10	20-13	133

BEST.—NORWOOD: M. Aish, Turbill, Laughlin, Thomas, Jenkins, Button, Nicholson, A. Aish. CENTRAL: Hart, Platten, Beythien, Gilles.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: M. Aish 7-1, Turbill 5-1, Hartfield 4-2, Laughlin 4-2, Jenkins 4-1, Thomas 2-1, Hoffmann 1-1, Gallagher 1-1, Woodcock 1-1, A. Aish 0-1, Barton 0-1, rushed 0-5. CENTRAL: Wright 6-2, Beythien 4-1, Wilson 3-2, Platten 3-0, Hart 2-2, Krieg 1-0, Roe 1-0, Vivien 0-1, rushed 0-5.

INJURIES.—NORWOOD: Dunstan (Jaw), CENTRAL: Graham (hand). UMPIRES—John Hylton, Ric Kinnear.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-5	15-9	21-18	33-26	224
Woodville	3-4	3-5	7-7	11-9	75

BEST.—GLENELG: Brown, Kernahan, Holst, Paynter, Copping, Weston, Marshall. WOODVILLE: Huppertz, Parker, Mausfeld, Scheer, Heaven.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Brown 6-2, Rady 4-4, Phillis 4-3, Kernahan 3-5, Carey 3-2, McInerney 3-1, Caldwell 3-0, Copping 2-1, Sewer 2-1, Marshall 1-2, McDermott 1-1, Weston 1-1, Paynter 0-1, rushed 0-3. WOODVILLE: Huppertz 5-0, Hewitt 2-3, Mansfield 2-0, Richards 1-2, Darmody 1-0, Lennon 0-1, Matheson 0-1, Simpson 0-1, rushed 0-1.

UMPIRES—Jim Field, Trevor Thomas.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-7	10-15	23-17	27-27	189
Torrens	2-3	4-5	7-7	10-10	70

BEST.—PORT: Clifford, Kinnear, Ebert, Belton, Phillips, Gilles. TORRENS: McSparran, Hanna, Phillipou, Inglis, Robson.

SCORERS.—PORT: Evans 5-2, Granger 3-4, Martyn 3-3, Clifford 3-2, Cunningham 3-1, Cahill 2-2, Belton 2-1, Phillips 2-0, Kinnear 1-2, Robertson 1-2, Ebert 1-1, Johnston 1-0, Abernethy 0-1, Hofner 0-1, rushed 0-5. TORRENS: Johnston 4-0, Hewitt 2-1, Roberts 1-3, K. Hill 1-2, McSparran 1-0, T. Hill 1-0, Flew 0-2, Phillipou 0-1, rushed 0-1.

INJURIES.—TORRENS: Grambeau (back), Hewett (groin). UMPIRES—Adrian Forster, Peter Mead.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Glenelg	19	2	—	2636	1883	38	58.33
South	15	6	—	2213	1868	30	54.23
Port	14	7	—	2295	1910	28	54.58
Norwood	13	7	1	2357	1977	27	54.38
West	10	10	1	2392	2170	21	52.46
Sturt	10	10	1	2115	2153	21	49.55
Central	10	11	—	2349	2115	20	52.62
North	7	14	—	2052	2399	14	46.10
Woodville	3	18	—	1702	2989	6	36.28
Torrens	3	18	1	1862	2509	5	42.60

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest.	Total
Evans (Port)	20	5-2	80-62
Luders (West)	19	5-4	63-53
Linke (South)	17	7-5	62-44
Hollis (Sturt)	21	3-5	58-54
Platten (Central)	20	3-0	47-29

CROWDS THIS WEEK

Football Park	7120	Port v Norwood (Football Park), Sturt v Glenelg (Adelaide), Norwood v Woodville (Elizabeth), West v South (Richmond), Torrens v North (Thebarton).
Adelaide	3798	
Norwood	7846	
Glenelg	4645	
Thebarton	7007	
Total	30,416	