

PACESETTERS DOWNED

By TREVOR GILL

The fluctuating fortunes of football presented a series of surprises in yesterday's third round.

The two unbeaten pacesetters of the competition — West Adelaide and South Adelaide — registered their first losses

And in a stunning reversal of form Central District turned the tide on Norwood for an upset win at Adelaide Oval.

South put in a courageous effort against Sturt at Unley, but West were easily overpowered by North Adelaide at Prospect.

Torrens also displayed newfound abilities, pushing last year's premiers Port Adelaide to the very hilt at Alberton Oval.

The Eagles' bold challenge against Port was especially impressive because the Magpies had the awesome advantage of

their hallowed home ground.

Glenelg continued on its merry way, storming away from Woodville for a percentage win at Football Park.

Incredibly it was the Tigers' first victory against Woodville at Football Park. Twice in 1979 — when the Pevkers made the finals — Woodville won the confrontations against the Bays at West Lakes.

Despite Woodville's loss yesterday coach Rod Olsson echoed the sentiments of its supporters, saying it was an improved

Glenelg alone on top

effort.

He said: "Up to midway through the third term we showed that we have improved on the first two games.

"We can only continue to work on the basics, I think we have taken a little step forward.

"We have just got to show more poise in the game situation. It's different to the training track."

Alberton easily attracted the biggest crowd with 13,987. The total attendance of 45,066 included 9580 at Adelaide, 9331 at Unley, 6603 at Prospect, and 5565 at Football Park.

League details

PROSPECT OVAL

Table with 5 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: North, West

BEST-NORTH: McAdam, Riley, Grenfell, Schlein, Nunan, Kerley. WEST: Meuret, Fielke, Donaldson, Gregg, Rechner, Thorn. SCORERS-NORTH: Grenfell 6.2, McAdam 5.1, Schlein 3.0, Lokan 2.2, Nunan 2.0, Gehling 1.2, Arnold 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Stanbridge 0.4, Riley 0.1. WEST: Meuret 8.1, Thorn 5.3, Morris 1.4, Falting 1.2, Kennedy 1.0, Wells 0.3, Gregg 0.2, Rechner 0.1, Dunlop 0.2, rushed 0.2. UMPIRES: Bob Schofield, Trevor Thomas.

ALBERTON OVAL

Table with 5 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Port, Torrens

BEST — PORT: Cunningham, Clifford, Cahill, Natt, Curtis, Belton, Bradley, TORRENS: Galt, G. White, McSparran, Hanna, Manouze, Robson. SCORERS-PORT: Agius 4.1, Evans 3.2, Clifford 3.2, Cahill 3.1, Porphyria 2.2, Cunningham 2.2, Curtis 1.0, Ebert 1.0, Kinneer 0.1, rushed 0.3. TORRENS: K. Hill 5.2, N. Roberts 5.1, Tripp 3.0, McSparran 2.1, Foote 1.2, Diorio 1.1, Manouze 1.0, Johnston 0.2, Hanna 0.2. INJURIES-PORT: Sorrell (ankle), Eckemann (hamstring), Johnston (hand). TORRENS: N. Roberts (broken nose, concussion, hamstring), Giles (broken jaw). UMPIRES: Laurie Argent, Rick Kinneer.

FOOTBALL PARK

Table with 5 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Glenelg, Woodville

BEST-GLENELG: Copping, Carey, Paynter, Lunnis, Holst, Cornes. WOODVILLE: Heaven, Huppertz, Close, Dettman, Matheson. SCORERS-GLENELG: Copping 6.2, Walter 5.4, Twelftree 4.2, Paynter 3.1, Carey 3.0, McInerney 2.1, MacVicar 2.0, Marshall 2.0, Rady 1.2, Cornes 1.1, Kernahan 1.1, Sewer 0.2, McDermott 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Becroft 3.3, Huppertz 3.0, Richards 2.1, Close 1.1, G. Hewitt 1.1, Matheson 1.1, McLeod 1.0, Mansfield 0.2, Carty 0.1. INJURIES-GLENELG: Weston (bruised knee), Marshall (knee). UMPIRES: John Hylton, Peter Mead.

UNLEY OVAL

Table with 5 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Sturt, South

BEST-STURT: Leonard, Graham, Craig, Spiel, Wilson, Fry, Sims, Friedrichs. SOUTH: G. Brooksby, Naley, Schneeblicher, Harradine, White, Linke, Hawkins. SCORERS-STURT: Wilson 4.0, Graham 2.4, Hollis 2.2, Friedrichs 2.1, Hargreaves 1.2, Derrington, 1.1, Leonard 1.1, Wreman 1.0, Spiel 0.1, P. Heinrich, 0.1, Zilm 0.1. SOUTH: Linke 5.3, Slattery 2.3, Harradine 2.2, Hawkins 1.1, Schneeblicher 1.0, McIntyre 1.0, Naley 1.0, Aitken 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES-STURT: Howard (calf). SOUTH: McIntyre (knee). UMPIRES: Des Foster, Jim Field.

ADELAIDE OVAL

Table with 5 columns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Final, Pts. Rows: Central, Norwood

BEST — CENTRAL: Moore, Beythien, Cochrane, George, Earnshaw, Gillies, McKay. NORWOOD: Dunstan, Stemper, Thiel, Menzel, Jenkins, Fosdike. SCORERS-CENTRAL: George 5.5, Cochrane 5.2, Hart 1.1, Beythien 1.1, Van Dommele 1.1, Platten 1.0, Moore 1.0, Earnshaw 0.3. NORWOOD: Winter 3.1, Dalwood 2.0, Dunstan 1.4, Button 1.2, Menzel 1.2, Seretzi 1.1, Jenkins 1.1, Hughes 1.1, Hartfield 1.0, Gallagher 1.0, Thomas 0.4, Colasante 0.1, Fosdike 0.1, rushed 0.2. INJURIES-NORWOOD: Gallagher (ankle), Hartfield (hamstring). UMPIRES: Rick Charlesworth, Graham Hilton.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Table with 7 columns: W, L, D, F, A, Pts, % for various teams

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Table with 4 columns: Name, Games, Yest., Total for various players

CROWDS

Table with 2 columns: Venue, Total for various stadiums

Woodville whipped!

By ASHLEY PORTER

Glenelg 30-19, W'ville 12-10.

A bustling Woodville trained by just 29 points at the 20-minute mark of the third term at Football Park yesterday.

Woodville fans must have been hoping upon hope for a respectable Peckers' score, albeit another loss.

But, like an axe falling on a chicken, Glenelg ended the Peckers' survival when it slammed through 13-10 in the final term while keeping Woodville scoreless.

What better man to describe what caused the scoring shut down by Woodville than coach Rod Olsson?

"Everything we talked about became a non-event," he said, "we just gave up possession of the ball.

"Our skills let us down badly in the final quarter. We just did not work hard enough.

"It was disheartening to see our players not shutting off Glenelg's run on game. Glenelg was able to run as it liked.

"Our use of the ball from the back lines was poor in that final term."

Woodville pressured Glenelg for two and a half quarters.

A feature of the Peckers' game was they continued to fight back every time Glenelg started a scoring run.

Concentration

Glenelg displayed its power in the final term and showed 100 per cent concentration by running out the match.

It could have been a danger game for Glenelg as it beat last year's grand finalist Port Adelaide and Norwood in the past fortnight and was playing the bottom side which had suffered 120 and 93 point losses.

Coach John Halbert said he was happy with the atmosphere before the game.

Brave fight ends in the 'inevitable'

"The boys prepared themselves well," he said.

"They wanted to put in a good performance for Ralph Sewer. They took this as an extra spur."

Sewer, in his first clash with the club he served for 12 years, gave a creditable performance at centre, shading Woodville's new recruit Noel McCormack.

But it was two other former Woodville players who also proved thorns for the Peckers in half-forward Leon Twelftree, who kicked four goals, and ruckman Colin MacVicar.

Perhaps one of the most pleasing aspects for Glenelg from the one sided match was the greatly improved form by half-forward Stephen Copping.

He grabbed 24 kicks, 13 handballs, 17 marks and used most of his possessions to advantage.

He finished with 6-2 and headed the goal kicking list for the match.

Copping was among a number of Glenelg players to rank highly in the team's best players.

Others included rover John Paynter, Michael Lunniss, Graham Cornes, Peter Carey, Stephen Kernahan and David Holst.

Woodville had few good players.

Heading the list were Lindsay Heaven who played well at half-back, rover Ray Huppertz, forward Brian Close, and back pocket Ian Dettman.

Giles breaks his jaw

Torrens ruckman Clinton Giles may miss at least six matches after breaking his jaw in yesterday's clash against Port at Alberton.

By Peter Prime

The former Sturt player as taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital after his first quarter incident. The inspirational Neville Roberts was again in the news yesterday.

Dogged by a number of serious injuries throughout his career, Roberts yesterday broke his nose and has a hamstring problem which will almost certainly rule him out of next week's clash with North Adelaide at Prospect.

against Norwood, escaped relatively unscathed.

Norwood captain Phil Gallagher injured his ankle early in the third term and may miss next week, while Brenton Hartfield is doubtful with a hamstring injury.

Glenelg captain Paul Weston went off late in the second term against Woodville because of a bruised knee, and David Marshall suffered a groin injury.

Magic, says joyful Ralph

"It was magic," said a jubilant Ralph Sewer after Glenelg thrashed his old club Woodville at Football Park yesterday.

Sewer was playing his third game for the Tigers after being cleared for a record \$50,000 through the SANFL permit tribunal last month.

The Tigers thrashed Woodville 30.19 to 12.10 after the Peckers failed to score after the 20-minute mark of the third term.

Sewer had experienced a number of big defeats with Woodville, and he knew how his former teammates felt.

"I didn't feel any pain for them," Sewer said, "I thought it would be a good game.

"The win has made me want to train next week. After the defeats like

By Ashley Porter

Woodville suffered today. I used to start thinking of excuses not to be at training. But for some reason I always was."

Sewer played at centre against new recruit Noel McCormack and won the honors with 14 kicks, 12 handballs and eight marks.

He was ruffled a few times and received a few harsh words from his former teammates, some of whom are still close friends.

While "Zip Zap" was a thorn in Woodville's side, other former Woodville players Leon Twelftree and Colin MacVicar also did well.

Glenelg coach John Halbert said: "The boys wanted to put in a good performance for Ralph."