

Blues' last term blitz

LEAGUE DETAILS

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-3	3-4	8-9	10-12	72
Torrens	2-3	4-6	5-7	6-9	45

BEST — SOUTH: Schneebichler, Naley, Baynes, Hateley, Slattery, G. Broksby. **TORRENS**: Phillipou, Hewitt, McSporrnan, Enright, Galt, Miller.
SCORERS—SOUTH: Hateley 4.3, White 3.1, Naley 1.1, Slattery 1.1, Farquhar 1.1, Aitken 0.3, Dawkins 0.1, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS**: Rendell 2.1, McSporrnan 2.0, K. Hill 1.2, Galt 1.1, Foote 0.2, T. Hill 0.1, Hank 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES — TORRENS: T. Hank (zruised kidneys), Marriott (torn hamstring), Robson (suspected fractured cheekbone).
UMPIRES—Peter Mead, Adrian Forster.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-3	7-7	12-10	15-12	102
Port	1-5	6-7	7-17	11-20	86

BEST—WEST: Fielke, Rechner, Borchard, Kennedy, Kantilafas, Wells, Morris, Meuret. **PORT**: Abernethy, Ebert, Cunningham, Cahill, Giles, Clifford.
SCORERS—WEST: Luders 4.4, Falting 4.1, Wells 2.2, Thorn 2.0, Morris 1.1, Meuret 1.1, Rechner 1.1, rushed 0.2. **PORT**: Evans 3.5, Cahill 2.3, Cole 2.0, Agius 1.2, Belton 1.0, Clifford 1.0, Natt 1.0, Kinnear 0.1, Cunningham 0.1, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.7.
INJURIES—PORT: Belton (hamstring).
UMPIRES—Bob Scholefield, Rick Kinnear.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	6-7	12-9	17-14	17-21	123
Central	3-4	6-7	8-12	14-12	96

BEST—GLENELG: Sewer, Rady, Marshall, Carey, Kernahan. **CENTRAL**: Platten, Livesey, Krieg, Hart, Wright, Moore.
SCORERS—GLENELG: Copping 4.0, Marshall 2.2, Rady 2.2, Carey 2.0, Walter 1.5, Sewer 1.2, McInerney 1.2, Kernahan 1.2, Twelftree 1.1, McDermott 1.0, Farquhar 1.0, MacVicar 0.1, Caldwell 0.1, rushed 4.3. **CENTRAL**: Platten 5.2, Kreis 2.1, Wilson 2.0, Wright 1.4, Livesey 1.0, Vivian 1.0, Prior 1.0, Gilles 1.0, Cochrane 0.2, Hart 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—CENTRAL: Cowie (knock to head).
UMPIRES—L. Argent, J. Field.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1-4	8-12	10-16	14-24	108
North	4-9	6-11	15-14	15-14	104

BEST—STURT: Craig, P. Heinrich, Wilson, Leonard, Sims, Spiel. **NORTH**: Cloke, Lokan, Til'ner, Redden, Pelle, Gehling.
SCORERS—STURT: H. Ellis 3.3, Whittlesa 3.2, Derrington 1.3, Wilson 1.2, Friedrichs 1.2, P. Heinrich 1.2, Graham 1.1, Craig 1.1, Spiel 1.0, Casey 1.0, Wiseman 0.2, Leonard 0.2, Lloyd 0.1, rushed 0.3. **NORTH**: Stanbridge 4.2, Lokan 3.1, Grenfell 2.0, Willmsmore 2.0, Pelle 1.2, Arnold 1.2, Gehling 1.1, Algate 1.0, Robran 0.2, McAdam 0.2, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—STURT: Graham (ham string). **NORTH**: McAdam (thigh), Stanbridge (knee), Robran (eye).
UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth, Trevor Thomas.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	5-6	9-9	16-21	19-25	139
Woodville	0-1	8-3	9-4	10-5	65

BEST—NORWOOD: M. Aish, Turbill, Jenkins, Serotzki, Thomas, Menzel. **WOODVILLE**: Parker, Richards, Huppatt, Davis, Close.
SCORERS—NORWOOD: Woodcock 5.2, Menzel 3.1, Turbill 2.2, Serotzki 2.1, Balme 1.3, Button 1.2, A. Aish 1.2, Thomas 1.2, Thiel 1.1, Jenkins 1.1, Posdike 1.0, M. Aish 0.2, Dunstan 0.1, rushed 0.5. **WOODVILLE**: Richards 5.0, McCormack 2.1, Close 1.0, McLeod 1.0, Huppatt 1.0, Hewitt 0.1, Campbell 0.1, Heaven 0.1, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Ian Dettman (sore back).
UMPIRES—Des Foster, John Hyllton.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Glenelg	6	—	—	821	569	12	59.06
South	4	2	—	659	490	8	57.35
West	4	2	—	779	599	8	56.69
North	4	2	—	735	625	8	54.04
Sturt	3	2	1	631	674	7	48.35
Port	3	3	—	608	651	6	48.29
Norwood	2	3	1	607	594	5	50.54
Central	2	4	—	580	637	4	47.66
Torrens	1	5	—	623	737	2	45.81
Woodville	—	6	—	478	945	—	33.59

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yes.	Total
Evans (Port)	6	3.5	26.16
Hollis (Sturt)	6	3.3	22.16
George (Centrals)	6	—	21.15
Thorn (West)	6	2.0	21.11
Walter (Glenelg)	6	1.5	20.17
Slattery (South)	6	1.1	19.13

CROWDS NEXT WEEK

Football Park	8574	Sturt v Torrens
Adelaide	5549	(Football Park); Central v South (Elizabeth);
Prospect	7256	Glenelg v North (Glenelg); West v Norwood
Thebarton	4065	(Richmond); Woodville
Alberton (not available)	—	v Port (Woodville).
Total	25,444	

IN OTHER STATES

MELBOURNE: North Melbourne 17-16, Footscray 7-12; Geelong 7-17, Hawthorn 8-8; Fitzroy 13-14, Richmond 12-16; Collingwood 18-15, South Melbourne 7-16; Essendon 14-17, St Kilda 1-10; Carlton 12-24, Melbourne 8-8.
PERTH: South Fremantle 17-19, Swan Districts 16-15; East Fremantle 20-21, Perth 13-20; Claremont 26-24, West Perth 13-9; East Perth 23-23, Subiaco 10-11.
TASMANIA: Hobart 16-16, Clarence 11-12; North Hobart 15-20, Glenorchy 15-11; New Norfolk 17-22, Sandy Bay 10-6; Burnie 12-16, City-South 10-16; North Launceston 25-18, Devonport 14-13; Launceston 7-17, E Launceston 6-14; Coose 13-21, Penguin 9-18; Scottsdale 8-9, Longford 8-5; Wynyard 23-14, Latrobe 16-8; Ulverstone 25-19, Smithford 4-8.
SYDNEY: Rugby League—Eastern Suburbs 21, Cronulla 12.
BRISBANE: Rugby—Queensland Country 17, Canterbury Country 11.

By Stephen Price

Sturt bounced back with a vengeance in yesterday's sixth round, downing North with a late goal to climb into fifth position.

A desperate Sturt took until the twenty-fifth minute of the final term to shake off the new look North side.

Trailing by almost five goals at three-quarter time, Sturt burst home with 4.8 in the last term while holding North scoreless.

Sturt's win, and a 16-point loss by Port Adelaide against West at Alberton saw Port tipped from the top five.

South's victory over an ordinary West Torrens pushed Haydn Bunton's Panthers into second spot just behind the still undefeated Glenelg.

West maintained third place and again deserves its billing as a danger side.

Struggling

Glenelg dominates the early season competition. After six rounds it is undefeated and has a two-game break as well as a handy percentage lead over South, West and North, who are separated only by percentage.

Central coach Daryl Hicks blasted his senior players accusing them of being "undisciplined" and "failing to follow instructions."

Torrens and Woodville have slipped well behind the rest of the clubs.

Torrens is struggling with five straight losses and crippling injuries to key players.

Woodville is yet to crack a win.

DOORBUSTER!

Wild Westies celebrate

By ASHLEY PORTER

Excited West Adelaide fans smashed a door in their excitement to congratulate a team which vanquished Port Adelaide at Alberton yesterday.

Fans punched a hole about 20cm (12 in) in diameter through the door, trying to unlock it from the inside.

West coach Neil Kerley had to plead with the jubilant fans to stay clear from his players while they cooled down after the match.

The Wild scenes came after West withstood tremendous pressure in the last term to win by 16 points.

Kerley described the win as a "big effort," but warned his players the football they produced against Port was not going to put any score on the board against Norwood this week.

"We have to go on with the job every week," he said.

The Wolves played desperate football and their determination not to let Port mark or gather the ball in front of goal was illustrated by the fact that seven points were rushed through for Port.

After the match Port coach John Cahill described his players as "mentally soft."

"We are getting worried," he said. "Some of my players are in dreamland with the way they played last year."

The loss had Port tumbling out of the five, while West maintained third position, only two premierships points behind Glenelg.

The big battle between the full-forwards, West's Roger Luders and Port's Tim Evans, lost some of its glamor because they were off target. Luders kicked 4.4 and Evans 3.5.

But they took some superb marks and both gave valuable contributions.

Bulldogs give Tigers a scare

Central District exploded into form in the final quarter and threatened Glenelg with its first loss of the season at Football Park yesterday.

In the last term the Tigers inexplicably halted to a walk while the Bulldogs poured on six goals, with their best football of the game.

Glenelg was firing with all its awesome power for the first three quarters, but its effort in the crucial last term was described by coach John Halbert as "disgraceful."

"They failed to follow the instructions of the coach.

"Those instructions were given three times before the game, and yet for the first half we were undisciplined.

"In the first two quarters Glenelg, set alight by its centreman Ralph Sewer, and its smaller running players, completely outplayed the undefensive Bulldogs.

Powerless

Glenelg — with players like Stephen Copping, Stephen Kernahan, Peter McInerney and Darryl Rady — easily slipped through the Bulldog defences and raced away.

At the other end of the ground Central did not have a loose man in attack and were forced to kick long in the hope of finding one of its closely checked forwards.

Hicks threw talented South Melbourne recruit, Michael Wright, from defence to centre half-forward and he dominated that position later in the game but failed to consistently find the goals.

By  TREVOR GILL

Glenelg 17-21, Central 14-12



Daryl Hicks

In the third quarter it was mainly rover John Platten who managed to rescue something from the wreck, as Glenelg continued on its merry way.

The Tigers, with Sewer and wingman David Marshall running rife, did it with ease and Central looked completely powerless.

However, in the final quarter Platten, Krieg, Stephen Livesey, wingman Peter Vivian and ruckman Terry Moore inspired Centrals long-lost aggression.

The Bulldogs steadily powered closer to Glenelg's big lead while restricting the Tigers to only six points for the term.

The Bays, who had set

the pace for the first three quarters, failed to show the character they had displayed in the past five weeks.

And in the end Central, after booting six goals in the last 28 minutes, all but stole victory over Glenelg.

John Halbert's only comment after the game was: "A disgraceful last half took away the gloss of the second quarter."

Central strong-man Darryl Cowie was the only casualty after receiving a heavy knock early in the game and was taken to hospital last night for precautionary X-rays.

And Bulldog coach Daryl Hicks was quick after the game to show his anger at the performance of his more established footballers.

"When you rely only on kids to do the work, you are in trouble," he declared.

"I was disgusted with the game of some of the senior players. The youngsters put them to shame.

Central, after looking a ragged side for most of the game, was inspired by its youngsters John Platten, Darel Hart, and Peter Krieg.

They fought when other more experienced players failed to rise to the occasion against the league leaders.