

THRILLING ROUND OF SURPRISES

Shock results and a genuine scare tactic by wooden spooner Woodville have left this season's battle for the premiership one of the most absorbing in years.

Two sides licking their wounds last night were West Adelaide which lost by only two points to Torrens, and Glenelg, losers by 21 points to North.

Those defeats by West — which could have been league leaders — and Glenelg are bitter blows as the teams scramble for positions in the build-up to the major round.

The Tigers' loss almost certainly will cost it third spot, and the prized double chance, because in the run home to the finals it plays West (Richmond), Norwood (Football Park), Central (Glenelg), South (Football Park) and Port (Football Park).

Awesome

2 lick wounds

Sturt also has slumped from the form which made it the most awesome club in the league only a few weeks ago.

The Blues were destroyed by a relentless Norwood, inspired by 10-goal hero Neville Roberts, and suffered their third successive defeat.

Sturt is now in second position and cannot yet consider itself a safe bet for the second chance in the finals.

Norwood's victory has firmly consolidated it in fourth position, ready to

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pounce on higher ranks, and Glenelg is precariously poised in fifth spot under siege from Central District and North.

The form of the the Bulldogs and the Roosters, considering Glenelg's tough run in coming weeks, maintains their genuine hopes of making the major round.

Port Adelaide has injury worries, but it was still almost shocked by Woodville in what would have been the most sensational victory of the season.

Nonetheless, the Magpies grabbed top spot as a result of the win.

Annual ball —but Tigers have nothing to celebrate



North Adelaide ruckman, Mick Redden tries to contain Glenelg's Stephen Kernahan as they vie for the ball on the Tigers' forward lines

North 24-12, Glenelg 21-9

Glenelg held its annual Tiger Ball last night on the date that has in recent years cast an inexplicable hoodoo on the fortunes of the side.

And, again, the only ones kicking up their heels were opponents celebrating yet another shock victory over the stricken Bays.

At Prospect yesterday, a ruthless, revived North Adelaide maintained the Glenelg jinx with one of its most polished performances of the season.

In just two weeks, the Roosters have delivered most convincing blows to last year's two grand final sides, Port Adelaide and Glenelg.

Its great conquest yesterday maintained its optimistic hopes of making the major round and probably cost the Bays their chance of securing third spot — and the coveted double chance — in the finals.

It was an astonishing performance ruled by a host of brilliantly effective players, who chewed up the pressure and spat it through the goals to claim victory by a runaway 21 points.

Credit

And what made it even more remarkable was that North overcame a formidable 20-point deficit at the last change with a nine goal burst that left the

So many of the North players deserve the honors for the winning performance, but greatest credit must go to centreman Bill Lokan and forward-drlwf

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Lokan and forward-follower Greg McAdam.

In the last term, as the Roosters dramatically clawed their way to the front, it was the unrelenting efforts of Lokan and McAdam which drove them from centre into attack where big Grenville Dietrich and Trevor Clisby struck the final, conquering blows.

It was a magnificent goalfeast contributed to by most of the North players including follower David Tiller, defenders Craig Stanbridge, Peter Holman and Mick Armfield, wing-

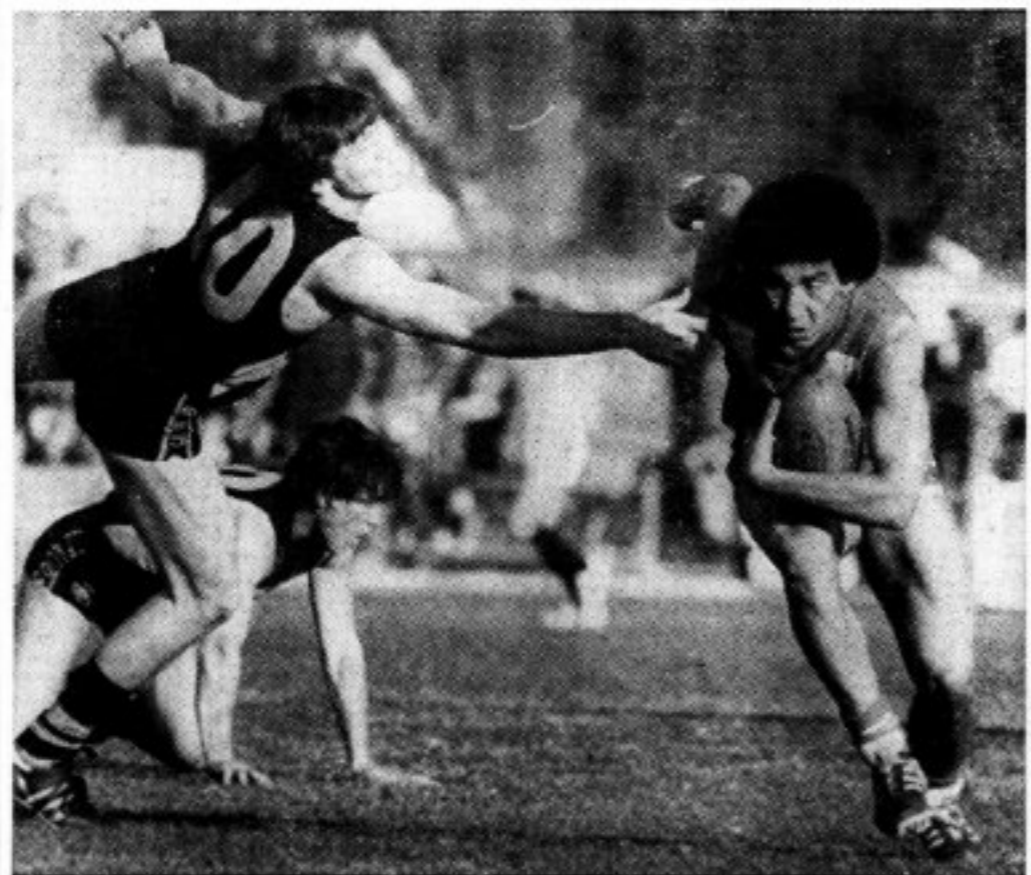
man Brenton Phillips and tireless ruckman Mick Redden.

The Tigers had come from behind in this entertaining spectacle and with their 20-point lead at the last change, it looked all over.

But, despite a couple of successful sorties in the final term, it failed to maintain the momentum and North unleashed a burst which few teams could ever equal.

Some players had worked hard to get Glenelg where it was, including greatly talented State rover Tony McGuinness, reliable defender Graham Cornes, strong marking ruckman Stephen Kernahan, utility John Paynter and wingman David Marshall.

But the team effort was not there when it counted and coach John Halbert especially was critical of the lack of truly effective defensive work.



North Adelaide half forward, Greg McAdam, sprints away from a lunging Chris McDermott in the game at Prospect Oval yesterday

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-6	10-8	17-9	26-12	168
Sturt	2-5	9-10	14-10	16-12	108

BEST. — NORWOOD: Roberts, G. Thomas, M. Aish, Jenkins, Fosdike, McIntosh, Button, K. Thomas. STURT: Spiel, Pfeiffer, Fry, Paech, Craig.
SCORERS. — NORWOOD: Roberts 10.2, G. Thomas 3.2, Laughlin 2.1, McIntosh 2.1, Jenkins 2.0, Fosdike 2.0, Neagle 1.2, Button 1.1, K. Thomas 1.0, Hein 0.1, rushed 0.2. STURT: Hollis 5.1, Fry 3.2, Graham 3.2, Zilm 2.2, Pfeiffer 2.0, Smith 1.0, Heinrich 0.2, Derrington 0.1, rushed 0.4.
UMPIRES. — Des Foster, Brenton O'Connor.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	5-4	12-7	18-7	23-9	127
West	5-1	9-2	15-6	23-7	145

BEST. — TORRENS: Inglis, Phillipou, Green, Hanna, Mahar, Hill, Enright, Pavlich, Downie. WEST: Bernhard, Kenedy, Kantilafas, Burgess, Falting, Lamb, Lindner.
SCORERS. — TORRENS: Hill 5.0, Green 4.0, Johnston 3.1, Pavlich 3.1, Hank 2.3, Flanagan 2.0, Robson 1.1, Phillipou 1.1, Mahar 1.0, Downie 1.0, Hanna 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Luders 7.2, Falting 7.0, Lamb 2.2, Lindner 2.0, Bennett 1.1, Wells 1.0, Kantilafas 1.0, Grosser 1.0, Porter 1.0, rushed 0.2.
UMPIRES. — Jeff Dry, Graham Hyton.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port Adelaide	2-3	6-6	11-17	17-21	123
Woodville	2-8	8-10	11-13	15-15	105

BEST. — PORT: Ebert, Belton, Huppertz, Bradley, Eckermann, James. WOODVILLE: Bolton, Lennon, Fuller, Matheson, Simpson, Heaven.
SCORERS. — PORT: Evans 5.5, Huppertz 2.2, Phillips 2.1, Gill 2.0, Kinnear 2.0, Belton 1.2, Cahill 1.1, C. Ebert 1.0, Bradley 1.0, Granger 0.2, Porplycia 0.1, R. Ebert 0.1, rushed 0.6. WOODVILLE: Pierson 6.4, Bencie 2.2, Koop 2.1, Mackereith 1.2, Fuller 1.1, Lennon 1.1, Shapson 1.1, J. Parker 1.0, Beecroft 0.3.
UMPIRES. — Rick Charlesworth, Daryl Schramm.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5-1	12-6	15-10	24-12	156
Glenelg	5-2	10-3	19-6	21-9	135

BEST. — NORTH: Lokan, Tiller, McAdam, Stanbridge, Clisby, Phillips, Armfield, Dietrich, Redden. GLENELG: McGuinness, Cornes, Paynter, Kernahan, Marshall, Weston.
SCORERS. — NORTH: Tiller 6-2, Dietrich 5-0, Clisby 3-1, Owens 3-1, Lokan 2-0, McAdam 1-3, Phillips 1-2, W. Stringer 1-0, Klomp 1-0, L. Stanbridge 1-0, A. Stringer 0-1, rushed 0-2. GLENELG: McGuinness 5-2, Kernahan 3-0, Hercok 2-2, Lunniss 2-2, Carey 2-1, Weston 2-1, Paynter 2-0, MacFarlane 1-0, Sewer 1-0, McInerney 1-0, Frost 0-1.
UMPIRES. — Ric Kinnear, Bob Scholefield.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	3-7	7-9	13-15	15-15	105
South	2-2	5-5	8-5	12-6	78

BEST. — CENTRAL: Wright, Trigg, Krieg, Thomas, Edwards, Bubner, Norsworthy, Benako. SOUTH: Would, White, Naley, Schneeblecher, Ivanoff, Butler.
SCORERS. — CENTRAL: Edwards 6.4, Wright 4.4, Robertson 3.2, Gillies 1.2, Norsworthy 1.1, Wilson 0.1, Moore 0.1. SOUTH: Schneeblecher 5.1, Reynolds 3.0, Conder 3.0, Naley 1.0, Miller 0.2, Butler 0.1, Kuss 0.1, rushed 0.1.
UMPIRES. — Laurie Argent, Neville Thorp.

INJURIES

STURT: Spiel (corked thigh), Radbone (hamstring). TORRENS: Downie (bruised ribs), WEST: Bo. chard (bruised hip), Donaldson (bruised back). PORT: Leslie (ankle), Porplycia (ankle), Granger (shoulder). CENTRAL: Gillies (shin), Thomas (cramp).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts	%
Port	12	4	1	1993	1502	25	57.02
Sturt	12	5	—	2265	1799	24	55.73
West	12	5	—	2260	1869	24	54.73
Norwood	11	6	—	1948	1673	22	53.80
Glenelg	10	6	1	2223	1801	21	55.24
Central	8	9	—	2022	1883	16	51.78
North	8	9	—	1934	2071	16	48.29
South	6	11	—	1630	1775	12	47.87
Torrens	5	12	—	1542	2301	10	40.12
Woodville	—	17	—	1436	2579	—	35.77

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest.	Total
Evans (Port)	16	5.5	87.37
Pierson (Woodville)	17	6.4	72.29
Davies (Sturt)	16	—	67.43
Edwards (Central)	15	6.4	66.40
Reynolds (South)	16	3.0	62.53

CROWDS

Unley	10,108
Football Park	4225
Adelaide Oval	4006
Prospect	4382
Elizabeth	4389
Total	27,110

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY — South v Sturt (Football Park)
West v Glenelg (Richmond.)
SUNDAY — Central v North (Adelaide.)