LEAGUE SCORES

ELIZABETH OVAL

2nd 3rd Final 1st 9-6 14-11 21-15 141 G'enela 10—12 15—13 20—13 133 Central

FEST PLAYERS — GLENEIG: Carey, Weston, Lunnis, McGuine s, Marshall, Holst, Sewer, CENTRAL: Edwards, Wright, Platten, Mobbs, Besanko, Beythien, Moore, SCORERS — GLENELG: Lunnis 5.0, Seebohn 3.2, Weston 2.2, Kernahan 2.1, Walter 2.1, Sewer 2.0, Carey 1.2, McDermott 1.2, Paynter 1.0, Cornes 1.0, McGuiness 1.0, Marshall 0.2, MacFarlane 0.1, rushed 0.2, CENTRAL: Edwards 10.2, Platten 3.2, Wright 2.4, Beythien 2.1, Wilson 2.0, Nordeworthy 1.3, Gillies 0.1.

UMPIRES - Des Foster, Neville Thorp.

RICHMOND OVAL

2nd 3rd Final 1st 10—12 12—15 16—18 114 Port West

BEST-PORT: Ebert, Johnston, Hughes, Belton, Phillips, Porplycia, Eckermann, Kinnear, WEST: Williams, Watson, Meuret, Borchard, Mickan, Rechner, Kantilaftas, Bennett, SCORERS-PORT: Belton 4.2, Cunningham 3.4, Bradley 3.0, S. Williams 2.1, Evans 1.4, Natt 1.1, Porplycia 1.1, Manouge 1.0, Kinnear 0.2, Ebert 0.1, Johnston 0.1; rushed 0.1, WEST: Rechner 4.1, Thorn 3.3, Luders 1.4, Morris 1.2, Meuret 1.1, Smith 1.0, Bennett 1.0, Wells 1.0; rushed 0.1, UMPIRES-Graham Hitlon, Bob Scholefield.

NORWOOD OVAL

Final 2nd 10-11 17-17 119 Norwood 11-11 13-12 South

BEST-NORWOOD: A. Aish, Jenkins, M. Aish, Hartfield, Stemper, Thomas. SOUTH: Schneebichler, Naley, Hateley, Johnston, Martin.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Hartfield 9.1. Roberts 2.2. Jenkins 2.1. Hein 2.0. Turbill 1.1. A. Aish 1.0. P. Gallagher 0.3. Motlop 0.1. Thomas 0.1. M. Aish 0.2. Warhurst 0.1; rushed 0.4. SOUTH: Reynolds 3.2. Hateley 2.3. Naley 2.1. Butler 2.0. Farquhar 1.1. Carty 1.1. Aitken 1.1. Christie 1.0. Schneebichier 0.1. Hawkins 0.1; rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES—Ric Kinnear, Brenton O'Connor.

ADELAIDE OVAL

3rd Final 2nd 13-10 15-12 102 North Woodville 10-9 15-11 101

BEST PLAYERS — NORTH: Tiller, Owens, Gehling, McAdam, Klomp, Molloy, WOODVILLE: Beecroft, Matheson, Heaven, McLeod, Dowsett, Harradine, SCORERS — NORTH: Grenfell 4.1, Owens 3.0, Russell 2.0, McAdam 2.0, Sanders 1.1, Gehling 1.1, Tiller 1.0, Robertson 1.0, Arnold 0.4, Clisby 0.1, Klomp 0.1, Brealey 0.1, rushed 0.2, WOODVILLE: Beecroft 7.1, Pierson 2.1, Simpson 1.4, Harradine 1.1, Mansfield 1.1, McInnes 1.0, Koop 1.0, Bolton 1.0, Machine 1.1, Mansfield 1.1, McInnes 1.0, Koop 1.0, Bolton 1.0, Mac ereth 0.3. UMPIRES - Laurie Argent, Jim Field.

FOOTBALL PARK

3rd Final 2nd 15-9 22-13 29-18 192 Sturt 8-11 13-15 93

EEST-STURT: Craig. Spiel. Graham, Howard. Fry. Derrington, TORRENS: McSporran, Hank, Rutherford, Galt. Hewett,

SCORERS—STURT: Davies 6.1. Heinrich 5.1. Graham 5.1. Zubrinich 4.0. Fry 3.3. Hollis 3.2. Craig 1.3. Wilson 1.1. Smith 1.0. Downes 0.2. Radbone 0.1. Derrington 0.1. rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Galt 3.1. Hank 3.0. Johnston 2.4. McSporran 2.2. Curtis 1.2. Verrall 1.1. Tankosic 1.0. Flew 0.1. Hewett 0.1 Hanna 0.1. rushed 0.2.

UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth. Graham Doolan.

FORTUNES

fortunes movements on the league ladder after yesterday's absorbing third round.

Norwood, continuing its memorable effort against Port Adelaide last week, stormed away from the Panthers yesterday to regain its place in the top five.

forced the relegation of Central District, which was desperately unlucky not to have claimed a mag- sured its place at the top

By Trevor Gill

nificent victory Glenelg at Elizabeth.

And luckless Woodville, after its three-point defeat by West Torrens in the first round, was again de-Its victory over South nied elusive glory by a point against solitary North Adelaide at Adelaide Oval.

The win by North en-

over of the ladder, a game clear of Port.

Although the Peckers are still at the bottom of the ladder without a win so far this season, their efforts reflect a vast improvement in the second year under coach Rod Olsson.

Force

It was a magnificent round of football yesterday watched by more than 40,000 people in ideal conditions.

The coup of the day very nearly went to Central against Glenelg, but the experience of the Tigers told in the dying moments to give last year's grand finalists a thrilling victory.

However it again proved Daryl Hicks' Bulldogs are a force in league football in this State, capable of pushing the top sides to the very hilt . . . if not over the edge.

Sturt again unveiled all its power to steamroll West Torrens at Football Park . . . an effort which no doubt will further ease the pain of waylaid coach Jack Oatey, who is recovering from a hip operation.

And a ruthless Port was simply too strong for West Adelaide, claiming a 24point win at Richmond.

A scare was thrown into the West Adelaide camp when centre half forward, Michael Smith was rushed to the St Andrews Hospital for x-rays after a secquarter against Port.

Smith, a former Richmond player and in his first season with the Bloods, was carried from the ground motionless on a Jordan frame stretcher.

But according to team manager Barrie Downs, the x-rays were clear, showing brulsing to the neck and upper back.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

		W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
North	***	3	_	408	299	6	57.71
Port		2	1	315	223	4	58.55
Sturt		2	1	474	369	4	56.23
Glenelg		2	1	392	369	4	51.51
Norwood		2	1	300	283	4	51.46
Central		1	2	438	406	2	51,90
West		1	2	375	427	2	46.76
South		1	2	278	378	2	42.70
Torrens		1	2	279	451	2	38.22
Woodville		_	3	310	364	_	45.99

INJURIES

NORTH: Clisby (hamstring), Sanders (corked thigh).
WOODVILLE: Davies (twisted knee), Welch (ankle).
PORT: Cunningham (hamstring), WEST: Smith (bruised back), Lindner (hamstring),
TORRENS: Tankosic (corked thigh), NORWOOD: M. Aish (slight knee).

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games		Yest.	Total
Edwards (Central)		3	10-2	23-5
Luders (West)		3	1-4	15-6
P. Heinrich (Sturt)		3	5-1	14-5
Seebohm (Glenelg)		3	3-2	13-4
Arnold (North)		3	0-4	12-9
Reynolds (South)		3	3-2	12-5
Lunnis (Glenelg)		3	5-0	11-3

CROWDS

Football	Park	7977
Elizabeth		9496
Norwood		9041
Richmon	d	9824
Adelaide		4506
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Total 40,844

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY—Central Torrens (Football Park); West v Norwood (Richmond): North v South (Prospect).

MONDAY - Port v Glenelg (Football Park); Sturt v Woodville (Adelaide).

John MacFarlane and Chris Veide of Glenelg fly above Central's Peter Beythien to take the big mark in yesterday's high

pressure match

Hicks cannot find 'winning edge'

Glenela defied a assault relentless by Central District to seal a thrilling yictory in a magnificent match at Elizabeth Oval yesterday.

The Tigers were down eight points at the last change with the formidable task of kicking against the wind, but scratched their way back to the lead half way through the quarter.

In a stirring finish, epitomising all the qualities of courage and desperation required by top league sides, both teams knuckled down to battle it out to the last.

The Bulldogs would not surrender even after last year's grand finalists edged eight points

But in the end it was the experience of past masters Peter Carey and Paul Weston, and the courageous efforts of some of the younger brigade, which saw Glenelg take considerable honors from the match.

While Tiger coach John Halbert had some reservations about sloppy handball, it was a welcome return to the aggression and endeavor which was lacking from Glenelg's game against South Adelaide last week.

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Glenely 21—15

Central 20—13

It was also an excellent effort from the Bulldogs proving yet again there is very little difference between that side and other more celebrated teams in town.

But the slender loss again echoed the statements of Central coach Daryl Hicks about the Bulldogs "just lacking that winning edge."

High flying forward pocket Greg Edwards nearly won the match for Central off his own boot kicking ten great goals, but even that was just not enough to inspire the home side to the victory it almost achieved.

Edwards matched perfectly with talented Michael Wright to give the Bulldogs an ascendancy in the air which Glenelg simply could not match.

With rugged Peter Beythien swapping with Wright between centre half forward and full forward, and the darting assaults of rover John Platten, Central wrestled the lead off Glenelg late in the second quarter.

Manyo f the Buldogs, led by skipper Dean Mobbs, and the strong defence of VFL recruit Neil Besanko over Stephen Kernahan, rose to the occasion and at the last change it appeared Central would win the match.

But Central did not reckon on the spirit of Carey and Weston, and the tireless efforts of wingman David Marshall, rover Tony Mc-Guinness, half-forward Michael Lunnis and defender David Holst.

It was a great finish to an even greater g a m e proving that despite Central's loss. nobody should be offering long odds about its chances of successfully fighting this season out to its absolute finish.

THE TEAMS

CENTRAL — Forwards, Edwards, Wright, Norsworthy; half-forwards, Gillies, Beythlen, Wilson; centres, Vivian, Krieg, Livesey; half-backs, Hurn, Besanko, Graham; backs, Thomas, Trigg, McKay; rucks, Moore, Mobbs, Platten; interchange, Cousins, Maguire, Ruciack,

change, Cousins, Maguire, Ruciack.

GLENELG — Forwards, McDermott, Seebohm, Paynter;
half-forwards, Lunniss, Kernahan, Sewer; centres, MacFarlane, Weston, Marshall; halfbacks, Holst, Garton, Hewett;
backs, Maynard, Kuhlmann,
Walter; rucks, Carey, Cornes,
McGuinness; interchange,
Vaida Barratt. Veide. Barratt.