

NOW IT'S REALLY UPHILL FIGHT

North Adelaide and Glenelg's final five aspirations nosedived yesterday.

But the battle for a place in the finals' round in September still is far from over.

With South and Central to meet at Football Park today, a close examination of the premiership table shows Sturt and West Adelaide the only teams with a mortgage on a finals berth.

Woodville, sitting at the foot of the ladder, is the only side which can be written off with any degree of certainty in a season where upsets have been common place.

Both Glenelg and Torrens have an uphill battle and must win their remaining seven games to have a chance.

By Peter Prime and Peter Cornwall

Central has to win at least six of its remaining eight games but, like the other sides out of the five, it will be relying on the team's above it to lose.

Yesterday Norwood returned to a winning vein when it easily accounted for North Adelaide by 67-points — leaving the Rooster's one game out of the five.

After such a crippling run of injuries, the Redlegs were led to their second win in their past seven encounters by the brilliance of Michael Aish.

Glenn Elliott's Torrens, which has shown brilliant form at Thebarton Oval under light's in the Escort Cup competition, carried on its good form in league

matches when it accounted for Glenelg.

The Eagles, which had lost its previous five league games, qualified for the final of the night competition last Wednesday.

Woodville's lament continued at Woodville Oval yesterday when league leader Sturt crushed it by 115 points.

The Blues' were again well served by rover Phil Heinrich, while full forward Rick Davies notched another bag of 10 goals leaving him just 13 goals from the magical 100 mark.

Sturt heads the table only by percentage from West which snatched a miraculous win over Port Adelaide at Richmond Oval yesterday.

Daryl shows Tigers how

Gutsy Torrens rover Daryl Schimmelbusch is one of a rare breed of footballers who just don't know how to give in.

Yesterday he played a tigerish and tireless game as the Tigers tumbled at Thebarton Oval.

He suffered a number of head-high blows which would have ended proceedings for others less courageous.

But with a shake of the head, "Schimma," the man who has returned from serious injury so many times, was back into the fray as fearlessly as ever.

In 1979, when he was with North Melbourne, Schimmelbusch was told not to play football again, so badly did he hurt his neck.

Last year the diminutive rover played just four games for the Eagles after injuring his knee.

By Peter Cornwall

Yet he was outstanding yesterday, picking up 21 kicks and 21 handballs in a match-winning performance — just three days after being named man of the match in the superb Escort Cup semi-final win over Port Adelaide.

Considering the amount of football Torrens has had to play in the past three weeks, its surprise win against Glenelg was all the more meritorious.

Coach Glenn Elliott was delighted with his team's performance.

"I was extremely pleased with the way they all ran it out — even when they had nothing left," he said. Daryl Schimmelbusch's undying determination and desperation was not alone in the Torrens camp.

All the Eagles wore their guernseys with pride, fought for every ball and surprised Glenelg with

their ferocious tackling.

Rookie Paul Nikoletos was superb in the centre, outplaying form centreman David Marshall. Lee Robson and Peter Johnston were winners in the key forward positions, and all others played their part.

Glenelg travelled to Thebarton yesterday the clear favorites, looking for a win to keep alive its finals chances.

Yet, while it kept close for most of the day, it never really looked like grabbing those two vital premiership points.

Last year's Magarey Medallist, Tony McGuinness, had perhaps his best game this season, Mark Hewett played a fine game in defence and Chris Duthy, Chris McDermott and Marshall all did some useful things.

But the Bays' finals chances took a definite nosedive.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
Davies (Sturt)	14	10-3	87-39
Roberts (Norwood)	13	3-1	63-25
Dietrich (North)	12	2-2	60-23
Luders (West)	14	1-1	53-32

NEXT WEEK

Saturday — Central v Sturt (Elizabeth), Torrens v Port (Thebarton), Woodville v Glenelg (Woodville), North v West (Prospect). Sunday — South v Norwood (Football Park).

CROWDS

Richmond 9260 (SANFL did not make other match attendances available.)

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-6	3-8	8-12	15-15	105
Port	3-2	5-8	11-11	15-14	104

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Watson, Morris, Fielke, Mikan, Bennett, Burgess, Williams, P. Winter. **PORT**: Clifford, Cunningham, Bradley, Kennedy, A. Williams, R. Ebert, Faletic.
SCORERS—WEST: Lindner 3.2, Morris 2.3, Burgess 2.2, Smith 2.1, Conlen 1.3, Luders 1.1, Grosser 1.1, Fielke 1.0, Watson 1.0, Summerton 1.0, Bennett 0.2. **PORT**: Cunningham 3.1, Bradley 3.0, Evans 2.2, Clifford 2.1, Kemp 2.0, S. Williams 1.0, Belton 1.0, Kinnear 1.0, Faletic 0.2, Curtis 0.2, P. Robertson 0.1, Hughes 0.1, rushed 0.4.
INJURIES—WEST: R. Winter (corked thigh). **PORT**: Curtis (hamstring) S. Williams (strained knee).
REPORTS—PORT: Clifford (by field umpire Argent for allegedly striking Leon Grosser during the second term).
UMPIRES—Lawrie Argent, Jim Field.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	7-6	14-9	20-14	29-22	196
Woodville	4-1	5-5	7-7	11-15	81

BEST PLAYERS — STURT: Heinrich, Davies, Paynter, Whittlesea, Spiel, Graham, Radbone, Downes. **WOODVILLE**: Dettmann, Heaven, Koop, Reardon, Harradine, M. Parker, Blight.
SCORERS — STURT: Davies 10.3, Heinrich 5.4, Paynter 5.3, Fielke 3.1, Brown 2.4, Barbary 2.0, Graham 1.4, Zubrinich 1.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE**: Pierson 4.1, M. Fuller 2.0, Dettmann 1.1, Blight 1.1, R. Fuller 1.1, McSparran 1.1, Koop 1.1, Bencic 0.2, Bolton 0.1, Harradine 0.1, Matheson 0.1, Reardon 0.1, J. Parker 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES — STURT: Hollis (ankle), Fry (ankle). **WOODVILLE**: R. Fuller (concussion and stitches over eye).
UMPIRES — Des Foster, Rick Kinnear.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4-2	11-5	15-9	18-14	122
Glenelg	4-1	10-4	13-8	16-9	105

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Schimmelbusch, Nikoletos, Robson, Pilmore, Morrell, Carter, Hanna, Johnston, Querzoli, Hodson. **GLENELG**: McGuinness, Hewett, McDermott, Duthy, Marshall, Seebom, Motlop, Kernahan.
SCORERS—TORRENS: Johnston 3.3, Dillon 3.1, Robson 3.1, Hanna 3.0, Pilmore 2.0, Lindsay 1.2, Carter 1.1, Morrell 1.0, Querzoli 1.0, Schimmelbusch 0.2, Stretch 0.2, Hamill 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG**: McGuinness 4.2, McDermott 2.1, Carey 2.0, Motlop 2.0, Tweitree 2.0, Hall 1.2, A. Stringer 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Holst 1.0, Symonds 0.1, Fletcher 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—GLENELG: Farquhar (groin).
UMPIRES—John Hylton, David Weston.

NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-3	7-4	14-5	18-9	117
North	2-2	4-5	5-6	7-8	50

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: M. Aish, Thomas, Warhurst, Schmaal, McIntosh, O'Dwyer, Michalanney, Roberts. **NORTH**: Phillips, Campbell, Bennett, Hal, Antrobus.
SCORERS—NORWOOD: O'Dwyer 5-1, Roberts 3-1, Turbill 2-2, Michalanney, Walker 2-0, Jenkins, Renfrey 1-1, M. Aish, Helyar 1-0, A. Aish 0-1, rushed 0-2. **NORTH**: Dietrich 2-2, Harrison 1-2, Antrobus 1-1, McAdam, Molloy, Jarman 1-0, Tiller, Phillips 0-1, rushed 0-1.
INJURIES—NORWOOD: Button (bruised hip). **NORTH**: Antrobus (face), Hay (thigh).
REPORTS—Craig Stanbridge by field umpire Thorp for allegedly striking Norwood's Jim Michalanney on the side of the head in the second quarter. Michalanney, by Thorp, for allegedly striking Tony Antrobus in the second quarter.
UMPIRES—Bob Scholefield, Neville Thorp.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
Sturt	12	3	2097	1442	24	59.25
West	12	3	2067	1530	24	57.46
*South	8	6	1480	1224	16	54.73
Norwood	8	7	1628	1464	16	52.65
Port	8	7	1610	1619	16	49.86
North	7	8	1619	1627	14	49.88
*Central	6	8	1421	1437	12	49.72
Glenelg	5	10	1490	1819	10	45.03
Torrens	5	10	1520	2022	10	42.91
Woodville	3	12	1392	2140	6	39.41

*Play today.