

LEAGUE DETAILS

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	7-5	11-7	22-10	30-11	191
North	3-2	10-6	15-9	18-16	124

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Mickan, Conlen, Borchard, Luders, Watson, P. Winter, Kantilafas, Bennett, Grosser.
NORTH: Hay, Phillips, Mason, Antrobus, Dietrich, Robertson, J. Riley.
SCORERS—WEST: Luders 9.3, Conlen 6-0, Lindner 3.2, Watson 2.1, R. Winter 2.1, Grosser 2.0, Smith 2.0, Mickan 1.1, Bennett 1.1, Morris 1.0, Hamilton 1.0, Borchard 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORTH:** Dietrich 6.6, Robertson 3.0, Antrobus 2.2, Phillips 2.1, Mason 2.0, McAdam 1.1, Parsons 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Campbell 0.2, L. Stanbridge 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—WEST: Williams (knock to knee), **NORTH:** Tiller (thigh), J. Riley (ankle).
UMPIRES: Des Foster, Rick Kinnear.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-2	11-6	12-8	19-8	122
Central	6-5	8-13	12-14	15-16	106

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Derrington, Paynter, Heinrich, Graham, Brown, Davies, Spiel, Sinouids, Radbone, Ford, Barbary. **CENTRAL:** Hart, Connelly, Bird, Vivian, Robertson, Wilson, Trigg, Collins.
SCORERS—STURT: Davies 6-2, Brown 4-0, Graham 2.1, Paynter 2.0, Heinrich 1.2, Derrington 1.1, Fielke 1.1, Whittlesea 1.0, Barbary 1.0, rushed 0.1. **CENTRAL:** Wilson 3.4, Connelly 3.3, Hart 3.1, Norworthy 3.0, Robertson 2.1, Hurn 1.1, Casserly 0.2, O'Neill 0.1, Collins 0.1, rushed 0.2.
INJURIES—STURT: Fry (ankle).
UMPIRES—John Hylton, David Weston.

WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5-7	10-11	13-15	17-18	120
Woodville	4-2	8-5	12-7	15-10	100

BEST—GLENELG: Marshall, Carey, Kernahan, Duthy, MacFarlane, Symonds, Hewett, A. Stringer. **WOODVILLE:** Blight, Heaven, Koop, Hearne, McDonald, Harradine, Lynch.
SCORERS—GLENELG: Kernahan 4.3, A. Stringer 4.1, McGuinness 2.4, Twelftree 2.1, Symonds 2.0, Duthy 1.2, Carey 1.1, McDermott 1.1, Salisbury 0.1, Hall 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WOODVILLE:** Blight 6.2, Pierson 2.1, Bencie 2.1, Koop 1.1, McSparran 1.1, Schwarz 1.0, Mackareth 1.0, Lynch 1.0, Hearne 0.2, Harradine 0.1, rushed 0.1.
UMPIRES—Bob Schofield, Neville Thorp.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-5	6-8	15-13	20-14	134
Port	4-3	11-6	13-6	16-9	105

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Nikoletos, Schimmelbusch, Johnston, Robson, Hanna, Hodson, Enright, Dillon, Lindsay. **PORT:** Eckermann, Faletic, Clifford, Johnston, Robertson.
SCORERS—TORRENS: Johnston 6.5, Carter 4.0, Schimmelbusch 3.0, Hanna 2.2, Robson 2.1, Dillon 1.1, Lindsay 1.1, Pilmore 1.1, Morrell 0.1, rushed 0.2. **PORT:** Evans 4.5, Faletic 4.1, Robertson 3.0, Johnston 2.1, Huppertz 1.1, Kinnear 1.0, Anderson 1.0, rushed 0.1.
INJURIES—TORRENS: Johnston (shoulder).
REPORT—Kinnear (Port) by field umpire Ric Charlesworth for allegedly striking Daryl Schimmelbusch in the third quarter.
UMPIRES—Ric Charlesworth, Mark Mackie.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
Sturt	13	3	2219	1548	26	58.91
West	13	3	2258	1654	26	57.72
*South	9	6	1602	1259	18	55.99
*Norwood	8	7	1628	1464	16	52.65
Port	8	8	1715	1753	16	49.45
North	7	9	1743	1818	14	48.95
Central	6	10	1562	1681	12	48.17
Glenelg	6	10	1610	1919	12	45.62
Torrens	6	10	1654	2127	12	43.75
Woodville	3	13	1492	2260	6	39.77

*Play today.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
Davies (Sturt)	15	6-2	93-41
Dietrich (North)	13	6-6	66-29
Roberts (Norwood)	13	—	63-25
Luders (West)	15	9-3	63-35
Lindner (West)	15	3-2	51-45
Johnston (Torrens)	16	6-5	48-46
Schneebichler (South)	13	—	47-28
Evans (Port)	9	4-5	45-12
Smith (West)	16	2-0	43-20

—And now...the main event!— BLOODS' FORWARDS KEY TO THE TOP

West Adelaide and Sturt—the pacesetters of 1983—will clash in the match of the season at Unley Oval on Saturday.

The game may well be a dress rehearsal for the grand final, because both sides clearly have established themselves as this year's football powers.

And on the strength of yesterday's games, West should start favorite to win and topple the Blues from the head of the table.

The Bloods shook off North Adelaide with a brilliant 11 goal third quarter at Prospect yesterday, while the Blues struggled to beat Central at Elizabeth.

Both teams have had

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outstanding mid-season form, West winning seven of its past eight games and Sturt eight of its past nine.

Sturt has the leading goalscorer—Rick Davies, but West has a wealth of goalkicking talent in Roger Luders, Bruce Lindner, and Mike Smith.

The Blues will kick one win, plus percentage, clear of West, if victorious and will strengthen their claim to being minor premier in September.

Port and North clash at Alberton in what normally would be the match of the round.

The Roosters can jump back into the five on percentage if they

beat Port by a large margin.

And a big loss to Port must be on the cards, following its humiliating loss to Torrens yesterday.

Sure, North was thrashed by West yesterday but the Roosters were playing a top team and Port was playing the ninth side.

The Magpies are reeling. They have lost six of their past eight minor round games and will be without their most effective player, Craig Bradley, for the rest of the season.

North may be strengthened by the return of top ruckman Mike Redden.

Three teams—Central, Glenelg and Torrens—still have slender chances of making the final five but would need to win their remaining games.

Only Woodville has no hope of competing in the finals.

Torrens has found a recipe for consistency with its emergence as a night football power and Glenelg has won four of its past five games.

A Norwood win over South Adelaide at Football Park today would mean the Redlegs would challenge the Panthers strongly for third spot and the double chance.

A South victory would see it consolidate in third position and register Norwood's sixth loss from its past eight games.

So what of Daryl Hick's future?

"I will do what I have done for the last 51 years and continue to give it my very best shot."

Sturt not that good, says Hicks

"Take Davies and Spiel out of that side and they haven't got a football team."

So says Central District coach, Daryl Hicks, of Sturt, the side which had just beaten the Bulldogs by 16 points and retained top place on the premiership table.

Hicks was delighted with the performance of a side which just six days before had been humiliated by 87-points by South Adelaide.

"Considering last weeks effort I feel nothing but satisfaction and respect for the players," he said.

"Taking into account

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the fact we had 16 players out injured and a seven-game ruckman up against the best ruckman in the State (Spiel), the performance has made the coach very happy.

"Our inaccurate kicking cost us the game."

That Hicks' coaching position may be in jeopardy at the club has been reported widely since last week's dismal performance against the Panthers.

Tiger hopes lift

Glenelg triumphed in a desperately fought match over Woodville yesterday.

The win again raised hopes of the Tigers making the finals after a dreadful start to the season.

The Tigers showed tremendous endeavor and discipline before winning by 20 points at Woodville Oval.

But full marks to the Warriors too as they refused to give up and were highly competitive over four pressure-packed quarters.

Glenelg kicked eight goals to Woodville's two between midway through the first quarter and second and Woodville did not recover from the onslaught.

The main difference between the sides was Glenelg's dominance across centre and its strength in the aerial duels.

With Glenelg also well on top in ruck, it was a credit to the Warriors that they were always in a position to snatch the

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lead.

The biggest margin of the match was 32 points late in the last term after the Tigers led by only 12 points at the 14 minute mark.

Glenelg's running game was restricted because of a ploy by Woodville coach Malcolm Blight to tag both rovers, and for most of the game it was a rebounding contest.

Tiger coach Graham Campbell said Woodville just "hung in there" and it was his side's persistence which enabled it to triumph.

Blight was disappointed with the loss, but happy with his side's endeavor. "It was a lot better performance than some previous weeks," he said.

"We kept on chipping away but Glenelg was able to finish its forward moves off a shade better."

Dynamite

David Marshall was again instrumental in the

Glenelg victory. He worked hard for 22 possessions and consistently forced his side into attack.

He received enormous support from wingman Chris Duthy and John McFarlane, and together, placed intense pressure on Woodville's defence.

Glenelg's big men in Peter Carey and Stephen Kernahan destroyed the Warriors. They had 43 hit-outs between them compared with Woodville's total of 24.

They were also dynamite around the ground, and when switching at centre half-forward. Between them they amassed an amazing 36 kicks, 23 marks and 11 handballs.

With that strength in the air, Woodville had to rely on running the ball into the forward lines.

Glenelg would have won by more had it not been for an outstanding effort by Lindsay Heaven in a back pocket.

He repeatedly thwarted Glenelg attacks and started Woodville's run going with 10 kicks and 10 handballs.

NEXT WEEK

Central v Torrens (Football Park); Glenelg v South (Glenelg); Norwood v Woodville (Norwood); Port v North (Alberton); Sturt v West (Unley).

CROWDS

(SANFL did not make match attendances available.)