

League ladder after 18 series

	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.c.
WEST	15	3	2532	1877	30	57.43
STURT	14	4	2467	1793	28	57.91
SOUTH	11	7	1933	1554	22	55.43
NORWOOD	10	8	2045	1732	20	54.14
PORT	9	9	1907	1970	18	49.19
NORTH	8	10	1992	2045	16	49.34
CENTRAL	7	11	1796	1873	14	48.95
GLENELG	7	11	1814	2126	14	46.04
TORRENS	6	12	1806	2397	12	42.97
WOODVILLE	3	15	1640	2565	6	39.00

Leading goalkickers

	Sat.	Total
DAVIES (Sturt)	6.2	107.48
ROBERTS (Norwood)	3.1	80.30
LUDERS (West Adelaide)	8.1	72.37
DIETRICH (North Adelaide)	3.1	72.31
LINDNER (West Adelaide)	1.4	57.50

SCORES QUARTER BY QUARTER

AT ADELAIDE OVAL

West Adelaide	5.4	9.4	12.6	20.11	(131)
South Adelaide	6.1	9.4	13.5	16.8	(104)

AT FOOTBALL PARK

Sturt	3.4	6.7	11.12	19.14	(128)
North Adelaide	6.2	8.8	13.9	15.12	(102)

AT NORWOOD OVAL

Norwood	5.3	10.4	17.7	20.7	(127)
West Torrens	1.4	4.7	6.8	11.13	(79)

AT WOODVILLE OVAL

Port Adelaide	5.7	8.10	11.12	13.15	(93)
Woodville	3.1	6.4	8.9	10.10	(70)

Crowds for 18th series

FOOTBALL PARK (St. v. NA)	6685
ADELAIDE OVAL (SA v. WA)	6730
NORWOOD OVAL (N. v. WT)	7062
WOODVILLE OVAL (Wood v. PA)	5319
ELIZABETH OVAL (CD v. Glen)	3495
Total	29,291

Draw for 19th series

SATURDAY — FOOTBALL PARK: West Adelaide v. Central District. UNLEY OVAL: Sturt v. Norwood. August 13 — FOOTBALL PARK: South Adelaide v. North Adelaide. GLENELG OVAL: Glenelg v. Port Adelaide. August 14 — THEBARTON OVAL: West Torrens v. Woodville.

TISER TALLY

West Torrens and State rover Daryl Schimmelbusch still is the leader in Tiser Tally merit points, with 129 from 18 games.

Schimmelbusch was awarded seven points for his display against Norwood on Saturday.

South Adelaide's consistent ruckman Robb Hawkins also gained seven points against West Adelaide and is in second position, three points behind Schimmelbusch and three ahead of West rover Bernie Conlen, whose six points on Saturday lifted his tally to 123.

Next are South wingman Paul Martin (122), Sturt rover Jim Derrington, Norwood centreman Michael Aish and North Adelaide centreman Matthew Campbell (121), West ruckman Mark Mickan (120), West wingman Randall Bennett, North rover Tony Antrobus and Glenelg rover Tony McGuinness (119), Glenelg centreman David Marshall (118), Sturt ruckman Frank Spiel (117) and West centre half-forward Bruce Lindner (116).

Aish, the Magarey Medal favorite, received nine points for another brilliant effort on Saturday — against Torrens.



Robb Hawkins ... in second spot.

GLENELG					CENTRAL DISTRICT						
Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	Pts.	Tot.	Player	Kicks	Mks	H'ball	Pts.	Tot.
Conry	12	5	9	7	113	Beythien	6	3	2	3	77
Duthy	11	4	9	4	93	Boehm	11	3	4	3	89
Forsyth	9	4	5	5	77	Bubner	10	5	7	6	82
Fedke	14	6	6	4	15	Clohesy	9	5	6	5	31
Hall (Tony)	11	8	13	8	68	Collins	1	-	-	-	2
Hewett	7	1	4	4	48	Connelly	10	5	5	4	67
Holst	9	4	7	5	20	Hum	14	4	4	5	70
Karnahan	9	6	3	4	113	Krieg	12	2	5	4	101
Kidney	11	3	8	5	113	Livesey	12	2	5	4	49
MacFarlane	6	1	10	5	78	Norsworthy	14	2	9	5	68
Marshall	14	4	5	4	118	O'Neill	1	1	1	3	53
Maynard	20	7	2	7	82	Platten	18	6	8	7	67
McDermott	19	1	11	7	112	Prior	9	4	6	7	94
McGuinness	16	3	10	8	119	Robertson	10	11	6	7	90
Salisbury	10	2	7	4	71	Thomas	4	1	1	4	97
Seeborn	-	-	-	-	71	Trigg	10	4	4	6	77
A. Stringer	3	1	6	1	35	Van Dommele	21	7	13	8	103
Symonds	8	3	3	4	95	Vivian	9	4	10	5	101
Twelftree	2	1	12	7	43	Wharton	10	3	4	4	8
Walsh	12	1	1	3	50	Wilson	8	4	-	4	84
Totals	263	67	133			Totals	199	76	99		

(Merit points by Geoff Kingston)

Tigers can still cling to dream

Central District's shock surrender to Glenelg at Elizabeth Oval yesterday has given Glenelg one more week of hope; one more chance at its impossible dream of a place in the finals.

When the Central players hoisted the white flag in the last quarter of a game it should have won, Glenelg grabbed the game with both hands to win and draw level with Central in sixth place.

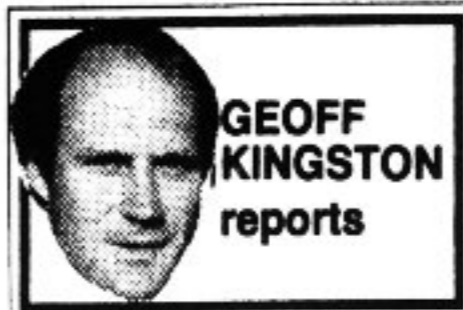
And while even coach Graham Campbell concedes Glenelg's chance of reaching the major round is remote, it nonetheless is a possibility. At least it gives the players one more week of something to aim at.

In the next series Glenelg will play Port on August 13 — a game that on current form is very winnable. Then it will meet Sturt, West and Norwood ... so obviously its chances are slim.

But Central cannot be relied upon to win; you wouldn't put the house-keeping money on Port; and North's inconsistency is no reason for confidence ... so who knows!

After trailing by 23 points at quarter time yesterday, Central hit back with what looked like match-winning form. With rover John Platten, follower Rene Van Dommele

Glenelg	5.8	7.8	12.13	17.17	(119)
Central District	2.3	7.9	9.13	13.13	(91)



Geoff Kingston reports

and centre half-forward Geoff Robertson running and jumping over, under and around the Glenelg defence, Central speared through 5.8 to two goals by Glenelg to snatch a one-point lead at half-time.

Glenelg needed a big third term to have any chance. It had the advantage of a four or five-goal wind and needed to be a long way in front at three-quarter time to have any chance.

Campbell swung the side around; made wholesale positional changes in an attempt to spark a match-winning quarter. Mark Hewett went from wing to back pocket to put a clamp on the rovers (Platten in particular), Scott Salisbury from back pocket to half-forward, Gavin Walsh to centre half-back and Karl Fedke to centre half-forward, David Holst from defence to centre, David Marshall on to the wing and Tony Symonds to half-forward.

Those moves, plus the cleverness and creative ball-giving by followers Tony Hall and Chris McDermott and rover Tony McGuinness, who played probably his best game for

the year, enabled Glenelg to ease its way to a three-goal lead at the last change. It did not seem enough.

It sneaked a further goal early in the last quarter but then Central pinched three goals in a row to be only six points down with about 20 minutes to play and the advantage of a strengthening wind.

But that was the end of the ball game. Central's stunning capitulation was incredible when you consider it has a place in the finals at stake.

Veteran Glenelg ruckman Peter Carey was superb in that last term when the game had to be won. His efforts in the centre-square and in defence repeatedly frustrated Central and provided chances for the running players to bury Central — and they did.

Hall, McGuinness, Leon Twelftree at half-forward and Holst in the centre continued to be important influences. They were too resourceful, too fair dinkum for the Central players who, with a couple of exceptions, gave the game away.

GOALKICKERS — Glenelg: McGuinness 3.2, Hall 2.2, Kidney 2.1, Carey 2.1, Twelftree 2.1, Fedke 2.0, Symonds 1.2, Kernahan 1.2, Maynard 1.1, Duthy 1.0, Salisbury 0.1, Holst 0.1, rushed 0.3. Central: Platten 4.2, Robertson 2.1, Wilson 2.0, Wharton 1.1, Vivian 1.1, O'Neill 1.0, Van Dommele 1.0, Collins 1.0, Connelly 0.1, Prior 0.1, Norsworthy 0.1, rushed 0.5.

BEST — Glenelg: Hall, McGuinness, Twelftree, Carey, McDermott, Maynard. Central: Van Dommele, Platten, Robertson, Trigg, Bubner, Krieg.

Umpires — L. Argent and J. Field.



Desperation at Elizabeth yesterday as Glenelg's Chris Duthy battles with Central District pair William Hum (left) and Steven Trigg.

Norwood embarrassed as players return

By ALAN SHIELL

Norwood, which was crippled with injuries, suddenly has selection dilemmas through a surfeit of available talent as it prepares to tackle Sturt at Unley Oval on Saturday.

Norwood will be tempted to recall its two most experienced defenders — Greg Nicholson, 33 on Wednesday, and Bruce Winter, 30.

Nicholson, playing at centre instead of his usual back pocket position, again was named best player for Norwood reserves on Saturday and Winter, in a back pocket, was third best.

Nicholson has been in the reserves best-players' list in the past four matches after returning from back and groin injuries that had prevented his playing since the 10th series (June 4) last season.

Winter has regained form and fitness in the past two reserves games after a six-match layoff with a torn cartilage in his left knee.

Nicholson and Winter would be expected to be in Norwood's best 20 for the finals. But while their return seemingly is as imminent as it is inevitable, it is complicated by the improved form of Wayne Schmaal in

one back pocket and the consistency of Malcolm Noble in the other.

Captain Greg Turbill found some touch against West Torrens on Saturday (he kicked four goals) and two other seasoned campaigners, Neil Button and Phil Gallagher, benefited from the run.

Ruckman Jim Michalanney still has one match of his four-match suspension to serve.

STURT will be strengthened by the return of Michael Graham and Tim Paech and the probable promotion of another hamstring victim, Ray Wilson, who resumed on Saturday in the reserves.

Darryl Brown, who also has had a hamstring problem, will miss at least one more game.

Sturt has beaten Norwood twice this season — by 13 points at Football Park in the opening series and by seven points at Norwood in the 10th series.

Norwood is anxious to atone for those losses this week as it wants to displace South Adelaide from third position and thus grab the double chance in the finals.

South is only one win ahead of

Norwood, whose last three games are against Port (Football Park), Central District (Elizabeth) and Glenelg (Norwood).

South still has to meet North Adelaide (Football Park), Torrens (Thebarton), Woodville (Adelaide) and Sturt (Unley).

Apart from the Unley battle, the only other league match on Saturday will be between Central and West Adelaide at Football Park.

The split series will finish the following weekend, with South and North at Football Park and Glenelg and Port at Glenelg on the Saturday, and Torrens and Woodville at Thebarton on the Sunday.

CENTRAL probably will be without Jamie Thomas against West. He has a suspected stretched medial ligament in his left knee.

WEST will regain Mike Smith, who withdrew on Saturday after hurting his back at training in Melbourne on Thursday.

Clayton Lamb, Smith's replacement, had his nose broken against South on Saturday, but he will play this week.

Mark Beech (ankle) and Robin McKinnon (broken jaw) will be rested again to ensure their fitness for West's next game — against Woodville at Football Park on August 20.

SOUTH is not certain whether Mark Naley (hamstring) will be ready to resume against North.

Robin White is rated "a chance." He is expected to wear a guard on his right hand, in which a bone was fractured in the game against Norwood a fortnight ago.

Mark Schulz hurt a shoulder on Saturday, but he should recover quickly.

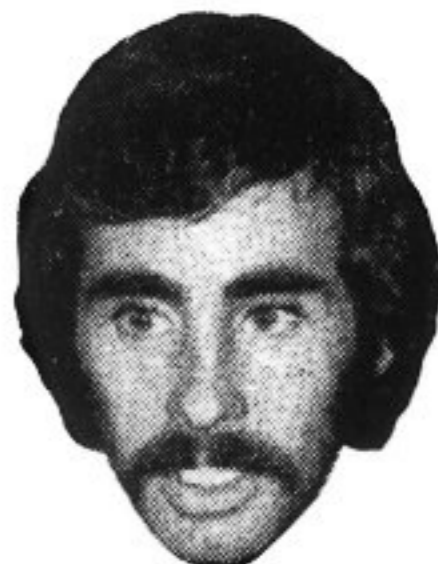
NORTH will reinclude David Tiler (groin) and John Riley (ankle), and Paul Arnold's sore knee from the Sturt game will not keep him out.

GLENELG lost John Seeborn (shoulder) in the first quarter at Elizabeth yesterday and there is a doubt about his playing against Port.

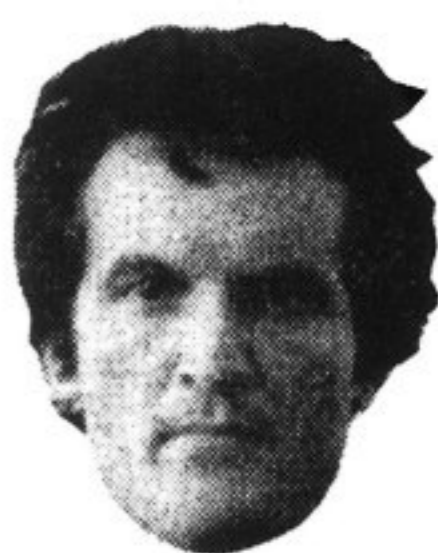
PORT will bring back Brian Cunningham and Ray Huppertz, and Martin Leslie is close to league selection after being best player for the reserves on Saturday.

TORRENS expects to be injury-free by Sunday week when Robert Morrell (flu), David Querzoli (ribs) and Greg Flanagan (knee) will be available.

WOODVILLE has Kevin Tschirpzig (thigh) in some doubt, but Eddie Bencic (flu) will play.



Greg Nicholson ... best again for Norwood reserves.



Bruce Winter ... recovered from knee injury.