

WARRIORS ON TOP NOTE

A revamped Woodville has stormed to the top of the premierships table after yesterday's opening round of four games.

The Warriors' eight "new faces" inspired a 76-point hiding of West Torrens at Thebarton with East Gambier recruit Kevin Harris leading the charge.

Woodville showed glimpses of improvement during this year's Escort Cup games and continued that promise under the greater pressure of a premierships game.

The Warriors, which have languished in the league cellar for the past four seasons, are hell-bent on climbing up the ladder, and yesterday's success was step one in the renaissance of Woodville.

Port Adelaide maintained its outstanding win record against South Adelaide at Alberton with a convincing 31-point victory.

The win was sweet revenge after the Panthers clobbered the Magpies at Port Lincoln in a recent Escort Cup clash.

And one of the Magpie heroes was 200-gamer Tim Evans who booted seven goals in his first league game as vice-captain.

Hoodoo

All-Australian Craig Bradley served notice of even bigger games to come with a superb attacking game despite his shortage of match practice because of cricket commitments.

The Panthers were the only unbeaten Escort Cup team after the four-round series but struggled to overcome the Alberton hoodoo and a determined Port.

And with a first-up win and the summer traumas behind them, the Magpies are ready for the challenge of making the five and re-establishing the club as a football force.

Sturt kicked a brilliant nine goals in the final quarter to down Norwood by 25 points in a highclass game at Football Park.

Both teams had the same number of scoring shots but Sturt's accuracy was a telling factor in the final analysis.

Courageous

And the Blues were delighted with their All-Australian Peter Motley who booted six goals and was a constant threat to the Norwood defence.

Motley has been plagued by knee soreness after an over enthusiastic summer program of road running but his return to form is a heartening sign at Unley.

Another All-Australian, Michael Aish, returned from a shin injury to be rated the Redlegs' best along with follower Keith

By Gordon Campbell and Peter Prime

Thomas who is determined to restore pride in Norwood after the club's poor finals form last year.

Central District welcomed new coach Kevin Neale to SA league football with a courageous three-point win over Glenelg at the Bay.

The Tigers won control of the game at quarter time, mainly through prolific kickwinner Chris McDermott, but surrendered in the third term when the Bulldogs kicked five goals against the wind in a matchwinning burst of determined football.

Both sides played courageously in the final quarter with highly promising centreman Mark Pitman kicking the winning goal for the Bulldogs.

Glenelg had a chance to still win the game with only seconds remaining, but rover Tony McGuinness kicked a point as he charged toward goal.

The score was recorded despite the siren sounding before he kicked the ball.

Premier West Adelaide is keen to atone for its dismal Escort Cup form against North Adelaide at Richmond Oval today.

Cowboy Kevin hits bullseye

New Central District coach Kevin Neale celebrated a successful baptism into SA league football when his tenacious Bulldogs stole a three-point win over Glenelg at the Bay yesterday.

By Gordon Campbell

The victory highlighted a strong fighting spirit by Central and possibly heralded a new image and tradition at Elizabeth.

The narrow loss was a bitter pill for the Tigers to swallow and stemmed the momentum of a superb drive for the five in the second half of last year and good Escort Cup form this year.

Central won because of a matchwinning five-goal burst against the wind in the third quarter.

And the man who sparked the spirited rally was kwewire half-forward Stephen Connolly, whose pace and two goals for the quarter were complemented by full forward Michael Wright who booted three superb goals.

And another key to the comeback was the strong rebounding defence led by top A.C.T. recruit Brett Hannam.

Hannam marked strongly was fast, and had a fierce approach to the ball which inspired fellow defenders Mark Prior and Jamie Hannam.

Central captain Steven Trigg lifted dramatically and gutsy centreman Mark Pitman continued his

dogged work of the first half.

Courage

And with the Bulldogs stealing the initiative from the Bays and clearly outscoring them against the wind, the scene was set for Central to win comfortably in the final term.

But Glenelg mustered its own brand of courage for the final showdown and looked likely to hold out the desperate Bulldogs in a tense finish.

Central, which had led for the first time in the game late in the third quarter, again stole the lead early in the fourth term with a snap goal from Lindsay Ruciack.

But Glenelg regained it with a McGuinness goal and increased its lead to nine points when Myrtelford (Victoria) recruit Greg Nicholls goaled.

The irrepressible Wilbur Wilson reduced the deficit after his second goal for the quarter but Glenelg replied and held a 10-point break with only 10 minutes to play.

But then the Bulldogs

broke loose with goals from John Platten and Pitman to grab a two-point lead with only minutes to go.

Platten missed a "sitter" with seconds left and McGuinness led Glenelg's final assault which resulted in a point being scored after the final siren.

In control

But the score was registered because the field umpire in charge obviously had not heard the siren sound before the McGuinness running kick.

The sad fact about the Glenelg loss was that it was in control of the game at quarter-time.

Platten scored Central's first goal nine minutes into the second term—a quarter in which neither side gained ascendancy.

Neale was pleased with the win and told his players at half-time they were obliged to "get themselves out of it."

A disappointed Glenelg coach Graham Campbell was unusually subdued.

League details

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Woodville	5-4	10-6	20-10	26-16	172
Torrens	4-5	6-7	11-10	14-12	96

BEST—WOODVILLE: K. Harris, Haylock, Scheer, Wood, Parker, Jacquier, Heaven, S. McDonald. TORRENS: Schimmelbusch, Robson, Pavlich, Cunningham, Geyer, K. Hill.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Scheer 8.1, K. Harris 4.2, Wilson 3.2, Haylock 3.0, Wood 3.0, Blight 2.4, S. McDonald 2.0, T. McDonald 1.0, Lynch 0.1, Heane 0.1, rushed 0.5. TORRENS: Pavlich 3.0, Roberts 2.3, K. Hill 2.1, Pilmore 2.0, Schimmelbusch 1.3, Inglis 1.1, Robson 1.1, Matheson 1.1, Hank 1.0, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Schwarz (hamstring), T. McDonald (broken nose).

UMPIRES—Jim Field, Rick Kinnear.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-1	8-7	13-9	19-14	128
South	4-2	6-3	10-4	15-7	97

BEST—PORT: Bradley, Anderson, Russell, Leslie, Curtis, Kennedy, R. Ebert, C. Ebert. SOUTH: White, Naley, Bennett, Palmer.

SCORERS—PORT: Evans 7.1, Mahney 3.1, Anderson 2.0, R. Ebert 1.2, Bradley 1.1, Kinnear 1.1, Russell 1.1, Harvey 1.1, Clifford 1.1, Gill 1.0, S. Williams 0.1, rushed 0.4. SOUTH: Butler 3.0, Cornes 2.2, Schneebichler 2.1, Naley 2.0, Slattery 2.0, G. Hewitt 1.1, Fairclough 1.1, Carty 1.0, Martin 1.0, Hateley 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES—Des Foster, Darryl Schramm.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	6-0	10-2	14-5	23-7	145
Norwood	2-4	8-7	13-10	18-12	120

BEST—STURT: Paynter, Fry, Motley, Hollis, Davies, Whittlesea, NORWOOD: Ash, Jenkins, Thomas, Menzel, Dickinson, McIntosh, Roberts.

SCORERS—STURT: Motley 6.1, Davies 6.1, Fielke 3.2, Whittlesea 2.0, Paynter 2.0, Howard 1.1, Craig 1.0, Derington 1.0, Barbary 1.0, Moscheni 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORWOOD: Winter 4.2, Roberts 4.1, Ash 3.0, Dickinson 1.2, Maynard 1.1, Marano 1.1, McChalanne 1.1, Hein 1.0, Thomas 1.0, Kelly 1.0, McIntosh 0.2, Menzel 0.1, Ross 0.1.

INJURIES—STURT: Spiel (shoulder); Zubrinich (bruised hip).

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Ric Charlesworth.

GLENELG OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	0-3	3-4	8-8	13-12	90
Glenelg	5-3	6-8	8-12	12-15	87

BEST PLAYERS—CENTRAL: Pitman, Connolly, Platten, Hannam, Prior, Thomas, Robertson, Wright. GLENELG: McDermott, Walsh, Kernahan, Holst, Carey, Salisbury, Seeborn, A. Stringer, McGuinness.

SCORERS—CENTRAL: Wright 4.0, Wilson 2.3, Connolly 2.2, Platten 2.1, Pitman 2.0, Ruciack 1.2, B. Graham 0.2, Robertson 0.1, rushed 0.1. GLENELG: Kernahan 3.2, McGuinness 2.2, Nicholls 2.2, Hewett 2.0, McDermott 1.2, A. Stringer 1.0, Symonds 1.0, Holst 0.1, Toy 0.1, rushed 0.4.

INJURIES—CENTRAL: Van Dommele (hamstring), Beythien (ankle). GLENELG: McDermott (groin), Nicholls (thigh).

UMPIRES—Geoff Bowles, Bob Scholefield. REPORT—John Seeborn (Glenelg) by boundary umpire Roger Broughton for allegedly striking an unnamed Central District player with his left forearm and left knee in the third quarter.

CROWDS

Football Park	13,188
Alberton	7115
Thebarton	4435
Glenelg	7539

NEXT WEEK

TODAY.—West v North (Richmond). SATURDAY.—Port v West (Football Park), Central v Norwood (Elizabeth), Glenelg v Sturt (Glenelg), Woodville v South (Woodville). SUNDAY.—North v Torrens (Prospect).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
Woodville	1	—	172	96	2	64.18
Port	1	—	128	97	2	56.89
Sturt	1	—	145	120	2	51.72
Central	1	—	90	87	2	50.85
Glenelg	—	1	87	90	—	49.15
Norwood	—	1	120	145	—	45.28
South	—	1	97	128	—	43.11
Torrens	—	1	96	172	—	35.82

*Play today

*North
*West

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
C. Scheer (Woodville)	1	8.1	8.1
T. Evans (Port)	1	7.1	7.1
P. Motley (Sturt)	1	6.1	6.1
R. Davies (Sturt)	1	6.1	6.1
K. Harris (Woodville)	1	4.2	4.2
B. Winter (Norwood)	1	4.2	4.2
N. Roberts (Norwood)	1	4.1	4.1
M. Wright (Central)	1	4.0	4.0