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FINALS STARS INJURED



Greenville Dietrich

Goalsneak hits the magic ton

STRONG - marking North Adelaide full forward Greenville Dietrich booted his 100th goal for the year in the match against Central District at Elizabeth Oval yesterday.

And he did so with just 10 minutes of the season remaining:

At the 21 minute mark of the final quarter, Dietrich, who had kicked six of the seven goals required for the ton, was given a free within scoring range - much to the disgust of the Central supporters. They chanted "what a load of rubbish" as the burly spearhead ran in for his shot - he steered it through and raised his arm in triumph.

The crowd then stood and cheered Dietrich, who had become only the fifth player in SA football history to kick more than 100 goals in successive league seasons.

Dietrich, who added another goal in the dying moments, has now booted 291 goals for the Roosters since 1982.

Injuries to key players are causing concern for two of the teams playing in the first of the finals series matches next weekend.

Following the conclusion of yesterday's minor round series:

•Central District goal-kicking whiz Wilbur Wilson has an injured knee and is likely to miss the qualifying final against Glenelg on Sunday.

•Experienced Norwood forward Phil Gallagher is in doubt for the elimination final against South on Saturday after straining a hamstring.

•And Norwood strong-man Neil Button has a thigh injury suffered in his attempted return through the reserves.

It was West coach Neil Kerley's swansong at Richmond and it also may have been Sturt captain Rick Davies farewell as a player.

Both football giants congratulated each other after the historic Richmond clash.

Davies, 32, last night remained guarded about his football future.

He repeated his claim that he would discuss his future with the Bues during the next few weeks, but it is known he is interested in coaching West next season.

The Magpies claimed the 1984 minor premiership on percentage from Glenelg after both won games to tie on 17 wins for the season.

Surgeon

But Port will start an early premiership favorite with its week's rest and passport to the second semi-final.

Port sealed the minor round honor with a ruthless annihilation of Torrens, while the Tigers failed by 1.23 per cent to oust the Magpies after struggling to down a courageous Woodville.

Central medical staff has ordered Wilson to see an orthopaedic surgeon tomorrow to assess possible posterior cruciate ligament damage to his right knee.

Wilson suffered the injury halfway through the final quarter of the North game at Elizabeth.

Central coach Kevin Neale said Wilson was unlikely to play again this year.

Wilson's absence would be a cruel blow to the Bulldogs' prospects of their maiden premiership in the twenty-first season of league competition.

And Norwood will assess the seriousness of Gallagher's hamstring strain early this week.

His loss also would be a dent to the Redlegs' finals hope after his superb, best-on-ground form in the first half against South.

Norwood coach Neil Balme was concerned about Gallagher's injury and called him off the field in the second quarter as a precautionary measure.

And while the Redlegs expect to be strengthened by the return of captain Danny Jenkins from a knee injury, South is hopeful of regaining John Schneebichler (tonsillitis and ankle), Shane Butler (concussion), Wayne Slattery (finger and ankle), and Graham Cornes (knee).

Cornes last night said he had a "good chance" of resuming. But the

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final could be his last game as a player. "At this stage I won't be playing next year," he said.

Round 22, 1984

League details

FOOTBALL PARK

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Norwood | 5-2 | 8-3 | 11-9 | 18-13 | 121 |
| South | 2-2 | 3-5 | 5-6 | 8-7 | 55 |

BEST-NORWOOD: McIntosh, Helyar, Fosdike, Aish, Hall, Roberts, Warhurst. SOUTH: D. Hewitt, Bennett, Palmer, G. Hewitt, Carty.

SCORERS-NORWOOD: Roberts 5.0, Payne 3.2, G. Thomas 2.2, Aish 2.1, Kelly 2.1, McIntosh 1.1, Scanlon 1.1, Gallagher 1.0, Michalanne 1.0, Fosdike 0.3, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Would 3.0, Carty 2.1, Naley 1.2, Martin 1.0, David Kappier 1.0, D. Hewitt 0.2, White 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES-NORWOOD: Gallagher (hamstring strain).

UMPIRES-Neville Thorp, Rick Kinneer.

RICHMOND OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| West | 6-1 | 8-5 | 10-6 | 16-11 | 107 |
| Sturt | 4-1 | 10-3 | 11-8 | 11-8 | 74 |

BEST-WEST: Herbert, Watson, Hamilton, Fielke, Williams, Bennett, P. Winter. STURT: Hutton, Motley, Derdington, McPhee, Whittlesea, Craig.

SCORERS-WEST: Luders 3.1, Morris 3.1, Herbert 2.2, Bennett 2.0, Lamb 1.2, Smith 1.1, McKinnon 1.1, Grosser 1.1, Weideman 1.0, Fielke 1.0, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Davies 5.3, Fry 2.1, Derrington 2.1, Spiel 1.0, Downes 1.0, Hoills 0.2, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES-Darryl Schramm, Peter Francis.

ELIZABETH OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Central | 6-6 | 12-11 | 15-14 | 22-17 | 149 |
| North | 4-0 | 7-4 | 11-7 | 16-11 | 107 |

BEST-CENTRAL: Platten, Fraser, Krieg, Vivian, Cousins, Phillips, Gehling, Jarman, Dietrich, Arnold, Wildy, Clisby.

NORTH: Campbell, Phillips, Gehling, Jarman, Dietrich, Arnold, Wildy, Clisby.

SCORERS-CENTRAL: Platten 9.2, Moulds 4.0, P. Bubner 2.6, Fraser 2.4, Nolan 2.1, Wilson 2.1, McGrath 1.0, Norsworthy 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Dietrich 8.4, Gehling 2.2, Arnold 2.1, Campbell 1.0, Bunn 1.0, Molloy 1.0, Redden 1.0, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES-CENTRAL: Wilson (knee), NORTH: Riley (shoulder), Jarman (hip), Klomp (corked thigh).

UMPIRES-Laurie Argent, Jim Field.

THEBARTON OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Port | 5-3 | 11-6 | 16-12 | 19-17 | 131 |
| Torrens | 3-1 | 4-2 | 5-3 | 8-7 | 55 |

BEST-PORT: Clifford, Knight, Belton, Kennedy, Curtis, Owens. TORRENS: Elliott, Schimmelbusch, Robson, Johnson, Sarau, Lindsay.

SCORERS-PORT: Evans 5.4, Knight 5.2, Givner 3.0, R. Ebert 2.2, Anderson 1.1, Bradley 1.0, Owens 1.0, C. Ebert 1.0, Clifford 0.1, Belton 0.1, Harrison 0.1, rushed 0.5. TORRENS: Collier 2.1, Roberts 2.0, Sims 2.0, Taylor 1.3, Schimmelbusch 1.0, Elliott 0.1, Robson 0.1, Dillon 0.1.

INJURIES-PORT: Russell (corked thigh, played out match). TORRENS: Matheson (cracked ribs), Dillon (strained groin), Schimmelbusch (knee), Robson (ankle), Sims (knee).

UMPIRES-Des Foster, John Hylton.

WOODVILLE OVAL

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-----------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Glenelg | 3-3 | 6-10 | 9-13 | 14-18 | 102 |
| Woodville | 6-1 | 8-3 | 10-7 | 13-12 | 90 |

BEST-GLENELG: McDermott, Marshall, A. Stringer, Kernahan, Sallsbury, McGuinness. WOODVILLE: Koop, Jacquier, Blight, Haylock, Williams.

SCORERS-GLENELG: Copping 3.2, A. Stringer 2.2, Carey 2.2, Kidney 2.1, Symonds 2.1, Hall 2.0, Gibbs 1.0, Marshall 0.3, McDermott 0.3, Kernahan 0.1, McGuinness 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Blight 6.2, Wood 1.2, Heaven 1.2, Mackereth 1.1, Pym 1.1, Fuller 1.1, Haylock 1.0, Koop 1.0, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES-WOODVILLE: Butterworth (fractured cheekbone).

UMPIRES-Graham Hilton, Mark Mackie.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

| | Games | Yesterday | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| T. Evans (Port) | 22 | 5.4 | 120.43 |
| G. Dietrich (North) | 21 | 8.4 | 101.41 |
| R. Davies (Sturt) | 20 | 5.3 | 86.49 |
| N. Roberts (Norwood) | 19 | 5.0 | 78.25 |
| R. Luders (West) | 20 | 3.1 | 75.39 |
| B. Beecroft (Woodville) | 13 | | 70.26 |
| W. Wilson (Central) | 22 | 2.1 | 67.30 |

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. | % |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|------|-------|
| PORT | 17 | 5 | 2605 | 2049 | 34 | 55.97 |
| GLENELG | 17 | 6 | 2669 | 2207 | 34 | 54.74 |
| CENTRAL | 16 | 6 | 2513 | 2071 | 32 | 54.82 |
| SOUTH | 13 | 9 | 2469 | 2080 | 26 | 54.28 |
| NORWOOD | 13 | 9 | 2407 | 2343 | 26 | 50.67 |
| WEST | 10 | 12 | 2342 | 2569 | 20 | 47.69 |
| STURT | 8 | 14 | 2382 | 2146 | 16 | 46.45 |
| NORTH | 6 | 16 | 2397 | 2390 | 12 | 50.07 |
| TORRENS | 6 | 16 | 2193 | 2791 | 12 | 44.00 |
| WOODVILLE | 4 | 18 | 2356 | 3087 | 8 | 43.28 |

CROWDS

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|---------------|------|
| Football Park | 7857 |
| Elizabeth | 5463 |
| Thebarton | 6349 |
| Richmond | 4119 |
| Woodville | 3000 |

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY: Elimination final, South v Norwood (Football Park). SUNDAY: Qualifying final (Football Park)



Sturt coach John Halbert, right, and captain Rick Davies congratulate retiring West coach Neil Kerley

Final battle for Tigers

Glenelg was given a tough pre-finals work-out by the SANFL's consistent wooden-spooner, Woodville, at Woodville Oval yesterday.

The Tigers came away with the premiership points but they never looked like combining as the side that has been lauded as a hot premiership contender.

Instead, it was the Woodville Warriors—who had already "earned" the wooden spoon for their fifth consecutive year—who showed the way for most of the game.

Glenelg needed a mammoth percentage-boosting win to wrest top spot from Port Adelaide, but that dream was quashed early by the Warriors.

Woodville jumped Glenelg from the outset and held a 6-1 to 1-3 lead by the time-on period of the first term.

It took Glenelg a long time to recover. The Tigers finally clawed their way to the front at the 24-minute mark of the third term and were locked with the Warriors at 67-points apiece at the last change.

"I told the players then that there was no reward in the game, it would be just another win," said Glenelg coach Graham Campbell.

"But I said they had to play for pride - and they did."

By Laurie McCauley

rens game at Thebarton Oval and knew his team could not overhaul the Magpies for the minor premiership.

Potential

"That took a bit of incentive out of our game because we knew we couldn't go up or down the ladder," he said.

"To Woodville's credit, they jumped us and seemed to outnumber us where the action was in the first half.

"But I thought we fought back well after half-time.

"It was a good, hard hit-out before the finals, the kind we were looking for, and it should stand us in good stead for next Sunday's qualifying final against Centrals."

Woodville captain-coach, Malcolm Blight, was not prepared to talk about his team's magnificent-in-defeat performance.

The word from Woodville's team manager, Trevor Ryan, was: "The season is over, Blighty hasn't got anything to say."

Before the match, the Warriors ran through a banner that read: "We'll be back, King Kong strong."

Yesterday's effort may be an early indication that Woodville has the potential to be a bigger threat in 1985.



Graham Campbell

is far from over for Glenelg and Tiger fans are hoping their side will still be in contention on grand final day, September 30.

It's frustrating finishing second when we know no other team won more games than we did," Campbell said.

"But I'm delighted that we've had such a successful minor round - it is a commendable effort.

"We're hopeful of doing well in the finals, but I'm making no grandiose predictions.

"We'll see how we go on the day."

Best performers for the Tigers yesterday were Chris McDermott, David Marshall, Alan Stringer, Stephen Kernahan, Scott Sallsbury and Tony McGuinness.