

Tigers seal double chance and . . .

## STURT IN HOT SEAT

Sturt has taken over the SA National Football League's hotseat following its disgraceful showing against Port Adelaide yesterday.

The Blues suffered the disaster of dropping to fifth spot on the premiership table as a result of its shock 49-point drubbing.

It was Sturt's third loss in succession, and helps pave the way for Central District to "steal" fifth spot from the Blues.

Sturt is half a game clear of Central but needs to win its next two matches — against South and Glenelg — to guar-

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antee its involvement in the finals series.

Central meets Port and West in the finals countdown.

It was a big day for West, Glenelg and North as their premiership aspirations rocketed upwards.

West recorded a 77-point win against South and climbed from fifth to fourth spot on the premiership table.

Glenelg sealed a double chance in the finals with an inspiring win over premiers Norwood by 40 points, and North ended its five-game losing streak by holding on for a nine-point win against Torrens.

Glenelg's win was in a real pressure match, and must have given great heart to coach Graham Cornes.

Port, South, Torrens and Woodville now are officially out of the running for a finals berth.

Sturt coach Merv Keane put his team's failure down to two factors.

"We were not competitive enough and our mistake level is at an unacceptable stage," Keane said.

### Panic

"We now have to go back to the basic principles.

"The players have to be aware of the problems and work on them.

"It's up to the individuals to recognise it and do something about it.

"It's no good hitting the panic button, there just has to be some honest appraisals done and we have to turn the tables in the next two games.

"If we win our next two games we will be in the finals — it's as simple as that."



While everyone had their eyes on the ball, Norwood's Neil Button and Wayne Tanner made sure Glenelg's Chris McDermott would not get his hands on it

## No nonsense Bays in double mood



**Ashley Porter**

The Tigers have again leapt into premiership contentions but few would have realised judging from the relatively subdued atmosphere in the changerooms after they gallantly beat Norwood at Football Park yesterday.

Their reaction was similar to their on-field approach — no nonsense, just plain hard work and a magnificent team effort.

And coach Graham Cornes made no bold statements or predictions about Glenelg's finals chances despite tossing the reigning premier.

So what did the Tigers achieve besides the two premiership points? Plenty. They secured a double chance in the major round and once again proved they are capable of performing under pressure.

### Effective

When the ball soared, there were players of the calibre of Stephen Kernahan, Stephen Copping, Tony Hall and Chris McDermott to take the marks.

And when the marks were not taken, there was a pack of Tigers ready to pounce and clear the ball away with either a dash of an effective disposal.

Glenelg slaughtered Norwood moving out of the centre square through Peter Carey, Peter Maynard, McDermott and especially Tony McGuinness.

McGuinness is perhaps the typical example of the change in approach which has descended upon Glenelg.

Without being unkind, his game once revolved on scouting the packs and displaying tremendous dash. But yesterday, as he has done all season, he showed courage in the "unfriendly" packs and won the hard ball.

And he bolstered this feature of his game with that sprint, excellent teamwork, and the miracle goals which lifted his side.

The lead changed 10 times before Glenelg fully asserted its authority and ran away comfortable winners.

Norwood got off to a tardy start by kicking 2-7 with the wind and from then on had to struggle to remain in contention.

It was rarely allowed to take grasp of the match, even though it led at three-quarter time by a goal after a five-goal revival.

Sure, Norwood was unlucky to hit the post twice in the first term, and it has had stars on the injured list including Neville Roberts, John Hall, Duncan Fosdike and Justin Scanlon to mention a few.

But it was outclassed over four demanding quarters when they lined up man-for-man yesterday.

It had few players who gave top performances over four quarters. The best was centreman Garry McIntosh, but his efforts were so often to no avail because of the resilient Glenelg defence.

Bruce Winter played well in defence and snared two goals when he drifted from his back pocket and caught Glenelg unaware.

Cornes combated this by having Ross Gibbs as a loose man in defence when kicking against the wind and restricting Winter's free movement.

Gibbs was one of many who excelled for the Tigers. He was damaging in defence, on the ball, and later in a forward pocket.

Norwood led until the six minute mark of the last term and then up jumped the champ — Stephen Kernahan and he booted a goal.

It was one of 11 fine marks he took, but more importantly, he used the ball effectively after each one.

Hall in defence, Tony Symonds on a wing, Copping in the forward lines . . . no matter where you looked Glenelg had winners. It was a different story with Norwood.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-2	8-8	14-12	17-17	119
Torrens	7-6	9-8	11-12	16-14	110

**BEST — NORTH:** Bennett, Robertson, Campbell, Wildy, Phillips, Redden. **TORRENS:** Lindsay, Cox, Payze, Turner, Cunningham, Colsey, Symonds, Johnston.  
**SCORERS — NORTH:** Dietrich 3.0, Campbell 2.3, Phillips 2.2, Robertson 2.1, Bennett 2.1, Clift 2.0, Hill 2.0, Jarman 1.1, Redden 1.0, Hart 0.3, Tiller 0.1, rushed 0.5. **TORRENS:** Johnston 3.6, Lindsay 3.0, Payze 3.0, Roberts 2.1, Stretch 1.2, Cunningham 1.0, McCarthy 1.0, Collier 1.0, Geyor 1.0, Colsey 0.2, Sims 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
**INJURY — TORRENS:** McCarthy (cork thigh).  
**UMPIRES:** Jim Field, Darryl Schramm.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2-2	9-8	10-9	19-13	127
Norwood	2-7	6-8	11-9	13-9	87

**BEST — GLENELG:** McGuinness, S. Kernahan, Gibbs, Carey, Hall, McDermott, Maynard, Copping. **NORWOOD:** McIntosh, Winter, Michalannev, Taylor, Ross.  
**SCORERS — GLENELG:** McGuinness 4.2, Gibbs 3.1, Copping 3.0, S. Kernahan 2.3, McDermott 1.1, Marshall 1.1, A. Stringer 1.0, Symonds 1.0, Carey 1.0, Maynard 1.0, Murphy 1.0, Henwood 0.2, rushed 0.3. **NORWOOD:** O'Dwyer 4.1, Michalannev 2.0, Winter 2.0, Payne 1.0, McIntosh 1.0, M. Aish 1.0, K. Thomas 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Neagle 0.2, Varadanaga 0.2, Gallagher 0.1, Hein 0.1, Ross 0.1, rushed 0.1.  
**INJURIES — GLENELG:** Walsh (knee) and Duthy (ankle) withdrew from squad of 22.  
**UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear, Neville Thorp.

### RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	10-6	14-8	21-11	25-14	164
South	0-0	7-1	7-6	13-9	87

**BEST — WEST:** C. Herbert, Grosser, Bennett, D. Herbert, McKinnon, Winter, Kantilafas, Mickan, Lamb. **SOUTH:** Christie, Naley, Bennett, Darren Kappler, Lockman, Schneebichler.  
**SCORERS — WEST:** Andrews 3.3, Fletke 3.1, Bennett 3.0, Lamb 3.0, Williams 2.2, Morris 2.1, Meuret 2.1, D. Herbert 2.0, McKinnon 2.0, C. Herbert 1.2, Patterson 1.0, Burton 1.0, Grosser 0.1, Kantilafas 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Schneebichler 3.1, Lockman 2.1, Eddy 2.0, Davies 1.1, Naley 1.1, Would 1.0, Harris 1.0, David Kapper 1.0, Christie 1.0, P. Martin 0.2, Brockhurst 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
**UMPIRES —** Laurie Argent, Steve Ardill.

### ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	10-7	13-10	20-13	25-16	166
Woodville	4-3	8-6	13-9	21-16	142

**BEST PLAYERS — CENTRAL:** Krieg, Platten, Hannam, van Dommelle, Roe, Shields, Huin, Thomas, Robertson. **WOODVILLE:** Jackson, Harris, Dettmann, Libbis, Blight, Parner, Grant.  
**SCORERS — CENTRAL:** Bubner 4.0, Krieg 4.0, Roe 4.0, Wilson 3.1, Fraser 3.1, Shields 2.8, Robertson 1.2, Platten 1.1, Connelly 1.0, van Dommelle 1.0, Boehm 1.0, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE:** Beecroft 6.0, Blight 4.3, Jackson 3.2, Grant 2.1, Sewer 2.0, Harris 1.3, Schwarz 1.1, Haylock 1.0, Jolly 1.0, Toome 0.2, R. Fuller 0.1, Rechner 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
**INJURIES — CENTRAL:** Fraser (bruised elbow). **WOODVILLE:** Lynch (hamstring).  
**REPORTS — CENTRAL:** Hannam, for striking by field umpire John Hylton during the second quarter. **WOODVILLE:** Toome, for deliberately striking Hannam with a clenched fist, by Hylton during the second quarter.  
**UMPIRES —** Hylton, Steve Ardill.

### ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-2	10-9	15-11	20-14	134
Sturt	5-1	7-3	11-5	13-7	85

**BEST PLAYERS — PORT:** Bradley, Russell, Anderson, Kennedy, Harris, Simpson, Clifford, Curtis. **STURT:** Paynter, Patch, Craig, Whittlesea, Spiel, Motley.  
**SCORERS — PORT:** Evans 5.3, Russell 3.2, Smith 3.0, Gotch 2.2, Boyd 2.1, Ginever 2.1, Hyres 1.0, Kennedy 1.0, Bradley 1.0, Clifford 0.1, Simpson 0.1, Johnston 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Paynter 4.0, Willmott 2.1, Hollis 2.0, Smith 1.1, Derrington 1.0, Martin 1.0, McKechnie 1.0, Helarica 1.0, Klomp 0.2, Fry 0.1, rushed 0.2.  
**INJURIES — PORT:** Lawson (ankle), second term. **STURT:** Viney (eye), first term. Klomp (calf), last term.  
**REPORT — PORT:** Steven Curtis by goal umpire Moryn Rutter, for allegedly striking Sturt's John Paynter "with a right fist to the face" during the first term.  
**UMPIRES —** Graham Hilton, David Weston.

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yesterday	Total
Blight (Woodville)	19	4-3	108-67
Willmott (Sturt)	19	2-1	103-36
Davies (South)	19	1-1	79-36
Roberts (Torrens)	17	2-1	71-32
Evans (Port)	14	5-3	70-29
Beecroft (Woodville)	19	6-0	66-17

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
North	11	—	6	2195	2168	28	53.51
Glenelg	13	—	7	2131	2010	26	51.40
Norwood	12	1	7	2290	2102	25	52.11
West	11	—	9	2511	2288	22	52.61
Sturt	10	1	9	2409	2326	21	50.88
Central	10	—	10	2341	2295	20	50.50
Port	8	—	12	2271	2481	16	47.79
South	8	—	12	2121	2389	16	47.02
Torrens	7	—	13	2226	2661	14	45.55
Woodville	6	—	14	2507	2888	12	46.17

### CROWDS

Football Park	19,159
Adelaide Oval	3609
Alberton	6603
Richmond	4041

### NEXT WEEK

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