

Roosters now a force

A talent-laden North Adelaide remains the only undefeated team after three SANFL rounds, following its great victory over reigning premier Norwood at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-2	7-5	16-5	18-7	115
Torrens	4-2	7-4	12-5	16-8	104

BEST—GLENELG: McGuinness, S. Kernahan, Marshall, Hall, Gibbs, Seeborn. **TORRENS**: Lindsay, Schimmelbusch, Stretch, Pavze, Sims, Hanna.

SCORERS—GLENELG: S. Kernahan 5-2, McGuinness 4-0, Walsh 3-1, Carey 3-0, Copping 2-0, Marshall 1-1, Kidney 0-2, rushed 0-1. **TORRENS**: Johnston 5-2, Schimmelbusch 2-0, Taylor 2-0, Stretch 2-0, Roberts 2-0, Sims 1-0, Hill 1-0, Cunningham 1-0, Nikoictos 0-2, rushed 0-4.

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3-5	9-6	11-13	17-16	118
South	4-4	9-7	13-8	16-10	105

BEST—STURT: Spiel, Martin, Willmott, Viney, Derrington, Kemp, Smith, Benson. **SOUTH**: Naley, D. Hewitt, Bennett, Dewhurst, David Kappler, Darren Kappler, Honor.

SCORERS—STURT: Davies 4-4, Willmott 4-4, Benson 4-0, Gumley 2-1, Derrington 2-0, Martin 1-3, Smith 0-1, Zubrinich 0-1, C. Graham 0-1, rushed 0-1. **SOUTH**: G. Hewitt 3-1, David Kappler 3-0, D. Hewitt 2-1, Holt 2-0, Naley 1-3, Schneebichler 1-1, Dewhurst 1-0, Cole 1-0, Lockman 1-0, Stoeckel 1-0, Woid 0-1, Darren Kappler 0-1, rushed 0-2.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-4	6-8	18-13	23-16	154
Norwood	4-0	11-1	13-2	16-4	100

BEST—NORTH: Campbell, Jarman, Arnfield, Phillips, Tiller, S. Riley, Redden, Antrobus. **NORWOOD**: Taylor, M. Ash, Winter, K. Thomas, Ross, Gallagher.

SCORERS—NORTH: Dietrich 6-2, Poynton 5-2, Parsons 3-2, Hart 3-0, Antrobus 2-2, Tiller 1-1, Hill 1-1, Phillips 1-1, Simons 1-0, Campbell 0-1, rushed 0-4. **NORWOOD**: Taylor 5-0, Roberts 4-0, Ash 2-1, Laughlin 2-0, Gallagher 1-1, Mahalaney 1-0, K. Thomas 1-0, Hein 0-1, rushed 0-1.

INJURIES—NORTH: Poynton (wrenched right knee), Hart (hip). **NORWOOD**: Scanlon (jaw).

REPORT—NORWOOD: John Hall reported by field umpire Argent and goal umpire Sargent for allegedly striking North Adelaide's Mike Parsons in the second term.

UMPIRES—Laurie Argent, Bob Scholefield.

RICHMOND OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Woodville	5-2	13-4	19-7	26-13	169
West	5-4	9-8	14-14	16-17	113

BEST—WOODVILLE: Blight, R. Fuller, Heaney, Schwarz, McLeod, Sewer. **WEST**: Hamilton, Rennie, Kantilafas, Mickan, Shaw, Fielke.

SCORERS—WOODVILLE: Blight 14, R. Fuller 4-1, Sewer 2-1, Schwarz 2, Dettmann 1-1, Beecroft 1, Booth 1, M. Fuller 1, Harris 0-2, Heaney 0-2, rushed 0-3. **WEST**: Woodhal 3-3, Conlen 2-1, Shaw 2-1, Morris 2, Fielke 2, Mickan 2, Neuret 1-3, Herbert 1-1, Miller 1, Smith 0-2, Andrews 0-1, Grosser 0-1, rushed 0-4.

INJURIES—WOODVILLE: Ron Fuller left the ground with a cut to his head in the second quarter. He received six stitches and returned to the ground. He is not expected to miss next week's match.

UMPIRES—Geoff Bowles, Steve Semmler.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Central	3-4	11-7	16-17	21-21	147
Port	4-3	10-8	12-10	16-15	111

BEST—CENTRAL: Platten, Greg Cousins, Thomas Roe, Bunner, Hull, Norsworthy. **PORT**: Leslie, Lawson, Williams, Smith, Curtis.

SCORERS—CENTRAL: Cousins 6-0, Platten 4-4, Hull 4-3, Krieg 3-2, Robertson 1-1, Graham 1-1, Fraser 1-0, Thomas 1-0, Bunner 0-2, Beythien 0-1, Roe 0-1, Norsworthy 0-1, rushed 0-4. **PORT**: Williams 5-4, Russell 3-3, Smith 2-1, Knight 2-0, Anderson 2-0, Bradley 1-0, Kennedy 1-0, Simpson 0-2, Lawson 0-2, Ginever 0-2, rushed 0-1.

INJURIES—CENTRAL: Hannam (bruised leg) in second quarter. Van Donnicke (flu) before game. **PORT**: Bradley (ankle), Russell (groin).

UMPIRES—Mark Mackie, Neville Thorp.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
North	3	—	477	307	6	60.84
Glenelg	2	1	386	301	4	58.19
Centrals	2	1	422	381	4	52.55
Norwood	2	1	331	308	4	51.80
Woodville	2	1	394	394	4	50.00
Torrens	1	2	378	387	2	49.11
West	1	2	364	428	2	45.96
Sturt	1	2	325	394	2	45.20
Port	1	2	365	471	2	43.66
South	—	3	303	374	—	44.75

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Yest	Total
M. Blight (Woodville)	14.0	27.12
G. Dietrich (North)	6.2	16.4
Poynton (North)	5.2	14.7
Johnston (Torrens)	5.2	13.2
S. Williams (Port)	5.4	11.9
S. Kernahan (Glenelg)	5.2	11.7
J. Roberts (Torrens)	2.0	11.6
McGuinness (Glenelg)	4.0	11.4

A disappointing eighth last year, the Roosters came from 23-points down at half-time to triumph by 54-points and head the premiership table.

North Adelaide, after wins over West Torrens and Central District, has showed it is a serious premiership contender.

And Woodville, with captain-coach Malcolm Blight at his best with a grand 14 goals, served notice it will be a competitive force in 1985 when it stunned Escort Cup premier West Adelaide by 56 points at Richmond Oval.

In other highlights yesterday, Sturt coach Mervyn Keane made his SA playing debut and

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helped the Blues to their first win of the season — a 12-point victory over South Adelaide at Unley.

That left Don Scott's Panthers as the only side to record a win. South is at the bottom of the table.

Keane played serviceably on a half-back flank, while at centre half-back, Robert Klomø, in his first game for the year after recovering from a calf injury, rated highly.

South rover Mark Naley showed he has fully recovered from a hand injury with a constructive display.

But it was former teammate Frank Spiel who took best afield honors while leading the Blues to victory.

Central District, with Magarey Medal winning rover John Platten back at his inspiring best, defeated Port Adelaide by 36-points at Alberton Oval.

The Magpies are now in the unfamiliar position of ninth.

But coach Russell Ebert refused to use his side's tough Foster's cup clash against Hawthorn or its recent heavy program of matches, as an excuse for the emphatic loss.

Instead, the Magpie leader urged his charges to show greater commitment.

Elliott raps 'failure'

For want of a better term, West Torrens was "gallant in defeat" when losing to Glenelg by 11 points at Football Park yesterday.



Both clubs paid the price of contesting such a hard-fought absorbing duel. Although no injuries were recorded, four players were reported.

While that sums up the game fairly accurately, it is the kind of term that irks people at Torrens, especially coach Glenn Elliott.

Expressions such as un-"lucky," "came close" or "competitive" are often used to describe a side that has suffered a narrow loss.

"We're not interested in being classed as competitive or anything like that — we just have to win," Elliott said.

But victory spoils, including the two premiership points, went to Glenelg after its 18-7 to 16-8 success.

"Torrens played very well, they were desperate and they were at the ball all the time.

"But we stood up to the pressure very well, although we had some problems with our disposals under pressure and at times would have liked to have been more collected."

Elliott said there were good signs to come out of the game—but he was not pleased with one aspect.

"You certainly couldn't detract from Glenelg's performance but there were people out there who had a greater influence on the game than they were entitled to — I'll let you be the judge as to who they were," he said.

Torrens players such as captain Bruce Lindsay (best on ground), Daryl Schimmelbusch, Steven Stretch, and Steven Sims were outstanding.



Glenelg's Stephen Kernahan leaps into a pack of Torrens defenders, watched by team-mate Stephen Copping

CROWDS

Football Park	7561
Adelaide	12,146
Alberton	8310
Unley	6847
Richmond	2975

NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY (Double Header) — North v Woodville and Port v Norwood (Football Park; South v Torrens (Adelaide)).
SATURDAY — Sturt v Glenelg (Football Park); Central v West (Elizabeth).