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THE 'BIG GUNS' MISFIRE AGAIN

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North Adelaide and Norwood, the "big guns" of the competition a few weeks ago, misfired again yesterday and created even more uncertainty about the make-up of the final five.

They were dumped respectively by Port Adelaide and Central District who have staked claims for a double chance in the major round.

Their day of glory was upset when it was learnt their star forwards Dwayne Russell (Port) and Rudi Mandemaker (Central) were two of three players reported during the seventeenth round.

Russell was charged by field umpire Neville Thorp for allegedly striking North's Kim Klomp with a clenched fist to the stomach during the second term.

Mandemaker was reported for allegedly striking Norwood's Tom Warhurst with a clenched fist during the first term, and Warhurst was reported for striking Mandemaker in the same incident.

Magnificent

The clash happened during the first term

in the goal square, and both reports were lodged by goal umpire, Trevor Daverson.

Despite their magnificent victories, Port and Central did not climb the ladder, but they proved beyond doubt they were finals material.

And the Bulldogs' win has cast further doubts over Norwood which is far from certain to compete in the major round.

Woodville also was superb in brushing aside a shattered West Adelaide, coming from behind in the last term to win by 23 points.

And West Torrens lifted itself from the bottom by tossing a badly out-of-form Sturt by nine points.

It was the Eagles' first win over Sturt at Thebarton since 1969 after 13 defeats.

However, their rise from bottom almost did not happen as South Adelaide fought courageously before losing to the highly-ranked Glenelg by a mere two points.

The battle for the five seems to be reduced to six teams.

West, which has slumped to seventh, doesn't deserve to be there on its current dismal form.

All the details

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glenelg	7-5	8-5	10-6	10-7	67
South	1-3	4-5	8-8	9-11	65

BEST - GLENELG: McDermott, Carey, Marshall, Maynard, Kruse. **SOUTH**: Naley, Brockhurst, Darren Kappler, Johns.

GOALS - GLENELG: Marshall 2.2 Seeborn 2.0 Henwood 2.0 McDermott 1.1 Hall 1.1 Copping 1.0 Reid 1.0 Rushed 0.3 **SOUTH**: Naley 3.1 Davies 2.0 Darren Kappler 1.3 Eddy 1.1 Brockhurst 1.0 Campbell 1.0 Stoeckle 0.2 Christie 0.1 Fairclough 0.1 Rushed 0.2 **INJURIES**: Glenelg - David Grenvold (broken collarbone) South - David Fairclough (concussion). **UMPIRES** - Darryl Schramm, David Weston.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Central	5-4	11-5	14-9	15-15	105
Norwood	5-2	8-3	9-4	9-4	58

BEST - CENTRAL: Shields, Cousins, McGrath, Roe, Bubner, Prior, Krieg, Hannam, Little, Grahams. **NORWOOD**: Taylor, Anderson, K. Thomas, Scanlon, Payne, Gallagher.

SCORERS - CENTRAL: Graham 4.3, Trigg 3.0, Flintoff 2.3, Bubner 1.3, Mandemaker 1.1, Shields 1.1, Robertson 1.0, Krieg 1.0, McGrath 1.0, Nolan 0.1, rushed 0.3 **NORWOOD**: Anderson 2.0, Payne 1.2, R. Maynard 1.1, K. Thomas 1.0, Fosdike 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Neave 1.0, Ducker 1.0, Hein 0.1.

INJURIES - CENTRAL: Nolan (bruised thigh).

REPORTS - CENTRAL: Mandemaker, for allegedly striking Warhurst with a clenched right fist in the first quarter by goal umpire Trevor Daverson. **NORWOOD**: Warhurst for allegedly striking Mandemaker with a clenched left fist in the first quarter by goal umpire Daverson.

UMPIRES - Graham Hilton and Rick Kinnear.

ALBERTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	0-3	2-6	6-8	8-10	58
North	4-4	4-4	7-5	7-8	50

BEST - PORT: Leslie, Johnston, Clifford, Harvey, Anderson, Ginever, Curtis, Harris. **NORTH**: A. Jarman, Tiller, Hart, Antrobus, Campbell, Cilsby, Arnold.

SCORERS - PORT: D. Smith 2.1, Kennedy 1.1, Anderson 1.1, Ginever 1.0, Clifford 1.0, Harrison 1.0, Harvey 1.0, G. Boyd 0.2, Johnston 0.1, Russell 0.1, Borlase 0.1, rushed 0.2 **NORTH**: Redden 3.1, A. Jarman 2.2, Antrobus 1.1, Hart 1.0, Poynton 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPORT - Dwayne Russell (Port) by field umpire Neville Thorp for allegedly deliberately striking North's Kim Klomp with a clenched fist to the stomach in the second quarter.

INJURIES - North - John Riley (back).

UMPIRES - Neville Thorp, Ross Campbell.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Torrens	3-9	6-11	7-13	7-18	60
Sturt	2-3	3-3	4-8	7-9	51

BEST - TORRENS: Sims, Hanna, Payze, Smith, Colsey, Geyer, Rendell, C. Lindsay. **STURT**: Paynter, Derrington, Viney, Splil, Craig, Schinckel, Smith.

SCORERS - TORRENS: Hanna 3.1, Weston 2.2, Fotla 1.0, Eyles 1.0, Cunningham 0.3, Sawford 0.3, Panagaris 0.2, Payze 0.2, Turner 0.1, rushed 0.4 **STURT**: Willmott 2.3, Paynter 1.2, Hicks 1.1, Martin 1.1, Viney 1.0, Derrington 1.0, Kitschke 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES - TORRENS: Weston (bruised shoulder), Panagaris (knee). **STURT**: Worner (suspected fractured rib).

UMPIRES: Laurie Argent and Steve Semmler.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Woodville	4-1	6-6	9-13	14-17	101
West	6-4	7-6	11-9	11-12	78

BEST - WOODVILLE: Haylock, Templeton, McDonald, Martin, Sewer, Harris, Fuller, Fantasia. **WEST**: Twomey, Grosser, D. Herbert, Kennedy, Bennett.

SCORERS - WOODVILLE: Nichols 4.2, Bowman 3.1, Haylock 2.0, Harris 1.3, Templeton 1.2, Sewer 1.1, Taylor 1.0, McDonald 1.0, Martin 0.1, rushed 0.7 **WEST**: D. Herbert 2.1, Fielke 2.1, Bennett 2.0, Meuret 1.2, Luders 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Grosser 1.0, Sporn 1.0, Burton 0.1, Shaw 0.1, Lamb 0.1, rushed 0.4.

UMPIRES - John Hylton and Mark Mackle.

Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
I. Willmot (Sturt)	14	2.3	60.34
S. Nichols (Woodville)	16	4.1	55.26
R. Davies (South)	14	2.0	54.19
G. Dietrich (North)	8	-	53.19
P. Meuret (West)	17	1.2	47.23
J. Roberts (Torrens)	12	-	43.23
S. Copping (Glenelg)	14	1.0	40.23
T. Hall (Glenelg)	15	1.1	36.17
R. Pearce (Norwood)	13	-	35.13

LADDER

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
North	12	5	-	2016	1521	24	57.00
Glenelg	10	7	-	1930	1645	20	53.99
Norwood	10	7	-	1867	1671	20	50.30
Port	10	7	-	1762	1741	20	50.30
Central	9	7	1	1734	1845	19	48.45
Woodville	9	8	-	1841	1978	18	48.23
West	8	9	-	1976	1864	16	51.46x
Sturt	7	10	-	1678	1856	14	47.48
Torrens	5	12	-	1480	1964	10	42.97
South	4	12	1	1712	1913	9	47.23

TIGERS GET HOME IN THRILLER



In an action-packed final term Glenelg just repelled a spirited South Adelaide challenge to bring off a nailbiting two-point victory at Football Park yesterday.

A splendid first term, that saw the Tigers lead by 38 points at the change, provided the cushion to stave off defeat.

A dejected and reflective South coach Rick Davies said his team might just as well have failed by 20 goals as two points.

But that would be an injustice to a team that - for three successive terms - clearly outplayed better credentialled opponents.

Davies pointed out that many times his players had won everywhere for three quarters and paid the full price for one poor quarter.

His opposite, Glenelg coach Graham Cornes, paid due respect to South's effort in clawing their way back into the contest.

A goal after just 14 seconds of play launched South off on a high and for ten minutes they played with method and purpose against a slightly lethargic Tiger team.

The Bays started without Alan Stringer, giving Kym Hodgeman a welcome return to the league team.

However, the well-organised Tiger defence was equal to the task and the scoreboard never reflected South's opening endeavors.

Gradually the Tigers became motivated, and with McDermott, Maynard, Symonds, Hall, Garton and Carey lifting their work rate things started to happen.

With all the forwards moving around and providing targets for the midfield players goals came rather easily.

At the first changeover it was not difficult to visualise a comfortable Tiger victory.

The fact this did not materialise was a tribute to the South players who put their noses to the grindstone and contested for every ball.

With this sort of approach some of the Glenelg players found it a little easier to hold back just a little and a few of the early stars started to fade.

Persisted

When the rain came and persisted, making ball-handling something of a lottery, the Panthers showed they didn't mind getting their hands dirty.

Still, goals were now at a premium and the first term deficit under the changed conditions was a huge obstacle to overcome.

At the long interval the Tigers still enjoyed a four-goal advantage.

The better players were extremely difficult to narrow down, with the rain washing skills down the drain.

However, in the gloom that was Football Park, Mark Naley stood out like a beacon in one of his very best performances for the club.

He kept bobbing up all around the field and was a tremendous inspiration to his teammates with his fearless attack on the ball and general arrogance in eluding opponents.

He has of course signed with Carlton in the VFL and that club has picked up a real gold nugget in this talented player.

For the Tigers Chris McDermott once again

showed he is a man for all seasons with more kicks, more handballs and most frees received by a Glenelg player.

A man who makes the ball his objective at all times deserves to be rewarded for his accomplishments.

Glenelg came away with the two points, but South won the plaudits for a spirited comeback that again demonstrated the closeness of the competition.

The sad feature of the game was the unfortunate injury sustained by the promising David Grenvold.

At this time of the year each team needs a full complement of players to sustain a challenge right to the very end.

With the balance of power on a knife edge, one such injury could turn the tide.

I cannot but help think Glenelg have a few areas where they may feel a measure of concern.

Wayne Henwood, for a man with so many attributes, was very quiet and Tony Symonds, after a good opening, faded out of the game quite alarmingly.

Peter Carey is doing a huge job as the lone ruckman.

Interesting

But at the end of a busy season and on firmer grounds and in warmer conditions, he may be looking for the bench late in the game when his dynamic best will urgently be required.

It is quite a while since Copping kicked a bag of goals and it was interesting to see Woodlands notching eight in the Reserves.

He knows where the goals are and is the type of player who would be very useful operating as a pinch hitter from the bench.