

# 'LEGS ON THE RACK

## Cahill set to carry on

By Ashley Porter

Norwood's finals race all but ended yesterday when the Redlegs crashed to their sixth loss in a row.

"We just have to try to win our next two games. But I have not booked my finals tickets, that's for sure."

Cahill gave his strongest indication of remaining with the club next season. He said after another disappointing loss, this time to South: "I am not a quitter. I only know winning and I want to see West Adelaide back up where it belongs."

And he cast grave doubts about his players' commitment: "They are not prepared to sacrifice their private lives enough in the

interests of the club. "West is a good club and it has done its best for its players, but some don't give enough back."

Port Adelaide seems a certain finalist after its superb 20-point victory over Glenelg, while Woodville maintained its fantastic form by tossing Central.

The last rounds are:  
This week - North v Woodville, South v Norwood (Football Park), Sturt v West (Adelaide Oval), Central v Port (Elizabeth), Torrens v Glenelg (Thebarton).  
Saturday week - North v Central and Glenelg v Sturt (Football Park), South v Woodville (Adelaide), Port v Norwood (Alberton), West v Torrens (Richmond).

## The details

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port . . . .	2-4	6-5	11-10	14-12	96
Glenelg ..	1-3	7-3	8-4	12-4	76

**BEST - PORT:** Anderson, Williams, Russell, R. Boyd, G. Boyd, Ebert, Clifford. **GLENELG:** Hodgeman, Carey, McDermott, Marshall, Symonds, Hall, Murphy.  
**SCORERS - PORT:** Russell 5.1, Fiacchi 4.0, O'Brien 2.1, Williams 1.4, R. Smith 1.1, D. Smith 1.0, Mahney 0.1, R. Boyd 0.1, Johnston 0.1, Rushed 0.2. **GLENELG:** Hall 4.0, Seeborn 3.0, Copping 1.1, Henwood 1.1, Marshall 1.1, McDermott 1.0, Hodgeman 1.0, Rushed 0.1.  
**UMPIRES -** Laurie Argent and Graham Hilton.

### ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
South . . . .	2-1	3-5	5-9	7-12	54
West . . . .	3-2	3-5	5-6	5-7	37

**BEST - SOUTH:** Naley, Schneeblecher, Hewitt, Fairclough, David Kappler, Brooksby, Darren Kappler, Dickinson. **WEST:** Mickan, Bennett, McKinnon, Grosser, Fielke, Des Herbert, Dreher.  
**SCORERS - SOUTH:** Brockhurst 3.0, Naley 2.2, David Kappler 2.0, Darren Kappler 0.3, Whitford 0.2, Hewitt 0.2, Campbell 0.1, Would 0.1, Rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Lamb 2.0, Grosser 1.1, Miller 1.1, Meuret 1.0, Des Herbert 0.2, Mickan 0.1, McKinnon 0.1, Rushed 0.1.  
**INJURIES - WEST:** Dreher (kick in back).  
**UMPIRES -** David Weston, Stephen Semmler.

### ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Woodville .	3-4	4-5	11-9	13-10	88
Central ..	4-0	8-4	8-4	10-6	66

**BEST - WOODVILLE:** Taylor, McDonald, Templeton, Parker, Sewer, Deitmann, Harris, Haylock. **CENTRAL:** Krieg, Shields, Prior, Cousins, Little, McGrath.  
**SCORERS - WOODVILLE:** Templeton 4.2, Nicols 4.1, McDonald 2.1, Sewer 1.1, Harris 1.0, Taylor 1.0, Jolly 0.2, Schwarz 0.1, Rushed 0.2. **CENTRAL:** Mandemaker 3.2, Graham 3.0, Flintoff 1.1, Lee 1.1, Shields 1.1, Bubner 1.0, Rushed 0.1.  
**UMPIRES -** John Hylton, Mark Mackie.

### NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Sturt . . . .	5-4	5-9	6-9	7-13	55
Norwood ..	1-1	5-2	6-3	8-6	54

**BEST - STURT:** Spiel, Paynter, Viney, Veale, Derrington, Fielke, Russell, Craig, Whittlesea. **NORWOOD:** Taylor, K. Thomas, Scanlon, Gallagher, Warhurst, McIntosh, Roberts.  
**SCORERS - STURT:** Martin 2-2, Willmott 2-1, Derrington 2-0, Paynter 1-1, Klomp 0-2, Viney 0-1, Benson 0-1, Fielke 0-1, Hicks 0-1, Veale 0-1, rushed 0-2. **NORWOOD:** Roberts 5-1, Payne 1-2, Gallagher 1-0, Kelly 1-0, K. Thomas 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Rushed 0-1.  
**INJURIES - NORWOOD:** Michalanney (strained ankle).  
**UMPIRES -** Daryl Schramm and Neville Thorp.

### PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
North . . . .	5-5	8-7	10-10	13-11	89
Torrens ..	1-2	3-6	7-9	8-10	58

**BEST - NORTH:** Robertson, Hart, Parsons, Clisby, Andrew Jarman, Arnold, J. Riley, Darren Jarman. **TORRENS:** Lindsay, Payne, Enright, Flintham, Robson, Hanna, Sims.  
**SCORERS - NORTH:** Hart 4.0, Poynton 2.1, Bennett 2.0, Darren Jarman 1.3, Robertson 1.1, Arnold 1.0, Klomp 1.0, Hill 1.0, Andrew Jarman 0.1, Rushed 0.5. **TORRENS:** Payne 2.2, Hill 2.1, Hanna 2.1, Cunningham 2.0, Pill 0.1, C. Lindsay 0.1, Flintham 0.1, Rushed 0.3.  
**UMPIRES -** Rick Kinnear and Ross Campbell.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
North . . . . .	15	5	-	2304	1744	30	56.92
Glenelg . . . . .	12	8	-	2210	1864	24	54.25
Port . . . . .	12	8	-	2019	1944	24	50.95
Woodville . . . . .	12	8	-	2139	2195	24	49.35
Central . . . . .	11	8	1	2025	2135	23	48.68
Norwood . . . . .	10	10	-	2087	1965	20	51.51
West . . . . .	8	12	-	2135	2082	16	50.63
Sturt . . . . .	8	12	-	1875	2108	16	47.08
South . . . . .	6	13	1	2015	2105	13	48.91
Torrens . . . . .	5	15	-	1658	2325	10	41.63

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Y'day	Total
S. Nichols (Woodville) . . . . .	19	4.1	71.29
I. Willmott (Sturt) . . . . .	17	1.1	65.37
R. Davies (South) . . . . .	15	-	62.19
G. Dietrich (North) . . . . .	8	-	53.19
P. Meuret (West) . . . . .	19	1.0	49.24
S. Copping (Glenelg) . . . . .	17	1.1	46.29
T. Hall (Glenelg) . . . . .	18	4	46.20
J. Roberts (Torrens) . . . . .	12	-	43.23

### NEXT ROUND

Saturday, August 30 - North v Woodville and South v Norwood (day-night double header at Football Park). Sturt v West (Adelaide), Central v Port (Elizabeth), Torrens v Glenelg (Thebarton).

### CROWDS

Football Park . . . . .	13,949
Adelaide Oval . . . . .	1,851
Elizabeth Oval . . . . .	5,145
Norwood Oval . . . . .	4,504
Prospect Oval . . . . .	2,796
Total . . . . .	28,245

With just two matches to play, Norwood is three points out of the five and must rely on one of three teams above to lose both remaining matches . . . and Norwood must win both its final games.  
In yesterday's round:  
● West Adelaide crashed out of the finals race, but coach John Cahill indicated he had no wish to quit the club.  
● Woodville won its ninth game in 10 matches and now stands a strong chance of winning the double chance.  
If Norwood misses, it will be for the first time since 1971.  
Coach Neil Balme said the obvious after the game:

## MAGPIES TEAR TIGERS APART

Port Adelaide is not a 'glamor' side - but coach Russell Ebert has moulded the Magpies into one of the most ruthless and effective units in the competition.

The Magpies have charismatic performers like Greg Anderson, Dwayne Russell and Stephen Clifford, but success depends on a complete team effort.

That clearly was evident in Port's commanding 14-12 to 12-4 win against Glenelg at Football Park yesterday.

It was Port's mental and physical toughness which brought about the undoing of the Bays in a hard, bruising encounter.

### Reward

Port players were prepared to work hard for the ball and do the 'little' things like spoil, tackle and burrow into packs.

As reward, the side now has jumped into third spot on the premiership table. Saying Port is not a glamor side is not meant to be a criticism - far from it.

The endeavor and desperation of the Port players is to be admired. They refused to be intimidated by their more-fancied opponents and attacked the ball with fierce desire.

Only for a brief period in the second term did Port look like letting Glenelg gain momentum.

Early in that term the Magpies led 6-4 to 1-3. Dwayne Russell, fresh from a two-week holiday (due to suspension), had booted four goals and was giving Bays full back Max Kruse a 'bath'.

But Glenelg coach Graham Cornes made a few

changes, including replacing Kruse with Adam Garton, and the side slammed home six goals to take a four point lead at half time.

However, that act of bravado was to be the final whimper before Glenelg's crash.

Port took charge in the third term, kicking 5-5 to 1-1, and from then on held Glenelg at bay to score a comfortable 20 point triumph.

Cornes conceded Port players were more enthusiastic and more desperate than his players.

He also was disappointed his team allowed Port to run away with the game after it had come back so well in the second term.

"If you make the effort to get back once, you have to go on with it," Cornes said. "Against a side like Port you don't get the chance to come back twice."

At the risk of sounding monotonous, Greg Anderson again deserved his rating as best on ground.

The Port centreman initiates so many attacking moves and brings so many of his teammates into the thick of play he must be oddson to win this year's Magarey Medal.

### Sterling

Stephen Williams also rated highly because of his hard work around the forward area.

He could manage just 1-4 off his own boot, but is the type of player who creates



Lawrie McCauley

opportunities for those around him.

Dwayne Russell left the field during the last quarter but Port officials say he was not injured.

More likely, he pushed himself to physical exhaustion, kicking five valuable goals and providing ample inspiration for teammates.

Russell Boyd and big brother Greg both turned in sterling efforts; Craig Ebert did a tremendous job of 'minding' Stephen Copping and Stephen Clifford was an effective contributor.

Glenelg captain Peter Carey must have been disappointed his 400th game could not finish on a brighter note.

The big-hearted ruckman now has played 383 league games with Glenelg and 17 for SA.

Yesterday he easily won the ruck duel against Port skipper Russell Johnston and chalked up 53 hit-outs.

Rover Kym Hodgeman 'fed' off Carey brilliantly to be the biggest kick winner on the field.

Follower Chris McDermott added to the usually solid first ruck division with yet another classy exhibition.

David Marshall, Tony Symonds, Tony Hall (four goals) and Michael Murphy also did their best to give Glenelg a winning chance.

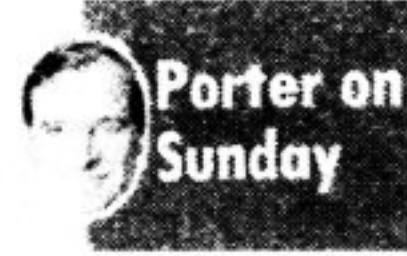


OUCH... Port dynamo Greg Anderson crashes into Bay rover Kym Hodgeman

# EBERT SILENCES THE CRITICS

FOOTBALL is full of juicy rumors (where would be without them?) and the strongest this season was that Russell Ebert would be replaced as Port coach. But last night once again he was placed among the celestial ranks after guiding the Magpies to a magnificent 20-point victory, despite the odds, against Glenelg at Football Park. It's that old story about everyone wanting to know a winner. And that is what is setting the turnstiles clicking with Port climbing the ladder in

the countdown to the finals. But within the inner sanctum of the club, nothing much has really changed. After the game, two of the black and white legends spoke proudly. Fos Williams said the desperation of old had shone (through the threatening clouds) and should be pro-



Porter on Sunday

duced every week, while Big Bob, Mr McLean, bellowed: "What did you think of that, son?" It was certainly a great effort by the players, but the point was, what do supporters and critics now think of Ebert as a coach? He hasn't really reduced his commitment. He is still putting in plenty of time, certainly effort, as he did during his remarkable playing career. But without doubt, he has become much closer to his gallant men and the results are on the board.

Maybe, just maybe, the critics will get off his back. Ironically, it was a disappointing day for the man who is destined to break Ebert's games record with one club, Peter Carey. "Super" was outclassed on this occasion by opposing captain, Russell Johnston, but still he tried his giant heart out until the end. He is not alone when it comes to disappointing team performances on a big day for a champion, as milestones have been a let-down for many.

Glenelg had twice as much games experience, obviously helped by Carey, but overall the Magpies showed greater discipline and determination. And the good signs were there when players controlled their jubilation and started talking about their next clash with Central District at Elizabeth. As someone remarked, the finals wouldn't be the same without Port Adelaide. And fans down the Parade would be thinking the same about the Redlegs . . .