

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Sturt	2-3	6-6	12-8	16-13	109
West	4-5	8-7	13-9	15-13	103

BEST - STURT: Martin, Viney, McCarthy, Paynter, Whittlesea, Craig, Derrington, Hicks. **WEST**: Twomey, Mickan, McKinnon, Rennie, D. Herbert, Grosser, Bennett.
SCORERS - STURT: Willmot 4-1, Martin 4-0, Benson 2-1, Derrington 2-1, Smith 1-1, Veale 1-1, Klomp 1-0, Fielke 1-0, Hicks 0-3, Underwood 0-2, Viney 0-1. Rushed 0-3. **WEST**: Twomey 3-3, D. Herbert 3-2, Bennett 2-0, Miller 2-0, Larkins 1-2, Grosser 1-1, McKinnon 1-0, Luders 1-0, Fielke 1-0. Rushed 0-5.
REPORTS - WEST: D. Herbert, for allegedly striking an unnamed Sturt player by field umpire Graham Hilton in the third quarter. Twomey, for allegedly attempting to strike an unnamed Sturt player by boundary umpire Peter Harvey in the third quarter.
UMPIRES - Graham Hilton and Michael Abbott.

ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	6-3	11-3	13-7	14-11	95
CENTRAL	5-1	7-6	7-9	10-13	73

BEST - PORT: D. Smith, S. Williams, Leslie, Johnston, Curtis, R. Boyd, Anderson. **CENTRAL**: Cousins, McGrath, Trigg, Prior, Flintoff, Roe, Shields.
SCORERS - PORT: Russell 4-2, D. Smith 3-1, G. Boyd 2-1, Fiacchi 2-1, O'Brien 1-1, Johnston 1-0, Mohny 1-0, R. Smith 0-2, S. Williams 0-1. Rushed 0-2. **CENTRAL**: Mandemaker 5-2, Flintoff 1-3, Graham 1-1, Trigg 1-0, Krieg 1-0, Shields 1-0, Beythien 0-2, Braddy 0-1, Collins 0-1. Rushed 0-3.
REPORTED - PORT: G. Fiacchi by both field umpires for allegedly striking an unnamed Central player in third quarter.
UMPIRES - Rick Kinnear, Jim Field.

THEBARTON OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
TORRENS	3-3	7-10	12-12	13-14	92
GLENELG	3-2	6-3	11-7	13-8	86

BEST - TORRENS: Payze, Flintham, B. Lindsay, Hanno, Enright, Robson, Hank, Sims. **GLENELG** - Maynard, Salisbury, Symonds, Carey, Marshall.
SCORERS - TORRENS: Payze 3-2, Hanno 3-1, Hill 2-1, Robson 1-4, Fotia 1-1, Sims 1-0, Flintham 1-0, C. Lindsay 1-0, Pill 0-2, Cunningham 0-1, B. Lindsay 0-1. Rushed 0-1.
SCORERS - GLENELG: Seebom 3-1, Hall 3-0, McDermott 2-0, Garton 2-0, Marshall 1-2, Maynard 1-1, Reid 1-0, Symonds 0-3, Salisbury 0-1.
INJURIES: TORRENS - nil. **GLENELG** - McDermott (stitches in head cut).
UMPIRES: Mark Mackie, Daryl Schramm.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Woodville	3-0	9-4	11-7	18-7	115
North	4-5	8-6	12-10	14-13	97

BEST - WOODVILLE: Fuller, Taylor, Harris, Nichols, McDonald, Templeton, Marlin, O'Dwyer. **NORTH**: D. Jarman, Hart, Wildy, Parsons, Bennett, Robertson.
SCORERS - WOODVILLE: Nichols 7, Harris 3, Haylock 2, Templeton 2, Taylor 2, Sewar, Bowman. **NORTH**: Hart 3, Dietrich 3, Parsons 3, D. Jarman 2, Paynton 2, Simmons.

FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Norwood	5-4	7-9	11-14	15-17	107
South	0-2	3-5	3-7	5-11	41

Best - Norwood: K. Thomas, M. Aish, Anderson, Fosdike, Scanlon, Roberts, Taylor, G. Thomas. **South**: Schneebichler, Naley, Darren Kappler, Bennett, Martin. **Goals** - Norwood: Laughlin 4-2, K. Thomas 4-0, Anderson 3-1, Roberts 1-4, Kelly 1-2, Tanner 1-0, Hall 1-0, Taylor 0-2, G. Thomas 0-1, rushed 0-5. **South**: Darren Kappler 1-2, David Kappler 1-1, Stoeckel 1-1, Hewitt 1-0, Martin 1-0, Eddy 0-2, Would 0-1, Naley 0-1, Brockhurst 0-1, rushed 0-2.
Umpires - Ross Campbell, Jack Hylton.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
North	15	6	-	2401	1859	56.36	30
Port	13	8	-	2114	2017	51.17	26
Woodville	13	8	-	2254	2292	49.58	26
Glenelg	12	9	-	2296	1956	54.00	24
Central	11	9	1	2098	2238	48.48	23
Norwood	11	10	-	2204	2006	52.35	22
Sturt	9	12	-	1984	2111	48.45	18
West	8	13	-	2238	2191	50.53	16
South	6	14	1	2056	2222	48.05	13
Torrens	6	15	-	1750	2411	42.06	12

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Y'day	Total
S. Nichols (Woodville)	20	7.2	78.31
I. Willmott (Sturt)	18	4.1	70.38
R. Davies (South)	15	-	62.19
G. Dietrich (North)	9	3.0	56.19
P. Mauret (West)	19	-	49.24
T. Hall (Glenelg)	19	3.0	49.20
S. Copping (Glenelg)	18	0.0	46.20
J. Roberts (Torrens)	12	-	43.23

NEXT ROUND

CROWDS

Saturday, September 6:	Football Park	15,183
North v Central and Glenelg v Sturt (day-night double header at Football Park), South v Woodville (Adelaide), Port v Norwood (Alberton), West v Torrens (Richmond).	Adelaide Oval	3956
	Elizabeth	10,686
	Thebarton	3553
	Total	33,378

BLIGHT: NOW FOR THE FLAG

By Ashley Porter

It's "Sir Malcolm Blight" down Woodville way as the mighty Warriors have charged into premiership contention.

And the grand master himself has not put a flag beyond Woodville after it beat minor premier North Adelaide by 18 points at Football Park.

Blight last night said: "Yes, we can win the premiership."

"It will give us an extra chance if we finish in the top three, but we have beaten

every side in the competition and that makes us a real chance to win the flag," he said.

The magnificent performance was win number 10 in 11 weeks and the seventh in succession to stake a real claim for a double chance in the finals, which kick off in a fortnight.

It truly is a fairytale story

for Woodville, which next week meets South, soundly beaten by Norwood in the late game last night.

Shock loss

The Warriors have leapt into third spot - one victory clear of Glenelg, which suffered a shock loss to bottom side West Torrens at Thebarton.

And according to col league Neil Hawke, Tiger coach Graham Cornes was last seen chasing the umpires down the players' race after the game.

... but Cowboy blasts 'loafing' Bulldogs

Across town, Central District coach Kevin Neale spoke angrily about most of his players after losing to players "busted their guts" but the rest "bludged".

"You live in hope for next week but you have to face reality that you have to get players capable of playing at their best in these circumstances," he said.

Port's George Fiacchi was one of three players reported yesterday for either striking or attempting to strike an unnamed player during third term incidents.

He was reported by both field umpires Rick Kinnear and Jim Field for allegedly striking a Central player.

West's David Twomey was reported by boundary umpire Peter Harvey for attempting to strike during the clash with Sturt, while his teammate Des Herbert had his number taken by field umpire Graham Hilton for allegedly striking a Sturt player.

LEGS BACK IN WITH A CHANCE

Norwood is back in the finals race.

The side's 15-17 (107) to 5-11 (41) victory against South at Football Park last night has opened the way for it to reach the major round.

But the Redlegs can only squeeze into the top five at the expense of one team - Central District.

North, Port, Woodville and Glenelg will be among the premierships contenders.

Central and Norwood, however, now must wait until the last minor round next weekend to see who will finish fifth and sixth.

Central's destiny rests in its own hands.

The Bulldogs meet North at League headquarters and must win to ensure a game in the elimination final.

They lead Norwood by one premiership point as a result of their drawn game with South in round 10.

By Lawrie McCauley

Norwood played Port at Alberton and a loss will result in the 'Legs missing the finals for the first time since 1969.

But if Central loses and Norwood wins, the Redlegs again will make the major round cut-off.

Norwood went into last night's game having lost its previous six matches.

The confidence and team cohesion which had gone missing during that disastrous run slowly blossomed against the Panthers.

Norwood opened up a good early lead of 32 points in the first term.

That advantage had been

whittled down to 28 points at the long break but blew out to 55 at the last change.

Michael Aish, Richard Anderson and Keith Thomas gave Norwood a feast of the ball as they roamed the ground in search of kicks. Duncan Fosdike and Justin Scanlon were solid in defence while Neville Roberts and Michael Taylor also played well.

South had few consistent performers but Mark Naley, John Schneebichler and Darren Kappler did well.

While Norwood was not at its best last night, it at least showed it still can be competitive.

The 'Legs had a difficult assignment to make the finals but if they get there, they must rate a chance of achieving a "shock" premiership.

YOUNG EAGLES ARE HIGH FLIERS

In an absorbing contest Paul Weston's young Eagles covered themselves with glory by outplaying Glenelg to bring off a shock six-point win at Thebarton Oval yesterday.

Not only did the defeat cost the Tigers a spot in the top three but it will almost certainly bring about much soul-searching in the Tiger lair as coach Graham Cornes examines the reasons behind this latest slump.

It was perhaps a reflection of his frustrations that he confronted the umpires as the teams left the field. It was a heated exchange brought about by inconsistencies in decision-making that were clearly evident throughout.

Whether the Tigers were on the receiving end or not would be hotly debated in both camps and it is an argument which is quite immaterial now the final siren has sounded.

What it does, however, is pinpoint the feeling of insecurity in Cornes' mind - he believes the margin between the teams is so close that one or two incorrect decisions could mean the difference between victory and defeat.

It is an inescapable fact that in two earlier meetings the Tigers inflicted crushing defeats on opponents who were able yesterday to swim against the tide of media talk of off-field turmoil to gain a deserved triumph.

On the eve of a final round that should be keenly contested, Glenelg supporters would have been disappointed at the lack of input by some of their stars who went "missing" yesterday.

A spirited opening by the talented

By Neil Hawke

West Torrens centre line of Stephen Sims, Andrew Payze and Stephen Flintham caught the Tigers napping and provided much more of the ball in the forward lines than the Eagles have had of late.

The sheer volume of attacks had to reap some dividends, and had it not been for three quick goals to Tony Hall, Peter Maynard and John Seebom midway through the term, then Torrens would have looked better than it did at the first change, following opportunist goals from Domenic Fotia, Flintham and Sims.

Payze "burnt" in the second term when he appeared to have the ball on a string, kicking two goals himself from the many thrusts he made deep into the forward lines, and generally keeping the ball in the attacking zones.

Fragmented

The Tigers continued to be fragmented in their play and found it very difficult to establish a chain of movements in the face of relentless and determined play by exuberant youngsters who started to believe in each other and get the victory smell.

They stretched their lead to 30 points and at this stage Scott Salisbury was awarded a highly dubious free at half forward.

This stroke of fortune was turned into a goal from Adam Garton and the rattled home players dropped their concentration and enabled the Tigers to get back into a game they never deserved to win.

The Eagles carried the right mix of youth and experience, which was never better displayed than in the last vital minutes of the final term.

Ian Hanna, Lee Robson and Bruce Lindsay were in the right place at the right time.

It had to rub off on team mates who are so young and inexperienced that in coach Weston's own words "they do not suffer from the losing syndrome."

Weston wisely is keeping himself aloof from anything that is taking place off the field of play.

He is only concerned with the playing future of the club, and on yesterday's evidence it is not as forlorn as many would have you believe.

The club played host to a splendid luncheon to a number of dignitaries, including Glenelg officials.

Torrens President Lindsay Head in jocular vein apologised for leaning against a wall - supposedly as a safeguard from anyone seeking to stab him in the back.

It was a mirthful way of denouncing those who would stir up controversy and seek to divert the club from a designated policy that might initially detract from on-field success, but ultimately prove a wise course.