

Worries for the Warriors

By Ashley Porter

The tightrope Woodville has been walking over the past month finally snapped at Football Park yesterday when it was crushed by the only team above it on the ladder... North Adelaide.

The 71 point margin was its heaviest defeat since round three last year - by 83 points to the Roosters.

After winning the previous three matches by a straight kick or less, the Warriors were hopelessly outclassed by North's superior skills, pace and relentless tackling.

And the premierships fantasy could be jeopardised even further next Saturday when Woodville confronts another in-form giant - Glenelg at the Bay.

The Tigers recorded yet another crushing victory - this time over Sturt by 82 points.

Over the past month they have beaten Norwood by 100 points, Port by 97, and last Sunday "scraped in" by 66 against West.

Woodville coach Malcolm Blight offered no excuses for his team's dismal effort and it was obvious in the changerooms after the match the heavy loss had shattered many.

North is now two wins clear on the ladder. Glenelg, and either Port or Norwood, will be only one win away from Woodville when the thirteenth round is completed today.

West had to work hard before shaking off bottom team South by 27 points, but is still in sixth spot.

Port and Norwood will kick-off today's double - header at Football Park at 12.30 pm, followed by the battle between Torrens and Central at 3.20 pm.

The loser of this second match might as well forget about making the finals. They are level on eight points - three wins behind West.

UNLEY NISSAN FOOTY SCOREBOARD

Football Park

NORTH 2.7 10.10 18.14 23.18 (156)
WOODVILLE 5.1 8.1 10.4 13.7 (85)

BEST— North: A. Jarman, Clisby, D. Jarman, Wildy, Burton, Parsons, Carlaw, Roberts, Hart. Woodville: Nichols, Schwarz, Rogers, Harris, Templeton.

GOALS— North: Roberts 6.1, Burton 5.2, Hart 4.3, Carlaw 2.1, Arnold 2.1, Slattery 1.2, Simmons 1.2, D. Jarman 1.1, Parsons 1.1, Fischer 0.1, rushed 0.3. Woodville: Nichols 7.3, Harris 4.0, Lynch 1.1, Haylock 1.0, Schwarz 0.2, Taylor 0.1.

INJURIES — North: Hart (knee), Sims (ankle), Bennett (nose).
UMPIRES — Stephen Semmler and David Trembath.

Adelaide Oval

WEST 5.4 8.11 17.18 19.21 (135)
SOUTH 3.3 9.9 10.13 15.18 (108)

BEST— West: Ryan, Kennedy, Harbinson, O'Riley, Shaw, Grosser, Burgess. South: Schneebichler, Pitman, Christie, Bennett, Hewitt, Kappler, Dewhurst.

GOALS— West: Woodhall 4.2, O'Riley 3.4, Grosser 3.1, Miller 3.0, Forster 2.2, Harbinson 1.2, Sporn 1.1, Lamb 1.0, Kreuter 1.0, Shaw 0.3, McKinnon 0.1, Balton 0.1, rushed 0.4. South: Stoeckel 5.2, Bennett 3.0, Pitman 2.3, Eddy 2.1, Stasinowsky 1.4, Pearce 1.1, Butler 1.0, Kappler 0.3, Harris 0.1, Christie 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — West: Woodhall (ankle).
UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear and Mark Mackie.

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG 7.9 11.11 16.16 24.19 (163)
STURT 3.0 8.2 9.6 12.9 (81)

BEST— Glenelg: McDermott, Murphy, Marshall, Carey, Maynard, Kernahan, A. Stringer, MacTavish. Sturt: McCarthy, Whittlesea, Field, Reynolds, Underwood, Heinrich, Klomp.

GOALS— Glenelg: Seebahn 5.3, Maynard 5.2, A. Stringer 3.3, Marshall 3.0, Hodgeman 2.5, McDermott 2.1, MacTavish 1.1, Kruse 1.1, Salisbury 1.0, Kidney 1.0, Carey 0.2, rushed 0.1. Sturt: Klomp 3.1, Field 3.0, Willmott 2.1, Paynter 2.1, Viney 1.0, Paech 1.0, Underwood 0.3, Reynolds 0.1, McCarthy 0.1, Heinrich 0.1.

INJURIES — Sturt: Worner (bruised shoulder).
UMPIRES — Ross Campbell and Colin Ricketts.

Crowds

Football Park 9307
Adelaide Oval 3266
Glenelg Oval 6195
Total 18,768

This week

ROUND 13

TODAY (Football Park): Port v Norwood (12.30pm). Torrens v Central (3.20).

ROUND 14

SATURDAY: South v Central (Football Park). Sturt v Torrens (Adelaide). Glenelg v Woodville (Glenelg). Port v North (Alberton). West v Norwood (Richmond).

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	11	2	0	1546	1182	56.67	22
WOODVILLE	9	4	0	1473	1438	50.60	18
GLENELG	8	5	0	1675	1350	55.37	16
NORWOOD*	7	5	0	1281	1216	51.30	14
PORT*	7	5	0	1249	1233	50.32	14
West	7	6	0	1549	1532	50.28	14
Torrens*	4	8	0	1137	1198	48.69	8
Central*	4	8	0	1280	1438	47.09	8
Sturt	3	10	0	1270	1568	44.75	6
South	3	10	0	1184	1489	44.29	6

* To play today

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	13	6.1	68.27
S. Nichols (Woodville)	13	7.3	67.29
R. Mandemaker (Central)	12	—	58.22
J. Seebahn (Glenelg)	13	5.3	48.27
D. Smith (Port)	12	—	46.23
I. Willmott (Sturt)	11	2.1	41.23
C. Stasinowsky (South)	13	1.4	39.25
D. Stoeckel (South)	9	5.2	34.13

Footypunt

Game	Winner	Marg.	TAB No	Div
1	North	71-80	18	\$16.45
2	West	23-30	13	\$3.75
3	Glenelg	81-90	9	\$6.20

FOOTY TREBLE
TAB Nos. — 18 13 9 \$2326.10
Winners: North West Glenelg

Steamrolling Tigers awesome

Just a few short weeks ago Glenelg was in dire straits - a far cry indeed from the history-making unit that reaped back-to-back premierships in 1985-6.

It was struggling to say the least, with many football pundits having cause to write it off as a definite finals contender. But how the idle winds of fortune change.

The Tigers yesterday demolished Sturt by a whopping 82 points at the Bay, continuing the massive transformation which has seen them again leap into premierships reckoning.

Yes, Glenelg once more was awesome and it is patently clear a hat-trick of premierships is not beyond the club.

No one within the Tiger camp is talking grand finals just yet, but take a look at the facts.

In round eight Glenelg was lying in seventh spot on the league table, but in successive weeks since the Tiger machine has accounted for South Adelaide by 27 points, Norwood (100 points), Port Adelaide (97 points), West Adelaide (66 points) and now Sturt.

And speak with any Glenelg supporter and he can't wait for the club's next clash with league pacesetter North Adelaide.

While The Blues battled

Scores say it all: Cornes

■ Graham Cornes (Glenelg): "The scores say it all. However, I just sensed in the second term that we finessed and Sturt could have got back into the game. But after half-time we put our nose to the grindstone again."



Peter Prime

valiantly yesterday, they simply didn't have the manpower to combat the power-packed Glenelg outfit.

Call it lack of experience if you will, but Sturt could not provide enough consistent players to overly exert and trouble Glenelg.

The Tigers have now found that recipe for success. In recent times their tackling has been bone-crushing and ferocious, throwing a number of opposing teams off guard.

Glenelg is using the ball well, players always have several alternatives and there are few if any weaknesses.

Speaking after the game, coach Graham Cornes felt his team tended to lairise in the second term, but the way Glenelg finished the

game off and killed the opposition must have pleased.

It was generally a total team effort by the Tigers yesterday while Sturt - although it never threw in the towel - paled by comparison.

Sturt coach Merv Keane made a number of moves in a bid to quell the tide, but Glenelg always appeared to have the answer.

Follower Chris McDermott was superb. Tough, committed and forever courageous, he picked up 18 kicks and handed out 24 telling handballs.

Michael Murphy is now perhaps the most improved footballer in the State and his game at centre half-back was magnificent.

David Marshall in the centre gathered 21 kicks, took 12 marks, shelled out 15 handballs and managed three goals.

Captain Peter Carey dominated proceedings in ruck. Peter Maynard booted five good goals, while wingman David Kernahan was another big kick gatherer.

For Sturt, Tony McCarthy was probably its best.



Tigerish tackle... Alan Stringer pounces on Sturt's John Richter