

Port powers to double chance, but

3 UMPS REPORT PHILLIPS Striking charge

Port Adelaide has joined North and Norwood as the major premierships contenders following its powerful destruction of reigning premier Glenelg yesterday.

The ruthless Magpies pressured and harassed Glenelg on the way to a 13.12 to 9.19 victory.

But the win was marred when centre half-forward Greg Phillips was reported by three umpires for allegedly kneeing Glenelg's Chris McDermott in the groin.

Port has almost clinched the double chance, while Glenelg and Woodville are favorites to meet in the elimination final on September 13.

The Magpies are now third, two points and percentage clear of Woodville, and two games clear of Glenelg.

The Bays suffered injury setbacks to two players.

Rover Kym Hodgeman has a recurrence of the abductor muscle injury which had sidelined him for the past five weeks and could be in doubt for the finals.

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And centre half-forward Max Kruse was taken to hospital with concussion.

In other matches, Central scored an upset win over Woodville; Torrens ended West's faint hopes of reaching the five; North clinched the minor premiership and Norwood defeated a gallant Sturt.

Central scored an upset 12-point win against Woodville at Football Park.

Central captain Rene van Dommele has strained medial ligaments in his left knee and Woodville defender Alex Lunn has an injured left ankle. Both will be assessed today with Lunn thought to be fairly seriously injured.

Torrens ended West Adelaide's faint hopes of snatching a finals berth with Ian Hanna and Andrew Payze (with 75 possessions between

them) the chief destroyers.

North clinched the minor premiership by humiliating South Adelaide at Adelaide Oval. Andrew Jarman and Darel Hart (six goals) were devastating during the 22.25 to 3.6 drubbing. It was South's lowest score against the Roosters since kicking 2.10 in 1910.

Norwood recovered after trailing by seven points early in the final term to beat Sturt 17.11 to 11.12 at Norwood Oval.

Port deserved to win against the Bays despite having fewer kicks, marks, handballs, frees, hitouts or scoring shots.

However, the reporting of Phillips is a major setback.

He had his number taken by field umpires Laurie Argent and Daryl Schramm and goal umpire Roger Garrick.

Phillips was penalised for holding the ball late in the third term after a strong tackle by Chris McDermott.

He will plead his case before league commissioner Mr Brian Martin tomorrow night.

Vintage Port triumph

Some ominous signs are emerging from the powerful Port Adelaide camp.

It is developing into a brutal, ruthless bunch of players, totally committed to winning at all costs.

And it steadily is gaining momentum in its quest for the club's first premiership since 1981.

Port rarely lost the initiative in a hard-fought match against reigning premier Glenelg at Alberton Oval yesterday.

The Bays may have trailed by only two points at the start of the final term but Port always had their measure and thoroughly deserved the 13.12 to 9.19 victory.

The first term set up Port's win.

Kicking into a stiff breeze, the Magpies booted 4.2 to 2.5 and unsettled a few opponents with their vigorous attack on the ball.

It was vintage Port Adelaide stuff. Skill was carefully balanced with controlled aggression and it was quick to swoop on any Glenelg error.

The Bays tried to wrest control in the second and third terms and managed to add 4.12 to 4.5 in that time.

Some Glenelg fans would lament the lost opportunity for victory implied by 16 scoring shots to seven.

But it was the intense pressure being applied by Port defenders that sabotaged Glenelg's forward sorties.

And the pressure of the final term also suited Port's desperation play. With the game there to be won, the Magpies unearthed an almost fanatical desire to land the valuable premiership points.



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Leading the way were centre half-back Martin Leslie and centreman Stephen Curtis.

Their match statistics do not do justice to the way they burrowed into packs, used their bodies to advantage and frustrated their opponents.

Follower Bruce Abernethy was a powerful force on the ball and he made the most of every possession.

Captain Russell Johnston nullified Peter Carey's influence in ruck, Roger Delaney was exceptionally dependable at full back and Jon Simpson had a great duel with Mark Hewett on a wing.

George Fiacchi also turned in a great game from a back pocket. He did all the hard things and rarely put a foot wrong while Darren Smith also showed a return to form up forward.

The victory now has given Port a great chance of staying in the top three and securing the finals double-chance.

It is one game clear of Woodville and two of Glenelg.

It must do battle with Central and Norwood in the remaining minor round matches - with the Norwood match already looming as a spectacular confrontation.

Glenelg can be thankful West Adelaide had its colors lowered by Torrens at Thebarton yesterday.



Coaches comments

RUSSELL EBERT (Port): "The first quarter, when we outscored them into a four-goal breeze, set up the win. There were no outstanding players but that indicates it was a good team effort. Still, they can all improve."

GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg): "We lost by three goals but we were beaten by a team that played four quarters of good footy. Our effort and commitment were good but our use of the ball in the first quarter was most inefficient and that cost us dearly."



Had West won, it would have trailed Glenelg by only one game.

As it is, Glenelg now has two games plus a healthy advantage over West and WILL survive to fight the finals.

But it certainly has been going through the horrors since that solid win against league leader North on August 2.

It since has lost to South, Norwood and Port.

It would have to win its last two minor round games, and Port would have to lose both matches, to earn a double-chance.

That seems a remote possibility.

Glenelg must play West and Sturt in the next fortnight and must use the games to regain lost confidence.

The Bay forward line again faltered against the Magpies - although the return of Tony Hall and Alan Stringer should improve that area after they gain more match fitness.

Rover Chris McDermott again showed the way yes-

Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	17	3	0	2247	1660	57.51	34
NORWOOD	14	6	0	2300	1804	56.04	28
PORT	13	7	0	2040	1928	51.41	26
WOODVILLE	12	8	0	2039	2147	48.71	24
GLENELG	11	9	0	2304	1913	54.64	22
West	9	11	0	2149	2258	48.76	18
Torrens	8	12	0	1942	1895	50.61	16
Central	7	13	0	1973	2285	46.34	14
South	5	15	0	1625	2278	41.63	10
Sturt	4	16	0	1886	2337	44.66	8

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
J. Roberts (North)	20	3.2	91.40
R. Mandemaker (Central)	20	3.2	87.40
S. Nichols (Woodville)	20	2.1	83.40
J. Seabohm (Glenelg)	20	2.2	58.38
D. Smith (Port)	18	0.2	51.28
I. Willmott (Sturt)	15	1.2	51.28
D. Stoekel (South)	15	0.1	50.18
D. Twomey (West)	18	2.4	48.32

Alberton Oval

PORT	4.2	7.5	8.7	13.12	(90)
GLENELG	2.5	4.9	6.17	9.19	(73)

BEST — Port: Leslie, Curtis, Abernethy, Johnston, Delaney, Simpson, Fiacchi, D. Smith. Glenelg: McDermott, Marshall, Kernahan, Hewett, Carey, Maynard.

GOALS — Port: Ginever 2.1, Curtis 2.1, Phillips 2.1, Abernethy 2.0, Hynes 2.0, Simpson 2.0, Tylor 1.2, Borlase 0.3, D. Smith 0.2, Obst 0.1, rushed 0.1. Glenelg: Maynard 2.3, Kruse 2.2, Seabohm 2.2, Hewett 2.1, A. Stringer 1.0, Hall 0.2, Kidney 0.1, Gibbs 0.1, Marshall 0.1, McDermott 0.1, rushed 0.5.

INJURIES — Glenelg: Kruse (concussion) third term, Hodgeman (recurrence of abductor muscle) third term.

REPORTS — Port: Greg Phillips reported by goal umpire Roger Garrick and field umpires Laurie Argent and Daryl Schramm for allegedly kneeing Chris McDermott to the groin area with his left knee.

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent and Daryl Schramm.

Football Park

CENTRAL	4.9	8.11	13.13	15.15	(105)
WOODVILLE	1.1	2.4	6.10	13.15	(93)

BEST — Central: Braddy, Shields, Louder, Krieg, Flintoff, G. Thomas, Robertson, Allan, Lee. Woodville: Panizza, Fuller, McDonald, Rogers, Templeton, Parker, Harris, Schwarz.

GOALS — Central: Mandemaker 3.2, Robertson 3.2, Shields 2.3, Flintoff 2.2, Graham 2.1, Anderson 2.0, Roe 1.0, G. Thomas 0.2, Girdham 0.1, rushed 0.2. Woodville: Panizza 3.0, Williams 2.1, Nichols 2.1, Hughes 2.0, Harris 1.4, Templeton 1.2, Fuller 1.1, Toome 1.1, Haylock 0.1, Sewer 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Central: Van Dommele (strained medial ligament in left knee), Roe (knock to head).

WOODVILLE: Lunn (ankle).

UMPIRES — Ross Campbell and David Trembath.

Adelaide Oval

NORTH	4.7	8.11	18.18	22.25	(157)
SOUTH	0.2	2.3	3.4	3.6	(24)

BEST — North: Hart, A. Jarman, Riley, Carlaw, Sims, Redden. South: Brooksby, Schneeblechler, Kappler, Christie.

GOALS — North: Hart 6.1, Sims 3.2, Roberts 3.2, Carlaw 3.1, Bennett 2.3, Burton 2.4, D. Jarman 1.1, D. Sanders 1.1, A. Jarman 1.0, S. Riley 0.2, Redden 0.1, Clisby 0.1, Cowham 0.1, Parsons 0.1, rushed 0.4. South: Foster 3.2, Butler 0.1, Stoekel 0.1, Eddy 0.1, Bode 0.1.

UMPIRES — David Elliot and Neville Thorp.

Norwood Oval

NORWOOD	7.5	9.7	10.10	17.11	(113)
STURT	2.3	3.6	10.11	11.12	(78)

BEST — Norwood: Taylor, Payne, R. Maynard, Fosdike, McIntosh, Warhurst, Murdoch, Richardson, Kelly. Sturt: Whittlesea, Paynter, Ey, McCarthy, Field, Reynolds, Underwood.

GOALS — Norwood: Kelly 4.3, Ducker 3.1, Payne 2.1, R. Maynard 2.0, McNeil 1.1, Taylor 1.1, Thoney 1.1, Murdoch 1.0, B. Maynard 1.0, Sheedy 1.0, McIntosh 0.2, Rowe 0.1. Sturt: Paynter 2.1, Field 2.1, Whittlesea 1.2, Dlena 1.2, Willmott 1.2, Moscheni 1.1, Daish 1.0, Viney 1.0, Reynolds 1.0, Underwood 0.1, Richter 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear and Stephen Semmler.

Thebarton Oval

TORRENS	3.3	7.9	9.13	15.20	(110)
WEST	3.4	7.8	10.11	10.12	(72)

BEST — Torrens: Hanno, Payze, Edmonds, Fotia, Smith, McGrath, Taylor, Robson, Eichner, Weston. West: Woodhall, Malcolm, Shaw, McKinnon, Burgess.

GOALS — Torrens: Edmonds 4.3, Taylor 4.2, Dietrich 2.2, Hanna 1.1, C. Lindsay 1.1, Weston 1.1, Fotia 1.0, B. Lindsay 1.0, Morphett 0.1, Payze 0.1, Eichner 0.1, McGrath 0.1, Smith 0.1, Foote 0.1, rushed 0.4. West: Woodhall 5.1, Twomey 2.4, Lamb 1.3, Forster 1.0, Shaw 1.0, Mournay 0.1, Sporn 0.1, Grosse 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — Torrens: Eichner (slight concussion).

UMPIRES — Stephen Ardill and Kevin Chambers.

terday with his 14 kicks and 18 handballs.

David Marshall, David Kernahan, Mark Hewett, Peter Carey and Peter Maynard also turned in good efforts and gave as good as they got in every confrontation.

But the side has lost the surety and poise of earlier in the season. It was unable to counter the pressure ap-

plied by Port and was made to pay the price.

On its day, Glenelg can be a lethal outfit. But the form slump must be a worry to coach Graham Cornes and the Bay selectors.

Its hopes of defending back-to-back premierships would be severely dented should it have to start the finals campaign from fifth or fourth position.



Umpire Laurie Argent reports Phillips as McDermott lies on the ground. Picture: Kevin Bull