

SMITH FACES STRIKING CHARGE

By Ashley Porter

Port Adelaide full forward and State squad member Darren Smith tomorrow night will face the tribunal after being reported for allegedly striking during the clash with Norwood.

This was one of two reports in a day of dramas which included an upset victory by West Torrens over league leader Central District, and a number of players suffering serious injuries.

Round four saw:

● Smith, who kicked six goals, reported by field umpire John Hylton for allegedly striking Norwood's Michael Taylor with a clenched right fist during an altercation in the third quarter;

● Adrian Moscheni (Sturt) reported for allegedly using an obscene gesture towards field umpire Colin Ricketts during the last quarter;

● West full forward Glenn Goss suffer damage to his right knee. He will see a specialist tomorrow, but early signs were not encouraging;

● West follower Des Herbert carried off by trainers with a sprained right ankle which could force him out for three weeks;



Darren Smith

● South ruckman David Baker may have broken an arm. He will have X-rays today or tomorrow;

● Sturt forward David Wark spent last night in Royal Adelaide Hospital with concussion;

● Torrens rover Kevin Taylor fracture ribs which could see him miss at least two matches.

He will have X-rays today

or tomorrow to assess whether he has done any other internal damage.

But the great news for Eagles fans was the magnificent 35 point victory over the Bulldogs at Thebarton.

The win pushed them into the top five.

And one of the heroes for Torrens was full forward Grenville Dietrich who booted six goals.

Central still hangs on to top spot on percentage over Norwood and North Adelaide.

Unimpressed

Port has slumped to fourth after losing to arch rival Norwood in a tough contest at Alberton.

Port coach Russell Ebert was far from impressed, claiming his players may have read too many newspapers which said how good they were.

"They have to realise things won't just happen, they have to make them happen," he said.

Norwood won by six points despite missing Neville Roberts, John Hall, Tom Warhurst, and Rick Neagle with injuries.

They are expected to be available within two weeks.

Bays' beat Blues, rain and umps

Glenelg and Sturt turned on a sensational display of desperate, courageous football at league headquarters yesterday.

This was despite playing in wet, windy conditions and the umpiring of Colin Ricketts and Laurie Argent.

Glenelg was best able to play to the innovative interpretation of the rules and was rewarded with a 16.15 (111) to 14.8 (92) victory.

The Bays' ability to keep calm and perform under pressure was the telling factor against a determined opponent.

Sturt battled gamely and refused to submit without a fight.

The Blues ran, chased, tackled and spoiled, but the players' abundant enthusiasm was not enough to overcome a Glenelg line-up that oozed poise and confidence.

"It was a terrific game of footy, which was surprising given the conditions," said Glenelg coach, Graham Cornes.

"They (Sturt) kept coming at us and always looked threatening.

"It was an entertaining game of footy and an exciting last quarter, but we were able to steady."

Captain Peter Carey, in his 397th league game with Glenelg, was an outstanding contributor in ruck, where he so often was able to palm the ball down the throat of one of his running teammates.

And rover Kym Hodgeman was



Lawrie McCauley

able to capitalise on that first use of the ball by driving the Tigers goalward many times.

Glenelg struck a fine balance in attack with Craig Budarick (four), John Seebohm (three) and Craig Woodlands (three) all getting among the goals.

In defence, Ross Gibbs again epitomised the cool, calm approach Glenelg has in tight situations and full back Mark Donovan put in a controlled effort against Ian Willmott.

David Kernahan on a wing and follower Chris McDermott also worked tirelessly.

The most pleasing aspect of Sturt's game was that the players combined well as a team and worked hard to try and establish a free-running game.

Its endeavor was good but it lacked drive from across half-back and it could not match Glenelg's superior cohesion and method.

But the Blues are starting to get their act together.

Robbert Klomp was a steadying influence at centre half forward and youngsters Carl Dilena, Robert Veale, Scott Field and Damian Kitschke are starting to show more maturity.

Dilena, 20, has exceptional pace, sure hands and is progressing from the experience gained in 24 league games.

Follower John Paynter and defender David Ey also showed good touch.

Sturt is rebuilding its side, with a lot of youngsters being asked to perform at their peak each week to cover the high injury list victims.

And wingman David Wark was added to that list yesterday when he suffered slight concussion during the second term.

He was expected to spend last night at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

And more ill-fortune came Sturt's way when versatile Adrian Moscheni was reported by field umpire Colin Ricketts for allegedly "using an obscene gesture" during the final term.

Both umpires also copped a lot of abuse off the ground from the spectators.

They were too inconsistent and often frustrated and confused the players and supporters with their decisions.

But that's football. When two sides turn on such a good style of game, you have to have someone to yell at - and Ricketts and Argent certainly filled that void yesterday.

Premiership table

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
Central	3	1	460	370	55.42	6
Norwood	3	1	480	396	54.79	6
North	3	1	447	372	54.58	6
Port	2	2	459	377	54.90	4
Torrens	2	2	416	359	53.68	4
Glenelg	2	2	512	467	52.30	4
Woodville	2	2	447	459	49.34	4
Sturt	1	3	426	544	43.92	2
West	1	3	414	551	42.90	2
South	1	3	309	475	39.41	2

Leading Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
D. Smith (Port)	4	6.1	24.5
Mandemaker (Central)	4	3.3	21.0
Roberts (North)	4	4.3	20.12
Seebohm (Glenelg)	4	3.2	18.4
Nichols (Woodville)	4	2.1	17.6
Stasinowsky (South)	4	2.2	12.8
Woodlands (Glenelg)	4	3.1	12.8

Football Park

GLENELG	4.3	7.8	11.12	16.15	(111)
STURT	3.3	4.6	9.6	14.8	(92)

BEST— Glenelg: Carey, Hodgeman, Gibbs, Kernahan, Donovan, McDermott, Murphy. Sturt: Klomp, Dilena, Veale, Field, Paynter, Ey, Kitschke.

GOALS— Glenelg: Budarick 4.3, Seebohm 3.2, Woodlands 3.1, Maynard 2.0, McDermott 1.1, Marshall 1.1, Kidney 1.1, Hodgeman 1.1, Russell 0.1, Salisbury 0.1, rushed 0.3. Sturt: Kitschke 3.1, Willmott 3.0, Whittlesea 2.1, Dilena 1.2, Reynolds 1.1, Paynter 1.1, Field 1.1, Wark 1.0, Veale 1.0, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — Sturt: David Wark slight concussion during second term.

REPORTS — Sturt: Adrian Moscheni for allegedly "using an obscene gesture" towards field umpire Colin Ricketts during the final term.

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent and Colin Ricketts.

Adelaide Oval

WEST	4.4	9.9	9.14	14.18	(102)
SOUTH	2.3	3.5	6.9	10.12	(72)

BEST— West: McKinnon, Sporn, Bennett, Burgess, Belton, Twomey, Grosser. South: Kappler, Butler, Bennett, Brooksby, Baker, Hewitt.

GOALS— West: Twomey 4.3, Sporn 2.3, Johnson 2.2, Bennett 2.0, Lamb 1.1, Burgess 1.1, Herbert 1.0, McKinnon 1.0, Larkins 0.3, Harbinson 0.1, Belton 0.1, Ryan 0.1, rushed 0.2. South: Stoeckel 2.3, Stasinowski 2.2, Schneebichler 2.1, Fairclough 1.2, Pitman 1.0, Eddy 1.0, Valente 1.0, Hampel 0.1, Kappler 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — West: Herbert (sprained ankle), Goss (knee). SOUTH: Baker (arm).

UMPIRES — Graham Hilton and David Trembath.

Alberton Oval

NORWOOD	3.0	5.2	9.3	13.6	(84)
PORT	2.4	6.5	8.11	11.12	(78)

BEST— Norwood: Helyar, Taylor, Scanlon, Fosdike, Connelly, Rowe. Port: Curtis, Leslie, Errey, R. Smith, D. Smith, Ginever.

GOALS— Norwood: Pyke 4.0, McNeil 2.1, Richardson 2.0, Rowe 1.3, Kelly 1.1, Aish 1.0, Payne 1.0, Scanlon 1.0, Murdoch 0.1. Port: D. Smith 6.1, R. Smith 2.2, Ginever 1.1, Phillips 1.0, Phillips 1.0, Curtis 0.2, Harrison 0.1, Anderson 0.1, Abernethy 0.1, Fiacchi 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Norwood: Neave (concussion).

REPORT — Port: D. Smith for allegedly striking M. Taylor (Norwood) by field umpire John Hylton.

UMPIRES — Michael Abbott, John Hylton.

Thebarton Oval

TORRENS	2.4	6.4	12.9	16.10	(106)
CENTRAL	1.3	5.4	5.9	10.11	(71)

BEST— Torrens: B. Lindsay, Weston, Dietrich, C. Lindsay, Morphett, Christensen, Harper, Enright, Geyer. Central: Bubner, Graham, Braddy, Moulds, Prior, G. Thomas.

GOALS— Torrens: Dietrich 6.2, C. Lindsay 3.1, B. Lindsay 2.1, McGrath 2.0, Payne 1.2, Hodson 1.0, Eichner 1.0, Christensen 0.1, Eyles 0.1, rushed 0.2. Central: Bubner 4.3, Mandemaker 3.3, Beythien 1.1, Shields 1.0, Anderson 1.0, McGrath 0.2, Lolly 0.2, J. Thomas 0.1.

INJURIES — Torrens: Taylor (fractured rib).

UMPIRES — Ross Campbell, Stephen Semmler.

Woodville Oval

NORTH	4.7	10.13	14.18	17.21	(123)
WOODVILLE	2.2	5.3	7.5	12.8	(80)

BEST— North: Carlaw, D. Jarman, Parsons, Arnold, A. Jarman, Tiller, Clisby, Hart, Roberts. Woodville: Panizza, Lunn, Parker, Libbis, Jolly, Schwarz.

GOALS— North: Roberts 4.3, Carlaw 4.1, D. Jarman 3.2, Tiller 2.1, Arnold 2.1, Burton 1.3, White 1.2, Hart 0.1, Parsons 0.1, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.5. Woodville: Taylor 3.0, Nichols 2.1, Jolly 2.1, Sewer 2.0, Negri 2.0, Panizza 1.1, O'Dwyer 0.1, rushed 0.4.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear and Darryl Schramm.

Crowds

Football Park	7,033
Adelaide Oval	2,705
Alberton Oval	9,148
Thebarton Oval	5,018
Woodville Oval	3,714
Total	27,618

Next round

SATURDAY MAY 9	
W'ville v Glenelg (Football Park)	
South v Central (Adelaide)	
Norwood v West (Norwood)	
Torrens v Sturt (Thebarton)	
North v Port (Prospect)	

GLENELG	KICKS										M		H/B	FREES		GLS	BHS	H/O
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	M	H/B	FOR	AG	GLS	BHS	H/O	
WOODLANDS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
SEEBOHM	3	2	1	1	7	5	4	1	2	3								
KIDNEY	3	2	1	1	5	1	2	1	1	1								
BUDARICK	2	2	5	1	10	6	3	2	1	4								
RUSSELL	2	1	1	4	8	4	5	1	3	3								
MAYNARD	4	2	3	6	15	3	10	2	2	2								
KERNAHAN	6	6	3	5	20	8	7	5	2									
SALISBURY	3	5	2	1	11	2	11		2									
MARSHALL	2	7	1	2	12	3	6	1	4	1								
GRENVOLO	1	2	2	5	5	9	2											
MURPHY	4	3	2	3	12	3	7	4	3									
W. STRINGER	2	3		5	5	9	1	3										
GIBBS	3	5	8	4	20	3	1	3										
DONOVAN	2	3		3	8	3	6											
WEST	1	1			2	1	1	1	1								2	
CAREY	2	3	1	2	8	5	15		1								33	
MCDERMOTT	4	2	5	7	18	6	7	1	4	1							1	
HODGEMAN	5	9	4	3	21	5	5		1	1							1	
MCCARTHY					5	5	10	3	2									
A. STRINGER					4	4	4	3	1									
RUSHED																	3	
TOTAL	50	60	50	58	218	81	128	27	35	16							40	

STURT	KICKS										M		H/B	FREES		GLS	BHS	H/O
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	M	H/B	FOR	AG	GLS	BHS	H/O	
KITSCHKE	1	1	5	2	9	7	9	1	5	2							10	
WILLMOTT	—	—	1	2	3	1	5	2	1	3								
FIELD	5	1	2	3	11	5	6	2	1	1								
BENSON	4	3	1	—	8	4	2	1	2									
KLOMP	3	3	1	2	9	5	9	1	6								2	
VEALE	5	3	6	1	15	3	1	3										
WARK	2	5	—	—	7	5	5											
WHITTLESEA	3	3	2	3	11	1	6	3									1	
RUSSELL	—	2	4	4	10	3	7	2	3									
MOSCHENI	5	4	2	3	14	—	4	3	1									
MCCARTHY	5	1	1	5	12	6	7	2	1								1	
UNDERWOOD	3	2	4	5	14	4	4	1	1									
EY	1	2	2	6	11	4	8	4	2									
REID	—																	