

### Premiership table

|           | W  | L  | D | F    | A    | %     | Pts |
|-----------|----|----|---|------|------|-------|-----|
| CENTRAL   | 14 | 5  | 1 | 2396 | 1751 | 57.78 | 29  |
| PORT      | 14 | 6  | 0 | 2247 | 1799 | 55.54 | 28  |
| NORWOOD   | 13 | 7  | 0 | 2251 | 1656 | 57.61 | 26  |
| GLENELG   | 12 | 8  | 0 | 2208 | 1684 | 56.73 | 24  |
| STURT     | 12 | 8  | 0 | 2253 | 2052 | 52.33 | 24  |
| North     | 11 | 8  | 1 | 2017 | 1789 | 53.00 | 23  |
| Woodville | 8  | 12 | 0 | 2138 | 2368 | 47.45 | 16  |
| West      | 7  | 13 | 0 | 1876 | 2218 | 45.82 | 14  |
| Torrens   | 7  | 13 | 0 | 1780 | 2265 | 44.00 | 14  |
| South     | 1  | 19 | 0 | 1371 | 2955 | 31.69 | 2   |

### Football Park

|       |     |      |       |       |       |
|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| NORTH | 7.4 | 10.6 | 13.10 | 16.14 | (110) |
| SOUTH | 1.2 | 1.3  | 8.5   | 16.6  | (102) |

**BEST—** NORTH: Roe, A. Jarman, Klomp, D. Jarman, Bennett, Burton, Arnold. SOUTH: Dewhurst, Brooksby, Butler, Kappler, Baker, Jarvis.

**GOALS—** NORTH: Roe 4.2, Burton 4.1, D. Jarman 2.0, Hamilton 1.2, Roberts 1.1, Barratt 1.1, Simmons 1.1, Sims 1.1, Sanders 1.0, Klomp 0.1, Kupsch 0.1, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.2. SOUTH: Dewhurst 3.0, Butler 3.0, Copping 2.2, Hampel 2.0, Schmid 2.0, Whitford 1.1, Kappler 1.1, Valente 1.0, Aitken 1.0, Honor 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPORTS** — Rodney Tatterson (South) by field umpire M. Cuzzocrea for allegedly striking an unnamed North Adelaide player with the right forearm to the head in the third term.

### Football Park

|         |     |      |       |       |       |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| PORT    | 7.1 | 7.4  | 9.7   | 16.9  | (105) |
| GLENELG | 2.4 | 10.9 | 13.13 | 14.18 | (102) |

**BEST—** PORT: Leslie, Williams, Ginever, Smith, Foster, Phillips, Delaney. GLENELG: McDermott, Marshall, Carey, Maynard, Chigwidden, Grenvold, W. Stringer, A. Stringer.

**GOALS—** PORT: Ginever 3.0, Harvey 3.0, Hodges 2.1, Smith 2.0, O'Brien 1.2, Foster 1.0, Williams 1.0, Mahney 1.0, Tylor 1.0, Kerr 1.0, Simpson 0.1, Hynes 0.1, rushed 0.4. GLENELG: Maynard 3.2, Chigwidden 3.0, Marshall 2.3, Hodgeman 2.2, Melican 2.0, Carey 1.2, Christie 1.0, Schneebechler 0.3, Winton 0.1, McDermott 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**INJURIES** — PORT: John Harvey (sprained ankle).  
**UMPIRES** — Ross Campbell and David Weston.

### Adelaide Oval

|           |     |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| WOODVILLE | 8.3 | 13.10 | 17.14 | 22.16 | (148) |
| CENTRAL   | 4.2 | 7.4   | 15.6  | 16.12 | (108) |

**BEST—** WOODVILLE: Negri, Klug, McDonald, Harris, Dettmann, Panizza, Champion, Nichols. CENTRAL: McAdam, van Dommele, Lally, Sullivan, Kickett.

**GOALS—** WOODVILLE: Nichols 6.2, Klug 5.3, Harper 3.5, Panizza 3.0, Harris 2.3, Cox 2.1, Parsons 1.0, Jolly 0.1, Negri 0.1. CENTRAL: Mandemaker 5.3, Graham 2.3, Kickett 2.1, McAdam 2.1, Lally 2.0, Chaplin 1.2, Girdham 1.0, Handley 1.0, Allan 0.1, rushed 0.1.

**REPORTS** — I. Dettmann (Woodville) by field umpire David Schultz and boundary umpire Darren Sheppard for allegedly striking Central District forward Roger Girdham in the last quarter.

### Norwood Oval

|         |     |      |       |       |       |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| NORWOOD | 5.5 | 9.8  | 16.15 | 20.18 | (138) |
| STURT   | 2.4 | 2.10 | 6.14  | 10.17 | (77)  |

**BEST—** NORWOOD: R. Maynard, Rowe, McIntosh, Pettitt, McNeil, Ducker, Kelly, Hall, Francis. STURT: McWilliam, Dilena, K. Russell.

**GOALS—** NORWOOD: R. Maynard 5.3, McNeil 4.2, Ducker 3.1, Rowe 2.2, Pettitt 2.0, Anderson 1.2, Hall 1.1, Balme 1.1, Van der Meer 1.0, Francis 0.3, Scanlon 0.1, Fosdike 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Schache 2.2, Wark 2.2, Paynter 1.3, Dilena 1.2, Ey 1.2, K. Russell 1.1, Field 1.0, Kitschke 1.0, K. Russell 0.1, McGown 0.1, Underwood 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**INJURIES** — NORWOOD: Aish (dislocated finger).  
**REPORTS** — Welsby (Sturt) by field umpire Kinnear for striking Francis (Norwood) with a fist to the head during the last quarter.

### Richmond Oval

|         |     |     |      |       |       |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|
| WEST    | 3.2 | 7.6 | 14.6 | 18.8  | (116) |
| TORRENS | 1.4 | 4.7 | 8.9  | 13.12 | (90)  |

**BEST—** WEST: Fielke, Sporn, Shaw, Burgess, Lamb, McKinnon, Larkins. TORRENS: Enright, Long, Clarke, Hanna, Edmonds.

**GOALS—** WEST: Kreuter 5.1, Lamb 3.1, James 3.0, Grosser 2.0, Sporn 2.0, Shaw 1.3, McKinnon 1.1, Miller 1.0, rushed 0.2. TORRENS: Hanna 5.3, Werner 3.2, Long 2.2, Hodson 2.0, Edmonds 1.2, Spiel 0.1, Clark 0.1, Payze 0.1.

### Leading goalkickers

|                         | Games | Y'day | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| S. Nichols (Woodville)  | 18    | 6.2   | 90.31 |
| J. Roberts (North)      | 20    | 1.1   | 79.41 |
| S. Hodges (Port)        | 19    | 2.1   | 60.28 |
| L. Schache (Sturt)      | 20    | 2.2   | 53.21 |
| R. Mandemaker (Central) | 15    | 5.3   | 51.25 |
| I. Willmott (Sturt)     | 11    | —     | 47.20 |
| D. Smith (Port)         | 20    | 2.0   | 46.19 |
| R. Maynard (Norwood)    | 20    | 5.3   | 43.19 |
| J. Klug (Woodville)     | 18    | 5.3   | 39.20 |
| D. Payne (Norwood)      | 15    | —     | 38.20 |
| I. Hanna (Torrens)      | 20    | 5.3   | 37.24 |
| D. Kickett (Central)    | 16    | 2.1   | 37.23 |

# MAGPIES MAKE IT

By ASHLEY PORTER

## And now four must fight on

### Fantastic end to minor round

Then there were four... Port Adelaide joined Central District as the only teams guaranteed places in the major series with a courageous three-point victory over Glenelg before 21,382 fans at Football Park.

And while they battle for top spot at Alberton this week, the other hopefuls — Norwood, Glenelg, Sturt and North Adelaide — will continue their cut-throat battle for the remaining three finals berths with only two minor series remaining.

Norwood, which strengthened its claims with a powerful 61-point win over Sturt, must beat either North at Prospect on Saturday or Port at Football Park in the last round to secure its berth.

Glenelg plays West Adelaide at Football Park and Sturt at the Bay, while Sturt meets South Adelaide at Adelaide Oval this week.

But among all the theories and predictions, the top five could only change should North beat either Norwood, or Woodville at Football Park. It has developed into a fantastic finish to the minor series and fans have once again displayed their overwhelming support for the local competition.

There is every possibility North may have to win both its remaining games to make the finals, and on yesterday's effort, an unimpressive eight-point victory over South Adelaide, it may struggle.

The clash with Norwood won't be easy, neither will the Woodville showdown, especially after the Warriors

beat Central by 40 points at Adelaide Oval.

This remarkable effort by Woodville, its fourth victory in five weeks, may have cost the Bulldogs the minor premiership as their remaining games are against Port and West Torrens. Torrens slumped to ninth spot after losing to West Adelaide by 26 points at Richmond.

And while the teams fight desperately, Woodville ace Stephen Nichols may have secured the Ken Farmer Medal and needs 10 goals to reach the magical goal barrier.

He kicked 6.2 yesterday to take his tally to 90.31, and leads North's John Roberts, who won the Medal last year, by 15 goals after he kicked only 1.1 against South.

Norwood follower Michael Aish had his left small finger dislocated minutes before half-time against Sturt but was able to complete the match and will play this week.

# Gutsy Magpies' 'minor miracle'

By LEO SCHLINK

Inspired Port Adelaide further enhanced its finals chances with a nail-biting three-point win over Glenelg at Football Park yesterday.

Port's courageous triumph was as remarkable as it was surprising, given its tenuous claim to success at three-quarter time.

Trailing by five goals, Port, in the words of ecstatic coach John Cahill, dug deep into its reserves and emerged triumphant, against a tide of Glenelg resistance.

It was something about the Port guernsey, he said, which made this proud, successful club perform the sort of minor miracles it is quite clearly capable of.

In scenes reminiscent of a finals achievement, Port was lauded from the field by the crowd of 21,382, which watched almost spell-bound as burly defender Greg Phillips hoisted tiny rover Tim Ginever shoulder high.

It was an intoxicating finale to a week of high drama for Alberton Oval's finest, and a magnificent accomplishment in the face of adversity.

Without suspended captain Russell Johnston, who did not take part in the pre-game warm-up but sat on the coach's bench, and damaging follower Bruce Abernethy, suffering from sore ribs, Port's cause was almost hopeless with just 30 minutes to play.

With life seemingly fading quickly from its bruised and battered flanks, Port mounted one last, absorbing challenge against Glenelg.

First maligned centre half-forward Darren Smith and then fleet-footed interchange Roger Kerr ignited the Magpies. A Port charge was imminent, but then busy Nick Chigwidden swooped to temporarily stun Port.

The traces of victory, however, became clearer with each minute.

Fittingly, Stephen Williams, committed, decisive and skilful, sparked the juggernaut. Constructive and relentless from the opening minute until game's end, Williams cranked an engine Glenelg ultimately could not counter.

Bombarding the northern end, which had given up only five of the 22 goals scored until three-quarter time, Port, with tigerish Wayne Mahney and Mark Tylor contributing, snatched the lead when Ginever scored a point 15 minutes into the final term.

Wasting a welter of chances, Glenelg scored three behinds in a frenetic four-minute period. Suddenly, it realised the game was slipping from its grasp.

In the final analysis, and because of a tremendous mark and goal from goalsneak Scott Hodges, Graham Cornes's men were never allowed another chance.

Finally acknowledging the peril it faced, Glenelg began to run and chase with more intensity. But it was all too late.

Trailing by four points, Glenelg hovered dangerously close to goal. But all it could manage was a rushed point.

Victory was a tremendous reward for Port's admirable spirit. Embodying its determination was Martin Leslie who again was superb in defence.



SCREAMER... Glenelg's Dennis Russell towers above the pack to take a strong mark against Port Adelaide.

Allied to Phillips's bludgeoning presence and Greg Boyd's calm resolve, Leslie was outstanding. Creating chances and defending stoutly, he repeatedly hit and hurt Glenelg.

Deeper in defence lurked Roger Delaney and Geoff Phelps who blocked and tackled with varying degrees of success.

Port's defence was the cornerstone of its triumph. It furnished its forwards with many opportunities and, in the end, was rewarded.

Glenelg, however, was a victim once more of a misplaced sense of invincibility.

It had done well, extremely well, to convert an ominous first quarter trend, when it looked slow and less-than-enthusiastic, into a half-time lead.

The Bays merit-filled second and third terms belied its lazy, complacent, self-indulgent opening to a critical fourth quarter. With few clear exceptions, it could not have realised the repercussions of its indolence, even if it did lose by just three points.

Magarey Medal favorite Chris McDermott again stamped his influence on the game with another brilliant display.

David Marshall, Peter Carey, whose participation in the final quarter was diminished by his permanent station in the forward pocket, David Grenvold, Nick Chigwidden and Peter Maynard formed a band of honest contributors.

Ultimately, however, Glenelg could not successfully cope with one of football's overused words. Quite simply, it was beaten by tradition.



THAT GREAT MAGPIE TRADITION... ecstatic Port players celebrate their courageous fightback against Glenelg. Pictures by: ALEX MASSEY, BARRY O'BRIEN AND NEON MARTIN