

Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	12	1	0	1568	961	62.00	24
PORT	11	2	0	1616	1098	59.54	22
TORRENS	8	5	0	1289	1290	49.98	16
CENTRAL	8	5	0	1327	1354	49.50	16
GLENELG	6	7	0	1183	1308	47.10	12
West	5	8	0	1267	1355	48.32	10
Woodville	5	8	0	1180	1354	46.57	10
Norwood	4	9	0	1231	1323	48.20	8
Sturt	3	10	0	1083	1284	45.98	6
South	3	10	0	1049	1458	41.84	6

Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
R. Mandemaker (Central)	13	5.2	61.33
S. Hodges (Port)	13	5.4	53.42
C. Lindsay (Torrens)	13	6.2	47.13
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	10	3.0	42.36
J. West (Glenelg)	13	3.2	38.12
P. Harper (Woodville)	13	3.1	36.8
I. Willmott (Sturt)	11	2.3	36.18
S. Tasker (North)	13	5.1	36.21
P. Bennett (North)	13	4.2	32.20
R. Smith (Port)	13	0.1	30.13

Football Park

Torrens	2.4	10.9	10.11	14.14	(98)
West	0.3	3.5	6.8	10.9	(69)

BEST — TORRENS: Clarke, Neave, Morphett, Athanasiou, Harper, Spiel, C. Lindsay, Geyer.
WEST: Shaw, Bayes, P. Winter, Cordy, O'Donohue.

GOALS — TORRENS: C. Lindsay 6.2, Neave 4.0, Morphett 2.0, Eichner 1.1, Payze 1.0, Geyer, M. Hannam 0.2, McGrath, Robson 0.1, rushed 0.5.
WEST: Miller 2.2, Bayes, Twomey 2.1, Cordy 2.0, Denneman, Shaw 1.0, Lamb 0.2, Edwards 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — WEST: Burgess (Hamstring).

UMPIRES — David Elliott, Graeme Schutz.

Adelaide Oval

Central	4.1	11.8	14.13	17.17	(119)
Woodville	6.2	7.3	10.7	14.8	(92)

BEST — CENTRAL: Lee, Schwerdt, Graham, Krieg, Gilbert McAdam, Chaplin, Sullivan, Mandemaker.
WOODVILLE: Parsons, Jacquier, Haylock, Dettmann, Templeton.

GOALS — CENTRAL: Mandemaker 5.2, Graham 3.2, Krieg 2.1, Gilbert McAdam 2.0, Ingerson 1.2, Chaplin, Hocking 1.1, Jonas, Smith 1.0, Coffee, Bubner, Girdham, Schwerdt 0.1, rushed 0.4.
WOODVILLE: Harper 3.1, Jakovich 3.0, Harris 2.0, Haylock, Klug 1.1, Jacquier, Templeton, Newton, Cronan 1.0, Fuller 0.2, McDonald 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — CENTRAL: Braddy (dislocated finger).

UMPIRES — Mark Mackie, Colin Ricketts.

Prospect Oval

North	9.6	10.10	14.14	21.20	(146)
South	0.0	3.4	3.7	5.9	(39)

BEST — NORTH: A. Jarman, Sims, D. Jarman, Redden, Bennett, Carlaw, Arnold, Craig, Clisby, Smart, Riley, Burton.
SOUTH: none qualified.

GOALS — NORTH: Tasker 5.1, Sims 4.3, Bennett 4.2, Smart 3.2, Kupsch 2.1, D. Jarman, Clisby, Craig 1.0, Burton 0.3, Trenorden, A. Jarman 0.2, Sanders, Tiller 0.1, rushed 0.2.
SOUTH: Bickley 1.4, Woodlands 1.1, Mitton, Tatterson, Renfrey 1.0, Winton 0.2, Gatti, Merchant 0.1.

UMPIRES — Randall Deverson, Neville Thorp.

Tigers fish for top five berth

By ASHLEY PORTER

At last! The big fish is finally jumping at the Bay again with Glenelg in the top five for the first time this season.

After wallowing in shallow water with indifferent form, the grand finalist replaced West Adelaide which continued its shocking run by losing to West Torrens by 29 points, its eighth loss in nine weeks.

But the Tigers did it the hard way, shaking off Sturt against the wind in the last quarter to win by 20 points.

Next week Glenelg has the chance to cement its place in the five when it takes on Woodville, beaten by Central District yesterday by 27 points.

Torrens and Central cemented their places in the five with convincing wins.

And top-of-the-ladder North Adelaide bounced back from its first loss of the season last week, annihilating South Adelaide by 87 points.

Then there was poor Norwood. A

disappointing crowd of 9625 expected it to offer a contest to Port Adelaide, but was stunned badly with a 74-point loss.

This forced Norwood to slip further behind in the race for the final five and it now faces a herculean task of maintaining its magnificent record of not missing the finals since 1972.

The Redlegs are two victories behind fifth-ranked Glenelg, but if the team is worthy of a finals berth, it can do it — Norwood plays every other side in its remaining nine matches.

Bays back on the finals trail

Perennial grand finalist Glenelg yesterday stormed into the top five for the first time this season with a 20-point win over Sturt at Glenelg Oval.

The Tigers are now a game clear of West Adelaide whose improbable and brittle grasp on fifth place was finally loosened with its loss — its eighth defeat in its past nine matches — to West Torrens at Football Park yesterday.

But Glenelg's victory was soured somewhat by the reports of former State players James West, a surprise booking during the league match, and Tony Symonds in the reserves encounter at Unley Oval.

Glenelg's sixth triumph this season came against overwhelming odds and a strong final-quarter breeze, which was expected to carry Sturt to success after the Blues' fine third quarter.

But once more Sturt frustratingly managed to pluck defeat from the jaws of victory.

After courageously edging to a two-point advantage 21 minutes into the third quarter, and boosted by the prospect of finishing with a five-goal northerly wind, Sturt had no answers when it mattered most.

After allowing Glenelg to move to a 14-point three-quarter time margin, Sturt closed to within 10 points four minutes into the last quarter.

It should have been in front.

Scott Field, one of the Blues' more reliable kicks, missed on the run. Shane Radbone hit the post and full forward Ian Willmott missed a relatively simple set shot from just 30m.

Then, in an incident that seemed to rip all the resistance from Sturt, Peter



LEO SCHLINK reports

Maynard was awarded a goal, despite the clear impression his snapsot from the forward pocket hit the goalpost.

The sight of five angry Blues' defenders remonstrating with the goal umpire only seemed to confirm the thought the ball had made contact with the woodwork.

The game was still there to be won, however, and Glenelg, with its marvelous professionalism, was smart enough and determined enough to win it.

West marked and goaled after an unfortunate midfield error by Adrian Moscheni, who had been a fine defender for the Blues, before Alan Bartlett, resuming from a six-week suspension, ran into an open goal. Sturt was still in with a chance only a minute later but Willmott's set shot from 40m was again plagued by uncustomary inaccuracy.

With the spirit draining from Sturt, clever David Marshall capped a wonderful display with a superb goal from the north-eastern pocket before Blues ruckman David Reynolds pulled one back for the visitors.

It was all too late, of course, and Sturt was left to reflect on yet another match that had got away and its 10th loss in 13 matches.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes was justifiably satisfied at what had transpired.

Ruckman Chris Melican gave Glenelg a tremendous start and, although the Bays' quarter-time 20-

Graham Cornes said:

"It was a great last quarter. That wind was really strong and we were looking down the barrel.

Rick Davies said:

"It is the same old story. Three quarters does not win a game of footy, does it?"

point lead was turned around to a six-point half-time deficit, it always appeared more flexible, more likely to break away.

Captain Chris McDermott, Marshall, rover Kym Hodgeman and Peter Maynard had enough of the ball to torment Sturt's runners, although Robert Veale, captain and Magarey Medallist Greg Whittlesea and vice-captain John Paynter more than held their own.

Both defences appeared evenly-matched, Glenelg's well-led by Chris Duthy and John Seeborn, Sturt's equally well-marshalled by Kym Russell, Peter Reid and Moscheni.

The difference was Glenelg's stronger and deeper range of attacking options. Sturt, without Damian Kitschke, ultimately could not compete with the Tiger duo of West and Bartlett.

The Bays are back and, as Cornes said, it is now a matter of winning matches. If it continues to play with the same conviction and form, Glenelg will win more than it will lose.

Glenelg Oval

Glenelg	4.5	5.6	9.15	13.16	(94)
Sturt	1.3	6.6	8.8	10.14	(74)

BEST — GLENELG: Melican, Marshall, McDermott, Hodgeman, Duthy, Bow, West.
STURT: Veale, Paynter, K. Russell, Whittlesea, S. Russell, Reynolds.

GOALS — GLENELG: West 3.2, Gibbs, Hodgeman 2.1, McDermott 2.0, Maynard 1.2, Marshall, Chigwidden, Bartlett 1.1, Deane 0.2, Budarick, Hewett 0.1, rushed 0.3.
STURT: Willmott 2.3, Radbone 2.2, Reynolds 2.0, S. Russell, Paynter, Ey 1.1, Lienert 1.0, Whittlesea, Oatey, Field 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — STURT: Richter (hip).

REPORTS — GLENELG: Jim West by field umpire Craig Doddridge and boundary umpire Mark Wade for allegedly striking Jamie McPhee (Sturt) with a right elbow to the left side of the face during the third quarter.

UMPIRES — Rick Kinnear, Craig Doddridge.

Alberton Oval

Port	8.6	13.9	15.15	20.18	(138)
Norwood	1.1	4.3	8.3	10.4	(64)

BEST — PORT: S. Williams, Brown, Delaney, Tregenza, D. Smith, Northeast, Johnston, Phillips.
NORWOOD: Aish, Ross, Startski, Scanlon.

GOALS — PORT: Hodges 5.4, Brown, D. Smith 3.2, S. Williams 3.0, Ginever 2.0, Tregenza 1.2, Hutton, Hynes, Mahney 1.0, Settre 0.3, R. Smith, Northeast 0.1, rushed 0.3.
NORWOOD: Aish 5.2, Ducker 1.1, Thomas, Maynard, Francis, Muster 1.0, Scanlon 0.1

UMPIRES — Michael Abbott, Laurie Argent.

Crowds

Football Park	4427
Adelaide	3247
Glenelg	5517
Alberton	9625
Prospect	2912
Total	25,728