

### Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
NORTH	13	1	0	1743	1012	63.27	26
PORT	12	2	0	1762	1152	60.47	24
CENTRAL	8	6	0	1381	1500	47.93	16
TORRENS	8	6	0	1340	1465	47.77	16
GLENELG	7	7	0	1245	1387	47.30	14
Norwood	5	9	0	1386	1406	49.64	10
West	5	9	0	1350	1510	47.20	10
Woodville	5	9	0	1261	1436	46.76	10
South	4	10	0	1152	1554	42.57	8
Sturt	3	11	0	1189	1387	46.16	6

### Goalkickers

	Games	Y'day	Total
R. Mandemaker (Central)	14	2.5	63.38
S. Hodges (Port)	14	0.2	53.44
C. Lindsay (Torrens)	14	1.1	48.14
A. Jakovich (Woodville)	11	—	42.36
S. Tasker (North)	14	4.0	40.21
J. West (Glenelg)	14	2.4	40.16
I. Willmott (Sturt)	12	2.2	38.20
P. Harper (Woodville)	14	1.0	37.8
P. Bennett (North)	14	5.3	37.23
R. Smith (Port)	14	2.5	32.18
S. Sims (North)	14	1.2	30.21
G. McAdam (Central)	14	2.0	28.15

### Woodville Oval

Glenelg	3.4	6.11	9.14	11.16	(82)
Woodville	3.3	5.4	7.9	11.15	(81)

**BEST — GLENELG:** Melican, McDermott, MacTavish, Hodgeman, Marshall, Maynard; **WOODVILLE:** Champion, Negri, Klemm, O'Dwyer, Martin, Haylock.

**GOALS — GLENELG:** Chigwidden 3.1, West 2.4, Hodgeman 2.0, Budarick, Symonds 1.2, McDermott 1.1, Thompson 1.0, Maynard 0.2, Bow, Hewett, Gibbs 0.1, rushed 0.1; **WOODVILLE:** Martin 2.3, Cronin, Hicks 2.1, Newton 1.3, Haylock, Templeton 1.1, Harper, Klemm 1.0, Fuller 0.2, Jacquier 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**UMPIRES —** Michael Abbott, Laurie Argent.

### Football Park

Port	5.7	9.13	14.21	20.26	(146)
Central	4.2	5.4	7.6	7.12	(54)

**BEST — PORT:** Johnston, Settre, Phillips, Delaney, Northeast, G. Boyd, Ginever, D. Smith, Fiacchi, Abernethy, Harrison, R. Smith. **CENTRAL:** S. Schwerdt, Boettger, Lee, Thomas.

**GOALS — PORT:** Hynes 3.2, Ginever 3.1, Settre 3.1, R. Smith 2.5, Harrison 2.1, D. Smith 1.5, Borlase 1.3, R. Boyd 1.1, G. Boyd 1.0, Obst 1.0, Tregenza 1.0, Brown 1.0, Hodges 0.2, rushed 0.5. **CENTRAL:** Mandemaker 2.5, Gilbert McAdam 2.0, Roe 1.0, Thomas 1.0, Krieg 1.0, Ingerson 0.2, Chaplin 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**INJURIES — PORT:** S. Williams withdrew before game with muscle strain; replaced by R. Boyd. Hodges (slight knock to knee). **CENTRAL:** Gilbert McAdam (slight concussion).

**UMPIRES —** Neville Thorp, M. Cuzzocrea.

### Adelaide Oval

South	5.3	6.10	11.16	14.19	(103)
Sturt	5.1	9.2	13.5	15.6	(96)

**BEST — SOUTH:** Bennett, Woodlands, Schmid, Stoeckel, Hewitt, Smart, Winton. **STURT:** Veale, K. Russell, Field, Paynter, McGown.

**GOALS — SOUTH:** Stoeckel 5.6, Woodlands 4.3, Trevena 2.0, Winton, Hewitt 1.1, Gatti 1.0, Merchant 0.2, McIntyre, Mitton, Bickley, Butler, Bennett 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Field 4.0, Paynter 3.0, Willmott, Kitschke 2.2, Veale 1.1, Argus, Ey, Radbone 1.0, S. Russell 0.1.

**UMPIRES —** David Elliott, Graeme Schutz.

### Norwood Oval

Norwood	8.5	13.9	18.13	23.17	(155)
West	3.0	5.6	7.12	11.17	(83)

**BEST — NORWOOD:** Payne, Staritski, Pyke, Aish, Pascoe, Maynard, Fosdike, Tanner, Ducker, Scanlon. **WEST:** Shaw, Grosser.

**GOALS — NORWOOD:** Ducker 5.1, Pascoe 4.1, Maynard 4.0, van der Meer 3.0, Staritski 2.3, Payne, Muster 1.2, Francis, Scanlon, Fosdike 1.0, Pyke, Thomas, Aish, Pittman, Visser 0.1, rushed 0.3. **WEST:** Shaw, Fitzsimmons 2.2, Lamb 1.4, Twomey 1.2, Murray, Winter 1.1, James, Grosser, Foott 1.0, Bayes, Fielke 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES — NORWOOD:** Fosdike (bruised ribs), Pittman (strained knee). **WEST:** Harbinson (hamstring).

**UMPIRES —** Rick Kinnear, David Trembath.

### Thebarton Oval

North	5.3	11.9	17.12	27.13	(175)
Torrens	3.1	4.2	5.7	7.9	(51)

**BEST — NORTH:** Sanders, A. Jarman, Bennett, Kupsch, D. Jarman, Redden, Tiller, Clisby, Sims. **TORRENS:** Clarke, M. Hannam, Prymke.

**GOALS — NORTH:** Bennett 5.3, Kupsch 5.1, Tasker 4.0, Smart 3.0, Burton 2.1, Stone, Craig 2.0, Sims 1.2, Tiller, D. Jarman, Sanders 1.1, A. Jarman, Klomp 0.1, rushed 0.1. **Torrens:** Clarke 2.1, Payze 1.3, M. Hannam 1.2, C. Lindsay, McGrath 1.1, Prymke 1.0, rushed 0.1.

**INJURIES — TORRENS:** Spiel (groin). **REPORTS —** M. Redden (North) by field umpire Ricketts for allegedly striking K. Baker (Torrens) with a left fist during the second term.

**UMPIRES —** Mark Mackie, Colin Ricketts.

# Yes, a two-horse race

By Ashley Porter

If it wasn't already a two-horse race for the grand final, it sure seems like one now after North Adelaide and Port Adelaide whipped their closest rivals collectively by a whopping 216 points.

While North remained a win clear on top after beating West Torrens 27.13 to 7.9, second-ranked Port crushed Central District 20.26 to 7.12. That's a total of 86 scoring shots to 35!

The league competition seems to have developed into a battle between the grand finalists and the others fighting for equal bottom.

It has been a long time since two teams have been so superior to the rest. With only eight minor rounds to the finals, they are more than 100 goals better than their closest opposition.

Central replaced Torrens in third spot on percentage, four wins behind Port.

To make the gap in standard more significant, Glenelg is another win behind in fifth spot — and two wins clear of Norwood, West Adelaide and Woodville.

Norwood rebounded from its 74-point loss to Port last week by beating West Adelaide by 72 points at the Parade to move it two rungs up the premiership ladder.

And despite its woeful effort for most of this season, it should be respected as a finals threat because of the manner in which it also disposed of Central a fortnight ago, again by 72 points.

South Adelaide hauled itself off the bottom and gave the dubious tag to Sturt after winning their contest by seven points at Adelaide Oval.

After being the laughing stock of South Australian league football, South has finally arrived as a respectable opponent and, remarkably, is only three wins out of the five. Sturt now faces the reality of finishing bottom for the first time since 1961 when only eight teams were in the competition.

Glenelg remained in the five after coming from behind in the last quarter to topple Woodville by a point at Woodville Oval.

It seems the only doubt surrounding the finals is which three teams, behind North and Port, will make up the numbers and collect appearance money.

## Warriors' wound may be too deep

Glenelg 11. 16 (82) d. Woodville 11. 15 (81)



PETER HAYNES reports

Glenelg yesterday inflicted a wound on Woodville's pre-season objective of a finals position. And it is a wound from which the club may not be able to recover.

Glenelg's one-point win at Woodville Oval not only was a bitter disappointment to the Warriors, coach Russell Ebert, supporters and officials, but it has opened a psychological chasm between fifth place and the rest of the competition.

Marathon runners talk of an elastic thread which ties runners to the leading pack. The thread can stretch, but once it snaps, the back runners' chances of getting back with the leaders are gone.

For Woodville, it would appear that point has been reached.

Now four points out of the final five, plus a little percentage, the club is not travelling well enough for anyone to predict with confidence it can make up the leeway and get back on the pace.

It had to win yesterday to keep in touch and keep momentum running. It didn't. To be fair though, the only time Woodville really controlled the match was in the first 20 minutes of the final term.

In that period the Warriors managed to overcome a 17-point deficit and establish an 11-point break.

But it could not stop two inspired goals in the last five minutes from Glenelg rover Nick Chigwidden, to give his team the lead.

That, however, was not the end of the pain. Woodville worked the ball up the ground through a series of strong marks for Glenelg ruckman Chris Melican delivered the killer blow.

A shot for goal looked as if it would go through to give Woodville the lead, but the long arms of Melican emerged from the pack to grab a strong mark. He cleared, Glenelg worked the ball away and the siren sounded.

Melican was the outstanding ruckman on the ground. While he and

### Graham Cornes said:

"We played very well in the second quarter and in the last half of the last quarter. We've got a bit of improvement to do yet."

### Russell Ebert said:

"Their experienced players recognised the situation and played accordingly. We have to start doing the things which win games."

Romano Negri for Woodville broke even in the ruck contests, Melican was far more effective in general play.

The Bays also were more efficient at getting the ball away from the centre, with rovers Kym Hodgeman and Nick Chigwidden and follower Chris McDermott giving good service.

McDermott, after losing almost a year with a crippling knee injury, could have been expected to be out of touch on his return.

But in his four games, he has proved the catalyst for Glenelg's recent revival. Yesterday he picked up 17 kicks and 15 handballs, very few of which could be described as "soft".

Tony MacTavish in his back pocket performed solidly, David Marshall used the ball well while Peter Maynard had an excellent first half.

Rover Nick Chigwidden also has to be mentioned for his valuable goals in the final term.

Some Woodville fans were upset at a couple of umpiring decisions in the final term, claiming they cost the Warriors the match. But that would be too simple an excuse and unfair.

Both sides wasted opportunities in front of goal and both can point to shots they should have converted.

Woodville was well served by defender Richard Champion, who with Des O'Dwyer at full back provided the steel of the Warriors defence.

Champion had the difficult job of shutting down Jim West. While West finished with 2.4 and was effective, Champion's efforts in defence were notable.



Warrior Darren Klemm gets his kick after a Glenelg opponent arrives late.