

Ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
PORT*	18	2	0	2357	1582	59.84	36
NORTH*	17	3	0	2286	1383	62.31	34
CENTRAL	12	9	0	2019	2104	48.97	24
NORWOOD	11	10	0	2053	1908	51.83	22
GLENELG	11	10	0	1834	1963	48.30	22
Torrens	10	11	0	1828	2062	46.99	20
Woodville	8	13	0	1902	2086	47.69	16
West	7	14	0	2050	2250	47.67	14
South	6	15	0	1699	2234	43.20	12
Sturt	4	17	0	1714	2170	44.13	8

* To play today.

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	Games	Y'day	Total
R. Mandemaker (Central) ...	21	4.3	81.52
A. Jakovich (Woodville) ...	18	9.5	79.58
S. Hodges (Port) ...	19	*	64.54
C. Lindsay (Torrens) ...	21	3.1	63.18
J. West (Glenelg) ...	21	1.0	53.26
S. Tasker (North) ...	20	*	47.29
P. Harper (Woodville) ...	20	1.0	46.10
P. Bennett (North) ...	20	*	44.31
D. Stoeckel (South) ...	21	7.3	42.32
I. Willmott (Sturt) ...	12	—	38.20
G. McAdam (Central) ...	20	1.1	38.20

* To play today

Football Park

Glenelg	1.2	8.5	11.10	18.13 (121)
West	5.3	9.6	12.9	14.10 (94)

BEST — GLENELG: Fidge, MacTavish, Marshall, Maynard, Jameson, Russell, Symonds. **WEST:** Grosser, Twomey, Miller, McKinnon, Edwards, Cordy.

GOALS — GLENELG: Fidge 6.6, Jameson 2.2, Marshall 2.1, Bartlett 2.0, Maynard 1.2, Bow 1.1, McDermott, Hodgeman, Chigwidden, West 1.0, rushed 0.1. **WEST:** Grosser 5.1, Edwards 3.1, Ward 2.1, A. Fielke, Twomey 1.1, Murray, Ebert 1.0, McKinnon, Shaw, James, Fitzsimmons 0.1, rushed 0.1.

UMPIRES — Mark Mackie, Graeme Hill.

Football Park

Norwood	8.1	9.2	13.8	18.11 (119)
Central	2.1	7.3	13.5	13.10 (88)

BEST — NORWOOD: Pittman, McIntosh, Payne, W. Tanner, Francis, Warhurst. **CENTRAL:** Roe, Laird, Krieg, Jonas, Lee, Gilbert McAdam.

GOALS — NORWOOD: Weeding, Payne 3.0, Francis 2.4, van der Meer 2.1, McIntosh, Ducker 2.0, Thomas, Pascoe 1.1, Staritski, Visser 1.0, Scanlon 0.1, rushed 0.3. **CENTRAL:** Mandemaker 4.3, Jonas 3.0, Sullivan 2.2, Gilbert McAdam 1.1, Bubner, Krieg, van Dommelle 1.0, Hocking 0.2, Lee 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — NORWOOD: van der Meer (calf), Pascoe (broken nose). **CENTRAL:** Hocking (bruised shoulder).

UMPIRES — Laurie Argent, Rick Kinnear.

Adelaide Oval

South	5.3	13.10	16.11	19.14 (128)
Woodville	4.5	6.5	12.7	17.11 (113)

BEST — SOUTH: Stoeckel, Kappler, Whitford, Dewhurst, Bennett, McCarty, Butler, Winton, Page. **WOODVILLE:** Jakovich, McDonald, Newton, Jolly, Schwarz, O'Brien, Haylock, Klemm.

GOALS — SOUTH: Stoeckel 7.3, Page 3.1, Winton 2.2, Bickley 2.1, Harrison 1.2, Butler 1.0, Mitton 1.0, White 1.0, Dewhurst 1.0, Trevena 0.2, rushed 0.3. **WOODVILLE:** Jakovich 9.5, Fuller 2.0, McDonald 1.2, Jolly 1.0, Haylock 1.0, Grant 1.0, Jacquier 1.0, Harper 1.0, Cox 0.1, rushed 0.3.

UMPIRES — David Elliott, Graeme Schutz.

Thebarton Oval

Torrens	5.1	9.4	13.5	19.8 (122)
Sturt	2.1	2.5	5.8	10.9 (69)

BEST — TORRENS: Morphett, Steve Geyer, Robson, Chapman, Harper, Athanasiou, Graham, B. Lindsay, Clarke, Edmonds. **STURT:** McCarthy, Wark.

GOALS — TORRENS: Edmonds 4.0, C. Lindsay, Morphett 3.1, Harper 2.3, Toohey, Neave 2.0, Prymke 1.1, B. Lindsay, Chapman 1.0, Smith, Payze 0.1. **STURT:** Radbone 3.2, Lienert 3.0, Kitchschke 2.2, K. Russell, Welsby 1.0, Ey 0.2, Field, McCarthy 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — STURT: Paynter (virus), S. Russell (back), Whittlesea (knee).

UMPIRES — Colin Ricketts, Neville Thorp.

FOOTY'S GRAND FINALE

By Leo Schlink

Glenelg holds the key to the composition of the final five.

If the Tigers lose next week, they might not make the major round.

If they win, they could snatch third spot — and the double chance — from Central District.

For this to happen, Glenelg must beat bottom side Sturt by a good margin, and rely on Port Adelaide and Woodville to beat Norwood and Central respectively.

Should the Tigers stumble against the Blues, and West Torrens beat West Adelaide, the Eagles could fly into the finals at Glenelg's expense.

Percentage, however, suggests Glenelg will survive in a cliffhanger finale.

Glenelg (48.3), with 11 wins and 10 defeats, leads Torrens (46.99), with 10 wins and 11 defeats, by 1.31 per cent — a sizeable advantage, considering the Eagles' percentage increased 0.87 with its trouncing of Sturt.

According to A.P.B. Sports statisticians, Torrens would need to beat West by about 54 points and hope Sturt can inflict defeat on Glenelg to be certain of playing in the finals. Sturt yesterday earned its first wooden spoon in 28 years with a 53-point loss to Torrens.

The tight finish to the season is a bonus for the South Australian National Football League.

Perfect weather and the prospect of good matches yesterday attracted 21,459

spectators to four games. This figure could be swelled by as much as 20,000 today when Port Adelaide and North Adelaide vie for the minor premiership at Football Park.

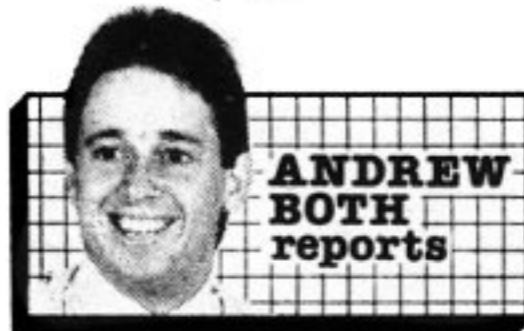
South Adelaide yesterday rid itself of the wooden spoon it had carried for the past two seasons by defeating Woodville by 15 points at Adelaide Oval.

Norwood preserved its chances of snatching third spot from Central District with a 31-point win over the 'Dogs in the late game at Football Park.

Norwood must now rely on Woodville to upset Central at Elizabeth Oval next week, and a win over Port at Football Park, to displace Neil Kerley's men.

Glenelg mounted a fine second-half revival to over-run West with a 27-point triumph.

Tardy Tigers erupt and bury Bloods



ANDREW BOTH reports

Glenelg all but secured its place in the final five when it overcame a tardy start to beat West Adelaide by 27 points at Football Park yesterday.

The Tigers, down by 25 points at quarter time, and 11 points early in the last term, rallied when it really mattered, slamming on seven goals in 17 minutes to bury the Bloods.

The result leaves Glenelg with a mathematical, but most unlikely chance, of securing the double chance.

More importantly, however, it keeps the Tigers a game clear of sixth-placed West Torrens.

After a long, cold winter, yesterday's glorious conditions provided the players with an ideal opportunity to prove that South Australian football still has something to offer the public.

And although it was not the best game ever played, it was at least mildly entertaining.

Glenelg triumphed because it had more quality players who executed the simple skills of the game under pressure in the last quarter.

The signs were ominous for Glenelg early in the last term when West's Duane Edwards was credited with a goal to put the Bloods 11 points up.

Most Glenelg players believed the shot was off target, but goal umpire Russell Roberts decided differently.

The Glenelg players were angry at

Graham Cornes said:

"It was a hard, quick, very competitive game in which our opposition made us work for every opportunity. You need games like that, as long as you get the two points."

the decision and it just may have fuelled their surge to victory.

Whatever the reason, Glenelg completely overwhelmed West in the final 25 minutes. Most of its team contributed when the heat was on but few were more impressive than ruckman Jim West and follower Chris McDermott.

West had been hardly sighted in the first half in a forward pocket, and occasionally at centre half-forward, but he relished the extra freedom when coach Graham Cornes gave him a rucking commission in the second half.

McDermott, who had been almost shadowed out of the game by Carl Herbert, suddenly broke free of his shackles to gain some vital possessions, and when Glenelg went forward it had

two aces in half-forward Rod Jameson and full forward John Fidge.

Jameson, switched from centre to a peripheral role in the third quarter, appreciated the change, snaring a vital goal and setting up another with a bullet-like pass to Fidge.

Fidge was a revelation. Although the former Brisbane Bear had played only three games for Glenelg before yesterday, he was not without his critics.

He silenced them, however, with an excellent performance spoiled only by inaccurate kicking for goal.

Not only did he mark strongly under immense pressure from Paul Patterson, who by no means was disgraced, but he dished out a couple of goals with astute handpasses.

Fidge was one of Glenelg's few shining lights in the first half and his 6.6 haul suggests he will be an asset to the Tigers in their major round campaign.

Glenelg's impressive last term should not lead its supporters to overlook its appalling first quarter. Some of the mistakes it made early were disgraceful, even if West did apply plenty of pressure.

Only the efforts of Fidge, wingmen David Marshall (who later played at centre) and Tony Symonds, rover Maynard and half-back Tony MacTavish kept the Tigers in the hunt early.

West, on the other hand, looked like a millionaire early but resembled a pauper in the last quarter.

Rover Leon Grosser and centre half-forward David Twomey were its best players, while defender Stephen Miller and taggers Herbert and Trevor Larkins carried out their jobs competently.

GLENELG	KICKS					FREES				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	HS	FOR	AG	BS
WEST	1	2	3	6	5	5	1	2	1	7
FIDGE	3	4	3	4	14	7	5	2	3	6
HODGEMAN	3	3	2	8	1	1	2	1	1	
BOW	2	4	1	2	9	4	7	2	1	1
GARTON			2	2	2	10				1
BARTLETT	1	2	2	5	10	4	2	1	3	2
MARSHALL	2	4	2	4	12	1	11	2	1	2
JAMESON	1	4	4	4	13	3	13			2
SYMONDS	3	5	4	2	14	2	13	2	1	
THOMPSON	3	1	8	2	14	1	6	3		
SEEBOHM	3		1	4	2	5		1		
SALISBURY	3		3	1	7	1	7			
MacTAVISH	3	4	4	3	14	7	14	3	4	
RUSSELL	1		2	1	4	3	8		1	1
DONOVAN	1	2	1	1	5	2	3			
MELICAN	3	1	1		5	2	7	2		19
MAYNARD	5	6	4	4	19	8	13	3	3	1
McDERMOTT	3	3		5	11	1	5	1	5	1
MANSELL				10	7	17	4	3	2	
CHIGWIDDEN				3	3	1	3			1
RUSHED										1
TOTAL	41	45	52	53	191	61	141	24	28	18

WEST	KICKS					FREES				
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	M	HS	FOR	AG	BS
FITZSIMMONS	5	1	2	8	5	4	1			1
MILLER	7	2	1	1	11	3	6	3		
WARD	1	1	4	3	9	5	1		4	2
McKINNON	1	2	1	3	7	4	9	2		1
TWOMEY	3	1	5	1	10	4	6	1		1
A. FIELKE	4	4	3	5	16	6	4		3	1
RAVESI	2	2			4	2	1			
LARKINS	1	1	1	1	4	2	5	3		
HERBERT	3	2	2	7	7	2				
CORDY	2	2	4	3	11	2	7			
JAMES	3	3	2		8	1	2	1	1	1
BURGESS	1	3	1	3	8	2	4	4	1	
DENNEMAN	4		1		5		6			
PATTERSON	1		1	3	5	2	7	4	1	
EBERT			1	1	2		1	1	1	
MURRAY	2	1	5	1	9	6	3			13
SHAW	9	5	4	2	20	4	10	2	2	1
GROSSER	6	8	4	3	21	6	9	5	3	5
EDWARDS	3	1	2	6	12	3	5	2	2	3
O'DEA	1	2	3	3	9	2	5	3		1
RUSHED										2
TOTAL	54	41	48	43	186	58	102	28	24	14

Crowds

Football Park	15,513
Adelaide	2085
Thebarton	3861
Total	21,459

SA Draw

Today — 2 p.m., Port Adelaide v. North Adelaide (Football Park).

Round 22: Double-header — Sturt v. Glenelg; Norwood v. Port Adelaide (Football Park); South Adelaide v. North Adelaide (Adelaide); Central District v. Woodville (Elizabeth); West Adelaide v. West Torrens (Richmond Oval).