

NORTH ISSUE A CHALLENGE

By SAM GALLAGHER

North Adelaide's decisive 46-point defeat of Sturt at Prospect today stamps the Red-and-Whites as the side most likely to challenge last year's finalists for a place in this season's major round.

Today's round was the first series in which the 1964 finalists were matched against sides which finished out of the four last year.

Only North were successful. At Alberton, Norwood kept pace with the Magpies for two quarters, but were swamped when Cahill

struck top form after a two-match absence through injury.

In a high-scoring game at Richmond, Glenelg broke through for their first win, a two-goal margin from West, the closest result of the day.

Woodville had South on the defensive for most of the first quarter at Adelaide, but Kerley's influence inspired the Panthers in a seven-goal second quarter which gave them control of the game.

Torrens' strength in the key positions was enough to offset Central's control of the flanks and give the Eagles a 26-point margin at Elizabeth.

For North Bob Hammond played another outstanding game, this time at centre half-back on John Halbert.

Murphy's robust following game, and an early ascendancy by Clarkson in ruck, kept Sturt in touch in the first half, despite a breakdown at half-forward and on the wings.

However, with the retirement of Rigney through injury, Billy Thomas came into his own to finish with five goals.

Half-forward flankers Sheridan and Cearns kicked six goals between

them as Hill took control in ruck and North won nearly every position.

Highlight of the Glenelg-West clash at Richmond was the six-goal debut of

sixth. They could slide further next week when the Panthers go to Norwood.

The smaller ground will be against South's exploitation of speed, but, equally, Norwood will be subjected to the fast tackling which forces errors in the short game.

At Richmond Sturt will be out to prove that pre-season estimates of their potential were not altogether without foundation.

This is an important game for West also, who, with two wins, have only a slender grip on fourth position.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-2	10-7	13-11	18-11	119
Wdv.	4-2	5-3	7-9	10-13	73

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Roennfeldt 5.1. White 4.2. Skuse 3.4. Backman 3.0. W. Foster 1.0. Kerley 1.0. Butcher 1.0. O'Brien 0.2. G. Christie 0.1. rushed 0.1. WOODVILLE: Braidwood 2.0. Simonsen 2.0. Perry 1.3. Clasohm 1.1. Atkinson 1.0. D. Christie 1.0. Williams 1.0. Hoffman 1.0. Kelly 0.2. Hansch 0.2. Dick 0.2. rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Jackson (knee) by Butcher, third term. WOODVILLE: Martin by Williams, last term.

UMPIRE.—B. Lees.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-6	4-6	12-12	13-12	90
Nwd.	0-6	4-12	4-13	6-16	52

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Cahill. Freeman Motley. Cooper. Philp. Errey. Beaufoy. NORWOOD: Wedding. Martin. R. Oatey. Harris. Bunton Copping.

SCORERS.—PORT: Freeman 4.4. Cahill 3.3. Traynor 2.0. Philp 2.0. Matters 1.2. Potter 1.0. Spencer 0.1. Bray 0.1. McKay 0.1. NORWOOD: Martin 2.4. Brewer 1.4. Woolford 1.2. French 1.1. Bunton 1.0. Turbill 0.2. Modra 0.1. Copping 0.1. rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Errey (kick on leg) by McKenzie, last term. NORWOOD: Turbill (knee) by Anderson, half time. Kneebone (thigh) by Inglis, last term.

UMPIRE.—K. G. Cunningham.

AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torr.	4-5	6-12	9-17	13-22	100
Cent.	2-3	4-6	7-9	10-14	74

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Lawson 7.2. Head 3.1. Young 1.3. Minervini 1.3. Williams 1.2. Kingston 0.5. Gilbert 0.3. Dillon 0.1. rushed 0.2. CENTRAL: McGee 2.2. Hayes 2.1. Daly 2.1. Barron 1.2. Medhurst 1.1. Haylock 1.0. Eustice 1.0. Fulton 0.2. Morey 0.2. Lindner 0.1. Burns 0.1. rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Lipp (thigh) by Rawson, second term. Young (leg) by Burns, three quarter time. Secomb (leg) by Lloyd, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-1	8-3	14-12	15-19	109
Sturt	3-3	5-6	5-7	8-15	63

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Hammond, Sheridan, Hill, Thomas, Phillips, Coppins, Sutter. STURT: Murphy, Clarkson, Cunningham, Schwarz, Green.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Thomas 5.6. Sheridan 4.5. Cearns 2.2. Paull 1.3. Phillips 1.1. Mitchell 1.0. Pascoe 1.0. Hill 0.1. Anderson 0.1. STURT: Schoff 2.1. Tilbrook 1.2. Clarkson 1.1. Rigney 1.1. Green 1.0. Bagshaw 1.0. Jones 1.0. Dunn 0.3. Halbert 0.2. Burford 0.1. Grant 0.1. Short 0.1. Miels 0.1. rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Taylor (broken jaw) by Porter, last term. STURT: Rigney (gashed head) by Raymond, second term. Grant (bruised thigh) by Jones, third term.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	4-2	8-9	12-12	17-13	115
West	7-4	7-5	12-7	15-13	103

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Kendall, Kernahan, Rosewarne, Sinclair, McGowan, McCarthy, Roehrich. WEST: Hughes, Day, Hooper, Bertelsmeier, Sara, DeBroughe, Benton.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: McCarthy 6.3. Payne 3.1. Rice 3.1. Button 2.0. McGowan 1.3. Kernahan 1.2. Anesbury 1.1. rushed 0.2. WEST: Bertelsmeier 6.3. Benton 3.1. Burkett 2.2. Day 2.0. Bitmead 1.3. Thompson 1.0. Hooper 0.1. Walsh 0.1. rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Peek by Mills, last term. Button (nose) by Moroney, last term. WEST: McInerney by Warman, last term.

Umpire.—R. M. Le Cornu.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
South	4	—	396	262	8	60.18
North	3	1	373	276	6	57.47
Port	3	1	322	311	6	50.87
West	2	2	348	298	4	53.87
Torrens	2	2	329	301	4	50.93
Norwood	2	2	287	333	4	46.29
Sturt	1	3	351	323	2	52.07
Woodville	1	3	310	375	2	45.25
Glenelg	1	3	317	440	2	41.87
Centrals	1	3	281	395	2	41.57

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Freeman (Port)	4.4	4	13.14
Halbert (Sturt)	0.2	4	13.11
White (South)	4.2	4	13.8
Bertelsmeier (West)	6.3	4	12.7
Lawson (Torrens)	7.2	3	12.5
Skuse (South)	3.4	4	11.13
Benton (West)	3.1	4	11.8
Brewer (Norwood)	1.4	4	10.9

NEXT WEEK

Sturt v. West Adelaide (Richmond).
Glenelg v. Central Districts (Adelaide).
Port Adelaide v. West Torrens (Alberton).
Norwood v. South Adelaide (Norwood).
Woodville v. North Adelaide (Woodville).

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	11,405
Prospect	9,760
Richmond	5,344
Elizabeth	5,316
Adelaide	3,987
Total	35,758



BOB HAMMOND... another fine display.

State cricketer Kevin McCarthy.

Bertelsmeier at the other end of the ground got six for West, but the Bay attack, with Rice and McGowan both going well, proved more versatile in a tight finish.

Following their loss to Port today, Norwood slipped two positions to

'CHARLIE' ON THE JOB

BEFORE the game at Prospect, several supporters shouted out "Bill Thomas is too old."

"Cheeky Charlie," as he is affectionately known, threw this back in their teeth with a dashing roving display, which he capped off with five goals.

Bays held edge in pacy tussle

By STAN WICKHAM

In a game of fluctuating fortunes, with the pace a cracker for most of the day, Glenelg held on long enough to down West Adelaide by 12 points in a thrilling game at Richmond today.

Any team kicking 17-13 for the game would feel that they should have won well, but Glenelg had to contend with a very dashing West Adelaide before achieving their first win for the season.

Glenelg scored first when McCarthy, playing his first game at full forward, soccered a goal from the goal square in the first minute.

West were first to the ball and earned many frees from clashing Glenelg defenders to in fact kick four of their seven goals in the first term from frees.

West came away from centre bounces easily where Hooper, Bitmead and Day kicked them into attack and with Bertelsmeier leading well they found him repeatedly for Bertelsmeier to kick 3-2 for the term.

Four goals

Kernahan had attempted to get Glenelg moving and his efforts lifted them sufficiently for them to snap three more goals and keep within touch of a dashing West Adelaide side.

The second term saw Glenelg taking over from West by being first to the ball but they could manage only five points from their purposeful attacks.

After 15 minutes of play, Kernahan goaled from a free and this signalled an all-out attack to charge forward and add three more goals before half time.

Trevor Hughes defended grandly for West at this stage while Day won centre. But they could not get past the sound half-back line for Glenelg of Kendall, Burkhardt, and Tucker and could manage only one point for the term.

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West received a pretty rough deal from the umpire in this term.

The third term was a thriller with first West then Glenelg taking turns at scoring with the ball swept from end to end with great long drop kicks and splendid play-on moves.

Burkett goaled for West when Glenelg defenders erred, but Glenelg evened with Anesbury's goal after Kernahan and Rice combined beautifully to get the ball to him.

Bertelsmeier snapped another goal and Day added a 50 yarder followed by a dazzling 75 yard running drop kick when Benton made the opening for him and West led by seven points.

Payne broke clear of a pack to snap truly for Glenelg and Button, shifted from centre to half-forward, lifted the Tigers' chances with two goals in a good team effort.

Thompson's mark and punt for goal just before the bell saw Glenelg five points up at the last change.

Close finish

The last term had everything, McCarthy, now at half-forward with Button at full forward, snatched a beauty before sinking a 70 yard punt through the middle.

McCarthy dashingly added another for the Bays to be 16 points clear. But the Red and Blacks came back in full cry through Sara and Day to add lightning goals from Benton and Bertelsmeier

(2) which put them three points ahead.

Walsh added a point for West. Sutherland's long kick-off was well taken by Burkhardt and relayed to half-forward where Rice side-slipped out of a pack and punted a great goal to swing the lead back Glenelg's way.

Rice and McGowan were bobbing up all over the ground in this term to keep the Bays going, and with Kendall still going great guns at half-back, they forced forward to add two more goals from McCarthy to run out winners by that margin.

Kendall had a slipperv customer in Benton to tame today. He did his task well, intercepting many West attacks, to be Glenelg's best.

Kernahan had a hard job in ruck, but set his side going on many occasions to be next best, followed by the purposeful debut by winger Rosewarne. Then came rovers Rice and McGowan after a slow start. Sinclair strong and creative at centre half-forward, and McCarthy, an excellent first game with six goals.

Trevor Hughes played magnificently in the back pocket and was best on the ground. It was not his fault that Glenelg won.

Robert Day held centre practically all day and kicked, both long and short, with great control.

Hooper roved well early. Bertelsmeier was an excellent mover at full forward with six goals. Posa, at half-back Sara and De Broughe all played worthwhile parts.

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TROPHY THE LEADERS

- 7—Day (West).
- 6—Hammond (North), Kerley (South), Braidwood (Woodville).
- 5—White (South), Freeman (Port), Hughes (West).
- 4—Hill (North), Kingston (Torrens).
- 3—Sheridan (North), Bitmead (West), Murphy (Sturt), Bloch (North), Bills (Torrens), Window (Central), Backman (South), Traynor (Port), Eustice (Central), Cahill (Port), Philp (Port).

Kevin goaled with first kick

MOST players coming into league company as a forward usually have to wait what seems an eternity before getting a chance to goal, but not Glenelg's new spearhead, Kevin McCarthy.

The ball came off hands in the goal square in the first minute of play and, hotly pressed, McCarthy soccered the ball through for the first of his six goals.

He got his second goal in the second term, and finished in great style by booting another four in the last term — two from half-forward and two when shifted back to full forward.

RAY Button, Glenelg centreman, came off during the last term after receiving a blow on the nose.

After the game, his nose had a definite "kink" and it will be X-rayed on Monday to see if there is any break.

ONE of the features of the Glenelg-West game at Richmond was the long drop-kicking by Robert Day, West centreman.

He kicked one 50-yard goal in the third term and followed up with a tremendous running dropkick.

He gathered the ball near the centre of the ground, ran 10 yards, and let fly. The crowd gasped as the ball soared through the middle.