

BAYS STILL FINALS THREAT

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt shine

Down by seven points to Port in a great battle at Alberton, Glenelg lost their first game for the season today—but confirmed their claim to a place in this season's major round.

The Bays still head the premiership ladder but Sturt, with an irresistible second half against Norwood, are closing the percentage gap.

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AT ALBERTON

Port	3-2	4-4	7-9	9-11	65
Glen.	1-0	7-3	8-4	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Spencer, T. Obst, Potter, Errey, McKay, Salmon, Mead, Elleway. **GLENELG:** Marker, Linke, B. Long, Kendall, Button, Colbey, Moss, Kerley.

SCORERS.—PORT: Frechman 2.5, Pilgrim 1.1, Traynor 1.0, Cahill 1.0, Errey 1.0, Clayton 1.0, Gerlach 1.0, Yeo 1.0, Salmon 0.2, Potter 0.2, Spencer 0.2. **GLENELG:** B. Long 3.0, Button 1.4, Hamilton 1.1, Anesbury 1.1, Richens 1.1, Moss 1.0, Phillis 0.1, McLeod 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Cahill (bruised thigh) by Quinn at half-time. Traynor (knee) by Thiele in the third term. **GLENELG:** Staitte by Merony in the last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Ducker.

AT NORWOOD

Sturt	3-8	5-13	10-16	16-30	126
Nwd.	1-3	6-9	7-11	10-12	72

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Bagshaw, Adcock, Shearman, Nelson, Clarke, Halbert, Miels, Tilbrook, Rigney. **NORWOOD:** Bunton, Wedding, Inglis, Modra, Woolford, Haines, Pickering.

SCORERS.—STURT: Halbert 4.3, Chessell 4.3, Greenslade 2.4, Bagshaw 2.0, Rigney 1.5, Brooks 1.2, Jones 1.0, Clarkson 1.0, Shearman 0.8, Miels 0.1, Hicks 0.1, Clarke 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORWOOD:** Hutchinson 2.2, Kneebone 2.0, Molloy 1.2, Anderson 1.1, Oatey 1.1, Chapman 1.1, Modra 1.0, Haines 1.0, Bunton 0.2, Wedding 0.1, Shillabeer 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Jones (wrist) by Brooks in the first term. Schoff by Schwarz in the last term. **NORWOOD:** Shillabeer (knee) by Harris in the third term.

UMPIRE.—R. Hall.

AT RICHMOND

North	6-10	7-16	11-21	14-24	108
West	0-3	5-9	8-12	11-12	78

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Wilkey, Lindner, Lehmann, Robran, Francou, May, Geisler. **WEST:** Hughes, Fraser, Roach, Pfitzner, Sims, Leske.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Geisler 3.4, Lehmann 3.2, Lindner 2.2, Sachse 2.2, Wilkey 2.1, Anstey 1.3, Francou 1.1, Bamford 0.3, Phillips 0.3, May 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Sims 3.2, Fraser 3.1, Hooper 2.2, Pannenberg 1.2, Haupt 1.2, Walker 1.1, Bray 0.1, Leske 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Bamford by Von Bertouch in the last term. Anstey by Taylor in the last term. **WEST:** Jonas (cramp) by Watkins in the last term. Loveday (bruised thigh) by Shueard, in the last term.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

AT ADELAIDE

Torr.	4-0	12-5	18-8	21-11	137
Wdv.	3-5	9-6	12-11	17-15	117

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Mulvihill, Murphy, Lee, Kingston, Lipp, Shepherd, Howell. **WOODVILLE:** Simonsen, McKellar, Allen, P. Obst, Hansch, Cross, Boscence.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Mulvihill 12.3, Kingston 3.1, Lee 2.1, Shepherd 2.0, Staker 1.2, Murphy 1.0, Clarke 0.1, Gould 0.1, Butler 0.1, Tye 0.1, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** P. Obst 7.1, Cummings 3.0, Boscence 2.0, Huppertz 1.3, Allen 1.1, Hansch 1.0, Christie 1.0, Clasohm 1.0, Simonsen 0.3, Barbary 0.2, O'Connor 0.1, McKellar 0.1, Ion 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Howell (thigh) by Taylor in the third term. Gould (hamstring muscle) by Bridgman in the last term. Clarke (possible fracture of the leg (to be X-rayed)). **WOODVILLE:** Christie (hip) by Huppertz in the second term. McKellar (hip) by Hoffman in the last term.

UMPIRE.—P. Craig.

AT ELIZABETH

South	8-4	10-5	15-8	20-10	130
Cent.	2-2	7-14	8-17	12-21	93

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Rivers, Howe, Thredgold, Skuse, Schmidt, Pascoe, P. Darley. **CENTRALS:** Grlusich, Eustice, Daly, Morey, Stutley, Shorthill, Smith.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Backman 4.0, Howlett 3.2, Sims 3.1, White 2.1, Skuse 2.0, Thredgold 2.0, Rivers 1.3, Ross 1.0, P. Darley 1.0, Ball 1.0, Pascoe 0.2, rushed 0.2. **CENTRALS:** Grlusich 3.3, Eustice 2.1, Daly 2.0, Martin 2.0, Dickson 1.4, Shorthill 1.3, Swinstead 1.1, Stanton 0.1, Skinner 0.1, Smith 0.1, Foley 0.1, rushed 0.5.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Butcher (thigh) by Ploenges in the second term. White (thigh) by Howlett at half-time. **CENTRALS:** Stanton (thigh) by Kemp, Swinstead (cramp) by Kleintz.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Glenelg	4	1	695	349	8	63.42
Sturt	4	1	595	380	8	61.03
North	4	1	576	481	8	54.49
Port	4	1	396	381	8	50.97
Norwood	3	2	523	456	6	53.42
Torrens	3	2	543	526	6	50.80
West	2	3	461	476	4	49.20
South	1	4	509	565	2	47.39
Woodville	—	5	447	692	—	39.24
Centrals	—	5	347	696	—	33.27

NEXT WEEK

South v. Glenelg (Adelaide).
North v. Norwood (Prospect).
Torrens v. Port (Thebarton).
Sturt v. West (Unley).
Woodville v. Centrals (Woodville).

At Richmond, North's poor kicking for goal kept their margin over West down to 30 points.

In a high-scoring game at Adelaide, Torrens full forward Mulvihill kicked 12 goals in an almost faultless exhibition. The Eagles won by 20 points.

Against South at Elizabeth, Central Districts went down by 37 points—but had three more scoring shots than the Panthers in their best effort for two seasons.

Sturt's overwhelming superiority in the second half against Norwood showed the Blues in the form that swept all before them in the 1965 major round.

Bill Wedding got first touch in ruck for the Redlegs to maintain his great form this season, but typically it was Sturt who took the ball away.

In this form the Blues are in a class apart.

It is hard to see them being seriously challenged again until the game at Alberton on June 10.

The Magpies' win today was one for courage.

They lost the brilliant Cahill and leading ruckman Traynor in the middle of the game, but still came out on top.

Record crowd

Glenelg's arrival as a power was reflected in another attendance record—17,094 saw them narrowly fail to maintain their unbeaten run in a tense exciting game.

South returned to winning form to start on the long road to the finals.

But next week they strike Glenelg at Adelaide in a game which means much to both sides.

Centrals' large number of scoring shots today points up a weakness in

South's defence.

Glenelg have a formidable half-forward line, with newcomer Peter Marker impressing more each week.

Any looseness by South will be fully exploited.

Provided Brian Roberts is fit, South could hold sway in ruck.

But White's injury may reduce their ability to take the ball away.

Glenelg's strong, hard tackling style will not concede the points easily.

Rucks lifted

Demolished by Sturt's power today, Norwood face another tough one against North at Prospect next week.

Peter May gave the North rucks a lift against West.

His ability to go with Bill Wedding will have a big bearing on the result.

The Redlegs need this one to stay in touch with the leaders. Their next game is against Port at Norwood.

BAYS LOST LITTLE IN PRESTIGE

Magpies' courage sealed tight finish

By SAM GALLAGHER

Port's seven-point victory over Glenelg in a great defensive battle at Alberton was a triumph for the Magpies' courage and will to win.

They lost captain John Cahill at half-time and leading ruckman Steve Traynor shortly afterwards, but overcame these setbacks to take the game in the dying stages.

If ever a game was won by refusal to admit defeat this was it.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-2	4-4	7-9	9-11	65
Glenelg	1-0	7-3	8-4	8-10	58

Traynor's injury came half-way through the first quarter and Cahill's early in the second.

Neither played a significant part after they were injured.

Traynor limped to full forward, but collapsed after contesting the first bounce after half-time.

Cahill returned to the pivot after a period at half-forward, but he, too, was obviously not himself and did not reappear after the interval.

In their first defeat for the season, Glenelg lost two premiership points but little in prestige.

They took control of the game in the second quarter and despite Port's wonderful fight back in the third, the Bays looked like winners at the last change.

The Magpies found Bruce Long's height in rucks a constant problem and Button, given the freedom of the forward area, loomed as the big danger in attack.

The Port defence was under heavy pressure and it looked only a matter of time before it cracked.

But the Bays missed a couple of golden opportunities to kick the deciding goal and these misses were fatal.

Trevor Obst relieved the pressure on the Port defence with a series of magnificent clearances to inspire the Magpies in a thrilling finish.

Both sides were forced to change their original selections.

Glenelg brought Rod Cahill in for Gary Edwards and Port replaced Broadbridge with Holmes, bringing in Thiele as reserve.

The Bays made the first tactical move, starting Doug Long in ruck, but Traynor began as he finished against North last week to drive Port first into attack.

The Magpies were on top across centre, too, with Cahill again driving deep into the forward area.

The Bays' forwards, however, looked potentially the more dangerous, especially in the outer attack, where Peter Marker's fine start quickly had the Port runner on his way with a message to Graham Cooper.

However, Obst's tremendous defence kept the Bays out.

Glenelg gave Button the whole of the half-forward area to himself as the second term opened, but it was Port who attacked.

Potters' tenacity drove the Magpies forward, but the Bays' bustling defence with Linke, Kendall, and Phillis in control, prevented any breakaway.

DECISIVE

Cahill's injury coming on top of Traynor's retirement to full forward caused Port to falter.

Bruce Long, Moss and Kerley began to take over in ruck and with Marker still outplaying Cooper, the Bays hit the front.

They got the better of the umpiring as Port, playing from behind, were

penalised for interference.

Port's hopes slumped when Cahill did not reappear after half-time but they really hit rock bottom after the first bounce.

Traynor went for the knock but collapsed and had to be carried from the ground.

Port swung Thiele to centre half-back, Cooper to centre half-forward, and Salmon into ruck.

Quinn had replaced Cahill, with McKay taking over at pivot.

Despite this reorganisation, Port continued to attack.

Spencer took over Traynor's role and although conceding height to Bruce Long and Moss played a decisive role in Port's win.

He rucked with terrific enthusiasm and Salmon, too, in his rough and ready style, played an important role.

McKay handled centre competently and with Errey made up a winning centre-line for the Magpies, while Thiele did better on Marker than Cooper.

Cooper had one of his rare bar days, but full credit must be given to Martin.

His strength and quick take off were too much for Cooper. Last week the Bay newcomer troubled another good player in Ron Kneebone.

He looks to have a big future.

Mistakes in the forward area cost Glenelg the game as they attacked constantly in the last quarter.

But it was Trevor Obst's brilliant clearances that eventually caught the Bay defence out of position and made the game safe for Port.

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	17,094
Norwood	16,073
Richmond	5,073
Adelaide	5,028
Elizabeth	3,586
TOTAL	46,954

MILDARA TROPHY

8—Bunton (Norwood),
6—Shearman (Sturt),
Robran (North),
Mulvihill (Torrens),
P. Darley (South).

5—Richens (Glenelg),
Cahill (Port), Wed-
ding (Norwood).