It's Kerl-the-mo!

Bays humbled by 70 points

By Graham Fischer

West Torrens, humiliated by West at Football Park last Sunday, pulled off one of football's biggest form reversals with a 70-point thrashing of Glenelg at Thebarton.

Torrens, who had looked second rate on Sunday, transformed into the complete football team to make Glenelg look mediocre and give coach Neil Kerley sweet revenge over his former club.

"Join King Kerl's Eagle Revival" is the chant at Thebarton and with yesterday's win, officials and supporters are clamoring for at least a spot in the final five.

Many believe another Kerley miracle is at hand, similar to 1964 when he took South Adelaide from bottom to top, and with performances similar to yesterday, the Eagles are on the way to ratifying those beliefs.

Glenelg cannot offer the absence of five state players as an excuse for defeat. They were shoved off Thebarton by a determined West Torrens who, as Neil Kerley said: "Put it all together" for the whole game.

The only sad note for the Eagles was that versatile run-on player Ian Wallace could be out for several weeks with a broken thumb.

He was taken to Ashford Hospital last night to have the thumb pinned.

The Eagles' win over Glenelg and Centrals' victory over Sturt last week shows the SA table is not as lopsided as it appeared.

South solidified their spot in the top five with a win over Centrals at Adelaide but lost top ruckman Peter Hines with a hamstring injury.

It was Hines' first game back from injury and his repreated absence from the South line-up is a big blow for the Panthers.

Field umpire Robin Bennet and boundary umpire R. Young both reported Verrier for the alleged offence during the third term.

Sturt back pocket Kevin Schultz left the ground in the final term against Woodville with strained knee ligaments.

For Sturt supporters and officials, they could smile again because after three successive losses they broke back into the winning list Blues to climb one rung again against bottom side Woodville.

Norwood had a comfortable win over West at the Parade but the good news for Redleg fans was the surprise inclusion of Jim Michalannel.

Michalanney, who burnt at centre half-forward in the trial games, has missed the past five matches with a broken collarbone.

At last—Neil's Eagles make it

The Eagles flew high, wide and handsome to make the Tigers look like pussy-cats at Thebarton.

The 70-point margin was their biggest over Glenelg for 21 years.

BY RAY BARBER

Tor.	6—3	10—5	14—7	19—10	124
Glen.	2—2	3—7	3—19	7—12	54

Perhaps Torrens "came of age" yesterday after having won only two games in each of the two past seasons.

We'll all have a better idea after their confrontation with Port Adelaide at Football Park next Saturday.

One of the greatest recent problems with Torrens has been their inability to put it all together.

Glenelg were on the end of the whiplash as Torrens came through with consistency yesterday.

'First time'

In the four terms the Eagles were able to kick 6-3, 4-2 and 4-2 again before coming home with an impressive 5-3.

So there it all was, with accurate kicking for goal, —19 goals from 29 scoring shots after a precise, smooth, constant attack on Glenelg defences that crumbled early in the day.

It was what coach Neil Kerley had been looking for.

After the match I asked him what had impressed him most about the performance his supporters weret oasting in the Eagles Club bar just a stabkick away?

Kerley said: "Our running, handball and backing up.

"It was the first time this season we have played this way!

It was obvious Kerley had done his homework during the week in pinpointing tactics to dent the armor of a side he coached for 10 years.

KEVIN McSPORRAN

With no Graham Cornes-Stephen Copping firm to manufacture goals Glenelg were bankrupt.

It was apparent early Glenelg were in big bother.

They could not stop the penetration of centreman Kevin McSporran, who took up a licence to roam and kill off the Glenelg defence.

Fred moves

Twice in the first quarter he goaled in the vicinity of the goalsquare.

McSporran was the Eagles' initial inspiration, earmarking half the ground as his own, letting a sound defence, led by capable captain - back pocket Aldo Floreani and full-back Peter Cousins, to look after the defensive side.

After half-time it was run-on follower Milan Faletic who became the guiding light with his ability to run, mark and kick goals.

The die was cast for Glenelg four minutes into the third term when Faletic goaled and then a few minutes later kicked another.

They put the scoreboard at 12-5 to 3-7.

The Tigers made changes too numerous to mention in an effort to get on the right wave length

At no stage did they have a co-ordinated attack.

It was rock bottom when Fred Phillis had to be sent to full forward from full back for the start of the second term.

He returned goal-less to full back for the last quarter.

It was the worst Glenelg performance for many years.

ATTENDANCES

Football Park	7,910
Thebarton Oval	5,250
Prospect Oval	6,232
Unley Oval	4,257
Adelaide Oval	6,084
Total	29,733

LEAGUE DETAILS

UNLEY OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	3—3	8—12	16—15	20—17	137
Wdv.	2—3	5—5	9—7	16—11	107

BEST PLAYERS—**STURT:** Burgan, Oatey, Miels, Greenslade, Cece, Leonard, Barton. **WOODVILLE:** Parsons, Maylin, Ford, Schutz.

SCORERS—**STURT:** Cece 4.1, Whelan 3.1, Giles 2.2, Casey 2.2, Greenslade 2.1, Leonard 2.0, Miels 2.0, Oatey 1.4, Burgan 1.2, Wild 1.1, Barton 0.2, rushed 0.1. **WOODVILLE:** Schutz 4.0, Sewer 2.0, Parsons 2.0, Ford 1.3, Mulvihill 1.1, McInnes 1.1, Maylin 1.1, MacVicar 1.1, Roberts 1.0, Hine 1.0, Tyrrell 1.0, Twelftree 0.3, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES—**STURT:** Schultz (strained knee ligaments).

UMPIRE: Laurie Argent.

PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	7—3	12—14	15—22	21—32	158
North	3—2	4—3	8—5	10—5	65

BEST PLAYERS—**PORT:** Porplycia, Whatman, Verrier, Spry, Belton, Kretschmer. **NORTH:** Jaworksyj, Diorio, Conder, Smith, B. Stringer, Hoekman.

SCORERS—**PORT:** Evans 4.4, Sorrell 3.3, Whatman 3.1, Porplycia 2.6, Phillips 2.3, Granger 1.3, Jackman 1.3, Curtis 1.2, Spry 1.0, Kinnear 1.0, Burton 1.0, Belton 1.0, Light 0.4, Giles 0.1, Marrett 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORTH:** Robran 2.2, Hoekman 2.0, Doszna 1.0, Roach 1.0, Eatts 1.0, Eichner 1.0, Cloke 1.0, Greaves 1.0, Conder 0.3.

REPORTS—**PORT:** I. Verrier was reported by boundary umpire R. Young and field umpire R. Bennet for allegedly striking North's R. Robran in the third quarter.

UMPIRE: Robin Bennet.

ADELAIDE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4—6	9—15	13—17	18—23	131
Cent.	1—2	1—5	9—6	11—11	77

BEST PLAYERS—**SOUTH:** Fry, Doyle, Cox, Baynes, Hateley, Keam, Robbins. **CENTRALS:** Skinner, Jones, R. Cochrane, Vivian, Mobbs.

SCORERS—**SOUTH:** Robbins 5.1, Slattery 3.0, Parker 2.4, Fry 2.2, Cox 1.4, Bennett 1.2, Cobb 1.1, Hateley 1.1, Baynes 1.0, Green 1.0, Keam 0.2, Doyle 0.1, Earl 0.1, Rushed 0.4. **CENTRALS:** Jones 6.1, Vivian 2.0, Reed 1.2, Beythien 1.1, Norsworthy 1.1, McLay 0.2, Saywell 0.2, Skinner 0.1, Heinrich 0.1.

INJURIES—**SOUTH:** Hines (hamstring), first quarter.

UMPIRE: Jim Field.

THEBARTON OVAL

Torrens	6—3	10—5	14—7	19—10	124
Glenleg	2—2	3—7	3—10	7—12	54

BEST PLAYERS.—**TORRENS:** McSporran, Faletic, Miller, Floreani, Marriott, P. Cousins, Manouge, Tregenza. **GLENELG:** Voigt, Hodgeman, Crabb, Obst.

SCORERS.—**TORRENS:** McSporran 3.2, Inglis 3.1, Faletic 3.1, S. Pavlich 3.0, M. Pavlich 2.0, Manouge 2.0, Marriott 1.2, Hamill 1.0, Miller 1.0, Phillipou 0.1. Rushed 0.3. **GLENELG:** Hodgeman 2.1, Murray 2.1, Voigt 1.1, Hercock 1.0, Holst 1.0, Radey 0.3, D. Phillis 0.2, Johnston 0.1, Lihou 0.1, MacFarlane 0.1, Marker 0.1.

INJURIES.—**TORRENS:** Wallace (broken thumb).

UMPIRE.—Peter Mead.

FOOTBALL PARK

Nwd.	7—4	11—9	12—14	14—16	100
West	2—2	5—5	7—9	9—16	70

BEST PLAYERS — **NORWOOD:** Von Bertouch, Clarke, Craig, Sapwell, Rosser, Gregg. **WEST:** Buckley, Hollick, Kennedy, Grimwood, Pierson, Meuret.

SCORERS — **NORWOOD:** Alder 3.2, Michalanney 3.2, Woodcock 2.1, Maddison 2.0, Rosser 1.2, Roberts 1.2, Wynne 1.1, Palm 1.1, Sapwell 0.2, Von Bertouch 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Pierson 3.5, Grimwood 2.1, G. Hewitt 1.2, Meuret 1.2, Turner 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Buckley 0.2, Donaldson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — **WEST:** Geoff Morris (twisted ankle) first quarter.

UMPIRE—Bob Scholefield.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agnst.	Prem. Pts.	%
Norwood	6	1	1014	555	12	64.63
Port	6	1	1030	673	12	60.48
South	5	2	816	794	10	50.68
Glenelg	4	3	841	669	8	55.70
West	3	4	723	688	6	51.24
Sturt	3	4	681	773	6	46.84
Torrens	3	4	647	801	6	44.68
North	2	5	723	944	4	43.37
Centrals	2	5	659	874	4	42.99
Woodville	1	6	655	1018	2	39.15

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Y'day	Matches	Total
Adler (Norw.)	3-2	7	33-23
Cornes (Glen.)	—	6	29-27
Mulvihill (Wood.)	1-1	7	26-13
R. Robran (North)	2-2	7	24-26
Copping (Glen.)	—	6	24-9
Jones (Cent.)	6-1	5	24-4
Robbins (South)	5-1	7	23-15
Gerlach (Port)	—	5	23-11
Palm (Norw.)	1-1	7	21-9