

By ALAN SHIELL

South Adelaide continues to make fools of football pundits and tipsters.

The Panthers threw even further confusion into the premiership fight by skittling minor premier Central District at Elizabeth yesterday.

South was rated in many quarters as the No. 4 contender for the 1979 title, after Central, Port Adelaide and Norwood, but ahead of Woodville.

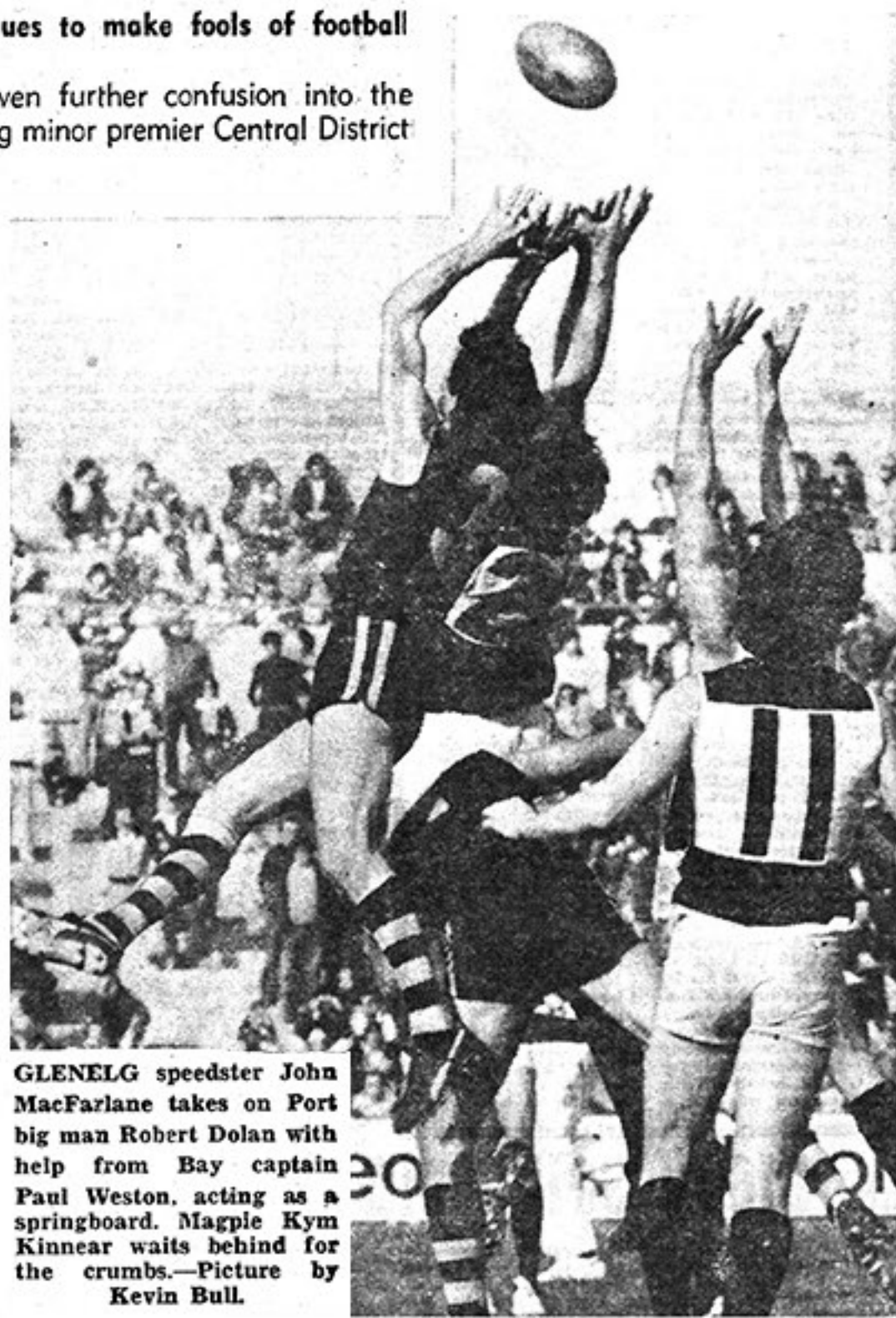
What are the rankings now after South's 20-point win against Central, Port's 11-point loss to Glenelg at the Bay, Norwood's 65-point thrashing of Sturt at the Parade, and Woodville's 31-point loss to West Torrens at Woodville?

South succumbed to Port by 49 points at Alberton three weeks ago, but it has since beaten Woodville (by 28 points), North Adelaide (by 100 points), and Central.

This really is one of the most open battles for the flag in SA football's 102-year history.

But I pose this question... compared with some of the giants of the past, and more recently Port in the 1950s and Sturt in the 1960s, is any one of this season's five contenders good enough to be, or deserving of the title, premier?

There is a theory doing the rounds that this premiership will be won by default and it will be the "softest" steal of all time. Maybe. But try telling that to the team that survives over the remaining four gruelling weeks and emerges with the Thomas Seymour Hill Premiership Cup.



GLENELG speedster John MacFarlane takes on Port big man Robert Dolan with help from Bay captain Paul Weston, acting as a springboard. Magpie Kym Kinnear waits behind for the crumbs.—Picture by Kevin Bull.

## LEAGUE DETAILS

### ELIZABETH OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	3-2	4-9	9-11	14-15	99
Central	2-4	7-7	10-10	11-13	79

**BEST — SOUTH:** Schneebichler, Baynes, Butler, Hateley, Mousley, Slattery, Poirier. **CENTRAL:** Jonas, M. Norsworthy, Van Dommele, B. Norsworthy, Beythien, Wilson.

**SCORERS—SOUTH:** Schneebichler 3-4 Slattery 2-2, Hawkins 2-1, Bell 2-0, Hateley 1-1, Fry 1-1, Linke 1-0, Hines 1-0, Butler 1-0, Coleman 0-4, Collins 0-1 rushed 0-1. **CENTRAL:** M. Norsworthy 3-0, Stevenson 2-2, Van Dommele 2-1, Jonas 2-1, Lehmann 1-0, Beythien 1-0, Wilson 0-5, Duckworth 0-2, Gillies 0-1, rushed 0-1.

**INJURIES — SOUTH:** Bennett (corked thigh) off early second quarter, Collins (hamstring) off early third quarter. **CENTRAL:** Duckworth (bruised hand) off early last quarter, Lehmann (bruised hand) off last quarter.

**UMPIRES—**Peter Mead, Trevor Thomas.

### FOOTBALL PARK

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5-1	7-5	11-10	13-12	90
Port	2-8	7-13	7-15	10-19	79

**BEST — GLENELG:** Carey, Cornes, Kuhlmann, Weston, Woite, Farquhar, Hodgeman. **PORT:** Abernethy, Sorrell, Cunningham, Eckerman, Faletic.

**SCORERS—GLENELG:** Woit 4.0, Weston 2.5, Hodgeman 2.3, Walter 2.0, Seebohm 1.0, Hurley 1.0, Caldwell 1.0, D. Bradley 0.2, McInerney 0.1, Copping 0.1. **PORT:** Dawson 2.3, Cunningham 2.2, Abernethy 2.0, Clifford 1.2, Evans 1.1, Curtis 1.0, Natt 1.0, Williams 0.3, Faletic 0.2, Belton 0.1, Phillips 0.1, rushed 0.4.

**INJURIES—PORT:** Clifford (ankle).

**UMPIRES—**Dest Foster, Bob Scholefield.

### WOODVILLE OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4-7	8-13	13-20	17-27	129
W'ville.	3-2	8-3	13-5	15-8	98

**BEST—TORRENS:** Hill, Hewett, Marriot, Lindsay, Giles, Enright, Green. **WOODVILLE:** Heaven, Roberts, D. Hewitt, Tyrrell, Hutton.

**SCORERS — TORRENS:** Hill 3.4, Levitzke 3.2, S. White 3.2, Giles 3.1, Floreani 2.2, Lindsay 1.3, Hewett 1.2, Rendell 1.1, Manouge 0.2, Green 0.2, Miller 0.2, Marriot 0.1, G. White 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WOODVILLE:** G. Hewitt 4.2, Carty 4.0, Roberts 2.1, D. Hewitt 1.2, Howard 1.1, Close 1.0, Rainbird 1.0, Crane 1.0, Vince 0.1, Hutton 0.1.

**INJURIES—TORRENS:** Manouge (fractured right hand, second term).

**UMPIRES—**Rick Kinnear, Brenton O'Connor.

### NORWOOD OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-3	11-6	16-11	22-15	147
Sturt	5-2	6-4	8-11	11-16	82

**BEST—NORWOOD:** Nunan, Aish, Adamson, Button, Phillips, Taylor. **STURT:** Davies, Zilm, Sanders, M. Heinrich.

**SCORERS—NORWOOD:** Adamson 8.2, Winter 4.1, Woodcock 3.2, Taylor 2.1, Nunan 2.0, Aish 1.2, Kerley 1.0, Palm 1.0, Phillips 0.2, Rosser 0.2, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Wilson 2.2, Sims 2.1, P. Heinrich 2.1, Derrington 2.0, Leonard 1.1, Whelan 1.0, Sanders 1.0, Brand 0.2, Graham 0.2, Davies 0.2, Simonds 0.1, Bagshaw 0.1, rushed 0.3.

**INJURIES—NORWOOD:** Kerley (bruised leg). **STURT:** Hardeman (ribs), Phil Heinrich (shoulder).

**UMPIRES—**Frank McHugh, John Hylton.

### PROSPECT OVAL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	8-3	14-5	19-11	23-16	154
West	3-4	5-11	13-11	16-13	109

**BEST—NORTH:** R. Robran, W. Stringer, Ellis, Pelle, McAdam, Baruzzi. **WEST:** Drew, Morris, Meuret, Kennedy, Nunn, Hayes.

**SCORERS—NORTH:** W. Stringer 4.3, R. Robran 4.2, Pelle 4.2, Hartfield 3.1, Bound 2.2, McAdam 2.0, Schmidt 1.3, Doherty 1.0, Forth 1.0, Ahchee 1.0, R. Diorio 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WEST:** Pierson 5.4, Morris 3.2, Luders 3.0, Meuret 1.3, Drew 1.0, Dunlop 1.0, Rechner 1.0, Grosser 1.0, Window 0.1, Donaldson 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**UMPIRES—**Graham Hilton, Mark Coombe.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Cent	22	15	6	1	2304	2116	31	52.13
Port	22	14	8	—	2112	1892	28	52.75
South	22	14	8	—	2052	1956	28	51.20
Norw'd	22	11	11	—	2339	1966	22	54.33
W'ville	22	10	12	—	2133	2043	20	51.10
North	22	10	12	—	2134	2360	20	47.49
Glenelg	22	9	12	1	2111	2184	19	49.15
Tor'ns	22	9	12	1	1959	2267	19	46.36
Sturt	22	9	13	—	2131	2331	18	47.76
West	22	7	14	1	2244	2402	15	48.30

### CROWDS

Prospect	4699
Woodville	3137
Football Park	14,166
Norwood	9757
Elizabeth	10,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,273</b>

### PROGRAM

**SATURDAY —** Elimination final: Norwood v Woodville (Football Park).

**SUNDAY —** Qualifying final: Port v South (Football Park).

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Games	Yest	Total
G. Hewitt (Woodville)	22	4.2	80.53
Evans (Port)	18	1.1	61.45
Luders (West)	21	3.0	59.38
Pierson (West)	18	5.4	58.28
Carty (Woodville)	22	4.0	56.28
P. Heinrich (Sturt)	22	2.1	46.37
Slattery (South)	21	2.2	44.32
Bagshaw (Sturt)	21	0.1	42.28
Whelan (Sturt)	19	1.0	41.27

# Bays go out with a bang!

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Glenelg	5-1	7-5	11-10	13-12	90
Port	2-8	7-13	7-15	10-19	79

Glenelg proved itself the best side out of the finals with a thrilling win over premiership contender Port Adelaide at Football Park yesterday.

Giant ruckman Peter Carey tore Port apart from the first bounce and strengthened his claim for the Magarey Medal with a brilliant exhibition.

But what about Port, did the 11-point loss shatter its finals hopes?

Coach John Cahill, bitter with his team's undisciplined effort, said the loss did some good because it returned some of his players to reality.

"We were completely dominated by Carey, Graham Cornes, and a lack of checking. We can play a lot better."

Some glaring weaknesses, especially in the forward lines, were exploited by Glenelg, and Cahill said a lot of things will be talked about during several meetings this week.

Full marks to Glenelg. It entered the game full of confidence and took the challenge to Port with aggression and quick, fierce and effective tackling.

Carey's influence was phenomenal. He finished with 16 kicks, 32 hit-outs, 15 handballs and 10 marks, and just as importantly, brought teammates into the play.

He tired towards the end, but so would have anyone who had done so much.

Cornes was brilliant, too. With 26 kicks, 12 handballs and 18 marks, he turned wayward Port attacks away and forced Glenelg into attack.

There were many other contributors for Glenelg, including Keith Kuhlmann who did a great job in containing ace full forward Tim Evans, centreman Paul Weston, who marred a fine effort with poor kicking for goal, and Peter Woite who was dangerous with four goals from centre half-forward.

Port lacked Glenelg's run and height, and a number of players failed to apply 100 per cent concentration.

By Ashley Porter



Peter Carey... tore Port apart.

Wingman Bruce Abernethy was easily Port's best and gave his forwards plenty of opportunities.

He kicked two valuable goals from 23 kicks and the Magpies were desperate for similar efforts from more experienced players.

Full back Trevor Sorrell gave a sound performance, and after him, Port's best list dwindled badly.

Port will benefit from the lesson handed out today and by no means wipe it off as a premiership contender.

### RESERVES

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fin	Pt
Glen	5.5	8.6	10.10	16.11	107
Port	2.5	2.7	5.8	8.13	61

**Best — Glenelg:** Bellman, A. Lunniss, Greenslade, Eblen, P. Johnston, Port: Elson, Gill, Asius, Wright, Porphyria, Frazer, Goalkeepers—Glenelg: Twiftree 4, M. Lunniss 3, Johnston 3, Kahi 3, Harrison, Hercock, Barratt. Port: Gill 2, A. Williams 2, Evans 2, Kelsh, Smart.

	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
Gln	18	4	—	2501	1772	36	58.53
Nwd	15	7	—	2238	1992	30	52.91
Port	15	7	—	2113	1834	30	52.00
Sth	14	7	1	2301	1908	29	54.67
Tor	13	9	—	2260	1986	26	53.23
Nth	9	12	1	2226	2404	19	48.10
Wst	9	13	—	2234	2343	18	48.81
Wvl	7	15	—	2026	2205	14	47.90
Cent	6	16	—	2149	2311	12	48.20
St	3	19	—	1620	2741	6	37.15

### UNDER 19

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	1.5	5.6	9.10	13.13	91
Cent	1.3	5.6	9.9	12.10	82

**Best — Port:** Pisani, Dutch, Young, Hodgkinson, Craig, Kitson, Whitehead, Centrais: Bubner, Fraser, Callaghan, Hart, O'Keefe, Hill. Goalkeepers — Port: Craig 4, Robertson 3, Kemp 2, Whitehead 2, Kitson, Pisano, Centrais: Bubner 2, Edwards 2, Gailer 2, Trueman 2, Hart, O'Keefe, Roe, Wilkinson.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Sturt	3.4	9.6	13.10	15.13	103
South	5.4	9.5	9.11	11.16	82

**Best — Sturt:** Fiore, Cord-udy, Bray, Bennett, Woolford, Reid, Radbone. South: Would, Von Soreckelsen, Ryan, Dawkins, Ludlow, Kappler, J. Ey. Goalkeepers — Sturt: Hollis 5, Woolford 3, Klomp 2, Eaton 2, Hewish, Wray, Wilson. South: Would 3, Weston 2, Cilento 2, Dawkins, C. Ey, McInyre, McWilliams.

### UNDER 17

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Port	4.5	6.6	12.6	13.9	87
Glen	3.2	4.6	7.7	10.3	68

**Best—Port:** Hughes, Mahney, Prior, Maiden, Coles, DeGabelle, Glenelg: Kernahan, White, Bedson, Burnett, Mason, McDermott, Goalkeepers—Port: DeGabelle 3, Hayes 2, Harvey 2, Coles 2, Lalic, Toepfer, Hughes, Clift, Glenelg: Symonds 3, Hayes, Holst, McDermott, Bedson, Williams, Mason, Fraser.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Wood	1.4	5.10	9.14	10.17	77
Sth	3.2	6.2	8.2	9.4	58

**Best — Woodville:** Bencic, Dixon, Brint, Banford, Page, Taylor, South: Thomas, Weiher, Kirvan, Johns, Sait, Kimber, Heidt. Goalkeepers—Woodville: Banford 5, Saliu, Bencic, Ryves, Eldridge, Brint, South: Crosby 2, Sait 2, Daniel, Ellard, Kitchen, Gurr, Weiher.