

Magpies Outlast Tigers To Win by 49 Points

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fnl.	Pts.
Port-Torrens	3-1	7-8	12-11	21-18	144
West-Glenelg	5-8	9-9	12-14	13-17	95

By H. G. Biggs

After having been outclassed until towards the end of the third quarter, Port-Torrens, with a last-quarter burst of speed and stamina, won by 49 points from West-Glenelg at Glenelg Oval this afternoon.

West-Glenelg—Backs: Bottroff, Chynoweth, Moroney; half-backs: Langley, Leesue, Megins; centres: Liebig, Cock, Hannaford; half-forwards: Hall, McArthur, Slattery; forwards: Burkett, Taylor, Bedford; rucks: Prowse, Corbett, Summersides, Collett (19th).

Hall (heavy fall) replaced by Collett in the last quarter.

Port-Torrens—Backs: Kellaway, Thiele, McFarlane; half-backs: Taylor, L. McLean, Franklin; centres: Nicholls, L. Roberts, McKenzie; half-forwards: Hank, Fletcher, Clarke; forwards: Hoffman, Shaw, Prior; ruck: R. McLean, Reval, Quinn, Hall (19th).

Umpire: O. M. Holst.

Although West-Glenelg had to reshuffle their placings as a result of the last-minute withdrawal of Austen, Woollard, Price and Keane from their selected team, they surprised Port-Torrens by taking the honors in a keenly fought first half.

They led by 13 points at the long interval, chiefly because of their superior ruck work and greater determination.

The tigers had 3-5 on the board before their rivals opened their account.

Their fast ground play and better combination had not given the magpies a chance to get the ball into their half-forward line.

Burkett, making a promising debut for West-Glenelg, had kicked their first two goals.

In the closing stages of the quarter the black-and-whites kept in front of their men, and they began to match it with their opponents to such an extent that they trailed by only 19 points at the first bell.

Six Behinds in Row

The second term was evenly contested, with the visitors now definitely challenging the tigers in pace for the first time.

Midway through the quarter the attack of the Port-Torrens men lost its effect when six behinds went up in a row.

Had it not been for this lapse they may have hit the front. Instead, they were never able to get within two goals of the home team before half-time.

Weight was freely exchanged in a tense third quarter, which was marked for the most part by very even play in the early stages.

HOW TEAMS FINISHED

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Pt.-Torrens	10	2	1,502	1,168	20
St.-South	7	5	1,312	1,312	14
W.-Glenelg	4	8	1,050	1,378	8
Nwd.-North	3	9	1,176	1,348	6

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Shaw (Pt.-Torrens)	2	63
Isaac (Nwd.-North)	3	56
Scott (St.-South)	4	51
Langley (St.-South)	1	35
Hoffman (Pt.-Torrens)	3	27

Three goals from Prior in cool, effortless style, brought his bag for the match to six for Port-Torrens.

The magpies were gradually wearing down the yellow-and-blacks and they reduced the leeway to two points at one stage shortly before lemons.

Hank had been given a roving commission for the magpies.

Summersides sent West-Glenelg farther ahead, but again Prior kicked accurately for the visitors.

At the last change the tigers' lead had been cut down to three points.

After Taylor had goaled for the tigers, Shaw replied with full points for Port-Torrens.

It was his first goal in what had been his quietest game for the season.

This was the turning point, as Fletcher, with another goal, put Port-Torrens in front for the first time.

Prior with his eighth goal, and Shaw, set them away with another, and nothing could stem the magpies' victorious rush now.

Showing easily the best system for the match, Port-Torrens dominated the closing stages to win by 49 points.

Best Players—Port-Torrens: McFarlane, Quinn, Hoffman, L. McLean, Prior, R. McLean, Thiele; West-Glenelg: Prowse, Hannaford, Cock, Bottroff, Burkett, Taylor, Leesue.

Goalkickers—Port-Torrens: Prior (8), R. McLean (4), Hoffman (3), Shaw (2), Quinn, Hank, Fletcher, Clarke; West-Glenelg: Summersides, Taylor (each 3), McArthur, Burkett, Prowse (each 2), Hannaford.

REDLEGS OVERWHELM TIGERS 87-Point Victory

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Nwd.-Nth.	3-7	11-12	12-10	21-15	145
West-Glenelg	1-4	3-4	0-5	0-10	58

By Vic Johnson

Norwood-North had an almost effortless win in the first league semi-final today.

They beat West-Glenelg at Adelaide Oval by 87 points, thus eliminating the tigers from the premiership fight. At no stage did West-Glenelg appear dangerous. The tigers, however, suffered all the injuries, and most of the misfortunes of the game.

West-Glenelg—Backs: Taylor, Bottroff, Woollard; half-backs: Langley, Keane, Leesue; centres: Liebig, Cock, Hannaford; half-forwards: Burkett, McArthur, Slattery; forwards: Price, Smith, Stacey, Ruck, Prowse, Corbett, Summersides, Moroney (19th).

Prowse (leg injury) replaced by Moroney at half-time.

Norwood-North—Backs: McFarlane, Martin, Holmesby; half-backs: Holliday, Lush, Harby; centres: Bice, Pash, Le Page; half-forwards: Schmelskopf, Reilly, Sawley; forwards: Way, Isaac, Searle; ruck: Hoskins, Price, Arbon, Cearnz (19th).

Umpire: H. H. Plumstead.

Norwood-North had far the better of the opening, a strong centre line giving them chances and two quick goals resulted.

Plenty of laxity was allowed the players, Norwood-North took full advantage of this, and they had soon established a very useful lead.

The West-Glenelg attack was very ragged. The forwards operated in a congested area, and the close checking of the redleg backmen gave them little chance to exploit any individual superiority.

Players Injured

Apart from that, West-Glenelg were suffering badly from the heavy work in the close quarters, many of their players already suffering injuries.

Norwood-North had gained a lead of 15 points at the quarter bell with their hustling methods.

The pace was clapped on at the opening of the second term, and a fierce battle between the defence and attack of both teams resulted, but generally, Norwood-North appeared the better.

There was more decision about their work, and although they found scoring not easy, they were gaining ground inch by inch.

Prowse's injury was a sad blow to West-Glenelg, but, battling against long odds, they turned on a surprising burst, which won for them two goals, only to see Norwood-North equalise.

McArthur's going on the ball had improved matters for the tigers, but Norwood-North were playing full of confidence.

Isaac, breaking clear of the defence, kicked four goals, and gave the redlegs a commanding lead of 56 points.

Unlucky With Frees

West-Glenelg were now sadly out of touch. They were being badly beaten, but it seemed as though everything was against them, even obvious frees being missed, which must have made some difference.

Prowse did not take the field after half-time, Moroney being in the back pocket, Smith and Corbett forming the ruck for West-Glenelg.

Two goals, one a fine angle shot by McArthur, improved matters by West-Glenelg, but they were still a long way behind. Norwood-North were as yet giving no signs of weakening, in spite of the tigers' endeavors.

The pace still was extremely hot, but, although West-Glenelg appeared to be putting more spirit into their game, the attack could not have been weaker.

They broke down badly behind centre, and although the Norwood-North defence was strong, the obvious inability of the tiger attack was their greatest drawback. Any ordinary forwards must have done much better.

Man Short in Attack

West-Glenelg had made little headway in this term, and with the redlegs 47 points ahead at the last change, it appeared just a question of what Norwood-North would win by.

West-Glenelg began the last term with only 17 men, Taylor having retired. To my way of thinking, the tigers made a bad mistake by playing a man short in attack.

They had nothing to lose by weakening the defence, and badly needed strength in attack. This had been their principal weakness, and the shortage of a forward only made it worse.

As though to add to an already full kit of trouble, West-Glenelg were soon without Keane, who, although he did not leave the ground, should have done so.

Three more easy goals for Norwood-North gave them an advantage of 59 points with 15 minutes of play left, and many of the spectators were leaving the ground.

Isaac's eighth goal put Norwood-North 75 points in front, and it only remained to see how great would be the redleg margin. It was 87 points.

Best Players—Norwood-North: Arbon, Lush, Harby, Pash, Reilly, Isaac, Sawley; West-Glenelg: Hannaford, Corbett, Woollard, Bottroff, Smith, Liebig, Leesue.

Goalkickers—Norwood-North: Isaac (9), Schmelskopf (3), Arbon, Searle, Reilly (each 2), Way, Sawley, Hoskins; West-Glenelg: Burkett, Smith (each 2), Taylor, Slattery, McArthur, Corbett.