

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

REDLEGS REGAIN FORM AFTER POOR FIRST HALF AGAINST WEST

NORWOOD staged a fine recovery in the second half of the league football match against West at Adelaide Oval today to win by 59 points after trailing at half-time.

Torrens defeated South at Thebarton, and Glenelg almost snatched victory from North at Prospect, but lost by eight points.

Norwood have moved into top position, but Port, top team until today, are to play on Monday against Sturt, who have dropped to fifth—below North.

CONDITION EARNED WIN

By ROY COLMER

Norwood raced away from West in the second half and the redlegs finished far too strongly for the red-and-blacks, physical condition telling in the run home.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-2	5-4	10-17	17-18	120
West	2-6	5-8	5-8	8-13	61

NORWOOD were a floundering, hesitant side in the first half. This was brought about by the pace and tenacity of the city men. West played brilliant football in patches, but their main strength came from the rucks. Cannon, Taylor, and C. Smith carried far too many guns for the Norwood packs. It was from this trio, particularly Cannon and Taylor, that West gained their early driving power.

Norwood gathered themselves together in one spell of five minutes or so half-way through the first quarter to run on three goals. This allowed them to hold an eight-point lead at the change of ends. Blackmore has to take main credit for keeping Norwood in the fight early in the game.

One factor in the West failure in attack was their short-passing. One or two of their players carried this to extremes when the position called for long kicking.

West played good football in the second quarter. Most of their attacks originated from C. Smith, whose ruck work was easily the best up to that stage. He set the side a good example, too, by going for length with his kicking.

Used Two Rovers

With a breakaway threatened, Oatey closed the game with two rovers. The red-and-blacks brought their back pocketmen to close quarters also. On the way the game was flowing this was a mistake, because crowding tactics were playing into the hands of the redlegs in their attempt to check the speed of the opposition.

Although they held a lead of only four points at half-time, West looked the better side.

It was a different story in the third quarter. Burke jumped into the picture to wrest the ruck supremacy from West. It was apparent, too, that much of the fire and dash had gone from West's game. This was due, I thought, to lack of match practice by one or two men.

Physical condition told its tale as Norwood fought to stage a recovery. They proved the balance of their side, whereas the West effort was left to individuals scattered at odd points on the field. Furthermore, Norwood dropped into a long-kicking game with felling effect.

Goalkeepers—Norwood: Dalwood (5), Way (4), Farrow (3), Roads (2), Oatey, Trestrail, Johns. **West:** Atkins, Brown, (2), Taylor, C. Smith, Williams, Agars.

Best Players—Norwood: Gallagher, Burke, Giles, Blackmore, Teague, Oatey, Olds. **West:** Cannon, Faehse, Semmler, Taylor, Brown, C. Smith, B. Smith.

Premiership Table

	P	W	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
Norwood	8	7	1	842	699	14
Port	7	6	1	693	560	12
Torrens	8	6	2	783	663	12
North	8	4	4	752	702	8
Sturt	7	3	4	691	611	6
West	8	3	5	730	786	6
South	8	2	6	635	818	4
Glenelg	8	—	8	649	936	—

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	3	35
Pryor (South)	4	34
A. R. McLean (Port)	—	28
Pynar (Sturt)	—	24
Way (Norwood)	4	21
Langley (Sturt)	—	20
W. Hank (Torrens)	1	19
Prior (Torrens)	4	19

Brilliant Finish By Glenelg Just Fails

By COLIN HAY

Glenelg, knocking at the door for their first 1947 win, finished with a brilliant burst against North at Prospect today to reduce their deficit from 35 to eight points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-5	7-7	13-8	17-12	114
Glenelg	4-4	5-6	8-12	15-16	106

Glenelg went under full of fight in their best display for the year, and showed they have the will to win.

North were badly disorganised by the late withdrawals of Kennedy and O'Leary, but this was no excuse for their poor finishing effort.

In an exciting seven minutes Glenelg clapped on four goals, and had McKay not turned another goalward thrust, North might have gone under.

Glenelg called the tune in the rucks all day, but missed on the fringes with the exception of their closing effort, when Millard and then Crabb took Betson's well-directed knocks. If Glenelg had had this mastery earlier, the result would have been different.

Lehmann's Effort

After Glenelg's supremacy in the first quarter, where Churchett's fine leading out gave him three goals, North came into their own. McKay was outstanding at centre half-back, and, with the North centre line moving smartly, they had an open avenue to the goal, but it was Lehmann who was responsible for North finishing 13 points in front at half-time.

He did not kick one goal himself. His magnificent leading from the goalmouth, often taking Hunt up into the half-forward line, left Pedier unopposed, and he snapped four goals. It was grand system, which Glenelg could not counter. Woollard outmanoeuvred McKay thrice to send Glenelg in. Hasty kicking brought five behinds. Then Churchett, the answer to Glenelg's search for a full forward, goaled from acute angles on each side.

North's defence floundered without Kennedy. Churchett was too elusive for Bolton.

Goalkeepers—North: Pedier (5), Lehmann, Coulls, Donnisthorpe (3), Veal (2), Beeching. **Glenelg:** Churchett (7), Haussen (3), Crabb, Cock (2), Donaldson. **Best Players—North:** Pedier, West, Cox, Lehmann, Aasmot, Pederson, McKay. **Glenelg:** Robjent, Churchett, Crabb, Betson, Hannaford, Link, White.

North — Backs: Burton, Bolton, Crouch. **Half-backs:** Thomas, McKay, Pederson. **Centres:** Aasmot, Cox, West. **Half-forwards:** Edwards, Pash, Donnisthorpe. **Forwards:** Pedier, Lehmann, Veal. **Ruck:** Beeching, Barbary, Coulls. **Reserves:** Yard, Cearns.

Glenelg—Backs: Chambers, Hunt, Hassie. **Half-backs:** Hannaford, Robjent, Masters. **Centres:** Sullivan, Millard, Trenorden. **Half-forwards:** Cock, Woollard, Donaldson. **Forwards:** Crabb, Churchett, White. **Ruck:** Betson, Link, Haussen. **Reserves:** Low, Smith. **Umpire:** R. G. Jeffery. **Estimated attendance:** 3,000.

What Captains Had To Say

Jack Oatey (Norwood). — We were too fast for West in the closing stages. They put up stern opposition until half-time. Norwood played as a good team should. I am very pleased with my side.

Johnny Taylor (West). — The game was fast and vigorous, with Norwood's system too good for us. They saw the game out much better than we did.

Bob Hank (Torrens). — We won with superior speed, but the game was marred by faulty kicking at crucial moments.

L. Cahill (South). — Our form was satisfactory. Only for bad kicking in the third quarter, we would have been much closer at the finish.

Alan Burton (North). — I was not satisfied with the way we finished. We did reasonably well, considering the last-minute changes.

Reg Masters (Glenelg). — I am thrilled with our display. The way we finished shows we can see it out, but once again we played in patches.

SOUTH ON TOP IN ONE TERM

By LAWRIE JERVIS, Jun.

Apart from the third quarter, when Torrens scored only three points, South did not offer much opposition at Thebarton today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	0-1	3-3	7-12	8-16	64
Torrens	3-7	7-11	7-14	11-16	82

From the start Torrens showed more power in the ruck, with "Bub" Smith knocking intelligently to a team mate.

It was evident quite early that Torrens would not gain their usual drive across centre. Bob Hank and "Jockey" Brown had an even share of the play, but on one wing Cahill was making Edwards look very small beer. On the other, Edgword and McKenzie took turn and turn about to get kicks, with Edgword (South) using his to better advantage.

With Bill Hank making fast leads whenever brother Bob got the ball, Torrens cracked on quick goals in the last quarter.

Pryor had a chance to even matters, but from three "set" kicks he got only one goal.

Mehaffey goaled, and with Bob Hank playing brilliantly between half-back and half-forward, Torrens were not troubled to win.

Goalkeepers—Torrens: Prior (4), Mehaffey (3), Hutchinson (2), R. Hank, W. Hank. **South:** Pryor (4), Guthridge, Biney, Cochrane, Laphorne.

Best Players—Torrens: Bob Hank, Sully, Smith, Hutchinson, Cox, Pyatt, W. Hank. **South:** Cahill, Pryor, Ryan, Haines, Guthridge, Edgword, Laphorne.