

Today's games did not disturb top four teams

By LAWRIE JERVISI

Top four positions on the league football premiership table remained unchanged after today's series.

Norwood and Torrens are now level on points, but Norwood retain third position because of their percentage.

With five series to go, the first four teams now seem likely to fight out the major round.

Glenelg, fifth, and West, sixth, level with 10 points each, have hard programs from now on. To get in the four each must win two games more in the remaining five than Torrens or Norwood, a contract which looks beyond them.

Jim Deane's hand injury today has added another worried frown to the State selectors' brows.

They must now find three more men for the WA trip, as in addition to Deane, North ruckman Alan Aldenhoven has notified the league he will not be available, and I understand Norwood wingman Sam Gallagher may not be available

Premiership list

	W	L	Points	Prem.
North	9	3	1016	829
Port	8	4	912	684
Norw'd	7	5	1001	899
Torr'ns	7	5	1051	973
Glenelg	5	7	988	1023
West	5	7	813	859
South	4	8	804	1066
Sturt	3	9	638	1185

Top goalkickers

	Today	Ttl.
Willis (Torrens)	3	48
Phillips (North)	6	41
Read (South)	5	35
Bradford (Trns.)	3	29
Churchett (Glen.)	1	23
Mayo (Norwood)	1	23
Rundlet (Glenelg)	3	23
McPherson (Glg.)	3	22
Brown (West)	1	21
Williams (West)	3	21
L. Taylor (Glg.)	—	20
Cave (Sturt)	2	19
H. McKenzie (N.)	4	19
Haussen (South)	—	18

because of business reasons.

Attendances today totalled 30,700, made up of Prospect Oval (North v. Norwood) 13,700, Unley Oval (Sturt v. Glenelg) 5,500, Kensington Oval (Torrens v. South) 4,300, Alberton Oval (Port v. West) 7,200. This brings the season total to 422,393.

Norwood never looked like beating North

By VIC. JOHNSON

Beaten badly nearly everywhere on the field for more than three parts of the game, Norwood rallied late in the last term but never looked like winning against North at Prospect Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4—2	6—8	11—9	13—11	89
Norwood	0—2	2—5	2—10	9—11	65

It was an exact repetition of the Norwood-Port game at Norwood a fortnight ago, but this time the Redlegs were on the receiving end.

Norwood's hopes were dashed when they were unable to establish a ruck superiority, and with no advantage coming from this quarter the whole side floundered like a ship without a rudder.

They were unable to withstand the fierceness with which North threw themselves into the game.

In choosing Aldenhoven as North's best, I am bearing in mind his fine work in first challenging the strong Norwood rucks and then defeating them easily. His work on or off the ball was first class.

Kicked 6 goals

Phillips did not make a mistake in attack, six goals

one behind proving his value.

Galloway was strong and forceful at centre half-back, and McKenzie roved with fine dash. He kicked four goals.

Norwood's best are hard to find, many of their stars being right out of touch.

Edwards, with a fine defensive effort at half-back, is my choice.

Oatey strove hard all day, Marriott, although somewhat subdued, played a useful game, and Drage was the best of the Redleg attack.

Best Players—North: Aldenhoven, Phillips, Galloway, McKay, McKenzie, Hancock, Griffin, Norwood: Edwards, Oatey, Reimann, Blackmore, Drage, Posdike, Lambert.

Scorers—North: Phillips 61, W. McKenzie 41, Kennett 12, Aldenhoven 10, Griffin 10, Gilbourne 03, Fuller 02, Cox 01, Carlson 01, Norwood: Drage 12, Dalwood 25, Mayo 12, Oatey 10, Walker 10, Blackmore 10, Hines 01, Potts 01.

TORRENS RUCKS CALLED THE TUNE FOR SOUTH

By BRIAN SHEA

Torrens easily defeated South in a scrumbly one-sided game at Kensington Oval today. Torrens' rucks were in charge throughout.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—2	11—6	13—6	18—12	120
South	1—2	3—6	5—8	8—13	61

Jim Coverlid rucked magnificently for Torrens.

His knocking out was always well directed, and his strong marking in mid-field made him a good target for Torrens when sweeping into attack.

Torrens certainly have one of the finds of the season in Head, their new rover.

The 16-year-old junior played brilliant football to kick seven goals, and his cool position play gave the Torrens ruck a decided lift.

Williams tireless

Stan Williams, South back-pocket man, gave a tireless display in defence.

Allan Dunn shut the half-forward flank posi-

Glenelg beat Sturt with little trouble

By LEN SWAN

Glenelg had little trouble defeating Sturt at Unley Oval today. Taking the lead early in the first quarter they went away to win by 34 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3—5	6—10	9—13	13—18	96
Sturt	2—1	5—3	7—5	9—8	62

There was little wind advantage, but light rain fell for most of the first half.

Sturt were first into their stride with a goal from Rattigan, but their attacking role was short-lived, and Glenelg, in spite of inaccuracy in front of goal, were 10 points in front at the first change.

The kicking throughout was of low standard, and at one stage Fitzgerald (Sturt) and Don Taylor (Glenelg), both playing at centre half-back, had little trouble making interceptions and getting most of the play.

Sturt owe their first quarter challenge to the fine rucking of Thompson, who started spectacularly and dominated the centre bounce.

But when Laffin and Crabb came into the picture, Glenelg appeared the winners.

Chances lost

Sturt lost many chances through not following the example of their captain-coach Fitzgerald and playing quickly to the loose man making position.

Glenelg would have won by a greater margin had their goal shooting been more accurate, but the Sturt defenders must be given much of the credit for the Bays' inaccuracy.

Fitzgerald moved to centre half-forward for the second half, and this immediately brought results.

However, Glenelg were capable of meeting the challenge and soon had control again.

Sturt had no answer to this centre line supremacy.

Rarely beaten

Bailey gave a speedy and intelligent display at centre. He was rarely beaten in the air or on the ground, and he sent his side goalward repeatedly with accurate footpasses.

Don Taylor was solid and at times spectacular at centre half-back, while Churchett played one of his most effective games for the season at centre half-forward.

Downing was outstanding at full back for Sturt. His fine anticipation and dogged work held Glenelg many times.

Fitzgerald set his side a great example and was rarely beaten in the air.

Thompson was a tower of strength in the ruck.

Best Players—Glenelg: A. Bailey, D. Taylor, Churchett, Laffin, Crabb, McPherson, Edwards, Sturt: Downing, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Jenkins, Curnow, Rattigan, Harris.

Scorers—Glenelg: McPherson 35, Rundie 31, Potter 30, Laffin 23, Churchett 12, J. Taylor 11, Wickham 04, Crabb 01, Davies 01, Sturt: Rattigan 31, Cave 23, Fitzgerald 21, Thompson 10, Jenkins 10, Ladd 01, Kenny 01, Ellis 01.

(Sturt kicking up and names underneath)

Hunt	Kempson	Davies
Cave	Jenkins	Rattigan
Prior	D. Taylor	B. Wright
Ladd	Ellis	Kenny
Edwards	A. Bailey	Marshall
Kutcher	Leske	Green
A. Wright	Churchett	Rundie
Hodgeman	Fitzgerald	Bowler
Wickham	Laffin	
Curnow	Bagshaw	
Potter	Downing	

Rucks—Sturt: Thompson, Harris, Boland, Bagshaw, Rattigan, Jenkins, Glenelg: Crabb, J. Taylor, McPherson, Laffin, Davies, Wickham.

Reserves—Sturt: Hunter, L. B. Fry, Glenelg: Leahy, Guy, Umpire—W. H. Josephs.

MAGPIE RUCKMEN SWING GAME IN LAST QUARTER

By AMOS BOTTROFF

After being outplayed for nearly three quarters, Port rucks, headed by Garland and Fletcher, revived to enable Port to beat West by 29 points at Alberton.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1—1	4—2	9—6	11—10	76
West	1—1	3—7	5—13	5—17	47

It was in the latter part of the third quarter that a systematic burst by Port set the whole side into an attacking game which continued to the bell.

To that time, West had, with two thirds of the play, been only able to keep abreast of Port's score.

A goal by Whitaker which took his team to a three point lead after trailing for the quarter was a tonic to which Port responded.

Fine leading

Garland's presence in the ruck in the last quarter, a more mobile Boyd at centre, and Roger Cliff's fine leading and marking when resting in the forward area in the last quarter were features that held play completely in Port's favor to the end.

Greer best

For Port, Greer was best for a fast, effective, and untiring effort at half-

back. Whitaker was in much of the hard-going from the start and seemed to revel in the play towards the end.

Fletcher was another who performed well all day, and the new man, Stevens, played reliably.

West's best are hard to select, because so many shared in the even going. I would bracket Brown for a good roving effort, Hewitt for a really fine effort in defence, and Stoll for a similar game.

Lynch was sound at centre, and the two wingmen, Eglington and Lovegrove, were rarely beaten.

Best Players—Port: Greer, Whitaker, Fletcher, Abley, Parham, Cliff, Garland, West: Hewitt, Brown, Stoll, Lynch, Eglington, Pachse, Semmler.

Goalkickers—Port: Cliff 31, Stevens 21, Hall 21, Williams 20, Fletcher 11, Whitaker 10, Boyd 03, Jauvard 02, Marrett 01, West: Williams 38, Brown 11, Zeuner 11, Agars 03, Packham 02, Thomas 01, rushed 01.

South: Stan Williams, Dunn, Abbott, Parham, Tabe, Fraser, Read.

Scorers—Torrens: Head 12, Bradford 32, Willis 12, Pyatt 21, Coverlid 21, Ashby 11, Prior 02, Carr 01.

South: Read 51, Allen 23, Hewitt 11, Haussen 02, Ballantyne 02, Toyne 01, Tabe 01, Fraser 01, Des Panizza 01.