

NORWOOD WELL BEATEN

Torrens take third place

By LAWRIE JERVIS

Torrens move into third place on the league premiership table after their clear-cut win over Norwood today, while Norwood drop back to fourth.

With three minor round games left, West look the only team now who could force their way into the final four.

To do so they will have to win against South, North and Torrens again — not impossible for them.

If West did, and Norwood failed against Sturt, Port, and Glenelg — not beyond the bounds of possibility—the Redlegs would be out of the major round.

Glenelg cannot get in the four now, even if they win all their remaining games and Norwood's lose theirs, as Norwood have too great a percentage.

Attendance today was 26,000, made up of Adelaide Oval (West v. Glenelg) 5,600; Thebarton (Torrens v. Norwood) 10,800; Alberton (Port v. South) 4,600; Prospect (North v. Sturt) 5,000.

Premiership list

	W	L	for agst.	pts.
North	11	3	1219	960
Port	10	4	1113	782
Torrens	9	5	1256	1124
Norw'd	8	6	1250	1080
West	6	8	951	1004
Glenelg	5	9	1109	1164
South	4	10	919	1308
Sturt	3	11	952	1347

Top goalkickers

	Today	Total
Willis (Torrens)	8	64
Phillips (North)	2	50
Read (South)	3	40
Bradford (Tor.)	2	31
Rundle (Glenelg)	2	26
Churchett (Gl.)	—	25
Williams (West)	2	25
Brown (West)	1	23
Mayo (Norwood)	—	23
McPherson (G)	—	23
Cave (Sturt)	3	22
L. Taylor (G)	2	22
Whitaker (Port)	2	21
Hausen (South)	2	20
Potts (Norwood)	5	20
Boland (Sturt)	4	19
H. McKenzie (N)	—	19
Walker (Norw'd)	1	18
Kennett (North)	1	16
Phillips (Sturt)	—	16
Carr (Torrens)	—	15
Oatey (Norw'd)	—	15
Packham (West)	3	15
Rattigan (Sturt)	—	15
Thompson (St.)	2	15

Redlegs faded out gradually

By VIC JOHNSON

Norwood were well beaten by 26 pts. by Torrens at Thebarton today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1—7	7—10	12—11	16—14	110
Norwood	4—2	8—4	10—6	13—6	84

The Redlegs seemed the better side until midway through the second quarter.

Then, excepting for a patch in the last term, they gradually faded out of the picture.

Torrens again had a great deal to thank John Willis for today.

Shut out of the game in the early stages, the tall goalsneak recovered grandly to kick eight goals for his team against very strong opposition.

His fine accuracy appeared to lift what had been a mediocre team into a really good one.

I would rate Bennett as best for Torrens. He did a fine job throughout, and made his position a strong-point.

Willis again proved how valuable a good full forward is. His eight goals were well merited.

Pyatt played well whether following or defending. Bradford was very nippy and clever, whether roving or resting forward in a pocket.

Roberts chosen

Roberts is my pick for Norwood. He received stout opposition from Cockshell, but he did a fine job at centre half-forward.

Oatey played a real leader's game — always thinking ahead to make chances for his side.

Potts did well whether following or in attack. He kicked five goals. Gallagher, although closely checked by Carr, held his wing throughout.

Best Players — Torrens: Graham, Willis, Pyatt, Bradford, Coverlid, Bob Hank, Head. Norwood: Roberts, Oatey, Potts, Gallagher, Drage, Carr, Olds. Scorers—Torrens: Willis 8.4, Coverlid 2.4, Bradford 2.2, Head 2.2, Prior 2.0, Cockshell 0.1, R. Hank 0.1, Norwood: Potts 5.1, Dalwood 4.1, Drage 1.2, Hall 1.1, Marriott 1.0, Walker 1.0, forced 0.1.

PORT EASILY BEAT SOUTH

By BRIAN SHEA

Port played fast, systematic football to easily defeat South at Alberton.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port . . .	7—5	8—6	15—9	18—9	117
South . . .	0—2	5—4	7—5	9—7	61

Port were too systematic in attack for South, and this, coupled with a close checking defence, gave them an easy win.

Port had first use of the strong breeze, and the way they capitalised on this advantage in the first quarter virtually put the game beyond doubt.

The issue was never in doubt in the second half of the game, with Port racing on goals almost at will. The Magpies fast play-on game must have heartened supporters, and on today's showing they are working back into top form for the end of the minor round.

Roger Clift was outstanding for Port. His terrific leaps for the ball and long, driving kicks were invaluable for Port, both in attack and when he played as a loose defender.

Abley too good

Abley was far too good for Read, the South goal-

sneak. His uncanny judgment in the air gave him the edge over his taller opponent and his rugged ground play and long drop kicks broke up many South attacks.

Allen, tall South ruckman, gave a great display against strong opposition. He hardly missed a knock out throughout the game but poor roving support failed to make full use of the openings he created.

Thomson held a half-back flank for South for the greater part of the game. He marked strongly but his floating punt kicks marred an otherwise good display.

Best Players—Port: Clift, Abley, Luke, Gariand, Stevens, Whitaker, Dinning. South: Allen, Thomson, Sexton, Polden, Panizza, Hewitt, Dunn.

Scorers—Port: Luke 5.1, Clift 4.2, Gariand 2.2, Whitaker 2.1, Trowse 1.1, Boyd, Dinning, Marrett, Jaggard all 1.0, Leaver 0.2. South: Read 3.0, Toyne 2.1, Hausen 2.0, Fraser 1.3, Hewitt 1.0, Wilson 0.2, Parham Polden 0.1 each.

West wore down Bays' speed

By AMOS BOTTRUFF

After an almost lazy beginning, West wore down Glenelg's early speed, took control at centre and round the ruck fringes, and won by 16 points on Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West . . .	0—2	4—5	6—8	9—12	66
Glenelg	3—6	3—7	6—8	7—8	50

The oval was in good condition apart from the muddy centre patch, but drizzly rain fell for part of the game and made the ball more difficult to handle.

Glenelg had first use of a breeze which favored the southern end.

The game finished very much the opposite of its beginning.

Glenelg raced away to a good first quarter lead, with west able to score only two points.

After two more quarters the scores were level, but West broke away to win by holding the Bays to one score—a goal—in the last quarter.

The way Glenelg made their early breakaway gave the impression of a good, systematic team, fast, full of dash and vigor.

Crabb, Johnny Taylor, Davies and other big men in the visiting side were foremost in taking the initiative and it looked as though West would be swamped into definite defeat.

The Bays had their eyes on the ball, made position easily and had West guessing while the latter were trying to size up the position.

In comparison, too, West's kicking was poor, but deep in defence they had a trump card.

Lewis, calm and like a rock, made the Bays fight to pass his position.

Glenelg were 22 points in front at the first change. Then their machine broke down.

Where they had made good use of the crumbs from the rucks and kicks from the ground it became West's turn to take over.

Centre strongpost

Lovegrove made centre a strong post by his fine dashes and good marking and Brown and young Wright had more than their share of play.

Zeuner, who had twisted an ankle earlier, forced West to send Hillebrand into ruck from the goal-front and throughout the game his youth added life to this section.

Farther back Stoll came into the picture often, when Glenelg looked dangerous, and he, like Lewis, was a road block.

Crabb continued to fight on after halftime, but for Glenelg it was an uphill effort.

Wickham had his share of the play, but it was not so much at close quarters as in the open that he made position and fought with effect.

West had opportunities galore after half-time, but they had too few men within range who could turn their attacks into scores.

Twice, near the end of the third term, Agars led out brilliantly and kicked goals, and Packham, while rucking, marked three shots within range for a "hat-trick" of goals, but these were the only six-pointers kicked by West in the second half.

Glenelg faded badly as West, with Faehse in the ruck, kept them in defence for almost the whole of the last term.

For their tireless and definite defensive play I would name Lewis and Stoll as West's best.

Hillebrand's ruckwork and fine marking and Lovegrove's dashing display at centre would rank them very high on the list, and Brown again roved with his usual courage.

Crabb tireless

For Glenelg, Alan Crabb was best, with a tireless rucking effort.

The young wingman Edwards gave a great display of speed and understanding, and Bone's effort in defence showed a great improvement on some of his earlier games.

Best Players—West: Lewis, Stoll, Hillebrand, Lovegrove, Brown, Williams, Faehse. Glenelg: Crabb, Edwards, Wickham, Davies, Wright, Bone, J. Taylor.

Goalkickers—West: Packham 3.2, G. Williams 2.2, Agars 2.0, Brown 1.0, Lovegrove 1.0, Hole 0.3, Wright 0.1, Faehse 0.1, Hillebrand 0.1, rushed 0.2. Glenelg: L. Taylor 2.3, Wickham 2.1, Rundle 2.0, Crabb 1.0, J. Taylor 0.2, Leahy 0.1, rushed 0.1.

North struggle home in point win

By LEN SWAN

At Prospect today North struggled home from Sturt by one point. It was a case of the bottom team giving the league leaders a bad fright.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North . .	4—3	6—8	8—8	11—12	78
Sturt . . .	2—2	4—5	10—11	11—11	77

The game started in dull fashion. Sturt looked disinterested and without confidence, while North fumbled and took things too easily.

In this manner both teams struggled through the first quarter.

After the long interval there was a vast change in Sturt's outlook to the game. They appeared to realise that the top team was not invincible, and they went for the ball with a confidence and spirit that left North nonplussed, ward for Thompson to mark. He took his kick after the bell, and reduced North's winning margin to a point.

North had few players who maintained consistent form, but Odgers did everything that was asked of him all-day. In the early stages, when his side was struggling, he gave the forwards opportunities.

Stringer was played in varying positions throughout the day, and wherever

he was sent he made his presence felt.

Phillips, although not spectacular was a most useful team man, and had a big hand in his team's final quarter revival.

Boland brilliant

For Sturt, Boland stood out, not only for his brilliant third quarter, but he was in the picture all day with clever roving.

In the ruck Harris was a tower of strength, and he is proving an invaluable assistant to Thompson.

Fitzgerald, although quieter than usual, brought down some spectacular marks and played some fine follow-through football.

Best Players—North: Odgers, Stringer, Phillips, Cox, McKay, Hancock, Fuller, Sturt, Boland, Harris, Fitzgerald, Downing, Bapshaw, Cave, Thompson.

Goalkickers — North: Cox, Stringer 3.1, Phillips 2.3, Fuller 2.2, Kennett 1.1, Gilbourne 0.3, Galloway, Odgers 0.1. Sturt: Boland 4.1, Cave 3.0, Thompson 2.3, Jenkins 1.4, Ladd 1.0, Rattigan, Phillip 0.3, rushed 0.1.