

Glenelg in real danger

Vic Johnson

As a result of today's games, Port still maintain their position at the top of the premiership table by a percentage margin from Torrens.

Norwood have made themselves safe in third position by defeating Sturt.

But Glenelg, following their defeat by Port, are in real danger. They lead North for fourth place on percentage, but have to meet that team next Saturday.

Sturt, South, and West, each of them beaten today, remain as they were — sixth, seventh, and eighth respectively.

The big attraction next Saturday, and certainly the most important so far for both North and Glenelg will be their clash at Kensington. I favor North.

West play Norwood at Adelaide. My pick is Norwood.

Port are chosen to beat South at Alberton and Torrens should defeat Sturt at Unley.

Official attendances at today's league matches were: Adelaide Oval, 4,000; Prospect, 5,400; Glenelg, 8,800; Norwood, 7,400—total of 29,600.

League table

	W	L	For	Agst	Pts.
Port	11	2	1573	1099	28
Torrens	11	3	1063	1241	28
Norwood	10	7	1536	1387	20
Glenelg	8	9	1396	1476	16
North	8	9	1309	1413	16
Sturt	5	12	1112	1232	10
South	5	12	1108	1235	10
West	4	11	1201	1123	8

Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Ward (Norwood)	5	69
Churchett (Glen)	1	64
W. McKenzie (N.)	3	58
Watts (Torrens)	4	53
Head (South)	—	47
Hill (Glenelg)	1	42
Bradford (Tor.)	—	41
Head (Torrens)	3	40

PORT HAD ALL THE ANSWERS Glenelg faded in second half

By LEN SWAN

Port had the answers at Glenelg Oval today. Taking over in the second half they played such sound match-winning football that Glenelg never looked to have a chance.

Port are running into premiership form—a consistent, well balanced side that has the stars necessary to lift the side when danger threatens.

To half-time Glenelg had reason to consider themselves well in the picture. They were matching Port in most departments and generally gave a good account of themselves.

After half-time, however, the story was very different.

Dictated policy

Port held the reins and practically dictated the policy. Glenelg did not kick a goal after Churchett posted their fourth late in the second quarter.

This result is a fair indication of Port's control during the second half.

Both sides were unchanged and Hall had the choice of ends.

With the wind advantage Glenelg went into attack in a business-like fashion and had seven points on the board before Port replied.

Exciting battle

It was an exciting battle and with the half-back lines for both sides on top the ball went from Clift (Port) to Taylor (Glenelg) with monotonous regularity.

Port owed their slender advantage at the first change to Abley's effective checking of Churchett and their greater accuracy.

With the game being played vigorously and at top pace the kicking was not good.

Glenelg produced their best early in the second term when they disre-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3—0	8—2	10—9	12—16	88
Glenelg	2—1	4—5	4—8	4—13	37

garded the wind disadvantage and went into attack as if convinced they could win.

Winning margin

They recaptured the lead in this burst but lost it again soon after.

After half-time it was soon evident that the main concern would be the winning margin.

The centralised battle continued with the Davies-Boyd duel the highlight. Elsewhere Port were in complete control and systematically forged further ahead.

Now playing with the run of the ball they could do little wrong, while Glenelg players fumbled and even dropped marks when unchallenged.

The scoring of behinds became the order of the day Port posted five in a row twice, while Glenelg's second-half score was eight behinds.

The situation for Glenelg was now desperate and Alf Bailey went to centre so that Davies could have a run on the ball—what a versatile player!

Port were now in a strong position and undeterred by any position changes.

Another change

Glenelg made another change at the start of the last term when they sent Wright to half-back left in a belated effort to put something into their attack.

Baillie took Wright's place at half-back.

In the closing stages it was all Port and the visitors went from strength to strength with the outstanding effort being a spectacular run around the boundary by Jaggard.

Even when Glenelg played well in the first half they made the error of relying too much on Port's mistakes instead of forcing their opponents into errors.

Few lapses

For a team like Port do not have many lapses.

Glenelg's newcomer, Matters, showed sufficient promise to warrant further trial.

Port's best were difficult to select. Perhaps the most effective was Boyd, although when opposed to Davies that player was just as brilliant.

Clift was solid, particularly in the first half, while Williams kept his side moving.

Abley had limited opportunities after half-time, but until then was probably Port's best.

Davies stands out for Glenelg. Asked to oppose the speedy Boyd he did so with credit. Then for a rest he went on the ball and continued his brilliance.

Wright and Taylor are sound defenders and had it not been for their effective play Port would have won by a much higher margin.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Clift, Williams, Abley, McDonald, Zucker, Marrett. Glenelg: Davies, Wright, Taylor, Edwards, McPherson, Alf Bailey, Marshall.

Scorers—Port: Coldwell, Zucker 2.3, Marrett 2.2, Dittmar 2.0, Whitaker 1.2, Williams, Motley, Hayes 1.1, Jaggard 0.2, Boyd 0.1, Glenelg: Churchett, McPherson 1.2, Hall 1.1, King 1.0, Davies 0.3, Wright, Potter 0.2, Baillie 0.1.

Replacements—Alf Bailey (Glenelg) replaced by Prior; Williams (Port) replaced by Leaver, both in last quarter.

Injured—Alf Bailey (Glenelg) bruised hip, Williams (Port) injured thigh.

Torrens had to battle

By HUBERT BIGGS

Fast and vigorous, West — bottom on the premiership list — ran Torrens (second) closer than had been expected at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—3	9—8	12—13	14—16	100
West	3—4	5—7	7—14	10—19	79

The Blue-and-Golds had only 21 points to spare at the finish.

The losers outscored Torrens in the first and last quarters.

In speed, marking, and determination West were at least equal to the favorites, but they fell down at the goalfront.

There was little to choose between Coverlid and Head for Torrens' best player. Coverlid's marking was full of merit, while he also did well rucking. Head gave another clever roving display.

Bob Hank did not shine as brightly as usual at centre. Roberts was a safe goalkeeper and Cock-

shell was prominent in the second half.

My vote for best man on the ground would go to Leon Lovegrove, West's back pocket player.

Colin Brown turned in another fine game.

Lee, Franklin, and Thomas were a hard-working trio, chiefly in the defence lines.

Best Players—Torrens: Coverlid, Head, Bob Hank, Roberts, Cockshell, Bill Hank, Willis, Pyatt. West: Lovegrove, Brown, Lee, Franklin, Thomas, Ryan, Faehse, Hewitt.

Scorers—Torrens: Willis 4.2, Head 3.2, Coverlid 3.2, Cockshell 2.1, Ray Hank 1.2, Bob Hank 1.0, Pyatt 0.2, Bradford 0.2, Prior 0.1, rushed 0.2. West: Brown 5.6, Kies 2.1, Wright 1.4, Packham 1.2, Zerk 1.0, Faehse 0.1, Cannon 0.1, Ryan 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Replacements—Cannon (injured ankle) was replaced for West by Hulse and in the last quarter.

Central Umpire—M. Hall

NORWOOD IN GOOD MAJOR ROUND TRIAL

By JOHN YOUNG

Norwood staged a good major round trial by soundly defeating Sturt at Norwood Oval today by 46 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4—6	9—9	15—14	18—17	125
Sturt	2—3	5—7	7—8	11—13	79

Today's match showed that Norwood will be a hard hurdle for the league leaders to overcome in the finals.

Norwood had the edge on Sturt right through the game, but their withering third quarter, when they outscored Sturt 6-5 to 2-1, was the decider.

NORTH LIFT FOUR CHANCE

Beat South soundly but still not at top

By VIC JOHNSON

North's defeat of South in the football clash at Prospect today has caused the liveliest speculation about who will get fourth place in the final four.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1—5	4—12	6—15	11—19	85
South	2—3	3—5	4—7	4—10	34

North's win must be coupled with Glenelg's defeat by Port today.

Next Saturday, the last day of the minor round, North and Glenelg will meet.

A North win will displace Glenelg from the final four.

North, although they won well today—the margin was 51 points—did not impress me as much as they did in their previous game against Port.

McKay's work in goal earns him my first vote for North. He kept Read goalless, with his fine high-marking and anticipation.

Griffin, although covering a lot of ground, held centre throughout.

Hewitt was dashing at centre wing. Stringer performed his task thoroughly at half-back, and Proud and Carroll were too strong for the South ruck.

Great in the back pocket is my choice for South. Fearless and steady, he showed great judgment and anticipation.

Hausen roved well to beaten rucks; Polden, always reliable at half-back, received good support from Linke after half-time. Des Panizza and Dunn were prominent in the packs.

Best Players—North: McKay, Griffin, Hewitt, Stringer, McCann, Proud, Carroll, South: Grear, Hausen, Polden, Linke, Des Panizza, Dunn, Hewitt.

Scorers—North: W. McKenzie 2.3, Kennett 2.4, Proud 2.2, McKay 2.0, Carroll 1.3, Fuller 1.1, H. McKenzie 0.2, Phillips 0.1, Hancock 0.1, Huppatt 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Allen 1.1, Michelmore 1.1, Zubinich 1.0, Dunn 1.0, Deane 0.1, Heidenreich 0.1, Souter 0.1, Ballantyne 0.1, Pavli 0.1, rushed 0.2.

Replacements—J. Deane, South injured leg, replaced by Ballantyne in third term; B. Souter, South, injured leg, replaced by Pavli in last term.

Best Players—Norwood: Gallagher, Walker, Mayo, Reimann, Roberts, Giles, Hines (with injured), Marriott, and Pasdike. Sturt: Fitzgerald, Harris, Shanks, Bagshaw, Katcher, Thompson, and Green.

Scorers—Norwood: Mayo 5.8, Vivian 2.3, Aish 2.0, Bob Williams 2.1, Hines 2.0, Walker 2.1, Pasdike 1.1, Parrelly 1.0, Rodgers 1.0, Gallagher 0.1, rushed 0.2. Sturt: Harris 5.3, Hill 2.0, Boland 1.1, Shanks 1.1, Paech 1.1, Thompson 1.0, Goldfinch 0.2, rushed 0.1.