

LEAGUE FOUR JIGSAW PUZZLE

By RAY BARBER

The league football final four is a jigsaw puzzle with five series to be played before the minor round ends on September 4

Four teams fighting for third and fourth places now have 12 points. They are Norwood, Torrens, North, and Sturt.

Sturt had a major setback by their defeat by North today. It cost them a slip from third to sixth position — caused by a poor percentage.

It may also have cost them final four participation.

North with three more games at home—the next two there against South and West—have a chance to consolidate.

Torrens face a stiff task next week when they go to Norwood for the game of the day.

Sturt have a tough one in meeting West (second) at Adelaide Oval.

There was a comfortable winning margin in each of the four games today.

Norwood, the team of the moment, won their fourth successive game to rise from fourth to third place.

They defeated Port for the second time this month—Port's only two losses for the season.

Attendances at today's league games were: Alberton Oval, 15,000; Prospect, 8,000; Glenelg, 7,000; Murray Bridge, 2,500; total, 32,500.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	for ag.	pts.	
Port	11	2	1291	827	22
West	10	3	1100	982	20
Norwood	6	7	1003	990	12
Torrens	6	7	995	1018	12
North	6	7	1005	1055	12
Sturt	6	7	985	1130	12
South	4	9	822	1070	8
Glenelg	3	10	960	1131	6

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
McKenzie (North)	3	37
Rundle (Glenelg)	1	37
Garland (Port)	—	36
Read (South)	2	32
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	2	27
Hall (Port)	1	26
Faeh (Sturt)	1	26
Wright (West)	1	25

Redlegs down Port again; threat for title

By VIC JOHNSON

By their decisive defeat of Port by 22 points at Alberton today, Norwood have established themselves as a definite threat to the 1954 premiership.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	1—5	7—9	12—10	15—13	103
Port	5—2	7—4	10—5	12—9	81

Beaten badly in the first term, the Redlegs fought back magnificently in the second to capture the lead at half-time and from then on, although closely pressed at times, were never headed to outstay the Magpies in the final term.

Norwood's best was hard to decide, each player at times doing well, but I name Marriott for his sound ruck work and steady field play.

Young played his part at half-forward capably. Fosdike and Vivian were dangerous roving or in attack.

Gallagher was spasmodically brilliant at centre, and others to stand out were Sawley and Skinner.

Clift was easily Port's best at centre half-back, marking beautifully and clearing with great power.

Jaggard did well at centre wing. Zucker followed strongly.

Best Players—Norwood: Marriott, Young, Vivian, Fosdike, Gallagher, Sawley, Skinner, Port: Clift, Jaggard, Zucker, Motley, Hayes, Whelan, Boyd.

Replacements—Norwood: Wells, facial injury replaced by Farrelly at half-time; Butler, leg injury, replaced by Williams in third quarter. Port: Kretschmer, torn leg muscle replaced by Growden in first quarter.

TORRENS' SYSTEM TOO GOOD FOR GLENELG

By LEN SWAN

Torrens' system and purpose in the early part of the game let them run out easy winners from a struggling—but determined—Glenelg side at Glenelg Oval today.

Torrens won the game in the first quarter, when they built up a 33-point lead.

Glenelg rallied and did a good job to get within eight points in the last quarter.

Apart from Torrens' early burst of good football, it was a vigorous struggle with both sides lapsing into silly errors and poor play.

Glenelg could have been well in the picture but for their appalling inaccuracy in front of goal—20 points from 27 shots is poor football at any time.

Torrens were unchanged, but Glenelg were forced to withdraw Laffin at the last minute because of a foot injury. Martin took up the ruck vacancy and Abley went to reserve.

Loose-man style

Bob Hank won the toss, but there was little wind advantage. Taking over at the first bounce, Torrens bombarded their goal, shooting holes in the Bay defence, and using the loose-man style of play to perfection.

Pyatt and Head revelled in the conditions, and opened up the game so effectively that the home side was left standing.

In direct contrast, Glenelg muddled along with haphazard kicking and purposeless football.

For the rest of the game Glenelg more than held their own.

The Torrens game deteriorated, and had it not been for the Bay inac-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	5—6	7—10	9—12	13—12	90
Glenelg	0—3	3—8	5—13	7—20	62

curacy forward and their lack of cohesion forward of centre, the scores would have been much closer.

It was in the second term that the home side made its first attempt to check the Torrens supremacy. Davies showed his pace and made the Glenelg forward line look more effective.

Individual effort

But it was a case of individual effort producing results.

The Glenelg style of play made it easy for the opposition defence, and Ashby, Clingly, Edwards, and Roberts took full advantage of the aimless, foolish kicking employed.

In the third quarter the ruck duels continued with little advantage to either side, but the Torrens rovers had the upper hand.

Glenelg were still holding their own, but little real progress was made to reduce their deficit until the final term, when they produced a burst that left Torrens rattled.

To get within eight points was a grand revival, but the effort was too much, and Torrens went away again to finally establish their winning margin.

Even in this recovery, Glenelg relied too much on individual effort and not enough on sound team work.

Foolish errors

Both sides made far too many foolish mistakes. Some were elementary errors, and should not be made by footballers of big standard.

For Torrens, Head receives first mention for a clever roving display.

He is a player of outstanding ability, and could be even better if he disposed of the ball quicker. Carr did a fine job at centre wing, and kept Torrens in attack, while Clingly used brilliant anticipation in making his clearances.

R. Bailey, at centre half-back, was Glenelg's best.

He brought down some brilliant marks and never accepted defeat.

I like the way he regains his balance after attempting to mark.

Alf Bailey had more than his share of kicks, but his disposal was not always good. However, he was one of the principal factors in Glenelg's recovery.

Jack Miller did some grand work at full back.

Best Players—Torrens: Head, Carr, Clingly, Adams, Edwards, Coverlid, Oehme, Glenelg: R. Bailey, J. Miller, A. Bailey, Wickham, Davies, Crabb, Hall.

Best Players—North: Hewitt, Aldenhoven, McKay, Bunt, Dunn, McCann, Tanner, Sturt; May, Harrison, Rattigan, Fitzgerald, Kotaris, Hunter, Harris.

Best Players—West: McGregor, Faeh, Lynch, Cannon, Thomas, Keis, Wright, South, Linke, Des Panizza, Parham, Poiden, Allen, Hewitt, Jones.

STURT MISTAKES AIDED FINE WIN BY NORTH

By RAY BARBER

North came home strongly while Sturt stopped almost to a walk in the home team's 23-point win at Prospect Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1—1	6—5	9—10	13—13	91
Sturt	3—2	6—5	10—7	10—8	68

West had game at Bridge well won early

By LEIGH STEVENS

West had their match against South at Murray Bridge won at half-time. They were never seriously threatened over the last half and won easily by 35 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4—4	7—6	11—9	11—11	77
South	1—1	5—3	6—3	6—5	41

THREE GLENELG PLAYERS TACKLE TORRENS MAN IN POSSESSION



A MARK TO TORRENS
K. OEHME, West Torrens full-forward (left), outmarks Glenelg's J. Miller and goals from within the goal square in today's match between West Torrens and Glenelg at Glenelg Oval.



THREE GLENELG MEN tackle West Torrens full-forward K. Oehme (with ball) as two West Torrens men race to his rescue. The players are, from left, G. Parham (West Torrens), J. Delo (West Torrens), J. Miller (Glenelg), K. Oehme (West Torrens), S. Wickham (Glenelg), and R. Bailey (Glenelg).