

ONE POSITION NOW FIRM

One of the two final four positions in doubt probably was decided today with Torrens win over Sturt.

Torrens are now in third position with 18 points — two above North, who rose from sixth to fourth today by defeating Glenelg narrowly.

Torrens have to meet North at Thebarton next Saturday, and then South at Adelaide Oval for the last minor round series.

On form, Torrens could win them both.

The fourth position is just as clouded as ever, and it will be left to the final round to decide the fortunate one of North, Sturt or Norwood.

Norwood at the moment are conceding two points to North and Sturt.

The Redlegs meet South (Adelaide Oval) and North at Prospect.

Sturt have their last two matches at Unley Oval—against Glenelg and Port.

Sturt's percentage is so inferior that they would have to win both matches to get in the four by a clear margin of points.

If North were to win their two they would be in.

Port and West are secure in first and second positions — for the valuable second chance if beaten in the second semi-final.

The major round will begin with the first semi-final between the third and fourth teams at Adelaide Oval on September 11.

Official attendances at today's league games were: Adelaide Oval, 13,300; Kensington, 10,300; Alberton, 3,878; Glenelg, 4,981. Total, 32,459.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE						
	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
Port	13	3	1504	1031	26	29.3
West	12	4	1300	1236	24	27.3
Tor.	9	7	1171	1230	18	20.0
North	8	8	1208	1234	16	17.8
Sturt	8	8	1250	1201	16	17.8
Nor.	7	9	1319	1570	14	15.6
South	4	12	992	1508	8	8.7
Glen.	3	13	1184	1437	6	6.4

TOP GOALKICKERS		
	Today	Total
McKenzie (North)	3	66
Rundle (Glenelg)	3	47
Head (South)	3	41
Garland (Port)	—	38
Head (Torrens)	2	37
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	2	34
Walker (Norwood)	—	31

WEST TRAIL UNTIL LAST 4 MINUTES

By RAY BARBER

It took West until four minutes to go to lead for the first time against Norwood at Adelaide Oval — and they kept it.

West	1—3	6—10	7—11	12—14	86
Norw'd	7—2	8—3	11—7	11—11	77

West won by pace and courage in the last 25 minutes.

By winning West made it three successes without a loss against Norwood this season and made the Redlegs' late bid for the final four hazardous.

Norwood led by 20 points at the last change through good use of the useful breeze that blew from the start.

They looked the better proposition when the teams settled down for the last session.

Forwards strong

But West, aided by the breeze which appeared to have dropped a little, brought on all their early season pace and created the openings to get 5-3 and keep Norwood goalless in that time.

Ken McGregor was best man on the ground for the example he set and drive gained by West through his efforts. His following was sustained and he put a vice-like grip on the ball overhead.

Eglington was consistent and dashing at centre wing. Brown was a busy, effective rover although his turning got him into trouble once or twice.

Perry did a good job at centre after being shaded early by Wells. Perry's kicking was a lesson for much more experienced players.

Best of the others were Cannon, Lovegrove, and Lynch.

For Norwood, Bob Fosdike was outstanding with a fine roving display capped by good use of both feet in getting the ball to position. Once again he was a reliable goalgetter.

Williams was not spectacular but left his goals with good judgment and was a hard barrier.

Roberts alongside him was strong and rugged while the half-back flankers Edwards and Butler had a good day.

Marrriott threatened to demoralise West—and almost did in the first half.

Wells had a great start at centre.

Scorers—West: Bishop 21, Kies and A Court each 20, Brown 14, Costello, McGregor, Phillips, and Bernie Slattery each 11, Richardson 10, Cannon 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Marrriott 41, Fosdike 2.3, Vivian 2.2, Farrelly 1.2, Sawley 1.0, rushed 0.3.

Best Players—West: McGregor, Eglington, Brown, Perry, Cannon, Lovegrove, Lynch. Norwood: Fosdike, Williams, Roberts, Edwards, Marrriott, Butler, Wells.

TENACIOUS SOUTH A SHOCK FOR PORT

By LEN SWAN

Port were surprised by South at Alberton. South did a grand job, and had the league leaders fighting to scrape home by eight points.

Port	—	6—8	6—12	9—14	68
South	3—5	4—7	6—10	8—12	60

South have every reason to be pleased with their performance today.

They held on tenaciously and refused to be shaken off.

Port, on the other hand, must look to their laurels as their form at the moment is in no way reminiscent of their early season play.

There is, however, plenty of time to correct this lapse, and Port could easily be back at their top for the major round.

For Port Cliff was outstanding. In fact, he played a matchwinning game as he stopped South singlehanded time and again.

If Cliff had not kept his form in the third quarter South could easily have established a winning lead.

Trowse did a solid job in the ruck and gave his

side the edge in this department all day.

McDonald gave Port many opportunities and never let up.

South had none better than Linke — best man on the ground. He brought down some spectacular marks and used his pace to full advantage. His long driving kicks changed defence to attack.

Hewitt was nearly as spectacular at full back and some of his marks over the pack were of the highest class.

Jones kept one wing open all day, and created a sure avenue to goal.

Best Players—Port: Cliff, Trowse, McDonald, Motley, Zucker, Leaver, Parham, South: Linke, Hewitt, Jones, D Panizza, Grear, Polden, Gully.

Scorers—Port: Motley 23, Leaver and Zucker each 22, Williams 21, Jaggard 12, McDonald, Boyd and Dittmar each 0.1, rushed 0.1. South: Read and Fraser each 21, Guy 12, Hausen and R. Panizza each 11, Garrett 1.0, D. Panizza and Thomson each 0.1, rushed 0.4.

North get home in late rally

By HUBERT BIGGS

Glenelg, bottom, surprised North at the Glenelg Oval this afternoon, and it was only an impressive third-quarter rally which enabled North to scrape home by 10 points.

Glenelg began the game like real tigers, and raced to a 19-point lead in the first quarter.

Their superior speed and system left North trailing, generally a few yards behind. A superhuman effort by the Bays' centre man, Alf Bailey, was the biggest factor in their early spurt.

Not only did he mark everything which came his way, but he started many dashing offensives by his brilliance in ground play. Ian McKay, North's goalkeeper, was in great form, and had it not been for his sterling efforts, the Bays would have gone to a six-goal lead in this term.

North's forward work was far from convincing at this stage. Attempts at short passing often mis-fired, and they fumbled the ball a lot.

Paved way

The Prospect men paved the way for their rally by switching their half-forward, Lindner, on to Alf Bailey at the pivot.

While Bailey continued to play well, it was against stronger opposition from then, and the game was more evenly fought.

It was a dogged, low-scoring tussle, with neither team giving much away, and Glenelg led throughout the first half to have 11 points in hand at the long interval.

The Tigers lost their goalkeeper, Miller, through an ankle injury in the second quarter, and McPherson, one of their reserves, came into the game.

Tanner was rucking well for North, and Crabb for Glenelg, while Hewett, North wingman, and Wickham, Glenelg rover, were often in the picture.

Only three goals went North's way in the first half, but they put a different complexion on things with their third-quarter recovery.

They challenged their opponents more strongly in the air, checked them more tenaciously in their ground work, and instilled greater cohesion into their attacks.

But they were still astray at the goalfront. Thirteen scoring shots for the term added only four goals.

Hitting the front for the first time midway through the quarter, they were never headed afterwards.

Rover Haydn Bunton's three goals in a row, dur-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	0—2	3—7	7—16	10—19	79
Glenelg	3—3	5—6	6—9	9—15	69

ing a 10-minute period of this quarter did the trick for North.

Teamwork was also more in evidence among some of the other players, top.

Fought back

North's 4.9 to 1.3 clinched the issue.

Glenelg fought back grandly, however, and there were times in the last quarter when they looked like snatching the game out of the fire. Twice they got to within a few points by dour battling.

I have seldom seen Ian McKay kick off so consistently well as he did today. The North skipper's aerial work was also first-class and he gets my No. 1 vote.

Bunton played another hard-hitting game, always in the thick of things, and his four goals came at a time when North forwards were failing dismally.

Ron Hewett was fast and effective on his wing, and Tanner did a mighty job of work in the packs.

McCann, at half-back, and Gilbourne, at half-forward, were useful.

Bailey on top

For Glenelg, Alf Bailey was at the top of his form. No one tried harder than he did, and he was always a worry to North's chances. It was one of his best efforts for the season at centre.

Alan Crabb was the losers' best ruckman. He was equally useful with his marking and following.

Wickham was consistent in his scouting and kicking, and Prior and Potter both brought down some high ones in defence. Edwards was often under notice as a Glenelg wingman, although opposed to the redoubtable Hewett.

Best Players—North: McKay, Bunton, Hewett, Tanner, McCann, Gilbourne, Lindner, Dunn, Glenelg: Alf Bailey, Crabb, Wickham, Prior, Potter, Edwards, Leaby, Davies.

Scorers—North: Bunton 4.2, McKenzie 3.4, Hill 1.3, Gilbourne 1.1, Proud 1.1, Stringer 0.3, Fuller 0.3, Vaughan 0.1, War 0.1, Glenelg: B Rundle 2.2, Martin 2.1, McPherson 1.3, Davies 1.2, Crabb 1.1, Wickham 1.1, D Rundle 0.3, Potter 0.1, Guy 0.1.

Replacements—Miller, Glenelg ankle injury, replaced by McPherson in second quarter. Hill, North, ankle injury, replaced by Blunden in third quarter.



Growden, the big Port ruckman, qualified for life membership of the SA Football League today by playing his third game for the season and thus completing his tenth year of league football.

Sturt's only serious casualty against Torrens was rover Trevor Sims who was carried from the field in the last quarter with a wrenched knee. He may be out for a week.

The Port Adelaide City Band entertained spectators at the Alberton Oval today.

The band played before the game, at half-time, and again at the three-quarter time interval.

Richards, the South centreman, received a heavy knock in the last few seconds of play at Alberton Oval. He collided with Growden (Port) and was carried from the field as the siren sounded. Examined after the game by two doctors there was a suggestion that he may have internal injuries.

It was left to North's first-season rover, Haydn Bunton, to gain the honor of chief goal-kicker in the Glenelg Oval game. His tally was 4-2, compared with 3-4, by Bill McKenzie, North's goalsneak, and 3-2 by Brian Rundle, the Bays' full forward.



Goalkeeper Miller, of Glenelg, was carried off on a stretcher in the second quarter suffering from a badly wrenched ankle. Another ankle injury was sustained by Hill, North follower. Dean Stringer, who received a painful gash inside his mouth, was a second North casualty.

It's seldom that the numbers on South Australian league players' guernseys get into the thirties. But there were two at Glenelg. Des Rundle was wearing No. 31 on a half-forward flank. No. 30 wasn't seen so much, because it was on Millbank's guernsey. He was one of the Bays' reserves.

Several of Alf Roberts' marks today, especially in the last term, were life-savers for his team. Torrens. He often came out nearly to half-back to break up Sturt attacks.



Len Fitzgerald took a heavy tumble today, flying into a pack. The Sturt leader went clean over the top. He rubbed himself ruefully for some time afterwards.

South's trophy today went to Ray Linke. He played the centre half-back position brilliantly.

TORRENS WILL BE HARD NOW TO TOSS FOR PREMIERSHIP

By VIC JOHNSON

By their hard-won victory of three clear goals over Sturt at Kensington Oval today Torrens showed that they are again going to be tough to toss for the premiership.

When I last saw Torrens a few weeks ago they looked very ordinary. But now they are a totally different proposition.

Torrens	1—2	6—7	10—10	13—13	91
Sturt	4—5	4—6	7—11	10—13	73

Sturt on a couple of recent occasions have won through their ability to jump the opposition in the first quarter.

They did this today, but found a team which did not give in readily, and was, in fact, prepared to keep fighting to the last ditch.

However, Sturt were by no means disgraced, and at one stage of the last term still had a good chance of victory.

Head's splendid performance in getting 9 goals 2 behinds gives him first preference. It was indeed a matchwinning performance.

Coverlid followed strongly against heavy opposition and marked well.

Ashby, after a slow start, gave a great display at half-back, as did Roberts in goal, and the Hank brothers, Bob and Bill, had much to do with Torrens' victory.

I think Rattigan's effort in goal was as good as any for Sturt. He kept Oehme down to one goal.

Harris met with strong opposition from Adams, but nevertheless played well at half-back. Fitzgerald tried hard and often to win the game for his team. Harbison did well at centre and Tester in defence.

Caust must be mentioned for a fine effort at full-forward—6 goals 1 behind against Roberts.

Best Players—Torrens: Head, Coverlid, Ashby, Roberts, R. Hank, W. Hank, Corkshell, Sturt: Rattigan, Harris, Fitzgerald, Harbison, Caust, Tester, Sims.

Scorers—Torrens: Head 9.2, Adams and Oehme each 2.3, Parham 1.1, W. Hank 1.0, Coverlid 0.2, Bob Hank and Delo each 0.1, Sturt: Caust 6.1, Fitzgerald 2.3, Sims and Hunter each 1.0, Goodchild and Paech each 0.3, Shanks and Harbison each 0.1, rushed 0.1.

Replacements—J. Carr, Torrens, leg injury, replaced by G. Smith in third term. T. Sims, Sturt body injury, replaced by A. R. Goldfinch in last term.