

West by 3 points in a thriller

By LEN SWAN

West beat Glenelg by three points after a thrilling struggle at Adelaide Oval today.

PORT AT HEAD OF LIST

By Vic Johnson

Following the second round of league games to-day Port are top, ahead of West on percentage.

West have moved up from fourth to second with their second win.

In the third series of league games next Saturday, I favor Glenelg to defeat Sturt at Adelaide, Port against North at Alberton, and Norwood in their game against South at Norwood.

In what should prove a really good game, Torrens will probably take the points against West at Thebarton.

Official attendances at today's league games were: Adelaide Oval, 9,600; Norwood Oval, 11,000; Alberton Oval, 7,000; Thebarton Oval, 6,000. Total 33,600.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Club	W L For			Pts. Prem	
	W	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
Port	2	—	305	127	4
West	2	—	158	152	4
Torrens	1	1	140	114	2
Norwood	1	1	167	138	2
South	1	1	116	103	2
North	1	1	154	134	2
Glenelg	—	2	136	171	—
Sturt	—	—	90	207	—

TOP GOALKICKERS

Player	Today Total	
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McKenzie (North)	5	8
Vivian (Norwood)	4	7
Brown (West)	4	6
Fosdike (Norwood)	4	6
Garland (Port)	4	6
Paekham (West)	3	6
Rundle (Glenelg)	6	6
Willis (Torrens)	2	6

Rundle with six goals did a fine job as substitute for Churchett.

Glenelg could have won, but in many respects I think West would have been unlucky had they lost.

West were generally better equipped in an all-round capacity and some of their football was delightful.

Once they goaled from Wright after a chain of footpasses that would have been a credit to any side.

Must be pleased

But Glenelg must be pleased with their improved showing.

They played really good football, and the placing of Brian Wright at centre half-back so bolstered the defence that in spite of repeated attacks West could not break through until the third quarter.

Then several rapier-like moves eventually gave the Adelaide side the winning lead.

Conditions were ideal and with the sides unchanged Faehse (West) had the choice of ends.

Early the battle was so closely fought that the game lacked much as a spectacle.

West had the play, but the Glenelg defence could not be broken.

By contrast Rundle made certain of every opportunity.

Two factors

These were the two principal factors to half-time.

After the break, West played with more precision and certainty.

They also began to match the Glenelg rucks for the first time.

Potter and Laffin had

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1—2	5—5	9—8	13—9	87
Glenelg	3—1	6—4	6—6	12—12	84

command early, and had it not been for the uncanny scouting of Brown the West rucks could easily have been eclipsed.

Brown was the West dynamo all day and contributed more to his side's success than any other player.

It was after half-time, too, that Burkett and the West wingmen, Lynch and Eglinton, had their biggest influence on the game.

The centre-line battle was thrilling and, although the West trio had the edge, their Glenelg opponents were not disgraced.

Looked home

Once West had the bit in their teeth they looked the winners and in their winning burst kicked 5-4 to Glenelg's two points.

Brown, Lynch, Burkett, and Bern Slattery were the driving force.

In the last quarter full marks go to Glenelg for a fighting finish.

Facing a 12-point deficit and a confident opponent they fought back to get within three points.

It was a ding-dong battle with Glenelg threatening to snatch victory.

It was Brian Faehse at centre half-back that probably saved the day—steady and at times spectacular he managed to keep the Tigers in check.

Glenelg had the ball in their forward area as the final bell rang.

For West Brown was the inspiration. Consistently brilliant he deserves full praise for a matchwinning effort.

He showed his heels to

most opponents and capped spectacular play with clever and well directed footpasses.

To complete his success he kicked four fine goals.

Faehse is mentioned next for his sound second half and because his brilliance in the closing stages did so much to keep Glenelg from victory.

Lynch and Burkett did the right things at the right time across centre, while Bern Slattery showed he has lost none of his cleverness.

Glenelg certainly made a correct move in placing Brian Wright back at centre half-back.

Great effort

Laffin gave a mammoth display in ruck and did well resting in a back pocket. He tired, but his first half was a great performance.

Rundle could hardly have been expected to do more than he did today as a replacement for Churchett. Six goals is proof of his effectiveness—one left foot snap was a gem.

Wright and Edwards (Glenelg) both developed cramp in the last quarter and were replaced by Kempson and Matters.

West replaced Lee (pulled leg muscle) at half-time with Hamilton.

Best Players—West: Brown, Faehse, Lynch, Burkett, Bern Slattery, Eglinton, Paekham, Glenelg: Wright, Laffin, Rundle, Davies, McPherson, Potter, Alf Bailey.

Scorers—West: Brown 45, Paekham 22, Wright 21, Bern Slattery 22, Richardson, Costello 10, Glenelg: Rundle 62, Potter 22, McPherson, Potts 12, King 11, Davies 10, Laffin, Alf Bailey, Guy 61.



B. King (Glenelg) gets away with the ball as teammate B. Potter bumps Ken McGregor (West) out of the way.

North victory well earned

By RAY BARBER

A talented centreline and a spearhead won for North a meritorious three-point margin over Norwood at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
North	4—8	7—11	10—15	11—20	86
Norwood	2—5	6—5	11—5	13—5	83

North should have won by more than three points.

Colin Tanner, whose position in the side may have been considered precarious during the trial game period, was North's best man with an untiring effort in the ruck.

He was the man to immediately counter the Redleg ruck strength, and was also mobile and safe overhead.

Ducker played a cool, clever game at centre wing, and should go further in football.

Griffin did not stay at home round centre, but he was often a driving force. Now he has struck form he should stabilise North.

Yates had a promising first half at half-forward left, while Hewett at centre wing gave promise of many good games.

John Marriott was a little in front of Fosdike for Norwood's best. Marriott's marking was first class and he battled well all day.

Fosdike was best man on the ground in the first quarter and was brilliant often in the three that followed. His position play often created opportunities while his goal-getting was good.

Vivian after making mistakes early, played on well and finished high on Norwood's list. He, like Fosdike, got four goals.

Roberts does not turn in a poor game. Today he was the usual strong dashing back pocket player.

Couch played a good centre half-back game by checking Fuller closely. Butler had a good last half when his good anticipation and clearances were under notice.

Best Players—North: Tanner, Ducker, Griffin, McKenzie, McCann, McKay, Blunden, Hewett, Norwood: Marriott, Fosdike, Vivian, Roberts, Couch, Butler, Nicholls.

Scorers—North: McKenzie 55, Yates 21, Bunton 20, Carlson 11, Hewett 10, Sheppard 05, Walter 02, Mueller, Fuller each 01, rushed 04 Norwood: Fosdike 42, Vivian 41, Dalwood 20, Skinner 11, Nicholls, Wells 10, Young 01.

TORRENS' BIG WIN NOT COMFORTABLE

By VIC JOHNSON

Torrens beat South in a hard-fought and hectic game at Thebarton today. They won by the wide margin of 35 points, but it could not be called a comfortable win.

The type of game played must have been most uncomfortable for all taking part.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Torrens	6—2	8—6	10—11	10—12	72
South	0—5	1—8	3—10	4—13	37

Bob Hank, Torrens leader, had a torrid quarter—the first. He was down early from a hard bump, and later was helped from the field with a fractured jaw, the result of another extremely hard bump.

It was not a good game to watch, players of both teams entering into the spirit of the vigor displayed.

As a consequence, the finer points of the rules were forgotten in the mad rush to get the ball and dispose of it safely.

Torrens can attribute their victory to the fact that their disposal was accomplished a little less hurriedly than South, and with just that little extra certainty.

Roberts starred

Roberts for a sterling effort in goal is my choice as Torrens' best. His safe marking and splendid kicking was frequently

under notice.

Head, first of all roving and then at centre, made himself prominent with sound position play Bradford's clever roving and work in attack played a big part in his team's victory, as did Ray Hank.

Downey and Clingly did many fine things in defence, and Pyatt was always in the thickest of the game.

Linke at half-back and Hewitt in goal are my pick as South's best. Both marked and kicked strongly and came through fearlessly.

Scorers—Torrens: Bradford 3-1; Willis, 2-3; Ray Hank, Pyatt 2-1; Head, 1-1; Cockshell 0-2; Lodge, Lynch, 0-1; rushed, 0-1. South: Zubrinich, 2-2; Austin, 1-4; Fraser, 1-0; Guy, Haussen, 0-2; Fuss, Thomson, Allen, 0-1.

Best Players—Torrens: Roberts, Head, Bradford, Ray Hank, Downey, Pyatt Clingly, South: Linke, Hewitt, Abbott, Grear, Parham, Haussen, Austin.

Replacements—Bob Hank, Torrens, fractured jaw, replaced by Lynch in first term. East, South, injured leg, replaced by Kimber just before end.

PORT POWER TOO MUCH FOR STURT

By HUBERT BIGGS

Swinging into a machine-like system Port overpowered Sturt in the second half to win by 69 points at Alberton Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2—3	6—5	13—9	19—14	128
Sturt	3—4	4—6	5—9	8—11	59

I would rank Boyd as best on the ground. He was full of running after his fine display in the holiday game.

Not far behind him was cool, clever half-forward, Geoff Motley. He was everywhere in the second half.

Good kicking

Harry McDonald's game on a wing was another example of pace and courage, while Tom Garland was a force in attack.

Whelan and Hayes were often in the thick of the fight.

Although Fitzgerald has not quite reached his match-winning form of last season, I thought he was Sturt's best today.

His kicking was particularly powerful.

Denis Rattigan was often a trouble to Port in the first half. His marking, at half-back, was outstanding at times.

Ex-Victorian Wally May turned in another great effort, bringing down some fingertip marks and rucking strongly.

Harris and Bagshaw were useful for the losers.

Best Players—Port: Boyd, Motley, McDonald, Garland, Whelan, Hayes, Stevens, Clift, Sturt: Fitzgerald, Rattigan, May, Donaldson, Harris, Bagshaw, Mackereth, Teater.

Scorers—Port: Motley, 41, Garland 41, Hayes 22, Williams 21, Luke 12, Hall 11, McDonald 11, Kreischer 11, Janard 11, Trowe 10, Whelan 01, Boyd 01, rushed 01 Sturt: Harris 21, Katcher 20, Fitzgerald 13, Bagshaw 11, Shanks 11, Bellingham 11, Mackereth 02, May 01, rushed 01.