

The SUNDAY MAIL Football Pages

TOP FOUR STAY, BUT PORT SLIP

By RAY BARBER

The leading four in league football remain the same but Norwood have changed places with Port.

Glenelg's defeat of Port and Norwood's win over North put the Redlegs third.

Sturt's close call against Torrens—four points today—keeps them at the top of the list, but they have increased their margin to three premiership points over Torrens, who are still second.

Glenelg's surprise win over Port—by six points—brought their fourth win. Port are just ahead of them on percentage.

Marriott hurt

Most serious injury for the day was suffered by John Marriott, Norwood captain, who was taken from the field on a stretcher just before half-time.

The day made kicking of the ball off the ground a big part of tactics. Brian Rundle kicked seven goals for Glenelg—three off the ground.

BAYS BREAK PORT HOODOO AT GLENELG

By LIONEL BENNETTS

Glenelg today scored their first victory over Port at Glenelg Oval for seven years. They won by six points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5-1	6-4	9-6	11-7	73
Port	1-7	5-14	6-18	7-25	67

The Tigers' tactics were better for the mud. They prevented Port breaking into their usual fast, open play.

Key factors in Glenelg's victory were:

- The switching of Wright to centre half-back and Potter to goals.
- The roving of Wilson, especially in the last quarter when playing a kick behind the play.
- The bustling, determined defence which did not allow Port to set up a strong point in front of centre and kept their scoring haphazard and inaccurate.

Glenelg, with Rundle on the target, had more method in their attacks.

Port were beginning to appear more dangerous, with Boyd and McDonald taking control across centre and Fos Williams roving strongly.

They had a four-point lead at half-time.

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Soon afterwards Hewett put them further ahead. Glenelg had two rovers on the ball, Wilson playing a kick behind the play and saving repeatedly.

Clift was rucking for Port, who were attacking repeatedly but scoring only in singles.

Port were still six points down with a few minutes left to play.

Holding on tenaciously, Glenelg were able to win a hard slogging game by six points.

Chances missed

With McDonald prominent, Port quickly had the Bay defences under pressure.

However, the Magpie forwards were able to register only four points from their attack.

Wilson, handling the ball surely in heavy going, sent Glenelg in and Rundle and Abley scored full points to send Glenelg ahead.

A free to Rundle resulted in another goal.

Williams, fighting back strongly for Port, gave Jaggard an opportunity and he made no mistake.

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Port were gaining more drive when Fos Williams was on the ball. He was roving tenaciously and kicked their sixth goal.

However, Wright and Wickham were hard for Port to pass.

Hewett, flashing into the picture at half-forward, gave Rundle the chance for a kick off the ground.

McDonald went down after a heavy clash and left the ground. He was replaced by Hewitson.

Glenelg were six points ahead at the last change.

Glenelg's attempt to lengthen their lead was stopped by a determined half-back line, and Clift, with his first straight kick, brought Port to within a point.

With both teams struggling to break away, Leahy with a nice goal put Glenelg five points ahead.

Bays' trump card

For Glenelg, Wilson was the trump card in their win, handling the greasy ball and treacherous conditions with great assurance.

Rundle scouted cleverly and made the most of his opportunities, getting seven goals from the forward pocket.

Wright, Bone, and Wickham headed a tight defence, and Prior was a useful ruckman.

Foster Williams roved tigerishly, and gave Port great drive from the numerous crushes.

Boyd was spasmodic at centre, and Hayes was seldom faulted with his display at half-back.

Abley, Greer, and Kretschmer defended solidly all day.

Best Players—Glenelg: Wilson Rundle Wright, Bone, Prior Wickham Port: Fos Williams, Hayes, Boyd, Abley, Greer, Kretschmer.

Scorers—Glenelg: Rundle 7.2, Leahy 1.3, Potter 1.0, Abley 1.0, Hewett 1.0, Prior 0.1, rushed 0.1 Port: Clift 3.3, F. Williams 1.5, T. Williams 1.3, Boyd 1.1, Jaggard 1.0, Coldwell 0.2, McDonald 0.1, Whehan 0.1, Trowse 0.1 rushed 0.8.

Replacements—Hewitson replaced McDonald (bruised thigh) for Port.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL					
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Goalkickers—GLENELG: Rundle (7), Potter, Leahy, Abley, Hewett. PORT: Clift (3), Fos Williams, T. Williams, Boyd, Jaggard.					
NORWOOD	5-2	5-6	10-13	13-18	96
NORTH	3-3	5-9	7-11	11-12	78
Best Players—NORWOOD: Williams, Taylor, Wells, Fosdike Vivian, Nicholls, Skinner. NORTH: Blunden, Lynch, McKay, Bunton, McCann, Griffin, Hewett.					
Goalkickers—NORWOOD: Vivian, Fosdike, Wells (each 3), Nash (2), Walker, Skinner. NORTH: Lynch (4), Lindner, Griffin, Bunton (each 2), Brown.					
WEST	2-0	7-1	8-4	10-8	68
SOUTH	3-2	5-3	9-7	9-8	62
Best Players—WEST: Faehae Williams, Wright, Thomas, Cannon, Costello, Brown. SOUTH: D. Panizza, Parham, Haussen, Souter, Mortimer, ones, Polden.					
Goalkickers—WEST: Kies, Brown, Wright (each 2), Packham, Benton, McKay, Day. SOUTH: Haussen (3), Grear (2), Mortimer, Graham, Downs, Ballantyne.					
STURT	6-3	6-4	8-9	9-11	65
TORRENS	2-2	6-4	6-5	9-7	61
Best Players—STURT: Harris, May, Hunter, Goodchild, Pike, Watchman. WEST TORRENS: Pyatt, Head, Cockshell, Coverlid, Edwards, Delo.					
Goalkickers—STURT: Caust (3), Fitzgerald (2), Goodchild, Martin, Pike, Kotaras. WEST TORRENS: Chown (4), Pyatt (2), Adams, Clingly, Lynch.					

Bay rucks lag

Glenelg were not as yet getting the expected ruck supremacy, and Port's small men were showing up well.

Good defence, with Bone, Prior and Wright playing well, kept Port out.

A nice mark and goal from Rundle—his third—and another on the bell from Potter, after more excellent roving from Wilson, gave Glenelg a handy 18-point lead at the first change.

DOGGONE!

A dachshund dog caused Glenelg to miss a certain six points in the second quarter of the Glenelg Oval game today.

Glenelg's Brian Rundle, who earlier kicked three goals, was given a penalty from a scrimmage about 20 yards out—right in front of the Port goal. Then the dachshund wandered across, and Rundle's kick made only a point.

However, a few minutes later he landed his fourth goal.

Perth win in WA football

PERTH, Sat.: At Fremantle Oval today, Perth snatched the lead from East Fremantle to retain their undefeated record for the season.

West Perth secured a badly needed win against Subiaco.

Results: Perth 13-12, 90 pts. d. East Fremantle 11-10, 76.

South Fremantle 23-19, 157 d. Swan Districts 7-12, 54.

East Perth 20-15, 135 d. Claremont 11-15, 81.

West Perth 14-21, 105 d. Subiaco 11-7, 73.

Reg Schumann

GLENELG made better use of their opportunities in the forward lines to beat Port.

THEY gained the initiative in the first quarter from an accurate burst of kicking by Rundle, and clinched the game by an intelligent defensive effort in the last quarter.

Glenelg steadied themselves when clearing and closed the game up when Port were attacking.

Port could have made better use of Clift. He is more effective in defence than in attack.

Glenelg's position changes paid off with Wright going to centre half-back and Potter to full-back giving the biggest dividend.

Wilson was outstanding. His defensive play in the last quarter was a match winner.

Williams never let up for Port and Greer and Abley did well in defence.

Wilson's tactics on the muddy ground were a lesson to South Australians.

Making no attempt to pick up the ball in the crushes, but hitting or kicking off the ground to open spaces, this player was a big danger to Port.

Both defences were holding tight in the second term and the first goal came half-way through when Clift kicked off the ground.

The now greasy ball was hard for players to control, and with rain falling, play was scrubby.

Boyd, who was having more of the play at centre,

Ray Hunt

GLENELG won a close-fought game by matching Port's pace and height ability.

IT was easily Glenelg's best performance for the year.

At three-quarter time Port looked in a winning position, trailing by only six points and with the breeze to come home with.

But Glenelg matched all they could throw in the way of determination and pace.

Port found it hard to check Rundle who caused great damage with his seven goals.

Best for Glenelg was Wilson. He did not waste a kick and his roving always set Glenelg into attack.

Edwards did well in shading McDonald on a wing.

For Port, Hayes played a fine game at half-back and Fos Williams did his best to keep Port attacking.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE						TOP GOALKICKERS			
	W	L	D	Pts.	Pr.	%	Today	Total	
Sturt	4	1	—	614	476	12	56.3	3	26
Torrens	4	2	—	608	497	9	55.0	4	24
Norwood	4	2	—	575	496	9	53.7	2	28
Port	4	3	—	656	515	8	56.0	2	17
Glenelg	4	3	—	545	579	8	48.5	2	16
West	3	4	—	580	602	6	46.7	2	16
North	2	5	—	554	592	4	48.3	3	15
South	—	7	—	434	749	—	36.7	2	13

LEAGUE ATTENDANCES		NEXT WEEK'S GAMES	
Adelaide Oval	5,000	Sturt v. Glenelg (Unley)	
Glenelg Oval	9,000	South v. North (Adelaide)	
Norwood, Oval	11,750	Norwood v. West (Kensington)	
Thebarton Oval	15,300	JUNE 13 (Queen's Birthday)	
		Port v. Torrens (Adelaide)	