

SOUTH'S DEFEAT COSTS THEM AN ADVANTAGE

By RAY BARBER

South today lost their advantage in the league football table by going under to North at Adelaide Oval.

This was the match of the day.

And it was the only match of the day that brought a reasonably close finish.

North won by 15 points—after holding a 10-point lead at three-quarter time.

Port, West, and Norwood had easy wins over Torrens, Glenelg, and Sturt.

Highlights today were:

● Port full forward Rex Johns' seven goals to bring him to within one of Bill McKenzie, who has 42 for the season at the top of the list.

● Brian Wright's brilliant high marking at centre half-forward for Glenelg.

● Ron Reimann's powerful game at full back for Norwood.

● Ron Kitchen's (like North's Don Lindner at the other end of the ground)

dominating of the centre half-forward for South.

North won in rucks

The leading four are Port, West, North, and Norwood, with South in fifth position. Then come Torrens, Glenelg, and Sturt.

On the main game, at Adelaide Oval, Sunday Mail chief football writer Vic Johnson says North won in the rucks and had a successful half-forward line, in which Lindner made a welcome return to form, backed up well by Whitford and Fuller.

McKenzie's four goals, Johnson adds, were a valuable effort.

At Glenelg, West's speed was too much for the home team. West led all day and increased their margin in

the last quarter.

A'Court's rucking had much to do with West's success. This was a department they took over after half-time.

Accurate kicking

Norwood won running away from Sturt at Unley after accurate kicking for goal (6-1) gave them a solid foundation.

In the last quarter, Norwood kicked that score and finished 57 points ahead.

Port finished 55 points ahead to continue their undefeated sequence over the 11 series so far.

Young Port players Thompson and Johns played outstanding games.

Johns' seven goals brought him to within one of McKenzie, whose four goals today take him to 32 on the goalkicking list.

METHOD PUTS WEST ON TOP

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

West Adelaide were too methodical and experienced for Glenelg at Glenelg Oval today, and marked up a comfortable win.

West had a combined effort from all players.

They saw opportunities more quickly than Glenelg and exploited them with decision and competence. But Glenelg would not give up the chase, although West outscored them in every quarter.

The oval was in good condition except for a heavy mud patch at centre. West always led in the chase for the ball and Glenelg were often non-plussed and at a loss to prevent the loose West rover or wingman racing past to take a handpass.

West won attractively in ruck and across centre.

Hewitt early in the game had the advantage over the noted mudlark Rossetto, but once Rossetto got his hands to the ball it was passed on to a teammate.

Eglinton gave West a safe avenue through which it directed many sorties forward, and with Lynch well on top on the other wing, West attacked repeatedly.

Davies speedy

Baillie often outmanoeuvred the taller McGregor, but once the ball was directed in high McGregor got the upper hand.

Davies gave Glenelg the pace needed to begin their attacks, and the reliable, hard-working Brian Wright was unbeatable on

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the direct road goalwards.

However, whenever Wright could not make the distance Thomas (West) would clear with determined, fast-clearing dashes.

Once, when clearing, Thomas dashed nearly to centre before disposing.

Thomas kept Rundle down to two points, a magnificent effort, while at the other end Tregenza, leading intelligently and thoughtfully kicked three goals.

Often crowded

But Tregenza was often crowded by Benton moving in too soon to pick up the crumbs.

Ruck supremacy gave West the initial advantage, and the West mosquito fleet must have enjoyed their feast of opportunities.

Time and again their work was made easier by the intelligent shepherding of Lynch on a wing, who often fostered them through to gain possession unopposed.

Rossetto again did exceptionally well at centre and whenever he drove the ball well in he found the high-leaping A'Court in front of goals.

Glenelg could not stop A'Court. His marking was terrific.

Potter had his share of kicks in front, but shocking kicking spoiled his good game.

Solid rucking

It was difficult to single out best man for West. All players teamed effectively and gave of their best.

A'Court, with his solid ruck work for four quarters, could rank just a little higher than Eglinton and Rossetto.

Brian Wright was, in my opinion, best man afield. He gave his side a solid game, with spectacular marking a speciality.

He forced Costello to be shifted from him and when Hewitt came in he still reigned.

Rovers needed

Davies was next best, giving Glenelg the speed so badly needed from the ruck.

Glenelg badly need rovers who can gain possession and dispatch accurately.

Rex Leahy played probably his best game after being in and out of the side.

A permanent position for this season should now be certain.



Tempers became very frayed shortly after the last quarter of the North-South game began.

For a time play looked liked developing into a wild melee, but eventually the skirmishing was broken up.

★ ★
DAVIES (Glenelg) was presented with a special trophy today by a visitor from Melbourne, Mr. Jack Hunter. Davies was adjudged best man for the Bays.

★ ★
PORT obviously recognised the danger that Lindsay Head could be. He opened the scoring for Torrens, but after that was checked with great diligence, particularly by Blagrove, when resting.

★ ★
STURT'S trophies today were won by Hedley Freundt, Tony Goodchild, Bill Kutcher, and Brian Shanks.

A FEATURE of Port's first half was the brilliant low marking of Johns. Usually it's high marking that thrills the crowd, but two swooping marks by the Port full forward had the spectators cheering.

★ ★
TROPHY winners for Glenelg today were Davies, Potter, Hewitt, Leahy, Butler, B. Wright.

★ ★
GLENELG captain Crabb was hampered in his game against West at Glenelg Oval. Early Crabb received a blow in the face and after that found it difficult to see from an affected eye.



GROUNDS: Heavy

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-2	5-6	9-8	11-13	79
South	0-5	2-8	7-10	9-10	64

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Lindner, Whitford, McKenzie, Westley, Tanner, Hewett, Bunton. SOUTH: Kitchen, Cox, Panizza, Sexton, Deane, Parham, Hewitt, Bourke.

SCORERS.—NORTH: McKenzie (4.1), Shepperd (3.1), Lindner (1.4), Rogerson (1.1), Whitford, Hewett (each 1.0), Tanner (0.3), Bunton (0.2), Fuller (0.1). SOUTH: Cox (3.2), Judd (2.2), Kitchen (1.3), Panizza, Browne, Proud (each 1.0), Fitzgerald, Sexton, Bourke (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Mortimer, injured leg, replaced by Proud at half-time. Blum, injured leg, replaced by Jones in last term.

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BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: A'Court, Eglinton, Rossetto, Thomas, Benton, Brown, Lynch, McGregor. GLENELG: B. Wright, Davies, Leahy, Baillie, Potter, Butler, Hewitt.

SCORERS.—WEST: Tregenza (3.4), A'Court Day (3.1), Wright (2.4), McKay, Benton, McGregor (1.1), Brown (1.0). GLENELG: Potter (2.5), B. Wright, Slattery (2.2), Branson, Davies, Chisholm (1.0), Rundle, Crabb (0.2), Longman (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Kerley, replaced by Cannon in last quarter. GLENELG: Baillie, cramp, replaced by Powell in last quarter.

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Norwood	4-1	7-4	9-10	15-11	101
Sturt	0-6	3-9	4-10	5-14	44

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Reimann, Nicholls, Vivian, Fosdike, Hall, Koerner, Young. STURT: Kutcher, Goodchild, Freundt, Harris, Shanks, Halbert.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Johnson (3.3), Vivian (3.2), Nicholls (3.0), Fosdike (2.2), Walker (1.1), Young, Hall (1.0), Sawley (0.1), rushed (0.2). STURT: Hocking (2.2), Watchman, Kutcher (1.1), Goodchild (1.0), Kotaras, Lane, Hale (0.2), Phillips, Shanks (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—Nil.

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Port	6-5	11-8	14-11	15-13	103
Torrens	2-0	3-6	5-9	6-12	48

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Thompson, Johns, Motley, Abley, Tierney, Trowse. TORRENS: Bob Hank, Livesey, Paton, Jenkins, Chown, Head.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Thompson, hip knock, replaced by Jaggard at three-quarter time.

HIGHEST

LOWEST

Port and West 15-13 (103 pts.) Sturt 5-14 (44 pts.)

ATTENDANCES

Thebarton	12,000
Adelaide	8,000
Unley	7,000
Glenelg	6,000
Total	33,000

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	11	—	—	1,237	595	22	67.5	
West	8	2	1	1,013	735	17	57.9	
North	6	5	—	889	799	12	52.6	
Norwood	5	6	—	877	903	10	49.2	
South	4	7	—	809	1,041	8	43.7	
Torrens	3	7	1	775	904	7	46.1	
Glenelg	3	7	1	802	1,041	7	43.5	
Sturt	2	8	1	745	1,129	5	39.7	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
McKenzie (North)	4	42
Johns (Port)	7	41
Judd (South)	2	32
Clingly (Torrens)	2	28
Johnson (Norwood)	3	28
Day (West)	3	24
Lane (Sturt)	—	23
Sawford (Port)	1	23
Motley (Port)	3	22
Caust (Sturt)	—	21

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

West v. Torrens (Adelaide)
Norwood v. Glenelg (Norwood)
North v. Port (Prospect)
Sturt v. South (Unley)