

PORT GIVEN TOUGHEST TEST OF SEASON AT PROSPECT OVAL

By RAY BARBER

Port today were headed to half-time for the first game this season—by North—but remained undefeated in the twelfth series of league football.

North got to within five points. It was Port's narrowest win so far.

The previous lowest winning margin was 12 points against West.

Today's highlights included:

- Bob Hank's taming of Aldo Rosetto, the new West star, in the centre mudpatch at Adelaide Oval.
- Rex Johns (Port full forward) taking over the heading of the league goalkicking list from Bill McKenzie (North).
- The Unley Oval scoreboard showing South double Sturt's scoring shots at the end of each quarter.
- The winning roving of Peter Vivian and Bob Fosdike against Glenelg.

North's chance

Wins against West and Norwood—against Torrens and Glenelg—kept the leading four in the same positions. They are Port, West, North, and Norwood.

Covering the match of the day, Vic Johnson says that North had the chances to win, but exhaustion found them out.

He says it was one of the most gruelling games for many years.

Port virtually won the game in the third quarter, when in a quarter of an hour they converted a 10-point deficit to a 13-point lead.

The other three games all produced even tussles.

At Adelaide Oval Torrens, without Lindsay Head, got within 16 points of West.

Better teamwork gave West the edge.

Sam Gallagher says Norwood's rovers gave them an advantage in their 19-point win over Glenelg at Norwood.

The ground was very heavy after rain and marking by Ampol Trial cars, and sand was laid over the western part.

2 reports

B. Shanks (Sturt) was reported today by umpire Egar and a boundary umpire for allegedly deliberately striking a South opponent. N. Blum (South) was reported by Egar and a boundary umpire for alleged striking.

Both reports occurred in the last quarter.

For next week . . .

Vic Johnson selects for next week:—

- Port to beat West at Alberton.
- Glenelg to down Torrens at Glenelg.
- Norwood to win from South at Kensington.
- North to beat Sturt at Prospect.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUND: Heavy.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-2	2-4	5-11	5-13	43
North	1-1	4-2	5-3	5-8	38

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Whelan, Clift, Sawford, Zucker, Motley, Abley, Greer. **NORTH:** Bunton, Whitford, McCann, Westley, Blunden, Tanner, Hewett.

SCORERS.—PORT: Johns (3.3), Motley, Thomas (each 1.2), Whelan (0.2), Zucker, Garland, Stevens, Williams (each 0.1). **NORTH:** Whitford (2.0), McKenzie (1.2), Sheppard, Hewett (each 1.0), Fuller (0.2), Bunton, Lynch (each 0.1), Rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—Yates (North), thigh injury, replaced by Smythe, in the third term. Tidswell (North) received broken nose in first term but played on throughout.

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Norwood	4-5	7-7	9-12	13-15	93
Glenelg	4-2	5-4	9-6	11-8	74

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Vivian, Fosdike, Reimann, Nicholls, Koerner, Williams. **GLENELG:** Marshall, Baillie, Bone, Potter, Davies, B. Wright.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Nicholls (4.3), Marriott (3.3), Fosdike (2.3), Young (1.2), Walker, Nelson (each 1.0), Charnstrom, Johnson (each 0.1). **GLENELG:** Potter (3.2), B. Wright (2.1), Davies (1.2), Crabb (1.1), Marshall, Hewett, Slattery, Rundle (each 1.0), May (0.1), Rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Hall (ankle) replaced by Skinner last quarter. Johnson (gashed mouth) replaced by Dickson last quarter. **GLENELG:** Slattery (knee) replaced by Longman, three-quarter time. Marshall replaced by Powell last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1-3	5-7	7-11	9-16	70
Torrens	2-4	3-8	5-10	7-12	54

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Benton, Costello, Brown, Eglinton, Lovegrove, Day, Williams. **TORRENS:** Bob Hank, Morrell, Ray Hank, Thiele, Livesey, Ashby, Roberts (until injured).

SCORERS.—WEST: Benton (4.1), Day (2.3), Brown (1.3), A'Court (1.1), Wright (1.0), Faehse (0.4), Tregenza (0.2), Rossetto, McGregor (each 0.1). **TORRENS:** Vanvacas (2.1), Chown, Bob Hank (each 1.2), Clingly (1.1), Slaven, Morrell (each 1.0), Paton, Livesey (each 0.2), Ray Hank (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Eglinton (shin injury) replaced by McKay in the last term. **TORRENS:** Roberts (nose injury) replaced by Edwards at half-time; Morrell (hip injury) replaced by Cunningham in last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	1-5	4-10	7-17	10-22	82
Sturt	3-0	5-2	8-4	11-5	71

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Deane, Blum, Panizza, Browne, Guy, Kitchen, Judd, Hewett. **STURT:** Freundt, Machell, Phillips, Cottle, Kotaras, Goodchild, Caust.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Judd (4.4), Fitzgerald, Kitchen (each 1.3), Panizza (1.2), Deane, Cox (each 1.1), Blum (1.0), Peucker (0.3), Browne, Richards (each 0.2), rushed (0.1). **STURT:** Caust (4.1), Machell (3.0), Kotaras (2.0), Watchman (1.1), Lane (1.0), Goodchild, Boland (each 0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Mortimer (shoulder) replaced by Proud in last quarter; Richards (thigh). **STURT:** Hocking (bruised thigh) replaced by Lane in third quarter; Hale (cut in head) replaced by Ellis in third quarter. Other injuries: Halbert (heavy knock in head), Watchman (dislocated nose).

HIGHEST Norwood 13-15 (93 pts.) **LOWEST** North 5-8 (38 pts.)

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	12	—	—	1,280	633	24	66.9
West	9	2	1	1,083	789	19	57.8
North	6	6	—	927	842	12	52.4
Norwood	6	6	—	970	977	12	49.8
South	5	7	—	891	1,112	10	44.4
Torrens	3	8	1	829	974	7	45.9
Glenelg	3	8	1	876	1,134	7	43.5
Sturt	2	9	1	816	1,211	5	40.2



NORWOOD-IN HARD FIGHT

By SAM GALLAGHER

In the face of a determined third-quarter challenge by Glenelg, Norwood regained poise and won convincingly in a hard game at Norwood Oval today.

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Rovers Vivian and Fosdike and Marriott at the goalfront helped steer them through troubles.

With the return of Vivian to lend roving support to Fosdike, Norwood comfortably held the advantage all day on the ruck fringes.

Norwood won in ruck, but not so decisively as to set up a matchwinning superiority.

Crabb battled hard in his usual dour fashion, and Ian May played his best game since the season's opening, when he starred against South at half-back.

It was left to Vivian and Fosdike, assisted by Young at half-forward right, to swing the balance Norwood's way in the first half.

Johnson was unable to break clear from A. Wright at full forward, and the role of spearhead to the attack was capably fulfilled by Nicholls.

Disgusted

Despite a couple of unaccountable misses, which disgusted nobody more than himself, he got four goals to half-time.

Glenelg's chief sources of power in the first half were Marshall, on the wing, B. Wright, a constant threat at centre half-forward, although strongly opposed by Aish, and Potter playing the loose man in attack.

It was in the third quarter that Glenelg, profiting from several positional changes, threw out a strong challenge.

Won centre

The chief effect of the transfer of Hewett to centre was the added sting given Glenelg's rucks by Bailey.

Koerner won centre handsomely all day. He had an interesting duel with Bailey and after half-time had to match the fresh pace of Hewett, who had done little more than

put in an appearance at full-forward.

He emerged with credit from both encounters, displaying courage and perseverance and always preferring the effective method to the spectacular.

Norwood's road to goal through Young at half-forward was effectively closed in the third quarter by a very sound defensive effort by newcomer Butler.

Davies found an extra yard in pace and Rundle, on the ball, did well in the field play as the Bays surged forward and drew within six points at three-quarter time.

Magnificent

Vivian, in particular, kept Norwood's nose in front at three-quarter time.

One magnificent turn in the north-eastern pocket, followed by a bullet-pass to Nicholls in the square, deserved a better result than the behind which Nicholls scored.

Glenelg were unfortunate to have to replace Slattery at three-quarter time. Certainly he had not been able to match the mercurial speed of Fosdike, nor the urchin cleverness of Vivian, but his unobtrusive persistence was an asset the Bays could ill afford to lose.

As the last quarter progressed, the presence of Marriott at full forward became the dominant factor in the game.

He got three goals. Admittedly one was from a mark taken uncontested, when the umpire's whistle seemed to indicate a penalty further afield, but Glenelg had no answer to his strength overhead.

Jack Oatey's assertion before the game that his side was fit, if nothing else, was justified by the power of Norwood's finish.

Nelson, who obviously appreciates the chance to display his spectacular pace in the role of follower, was running on like a man who had just started, and the rovers carried their speed right to the final siren.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Johns (Port)	3	44
McKenzie (North)	1	43
Judd (South)	4	36
Clingly (Torrens)	1	29
Johnson (Norwood)	—	28
Day (West)	2	26
Caust (Sturt)	4	25
Lane (Sturt)	1	24
Motley (Port)	1	23
Sawford (Port)	—	23

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	11,100
Adelaide	10,600
Norwood	7,000
Unley	4,300
Total	33,000