

•Tough, slogging games, but...

FORM SLIPS IN THE MUD

By DOUG STEELE

Tough, slogging games fought out on windy, rain-soaked ovals were the order of today's league football series.

The poor conditions forced most teams to play below top form.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUNDS: Heavy

West	3-3	6-5	8-6	10-11	71
North	2-2	4-3	7-7	8-7	55

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Brown, Williams, Faehse, Wright, Chenoweth, Thomas, Eglinton. **NORTH:** Hewett, Westley, Shepperd, McCann, Lindner, Blunden, Rogerson.

SCORERS.—WEST: Brown (4.5), Wright (2.2), Richardson (1.2), Williams, McKay, Faehse (1.0), Cannon (0.2). **NORTH:** Shepperd, Whitford (each 2.1), Lindner, Lynch (each 1.1), Carter, Griffin (each 1.0), McKenzie (0.1), Tanner (0.1), Hage (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: McKenzie (ankle) replaced by B. Lynch at half-time.

Norwood	2-1	3-3	5-9	7-13	55
Torrens	2-2	3-5	4-8	6-11	47

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Williams, Reimann, Walker, Marriott, Young, Aish, Roberts. **TORRENS:** Ashby, Coleman, Morrell, Thiele, Bob Hank, Ray Hank, Roberts.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Walker (3.3), Koerne (2.0), Skinner (1.3), Fosdike (1.1), Vivian, Charnstrom (each 0.2), Marriott (0.1), Rushed (0.1). **TORRENS:** Ray Hank (1.2), Coleman, Head, Taylor, Livesey (each 1.1), Graham (1.0), Paton (0.2), Cockshell (0.2), Rushed (0.1).

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-3	5-5	7-5	10-11	71
South	2-3	4-4	6-5	7-5	47

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Crabb, Hewett, Slattery, Davies, B. Wright, May. **SOUTH:** Kitchen, Polden, Guy, Browne, Parkinson, Cox.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: May (2.3), Longman, McDonald (each 2.1), Branson (1.2), Potter, Abley, Davies (each 1.0), B. Wright, Crowder, Crabb (each 0.1), Rushed (0.1). **SOUTH:** Kitchen (3.1), Browne (2.1), Proud (1.1), Dalton (1.0), Richards (0.1), Rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Hewitt (knee) replaced by Dalton after half-time. Blum (knee) replaced by Male in last quarter. **GLENELG:** Baillie (concussion) replaced by Rundle in last quarter.

REPORTS.—GLENELG: A. Wright reported by goal umpire Curtin for allegedly deliberately kicking an opponent in the last quarter.

Port	2-3	4-8	9-11	11-12	78
Sturt	0-2	0-3	3-3	4-9	33

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Boyd, Whelan, Abley, Thomas, Fabian, Sawford, Motley. **STURT:** Goodchild, May, Schapel, Hunter, Pike, Machell, Lane.

SCORERS.—PORT: Thomas (3.2), Motley (2.1), Johns (1.3), Sawford (1.3), Williams (1.2), Boyd, Whelan, Kretschmer (each 1.0), Garland (0.1). **STURT:** Lane (2.1), Pike (1.2), May (1.0), Goodchild (0.3), Machell, Ferguson, Caust (each 0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Green (thigh) replaced by Lane in third quarter. Nottle (heavy knock) replaced by Watchman in last quarter.

HIGHEST	LOWEST
Port 11-12 (78)	Sturt 4-9 (33)

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	15	1	—	1594	841	30	65.4
West	11	4	1	1338	1027	23	56.5
North	9	7	—	1225	1063	18	53.5
Norwood	9	7	—	1257	1265	18	49.8
South	6	10	—	1125	1423	12	44.1
Glenelg	5	10	1	1141	1426	11	44.4
Torrens	4	11	1	1109	1250	9	47.0
Sturt	3	12	1	1048	1542	7	40.4

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
McKenzie (North)	—	54
Johns (Port)	1	53
Judd (South)	—	37
Caust (Sturt)	—	36
Clingly (Torrens)	—	31
Fosdike (Norwood)	1	30
Motley (Port)	2	29
Sawford (Port)	1	29
Johnson (Norwood)	—	28

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	7,500
Norwood	7,000
Unley	6,000
Adelaide	4,000
Total	24,500

Winners were Port, Norwood, West, and Glenelg.

Today's results did not affect the leading teams with the top four places already decided.

Glenelg, however, with a 24-point win over South, have risen to sixth on the premiership table, with Torrens sliding to seventh after their defeat by Norwood.

Still on top

McKenzie (North) left the field injured at half-time at Prospect and did not add to his goal tally, but still holds top place on the goalkicking list.

Johns (Port) kicked only one against Sturt and retains his second ranking with 53.

The Sunday Mail football writer, Vic Johnson, says West were too powerful in front of centre for North at Prospect.

Port continued their winning run at Unley Oval. They were slow to begin against Sturt, but their attack gradually gained momentum.

To half-time they held Sturt down to three points and kicked 4-8 themselves.

At Norwood Oval Norwood's big men swung the balance of power in their team's favor in the latter stages against Torrens.

It was a hard-hitting affair with players putting plenty of vim into the physical clashes.

At Adelaide Oval, Glenelg broke through for a win over South.

South had more of the play in their forward area but they were worried by a harrying Glenelg defence.

Glenelg player A. Wright was reported for allegedly deliberately kicking an opponent in the last quarter.

For next week . . .

By Vic Johnson

I select Port to beat West in the main league game at Adelaide Oval next Saturday. Norwood are tipped to beat South at Norwood, Glenelg should win from Torrens at Thebarton, and North from Sturt at Unley.

Junior colts

Glenelg 6-5, South 4-11, Port 12-8, Sturt 2-4, Torrens 5-10, Norwood 2-5, North 3-14, West 4-2.



SOUTH DOWN TO GLENELG

By DOUG STEELE

Ruckmen Ian May and Allan Crabb lifted Glenelg's game in the latter stages of the run-home to beat South by 24 points in a slogging game at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-3	5-5	7-5	10-11	71
South	2-3	4-4	6-5	7-5	47

Many South attacks were blasted to pieces by Glenelg's harrying defence.

South opened up a 14-point lead before Glenelg scored, but the Bay attack gradually picked up and they were never headed after that.

Scores equal

But South, right to the dying stages, were usually within striking distance.

Late in the third term scores were equal. But Longman twisted himself into position to give Glenelg a goal lead with seconds left.

Then Glenelg came with a fighting finish. They outscored a disorganised South combination 4-6 to a single goal, from Dalton, who had come on to replace Hewitt.

Early in the game South were repeatedly in command.

But apart from Kitchen, who always moved dangerously at the goalfront, they had no one to spearhead their attack.

Neither team was able to get the ball away quickly from the packs.

Frequently up to 10 players flung themselves into a melee, fighting, bumping, and kicking for possession.

Hewett won the centre position for Glenelg and Deane was unable to provide drive or speedy break-aways from the centre bounce.

Slattery was moving with dash and determination on a wing and opened up an attacking avenue.

Under ball

Polden, on a half-back flank, rapidly developed into a powerpoint in South's defence.

But Glenelg, using handball and coming well out, disorganised the defenders.

At times they were caught under the ball with a Glenelg player further down the field rushing for goals and waiting for a pass.

South's downfall was the inability of their forward lines to convert attacks.

But the main credit for this should go to the harrying, worrying Glenelg defence.

Crowding play

To add to their worries it appeared that too many South forwards were crowding the play trying to kick goals, without setting up a main attacking spearhead.

In the second quarter South plugged away solidly for nearly 13 minutes before they could break through a tight Bay defence.

And even then it was only a point.

With Glenelg leading by a goal at the last change it still looked anyone's game.

Boys lifted

Glenelg broke away from the centre bounce, and a goal from McDonald increased their margin to 12 points.

Dalton replied with a goal for South, but Glenelg defenders were playing in front with the ball dropping short against the wind.

Then Ian May buffeted his way into the play, and with Crabb using his height in the field play, Glenelg lifted their play.

South were unable to strike back, and Glenelg came home with a determined and workmanlike finishing burst.

Four points came in the latter stages and then May and Abye goaled to seal the issue.



THIS MID-FIELD COLLISION resulted in a twisted leg muscle for South captain R. Hewitt, and he left the ground to be replaced by a reserve. He collided with Glenelg's Brian Wright.