• Clingly's 12 goals for Eagles... and

WEST MAKE PORT BATTLE

By DOUG STEELE

Port continued their run of wins with a five-point victory over West in a hard, even game at Adelaide Oval today.

Slightly more determination in defence gave Port their narrow win, says The Sunday Mail chief football writer, Vic Johnson.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUNDS: Heavy

Port	1—2	5—4	6—10	7—13	55
West	1—3	3—6	6—7	7—8	50

BEST PLAYERS.—**PORT:** Fabian, Garland, Thompson, Abley, Boyd, Clift, Jaggard. **WEST:** Glyn Williams, Faehse, Lynch, Kerley, Benton, Hewitt A'Court.

SCORERS.—**UORT:** Johns (3.2), Motley (2.2), Jaggard (1.2), Boyd (1.0), Stevens (0.3), T. Williams (0.2), F. Williams (0.1). **WEST:** Benton (2.1), A'Court (2.0), McKay (1.1), Faehse, Chynoweth (each 1.0), Richardson, Brown (each 0.2), Wright (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—**PORT:** J. Sawford (leg) replaced by Jaggard in second quarter. F. Williams (leg) replaced by Thomas in last quarter.

Norwood	2—1	5—5	8—8	10—14	74
South	3—5	5—8	6—10	9—11	65

BEST PLAYERS.—**NORWOOD:** Marriott, Keenihan, Nelson, Edwards, Posdike, Hall. **SOUTH:** Panizza, Deane, Parkinson, Guy, Peucker, Proud.

GOALKICKERS.—**NORWOOD:** Marriott (6), Fosdike, Edwards, Hall, Kite. **SOUTH:** Panizza (3), Kitchen, Browne (each 2), B. Kihber, Dalton.

REPLACEMENTS.—**NORWOOD:** Walker (leg) replaced by Skinner in first quarter. Bob Williams (hip) replaced by Dickson at half-time. **SOUTH:** Baker (broken blood vessel) replaced by Sullivan in first quarter. Blum (leg) replaced by Mortimer in last quarter.

REPORTS.—**NORWOOD:** Nelson reported by a boundary umpire for allegedly striking an opponent in the first quarter.

Torrens	6—3	10—5	16—9	22—12	144
Glenelg	1—3	1—8	4—10	8—13	61

BEST PLAYERS.—**TORRENS:** Head, Clingly, Morrell, Livesey, Coleman, Ashby, Ray Hank. **GLENELG:** Davies, Hewett, Crabb, Alan Wright, Crowder, Powell, Branson.

SCORERS.—**TORRENS:** Clingly (12.3), Head, Ray Hank (each 3.1), Paton (2.0), Taylor (1.3), Fischer (1.0), Coleman (0.2), Livesey, Chown (each 0.1). **GLENELG:** Branson (4.1), B. Wright (1.3), Longman, May (each 1.2), Crabb (1.0), Potter, Crowder (each 0.2), Davies (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—**TORRENS.** Ashby (ankle) replaced by Graham in third quarter. Chown (thigh muscle) replaced by Oaten in last quater.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4—3	10—4	12—9	12—13	85
Sturt	2—1	4—4	7—4	9—8	62

BEST PLAYERS.—**NORTH:** Blunden, Whitford, Lindner, Yates, Tanner, Rogerson, Hunter. **STURT:** Goodchild, Halbert, May, Freundt, Harris, Lane, Mabarrack.

SCORERS.—**NORTH:** Shepperd (3.3), Whitford (3.0), McKenzie, Hunter (each 2.1), Proud (1.1), Griffin (1.0), Lindner (0.3), Hewett (0.2), Hunter, Yates (each 0.1). **STURT:** Caust (2.3), Pike (2.0), Lane, Rattigan (each 1.2), Halbert (1.1), Ferguson, Harris (each 1.0).

REPLACEMENTS.—**STURT:** Green replaced by Watchman in third quarter.

HIGHEST Torrens 22.12 (144) — **LOWEST** West 7.8 (50)

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem Pts.	%
Port	16	1	—	1,649	891	32	64.9
West	11	5	1	1,388	1,082	23	56.1
North	10	7	—	1,310	1,125	20	53.7
Norwood	10	7	—	1,331	1,330	20	50.0
South	6	11	—	1,190	1,497	12	44.2
Torrens	5	11	1	1,253	1,311	11	48.8
Glenelg	5	11	1	1,202	1,570	11	43.3
Sturt	3	13	1	1,110	1,627	7	40.5

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
McKenzie (North)	2	56
Johns (Port)	3	56
Clingly (Torrens)	12	43
Caust (Sturt)	2	38
Judd (South)	—	37
Fosdike (Norwood)	1	31
Motley (Port)	2	31
Sawford (Port)	—	29
Johnson (Norwood)	—	28
Lane (Sturt)	1	27

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	16,000
Norwood	5,500
Unley	5,000
Thebarton	4,500
Total	31,000

Other league winners were Norwood, North and Torrens.

Torrens' full forward Mick Clingly caused the surprise of the day by kicking 12 goals against Glenelg at Thebarton Oval.

Clingly rockets from fifth to third on the goalkicking list behind McKenzie (North) and Johns (Port), the joint leaders.

Clingly uses place kick

Clingly kicked six goals without a miss. He used the rare place kick to get his ninth from near a half-forward flank.

Goalkicking leaders McKenzie and Johns are equal with 56. Their teams, North and Port, will meet next week.

At Adelaide Oval there was not much between **West** and **Port** with a slightly stronger defence allowing the Magpies to break through for a narrow win.

West had an edge in ruck, but this was countered by a winning Port centreline.

At Norwood Oval **South** staged a valiant fight. **Norwood** had both reserves on at the start of the third quarter.

Marriott dangerous

Marriott was dangerous at the goalfront and Norwood's best. He finished with six goals after a brilliant last quarter.

South's half - back flanker, Baker, broke a blood vessel in his hip and will probably be out for the rest of the season.

At Thebarton **Torrens** completely overwhelmed **Glenelg**, setting up powerpoints in practically every position.

Their win sen them to sixth position on the premiership table and Glenelg dropped to seventh.

At Unley Oval, **North** handled **Sturt** confidently for their win.

They soon set up winning lines across centre and half-forward with both Whitford and Lindner going well.

VIC JOHNSON SAYS...

Never harder to pick Magarey Medallist

I have seen a good many years of league football, but I cannot think of any one season when it has been so difficult to make some likely forecast of the winner of this year's Magarey Medal with any degree of certainty.

I would choose from:—

Davies — G. Williams — Bunton — Freundt

Most of the teams' performances throughout the season are based on the individual players' form, and few will disagree that form has been anything but a good guide this year.

Most of the teams would turn in a good game on a particular Saturday, only to be quite the reverse at the next weekend.

Perhaps the reason for this lies in the inclement weather we have had this year. I, for one, do not recall anything like it.

I have seen, year after year, when we rarely had a wet Saturday, but now, if we do not have a wet Saturday, we have a wet week preceding it.

As a consequence, the grounds generally have become quagmires.

This, I believe, has affected form greatly. Few players appreciate wind and mud. All like the ground nice and firm underfoot, and only then can the best be seen of our type of football.

As I have stated, I cannot pick the winner of the 1956 honor. It can only be a guess, and without delving into the form of those expected to have a chance, I suggest the winner may come from Neil Davies (Glenelg), Glyn Williams (West), Haydn Bunton (North), and Hedley Freundt (Sturt), four players who have rarely turned in a bad performance this season.

The first-named pair are dashing players who catch the eye, and the latter pair are more of the hard-working type of player, who always appear to be doing something. Of the four, I have a slight preference for Neil Davies.

EAGLES HAD THE COMBINATION

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

West Torrens, teaming effectively and revealing greater purpose and understanding in attack, scored an easy win over Glenelg at Thebarton Oval today.

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Head's brilliant roving exhibition, and Clingly's 12 goals, were the main factors in their runaway victory.

The indecisive disposal by Glenelg contrasted sharply with the fluent movements of Torrens.

Torrens benefited from a combined effort by all players, who grabbed opportunities more quickly and exploited them.

Spearhead

The smaller Torrens men around the packs, led by **Head**, were streets ahead of their counterparts, and with **Head**, **Ray Hank**, and **Taylor** kicking accurately to Clingly the game looked easy.

The uncanny marking and kicking for goal by Clingly was that of a champion footballer, and not that of a player just up from B Grade.

Torrens directed most of their attacks through this spearhead.

Purposeful forward play, after Torrens had won the toss, saw them run away to an early lead which they held throughout.

Crabb rucked well and battled hard all day, but the big men for Torrens all struck their best form today.

Hewett's marking

Morrell, Chown, and Coleman always knocked intelligently, and once the ball was on the ground it was all Torrens.

The battle across centre was most interesting.

Hewett, at centre marked above Hank and repeatedly put his side into attack, while, on the wings, Crowder and Slattery gave Glenelg drive.

However, when the Torrens centre line did gain possession, their kicks always went to a winning forward division.

Bob Hank's ground work was sure, and his foot passing was always directed to advantage.

Amazing speed

Ashby, until he left the field in the third quarter, had a little the better of Brian Wright, but from then on Wright gave his side a safe route to goal with his "sticky" fingers.

However, this is where their game finished, until the last quarter, when they broke through to score four goals.

Today the dry turf gave the Torrens supporters a true indication of what they can do.

Davies showed amazing speed, and it was through no fault of his that Glenelg lost.

He often out-paced the opposition to put Glenelg into attack.

Fighting mood

Alan Wright was switched to oppose Clingly after half-time, but he found the Torrens forward in a fighting, confident mood.

Glenelg's half-back line momentarily gained the upper hand in the second term with Powell the leading defender.

It took special individual effort for Glenelg to break through, and the only time that they showed any team understanding and fight was in the third term, when four goals were added.

Special mention must be given to the fine exhibition by umpire W. R. Stone. He allowed the game to flow fluently, and his decisions were generally confidently and accurately executed.

Head was best man on the ground with his excellent anticipation, always being in the right place; and his unselfishness and understanding with Clingly was a delight to see.

For Glenelg, Davies and Hewett were best. Others to do well were Crabb (ruck), Alan and Brian Wright, Crowder, Branson, and Powell.

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RAY Edwards, playing his hundredth game for West Torrens, led his team on to the field and then called correctly when he tossed for ends with Glenelg captain, Crabbe.

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GLENELG trophies went to Hewett and Brian Wright.

SECONDS FOOTBALL

8 wins in row

At Glenelg, Torrens paced Glenelg for three quarters and led by two points at the last change.

But Glenelg's rucks got on top in the vital last term and, with McPherson having an effective spell of roving, plus Glenelg's better physical fitness, allowed them to draw away and score a comfortable five-goal win.

Black, who was shifted to centre half-back to hold Torrens' Searle, did a grand job for Glenelg, and was named their best.

It was Glenelg's eighth successive win today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts
Glen'g	3.1	5.5	7.7	13.8	86
Torrs.	3.3	5.5	7.9	8.12	60

Goalkickers—Glenelg: Churchett, Marshall (each 4), Baldock, Keightley, Jones, Murphy, Tucker. Torrens: Wood (3), Vanvacas, Cockshell, Cunningham, Adams, Herbert. Best Players—Glenelg: Black, Day, Marshall, Churchett, Donkersley, Stewart. Torrens: Searle, Caire, Lynch, Lee, Hocking, Oatway.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for	Pts. ag.	Pr. pts.	%
Port	13	3	1	1457	1133	27	58.3
West	12	4	1	1496	1150	25	56.5
Glen.	11	5	1	1250	1254	23	49.9
Nth.	11	6	—	1314	1280	22	50.6
South	7	9	1	1246	1195	15	51.0
Sturt	7	10	—	1253	1335	14	48.0
Tor.	3	14	—	1186	1328	6	43.6
Nor.	2	15	—	1114	1612	4	40.8

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (West)	5	65
Oehme (Torrens)	—	45
Churchett (Glenelg)	4	44
Henningsen (North)	6	41
Southern (Sturt)	5	37
Thomas (Port)	1	30
Hall (Port)	3	29
Applebee (Norwood)	2	28
Ballantyne (South)	2	28