

# TORRENS FALL TO BAYS

## Weaker Port fail despite late 7-2 burst

By DOUG STEELE

Sturt are almost certain to step into fourth position on the premiership list next week after Torrens' defeat by Glenelg today.

Torrens, now fourth, are only one point ahead of Sturt.

Sturt play South at Unley next Saturday to complete the split round.

On current form this should mean two certain premiership points for Sturt.

West's thrilling two-point win over Port at Alberton gives them second place on percentage over Norwood on the premiership ladder.

But this too may be only temporary. Norwood will play North next week at Norwood and have a great chance of another two premiership points.

In Melbourne today SA battled hard against Victoria, but were defeated by 36 points.

With no weak links, SA were able to stay with Victoria until half-way through the third term, when Victoria turned on the pressure.

### Five in fight

West's win today has considerably brightened their prospects of final four inclusion.

The fight for the four now seems to be between five teams—Port, West, Norwood, Torrens, and Sturt.

The chances of North on current form and with a hard draw ahead, can be almost discounted.

The test will come for Torrens in their next two games, when the meet Norwood, then Sturt, at Kensington Oval.

### Lowest scoring

Sturt also have three tough games ahead after next week, with matches against Port and Torrens, then West.

At Adelaide Oval Glenelg defeated Torrens in what officials believe is the lowest scoring game since the premiership of 1919, when Sturt, with 3-5 defeated North with 2-6.

Today's scores were Glenelg 4-8, Torrens 2-9.

The strength of both teams was in their defence, but conditions developed the match into a hard-slogging game.

Torrens, obviously missing their State players, were unable to hold Glenelg in the latter stages after leading early.

The game was dull, the only interest being the closeness of the scores throughout.

### Final burst 7-2

At Alberton Oval, West out-played Port for three quarters, but just survived a terrific finishing burst by Port for their surprise win.

Port kicked 7-2 to 1-1 in their run home.

West's rovers and utility man, Glyn Williams, who has come back to top form, played a major role in their first win over Port for a number of years.

West surprised with their ruck performance, where Port were expected to exert a telling influence.

West's replacements all justified their inclusion.

Half-forward flankers Pratt and Ryan played impressively in conditions which Port's new recruits found difficult to handle.

Today about 11,500 attended the split-round series—less than half the usual Saturday attendance for the four league games.

Weather conditions had a effect on attendances and officials expect next week's crowds to be much greater.

# Low-scoring game to Bays

By GIL LANGLEY

After Glenelg and Torrens had battled hard for a match-winning lead, I thought the turning point of the game at Adelaide Oval was the appearance of reserve Billy Wilson in the last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	0-1	1-2	3-5	4-8	32
Torrens	1-2	1-7	2-9	2-9	21

Before this, both teams played football well below league standard.

Wilson's cleverness in the wet conditions swung the game the Tigers' way for their 11-point win.

Back men in both sides always held sway, for the ground was on the sloppy side.

Often, before the ball reached players, there was a terrific amount of hesitation in going for the ball.

In the first half Glenelg erred by attempting to pick up the ball with little effect.

Torrens preferred to soccer the ball most times, and if they had kicked straighter could have had a winning lead.

They had much more of the play, but their lead at half-time was not nearly enough to hold off the Bays.

The only interest in the game in the first two quarters was the closeness of the scores.

With forwards of both teams rarely getting a sight of the ball at close quarters, the scoring board presented an unusual sight at half-time.

The goal bags were almost empty—one only to each team at that stage.

And Torrens still finished with only two. They were held scoreless in the last term.

Only a few points separated the tallies until Wilson replaced Slattery for the Bays in the last quarter.

### Off target

Torrens were right off the target when they did

muster their attacking forces.

Eight successive singles went on the board from midway during the first quarter to half-way through the third.

Only in the closing stages did Glenelg's work become methodical. Even the mediocre ruckmen in their team became revitalised.

With Torrens it was a disappointment right to the end. They seldom looked like getting on top.

Umpire Dale did not help matters. Too much manhandling went unnoticed by him.

While on a critical note, I should also like to mention Torrens' Mick Clingly. He has plenty of ability, but would serve himself and his side more by getting on with the game.

Bob Hank, at centre, looked like playing a big part in Torrens' game—and he did in the first half—but was later outplayed by Hewett.

While Glenelg surprised most people by downing the favorites today, it must be admitted they had to wait a long time for the success. They had lost nine in a row before this turn-up.

And it seems that Torrens, only a shadow of their usual selves without their State stars, also found the slippery conditions more an obstacle than the fighting Tigers did.

My choice in the winning team goes to defender Robinson, closely followed by Hewett, at centre.

In the Torrens side, I would name Townsend for his consistent work.

## Today's details at a glance

### VIC. FOOTBALL

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Victoria	4-6	7-10	12-15	17-22	124
SA	3-2	6-6	11-6	13-10	88

GOALKICKERS.—VICTORIA: Collins (5), Johnson (3), Hands, Pianto (each 2), Whitten, Aylett, Tunbridge, Duffy, Clarke. SA: Johns (4), Head (3), Deane, Walker (each 2), Livesey, Pos Williams.

BEST PLAYERS.—VICTORIA: Pianto, Murray, Kingston, Johnson, Gleeson. SA: Deane, Kerley, Head, Ashby, Whelan, Koerner, Pos Williams.

### INTERSTATE SECONDS

	1-5	4-9	7-8	10-15	75
Victoria	1-5	4-9	7-8	10-15	75
SA	1-1	3-4	6-7	10-9	69

GOALKICKERS.—VICTORIA: Young (4), Broadbent, Mountain (each 2), Weigard, West. SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Rocher (4), Hall (3), Johnson, Caust, Thomas.

BEST PLAYERS.—VICTORIA: West, Clough, Young, Mountain, Moran, Hinks. SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Key, Hall, Caust, Thomas, Millbank, Couch, Johnson.

### LEAGUE FOOTBALL

GROUND.—Wet and slippery.

West	4-5	6-8	10-12	11-13	79
Port	0-2	2-6	4-9	11-11	77

(At Alberton Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: G. Williams, Brown, Lynch, Benton, Day, Costello, Chynoweth. PORT: Thompson, Motley, Obst, Boyd, Fabian, Jaggard, Sawford.

SCORERS.—WEST: Chynoweth (3.0), Brown (2.2), Day, McKay (each 2.1), Pratt (1.2), Ryan (1.0), Bray, G. Williams (each 0.2), Benton (0.1), rushed (0.2). PORT: Sawford (4.1), Obst (2.1), Hawke (2.0), Parham, Stevens, Dewhurst (each 1.0), Boyd (0.2), Jaggard, T. Williams, Zucker, Garland, Trowse (each 0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Chynoweth (cramp), replaced by Braid in last quarter. PORT: Tierney (thigh), replaced by Dewhurst in second quarter. Coldwell (shoulder), replaced by Parham at three-quarter time.

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BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Robinson, Hewett, Butler, Flew, Baillie, Fraser. TORRENS: Bob Hank, Tucker, Townsend, Roberts, Slaven, Ray Hank.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Richens (1.2), Fraser (1.1), Abley, Flew (each 1.0), Alexander, Branson, Baldock, Slattery (each 0.1), rushed (0.1). TORRENS: Tucker, Taylor (each 1.1), Oehme, Ray Hank (each 0.2), Cockshell, Bradley (each 0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Slattery (thigh), replaced by Wilson at three-quarter time. TORRENS: Oehme (thigh), replaced by Lodge at three-quarter time, Bradley (thigh), replaced by Searle in last quarter.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
Port	10	2	1	1,404	929	21	60.18
West	8	5	—	1,252	1,088	16	53.50
Norwood	8	4	—	1,198	1,053	16	53.22
Torrens	6	6	1	1,058	1,073	13	49.65

Sturt	6	6	—	1,074	1,146	12	48.37
North	5	7	—	969	987	10	49.30
Glenelg	4	9	—	1,014	1,300	8	43.82
South	2	10	—	966	1,350	4	41.70

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (West)	—	62.32
Johns (Port)	—	60.39
Abley (Glenelg)	1.0	28.26
Peucker (South)	—	26.32
Clingly (Torrens)	—	26.14
Vivian (Norwood)	—	25.17

### ATTENDANCES

Alberton	6,000
Adelaide	5,500
Total	11,500

### NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Norwood v. North, at Norwood.  
Sturt v. South, at Unley.  
SA v. Tasmania, at Hobart.

# LOSS - BUT IT REDEEMED SA

From LAWRIE JERVIS

MELBOURNE, Saturday: Victoria, not unexpectedly, beat South Australia today at the Melbourne Cricket Ground but SA redeemed themselves in fine style from the 20-goal thrashing they took when they last played here in 1954.

And SA's second 18, considered even greater underdogs than the seniors, went close to beating the Victorian seconds in the curtainraiser.

In the main game SA failed by six goals. It was only six points for the Seconds—when Victorian forward Garry Young goaled two minutes before the end.

In both matches the crowd was roaring with excitement and urging the Victorians on when the home team was behind on the scoreboard.

This was through most of the last quarter in the Seconds game and for part of the third term in the main game.

The excitement itself gives the answer to whether interstate games should or should not be played by Victoria in Victoria (see Lou Richards' article on Page 45).

Victorian teams hate to be beaten—and Victorian football supporters hate to see them beaten.

The time may come when Victoria is beaten two or three times at home.

Then see how the crowds pile in to the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

It was a struggle for headway by both Victoria and SA all through the first half of the main game, with neither able to gain a decisive break on the scoreboard.

SA were 10 points down at half-time. Then, when they jumped into the game determinedly at the start of the third term, they rattle on four quick goals—from Head, Livesey, Walker, and Deane.

That stung Victoria into action, and they came back with four quick goals.

Fifteen points ahead at the last change, Victoria piled on the pressure and raced away.

SA won across centre in the first half, but lost control there in the second. This, with the roving of Peter Pianto, gave Victoria the drive they lacked earlier.

## Deane best

Pianto had too much speed for the SA rovers. He was awarded the Dr. W. C. McLelland trophy, presented by the SA Football League for Victoria's best player.

Neil Kerley and Lindsay Head won trophies, of a shirt each, presented by Victoria.

Jim Deane—my choice as best for four quarters of fast, effective football on a half-forward flank—Kerley, Head, Ashby, Whelan, Fos Williams, and Davies all played well.

Choice of Neil Davies for centre half-back was not the shock it seemed on the surface.

Last month, when Victoria came to Adelaide, Davies was fully considered by the selectors for centre half-back.

However, he would not have played there today if Peter Phipps had been fit. Phipps has had a heavy cold for some days and on the plane trip here yesterday became very ill.

SA has four players needing treatment for injury—Johns (calf muscle knock), Williams and Abley (ankle), and McDonald (ankle and slight concussion).

It will not be known until later in the weekend whether the injuries will prevent them playing against the Victorian Association team on Tuesday night.

Whelan and Victorian captain Hands "tangled" briefly twice in the third term but West Australian umpire Len Gardener kept a firm hold generally. He umpired the same way as he did in Adelaide—penalising every breach.

## Tasmania go down

HOBART, Sat.: Tasmania were beaten, although they showed good early pace to surprise a Victorian league football 18 at North Hobart today.

The Victorians appeared unsettled early and did not co-operate, but soon settled down to take the lead.

Tasmania dominated the play in the third quarter, adding five goals to Victoria's one to go to a 15-point lead at the last change, but Victoria overhauled them in the last quarter and won by 15 points.

Final scores—Vic. 15-17. Tas. 13-14.

# Vic. snatch Seconds win

From LAWRIE JERVIS

MELBOURNE, Saturday: South Australia's Second by six points by Victoria in a thrilling curtain-raiser at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today.

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Victoria snatched the game with a goal two minutes before the end.

Victoria settled down quickly, but kicked badly for goal, and had only a four-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

South Australia were surer in the air and while Victoria were faster, they could not develop any system in attack.

In the third quarter, South Australia ran Victoria off their legs, winning the ruck.

Caust kept driving SA in, and with SA rovers and Johnson going well in the pocket, for the first time

SA led Victoria. When Rocher and Pat Hall goaled soon after the last term began, SA led by 15 points.

Caust went down in a heavy collision but was able to take his kick and remain on the field, although he looked sick.

Mountain and West goaled for Victoria to cut SA's lead to three points with 10 minutes to go—only time on remaining.

Hall marked and goaled and SA were nine points ahead.

Then Broadbent goaled to make Victoria level.

Young added another with two minutes to go to put Victoria six points ahead.

# BATTLING SA DOWN TO VIC.

From LAWRIE JERVIS

MELBOURNE, Saturday: Victoria turned on the pressure against SA in the third quarter at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today after SA had hit the front, and from then on Victoria always looked sure to win.

SA played more direct football today than they have for some time.

With the defence playing well, and with no weak links, they were able to stay with Victoria until half-way through the third term.

SA won across the centre in the first half, but lost control there from then on, while Victoria stepped up their ruck power.

Jim Deane played well for SA on a half-forward flank, and was my choice as SA's best player, although Head, Whelan, Kerley, Ashby, and Johns all played strongly.

Victoria gained great drive from Pianto's tireless, speedy roving and SA could not match Victoria around the packs.

Official attendance was 27,736 and gate takings, £4,179.

A gusty north wind blew across the ground facing the railway end but the turf was firm. No rain had fallen to half-time although the weather was threatening.

SA won the toss and kicked with the wind to the railway end.

Davies at centre half-back, twice out-marked Whitten, and Fos Williams burst through for a point. Victoria kicked three points in a row the last when Collins missed an easy goal.

Hands was playing strongly resting in defence. Attendance just after the start was about 25,000.

A mark to McDonald followed by a 15-yard penalty gave SA another chance, but Goldsmith and Hands spoiled strongly.

Pianto raced through twice for a point and a goal. Whitten was roaming a long way from centre half-forward. He pulled down a screamer mark in the goal square for Victoria's second goal.

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Racing behind a pack, Head gathered the ball in and kicked SA's first goal.

SA so far had no answer to Pianto's speed around the packs. He goaled again, and so did Collins after a goalfrost struggle.

Head, after a free in the forward pocket kicked his and SA's second goal.

Deane twice drove long kicks well into scoring range; Johns marked in a pack in front and goaled. SA were now within eight points.

SA wingmen McDonald and Eglinton were too short for Burgess and Edwards.

Whelan and Abley were defending grimly in the goalsquare but Victorian full forward Collins was going too deeply to the flank for his kicks.

Wright missed an easy goal for Victoria after a well-judge mark close in.

## FIRST QUARTER

	G.	B.	Pts.
Vic.	4	6	30
SA	3	2	20

A quick handpass from Head to Fos Williams brought SA's fourth goal. South Australia were holding their own in the rucks and tackling hard and quickly.

Johnson marked 15 yards out on a slight angle and after cribbing two yards to get a better shot, goaled.

Deane's magnificent long dropkick landed a few yards out. Johns was given a free and on a sharp angle and on his wrong foot he goaled—and SA were only two points down.

McDonald was winning on his wing for SA. SA were doing well across the centre where Koerner was breaking even with Clarke.

McDonald had been a powerpoint this term.

Victoria had got within scoring distance only once for the term.

Kerley twice marked in the goalsquare, the second time over Roy Wright.

Victoria drove in again and Collins snarked in the goalsquare and dribbled the ball through for a goal.

SA's defence was playing strongly, with no weak links. Aylett had a long shot for Victoria to give them eight points lead near the end of the quarter.

## HALF-TIME

	G.	B.	Pts.
Victoria	7	10	52
SA	6	6	42

Roy Wright (injured wrist) was replaced by Jim Taylor for Victoria at half-time.

In three kicks SA broke up a Victorian goalmouth attack and swung the ball down through to Head. Head was pushed in the back as he fought for the ball and goaled.

## Dead centre

Hands coolly worked his way through a pack, raced on to take a handpass and drove a running shot dead through the centre.

Hands and Whelan were separated after a fiery incident in Victoria's pocket and Umpire Gardener gave Whelan a free.

Then SA raced on a three-goal burst in almost as many minutes to take the lead. Livesey's left-foot snap started the run.

Goldsmith crashed Head as Head drove the ball across goal. Walker picked up, but some players stopped, thinking the ball had gone out.

Walker ran up to the goal line and out it through.

Then Head sent a handpass to Deane and he raced another goal on.

Victoria hit back hard and Duffy goaled, then Johnson.

Johnson marked in the goalsquare after brilliant play by Clarke had driven the ball into the goalsquare.

Collins got a charity goal when Abley kicked off straight into him. Collins fumbled, but recovered quickly.

SA had no answer to Johnson's 6 ft. 6 in. in front of goal. He pulled down another skyscraper and goaled.

Kerley had played a great game in defence, while Head was too clever in a forward pocket for Hughes.

Head miskicked, but Johns marked and kicked his fourth goal.

SA had lost the dash of their burst early in this term and still could not handle Pianto's speed around the packs.

## THIRD QUARTER

	G.	B.	Pts.
Victoria	12	15	87
SA	11	6	72

Tunbridge snapped Victoria's thirteenth goal just after the last term began. It was almost his first kick for the day. Ashby had shut him out.

Johns after marking on a sharp angle and Deane from a free kicked points.

## Battling hard

Livesey's long shot was forced through.

Collins cleverly steered another goal through for Victoria.

Goals from Hands and Collins, for Victoria and Deane for SA, livened interest, but SA could not make the burst needed to overtake five goals with only time-on to play.

## FINAL

	G.	B.	Pts.
Victoria	17	22	124
SA	13	16	88