

'4' VIRTUALLY They're Port, West, Redlegs and Torrens

By DOUG STEELE

Today's league games have virtually decided the four teams which will contest the major round series.

Torrens' win today presents Sturt with an almost impossible task to make the four.

Teams likely to fight out the premierships honors are Port, West, Norwood, and Torrens.

Today's game at Kensington Oval was a cut-throat, fight-for-the-four affair.

Torrens are now three premierships points clear of Sturt, who are in fifth position.

With three more games in the minor round, Sturt would have to win two more games than Torrens to make the four.

But in view of the draw this is almost impossible. Sturt will meet West, Glenelg and South, and Torrens have drawn North, South, and Glenelg.

The double chance

West will start favorites for the game against Sturt next week, but Sturt may win the remaining two games.

Torrens, however, on current form, would be favored to win their last three games.

The fight for the second position and the double chance has reached an interesting stage. The result of the Sturt-West game next week could decide it.

Both Norwood and West are fighting for the position with West two points clear.

Should West win next week they are almost certain to take out second position.

However, a failure could again throw the position into the melting pot with both teams facing Port in the following two rounds.

Bad round for injuries

Norwood ruckman

Walker was carried from the field with a painful ankle injury. He will probably be examined tomorrow.

Other serious injuries were received by Bob Hank (Torrens) and Bubner (North). The pair may miss next week's games.

Hank has a badly torn hand and Bubner had a broken blood vessel in his leg.

It was a bad round for injuries. At least 12 other players were reported injured. Glenelg were the biggest sufferers with five.

How serious some of these injuries may be is not known yet.

West goalsneak, with another seven goals today, has drawn well clear to top the goalkicking list with 76 for the season.

He has a great chance, with the major round games, of bagging a century.

Clingly's seven in eight shots

At Kensington Oval, Sturt and Torrens fought out an even struggle. Torrens recovered across centre after half-time to make it an even break and close one of Sturt's main avenues.

The Mail football writer Vic Johnson says Clingly, with his seven goals from eight shots, was a potential matchwinner.

The last quarter developed into a grim, close tussle with the breaks going Torrens' way after fine hit-outs from their young ruckman, Townsend.

At Adelaide Oval, Norwood held West in the first quarter and led at half-

time. But West's dominance in ruck, where Kerley and A'Court were outstanding, and Phipps's deadly form at goalfrost was more than Norwood could handle.

At Alberton Oval Port never looked in danger. Johns was taken off at half-time with a twisted knee, but this was more as a precautionary measure than a forced replacement.

At Glenelg Oval, Glenelg had a comfortable win over South in a "prestige" game.

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Today's voting

WEST ADELAIDE

Kerley (2)
A'Court (1)

WEST TORRENS

Townsend (2)
Ashby (1)

STURT

Tuckwell (2)
Freundt (1)

NORWOOD

Nelson (2)
Walker (1)

GLENELG

Wright (2)
Davies (1)

PORT ADELAIDE

Thompson (2)
Obst (1)

NORTH ADELAIDE

J. Blunden (2)
Sheppard (1)

SOUTH ADELAIDE

Deane (2)
Jones (1)

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

Deane (SA)	16
Goodchild (St.)	14
Ashby (WT)	9
Davies (G)	8
Benton (WA)	8
Morrell (WT)	8

Today's details at a glance

GROUNDS: Firm and fast.

Torrens	4-4	7-8	12-10	14-13	97
Sturt	5-4	8-10	11-13	12-15	87

(At Kensington Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Tuckwell, Freundt, Hale, Shanks, Phillips, Hunter, Thompson. **TORRENS:** Townsend, Ashby, Ray Hank, Clingly, Livesey, Morrell, Teasdale

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Clingly (7.1), Batt, Ray Hank (each 1.3), Teasdale (1.2), Fischer (1.1), Livesey, Morrell, Tucker (each 1.0), Head (0.2), Cunningham (0.1). **STURT:** Caust, Olds (each 3.1), Hunter (2.1), Hocking (2.0), Blows (1.2), Dunn (1.1), Freundt (0.4), Thompson, Phillips, Haibert (each 0.1) Rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS. — TORRENS: Bob Hank (hand), replaced by Georgeson in second term. Georgeson (leg) replaced by B. Tucker in last term. **STURT:** May (pulled muscle) replaced by Little in first term. Kutcher (leg) replaced by Shanahan in second term. Goodchild (flu) was replaced by Phillips before the start of the game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	1-7	5-10	10-19	12-21	93
Norwood	1-2	4-7	5-10	8-13	61

(At Adelaide Oval)

BEST PLAYERS. — WEST: Kerley, A'Court, Brown, Phipps, Chynoweth, Eglinton, Costello. **NORWOOD:** Nelson, Walker, Kneebone, Liebelt, Butler Couch, Reimann.

SCORERS.—WEST: Phipps (7.3), Ryan (2.0), Chynoweth (1.5), Rossetto (1.2), A'Court (1.1), Brown (0.2), Pratt, Bray, Williams, Kerley (each 0.1), Rushed (0.4). **NORWOOD:** Walker (3.0), Kite (2.1), Sawley (1.3), Vivian, Hoffmann (each 1.1), Young (0.3), Dickson (0.2), Wedding (0.1), Rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Chynoweth (ankle) replaced by Johnson in last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Aish (flu) replaced by Johnson at half-time. Walker (ankle) replaced by Nicholls in last quarter. Dickson (shoulder) left field late in last quarter.

REPORTS.—WEST: Hewitt was reported for allegedly striking Butler in the last quarter by boundary umpires, L. H. Holden and J. A. Dunn.

Port	5-5	10-10	11-14	16-15	112
North	3-6	4-6	7-8	7-9	51

(At Alberton Oval)

BEST PLAYERS. — PORT: Thompson, Obst, Boyd, McDonald (until injured), Hayes, Clift, Dewhirst. **NORTH:** J. Blunden, Sheppard, McCann, Gilbourne, Rogerson, Tanner, Stone.

SCORERS.—PORT: Sawford (4.3), Obst (3.1), Johns, Jaggard (each 2.2), Boyd (2.1), Parham (1.1), Whelan, Garland (each 1.0), McCarthy (0.2), Motley, Zucker, Trowse (each 0.1), Rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** Sheppard (3.1), Stone (2.1), Trenorden Brice (1.1), Johnston (0.3), Strudwick, W. Blunden (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Johns (twisted knee) replaced by McCarthy after half-time. McDonald (heavy knock) replaced by Parham in last quarter. Abley (ankle) and Tierney (boils) replaced by Doyle and Dewhirst before game started. **NORTH:** Bubner (broken blood vessel in thigh) replaced by Lynch after half-time. W. Blunden (shoulder) replaced by Constable in last quarter. Stringer (leg) was replaced by Strudwick before start of game.

REPORTS.—PORT: Garland was reported by goal umpire for undue rough play in the last quarter.

Glenelg	3-7	4-7	11-13	12-16	88
South	2-2	6-8	8-11	10-14	74

(At Glenelg Oval)

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Wright, Davies, Abley, Wilson, Edwards, Evans. **SOUTH:** Deane, Jones, Richards, Peucker, Judd, Guy.

SCORERS. — GLENELG: Abley (5.5), Wright (5.1), Richens, Wilson (each 1.1), Milbank (0.4), Flew (0.2), Davies (0.1), Hewett (0.1). **SOUTH:** Richards (3.1), Fitzgerald (3.1), Lapins (2.1), Peucker (1.2), Kitchen (1.0), Atkins (0.3), Yates (0.2), Polden (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Fraser (knee) replaced by Crowder in first term. McLeod (thigh) replaced by Branson in third quarter. **SOUTH:** Polden (elbow) replaced by Male in last quarter.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (West)	7.3	76.38
Johns (Port)	2.2	65.42
Clingly (Torrens)	7.1	39.18
Abley (Glenelg)	5.5	35.32
Peucker (South)	1.2	32.39
Sawford (Port)	4.3	31.25
Vivian (Norwood)	1.1	27.30

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	12	2	1	1624	1115	25	59.29	
West	10	5	—	1460	1215	20	54.58	
Norwood	9	6	—	1440	1261	18	52.54	
Torrens	8	6	1	1271	1261	17	50.19	
Sturt	7	8	—	1310	1390	14	48.52	
North	6	9	—	1142	1253	12	47.68	
Glenelg	5	10	—	1175	1465	10	44.51	
South	2	13	—	1134	1637	4	40.92	

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	13,000
Kensington	12,500
Alberton	6,500
Glenelg	2,500
Total	34,500

Brian Wright today kicked two of the best goals ever seen at Glenelg Oval.

Running across the half-forward position, he hooked two left-foot snaps, which sailed through from 40 yards out. Glenelg have two excellent forwards in Wright and Abley. Both kicked five goals today. **GLENELG** were seriously hit by a long list of casualties in their game against South. Fraser (knee) left the field early in the first quarter and was replaced by Crowder. McLeod (thigh) was replaced by Branson in the third quarter. Head trainer Reg Hopgood also reported injuries to Hewett (knee), Flew (ankle), and Alexander (shin).

BAYS' THIRD TERM BURST

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

Trailing by 13 points at half-time, Glenelg played with more purpose and determination, especially in the vital third quarter, to defeat South Adelaide by 14 points at Glenelg Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-7	4-7	11-13	12-16	88
South	2-2	6-8	8-11	10-14	74

Glenelg's last half effort was in sharp contrast to their poor showing in the first half. Shocking inaccuracy from easy shots was bad football. Players were not concentrating enough when shooting, and their haphazard approach in the first half was inexcusable.

Glenelg could easily have lost the game, by their seemingly over-confident approach to the game when kicking with a five-goal wind in the first quarter.

South's first half was excellent football.

They played in front of their opponents, and with Deane dominating centre, and Jones winning well on his wing. South had reliable men initiating their attacks. Glenelg began man-handling and umpire Durbridge was quick to penalise the player dwelling on frees.

Teaming effectively, and revealing greater purpose in attack, Glenelg won the game in their brilliant onslaught on goal, when they scored 7-6 to South's 2-3 in the third term.

Abley came into the game strongly, and gave his side a reliable spear-

head. His marking was spectacular and his kicking for goal improved.

Wilson (roving) was given an armchair passage forward, and his kicking was first-class.

Bewildered

Using the direct route to goal through the reliable Wright, Glenelg played at lover a bewildered and easily defeated South.

South's play deteriorated. Players were too easily knocked off balance, and not all men gave of their best. Some lacked fight, and were content to see the game go from their grasp.

Davies going to centre on Deane, and the quietening of Jones by Edwards were the main moves which stopped South's drive.

Glenelg were superior in ruck, always having the advantage in height, and, when in trouble, having the smaller men to clear their handpasses or knocks.

South could easily have won, but erred in not putting more speed into their rucks.

Disappointing

Speed in the packs could possibly have turned defeat into a win but Judd, a pacy ruckman was left to freeze on a half-back flank, right out of the play.

Glenelg had a reliable last line in defence, and their half-back line checked closely.

Around the packs, Glenelg rovers were given too much latitude, and it must have been disappointing to Deane to see players shoot all around and past him unopposed.

Wright was Glenelg's best player, closely followed by Davies and Wilson.

Well earned

Wright's five goals were well earned, and his safe marking and position play caused many anxious moments for the South defenders.

South were best served by Deane and Jones. When these players were checked South lost their drive.

Richards took many good marks at half-forward and Peucker was a tireless trier.