

# WEST CONSOLIDATE 2nd PLACE

## Torrens and Norwood for first semi?

By DOUG STEELE

With their win over Sturt today — which finally dashed the Blues' "four" hopes — West have almost certainly clinched their position as second on the premiership table.

This will give them—with Port—the double chance in the major round series to start in three weeks.

Norwood have practically a hopeless task to displace West from second ranking.

### DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUNDS.—Firm and fast.					
	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-2	9-7	10-9	15-13	103
Sturt	0-1	1-3	8-3	11-6	72

(At Unley Oval)

**BEST PLAYERS.—WEST:** Costello, Bray, Williams, Rossetto, Benton, Thomas, Slattery, Hewitt. **STURT:** Rattigan, Hocking, Goodchild Olds, H. Freundt, Sawley, Little, Shanahan.

**SCORERS.—WEST:** Rossetto (4.2), Bray (3.2), Williams (2.1), A'Court (2.0), Phipps, Benton (each 1.3), McKay, Brown (each 1.0), Ryan (0.2). **STURT:** Hocking (3.1), Olds (3.0), Thompson (1.3), Sawley (1.1), Goodchild, Hunter, H. Freundt (each 1.0), Harris (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—WEST:** Chynoweth (ankle) replaced by McKay in third quarter. **STURT:** Olds (elbow) replaced by Phillips in last quarter. Hocking (leg) replaced by Pike in last quarter. Sims ('flu) replaced by Boland before the start of the game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	0-6	5-10	13-10	16-13	109
Glenelg	2-10	3-11	7-15	12-17	89

(At Norwood Oval)

**BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD:** Liebelt, Vivian, Sawley, Nicholls, Kite, Koerner, Olds. **GLENELG:** Edwards, Davies, Wilson, Alexander, Butler, Evans, Milbank.

**SCORERS.—NORWOOD:** Vivian (3.1), Hoffman (3.0), Sawley (2.3), Nicholls, Fosdike (each 2.1), Kite (1.4), Butler, Olds, Couch (each 1.0), Keenihan, Koerner, Hall (each 0.1). **GLENELG:** Abley (3.5), Wright (3.1), Wilson (2.4), Richens (2.1), Davies (2.0), Alexander, Baldock, Chisholm (each 0.1), Rushed (0.3).

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD:** Weisner (ribs) replaced by Hall in third quarter. **GLENELG:** Bone (leg) replaced by Hawker in second quarter. Edwards (leg) replaced by Howard in last quarter.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-3	4-5	8-7	12-8	80
North	1-3	3-7	5-11	9-13	67

(At Prospect Oval)

**BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS:** Ray Hank, Roberts, Graham, Livesey, Townsend, Cunningham, Searle. **NORTH:** Lindner, Blunden, Barbary, Rogerson, McCann, Brice, Hewett.

**SCORERS.—TORRENS:** Ray Hank (4.1), Teasdale (3.0), Clingly (2.0), Morrell (1.2), Tucker (1.1), Cunningham (1.0), Batt (0.2), Head (0.1), Rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** Johnson (4.0), Barbary (2.1), Sheppard (1.2), Brice (1.1), Lindner (1.0), Stone (0.3), Trenorden (0.2), Hewett, Lynch, Yates (each 0.1), Rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS:** Taylor (pulled thigh muscle) replaced by Keane at half-time. Thorsen (fibrositis) replaced by Coleman before start of the game. **NORTH:** Bubner ('flu) replaced by Johnson before start of game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	8-3	18-7	24-10	31-20	206
South	0-4	4-6	6-7	7-11	53

(At Adelaide Oval)

**BEST PLAYERS.—PORT:** Hawke, Boyd, Motley, Hayes, Sawford, Garland, Obst, Whelan. **SOUTH:** Guy, Peucker, Kitchen, Hewitt, Parham.

**SCORERS.—PORT:** Hawke (15.3), Sawford (5.2), Boyd (3.4), Williams (2.4), Obst, Garland (each 1.2), Motley (1.1), Trowse, Jaggard, Zucker (each 1.0), Kretschmer (0.1), Rushed (0.1). **SOUTH:** Peucker (3.2), Kitchen, Lapins (each 1.1), Parkinson, Christie (each 1.0), Judd, Atkins (each 0.2), Fitzgerald, Mortimer (each 0.1), Rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—PORT:** Williams (thigh) replaced by Jaggard in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Jones (knee) replaced by Harris in third quarter. Deane (ankle) replaced by R. Panizza in last quarter.

#### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	13	2	1	1830	1098	27	62.50
West	11	5	—	1563	1276	22	55.05
Norwood	10	6	—	1549	1391	20	52.69
Torrens	9	6	1	1351	1328	19	50.43
Sturt	7	9	—	1382	1493	14	48.07
North	6	10	—	1209	1333	12	47.56
Glenelg	5	11	—	1265	1574	10	44.56
South	2	14	—	1187	1843	4	39.17

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (WA)	1.3	77.42
Johns (PA)	—	65.42
Clingly (WT)	2.0	41.18
Abley (G)	3.5	38.37
Sawford (PA)	5.2	37.27
Peucker (SA)	3.2	35.41
Wright (G)	3.1	31.21
Vivian (N)	3.1	30.31

#### NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

West v. North, at Adelaide.  
Port v. Norwood, at Alberton.  
Glenelg v. Sturt at Glenelg.  
Torrens v. South, at Thebarton.

#### ATTENDANCES

Unley	9,000
Prospect	8,500
Adelaide	7,000
Norwood	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,500</b>

With two games remaining in the minor round, Norwood and West will each meet North and Port.

For Norwood to be sure of getting into second place, they would have to win their next two games and West would have to lose both.

Torrens also have a very slim chance of getting into second place. But here again West would have to lose both games and Torrens would have to win both theirs.

But West would not go down to North unless they struck a drastic reversal of form.

It is almost certain that the first semi-final line-up will be Torrens and Norwood at Adelaide Oval in three weeks.

#### Deputy creates a sensation

Port's deputy goalsneak, Neil Hawke, replacing Rex Johns, created a major sensation in league today with 15 goals from 18 scoring shots.

It was only his second full league game for the season. (See Page 42.)

Port's score today of 31-20 is believed to be the highest since 1934. Then Port kicked 33-19 at Alberton Oval against Glenelg. The Mail football writer, Vic Johnson, was captain of Port's team then.

Now Hawke has presented Port with a first-class problem. On his form today they are almost bound to find a place for him next week even though Rex Johns, the State's goalsneak, will come back after injury.

It may be that Hawke will take over the centre half-forward role, releasing Garland for ruck duties.

#### Phipps kept down to one

West goalsneak and leading goalkicker, Peter Phipps, was kept down to one goal today by a close-checking Sturt full back Dennis Rattigan.

Phipps, however, is still well clear on top of the leading goalkickers list. But his performance today will probably rob him of any chance he had of bagging a century this season.

At Norwood Oval, Norwood broke through to a matchwinning lead when they slammed home four goals in about five minutes in the second half of the third quarter against Glenelg.

They led by 31 points at the last change and, although Glenelg made an effort early in the last term, Norwood won going away.

At Unley Oval, West held control until Sturt rattled home a seven-goal rally in the third quarter.

West, however, held Sturt and outplayed them again in the last term for a convincing win.

At Prospect Oval Torrens' run in the third quarter clinched their win.

Although Torrens led at the last change, North still looked to have a chance but Torrens' tenacity and teamwork held them off.

At Adelaide Oval it was merely a percentage affair for Port against South.

#### Deane's slender lead

Jim Deane (South), with 16 points, and Tony Goodchild (Sturt), 14, leaders in the Griffs £100 football trophy award, failed to gain votes in today's games.

But the pair still have a good grip on the trophy voting.

Glenelg captain, Neil Davies, with a second vote today, moves up into third place. But he is still six points behind Deane.

The competition is based on the votes of the Sunday Mail football writers with two points for a first vote and one for a second vote.



Deane

# NORWOOD'S 8-GOAL RUN

By VIC JOHNSON

After a very ordinary showing in the first half, Norwood turned on the heat against the Bays in the third quarter at Norwood Oval today, kicking eight goals straight.

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Until this third term, which was marked by unusual vigor and sometimes unnecessary spite, there had not been a great deal between the teams.

Both had been well astray in the goal-shooting, Glenelg more than Norwood.

Norwood's 11-point advantage at half-time — they had been not better than Glenelg in getting the ball — was because they had used the drop kick almost to a man.

The Bays, with a few exceptions, went in for punt kicking, which allows too much margin for safety.

Glenelg fought back strongly in the last term and got within 13 points half-way through. Then Norwood finished on.

Their advantage lay across half-forward with Sawley and Kite in top form and Vivian's snap when roving or placed.

Seven points were on the board, four to Glenelg, before Richens posted the first goal for Glenelg.

#### A handful

Milbank, the powerful Bay follower, was then proving a handful for the Redleg ruckmen, and Wilson with Richens had the edge on the Norwood rovers.

Late in the term Sawley and Kite asserted their power on Norwood's outer attack and Vivian got right into the picture. But Glenelg led 16 points at the first change.

Norwood had not goaled in the opening quarter, and their first full-pointer was a gift.

Vivian was allowed a mark which he did not hold, although unopposed, and his long shot beat the waiting pack.

Norwood plugged away at Glenelg's defence with Olds and Koerner across centre beating the opposition soundly and the outer attack more skilful. They led 11 points at half-time.

#### Tempers frayed

Davies replaced Chisholm at centre for Glenelg at half-time.

The struggle was even for part of the term, each team adding four goals.

The game was tough and hectic, with tempers frayed and players going down like ninepins.

Then Norwood took complete charge.

For the game Norwood marked 72 times and Glenelg 60. Norwood got 45 frees and Glenelg 26.

#### Liebelt best

Liebelt, with good marking and fine clearing kicks in an extra strong game, is my choice as Norwood's best.

Vivian again impressed me with his fine scouting around the pack and in attack, and clever ball handling.

Sawley, although receiving strong opposition from Baillie, was strong and purposeful at centre half-forward.

Nicholls came into the game strongly after half-time, and helped with a fine ruck effort.

Kite, at half-forward left was one of the Redlegs' best throughout, making position well and kicking strongly.

Koerner had a great first half at centre against Chisholm, and did well against Davies when that player went to centre.

#### Never let up

Edwards, I thought, was Glenelg's best until injured. Although receiving strong opposition, he never let up or lacked courage.

Davies followed strongly and later played well at centre despite a severe buffeting.

Wilson showed many glimpses of the form which once made him one of the great rovers of the game.

Alexander gave a strong following effort, and also defended finely, particularly in the last term.

Butler was another to do his part.

Evans was strong in goal and kicked out powerfully. One of his marks was a beauty.