

DRAW FOR FINALS FIXED

Eagles meet Redlegs first

The disposition of the 1957 major round of league football was decided today with one minor round to be played.

Torrens (third) will play Norwood (fourth) in the first semi-final at Adelaide Oval next Saturday week.

Port (first) and West (second) will meet in the second semi-final on September 14.

Two of today's games had margins of less than a goal — to Torrens and Glenelg.

The other two winners—Port and West—had margins of 117 and 33 points. Next Saturday's final minor round series cannot affect premiership rankings for the leading four teams, but could in the bottom four.

Port, by their smashing and effortless win against Norwood, at Alberton Oval, further strengthened their bid for four premierships in a row.

They ran all over Norwood after quarter time and kicked the best quarter score of 12-4 for the season in the last 25 minutes.

Beaten on every line

Norwood's game was one of their weakest on record.

They were beaten across every line on the field and, in the first half particularly, several in the side seemed disinterested.

After a roasting by their coach Haydn Bunton, at half-time, they did show a bit more fight—but not much.

Norwood, winning the toss, led late in the term but it was only because of the strong cross breeze which blew from the right pocket at Alberton end.

Port got to the front at quarter-time and never looked like losing it.

Port's new placings in attack paid off handsomely. Neil Hawke, who has kicked 24 goals in the past two matches—15 last week—settled any doubts for Port, if they had any, on how their attack would be placed for the minor round.

He kicked four to three-quarter time—and five in the last quarter with an excellent exhibition of leading, marking, and kicking.

Rex Johns, State full forward in Melbourne last month, went well in his new position of centre half-forward.

Port had nearly all of the team worthy of inclusion in the best player list; Norwood's best were conspicuous by their absence.

Played as team more

At Adelaide Oval, West won by 33 points after North had hung on desperately for three terms.

Vic Johnson, the chief Sunday Mail football writer, says West played as a team more than North, who relied too much on individuals.

West's performance, he says, was even and augurs well for their grand final expectations.

In the first quarter West played some classic football and finished strongly after being only six points in front at three-quarter-time.

North's performance was a good one in staying with West for most of the game.

Torrens got home by two points against South at Thebarton after trailing for more than three quarters.

It was only steadiness over the final minutes that gave them the win.

South showed more teamwork on the day, which earned them a 10-point lead for the last quarter.

Torrens hit the front for the first time when one of

their rare pieces of combination gave Keane a goal.

Coleman finally got the goal that sealed South's fate.

Stoppag full forwards for each team—Keane (Torrens) and Bland (South) each kicked five goals.

At Glenelg, Sturt led at each of the first three quarters, but Glenelg lasted better.

They were safer in handling—Sturt fumbling at crucial moments.

Glenelg got a lot of drive from their rovers—Wilson and Richens—who kicked seven of the side's 12 goals.

One goal in last term

With about 10 minutes to go Brian Wright, Glenelg centre half-forward, kicked the only goal that came for the final term.

Sturt had a couple of chances to win the match after that, but they went begging.

Glenelg, when they hit the front, grimly held on to it to get their sixth win of the season.

Peter Phipps kicked three goals for West against North to take his season's total to 80.

He is now 15 goals in front of Rex Johns (Port) who is now playing at centre half-forward.

Phipps has at least three matches in which to reach the century.

Neil Hawke has a lead of 24 goals in the seconds goalkicking list and is almost certain to win the trophy that goes with that competition.

Port league team and their seconds between them kicked 50 goals today.

Port senior kicked 26-17 and the seconds 24-17.

CONSISTENCY PAYS BAYS

By GIL LANGLEY

Glenelg owed their narrow, five-point win against Sturt to the fact that they had more consistent players on the day.

On the other hand, Sturt hardly had a consistent man, and one wonders how they got so close.

Wilson and Wright made match-winning efforts throughout, and the losers had no one to come anywhere near them.

Glenelg's rucks did not have things all their own way, but their rovers completely shut out the Sturt scorers.

The game began with any amount of errors, and much indecision by men of both sides.

Sturt got away to their early lead largely by Shanks' fine wing play.

They had four goals on the board before the Bays opened their tally, but a bustling Glenelg rally left them only 13 points down at the first change.

During the whole of the first half Sturt held control across the centreline, but the Tigers held sway there after half-time.

The evenness of the scores kept the crowd on its toes, but both sides played poor-class football generally.

From half-time, scores were always in close touch.

When the teams changed over for the last time, Glenelg trailed by two points. Sturt had erred in the third term by over-doing the kicking to Goodchild, as he often had two or three men on him.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-1	8-6	11-8	12-12	84
Sturt	5-2	8-4	11-10	11-13	79

There was one redeeming feature. Even in that hectic last quarter, with both teams tiring, players kept battling on.

In the final stages, Sturt were badly let down by the weak kicking of their forwards.

They must have wished they had such men as Hocking, Halbert, Tuckwell, and Harris in today's sides, but all were down with the 'flu, as well as a couple of others.

The standard of the game was not helped by the poor umpiring of umpire May. Throughout the match there weren't any frees for pushing and "tagging." It was not aerial ping-pong, but more like mobile wrestling.

Wilson best

If either team had sustained its system instead of playing well only in patches, there would have been a much bigger difference than five points at the end.

Billy Wilson gets my No. 1 vote for the winners through his strong roving and smart goalkicking.

Closely following him was Brian Wright, whose cool marking and purposeful kicking made centre half-forward a winning link for Glenelg.

Baillie, with a dogged game at centre half-back, held his own against Tony Goodchild, and this is no mean effort.

Richens is learning with each game as a rover, backed by neat goalkicking. He had an excellent first half but tended to fade. Alexander rucks with promise in his first league season.

Neil Davies must be mentioned for good marking but surely he would do himself more justice if he played at centre always. I noticed him at times struggling with the goal-sneak.

Wingman Shanks was best for Sturt. His kicking to a teammate was first-class, and it was a four-quarter effort.

Real fighter

Kutcher at least broke even with Davies, and was especially good in the first half.

Olds has good goal sense, but lacks inches and stages for frees too often.

Thompson came to light with some good ruckwork, and was interfered with a lot.

Goodchild's game was tireless — he's a real fighter, this chap — but he gets little help up forward.

Today's details at a glance

GROUNDS.—Firm and fast.

Torrens	1-0	5-8	7-8	10-15	75
South	4-5	6-6	8-12	10-13	73

At Thebarton Oval.

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Bob Hank, Keane, Slaven Head, Roberts, Ray Hank, Coleman. SOUTH: Parkinson, Jones, Peucker, Richards, Bland, Parham.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Keane 5.1, Head 2.2, Ray Hank, Townsend 1.2, Coleman 1.0, Cunningham 0.3, Fischer, Cockshell 0.2, Tucker 0.1. SOUTH: Bland 5.1, Browne 2.1, Peucker 1.4, Richards 1.2, Harris 1.0, Parkinson, Polden, Parham, Fitzgerald, Atkins 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Townsend (thigh), replaced by Fischer at half-time. Hine (hip), replaced by Pilmore in the last quarter. SOUTH: No replacements. Injuries.—Atkins (shin), Lappings (ankle).

Port	4-4	12-9	14-13	26-17	173
Norwood	3-4	3-5	6-8	8-8	56

At Alberton Oval.

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Boyd, McDonald, Obst, Williams, Thompson, Motley, Whelan. NORWOOD: Kneebone, Kite, Wedding, Liebelt, Young, Reimann, Vivian.

SCORERS.—PORT: Hawke 9.4, Williams 5.5, Sawford 3.1, Boyd 2.2, Obst 2.1, Zucker 2.0, Garland 1.1, Whelan, Motley 1.0, rushed 0.3. NORWOOD: Young 2.1, Hoffman 2.0, Fosdike, Kite 1.2, Skinner 1.1, Wedding 1.0, Sawley, Vivian 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Nil. NORWOOD: Nelson (ankle) replaced by Fox, third quarter. Fox (strained ligaments in knee) replaced by Carlaw at three-quarter time.

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At Glenelg Oval.

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Wilson, Wright, Baillie, Richens, Alexander, Evans, Davies, Branson. STURT: Shanks, Kutcher, Olds, Goodchild, Thompson, Ellis, Rattigan, H. Freundt.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Wilson 4.2, Richens 3.2, Abley 2.3, Wright 2.0, Milbank 1.1, Alexander 0.2, Rocher, Branson 0.1. STURT: Olds 4.1, Caust 3.2, Goodchild 2.0, Dunn 1.2, Machell 1.0, Pike 0.3, Thompson, Kutcher, H. Freundt, G. Freundt 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Martin for Dunn (exhausted) in last quarter. Young for Olds (slight flu and exhausted). Injuries.—GLENELG: Leahy (concussion).

West	4-4	7-10	11-14	16-18	114
North	5-0	7-5	11-8	12-9	81

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: A'Court, Rossetto, Ryan, Benton, Eglinton, Kerley, Williams. NORTH: Lindner, Rogerson, Lynch, Blunden, Hewett, Sheppard, Gilbourne.

SCORERS.—WEST: Phipps 3.5, Chynoweth 3.1, Day 2.3, Ryan 2.2, Williams 2.1, Brown 2.0, Rossetto 1.2, Bray 1.0, Benton 0.2, A'Court 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Lynch 4.2, Whitford 3.1, Sheppard 2.3, Weston, Brice, Trenorden 1.0, Stone, Lindner 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NIL.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	14	2	1	2003	1154	29	63.45	
West	12	5	—	1677	1357	24	55.27	
Torrens	10	6	1	1426	1401	21	50.44	
Norwood	10	7	—	1605	1564	20	50.65	
Sturt	7	10	—	1461	1577	14	48.09	
North	6	11	—	1290	1447	12	47.13	
Glenelg	6	11	—	1349	1653	12	44.94	
South	2	15	—	1260	1918	4	39.65	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Phipps (WA)	3.5	80.47
Johns (PA)	—	65.42
Clingly (WT)	—	41.18
Sawford (PA)	3.1	40.28
Abley (G)	2.3	40.40
Peucker (SA)	1.4	36.45
Wright (G)	2.0	33.21

HIGHEST LEAGUE.—Port, 26-17 (173) LOWEST LEAGUE.—Norwood 8-8 (56)
 SECONDS.—Port 24-17 (161) South 7-5 (47)

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	11,250
Adelaide	8,000
Thebarton	5,250
Glenelg	4,750

Total 29,250

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

West v. Port at Adelaide.
 Glenelg v. West at Glenelg.
 South v. Sturt at Unley.
 North v. Norwood at Prospect.