

# NORTH STILL TOP; WEST OUSTED BY PORT

By RAY BARBER

Port snatched second position from West with a 16-point win over Torrens in the eleventh series of league football today.

North maintained top position by downing Glenelg in the other game.

The leading four are North, Port, West, and Norwood.

With only seven minor round series remaining main interest will be focused on the fight for the final four and the double chance.

Torrens (fifth) are only two points behind Norwood, and fourth place seems certain to be fought out between them.

North, Port, and West will now be in a three-cornered fight for the all-important double chance at the title—which goes to the two top teams at the end of the minor round.

Port's win over Torrens today emphasised the power of the Magpie reserve line-up.

They had nine carnival selections absent—besides three State Seconds players who were out injured.

The Magpies beat Torrens in the first half with winning rucks.

Summing up, Gil Langley,

who saw the game, says Port's mosquito fleet were mainly responsible.

One of that category, Basil Jaggard, kicked seven goals playing half-forward left and as third rover.

Torrens won the last half when they kicked 9-9 to Port's 6-9.

But Port had ensured a win by a convincing margin in the first half.

The Magpies had a lot more players pulling their weight in front of centre.

Doyle, Port's new centre half-back, and Jaggard were not easily separated as their best player.

North, despite poor kicking for goal—only 11 goals from 34 scoring shots—were too good for Glenelg.

But it was only in the last quarter following a five-point margin at three-quarter time.

Vic Johnson, who covered the game, says a winning centre line on the day and a conquering at-

tack in the last 25 minutes won the day for North.

North led at every break, but only just—because of their inaccurate kicking for goal.

**Back to his old form**

Malcolm Whitford, who has not been able to hold his place after a most successful initial season in 1956, came right back to something like his old form.

He kicked 3-6, an indication of the power he generated from half-forward right.

Although Rex Johns, Port full forward, has missed the last four games with a cartilage injury, he is still head of the goal-kicking list with 30.7 in the six games he has played this season.

Next week North rover Sheppard with 29.18 could displace him.

## NORTH TURNED ON LATE FINE BURST

By VIC JOHNSON

After leading Glenelg comfortably at the end of the first term, and then being challenged seriously in the next two, North finished very strongly at Prospect today to win by 30 points.

It was a game of fluctuating fortunes from beginning to end.

North were easily superior in the early part, Glenelg playing it heavily to draw closer as the game wore on.

Then North produced their best football at the close.

The ground was heavy and slippery with a slight cross-wind favoring the southern goal.

The game never reached a very high standard, and, apart from physical clashes, which occurred frequently, was not a good one to watch.

The umpiring, while impartial, seemed to be affected by the controversy which has resulted from SA's carnival failure.

For instance, the hand pass today differed greatly from what we are used to, and the player with the

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ball was allowed great opportunity.

Harder than usual tackling was the order of the day, and any player obtaining a free, really earned it.

Many other frees which are normally allowed were bypassed, and scrimmages were frequent.

Whether this set-up would be better under more suitable conditions I am not prepared to say, but it certainly does arouse the enthusiasm of some spectators at least.

**Quick results**

North's early half-forward tactics brought quick results.

Taylor and Trenorden, in particular, played cleverly by leading the opposi-

tion down field then turning quickly, with the back men under the ball, to race goalward.

An advantage in ruck, on the fringes, and across centre, made it easier for North who quickly set up a useful lead.

Late in the term, Glenelg rallied, with their ruckmen May and Cartwright throwing out a challenge and Fraser's roving having a big bearing.

With more confidence in their ability to match North and using freely any latitude allowed, Glenelg looked a different team in the second term.

Throwing science away, players entered into the spirit of the thing with an exhibition of heavy hitting.

It shook North more than the opposition, and their precision in attack disappeared completely as Glenelg drew closer.

Hewett was now the only man across centre who was still on top. The ruck edge had disappeared, with the result that North had little power in the outer attack.

**Switches**

Glenelg brought Stock from the back pocket to half-back right to oppose Trenorden after half-time, Trenorden having been North's main avenue of attack. Their wings, too, had been switched, Slattery going over to oppose Hewett.

The third term followed pattern with vigor playing the main part.

Slattery goaled for Glenelg to even the scores, and for a while it was on, as the players did everything to gain the advantage for their side.

Sheppard took a particularly heavy one and was replaced by Potts for North. Tempers became very edgy.

North's goal-shooting became very bad, only one goal coming from seven scoring shots. Others went out of play.

Meanwhile Glenelg persisted and seemingly had North worried when at three-quarter they were only five points ahead.

**Scores even**

Glenelg swung Rocher into the ruck and had Abley at the goalfront when the last term began.

A goal to Carter for North and an answering one for Glenelg from Baillie kept the scores in touch for a time. Then Lynch and Peek repeated the dose.

But that was the end of Glenelg's goal scoring. North found more pace and, shaking off the opposition, cleared right away.

Whitford did sterling work for North in the latter part of the game, figuring in almost all of their drives.

Hewett gets my vote as North's best. He was seldom beaten at centre wing.

### TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

#### CARNIVAL RESULTS

VFL	6-6	7-7	9-10	14-13	97
WA	1-0	3-5	7-8	11-12	78

#### LEAGUE FOOTBALL

GROUND: Holding.  
(At Prospect Oval)

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**BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH:** Hewett, Bubner, Yates, Tidswell, Trenorden, Whitford, Sheppard (until injured). **GLENELG:** Fraser, Marshall, May, Cartwright, Alexander, Hill, Abley.

**SCORERS.—NORTH:** Whitford (3.6), Sheppard (3.2), Carter (3.1), Lynch (1.2), Gambling (1.1), Bubner (0.2), Trenorden (0.2), Taylor (0.2), Hewett (0.1), Potts (0.1), Yates (0.1), Tanner (0.1), rushed (0.1). **GLENELG:** Rocher (2.2), Peek (1.1), Baillie (1.0), Cartwright (1.0), Hill (1.0), Abley (1.0), Fraser (1.0), Slattery (1.0), Cutten (0.1), Marshall (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH:** Sheppard (ankle) replaced in third term by Potts, Blunden (knee) replaced by James in first quarter. **GLENELG:** Stock (cramp) replaced by Linke in last term.

**INJURIES.—GLENELG:** May (strained finger).  
(At Adelaide Oval)

Port	5-7	9-8	11-12	15-17	107
Torrens	3-3	4-4	9-7	13-13	91

**BEST PLAYERS.—PORT:** Doyle, Jaggard, Obst, Zucker, Williams, Marrett, Thompson. **TORRENS:** Hine, Roberts, Taylor, Slaven, Russell, Teasdale, Oatway.

**SCORERS.—PORT:** Jaggard (7.3), Thomas (2.4), Garland (2.1), Marrett (2.0), Luke (1.3), Zucker (1.1), Thompson (0.1), Cahill (0.1), Williams (0.1), Stevens (0.1), Obst (0.1). **TORRENS:** Hine (5.0), Taylor (2.1), Coleman (2.1), Clingly (1.1), Hanrahan (1.1), Russell (1.0), Slaven (1.0), Searle (0.3), Morrell (0.2), Teasdale (0.1), Pilmore (0.1), rushed (0.3).

**REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS:** Cunningham (knee injury) replaced by Fischer in second quarter. Hine (knee) by T. Jarman in last term. **PORT:** Nil.

—TAKE IN PREM TABLE AND GOALKICKES

#### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	10	1	—	1055	771	20	57.78
Port	8	3	—	1046	756	16	58.05
West	8	3	—	1029	883	16	53.82
Norwood	5	5	1	871	937	11	48.17
Torrens	4	6	1	839	968	9	46.43
Glenelg	3	8	—	903	977	6	48.03
Sturt	2	8	1	847	1054	5	44.56
South	2	8	1	693	937	5	42.52

#### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Games	Total
Johns (Port)	—	6	30.7
Sheppard (North)	3.2	10	29.18
Wright (West)	—	11	26.21
Head (Torrens)	—	10	26.13
Rocher (Glenelg)	2.2	10	26.10
Boyd (Port)	—	10	23.13
Fraser (Glenelg)	1.0	10	22.22
Kerley (West)	—	10	22.13
Olds (Sturt)	—	10	20.15
Zucker (Port)	1.1	11	20.9
Vivian (Norwood)	—	10	19.18
Abley (Glenelg)	1.0	11	18.16

#### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	14,159
Prospect	5,000

Total . . . . . 19,159

#### NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

North v. Norwood (Prospect)
South v. West (Adelaide)
Torrens v. Glenelg (Thebarton)
Port v. Sturt (Kensington)

## NORTH'S RUCKS HAD STAMINA

By JEFF PASH

A strong finish by their rucks and superior small-man power on the day allowed North to defeat Glenelg comfortably at Prospect.

It was by no means comfortable all the way.

After they had made a good start and had scored four goals, rain began to fall and there followed a long period during which two goals 14 behinds were added.

Glenelg, on the other hand, alternating a direct long kicking attack (for which they are well-equipped) with some slow and expensive manoeuvres based on handball, were finding the goals with more certainty.

Accuracy kept them in the game till the middle of the last quarter, when North's small-man pace and continuing strong work at the bounces at last told.

**That last kick!**

The home team's forward movements, particularly at half-forward, had been quite good right from the start; the last kick in each attack was the one thing they could not manage successfully.

The foundation of their success was laid in the rucks and especially at the centre bounces (where the getaways were helped by their nipper ground players on the centre line).

Bubner, I thought, was the outstanding ruckman. He knocked strongly, had perfect command over his body, and was durable—he came in like a train, as they say. Tidswell was almost as good.

Glenelg were quite well served in the ruck. In Fraser they had the most accomplished rover, and their followers, I think, did

the better in the incidental field play.

They did not last as well as North, possibly because they had to do too much in defence; there were long sessions at a time when North's forwards were vainly trying to kick goals.

Although North's game was the one that deteriorated when the ground became wet, I think Glenelg stood to lose most from the conditions.

**Recruits shine**

On a dry day there might have been a consistently reliable way forward for them, through Cutten and Baillie to Rocher.

Their centre line had a lot of play, though not as much as North's and they did not defend as well as they might have.

North's centre line attacked often and very well considering the conditions, and their play was directed to a half-forward line that was pacy and also kept on the move.

North's new recruits all went well — particularly Forrest in the back pocket — and Potts, who replaced Sheppard in the third quarter, indicated that he is in good form.

For North I thought Bubner was best, but closely followed by Hewett, Tidswell and Yates. Sheppard played splendidly until he was hurt; and Whitford's speed and ball handling at half-forward were good to watch.

For Glenelg, Fraser roved in excellent style. He is clever and polished and hardy. Cartwright and May went well in the ruck. Marshall and Alexander did a lot to keep Glenelg in the game until the last stages.

