

PORT DOWN BY A POINT

By JEFF PASH

Glenelg lifted their game in the second half at Glenelg today to catch Port late in the last quarter and win by a point.

An accurate attacking burst in the second quarter was the chief factor in Port's early lead.

But they faded in the rucks after half-time and just failed to hold on long enough.

The ground was heavy, the game started to the accompaniment of steady (if light) rain, and a white ball was used throughout.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	0-1	2-5	5-7	8-9	57
Port	1-5	5-5	7-7	8-8	56

Even so, a fairly high standard of play was achieved. Umpire Sweeney gave the player with the run of the ball a reasonable time for disposing of it, and the game flowed fairly well.

In the first quarter Port using a slight breeze, did most of the attacking. They had control of the rucks, where their experi-

ence and teamwork were clearly in evidence.

The Glenelg rovers and Davies at centre were slow to get going, and what attacks their wingmen managed were easily repelled by Port half-backs.

Impressive

Glenelg's last line of defence saved this situation. Hill, who marked brilliantly and intercepted surely, Robinson, and Leahy were able to bustle the forwards, and at the first change Port led by a mere 10 points, after having taken a lot of play.

In the second quarter for a time it seemed Port would go right away—they scored four goals in a row in their best manner.

The first came with a shot from a scrum (by Whelan). Thereafter for a brief time it was teamwork all the way from Whelan, Obst, Zucker, and Boyd.

From this point onwards, Glenelg steadily improved. By half-time they were showing their heads above Port in the ruck, and they were battling away at the goals—without much success.

Still three goals down at half-time.

Winning ruck

In the third quarter there was an obvious lift in many departments of Glenelg's game.

Linke, at half-back left, began a series of long, clearing rushes. Davies came into the play at centre, and McLeod at half-forward was now moving fast and confidently for the ball.

The rucks were winning, and Richens was roving brilliantly. Port were not yet done at this stage—some fine half-forward play allowed them to retain a two-goal lead at three-quarter time.

In the last quarter the Bays slowly but surely overhauled Port. Late in the third quarter they got two much-needed goals after a lot of inaccurate shooting.

Now Rocher, who had battled fairly well in the rucks, succeeded in scoring the two required to catch and pass Port—the second from the fine mark in front.

To the fore

Garland came into the rucks, and a good mark and long goal from Obst restored a five-point lead to Port.

Davies, who was well to the fore in Glenelg's recovery, sent the ball forward to Rocher, who again marked against powerful opposition.

His kick had not much to spare on one side, but it wobbled through for the winning goal not long before the final siren.

For Glenelg, I would say Richens was best for a strong, skilful roving effort. He was responsible for some shrewd attacking handball, some excellent kicking in the wet, and went the whole distance.

Consistent

Cartwright and May played strongly and effectively in the ruck. Edwards, Davies, Hill, Linke, and McLeod were often prominent in an even side.

For Port, Doyle at centre half-back was the most consistent. He handled the ball surely, came through well, and was always looking to attack.

Whelan, Obst, Motley, Fog Williams, Abley, and Cahill played useful games.

TORRENS NOW IN FOUR: WEST SECOND

By RAY BARBER

The league premiership table took on drastic changes with topsy-turvy results in today's thirteenth series of games.

Torrens displaced Norwood from fourth place, while West jumped ahead of Port to second position.

There were two sensations — South's 64-point defeat of Norwood and Glenelg's one-point margin over Port.

South's fine performance got them away from bottom position following Sturt's 35-point defeat by West.

North, West, Port, and Torrens comprise the top half of the table.

On the bell

Sam Gallagher who saw the North-Torrens game at Prospect Oval, put the North rucks and centreline—and half-forward line in the first half—as the major factors in North's success.

Glenelg defeated Port with a goal two minutes before the end at Glenelg Oval.

Jeff Pash, who covered the game, said Port's four quick goals in the second quarter put Glenelg on their mettle.

Ray Rocher's three goals in the last quarter were a big help.

Strong line

Winning rovers, better teamwork, and more speed were responsible for West's win at Unley Oval, according to Vic Johnson.

West had a youthful, successful half-forward line in Wundke and Roach.

At Norwood, South adapted themselves much better to the heavy conditions and trounced Norwood from early in the second term.

Gil Langley was impressed by a new-look South attack in which Judd, Richards, and Parham starred.



THE mighty Magpies have fallen from their perch again—and it took the good old Bays to do it.

Feathers flew at the Bay today. We reckon Ray Rocher deserves a medal for his performance in the last quarter. His three goals were the vital factors.

And what about Brian Hill? His two duck-diving marks late in the game were real life-savers, and his solid work earlier earned him full marks.

"Lightning" Davies just left everyone for dead at centre. There wasn't a Port player who got near him when he started.

CONGRATULATIONS, Tigers. That was a well-deserved win.

We were astounded by your pace all day, and you were still going strong when half our side could hardly stand.

Anyway, we now know that it's time for a bit of stocktaking down our way. Not too many of the stars were shining today, and if it hadn't been for one or two die-hards, we would have been in even more trouble.

Kevin Doyle was one of the few to do well, and he was a thorn in the side of Cutten all day.

How we wished Rex Johns could have been in the side! He could have made all the difference.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUND: Heavy

(At Norwood Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-4	10-8	13-13	16-17	113
N'wood	2-1	4-4	4-6	7-7	49

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Kitchen, Judd, Richards, Parham, Blum, Kimber, Jones. **NORWOOD:** Minervini, E. Butler, Vivian, Nicholls, Liebek.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Judd (5.5), Parham (4.2), Brown (2.3), Richards (2.1), Blum, Baraglia (1.1), Kimber (1.0), Christie, Mortimer (0.1), rushed (0.2). **NORWOOD:**—Vivian (3.1), Davis (2.1), Kneebone, Dickson (1.1), Minervini (0.2), Vaughan (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Williams (thigh muscle), replaced by Salotti at half-time, Von Einem (leg), replaced by Dickson at three-quarter time. **SOUTH:** Parham (leg), replaced by Roennfelt in last term; Kitchen (cramp), replaced by Silva last quarter.

(At Glenelg Oval)

Glenelg	0-1	2-5	5-7	8-9	57
Port	1-5	5-5	7-7	8-8	56

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Richens, Cartwright, May, Edwards, Davies, Hill, Linke. **PORT:** Doyle, Whelan, Obst, Motley, F. Williams, Abley.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Rocher (3.1), Cartwright (1.2), Richens (1.2), Cutten (1.1), Flew (1.1), McLeod (1.0), Peek (0.1), Marshall (0.1). **PORT:** Garland (2.1), Boyd (2.0), Obst (2.0), Whelan (2.0), F. Williams (0.3), Motley (0.1), Marrett (0.1), T. Williams (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—Nil.

(At Unley Oval)

West	4-4	8-9	9-13	12-21	93
Sturt	3-0	6-0	10-0	11-2	68

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Wundke, Roach, McGregor, Wright, Johnson, Hewitt, Williams. **STURT:** Shanks, Harris, Blows, Marshall, Hocking, Olds, V. Little.

SCORERS—WEST: Roach (2.6), Wright (2.3), Williams (2.1), Johnson (2.0), Wundke (1.4), Day (1.2), McGregor (1.1), Richardson (1.0), Kerley (0.2), Fraser (0.1), rushed (0.1). **STURT:** Sawley (3.1), Marshall (2.0), Hocking (2.0), Pike (2.0), Thompson (1.0), Blows (1.0), Tester (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Warhurst (leg) replaced by Perry in first term; McGregor (hip) by J. Ryan in last term. **STURT:** M. Little (kidney injury) replaced by Bruce at half-time; Jackson (leg) by Pike at half-time.

(At Prospect Oval)

North	2-4	3-8	5-9	8-12	60
Torrens	1-2	1-3	3-10	3-11	29

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Koerner, Hewett, Carter, Tidswell, McCann, Lindner, Gambling. **TORRENS:** Slaven, Coleman, Russell, Head, Elfenbein, Roberts.

SCORERS—NORTH: Lynch (2.2), Yates (2.1), Carter (2.0), Lindner (1.2), Koerner (1.0), Trenorden (0.2), Rogerson (0.2), Bubner (0.1), Tanner (0.1), rushed (0.1). **TORRENS:** Head (1.3), Hanrahan (1.1), Livesey (1.0), Teasdale (0.2), Slaven (0.1), Taylor (0.1), Morrell (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Nil. **TORRENS:** Ashby (knee) replaced by Jarman at half-time.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
North	12	1	—	1197	862	24	58.14	
West	10	3	—	1257	1001	20	55.67	
Port	9	4	—	1210	902	18	57.29	
Torrens	5	7	1	957	1076	11	47.07	
Norwood	5	7	1	982	1132	11	46.45	
Glenelg	4	9	—	1008	1122	8	47.32	
South	3	9	1	856	1121	7	43.30	
Sturt	2	10	1	1004	1255	5	44.44	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Games	Total
Wright (West)	2.3	13	32.28
Rocher (Glenelg)	3.1	12	31.11
Johns (Port)	—	6	30.7
Sheppard (North)	—	10	29.18
Head (Torrens)	1.3	11	27.16
Boyd (Port)	2.0	11	25.13
Vivian (Norwood)	3.1	12	24.21
Judd (South)	5.5	12	23.22
Kerley (West)	0.2	12	23.18
Olds (Sturt)	—	12	23.17
Fraser (Glenelg)	—	12	22.22
Taylor (Torrens)	0.1	12	22.19
Davis (Norwood)	2.1	9	21.16

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	6,500
Unley	4,750
Norwood	3,850
Glenelg	3,750

18,850

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

West v. Norwood (Richmond).
South v. Sturt (Adelaide).
Port v. Torrens (Alberton).
North v. Glenelg (Kennington).