

3 GAMES TO GO & 3 TEAMS IN GRIM STRUGGLE

By RAY BARBER

There is only .84 between Torrens (fourth), South (fifth), and Norwood (sixth).

It's three matches to go and three teams on 11 points in the fight for positions in the league football major round.

South brought about this unusual state of affairs by winning their third consecutive game today.

By defeating Glenelg by two points in the last two minutes of the day, South continued their last ditch fight to make the final four for the first time in 18 years.

The top three teams, North West, and Port, had comfortable margins over Sturt, Torrens, and Norwood.

North seem assured of top ranking at the end of the minor round on August 30.

Chasing the double chance

West have two premiership points over Port in the race for second ranking—and double chance at the title.

With South meeting North at Adelaide Oval next Saturday the winner of Torrens and Norwood at Thebarton appears likely to be clear-cut occupant of fourth place—temporarily at least.

Vic Johnson, who covered the South-Glenelg game at Adelaide Oval says it was anyone's game.

Glenelg, until South's last successful sweeping movements for those important two points, looked the winner.

It was a game in which defences outplayed the forward divisions.

Matchwinners break loose

Only in the last term did South's matchwinners of recent weeks—Richards and Judd—break loose against a competent Glenelg defence.

Torrens stayed with West for three quarters but then West finished 40 points up by kicking 7-4 to 2-4 in the last quarter.

Port kept Norwood down to one point in both the first and third quarters.

In the last quarter Port consolidated earlier gains. At Unley Oval Sturt got within four points of North early in the last term.

Then North demoralised the Sturt defence with attacking brilliance to the extent of 8-6 to 2-2.

Jeff Pash, who was at the game, says Sturt had no answer to North centre half-forward Lindner and rover Carter, who each kicked five goals.

Gil Langley put West's win down to better all-round play and a conversion to accurate goal-getting after half-time.

The match began remarkably—three goals coming before 2½ minutes had gone.

At Norwood Oval Port led from start to finish for their 42-point win against the Redlegs.

Sam Gallagher, who saw the game, says the Magpies had a lot more understanding in their game—and had rovers Fos and Tom Williams kicking seven of the side's 10 goals.



D. HAGE, of South, flies high above I. May, of Glenelg, in the game at Adelaide Oval, only to "mark" May's hand instead of the ball, which went above his head.

SOUTH BATTLED ON AND ON

By VIC JOHNSON

Finding just a little bit more in the dying stages of the hard, gruelling game against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today, South scraped the bottom of the barrel to win by two points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	1-1	3-2	6-8	9-13	67
Glenelg	2-0	4-2	7-6	9-11	65

They thus registered their third successive victory.

This victory, coupled with the defeat of Norwood and Torrens, moves South up to fifth position on the table and only out of the four by a narrow percentage.

South could hardly lay any claim to being a certainty during any part of the game.

It was into the last term when they did hit the lead, only to lose it and fight back again, but they were never out of the game, either.

Tight defence

Glenelg's attack looked better throughout and their tight defence always had South's attacking stars well under control until the closing half-term.

Then Alexander was replaced, and in the closing minutes Judd appeared on the scene for South.

There was nothing to the result—either side could have won it.

I would say honors were fairly easy, but just that

little bit that is necessary to win hard-fought games appeared in the Blue-and-White uniform when it was so badly needed.

The oval was heavy and muddy in patches and the slight breeze favored the river-end goal, to which South kicked first. Umpire J. L. Sweeney was in charge.

Hard, tough

From the opening bounce it could be seen that it was going to be hard and tough. Both teams appeared greatly keyed up. South to continue winning. Glenelg to halt them.

Twelve minutes of play went before Glenelg's first goal came up. South's followed immediately.

The Bays, with the balance across centre through Peek and Davies, were sending their teammates in only to see Hage, Polden, and Lapins holding them up.

Kimber's good hitting from the ruck. Fullwood's dash from around the fringes, and Jones's wing were safe assets for South.

However, Alexander, for Glenelg, had Richards at centre half-forward well covered and Judd could not

get loose from Hill at the goalfront.

Davies created the opportunities, which helped considerably to pave the way to Glenelg's 5-point lead at the first change.

Even strain

The game continued on the same even strain in the second term, the forwards on each side finding difficulty in defeating the opposing defence.

Weight was used freely and plenty of latitude allowed, but Glenelg just looked a little more systematic.

Davies, a clear winner at centre, consistently put Glenelg into attack only to see them turned out.

Jones was acting similarly for South, and only six points in Glenelg's favor at half-time was a true indication.

Hage had been moved over to centre half-back to oppose Cutten, who had outreached Parkinson for South.

Glenelg had won the second term by one point, and in retaliation, South won the third by two.

Christie struck a purple patch for the Blue-and-Whites in this quarter, and played finely in attack to assume the role as chief scorer.

Davies, still on top for Glenelg, was their mainspring, but South drew level with one of Christie's goals only to see Glenelg get away again.

Abley had replaced Cutten at centre half-forward, Cutten going to the flank.

Still fighting, each team threw everything into it to get the breaks but only points came to South. Glenelg led by four points at the last change.

Alexander was replaced by Marshall for Glenelg at this stage.

In the new line-up, Baillie took over centre half-back. It was the only possible move, but Richards began to get into the game for South for the first time, as did Judd.

Clear again

A couple of points put South closer, but Howard put Glenelg clear again only for Browne again to put 20 scores in touch for South.

Judd then got his first goal and South led three points—their first lead since the game began.

Davies valiantly tried to restore the lead to Glenelg but only two points followed with only five minutes to play.

Polden, in clearing for South, kicked a point for Glenelg, and again the scores were even.

Abley got a goal from a free to give the lead back to Glenelg. South broke from centre for Blum to find Parham for the scores to be even again.

Then two points, one rushed and another from Judd, won the game for South.

Fine defence

Lapin's fine defence work ranks him first for South with me. He never flinched or shirked the hardest situations.

Christie was prominent throughout, particularly in the third term, and others to do well were Jones, Hage, Fullwood, Polden, and Parham.

Davies, at centre, was a tower of strength for Glenelg and was untiring in his endeavors to save the game.

Cartwright played a splendid first half but faded towards the close. Others to show up were Linke, Peek, Hill, Baillie, and Robinson.

Vic Johnson selects...

South will meet North at Adelaide in the next series of league games; Glenelg will play Sturt, at Glenelg; Port and West are at Kensington; and Torrens are at home to Norwood, at Thebarton.

I fancy North, Port, Glenelg, and Torrens.



D. PARHAM, OF SOUTH, BREAKS AWAY from the pack in the game at Adelaide Oval. Other players are (from left) D. Hewett (Glenelg), B. Cartwright (Glenelg), P. Cutten (Glenelg), and D. Kimber (South).

Today's details at a glance

Grounds: Heavy

At Unley Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-1	10-4	11-9	19-15	129
Sturt	1-7	4-10	9-12	11-14	80

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Lindner, Rogerson, Carter, Hewett, Barbary, Tidswell, Koerner. **STURT:** Harris, Thompson, Halbert, Dunn, Pridmore, Marshall, Hunter.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Carter (5.4), Lindner (5.3), Trenorden (3.2), Barbary, Whitford (each 2.2), Blunden (1.1), Lynch (1.0), Hewett (0.1). **STURT:** Hocking (2.3), Dunn (2.2), Freundt (1.3), Sawley (1.2), Olds (1.1), Blows, Marshall, Shanks, Thompson (each 1.0), Shapter (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Stringer (injured knee) replaced by Lynch (last quarter). **STURT:** Freundt (slight concussion), replaced by Jackson, Hunter (torn ankle ligaments) by King (both in last quarter).

At Thebarton Oval

West	4-3	6-11	10-14	17-18	120
Torrens	4-1	8-6	9-10	11-14	80

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Costello, McGregor, Wright, A'Court, Wundke, Roach, Richardson. **TORRENS:** Teasdale, Roberts, Head, Edwards, Livesey, Morrell, Coleman.

SCORERS.—WEST: Wright (5.4), Wundke (3.3), Brown (3.1), Kerley (2.1), McGregor (1.4), Roach (1.2), Fraser (1.1), Williams (1.0), Richardson, Johnson (each 0.1). **TORRENS:** Clingly (3.3), Head (3.2), Taylor (2.2), Teasdale (1.4), Livesey (1.1), Edwards (1.0), Temby, Coleman (each 0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Phipps (injured leg), replaced by Perry; Brown (injured leg) by Ryan (both in last term). **TORRENS:** Taylor (heavy knock), replaced by Hanrahan in last term.

PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	14	1	—	1471	1005	28	59.41
West	12	3	—	1476	1136	24	56.51
Port	11	4	—	1390	1003	22	58.09
Torrens	5	9	1	1098	1294	11	45.90
South	5	9	1	1030	1255	11	45.08
Norwood	5	9	1	1077	1313	11	45.06
Glenelg	4	11	—	1136	1334	8	45.99
Sturt	2	12	1	1153	1491	5	43.61

At Adelaide Oval

South	1-1	3-2	6-8	9-13	67
Glenelg	2-0	4-2	7-6	9-11	65

Best players — SOUTH: Lapins, Christie, Hage, Jones, Fulwood, Parham, Polden. **GLENELG:** Davies, Cartwright, Linke, Peek, Hill, Robinson, Baillie.

SCORERS — SOUTH: Christie (3.2), Parham (3.0), Judd (1.3), Fulwood, Browne (1.2), Blum, Jones, Richards (0.1), Rushed (0.1). **GLENELG:** Abley (2.2), Flew (2.1), Cartwright, Howard (1.1), Richens, Hewett, Rocher (1.0), Peek, May, Marshall, Davies (0.1), Rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS — SOUTH: Mortimer (injured leg) replaced by Harris in second term. Baraglia (injured leg), replaced by Guy in third term. **GLENELG:** Edwards (leg injury), replaced by Howard in third term. Alexander (leg injury), replaced by Marshall in last term.

At Norwood Oval

Port	4-6	5-9	8-18	10-22	82
Norw'd	0-1	4-7	4-8	5-10	40

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: F. Williams, Gill, Whelan, Motley, Garland, Key, T. Williams. **NORWOOD:** Aish, Bunton, Minervini, Swanbury, Parker, Walker, Kite.

SCORERS.—PORT: T. Williams (4.1), F. Williams (3.7), Gill (2.6), Hannaford (1.3), Juke (0.4), Thompson (0.1). **NORWOOD:** McMahon, Dickson (each 1.2), Nicholls (1.1), Swanbury, Bunton (each 1.0), Walker (0.2), Keenihan (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Gill (cramp), replaced by Thomas in last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Nil.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Wright (West)	5.4	15	40.34
Rocher (Glenelg)	1.0	14	35.11
Kerley (West)	2.1	14	30.22
Head (Torrens)	3.2	13	30.19
Johns (Port)	—	6	30.7
Sheppard (North)	—	10	29.18
Judd (South)	1.3	14	28.28
Taylor (Torrens)	2.2	14	28.22
Williams, F. (Port)	3.7	12	26.39
Boyd (Port)	—	12	26.13
Fraser (Glenelg)	—	14	25.23

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	11,300
Thebarton	9,000
Adelaide	7,180
Unley	6,750
Total	34,230