

MAGPIES FACE THREAT FROM NORTH

By RAY BARBER

After today's great win over West, North can be voted the team most likely to succeed in challenging Port's stranglehold on SA League football premierships.

Next week's clash against Port at Prospect should give a further line on how good North are.

Today, North topped West, who beat Port a fortnight ago.

North led from start to finish against West at Richmond.

They kicked 7-5 to nothing in the first quarter and then proceeded to demoralise West by kicking three goals in the second term against the strong breeze to lead by six goals at half-time.

West's strongest line — half-back — broke down against the impact of North's forward division.

Sam Gallagher, who covered the game for The Sunday Mail, was most impressed with North.

North superior in the rucks

He said their half-forward line was a dominating force for most of the day, and full forward Lahey, in only his second league game, provided the final thrust at the goal-front with five goals.

North won in the rucks after Ken McGregor had threatened continuous power in the opening 10 minutes.

North had the best ruckman (Tidswell) and best rover (Potts) afield.

North are now the only undefeated team of the eight.

South almost caused the second sensation of the day, going down to Port in the last two minutes by 12 points at Adelaide Oval.

Port's experience and Johns' two goals finally crushed South.

Vic Johnson, The Sunday Mail chief football writer who saw the game, says South have a different approach to the game.

Norwood were not impressive

There is now evidence, he says, of teamwork and backing up.

At Norwood the Redlegs defeated Glenelg by nine points, but were far from

impressive. Glenelg were the better looking side — except on the scoreboard.

They had 30 scoring shots to Norwood's 24 and many more players who could be fitted into a best-player list with ease.

Two reports came from the Norwood game — Sawley (Norwood) for having attempted to strike an opponent and Fraser, Glenelg rover, for alleged misconduct.

Torrens had won early

Torrens won their first match of the season by winning all day in most positions against Sturt at Thebarton.

Sturt were the only team who did not take advantage of the strong breeze which favored the southern end at all grounds.

Sturt could kick only three points in the first term and as a result Torrens had the game won at half-time when it was 7-6 to 1-6.

Torrens rover Lindsay Head was the leading goalkicker for the match with three and the best player afield.

BEATEN BAYS WERE THE BETTER TEAM

By GIL LANGLEY

Norwood owed their nine-point win over Glenelg to their only redeeming feature—straight kicking—at Norwood Oval today.

Accurate kicking enabled Norwood to defeat Glenelg by nine points in an even, rugged game at Norwood Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	1-0	8-2	12-2	16-8	104
Glenelg	6-8	6-11	12-14	13-17	95

Glenelg had the overall edge all day except in this most important department.

I consider the better team was the loser and in some respects they were victims of circumstances.

Norwood seemed to get several doubtful frees near the goals, but Glenelg were not so fortunate.

Ruck supremacy

When kicking with the breeze Norwood had the advantage of straight kicking, and only in the last term did it go astray.

To three-quarter time Norwood had only two behinds on the board — and finished with eight.

Glenelg, although not

having the set shots, could not find the goals. This cost them dearly.

For most of the day Glenelg led in the race to the ball. And they held a ruck supremacy and a winning centre line.

At the start of the game Glenelg raced away, with their little men leaving their opponents yards behind.

They also scouted cleverly to emphasise their ruck superiority.

A matchwinning sequence could have come here if Glenelg had kicked anything like they should have.

Six goals from 14 shots was far from what was needed.

Norwood took a little time to settle down when their turn came with the breeze.

They attacked with more purpose using the grandstand wing as the scoring medium.

This paid dividends, with four goals coming without a miss from set positions.

Too much umpire's whistle aided Norwood in this period for Nicholls kicked two successive goals from dubious frees.

Up to half-time the only reason for Norwood's slender lead was their goal-shooting.

It was 8-2 to 6-11 at half-time — which shows how many more times Glenelg went past centre.

When the third term began Glenelg soon reduced their deficit when Abley kicked three goals on end.

This seemed to hearten Glenelg.

The Redlegs then took over, by more direct methods with teammates playing on to position.

They virtually won the game by kicking four goals without a behind for the term.

This left them only 12 points down at the last change with their turn for the breeze in the run home.

Norwood, going straight down the ground, ran to a handy lead with recruit Davis coming into the picture well while resting at full forward.

In spite of a Glenelg fightback when they had opportunities to make it a thrilling finish, Norwood lasted out to take the win — by nine points.

There were very few good flashes of football and this was not helped by one of the poorest exhibitions by umpire Bear.



A HECTIC MOMENT in today's play at Norwood Oval. B. Hill of Glenelg has his hand over the eyes of Norwood player L. Davis, while R. Leahy of Glenelg appears to have taken the full force of the ball on his face. In front of Leahy is R. Dickson of Norwood.

Today's details at a glance

GROUNDS: Holding.

(At Norwood Oval)

Norwood	1-0	8-2	12-2	16-8	104
Glenelg	6-8	6-11	12-14	13-17	95

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Kite, Wheeler, Contos, Nicholls, Bunton, Kneebone, Sawley, Liebelt. **GLENELG:** Baillie, Edwards, Abley, Davies, Fraser, Flew, Slattery, Richens.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Davis (4.0), Nicholls (3.2), Wheeler (2.1), Walker (2.0), Nicol (2.0), Vivian (1.1), Sawley (1.1), Dickson (1.0), Bunton (0.1), Butler (0.1), rushed (0.1). **GLENELG:** Abley (6.1), Fraser (3.3), Richens (2.1), Peek (1.1), Leahy (1.1), Milbank (0.4), Flew (0.3), Davies (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Miller (ankle) replaced by Vivian in first term. Aish (arm injury) replaced by Nicol in second term. **GLENELG:** Robinson (ankle) replaced by Marshall at half-time.

REPORTS.—NORWOOD: Sawley reported for allegedly attempting to strike an opponent. **GLENELG:** Fraser reported for alleged misconduct.

(At Adelaide Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-1	5-9	6-15	10-16	76
South	4-2	5-8	7-13	8-16	64

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Boyd, Tierney, Motley, Abley, Blagrove, Zucker, Hannaford. **SOUTH:** Kitchen, Reimann, Polden, Yates, Christie, Mortimer, Atkins (until injured).

SCORERS.—PORT: Boyd (3.2), Johns (3.1), Obst (1.2), Motley (1.1), Zucker (1.0), T. Williams (1.0), Garland (0.3), F. Williams (0.3), Whelan (0.2), rushed (0.2). **SOUTH:** Judd (2.2), Atkins (1.3), Parham (1.3), Yates (1.2), Lynch (1.1), Lapins (1.0), Christie (1.0), Blum (0.3), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Atkins (injured leg) replaced by Adams at three-quarter time.

(At Thebarton Oval)

Torrens	4-2	7-6	9-7	10-12	72
Sturt	0-3	1-6	2-11	3-14	32

Best Players.—TORRENS: Head, Slaven, Ashby, Roberts, Russell, Hanrahan. **STURT:** Marshall, Halbert, Rattigan, Little, Shanks, Dunn.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Head (3.5), Taylor (2.3), Livesey (2.0), Clingly (1.1), Coleman (1.2), Russell (1.0), Ellenbein (0.1). **STURT:** Dunn (1.4), Hocking (1.2), Marshall (1.0), Freundt (0.3), Sawley (0.2), Sims (0.1), Olds (0.1), Halbert (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Rawson (finger injury) replaced by Searle at three-quarter time. Pilmore (leg) by Jarman in last quarter. **STURT:** Goodchild (pulled leg muscle) replaced by Cunningham.

(At Richmond Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	7-5	10-5	11-13	11-19	85
West	0-0	4-5	4-7	9-10	64

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Tidswell, Yates, Potts, Lindner, Lahey, Tanner, Blunden. **WEST:** Hewitt, Benton, Kerley, Williams, Ryan, McGregor, Lynch.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Lahey (5.4), Potts (2.5), Trenorden (1.3), Hewitt (1.1), Yates (1.1), Sheppard (1.0), Lindner (0.2), Barbary (0.2), rushed (0.1). **WEST:** Benton (2.1), Phipps (2.1), Ryan (2.1), Wright (1.1), Williams (1.1), Pfizner (1.1), Hewitt (0.3), Tregenza (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—NIL.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
North	4	—	475	300	8	61.29
Port	3	1	358	250	6	58.88
West	3	1	302	262	6	53.55
Norwood	2	2	312	343	4	47.63
South	2	2	282	336	4	45.63
Glenelg	1	3	366	377	2	49.26
Torrens	1	3	239	336	2	41.57
Sturt	—	4	247	397	—	38.35

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Johns (Port)	3.1	18.3
Phipps (West)	2.1	12.10
Fraser (Glenelg)	3.3	10.12
Lindner (North)	0.2	10.8
Boyd (Port)	3.2	10.5
Abley (Glenelg)	6.1	9.7
Shepherd (North)	1.0	9.4
Richens (Glenelg)	2.1	9.3
Potts (North)	2.5	8.11
Olds (Sturt)	0.1	8.6
Lahey (North)	5.4	8.5

ATTENDANCES

Richmond	14,000
Adelaide	8,700
Norwood	7,500
Thebarton	6,750
Total	36,950

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

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