

TEAMS BUNCHED FOR LEAD

By RAY BARBER

Port resumed their time-honored position at the top of the premiership table by convincingly defeating North today.

It was the day's big match in the fifth series of league football.

Glenelg added to a day of sensations by thrashing West. Torrens surprisingly defeated South.

The leading four are now Port, North, West, and Norwood with Glenelg, South, and Torrens challenging only two points away from Norwood and West.

With form going up and down like a see-saw, the final four is harder to guess than in previous years.

Glenelg is the latest team to come into calculations for it was a mighty performance to down what was West's best looking side, on paper, for the season.

Torrens overcame great difficulties with their captain, Ron Ashby, and star wingman, Jim Slaven, off the ground with injuries before quarter-time.

Outclassed

At Prospect, Port showed their skill by outclassing North to win by 40 points after holding a 12-point lead at three-quarter time. Sunday Mail chief football writer Vic Johnson

says the Port rucks won the game in the last quarter.

It was the best Magpie display for the season.

North, with their two key men in attack—Lindner and Lahey—stuffed by a resolute Port defence, could only kick eight goals.

With the Port ruckmen, particularly Garland, hitting the ball to their rovers with devastating accuracy, the Magpie machine steamrollered North in the last term.

North won the centre wings with Barbary and Hewett, but Motley controlled the pivot.

The 19,137 spectators gave Prospect Oval an attendance record.

Glenelg defeated West by five goals with a combination of the right sort of goalkicking (14-3) and brilliant defence.

John Mehaffey, who covered the game, says he has never seen such a determined Glenelg side.

Once Glenelg took a good lead they confidently crushed a West side that was again deficient in front of centre.

Brian Hill, Glenelg's new goalkeeper from Preston (VFA), did not have a goal scored against him, to be

best man on the ground.

On road

At Kensington, Torrens began their road to victory with a winning second term in which they kicked 6-3 to 2-1.

This was after South had taken the first term easily.

Lindsay Head provided the inspiration with three goals and some brilliant roving.

Later Mick Clingly provided the Eagles with power at the goalfrost. Each kicked four goals.

Norwood took a long time to get going before defeating Sturt by eight points at Unley Oval.

The scores were level eight minutes to go.

Miss again

Sturt looked like getting their opening win for the season to half-time when they led by 10 points.

They had won in the rucks and at centre where Halbert was outstanding all day.

But after half-time the Norwood tall timber took over and, aided by a key-point in Brian Sawley at centre half-forward, were too steady over the last bit.

BAYS SHINE IN RUGGED PLAY

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

After an even first half, Glenelg, with great determination and enthusiasm, defeated West Adelaide in a thrilling, rugged game at Glenelg Oval.

Glenelg's defence held West up throughout the match.

Both teams showed accuracy in front of goals with the wet ball and most goals come from snap shots.

The first half was even, but in the vital third quarter Glenelg held West scoreless.

West teamed more efficiently than Glenelg.

Whenever the ball was in a melee of players, it was often shot out to a waiting teammate to break into the clear.

Superior

However, Glenelg's tenacious and determined approach proved superior and once victory was in sight they went even further ahead.

There was no noticeable wind advantage after half-time and West managed to score only 2-1 in the final quarter.

This indicated the close checking by the Bay defence.

Newcomer Hill, at full back, completely subdued Phipps. A'Court went to the goal front, but Hill still continued unbeaten.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3-0	8-0	11-2	14-3	87
West	3-1	7-2	7-2	9-3	57

Leahy, alongside Hill, was also a leading figure in Glenelg's strong defence.

Within the opening minutes of play West lost McGregor, but throughout the day West still won in ruck. However, the nippy work of Richens around the fringes always gave his team an advantage.

Spasmodic

Davies at centre flashed into the play spasmodically, but throughout the game Hewitt served West better.

Slattery's wing was an avenue through which Glenelg attacked, and only Bray, at centre half-back, was a clear winner, keeping Glenelg out.

There was early evidence of fierce individual clashes but as the game continued in this rugged fashion, Glenelg gained confidence and this type of football suited their play.

West's attack let them down repeatedly.

There were several positional changes, but to no

noticeable advantage.

Lack of a reliable spearhead was most evident, as practically all West's scoring was left to the rovers and Benton at half-forward.

Hill, at full back, was the outstanding defender, always going out confidently to meet the ball.

Phipps didn't register any score in opposition to him and the resting ruckmen after half-time were also unable to score.

Leahy was little behind Hill in a faultless display in a back pocket and his judgment when going for the ball was outstanding.

Best of an even band of players were Slattery, wing; Richens, roving; Baillie, and Stock in defence. Davies at centre, and Abley ruck and forward.

It was difficult to separate two or three West men, as it was definitely not their day, but Brown roving, and Hewitt at centre played tirelessly.

Today's details at a glance

GROUNDS: Heavy.
(At Prospect Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	2-3	6-6	8-9	14-14	98
North	2-4	5-6	6-9	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Boyd, Motley, Whelan, Blagrove, Hannaford, Garland, Gill. NORTH: Barbary, Hewett, Rogerson, Sheppard, Stringer, Tidswell, Westley.

SCORERS.—PORT: Zucker (3.1), Boyd (3.1), Fos Williams (3.1), Hannaford (2.4), Johns (2.2), Obst (1.1), Tom Williams (0.1), rushed (0.3). NORTH: Sheppard (2.3), Trenorden (2.1), Lindner (1.1), Bubner (1.1), Lahey (1.0), Potts (1.0), Barbary (0.2), Yates (0.1), Hewett (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS.—Nil.

(At Glenelg Oval)

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West	3-1	7-2	7-2	9-3	57

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Hill, Leahy, Slattery, Richens, Baillie, Davis, Abley, Stock. WEST: Brown, Hewitt, Bray, A'Court, Williams, Benton, Pfitzner.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Roher (4.0), Richens (3.0), Barnes (3.1), Davies (1.0), Howard (1.1), Abley (1.0), Peek (1.0), Cutten (0.1). WEST: Benton (3.2), Wright (2.0), Brown (1.0), Pfitzner (1.0), Ryan (1.1), Phipps (1.0).

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: McGregor (leg injury) replaced by Pfitzner in first term. Kempson (leg injury) replaced by Charlesworth in last quarter.

INJURIES.—GLENELG: Barnes (cramp), Milbank (bruised shoulder). WEST: McGregor (torn leg muscles).

(At Unley Oval)

Norw'd	3-2	5-5	12-7	14-14	98
Sturt	3-3	6-9	9-11	12-18	90

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Parker, Bunton, Kite, Walker, Keenihan, Sawley, Nicholls. STURT: Halbert, Sawley, Harris, Olds, Thompson, Hocking Little.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: B. Sawley (3.3), Walker (2.1), Davis (2.1), Nicholls (2.0), Parker (1.1), Bunton (1.1), Keenihan (1.0), Hoffman (1.0), Butler (1.0), Fosdike (0.3), Vivian (0.3), rushed (0.1). STURT: Harris (2.3), Olds (2.2), Marshall (2.1), Hocking (1.4), Fruendt (1.2), Shapter (1.1), Tester (1.1), Kutcher (1.0), R. Sawley (1.0), G. Sibs (0.4).

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Nil. STURT: Fruendt (knee) replaced by Tester three-quarter time.

(At Kensington Oval)

Torrens	2-3	8-6	12-7	14-10	94
South	4-2	6-3	9-6	11-10	76

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Head, Roberts, Graham, Kinnear, Caire, Coleman, Morrell, Hanrahan. SOUTH: Parham, Polden, Christie, Kitchen Blum, Jones Judd.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Clingly (4.4), Head (4.2), Taylor (2.1), Coleman (1.2), Morrell (1.1), Teasdale (1.0), Russell (1.0). SOUTH: Judd, Parham (3.1), Kimber (2.1), Lynch (1.2), Yates (1.0), Mortimer (1.0), Baker (0.1), Blum (0.1), Gade (0.1), Rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Slaven (leg injury) replaced by Caire, Ashby (knee injury) by Oatway, both in first term. SOUTH: Kimber (leg injury) replaced by Fitzgerald in last quarter.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	4	1	456	228	8		61.29
North	4	1	533	398	8		57.25
West	3	2	359	349	6		50.71
Norwood	3	2	410	433	6		48.64
Glenelg	2	3	453	434	4		51.07
South	2	3	358	430	4		45.43
Torrens	2	3	333	412	4		44.70
Sturt	—	5	337	495	—		40.50

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Games	Total
Johns (Port)	2.2	4	20.5
Phipps (West)	1.0	5	13.10
Boyd (Port)	3.1	5	13.6
Richens (Glenelg)	3.0	5	13.3
Lindner (North)	1.1	5	11.9
Shepherd (North)	2.3	4	11.7
Sawley (Norwood)	3.3	5	10.13
Fraser (Glenelg)	—	4	10.12
Olds (Sturt)	2.2	5	10.8
Abley (Glenelg)	1.0	5	10.7
Benton (West)	3.2	4	10.4
Rocher (Glenelg)	4.0	4	10.2

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

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

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	19,137 (record)
Unley	6,250
Glenelg	6,136
Kensington	6,000

Total 37,523