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TOP PLACE

By RAY BARBER

North can be labelled the threat following their well-deserved 16-point win over Port in the match of the day today. The main prize for their win was elevation to top place—displacing Port.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

GROUND: Fast
(At Alberton Oval)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	2-4	4-6	9-13	10-14	74
Port	3-1	7-1	7-1	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Rogerson, Gilbourne, Tidswell, Westley, Sheppard, Trenorden, Lindner. **PORT:** Motley, Key, Tierney, Abley, Zucker, Cahill, Boyd.
SCORERS.—NORTH: Sheppard (3.0), Koerner (2.1), Tanner (2.0), Lindner (1.1), Gambling (1.0), Barbary (1.0), Trenorden (0.4), Bubner (0.3), Carter (0.2), Potts (0.1), Yates (0.1), rushed (0.1). **PORT:** Marrett (3.2), Boyd (3.0), Zucker (1.2), Garland (1.0), Hannaford (0.1), Stevens (0.1), Thompson (0.1), Cahill (0.1), rushed (0.2).

(At Adelaide Oval)

West	6-4	11-10	15-15	18-27	135
Glenelg	3-6	5-8	9-13	10-14	74

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Tregenza, Bray, McGregor, Kerley, Wright, Williams, Fraser. **GLENELG:** Edwards, Baillie, May, Robinson, Fraser, Slattery, Linke.
SCORERS.—WEST: Kerley (7.5), Wright (4.6), Williams (3.0), Benton (2.1), Johnson (1.2), Eustice (1.0), Costello (0.5), Roach (0.4), Rossetto (0.2), rushed (0.2). **GLENELG:** Fraser (3.1), Rocher (2.3), Howard (2.1), Abley (1.3), Leahy (1.2), Cartwright (1.0), Edwards (0.1), rushed (0.3).
REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Cartwright (knee injury, replaced by Hawker in last term). **WEST:** Nil.

(At Thebarton Oval)

Torrens	2-1	5-2	8-7	9-7	61
South	2-7	3-11	5-13	7-19	61

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Judd, Polden, Christie, Blum, Kimber, Richards, Reimann. **TORRENS:** Head, Graham, Cunningham, Searle, Hanrahan, Pilmore, Coleman.
SCORERS.—TORRENS: Head (5.0), Eifenbein (1.1), Pilmore (1.0), Coleman (1.0), Searle (1.0), Taylor (0.2), Tucker (0.2), rushed (0.2). **SOUTH:** Lapins (2.1), Christie (2.1), Speed (1.3), Harris (1.2), Baraglia (1.2), Judd (0.2), Richards (0.2), Yates (0.1), Blum (0.1), Parham (0.1), rushed (0.3).
REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Nil. **TORRENS:** Hine (bruised hip) replaced by T. Jarman last quarter.

(At Norwood Oval)

Norwood	6-4	7-7	11-14	13-16	94
Sturt	3-3	9-10	10-11	13-16	94

GOALKICKERS.—NORWOOD: Vivian (4.2), Davis (3.4), Bunton (3.2), Sawley (1.2), Nicholls (1.1), Walker (1.0), Miller (0.2), Butler (0.1), Swansbury (0.1), rushed (0.1). **STURT:** Freundt (4.3), Tester (2.3), Hocking (2.2), Olds (2.2), Sawley (1.3), Shanks (1.0), C. Thompson (1.0), Halbert (0.1), Marshall (0.1), rushed (0.1).
BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Bunton, Nicholls, Sawley, Minervini, Vivian, Kite, Liebelt. **STURT:** Halbert, C. Thompson, Shanks, Tester, Sawley, Olds, M. Little.
REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Walker (sprained ankles, replaced in first quarter by Butler; Contos (nose injury), by Hoffman at three-quarter time. **STURT:** T. Sims (concussion) replaced by R. Thompson in third term; Hocking (broken blood vessel), by Shapter in last term.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	8	1	—	901	670	16	57.35
Port	7	2	—	858	579	14	59.71
West	7	2	—	880	714	14	55.21
Norwood	4	4	1	713	789	9	47.19
Torrens	3	5	1	672	791	7	45.93
Glenelg	3	6	—	769	801	6	48.98
South	2	6	1	606	793	5	43.32
Sturt	—	8	1	681	934	1	42.17

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Games	Total
Johns (Port)	—	6	30.7
Head (Torrens)	5.0	9	24.13
Wright (West)	4.6	9	22.17
Sheppard (North)	3.0	8	22.12
Boyd (Port)	3.0	9	21.12
Rocher (Glenelg)	2.3	8	21.8
Kerley (West)	2.3	9	19.13
Olds (Sturt)	2.2	9	18.13
Fraser (Glenelg)	2.1	8	17.20
Abley (Glenelg)	1.3	9	16.15
Richens (Glenelg)	—	8	16.4
Zucker (Port)	1.2	9	15.8

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	14,500
Adelaide	9,253
Norwood	8,850
Thebarton	5,500
Total	38,103

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES
South v. North (Adelaide)
West v. Port (Richmond)
Sturt v. Glenelg (Unley)
Norwood v. Torrens (Kensington)

To cap a rather sensational day there were two drawn games.

Torrens drew with South at Thebarton and Norwood with Sturt at Norwood.

Two drawn games in the one series is believed to be a record for the SA league.

Sturt, who have been bursting to win a match, received their first premiership table point for the season.

Speculation

North's surprise win over Port provides intriguing speculation on the outcome of the major round.

When the season began Port were hot favorite for the title—in their search for five premierships in a row.

The North rise from obscurity at the end of last season to triumph has given the premiership fight a much needed boost.

Vic Johnson, The Sunday Mail's chief football writer, who covered the game, says North's success was well deserved.

They had to win the hard way, conceding a three-point lead at quarter time, after having first use of the breeze, and a 13-point lead at half-time.

Winning moves were

Koerner's switch of Lindner to centre while taking centre half-forward himself.

The changing of centre wings and winning rovers allowed North virtually to wrap up the game in the third quarter.

North scored 5-7 while Port went without a score.

When Port had the chance to win the game in the last term, with last use of the breeze, the best they could do was one goal from 10 scoring shots.

North's win was the first at Alberton Oval since 1952 — their last premiership year.

Unlucky

The drawn game at Thebarton, according to Sam Gallagher who saw the game, was an unlucky loss for South.

They kicked 2-6 to Torrens' one goal in the last 25 minutes and missed out on another premiership point through it.

Lindsay Head, again best man on the ground, kicked the equalising goal five minutes before the end.

In a scramble for the behind that would have won the game, the defences worked overtime. The series when West defeated Glenelg by 61 points.

After the first quarter the result was never in doubt, but Gil Langley says the game produced outstanding pace.

West had a lot more teamwork than Glenelg, who had few good players holding them together.

West's 18-27 was the highest score for the day, while Port was in the unusual position of providing the lowest (8-10).

Torrens led by 12 points at three-quarter time, but South came back at them. South rucks won on the day.

In the other drawn game — at Norwood — the Redlegs threw away a definite result in the last minute of play, says John Mehaffey, who covered the game.

Vivian, who had formed part of a winning roving combination for Norwood, gained possession 45 yards out.

Instead of having a shot for goal, he passed to Bunton, whose shot failed to make the grade, and Sturt cleared the ball away as the final siren went.

Halbert, best man on the ground, controlled centre for Sturt.

The two teams jockeyed for the lead throughout the match.

Adelaide Oval brought the only runaway game for

WEST'S TEAMWORK BEAT BAYS

By GIL LANGLEY

West played systematically; Glenelg did not. That was the reason for West's overwhelming 61-point win at Adelaide Oval today.

Pace was the keynote of the game.

West players always looked for the teammate on the move.

This open play, especially up forward, gave them easy scoring positions.

West displayed much better form in defence with their half-back line always looking the part.

Bray and Tregenza gave outstanding performances with strong clearing dashes and sure hands overhead.

The game was virtually decided early in the piece after West settled down.

Glenelg opened better, but poor forward work nullified this early advantage.

They badly lack cohesion in front of centre and many times kicked with bad direction.

On the day they won few positions.

Only Edwards, at centre wing Baillie, at centre half-back, and May, in the ruck were winning links.

The game began at terrific pressure with neither side wilting.

Show speed

With sheer pace Glenelg were the first to find their feet, but were badly served once they got within scoring distance.

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Some of their shots were from easy positions, but they could rarely find the centre.

West, once they became settled, moved forward, and their smoother approach to the goal obviously consolidated their game.

May seldom missed knocking to advantage at the centre bounce, but this was not capitalised by his rovers.

Although they won the toss and had first use of a good breeze, Glenelg were in arrears at the first change — by 16 points.

Winning lead

Still playing fast, positive football, West, with Costello on top for a brief period, ran to a winning lead by half-time.

To this stage both teams played really fast football.

Doubling Glenelg's score, West led by 38 points to go to a winning break.

The second half followed much the same pattern with West going even farther ahead.

But by kicking nine points in a row, they were stopped from gaining valuable percentage.

However, Kerley came into the picture in the closing session of the quarter to kick three goals and bring his tally to seven.

Coming to the best players it was a simple matter to get a West list but very difficult to fit Glenelg players in.

Tregenza, I thought, was the best man on the ground.

It seems he has found his place at half-back left. Not far behind him in merit are Bray and McGregor, who both played consistently all day.

For Glenelg, Edwards and Baillie could be bracketed with May a placegetter.

In his first game Umpire Whitford did a good job.

I think it is about time something was done about the holding the ball rule.

The present rule gives too much latitude to the player in possession who, when in trouble, throws the ball out in front of him and "pleads" for a free.

Rather than give the free to the man who disposes of the ball in this way, I consider the penalty should go the other way, for the man tackled is still in possession of the ball.