

BAYS BOOST 4 HOPES

Today's details at a glance

Conditions: Boisterous.

At Thebarton Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2-4	7-8	8-11	13-13	91
Torrens	3-4	5-4	9-7	11-8	74

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Richens, Herron, Abley, Pemberton, Branson, Hill, Howard. **TORRENS:** Slaven, Morrell, Russell, Keane, Head, Townsend, Taylor.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Pemberton (5.3), Herron (3.0), Richens (2.4), Howard (1.2), Leahy (1.1), Hill (1.0), Webber (0.2), Dickinson (0.1). **TORRENS:** Taylor (4.1), Clingly (1.3), Head (1.3), Bills (1.1), Slaven (1.0), Edwards (1.0), Morrell (1.0), Dix (1.0).

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Davies (recurrence of knee injury) replaced by Alexander in second term.

At Adelaide Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5-2	8-2	9-12	10-16		76
South	1-2	4-5	5-9	5-10		40

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Thompson, Slade, Dunn, Halbert, Caust, Rigney, Roberts. **SOUTH:** Jackson, Jones, Blum, Atkinson, Lapins, Stafford, Baker.

SCORERS—STURT: Dunn (3.3), Douglas (2.3), Halbert (2.3), Williams (2.0), Hunter (1.1), Green (0.2), Rushed (0.4). **SOUTH:** Jones (2.1), Judd (1.3), Atkins (1.1), Blum (1.0), Kitchen (0.2), Parkinson (0.1), Christie (0.1), Roennfeldt (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: B. Kemp (torn ligaments in ankle) replaced by G. Green in first term; L. Fitzgerald (badly bruised shin) replaced by N. Cunningham in third term. **SOUTH:** T. Roennfeldt (gashed mouth) replaced by C. Yates in second term.

At Prospect Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	Pts.
North	2-3	7-8	8-10	13-13		91
West	5-7	7-7	11-12	13-12		90

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Simmons, T. Lindner, D. Lindner, Gilbourne, Johnston, Whitford, Trenorden. **WEST:** Tregenza, Wright, Chynoweth, Richardson, Eustice, Day Kerley.

SCORERS—NORTH: D. Lindner (6.3), Trenorden (3.0), Sheppard (2.2), Koerner (1.1), Woore (1.0), Potts (0.2), Whitford (0.2), rushed (0.3). **WEST:** Chynoweth (4.3), Richardson (4.1), Wright (2.1), Ryan (1.1), Barker (1.0), Day (1.0), Reu (0.2), Dabovitch (0.2), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Johnston (arm injury) replaced by Yates in the last term. **WEST:** Hewitt (leg injury) replaced by Dabovitch in the first term.

At Norwood Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final	Pts.
Port	1-3	2-11	4-15	7-17		59
N'wood	4-4	5-6	8-7	8-8		56

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Key, Whelan, Abley, Zucker, Blagrove, Thompson. **NORWOOD:** Ash, Kneebone, Wedding, Cousins, Webber, Minervini, Kite.

SCORERS—PORT: Dittmar (2.4), Potter (1.2), Motley (1.1), Zucker (1.1), Whelan (1.1), Gill (1.0), Luke (0.4), Cahill (0.2), Mahney (0.1), Williams (0.1). **NORWOOD:** Johnson (4.0), Cousins (2.2), Webber (1.0), Wells (1.0), Lill (0.3), Wedding (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Nicholls (concussion), replaced by Rumbelow third term; Liebelt replaced by Butler last term.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	14	1	1571	1008	28	60.92
West	10	5	1421	1100	20	56.37
Sturt	10	5	1544	1322	20	53.87
Torrens	7	8	1282	1250	14	50.63
Glenelg	7	8	1376	1456	14	48.59
Norwood	6	9	1276	1401	12	47.67
North	3	12	1092	1492	6	42.26
South	3	12	1014	1547	6	39.59

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Douglas (Sturt)	2.3	11	45.29
Dittmar (Port)	2.4	12	43.39
Head (Torrens)	1.3	14	43.32
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	—	13	42.31
Judd (South)	1.3	14	40.39
Clingly (Torrens)	1.3	15	39.33
Wright (West)	2.1	13	36.36
Sheppard (North)	2.2	15	35.24

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	12,000
Thebarton	8,500
Adelaide	8,000
Prospect	7,000
Total	35,500

Players crash at Thebarton



TORRENS HALF-BACK V. Landers (right) moves off with the ball, as T. Searle (nearest camera), and F. Howard (Glenelg), crash to the ground in a tussle at Thebarton Oval today. At left is R. Leahy, of Glenelg.

REDLEGS WERE ONE SHORT!

For a brief period in the last quarter of the Port-Norwood thriller at Norwood Oval today, the Redlegs were reduced to 17 men when Kneebone and Liebelt left the ground simultaneously and one reserve came on. Acting on instructions, Norwood trainer J. Nelson led Kneebone from the field in mistake

for Liebelt.

Meanwhile, Liebelt, near the trainer's bench on the eastern side of the oval, also was taken off.

The mistake, which had no bearing on the result was soon put right by anguished shouts from the bench to bring Kneebone back.

By SAM GALLAGHER

Glenelg's unexpected 17-point win over Torrens at Thebarton today has revived their hopes of making the final four.

Glenelg are now level on points with Torrens who hold fourth place on percentage.

Two thrillers

Two thrilling finishes made today's series the most exciting of the season.

North, last before today, snatched a one-point victory from West (second) and have moved into seventh place.

Making a last-ditch effort to qualify, Norwood went down by only three points in the last minute of play to league leaders Port Adelaide.

In the remaining game, Sturt defeated South comfortably by 36 points. Sturt are now level in second place with West, but West's percentage is better.

Today's results leave the composition and the rankings of the final four in doubt.

Of the teams still in the running for fourth position, Glenelg appear to have the better draw.

Torrens now meet the three teams above them in the remaining three games. Their form suggests they will be struggling.

Norwood's great fight against Port gives them an outside chance of survival, although they are still one game behind Torrens and Glenelg.

West's loss to North today leaves them open to Sturt's challenge for the double chance, but West's program is easier and they should retain second ranking at the end of the minor round.

Jeff Pash, who saw the Torrens-Glenelg game at Thebarton, reports that the Bays made better use of the breeze.

Rover Colin Richens was in brilliant form and Tor-

rens, outclassed in this division had Head on the ball half-way through the second quarter.

The Bays' attack was much more efficient, with Hill and Pemberton again in good form.

Glenelg meet South next week and with Torrens drawn against Sturt, the Bays could force the first change in the top four since the third series.

Glenelg captain-coach Neil Davies was carried off in the second quarter with a recurrence of his knee injury. He said tonight he would not play again this season.

Vic Johnson saw the Adelaide Oval game between Sturt and South. He said there was little to excite enthusiasm about the game.

Thompson in ruck controlled the game for Sturt who led from start to finish.

Kicked six

Gil Langley was at Prospect for the North-West game.

North's better attack won the game for them. Although Don Lindner did not have a great number of kicks he made full use of them. He finished with six goals.

North had the balance of power across centre through Whitford and Hewett. This offset West's roving strength.

On this form North Adelaide have recovered with a vengeance. Their meeting with Glenelg in the last minor round game

could have a decisive bearing on the struggle for fourth place.

West back pocket Max Hewitt, in his second appearance after a long absence through injury, retired from the game in the first quarter.

North meet Port next week at Kensington. The result of this match will have no bearing on the top four rankings. Port should win.

Norwood never allowed Port to settle into their smooth, systematic game at Norwood Oval.

Port were further weakened by the last-minute withdrawal of Peter Obst. This caused a positional reshuffle, which found Geoff Motley at centre half-forward.

Outplayed by Norwood in the first half, Port made position changes at half-time and finished on to snatch the game with a goal from Whelan in the dying minutes.

Norwood's display of determination and teamwork was impressive. They were weakened by Nicholls' retirement through injury at three-quarter time.

Norwood meet West at Richmond next week and, in view of West's continued run of misfortune, Norwood could still be in the fight for fourth place.

The greatest danger to Norwood's hopes will be West's rovers. The Redleg pair were not a force today. Barratt's return will be a badly needed improvement.

ROVING, ATTACK DID IT FOR BAYS

By JEFF PASH

Brilliant roving by Richens and the stronger down-the-middle attack through Herron, gave Glenelg an all-day advantage in a game at Thebarton in which Torrens failed to exploit first use of the wind.

Torrens fought hard to recover from the loss of their early chances by switching the placings.

They remained in the game until very late in the last quarter, but were never going confidently—except perhaps for a few minutes in the third quarter.

The Bays played the better football in attack. In fact, they outplayed Torrens on the day without resorting to negative defence measures.

Hard work

Head won the toss and decided to kick with the wind to the northern end. It was a steady breeze—perhaps worth three goals—and it continued for the whole game.

Glenelg were first into attack and they scored the first goal. Torrens had to work hard to get the upper hand, even at this stage.

The Bay rovers, and particularly Richens, were collecting the knockouts of Morrell and Townsend, and Herron was winning the battle for marking positions and pick-ups at centre.

Torrens began with great dash on both centre wings, but as a team they did not kick surely in the tricky wind and generally overdid the handpassing.

Clingly had two opportunities in this term at longish range; they were both narrow misses and critical ones, I think for Torrens.

By the end of the term Torrens held a mere six-point lead. Glenelg had pressed them hard, kept their forward lines open, and virtually won the honors for the term.

In the second quarter

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2-4	7-8	8-11	13-13	91
Torrens	3-4	5-4	9-7	11-8	74

Torrens applied defensive measures from the beginning.

Edwards was shifted from half-forward right to play as a loose man in defence, and his position was left vacant.

It was an odd move. The Bays had clearly shown that it was possible to work against the wind; and in the circumstances a full half-forward line was badly needed to establish Clingly.

But Clingly now came out to centre half-forward.

Torrens defended successfully for a time; then Richens, Herron, Pember-



Richens Keane

ton, and Leahy, figured in a match-winning burst that raised five goals.

At this stage Davies left the field with knee trouble, and Head went on the ball, sending Slaven to take his place at centre.

At once Head got things moving, and two goals to Taylor just before the bell meant that things were not hopeless for them at half-time.

Glenelg then led by 16 points after a shot late in the term by Richens, who had won an incredible number of kicks, had hit a post.

In the third quarter Torrens made an excellent start. From now on they retained their full placed field, Clingly returning to

full forward and Head remaining on the ball.

In a quick run of goals they recaptured the lead. A winning break might conceivably have been opened had a running goal by Taylor been allowed by umpire Henderson.

It was not, and at the end of the quarter Torrens led by only two points, with Glenelg to finish with the wind.

Uneasy term

Glenelg had had their most uncomfortable term.

In the last quarter Torrens fought desperately to hold their lead, this time with a full forward line-up.

The game went goal for goal for a while, but Glenelg finally broke the sequence with a difficult second in a row, then a third.

At the siren, the Bays had won by 17 points, having improved their half-time lead by one point in what had been a hard-fought second half.

For Glenelg, Richens played an outstanding game. He won kicks on all parts of the field, and moved through the packs with tremendous acceleration. He was the best man on the ground.

Herron on centre gave a performance that would have been the best for his side in normal circumstances. His strong marking and powerful kicking were indispensable to Glenelg in their win.

For Torrens, Slaven won brilliantly on the wing, and played strongly at centre thereafter. Morrell battled valiantly in the rucks, Keane defended solidly in a back pocket.