

West tighten grip on double chance

TWO FIGHT FOR 4th POSITION

By SAM GALLAGHER

As a result of today's league matches, Torrens and Glenelg are locked in a desperate struggle for fourth position in the final four.

The Eagles retained fourth ranking by defeating Sturt by two points in a hard-fought game at Unley.

Level on points

Glenelg with a three-goal win over South at Adelaide, are level on 16 points with Torrens, but remain in 5th place by inferior percentage.

Norwood's 53-point defeat by West at Richmond has almost certainly extinguished their last hope of survival.

West, in second place, now have a two-point break over Sturt, whose defeat today has destroyed their hopes for the double chance.

The Blues meet Port next week and will probably fall further behind West, who play Glenelg.

Inaccuracy

League leaders Port Adelaide went away from the improving North Adelaide in the second half, to win easily by 56 points.

Torrens, in danger of losing their place in the four, before today's series, took full advantage of Sturt's amazing third quarter inaccuracy at Unley.

With 15 behinds in succession, Sturt left themselves open to Torrens' finishing effort with the breeze.

The Eagles' main strength was in defence, where Douglas was held goalless by Searle.

Torrens attack was not impressive. Townsend won centre half-forward, but Head made many more mistakes than we have come to expect from him.

Full forward Mick Clingly, although far from consistent, was in the right place at the right time with five goals for the day.

	Points		Points		Prem.	
	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	15	1	1678	1059	30	61.31
West	11	5	1528	1154	22	56.97
Sturt	10	6	1612	1392	20	53.66
Torrens	8	8	1352	1318	16	50.64
Glenelg	8	8	1471	1532	16	48.97
Norwood	6	10	1330	1508	12	46.86
North	3	13	1143	1599	6	41.68
South	3	13	1090	1642	6	39.90

Torrens meet Norwood at Thebarton next week. The following week, in the last series, they meet Port.

Glenelg's two remaining games are against West and North.

Assuming that Port will defeat Torrens in the last series, the result of the fight for fourth position will probably depend on the North-Glenelg match at Prospect on that day.

Glenelg meet West Adelaide next Saturday at Glenelg.

The Tigers' form in beating South at Adelaide was not impressive. Poor goalkicking kept their margin down to 18 points, but South's weakness in attack prevented the Panthers from making the most of their attacking moves.

Gil Langley, who saw this game, reports that the Bays will need to improve their forward work to have a chance of displacing Torrens from fourth place.

Although the Bays have made West fight hard several times in recent seasons, West's better teamwork should see them two games clear in second place.

Comfortable

Vic Johnson saw the Richmond game between West and Norwood. He reports that Norwood's failure to make the best

of first use of the breeze had them struggling from the start.

West's small men took the game right away in the second quarter. Despite being held scoreless in the third term, West ran out comfortable winners.

A feature of this match was Kerley's fine game at centre half-forward.

Norwood probably have only prestige at stake from here on. They're meeting with Torrens at Thebarton next week should be hard fought however.

Torrens' main strength today was in defence. Provided they do better in attack, especially on the half-forward flanks, they should take the points from the Redlegs.

Six goals

Jeff Pash saw the Port-North game at Kensington and reports that Motley's form at centre and Port's greater efficiency in getting the ball away from the packs started Port on the road to victory.

Dittmar, with six goals today, has taken the lead in the goalkicking competition.

In the remaining match of next week's series, North meet South in a game which will hardly have more than partisan interest. North should win to retain seventh place.

Glenelg struggle home

FEEBLE DISPLAY BY BOTH SIDES

By GIL LANGLEY

Football of a deplorable standard was played by both Glenelg and South at Adelaide Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	1-9	5-13	10-19	11-29	95
South	2-3	4-6	8-9	11-10	76

Only the impetus of the final four enabled Glenelg to win a poor exhibition of our code.

Seeing is believing and this shocking exhibition misused every art known in football.

In a game of "nominations," few players would have received a pass in the first half.

Kept going

The Tigers never let up, whereas the Panthers gave in quickly.

The score did not indicate the game, for South had ample opportunities to win.

Glenelg were off the target and overdid short-passing and handball.

One can understand kicking a minor when under pressure, but what about set shots going astray?

Both teams mishandled the ball throughout. And how long will it take for South to capitalise on opponents' mistakes.

Never at any stage did they chase opponents in possession, and show any real fight.

I say get rid of these offenders now. Baraglia, a mighty atom, set an example of courage today.



Herron Judd

Unselfish forward work by Glenelg should have paid richer dividends.

A former Glenelg backman in Leahy, playing a roving commission up forward, did well in many ways, but what a forward—two goals, nine behinds!

Was close

Both teams were locked together in the early exchanges.

Gaining momentum from their rucks and rovers, the Tigers went forward.

Pemberton, given many chances, kicked poorly, and Glenelg with the aid of a breeze lost an early ascendancy.

Webber and Richens were the driving force, but their efforts were wasted.

South's long kicking helped them considerably in being level at the first change.

Undaunted by shocking kicking and poor field play, Glenelg in a burst of accuracy found the big opening.

Anywhere the odds were against a goal being kicked.

It was the worst quarter one can recall watching in league football.

Herron, of Glenelg, in field kicking stood out like a beacon.

Right through to final siren the game caused less and less enthusiasm.

Both teams were shocking up forward, but Judd, of South, fought every inch and his efforts were rewarded by several fine goals.

Sweeping changes did not have any effect on the game. And South played the last quarter with two cripples, one of them during all the second half.

Little chance

Glenelg, on today's form, could not make the four, and must soon improve their forward division if possible.

South are now not even "battlers," and give newcomers little confidence.

Herron gets the palm as best on the ground in my book with a grand effort at centre.

Webber rucked strongly but made mistakes, especially in his marking.

Jackson and Judd vie for South best.

Jackson always held command at centre half-back, and Judd, dealt with heavily by Glenelg backmen, shone when needed.

How long is inconsistent umpiring going to continue?

Umpire Daniels' display under difficult conditions was lamentable.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

CONDITIONS: Gusty

At Unley Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-4	5-6	6-8	10-10	70
Sturt	3-6	5-9	6-24	7-26	68

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Searle, Landers, Hine, Morrell, Townsend, Head, Russell. **STURT:** Halbert, Williams, Rigney, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Caust, Roberts.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Clingly (5.1), Head (1.3), Townsend (1.2), Edwards (1.0), Dix (1.0), Zerella (1.0), Morrell (0.2), Bills (0.1), rushed (0.1). **STURT:** Rigney (2.1), Halbert (1.4), Thompson (1.3), Hunter (1.2), Dunn (1.2), Green (1.1), Fitzgerald (0.4), Cunningham (0.3), Williams (0.1), Douglas (0.1), Smith (0.1), rushed (0.3).

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Slaven (pulled thigh muscle), replaced by Ames at three-quarter time. Zerella (ankle), replaced by Fischer last quarter. **STURT:** Little (ankle) replaced by Pridmore third quarter.

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BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Herron, Leahy, Webber, Richens, Fraser, Pemberton, Dickinson. **SOUTH:** Jackson, Judd, Christie, Morton, Baraglia, Stafford, Jones.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Richens (4.2), Leahy (2.9), Pemberton (2.3), Howard (1.4), Kernahan (1.3), Nugent (1.1), Webber (0.2), Branson (0.1), Dickinson (0.1), Peek (0.1), Herron (0.1), Fraser (0.1). **SOUTH:** Judd (4.2), Atkins (2.1), Morton (2.0), Christie (1.3), Peterson (1.1), Baraglia (1.1), Kitchen (0.1), Blum (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Hill (concussion), replaced by Nugent in the second quarter. **SOUTH:** Mortimer (facial injury), replaced by Harris in the second quarter. Peterson (leg injury), replaced by Parkinson in the second quarter.

ATTENDANCES

Unley	11,500
Richmond	9,500
Kensington	9,250
Adelaide	5,500
Total	35,750

At Kensington Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-6	8-9	10-15	15-17	107
North	3-0	6-3	6-4	7-9	51

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Motley, Dittmar, Mahney, Potter, Thompson, Whelan, Cahill. **NORTH:** Gilbourne, Carroll, Whitford, Shepherd, Barbary, McCann, Koerner.

SCORERS—PORT: Dittmar (6.4), Motley (2.1), Potter (2.1), Thompson (2.1), Obst (1.2), Tull (1.2), Hannaford (1.0), Luke (0.2), Whelan (0.2), Zucker (0.1), Mahney (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** D. Lindner (3.2), Trenorden (1.1), Pascoe (1.1), Sheppard (1.1), Whitford (1.0), Barbary (0.2), Hughes (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Creek (concussion and lip injury), replaced by James in the third quarter. Pascoe (thigh injury) replaced by Yates in the last quarter. **PORT:** Thompson (injury to face), replaced by Jaggard in the last quarter.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Dittmar (Port)	6.4	13	49.43
Douglas (Sturt)	0.1	12	45.30
Judd (South)	4.2	15	44.41
Head (Torrens)	1.3	15	44.35
Clingly (Torrens)	5.1	16	44.34
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	0.4	14	42.35
Wright (West)	1.3	14	37.39
Sheppard (North)	1.1	16	36.25

At Richmond Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-4	8-12	8-12	15-17	107
Norw'd	3-1	4-2	6-9	7-12	54

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Regenza, Kerley, Richardson, Johnson, Gates, Day, Roach. **NORWOOD:** Cousins, Kite, Minervini, Nicholls, Aish, Vivian, Wells.

SCORERS—WEST: Sims (2.3), Chynoweth (2.2), Richardson (2.1), Roach (2.1), Pfützer (2.0), Day (1.3), Wright (1.3), Gates (1.1), Ryan (1.1), Johnson (1.0), Wundke (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORWOOD:** Cousins (3.2), Wedding (2.1), Vivian (1.0), Johnson (1.0), Wells (0.3), Barratt (0.2), Lill (0.2), Nicholls (0.1), Miller (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: K. Eustice (injured ankle), replaced by M. Cippo in last term. B. Johnson (hand injury), replaced by M. Wundke in last term.

LEAGUE

HIGHEST	LOWEST
Port 15.17 (197 pts.)	North 7.9 (51 pts.)
West 15.17 (197 pts.)	
SECONDS	
North 18.13 (121 pts.)	Woodville 7.6 (48 pts.)