

# TIGERS IN THE BOX SEAT FOR FINALS

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Glenelg's convincing 20-point win over West in a high-scoring game at the Bay Oval today has made the Tigers outright favorites to win the last remaining place in the major round.

Torrens, home by five points against Norwood at Thebarton, stay in the fight, but precariously. They hold fourth place by 1.3 per cent. over Glenelg.

The Eagles meet Port at Alberton next week in the last series of the minor round and can only hope for miraculous deliverance.

## Chance for Bays

Glenelg meet North at Prospect.

The same four teams have held the top positions since the third match of the first round, but the Bays now have a golden opportunity to break through.

North were not impressive today in defeating South by 25 points at Adelaide.

Although they probably will improve on that form at Prospect next week, they have not the same incentive as Glenelg, who will be full of confidence after today's triumph.

## 66-point win

Norwood's attempted rehabilitation after early disasters was postponed to 1960 by defeat at the hands of Torrens.

Meanwhile, Port, impressively close to full strength, despatched Sturt by 66 points at Alberton.

Vic Johnson, who saw the Port-Sturt game, reports that apart from the opening exchanges, Port were not seriously challenged.

Sturt were weakened by the withdrawal of Douglas before the game. Caust was injured in the second term and Fitzgerald — was he fit? — retired in the last.

Port won across centre where Motley and Cahill were unbeaten at half-forward and at the goal-front. Dittmar kicked 10 goals for the second time this season.

Thompson continued in brilliant form for Sturt to be their only consistent winner.

## Sturt secure

Although defeated, Sturt are safe in third position. They meet Norwood at Norwood next week.

The teams last met at Kensington when Norwood survived a late burst by the Double Blues.

On that occasion, Sturt were without Goodchild. With the possibility that they will be without Fitzgerald also next week, Norwood could provide an upset.

The Redlegs play their best football on the narrow Norwood ground.

Gil Langley saw Glenelg beat West on the Bay Oval. He reports that Glenelg were clearly the better side.

With a winning centre line and rucks, Glenelg won the upper hand early.

## Big setback

They tackled hard and effectively prevented West from breaking into the open.

Defeat today was an unexpected setback to West's major round preparation. Drawn against South at Adelaide next week, they will attempt to regain confidence for the hard games ahead.

The Tigers will go to Prospect next Saturday with their tails up. Their win today was a fine team effort.

They need only to continue in the same manner to ensure participation in the finals.

Jeff Pash saw the exciting Norwood-Torrens game at Thebarton. Torrens ruckman Bills kicked the deciding goal in the closing minutes of play.

Mick Clingly, with five goals against a good full back in Peter Aish, played a decisive part in the Eagles' win.

It was in attack that Torrens won their narrow victory. Head was dangerous whenever in possession.

The Eagles after a disastrous slump following early promise, have fought back strongly in a gradually deteriorating situation.

However it is not likely that they can find the power to confound Port at Alberton.

# • Neither side kicked well But teamwork won for Bays

By GIL LANGLEY

Team understanding of a high order gave Glenelg a comfortable win over West on Glenelg Oval.

Helping hand tactics got results.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5-6	8-11	16-17	19-21	135
West	4-0	6-4	13-16	17-13	115

The Bays had no weak links in a chain of good players throughout the game.

Clear winners across centre and in the ruck, their scoring opportunities were double those of West.

On today's showing, the trio of Dickinson, Herron, and Fraser will take some beating.

when in possession found the big opening consistently.

Several times they played into the opposition's hands with silly handball.

Gaining complete control across the centre-



Butler Wright

## 'Improvers'

Not a "name" ruckman in the team, but the Bays have improvers, plus courage. These played no small part in today's win.

Glenelg's concentrated pace and kicking were always a worry to West, especially in capitalising on silly errors.

West's play was far inferior to Glenelg's more purposeful display.

Overdone handball cost them dearly when a kick would have paid much bigger dividends.

Too frequently were these little sorties whisked away to telling effect by their opponents.

Glenelg's forward work was good, but far too many easy shots went astray.

line, Glenelg seemed set for an easy win but West were still in the fight.

They were saved by a lone effort by Tregenza, who had shut out his opponent.

Dominating the ruck duels, Glenelg had so many winning positions it was incredible at half-time that West still had a chance.

It was all Glenelg, with Linke then playing a phenomenal game at half-back.

Fast, open football was a feature of both teams' display after the long interval.

Both back lines had torrid times with the forwards getting the upper hand.

Whereas Glenelg backmen never yielded, West were prone to give up the chase with disastrous results.

The Bays' strong work should have made the game a "percentage" job, but their goalshooting was not effective enough.

Capitalising on West's poor handball and position play, Glenelg swapped kicks for handball which paid dividends.

## Outpaced

Although Glenelg had 14 shots to West's nine, it was not a true indication of the game.

Outpacing West until well into the final quarter, Glenelg then started to tire after being nearly six goals in front.

West, at last showing football sense, suddenly gave their supporters a ray of sunshine.

Many times going forward, their kicks went astray when accuracy could have made it a winner.

Umpire Sweeney's display was full of merit, and his effort worthy of special mention compared with other displays lately.

Glenelg's outstanding player is hard to decide, for they had many. But Richens' roving efforts and Butler, always in command at centre half-back, deserve more praise than their teammates.

Tregenza stood head and shoulders above his mates and played a strong quarter game. Wright was probably the best of the others.

## Unsettled

The Red-and-Blacks seemed to become a shabby side early in the first quarter when a couple of incidents unsettled them.

They were kept in the game by accuracy alone, and finally showed fight only after Glenelg had tired in the closing stages.

I have never seen West get caught in possession so often in a game, and dash was lacking throughout.

Two opposing rovers played excellent games to an onlooker, but what does a club require?

Richens turned in a perfect game, checking his man and making opportunities with clever scouting — a coach's dream.

Wright kicked six goals, but made one fatal mistake — he failed to check his opponent. He must do this to lift West in field play.

## Brisk start

On today's showing, Glenelg's tenacious play could gain a leading role in final calculations — if they gain a place in the four.

West are in the doldrums, and must now lift their whole game greatly to be a threat.

Both teams opened the game briskly and soon had kicked goals in an even struggle.

Conditions were summery, but the pace was a cracker till Glenelg took charge.

Gaining momentum from the centre area, they ran to a handy lead.

Inaccurate goalkicking cost the Bays dearly.

Having much more of the play, they missed several easy shots.

The Red-and-Blacks

## Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Ideal

At Adelaide Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	1-4	5-6	11-11	15-16	106
South	4-2	5-6	8-7	11-15	81

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Sheppard, McCann, Bubner, T. Lindner, Barbary, Hewett, Whitford.

SOUTH: Lapins, Jones, Kitchen, Christie, Stafford, Jackson, Mortimer.

SCORERS—NORTH: Lindner (3.4), Pascoe (2.3), Sheppard (2.1), Barbary (2.0), Whitford (1.3), Koerner (1.1), Hewett (1.1), Bubner (1.1), Yates (1.1), Hughes (1.0), Woore (0.1). SOUTH: Judd (4.4), Christie (2.2), Atkins (1.1), Harris (1.0), Blum (1.0), Mortimer (1.0), Jones (1.0), Parkinson (0.3), Baraglia (0.2), Stafford (0.1), Kimber (0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Morton (leg injury), replaced by Roennfeldt in third term; Harris (leg injury), replaced by Yates last term.

At Thebarton Oval

Torrens	3-2	6-5	9-9	15-10	100
Norwood	2-4	4-7	8-8	14-11	95

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Head, Landers, Clingly, Searle, Russell, Edwards, Rawson. NORWOOD: Nicholls, Miller, McMahon, Cousins, Vivian, Webber, Wiesner.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Clingly (5.2), Head (3.1), Edwards (3.1), Bills (1.3), Townsend (1.0), Slaven (1.0), Fischer (1.0), Livesey (0.3). NORWOOD: Cousins (4.0), Vivian (3.1), Webber (3.1), Lill (2.2), Wells (1.2), Couch (1.1), Minervini (0.1), Woodhouse (0.1), Liebelt (0.1), Wedding (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Taylor (leg injury), replaced by Ames in the second term; Morrell (leg injury), replaced by Fischer in the last quarter. NORWOOD: Woodhouse (leg injury), replaced by Liebelt in the last term.

At Alberton Oval

Port	6-2	13-4	16-7	22-12	144
Sturt	4-2	8-3	9-5	12-6	78

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Motley, Cahill, Hayes, Boyd, Dittmar, Blagrove, Obst. STURT: Thompson, Roberts, Heath, Smith, Rigney, Dunn.

SCORERS—PORT: Dittmar (10.3), Williams (2.1), Kelly (2.1), Obst (2.0), Cahill (2.0), Luke (1.3), Tull (1.3), Boyd (1.0), Mahney (1.0), Motley (0.1). STURT: Schoff (3.1), Dunn (2.1), Thompson (2.0), Jarrett (1.1), Heath (1.0), Green (1.0), Rigney (1.0), Halbert (1.0), Fitzgerald (0.2), Williams (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Potter (thigh injury), replaced by Mahney at three-quarter time; Boyd (ankle injury), replaced by D. Hannaford in last term. STURT: Fitzgerald (thigh injury), replaced by Pridmore at three-quarter time; Caust (heavy knock), replaced by Green in second term.

At Glenelg Oval

Glenelg	5-6	8-11	16-17	19-21	135
West	4-0	6-4	13-16	17-13	115

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Richens, Butler, Herron, Linke, Webber, Hill, Branson. WEST: Tregenza, Wright, Barker, Ryan, Richardson, Eustice.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Pemberton (4.2), Cutten (3.4), Richens (3.3), Hill (3.1), Webber (3.0), Howard (2.5), Fraser (1.0), Leany (0.3), Hewett (0.2), rushed (0.1). WEST: Wright (6.2), Ryan (4.2), Roach (3.0), Garnett (2.1), Sims (1.2), Johnson (1.1), Chynoweth (0.2), Richardson (0.2), Gates (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Fraser (leg injury), replaced by Wundke in the third term.

## LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	16	1	1822	1137	32	61.57
West	11	6	1643	1289	22	56.04
Sturt	10	7	1690	536	20	52.39
Torrens	9	8	1452	1413	18	50.68

Glenelg	9	8	1606	1647	18	49.37
Norwood	6	11	1425	1608	12	46.98
North	4	13	1249	680	8	42.64
South	3	14	1171	1748	6	40.12

## LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Dittmar (Port)	10.3	14	59.46
Cingly (Torrens)	5.2	17	49.36
Judd (South)	4.4	16	48.45
Head (Torrens)	3.1	16	47.36
Douglas (Sturt)	—	12	45.30
Wright (West)	6.2	15	43.41
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	0.2	15	42.37
Sheppard (North)	2.1	17	38.26

## HIGHEST SECONDS

Port 22-12 (144 pts.)	South 21-22 (148 points)
Sturt 12-6 (78 pts.)	Torrens 7-10 (52 pts.)

## ATTENDANCES

Alberton	12,250
Thebarton	11,250
Glenelg	8,500
Adelaide	5,340
Total	37,340