

• Blood and Tars top of ladder, Redlegs bottom

# WEST'S EARLY GRIP ON TITLE



## Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Good

At Glenelg Oval

Glenelg	6-3	6-4	11-7	13-11	89
South	2-2	6-4	7-5	9-8	62

**BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG:** Fraser, Hamilton, Edwards, Hill, Richens, Howard, Butler. **SOUTH:** Parham, Kitchen, Kimber, Johnston, Baraglia, Christie, Judd.

**SCORERS—GLENELG:** Fraser (4.2), Kendall (2.0), Leahy (2.0), Howard (1.2), Flew (1.2), Edwards (1.1), Hewitt (1.0), Herron (1.0), Richens (0.2), P. Robinson (0.1), Branson (0.1). **SOUTH:** Baraglia (2.2), Fulwood (2.1), Harris (2.0), Parham (1.2), Silva (1.0), Mortimer (1.0), Richards (0.2), rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG:** Hewitt (ruptured blood vessel in neck), replaced by Leahy at half-time; Cutten (ankle), replaced by Branson at half-time. **SOUTH:** Kitchen (strained groin), replaced by Roennfeldt in third quarter; Harris (knee), replaced by Silva in third quarter.

At Kensington Oval

Port	4-3	9-7	14-10	22-14	146
Norw'd	3-5	5-9	7-10	7-11	53

**BEST PLAYERS—PORT:** Gill, Johns, Hayes, Dittmar, Obst, Motley, Cahill, Williams. **NORWOOD:** Nicholls, Vivian, Baird, Davis, Wells, Aish.

**SCORERS—PORT:** Johns (8.2), Gill (2.4), Zucker (2.2), Obst (2.1), Hannaford (2.0), O'Connell (2.1), McBain (1.1), T. Williams (1.0), Doyle (1.0), Cahill (1.0), Luke (0.1), rushed (0.2). **NORWOOD:** Webber (2.0), Dickson (1.3), Vivian (1.2), Kneebone (1.1), Wells (1.0), Baird (1.0), Cousins (0.1), Keenihan (0.1), Rumbelow (0.1), rushed (0.2).

**REPLACEMENTS—PORT:** Doyle (leg), replaced by Thompson in last term; Gill (leg), replaced by Luke in last term. **NORWOOD:** Dickson (leg) replaced by Carlaw in last term.

At Adelaide Oval

West	5-3	6-7	11-12	14-18	102
North	3-5	7-6	7-9	10-13	73

**BEST PLAYERS—WEST:** Johnson, Ryan, Kerley, A'Court, Bray, Roach, Wright. **NORTH:** T. Lindner, Bubner, McCann, Gilbourne, Sheppard, Barbary, Mudge.

**SCORERS—WEST:** Wundke (4.2), Wright (3.6), Day (2.2), Ryan (2.1), Richardson (2.1), Garnett (1.2), Roach (0.2), Gates (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORTH:** Sheppard (4.3), Trenorden (2.1), Hughes (1.1), Potts (1.1), Woore (1.1), Koerner (1.0), Sargent (0.2), Barbary (0.1), D. Lindner (0.1), T. Lindner (0.1), rushed (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS—WEST:** Johnson (slight concussion), replaced by Chynoweth in third quarter. **NORTH:** Whitford (influenza), replaced by Forrest in third term; Bubner (dislocated elbow), replaced by Cheek in last quarter.

At Thebarton Oval

Torrens	3-3	8-8	12-10	20-23	143
Sturt	2-2	6-3	8-5	9-5	59

**BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS:** Head, Russell, Livesey, Landers, Clingly, Webber, Slaven. **STURT:** Fitzgerald, Thompson, Goodchild, Shanks, Marshall, David, Hunter.

**SCORERS—TORRENS:** Head (7.3), Webber (5.5), Hanrahan (2.5), Livesey (2.4), Tucker (1.1), Clingly (1.1), Glenn (1.0), Slaven (1.0), Taylor (0.1), Zerella (0.1), rushed (0.2). **STURT:** Thompson (2.3), Carter (2.0), Schoff (1.1), Marshall (1.0), Fitzgerald (1.0), Shanks (1.0), Cunningham (1.0), Goodchild (0.1).

**REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS:** J. Taylor (leg injury), replaced by G. Webber in first quarter; J. Slaven (injured leg), replaced by J. Bills in last quarter. **STURT:** G. Williams (injured knee), replaced by D. David before game started.

### LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	Points				Prem.	%
	W.	L.	For	Agst.		
West	2	—	185	152	4	54.90
Port	1	1	225	136	2	62.33
Torrens	1	1	208	131	2	61.33
North	1	1	155	153	2	50.32
Glenelg	1	1	181	182	2	49.86
South	1	1	134	154	2	46.53
Sturt	1	1	179	235	2	43.24
Norwood	—	2	104	228	—	31.33

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Games	Total
Johns (Port)	8.2	2	12.6
Head (Torrens)	7.3	2	8.8
Wright	3.6	2	6.8
Thompson (Sturt)	2.3	2	6.6
Shepherd (North)	4.3	2	6.5
Fraser (Glenelg)	4.2	2	6.4
Wundke (West)	4.2	2	6.2
Hanrahan (Torrens)	2.5	2	5.7
Webber (Torrens)	5.5	2	5.6
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	1.0	2	5.2
Hewitt (Glenelg)	1.0	2	5.2

### HIGHEST LEAGUE

Port 22-14 (146)	Norwood 7-11 (53)
SECONDS	SECONDS
West 19-17 (131)	Torrens 4-4 (28)

### ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	15,000
Kensington	13,500
Thebarton	10,000
Glenelg	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,500</b>

## JOHNSON SELECTS . . .

Sturt, despite a bad one today, to beat South at Adelaide on Saturday; Port, to win at Alberton against North; Torrens against Glenelg at Glenelg; and West to beat Norwood at Norwood.

After the second series of league matches today, only West Adelaide remain undefeated.

And only Norwood, struggling to put together a workable combination, have yet to win a game.

Biggest surprise today was the 84-point defeat of generally fancied Sturt by a brilliant West Torrens.

In the match of the day at Adelaide Oval, West confirmed their position at the head of the premiership table by comfortably defeating North.

With strength evenly distributed, West are already an efficient side. They should have little trouble next Saturday against Norwood who are in the unaccustomed position of a Cinderella team.

### ● Held them

Jeff Pash, who saw the West-North game, reports that North were prevented from developing winning drive from their centre wings by West's defensive game there.

Although Sheppard got

four goals, the general superiority of West's small men, and the soundness of their defence, were deciding factors.

West Torrens' devastating last quarter, in which they scored 8-13 to 1-0, left Sturt standing.

Most encouraging feature of the game was the performance of new Torrens' centreman Vin Landers, who had the better of Sturt star John Halbert.

Lindsay Head got seven goals and his roving support, Webber, five.

Vic Johnson reports that it was in this division that Torrens outclassed Sturt.

As Glenelg's main strength lies in their rovers, next Saturday's clash at the Bay Oval should be a thriller.

The Bays' first step will be to hold Head. However, Torrens' strong centre line and the presence of Morrell in ruck should swing the game to the Eagles.

The Norwood-Port clash

at Kensington fell far short of the traditional standard set in the past by these teams.

Port's final margin of 93 points the biggest win of the series, was, according to Gil Langley, an accurate measure of relative strength.

Rex Johns repeated last year's score of eight goals against John Weisner.

Port's strength in ruck and in attack should enable them to account for North at Alberton next week.

### ● A reversal

At Glenelg, South were in the game only as long as Kitchen held command at centre.

When he retired injured in the third quarter, South looked second rate against a fast-finishing Glenelg.

On the basis that Sturt's startling reversal of form was only temporary, they should develop enough drive through Fitzgerald, Goodchild and Thompson to take the points from South at Adelaide next week.

# BAYS WERE UNTRoubLED

By SAM GALLAGHER

Apart from the second quarter, when South's close checking curbed their speed, Glenelg were not seriously troubled and won comfortably by 27 points at the Bay Oval.

The standard of the game never rose above mediocre.

Faster in most positions, the Bays threatened to run away with the game in the first quarter.

Rovers Richens, Fraser, and Howard, capitalising on the height of Alexander and Robinson in ruck, showed the way.

At half-forward Hewitt and Flew were in charge to give the home side two avenues to goal.

South's only drive in the first term came from Kitchen at centre and Parham in ruck.

### Rovers star

But South were blocked at centre half-forward. Spoiling at every opportunity, Butler was too fast and determined for Richards.

South's only goals for the term came from the rovers, who, however, lacked the speed to make up the general deficiency in South's attack.

The second term was South's best. Close checking and hard tackling of the Bay rovers and Kitchen's brilliant dominance at centre enabled them to level the scores at half-time.

A better performance at half-back kept Glenelg out.

Richards got into the game after a sluggish start and only the dashing defence of Hill and Hamilton prevented South from hitting the front.

### Two goals

Things looked black for Glenelg when Hewitt did not reappear after half-time. He had been Glenelg's most dangerous player in attack.

However, Leahy, who replaced him, almost at once drove two beautiful drop-kicks through from half-forward.

Glenelg's rovers reasserted themselves, Fraser being particularly active in attack and the centre line gradually took control.

Kitchen, quietened by an injury just before half-time, left the field and that was the end of South.

Driving in from both wings, with their rovers carrying the attacks, Glenelg finished on top in most positions.

## Up for knock

G. ALEXANDER punches the ball towards waiting Glenelg teammates despite opposition from D. Kimber, of South (right).



Fraser's dashing roving was an important factor in Glenelg's win. His quick thinking and accurate kicking from acute angles got four goals.

Former South Melbourne defender Hamilton made an impressive debut in the back pocket. His safe marking and powerful kicking turned many attacks.

### Parham shines

After a quiet first half, Edwards outplayed Jones at centre wing and Hill marked well and cleared with great dash from full back.

For a determined four quarters Parham was South's best. He was one of South's few winners in the first quarter and played usefully throughout.

Kitchen played an outstanding first half. But for his retirement, which sadly depleted South's main strength in the air, the result would have been much closer.

Kimber battled well against superior height in ruck and Johnstone, a country recruit, looks to be a permanent member of South's half-back line.