

PORT AGAIN IN TOP POSITION

By SAM GALLAGHER

Torrens' victory over the previously undefeated West Adelaide was the surprise in League football today.

As a result, Port, who overwhelmed South to further improve an impressive percentage, move to the top of the premiership table.

The Eagles' win has given the competition new interest.

TODAY'S DETAILS AT A GLANCE

CONDITIONS: Ideal

At Unley Oval

Sturt	8-3	12-5	16-11	23-15	153
Norw'd	2-2	6-3	9-6	13-8	86

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Fitzgerald, Halbert, Goodchild, Williams, Douglas, Hunter, Little. **NORWOOD:** Nicholls, Ralston, Aish, Davis, Cousins, Swanbury, Minervini.

SCORERS—STURT: Fitzgerald (7.6) Douglas (6.1), Williams (3.2), Dunn (2.1), Goodchild (2.1), Sims (2.0), Kept (1.1), Cunningham (0.1), Kutcher (0.1), rushed (0.1). **NORWOOD:** Ralston (5.1), Minervini (2.0), Swanbury (2.0), Webber (2.0), Wedding (1.2), Wells (1.1), Miller (1.0), Vivian (0.1), Wiesner (0.1), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Blows (leg injury), replaced by Kutcher in third quarter. **NORWOOD:** Vivian (leg), replaced by Potter in last quarter.

At Kensington Oval

Glen'g	10-2	13-5	14-7	15-8	98
North	3-7	4-13	8-20	8-27	75

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Howard, Fraser, D. Hewett, Hill, Branson, Webber, Herron. **NORTH:** R. Hewett, Moore, Gilbourne, Tate, Barbary, Bubner, Shepherd.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Howard (6.4), Pemberton (2.1), Fraser (2.0), Alexander (1.1), Branson (1.1), Webber (1.0), Hewett (1.0), Flew (1.0), Barnes (0.1). **NORTH:** Shepherd (3.2), Pascoe (1.4), Barbary (1.3), Carroll (1.2), Heading (1.1), Bubner (1.1), Moore (0.3), Tate (0.3), Hughes (0.2), Lynch (0.2), Hewett (0.1), rushed (0.3).

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: B. Yates (cold), replaced by J. Hughes before game began. B. Lynch (side injury), replaced by B. Kent at half-time. P. Shepherd (thigh injury), replaced by J. Blunden in last term. **GLENELG:** J. Barnes (knee injury), replaced by B. Slattery in third term. P. Cutten (probable broken finger), replaced by R. Leahy in last term.

At Adelaide Oval

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-1	7-7	11-9	20-15	135
South	3-0	6-4	7-4	8-4	52

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Motley, Whelan, Williams, Potter, Tull, Zucker, Boyd. **SOUTH:** Reimann, Lapins, Parham, Peterson, Mortimer, Baker, Jackson.

SCORERS—PORT: Williams (5), Johns (4.2), Potter (2.2), Obst (2.2), Zucker (2.0), Gill (1.3), Hannaford (1.1), Boyd (1.1), Motley (1.0), Tull (1.0), Key (0.1), rushed (0.2). **SOUTH:** Christie (2.1), Judd (2.0), Parham (1.1), Baraglia (1.0), Kimber (1.0), Tyney (1.0), rushed (0.2).

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Baraglia (leg) replaced by Foster at half-time. Richards (heavy cold) replaced by Harris third quarter.

At Thebarton Oval

Torrens	1-1	3-4	6-7	10-7	67
West	3-3	4-4	6-9	7-12	54

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Rawson, Searle, Head, Giddings, Morrell, Livesey, Clingly. **WEST:** Roach, Eglinton, Brown, Tregenza, Ryan, Burns, Bray.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Clingly (4.3), Livesey, Head (each 2.1), Webber, Cavuoto (each 1.0), Edwards, Landers (each 0.1). **WEST:** Roach (2.1), Richardson (2.0), Wundke (1.4), Wright (1.1), Burns (1.0), Garnett (0.2), Askin, Day, Ryan (each 0.1), rushed (0.1).

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Eglinton (pulled high muscle), replaced by Hamilton last quarter.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	4	1	522	288	8	64.44
West	4	1	469	334	8	58.41
Sturt	4	1	576	474	8	54.86
Torrens	3	2	432	358	6	54.68
Glenelg	3	2	444	439	6	50.28
North	1	4	354	426	2	45.38
South	1	4	312	526	2	37.23
Norwood	—	5	333	597	—	35.81

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	7.6	5	21.12
Howard (Glenelg)	6.4	5	17.13
Head (Torrens)	2.1	5	16.15
Johns (Port)	4.2	4	16.10
Wundke (West)	1.4	5	14.11
Wright (West)	1.1	5	13.12
Sheppard (North)	3.2	5	11.9
Ryan (West)	0.1	5	11.5

ATTENDANCES

Thebarton	11,250
Unley	10,000
Adelaide	9,700
Kensington	5,500
Total	36,450

GLENELG can look forward to the appearance of G. Payne, their young Senior Colt ruckman in league

Today against North his rucking effort was fine. And he kicked four goals from four shots.

BOTH Glenelg and North were forced to use both reserves at Kensington, Glenelg replacing P. Cutten and J. Barnes with R. Leahy and B. Slattery respectively, while North used B. Kent and J. Blunden in place of B. Lynch and P. Sheppard.

Source of power

Head is their chief source of power in attack, but Livesey lends sound support and Clingly's four goals today against the formidable A'Court suggests a growing strength ahead of centre.

Although Torrens are barely in the top four on percentage from Glenelg, next week will probably see them secure for the time being.

Beaten comfortably by Glenelg today, North do not appear to have the strength in attack to seriously challenge the Eagles at Thebarton.

West could hardly play as badly again.

An almost complete breakdown across half-forward and only spasmodic drive from the centreline made them barely recognisable as the hitherto favorite for the title.

Kerley to return

Kerley's return next week will lift some of the weight in ruck from Richardson's willing shoulders but there will be no breathing space.

Sturt, with another smashing win today, will be all out to assert themselves as a definite premiership contender.

West's defence, shaky today, will need all the strength it can muster to hold Fitzgerald and Goodchild.

Sturt are exploiting with almost unbroken success the system of a flexible half-forward line, used to such powerful effect by Port when Tom Garland was in the side.

They will find West's rovers a problem, however, and West should get better results from their half-forward line.

Provided Eglinton is fit, the battle across centre

Down by seven goals to Port last week, they appeared to be out of the top bracket.

Today, although the standard of the game was never high, they finished all over a bedraggled West to restate their claim to be considered with the leaders.

Overcame setbacks

Although West were without Kerley, Torrens had to overcome pre-match setbacks to win.

Elfenbein was unable to take his place at centre half-back which he has made a strong post, and Torrens were forced to improvise also at centre half-forward.

The Eagles' main strength is still in defence.

Rawson was a brilliant replacement for Elfenbein and Searie continues to go from strength to strength at full back.

This power behind centre is the more remarkable when it is remembered that they have lost such players as Roberts, Ashby, and Graham from last year's line-up.

League matches next week

South Adelaide v. Norwood, at Adelaide Oval.

Port Adelaide v. Glenelg, at Alberton Oval.

West Adelaide v. Sturt, at Richmond Oval.

West Torrens v. North Adelaide, at Thebarton Oval.

should be even, with Halbert holding the pivot.

Brilliant football

The game should be a thriller with West, steadied by Kerley's return, narrow winners.

Glenelg kept in touch with the leading division with a comfortable win over North at Kensington. Vic Johnson says that Glenelg's first quarter, in which they kicked 10-2, was brilliant football.

Frank Howard, having a great season, kicked five of the 10 and finished with six goals.

North's new centre half-forward, Tate, made an impressive debut, but the red-and-whites were sadly off the target in their almost hopeless battle to make up their first-quarter deficit.

Redlegs' chance

The Bays have two hard matches coming up, against Port next week, and then West.

The main source of their power today, the ruck, will find Port's opposition a different proposition from North's.

Port should hold their place at the head of affairs without too much trouble.

South and Norwood, further in the wilderness after crushing defeats today at the hands of Port and Sturt, meet at Adelaide next week.

Norwood may take this opportunity to break the ice.

GLENELG'S SPEEDY BURST TOLD

By VIC JOHNSON

Glenelg's fast, open football at Kensington, with accurate long dropkicks a feature, gave them a first-quarter lead which North were not able to bridge.

The burst was football at its best while it lasted, and North had no answer.

North challenged in the second half—particularly in the third term—but the margin was too great, and they were defeated by 23 points.

Glenelg's power in ruck, where Branson, Webber, and Alexander performed ably, coupled with the dashing effectiveness of their two rovers, Howard and Fraser, somehow "set alight" to the remainder, to enable it to get the match-winning break.

North's efforts, in contrast to the speed with which Glenelg entered and got out of crushes, appeared lumbering, to say the least in this burst.

Some of the players gave the impression that they did not appreciate the full use of the hip and shoulder.

Roving burst

Certainly Glenelg had everything going right for them when making their play.

They got away with some obvious throws, but still it came off, and they went on their way kicking goals.

Too much praise cannot be given Howard and Fraser for their own individual efforts.

Howard, in particular, could do nothing wrong, kicking five goals in the first term and one in the second.

Thereafter his game faded to some extent, but the damage had been done. To half-time, I would say that very few of North's line-up had measured up.

Ron Hewett had won his wing and continued to do so throughout, and Barbary was holding his. The others were very patchy.

Bubner and Moore, in ruck, and Gilbourne, in defence, were the most prominent.

Made switch

North's rovers had rarely been sighted, and it came

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as no surprise when, trailing 46 points at half-time, they switched Barbary to the roving division and sent Hughes to the centre wing.

I think this move had a great deal to do with North's third-term recovery.

North must have had a real pep talk in the interval, as they came out quite



Howard R. Hewett

a different team in the second half.

More resistance from the rucks, greater roving power, an ascendancy across centre, and more fighting spirit were evident.

Tate, who, in his first appearance for North, was stationed in the important attacking position of centre half-forward, must have realised that his opponents were not giant-killers and entered the game with surprising vim. He made his position a stronghold for North, his sound marking, strength in the packs, and good handball paving the way for many chances for his team.

With Barbary curbing the Tigers' rovers, North still had a chance.

Glenelg's football slipped. Gone were the long drop kicks and clever scouting, and they were now being met solidly in the body clashes, but North found more trouble in their goal-shooting efforts.

At no stage had they been accurate in this department, but when they did get a chance to redeem

themselves and pull the game out of the fire they could not get goals, even from easy or set shots.

Of course, many of what should have been easy set shots, became hurried snaps, simply because a number of kicks which should have been chest high marks were dropped.

The players concerned had to make a hurried grab at the ball, followed by a hurried snap.

From half-time on, it will be noticed, North added 4-14 against Glenelg's 2-3—surely a picture which tells its own tale of lost chances and the loss of two valuable premiership points.

The last term was as even as could be in scoring—Glenelg 1-1, North 0-7.

Down 23 points at three-quarter time, North were still that far behind at the finish, in spite of having five more scoring shots.

The oval and conditions were splendid for the game, which was under umpire F. G. Bear.

North had first use of the slightest of breezes after Koerner had won the toss. They were forced to replace B. Yates (cold) with T. Hughes.

Howard best

Although he drifted out of the game later, I would class Howard as Glenelg's best for his matchwinning first half, closely followed by Fraser. Others to do well were D. Hewett (centre half-forward), Hill (goals), Herron (centre), Branson, Webber, and Alexander (following).

Ron Hewett is my best for North. He was in charge of his wing throughout.

Woore and Bubner (ruck), Gilbourne (back pocket), Barbary (wing and roving), Tate (centre half-forward), and Shepherd, in attack, were others prominent.