

VICTORY RUN OF DOUBLE

By SAM GALLAGHER

In the match of the day at Richmond Oval today, West stopped Sturt's winning run with a comfortable 30-point win from the Double Blues.

Torrens' overwhelming 85-point margin over North at Thebarton has lifted the Eagles into third place on percentage over Sturt.

BLUES ENDS



Attack failed

This, and Norwood's rise from last to seventh, were the only changes in positions on the premiership table.

However, there is now a clear two-point margin between the top four and the rest.

With Sturt and Glenelg drawn against Port and West next week, the meeting of the former two at Glenelg on Saturday week will be Glenelg's chance to close the gap.

For Sturt, who have jumped the opposition with a dazzling first quarter in each of the past two games, today was a different story.

The Double-Blues were held goalless in the first half.

They were weakened before the game started by the withdrawal of "Candles" Thompson through injury.

Although Sturt's defence generally was regarded as its weakness, it was the attack which failed against West.

Sturt made a spirited recovery to be five points up at three-quarter time, but could only manage a single behind in the last quarter to West's 5-6.

Gil Langley, who was at Richmond said the game was marred by several vicious incidents.

Sturt's roving fell down badly, and their inaccuracy also cost them dearly.

Some consolation for Sturt was the impressive debut of Slade at centre half-back. He was the one Sturt player to win from start to finish.

Sturt are drawn against Port at Unley next week. Port struck further trouble today when Johns retired injured, in the last quarter.

With Blagrove unable to take his place in today's side and Motley, Cahill, and Kretschmer not available, Port were well below full strength.

Demoralised

Sturt's chances will be boosted if Port have to make replacement, but the Magpies are playing strongly and with confidence.

They have the power across centre even without Motley, and the solidity in defence to allow them to maintain their place at the head of the list.

Torrens gave further proof that they are a powerful combination with a demoralising 85-point win over North.

Good bag

Head was in brilliant form, and that is usually enough to ensure a Torrens victory.

In addition, Mick Clingly, with eight goals, gave the Eagles a successful spearhead.

Vic Johnson, who saw the Torrens-North game, said nearly every Torrens player did his part.

North have fallen a long way from the form which

gave them 14 wins in 15 matches last season.

Injuries, retirements, and transfers have reduced them to a shadow of their former strength.

Torrens meet Norwood next week to complete the first round of matches, and although Norwood won comfortably today, the Eagles appear to have too much still for Norwood to succeed again.

Looked stable

Morrell, playing very strongly, will counter the ruck power of Nicholls and Wedding, and the Redlegs have no obvious counter to Head.

Norwood's first win for the season came as a surprise. They were outclassed by South in the first half, but turned the tables completely after half-time.

Position changes gave Norwood a look of stability for the first time this year.

Although the opposition was not strong, the Redlegs should persist with these placings for the time being.

South's failure to score a goal after half-time is a further disturbing symptom of their failure to see a game out.

Advantage

The total number of goals scored by the Blue-and-Whites after half-time in their last three games is four.

On that showing North should find sufficient in the home-ground advantage to win over South next week.

West, although forced to make frequent position changes, have the strength in defence and the roving dash to beat Glenelg next week and set the stage for a cut-throat holiday game to decide the outright competition leaders.

Port's strength tells over game Glenelg

By JEFF PASH

A winning centre line and great power in key positions down the middle line from goal to goal allowed Port to score a comfortable win over Glenelg at Alberton today.

Blagrove dropped out of Port's original side.

He was replaced by Jaggard, who took the place of Gill at half-forward left.

Gill went to half-back and Key manned the back pocket.

Port won the toss, but playing conditions were perfect and there was no wind.

In the first quarter, play was scramble and confused. There was no clear victory either way in ruck and not much method in the attack.

Johns hurt

At the goal fronts there was little doing for either goalsneak. Abley kept Pemberton out of the game and was hardly passed for the day.

Johns hurt a leg in the early stages, and though he progressively recovered and finished with a good bag, his inability to lead smoothly scarcely allowed a good-looking attack to develop.

What did show in the first term was Port's clear advantage on the centre line, from Boyd, Mahney, and Tierney.

Also obvious were the dangers presented to Glenelg's defence by the resting ruckmen Tull and Zucker and the superior ability of Port's big men in getting the ball moving to their little men—not so much directly in the rucks as in all the incidental field play.

Dittmar, at centre half-back began in brilliant style on Hewett, and with the aid of Abley ruined what was to have been one of Glenelg's first hopes—a direct down-the-middle attack.

Winning break

By the end of the first quarter Port had gained a fair lead in spite of good work by Glenelg's rovers and a very competent defence by Butler and company.

In the second quarter, Port established their essential winning break.

Johns scored three goals in this period, after some characteristically strong marking and again the presence of Tull near the goals was of great assistance.

Port continued to win at centre through the brilliance of Boyd in attack. Glenelg could only manage a couple of goals through their rovers, who were doing well, but encountering strong opposition, particularly from Potter.

Better half

After half-time, Glenelg abandoned their regular forward set-up. Pemberton came out to centre half-forward, Flew went to full forward and Hewett became a follower in Flew's place.

From that point their play improved and the battle was even.

Flew scored three goals in this quarter. Hewett, who had been well held by Dittmar, now began to show out and was the nerve of the Bays' attack from then on.

However, Port were getting through to Johns through Luke and Obst at half-forward, and easily kept pace in their scoring.

Herron and the rest of the centre line had a much better second half, and the big rucks made a determined fight against a formidable succession of very large opponents.

Johns retired at three-quarter time, in favor of another big ruckman, Kelly, having made the respectable tally of six



goals in spite of very good play by his opponent Hill.

Fine effort

In the last quarter, a brilliant effort by Hewett brought Glenelg to within 19 points of Port, with centre line going well and rucks battling hard.

Port's power in the rucks told now. From the bounces they were able to move down along the middle line, and they drew away again to win by 29 points.

For Port, Dittmar at centre half-back played an important part. He marked well, cleared deeply and, in Hewett, checked a formidable player who was in top form, as he showed later.

Boyd also had an honorable share in winning that important first-half lead. He escaped, often intercepted cannily, and kicked to advantage.

Newcomers to take the eye were Mahney (for a brilliant first half in particular), Tull Potter, and Luke.

For Glenelg, Fraser was probably the most effective and consistent rover afield. He won a lot of kicks and showed considerable polish in delivery.

Hill played well at full back—despite his brilliant opponent's six goals.

Linke and Butler defended strongly, and Hewett played an effective and dashing second half.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: Ideal At Thebarton Oval

Torrens	3-2	10-7	15-10	21-17	143
North	3-2	3-3	4-5	8-10	58

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Clingly (8.2), Head (6.2), Edwards (2.2), Webber (2.1), Glenn (1.3), Livesey (1.2), Gibson (1.0), Fischer (0.2), Morrell (0.1), rushed (0.2). NORTH: Carroll (2.1), Sheppard (1.2), Pascoe (1.3), Taylor (1.1), Gilbourne (1.0), Woore (1.0), Whitford (0.2), Tate (0.1).

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Head, Russell, Clingly, Morrell, Hine, Fischer, Hanrahan. NORTH: Bubner, McCann, Carroll, Woore, Simmons, Taylor, Sheppard.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: A. Fischer (slight concussion replaced by M. Pilmore in last term). NORTH: P. Koerner (heavy cold replaced by B. Taylor before game started), R. Hewett (thigh injury, replaced by M. Whitford at half-time), B. Gambling (broken collarbone, replaced by G. Forrest in third term).

At Adelaide Oval

Norwood	1-3	2-8	6-14	9-26	80
South	3-4	7-7	7-10	7-11	53

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Lill (2.4), Vivian (2.2), Kneebone (1.3), Wells, Rumbelow, Raiston (each 1.2), Wedding (1.0), Webber, Nicholls, Miller, Swanbury, Keenihan (each 0.2), rushed (0.1). SOUTH: Judd (2.2), Fulwood (2.0), Peterson, Parham, Kitchen (each 1.1), Baraglia, Christie, Blum, Yates (each 0.1), rushed (0.2).

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Minervini, Nicholls, Keenihan, Aish, Vivian, Nicol, Wedding. SOUTH: Parkinson, Kitchen, Jones, Fulwood, Polden, Jackson, Reimann.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Webber replaced by Kite last quarter. SOUTH: Blum (cramp, replaced by Tyney last quarter).

At Alberton Oval

Port	3-4	8-8	13-15	16-19	115
Glenelg	1-0	3-4	8-7	13-8	86

SCORERS.—PORT: Johns (6.3), Tull (3.3), Jaggard (3.1), Zucker, Potter (each 2.2), Kelly, Luke (each 0.2), Williams, Whelan, Hannaford (each 0.1), rushed (0.1). GLENELG: Hewett (5.2), Howard (3.1), Flew (3.0), Fraser (1.4), Alexander (1.0), Webber (0.1).

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Dittmar, Boyd, Tull, Mahney, Tierney, Johns, Hannaford. GLENELG: Fraser, Hill, Linke, Butler, Hewett, Branson, Howard, Chisholm.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Johns (injured leg, replaced by Kelly at three-quarter time). GLENELG: Howard (leg, replaced by Peek in the last quarter).

At Richmond Oval

West	3-2	6-3	6-5	11-11	77
Sturt	0-1	0-9	5-16	5-17	47

SCORERS.—WEST: Chynoweth (3.1), Wright (2.2), Roach, Day (each 2.0), Richardson (1.2), Garnett (1.1), Gates (0.1), Ryan, Wundke (each 0.2). STURT: Douglas (2.3), Goodchild (1.2), Sangster (1.1), Dunn (1.0), Fitzgerald (0.6), Williams, Cunningham (each 0.2), D. Blows (0.1).

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Wright, Chynoweth, Brown, Gates, Bray, Kerley, Richardson. STURT: Slade, Halbert, Fitzgerald, Hunter, Goodchild, Kutcher, Smith.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Reu (facial injury, replaced by Chynoweth). STURT: Williams (hip, replaced by David in last quarter).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Points				Prem.	%
	W.	L.	For	Agst.		
Port	5	1	637	374	10	63.01
West	5	1	546	381	10	58.90
Torrens	4	2	575	416	8	58.02
Sturt	4	2	623	551	8	53.07
Glenelg	3	3	530	554	6	48.89
North	1	5	412	569	2	42.00
Norwood	1	5	413	650	2	38.85
South	1	5	365	606	2	37.59

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today Matches		Total
	Points	Goals	
Head (Torrens)	6.2	6	22.17
Johns (Port)	6.3	5	22.13
Fitzgerald (Sturt)	0.6	6	21.18
Howard (Glenelg)	3.1	6	20.14
Wright (West)	2.2	6	15.14
Wundke (West)	0.2	6	14.13
Clingly (Torrens)	8.2	6	14.12
Sheppard (North)	1.2	6	12.11
Hewett (Glenelg)	5.2	6	12.9

HIGHEST LEAGUE W. Torrens 21-17 (143) Sturt 5-17 (47)
LOWEST SECONDS Port 20-23 (143) South 8-11 (59)

ATTENDANCES

Richmond	13,000
Alberton	10,100
Thebarton	9,600
Adelaide	8,200
Total	40,900



PORT'S N. Tull (right) scored only a point from this kick right in front of goals at Alberton Oval today as B. Jaggard (Port) added his weight to the game—and to R. Leahy (Glenelg).