

NORWOOD, TORRENS DROP FROM FOUR

By SAM GALLAGHER

Today's results caused the season's biggest reshuffle in the league football premiership table.

Torrens, one game clear in third position last week, dropped to fifth place.

Today's details

CONDITIONS: FIRM

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	1-3	9-10	15-15	21-23	149
South	1-2	1-2	4-6	5-7	37

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Fenton-Smith, Goodchild, Dunn, Halbert, Thompson, Schoff, Williams. **SOUTH:** Durbridge, Christie, Panizza, Doyle, Harris, Parkinson, Stafford.

SCORERS—STURT: Dunn 6.5, Schoff 5.3, Fenton-Smith 2.2, Goodchild 2.2, Rigney 2.2, Williams 2.1, Douglas 1.3, Kutcher 1.1, Sangster 0.3, Halbert 0.1. **SOUTH:** Stafford 2.1, Christie 1.1, Panizza 1.0, Parham 1.0, Jackson 0.2, Baraglia 0.1, Kimber 0.1, Kupsch 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: King (leg), replaced by Liebhich in the first quarter. Fenton-Smith (leg), replaced by Perrott in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Parkinson (leg), replaced by Rusby in third quarter. Johnston (leg), replaced by Chirgwin in third quarter.

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-5	8-7	13-13	16-18	114
Glenelg	3-0	6-1	8-3	11-4	70

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Barbary, Hewett, Whitford, Sheppard, Gilbourne, Trenorden, Faggotter. **GLENELG:** Stock, Abley, Branson, Siegert, Hewett, Beal, H. Linke.

SCORERS—NORTH: Sheppard 4.4, Pascoe 3.2, Whitford 2.4, Thomas 2.1, Faggotter 1.4, Hewett 1.1, Trenorden 1.1, Bubner 1.0, Hughes 1.0, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Hewett 3.0, Payne 2.0, Richens 2.0, Fraser 1.2, Howard 1.1, Masters 1.1, Kernahan 1.0.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Linke (hand), replaced by Barnes in second quarter. Siegert (thigh), replaced by Vertue in last quarter. **NORTH:** Hewett (cramp), replaced by Johnston in last quarter. Whitford (leg), replaced by Carroll in last quarter.

At Norwood

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	3-2	7-4	7-8	11-11	77
Norwood	5-3	5-3	9-5	11-8	74

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Kneebone, McMahon, Wells, Aish, Bunton, Wedding, Sawley. **PORT:** Obst, McBain, Thompson, Abley, Motley, Potter, Hayes.

SCORERS—PORT: Williams 3.0, Potter 2.2, Johns 2.2, Dittmar 2.1, Hayes 1.1, Marrett 1.0, Motley 0.2, Kelley 0.1, Cahill 0.1, Luke 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Webber 3.0, Vivian 3.0, Wells 1.1, Inglis 1.1, Modra 1.0, Bunton 1.0, Wedding 1.0, Sawley 0.2, McMahon 0.2, Johnson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Nil. **NORWOOD:** Modra, replaced by Cousins at three-quarter time.

At Thebarton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5-4	8-5	11-8	14-9	93
Torrens	0-2	6-2	8-3	12-7	79

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Bray, Ryan, DeBrough, Kerley, Fraser, Hogan. **TORRENS:** Russell, Head, Rawson, Landers, Morrell.

SCORERS—WEST: Bray 7.1, Ryan 3.0, Wright 1.3, Hogan 1.1, Barker 1.1, O'Driscoll 1.0, Phipps 0.2, DeBrough 0.1. **TORRENS:** Head 4.0, Cowling 2.1, Hughson 1.2, Kingston 1.1, Townsend 1.1, Hine 1.1, Morrell 1.0, Howell 1.0, Bills 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Nil. **TORRENS:** Kingston (facial injury), replaced by Young in third quarter. Clingly (leg), replaced by Klaffer in third quarter.

REPORTS—WEST: Fraser reported for striking a Torrens player during the third quarter.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Dittmar (Port)	2.1	11	37.32
Douglas (Sturt)	1.3	12	37.29
Stephens (Norwood)	—	8	33.13
Johns (Port)	2.2	10	30.27
Bray (West)	7.2	12	29.16
Sheppard (North)	4.4	12	27.19
Kernahan (Glenelg)	1.0	12	26.17
Lill (Norwood)	—	12	23.24
Thomas (North)	2.1	12	23.21
Wright (West)	1.1	12	22.25
Richens (Glenelg)	2.0	11	21.23
Hogan (West)	1.1	10	20.11
Thompson (Sturt)	—	12	20.7

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Port	9	3	1056	713	18	59.69
North	8	4	1028	811	16	55.89
Sturt	7	5	1161	984	14	54.12
West	7	5	1039	995	14	51.08
Torrens	7	5	879	868	14	50.31
Norwood	6	6	1091	941	12	53.69
South	3	9	701	1197	6	36.93
Glenelg	1	11	882	1328	2	39.90

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	16,750
Thebarton	9,650
Adelaide	7,700
Prospect	5,600
Total	39,700

SENIOR COLTS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
N. Adel.	1.3	2.5	5.7	7.10	52
W.ville	0.0	1.3	1.5	2.7	19

Goalkickers—North: Blewett 5, Summersides, Bryant, Woodville, Charles, D. Christie.

Best Players—North: Robertson, White, Lewis, Gilbourne, Gambling, Woodville, Geehan, Crichton, Metcalf, D. Christie, Conduit.

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South	3.2	3.2	4.4	4.5	29
Sturt	1.0	4.1	4.2	4.4	28

Best Players—South: Pascoe, Shearer, Wight, Bright, Ball, Martin, Sturt, Hicks, Westley, Trenorden, Fenn, Fletcher, Heitmann.

Goalkickers—South: Muir, Ball, Bright, McFarlane, Sturt, Heitmann 2, Fenn 2.

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Torrens	2.3	2.4	4.7	6.7	43

Goalkickers— West: Polmeur 2, Campbell, Welfare, Pearce, Kalms, Tierney, Torrens; Hart-

Norwood, in the four on percentage before today, lost a thriller by three points to Port and are now sixth.

North consolidated second position with a comfortable win over Glenelg and Sturt flayed South by 112 points.

Norwood went down fighting in their second successive loss by three points.

The home team, despite the almost total eclipse of its forward lines for three quarters, looked likely to win when 16 points clear 10 minutes before the end.

But Port, playing the game right out in typical fashion, got the breaks at the right time to take it away.

The Redlegs are now one game out of the four, but they are playing well enough to be well in the fight for top honors if they can squeeze into the final four.

Although they are one game away from Sturt, West, and Torrens, each of these sides has Port to meet in the remaining six games.

Norwood can hardly afford to lose another game.

STURT FLAY SOUTH

The possibility is that the last minor round game against West will be decisive.

At Thebarton, West finally reached the end of the long road back into the top four by defeating Torrens by 14 points. West were last among the leaders after the May 14 series.

West's win was not as clear cut as might have been expected in view of Torrens' recent poor form.

West won it in the first quarter when they kicked 5-4 to the Eagles' 0-2.

Torrens put in a good second quarter with the breeze, but could not stop West adding 3-1.

Jeff Bray was again a power for the winners.

His seven goals on a good full-back in Searle have probably clinched for him the State full-forward position.

In an even second half, Torrens could make no impression on West's lead.

After an even first quarter, Sturt took complete charge against South at Adelaide.

Winning rucks and rovers and the return to

top form of Tony Goodchild made it a one-horse race from the second quarter on.

At Prospect, the further North went ahead, Straight goalkicking by Glenelg kept the scores reasonably close to half-time but North broke away in the third quarter.

The Tigers had no answer to the drive from North's centre line.

Following next week's interstate match against Tasmania, Norwood must Sturt at Alberton, South go to Richmond to meet West and Torrens and Glenelg are drawn at Thebarton.

NEW STAND FOR GLENELG OVAL

Glenelg Council has decided to borrow £32,000 for the construction of a new grandstand at Glenelg Oval.

This follows a conference with Glenelg Football Club officials earlier this week.

The £32,000 loan will be repayable over 20 years and interest will be at the rate of £5/7/6 a year for each £100.

In addition to the new grandstand, the money will provide also for concrete steps in front of the existing pavilion.

NORTH GRIP ON FOUR TIGHTENS

By VIC JOHNSON

North got a good grip on their place in the final by a convincing win of 44 points over Glenelg at Prospect Oval today.

The football did not at any stage reach any great heights.

But no team can do more than win, and North were really never in danger of defeat.

The only time when Glenelg were near them was in the first term.

Features of the victory were:

Centre power

●The power of North's centre line, where Barbary and Hewett were really on top.

●The alertness of the rovers, Sheppard and Thomas, around the ruck fringes even when playing to defeated rucks.

●Much better field kicking.

The strong crosswind had little effect on the game which was played on a good turf with umpire J. T. Sheedy in charge.

Gilbourne won the toss for North, and chose the southern goal for first use. Teams were as chosen.

Branson's strong knocking from the ruck gave Glenelg an early edge, but there it stopped.

The rovers did not have the necessary speed to pick up the hits, and it was mostly North in attack.

However, Stock and Abley kept them at bay for some time, Stock doing particularly well.

North's goal-shooting, too, was off the target, and Glenelg, aided by accuracy in attack, were able to keep close to them with their limited opportunities.

Invaluable

Hewett's two goals from practically the same position, were invaluable to Glenelg. Only late in the term did North begin to forge ahead to lead 11 points at quarter-time.

North gained a little further in the second term. Their rucks, where Faggotter alone was able to match Branson, were still

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inferior, but Hewett and Barbary on the wings were beginning to take command as, too, was Trenorden at centre.

Glenelg were falling down badly in their field kicking. The only player really to get distance with his kicks was Abley in goal.

Apart from that, the Bays used far too much senseless handball, often favoring this method of disposal instead of a kick.

One particular instance took place when a bad kick-out landed only a few yards from goal for Glenelg to get possession.

Four players indulged in handball only to see a North defender slip in and take it from them.

Don Lindner's presence at centre half-forward, excepting for one or two beautiful marks, was no strongpost for them, the shorter H. Linke contesting every inch of the way.

Siegert figured well in a revival towards the end of the term, to allow Glenelg to trail 18 points at half-time.

A couple of quick goals to Thomas and Bubner soon after the third term began had Glenelg in a bad way.

Then briefly, North's rucks had charge, and it looked like North bolting with it. But timely goals to Payne and Richens helped Glenelg slightly.

Even though North now appeared the victors, and despite many fine passages of football, I thought they were inclined to handball too much. But they led well at the last change.

Hewett replaced Siegert for Glenelg at centre half-forward when the last term began.

I could put the move down only to the fact that Siegert was suffering some slight injury. He did leave the ground later.

North went further ahead as the last term got under way goals to Sheppard, Pascoe, and Hughes putting them 62 points clear.

In between Fraser had managed a point for Glenelg.

With time running out, Glenelg at last found the goals through Masters, Howard, and Richens to make their score a little more respectable.

It is a toss-up who was best for North.

Barbary and Hewett were both in great form on the wings, Whitford was always doing something, Sheppard roved well, Gilbourne was sound in defence, Trenorden strong at centre, and Faggotter quite useful in ruck or attack.



D. Gilbourne K. Abley

Then Hewett really hit his straps. He drove a long goal through, then kicked off the ground for Pascoe to goal.

Sound effort

Stock defended soundly in the back pocket for Glenelg; Abley played well in goals and kicked out splendidly.

Branson was the best follower and Siegert played a sensible game at half-forward.

Hewett had a good first half in attack, Beal fought hard on his wing, and H. Linke defended well.