

WIN MAKES TITLE FIGHT WIDE OPEN

By SAM GALLAGHER

North's defeat of Port at Alberton today has thrown the fight for the 1960 league premiership wide open.

North won convincingly by 22 points.

Sturt, beaten by 38 points at Norwood, have crashed from third to sixth place.

Torrens and West had some anxious moments against Glenelg and South respectively.

At Thebarton the Eagles won narrowly by nine points after trailing for three quarters.

The final result at Richmond was much more convincing. West hit the front for the first time early in the last term, and went on to kick 10-8 to demoralise South.

NORTH DEFEAT PORT FINELY

of the Bays' improved showing.

However, position changes and a more determined approach by the Eagles after half-time gave them a narrow win.

For three-quarters the game at Richmond looked like a repeat of South's success over West at Adelaide.

South got to the front and stayed there.

An improvement by Phipps at centre half-forward coincided with a determined bid by West's small men and the home side bolted.

A thriller

Next week's clash between North and West at Prospect should be a thriller.

West may be without Garnett, and this would be a serious blow to their chances.

They will improve with the return of Hogan and Ryan, but North, playing well, are always hard at Prospect. They should win.

Norwood go to the Bay. Again they must win.

Sturt will probably be too good for Torrens at Unley, and if North beat West, there will be four sides level in fourth position.

Port, who must do some stocktaking after today, have the chance against South at Adelaide.

Premiership table

	W.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.	Prem	%
Port	9	4	1,117	796	18	58.38	
North	9	4	1,111	872	18	56.02	
West	8	5	1,153	1,060	16	52.10	
Torrens	8	5	944	924	16	50.53	
Norwood	7	6	1,227	1,039	14	54.14	
Sturt	7	6	1,259	1,120	14	52.92	
South	3	10	766	1,311	6	36.88	
Glenelg	1	12	938	1,393	2	40.24	

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: FIRM

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-5	7-6	12-10	12-11	83
Port	1-4	6-9	6-9	8-13	61

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: T. Lindner, Barbary, Thomas, Trenorden, D. Lindner, Hughes, Bubner. **PORT:** Cahill, McBain, Luke, Dittmar, Motley, Williams, Boyd.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Pascoe 3.2, Thomas 2.2, Hewett 2.1, Hughes 2.1, D. Lindner 1.1, Trenorden 1.0, Bubner 1.0, Sheppard 0.1, Whitford 0.1, T. Lindner 0.1, Barbary 0.1. **PORT:** Hannaford 3.0, Dittmar 2.3, Johns 1.2, Tull 1.1, Cahill 1.0, Williams 0.2, Potter 0.1, Motley 0.1, Boyd 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Hewett (ankle), replaced by M. Codd at half-time. **PORT:** Nil.

AT THEBARTON

Torrens	1-4	1-9	6-13	8-17	65
Glenelg	4-2	6-6	7-8	7-14	56

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Landers, Townsend, Hewson, Clingly, Mitchell, Head. **GLENELG:** H. Linke, Beale, Richens, Fraser, Herron, Hill, Branson.

REPLACEMENTS.—GLENELG: Butler (head), replaced by Leahy in last quarter. **TORRENS:** Morrell (thigh), replaced by Klaffer in last quarter. Hawson (hip), replaced by Young in last quarter.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Clingly 3.2, Hughson 1.4, Head 1.2, Klaffer 1.2, Landers 1.1, Slaven 1.1, Cowling 0.2, Kingston 0.1, Bills 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Fraser 1.4, Payne 1.2, Richens 1.2, Hewett 1.1, Hill 1.1, Branson 1.1, Herron 1.1, rushed 0.2.

REPORTS.—GLENELG: Hewett reported by Umpire Henderson for striking an opponent.

AT RICHMOND

West	0-1	3-8	5-16	15-24	114
South	3-5	4-8	7-8	9-11	65

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Wright, Fraser, Roach, Gates, Reu, Shrubsole, Eustice. **SOUTH:** Parham, Jackson, Durbridge, Doyle, Panizza, Harris, O'Brien.

SCORERS.—WEST: Bray 6.4, Wright 3.3, Phipps 2.4, Shrubsole 2.2, Gates 1.0, Lovegrove 1.0, Barker 0.5, Reu 0.2, Bennets 0.1, Eustice 0.1, O'Driscoll 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Jackson 3.1, Chirgwin 2.2, Wilson 1.2, Parham 1.2, Ploenges 1.0, Stafford 1.0, Hilder 0.1, Christie 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Garnett (hand), replaced by Dabovich in second quarter. Kerley, replaced by Lovegrove in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Kitchen (leg), replaced by Foster at half-time. Coleman (leg), replaced by Morton in last quarter.

AT NORWOOD

Norwood	6-8	9-10	15-18	19-22	136
Sturt	3-2	10-10	10-10	14-14	98

BEST PLAYERS.—NORWOOD: Bunton, Branchley, Feehan, Harrison, Wedding, Aish, Kneebone. **STURT:** Fenton-Smith, Goodchild, Williams, Kutcher, Halbert, Roberts, Rigney.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Stephens 3.2, Johnson 3.1, Lill 2.5, Bunton 2.2, Inglis 2.2, Vivian 2.2, Wells 2.1, Branchley 1.2, Wedding 1.1, Cousins 1.0, Feehan 0.2, Harrison 0.1, Kneebone 0.1. **STURT:** Rigney 4.2, Douglas 3.5, Dunn 2.1, Fenton-Smith 1.1, Goodchild 1.1, Sangster 1.1, Halbert 1.0, Schoff 1.0, Freundt 0.1, Kutcher 0.1, Perrott 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORWOOD: Inglis (leg), replaced by Cousins in third quarter. Harrison (leg), replaced by Webber in last quarter. **STURT:** Jarrett (leg), replaced by Smith in last quarter.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matche	total
Douglas (Sturt)	3.5	13	40.34
Dittmar (Port)	2.3	12	39.35
Stephens (Norwood)	3.2	9	36.15
Bray (West)	6.4	13	35.19
Johns (Port)	1.2	11	31.29
Sheppard (North)	0.1	13	27.20
Kernahan (Glenelg)	—	13	26.17
Wright (West)	3.3	13	25.30
Lill (Norwood)	2.5	13	25.29
Thomas (North)	2.2	13	25.23
Richens (Glenelg)	1.2	12	22.25

ATTENDANCES

Alberton	11,500
Richmond	3,600
Thebarton	5,750
Norwood	15,750
Total	36,600

Strong bid

At Alberton, North gave notice that they will have to be beaten for the 1960 flag.

Vic Johnson, who saw the Magpies' downfall, reports that North looked a good side.

Getting first use of the breeze, North opened with Don Lindner at centre. He switched to centre half-forward at the change, but was back at centre in the third term.

Thomas and Hughes outroved the Port pair, and Hank Lindner was unbeatable in the field play.

Port recovered well to trail by only three points at half-time, but North played a matchwinning third term.

North are now right back

to their early season best. Their next two matches are against West and Norwood, both at Prospect.

These will be a severe test of strength for all three.

At Norwood, the Redlegs won well after being six points down at half-time.

A roving ascendancy and more power in ruck were the main factors in a fairly comfortable win.

The winning break finally came in the third quarter. Norwood added 6-8 to nil by the Double-Blues, and then played out an even last quarter.

Glenelg led Torrens by 27 points at half-time at Thebarton.

Better teamwork and the success of Hill at centre half-forward were features

Torrens took honors—but not as best side

By GIL LANGLEY

The better team did not gain the points today at Thebarton.

Decisions their way saved Torrens.

The game was marred by these decisions.

Poor kicking did not help the play as a spectacle and both teams could not be inflated by their efforts.

An imposing display by Glenelg was nullified by Torrens at the final siren. Clingly gave something for Torrens, kicking three goals.

Doldrums

Glenelg easily won the opening two quarters and "should" have been in an unbeatable position.

Positional changes were helpful but not completely successful. Landers and Searle were moves which paid dividends.

Torrens need all to win a place in the four. Fit early, they are now in the doldrums. A couple of rovers and ruckmen would not go astray.

Although Torrens were first to score, favored by a handy breeze, Glenelg rattled Torrens with their sheer pace. Their rucks and rovers tore holes in a weak Torrens defence.

A change of Searle from full back to oppose Hill at centre half-forward was an indication of Tor-

rens' breakdown in defence.

With Richens and Hill dominating the game for the Tigers, they outscored the Eagles. Kicking four goals to one goal was a good effort.

Torrens made several changes during the second quarter. Some were effective but on the whole they were unable to stem the tide.

The Eagles were holding the Tigers but gained little ground. Their goalshooting from easy positions was poor. Hughson should have been more effective.

Once again, after the long interval, Glenelg seemed to lack the will to win.

They allowed the Eagles to become Eagles and from then on they did not know how to win.

Head was allowed far too much freedom and Richens could not help getting kicks if he checked his opponents.

During these later quarters umpire Henderson's display became even more hard to understand.

Glenelg had plenty of chances up forward but poor goalshooting cost them goals.

In selecting the best players of both sides it would be hard to find a consistent effort all day.

Landers, sent to centre, played well but nullified his effort by a display of temper. He was Torrens best.

All other Torrens players had their moments of glory.

Hewett stood out as best on the ground with a fine effort for Glenelg. Herron, Linke, Hill, and Richens also played their parts.

Footnote: Confidentially, I find it hard to see how Torrens won.

JOHNSON SELECTS

I select Port to beat South at Adelaide next Saturday, Norwood to beat Glenelg at Glenelg, North to beat West at Prospect, and Sturt to beat Torrens at Unley.