

North too good for Sturt. and . .

WIN BY TORRENS A SHOCK

By SAM GALLAGHER

Torrens' shock 10-point win over Port at Adelaide Oval provided the big surprise in today's league football series.

Contrary to general opinion, North proved too strong for Sturt at Prospect, winning by 10 points.

At Richmond, Norwood, well in it for three quarters, were brushed aside by fast-finishing West, who won by 28 points.

Glenelg had the day's biggest margin with 52 points to spare from South; at the Bay Oval.

For the second successive series, matches were played on rain-soaked grounds. Highest score of the day was 14-15 by Glenelg.

Keep top

North's good win over Sturt ensures their retention of top ranking. Torrens move from third to second, and West rise from sixth to third.

At Adelaide Oval, Torrens regained the prestige lost by the defeat by North a fortnight ago.

The Eagles played good wet weather football.

Winning in ruck and increasingly effective on the wings, Torrens shook the Magpies' customary unruffled efficiency to come from 11 points down in a low scoring game.

At Prospect, North were more efficient where it mattered—on the ground.

Sturt's tall ruckmen generally got first touch, but North were quicker to the ball and handled more surely.

At three-quarter time at Richmond, Norwood appeared to have a great chance of upsetting West Adelaide.

But Norwood's third quarter was its last effort. West finished full of running into a strong wind to score impressively by 28 points.

Chief interest next week will be focussed on the West Adelaide-West Torrens clash at Richmond.

What will West Adelaide do about centre half-back? Phipps looked out of his element there today.

In attack West appear to be more versatile and they should win.

North meet the improving Glenelg at Kensington. The Bay rovers could make it close, but North's powerful centre line and their even ruck performance should give them four wins out of five.

Norwood journey to Alberton to the game every Norwood player loves to win above all. The spirit is there, but I'm afraid there just isn't the skill to match it.

At Adelaide Sturt should find comparative peace against South after a hectic opening program.

Poor shooting let South down

By VIC JOHNSON

After an even first three terms, Glenelg swamped South in the last quarter, to win easily under adverse conditions, by 52 points at Glenelg oval today.

Shocking kicking for goal cost South dearly in the third term.

And they had nothing up their sleeve, to withstand Glenelg's run home with the wind in the final quarter.

Glenelg were much more decisive in attack, particularly when Hewett went to centre half-forward in place of Payne in the second half. They were also much better served by their rovers, Richens, Fraser, and Howard.

Certainly, most of South's behinds in the third term came from hurried or forced shots at the goals.

Since the ball is brought back to centre after a goal is scored, the whole complexion of the game can be thus altered.

But it can be destructive to a team's morale to see the goals being missed so frequently, whilst the opposition, in one burst, can nullify many minutes of hard struggling, by one single burst, and goal.

I think this is what happened to South today, along with a good winning

Glenelg	1—4	4—7	7—11	14—15	99
South	3—3	3—4	5—15	5—17	47

and replacing him with the more mobile Hewett.

Hardly sighted

Doyle had been very close to South's best in the first half and had beaten Payne, but it was a different tale when Hewett moved over to him.

Doyle was hardly sighted again until the closing stages when Glenelg had it well won. But Hewett was in everything once the ball reached the attacking area.

Panizza won the toss for South and elected to kick to the northern end.

Umpire W. A. Henderson was in charge.

The oval was in anything but good shape at the start, and it appeared a little ominous for South, to me, as early as the end of the first term, when they led 11 points.

I thought the breeze was worth that, but the South rovers failed to take opportunities made by their followers, and it was usually the opposition who gathered them.

Then again, Glenelg wisely dropped both followers back to the half-forward line once the ball had gone beyond that area, thus creating an extra defence, and though they did not score heavily, it made it much harder for South to get out.

Glenelg got to the front in the second term to lead by nine points at half-time, but they, too, had done nothing sensational

using the wind, Panizza, Doyle and company putting up a sturdy defence.

If South were to have a chance, it was a necessity for them to score heavily in the third term. Apart from shocking goal results, they failed as a team.

Solid defence

Once the ball came into these players' possession it was generally driven up to Hewett in his position or thereabouts and he rarely failed to obtain possession and carry on with it.

Panizza was at his best in this term for South, and it was on his defence, that many of the Tigers' advances broke down.

Glenelg were eight points up when the final term began and had the use of a freshening wind.

It did not need much of the last quarter to be played to see who would win.

Matchwinner

Hewett, I thought was a matchwinner for Glenelg. He played well on the half-forward flank before half-time and rarely put a foot wrong after half-time at centre half-forward.

Richens, Fraser, and Howard were too skilful for the opposition rovers.

Baillie defended well, Kernahan and McDonald followed and Peek had a really good second half at centre wing.

Panizza, in spite of Lokan's four goals, is my best for South. He defended really well.

Jackson had some good patches, as did Christie, Morton, Parkinson, and Kimber, and Baraglia did nothing, if not try.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: ADVERSE

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1—1	2—3	3—4	6—8	44
Port	1—6	1—7	4—9	4—10	34

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Ashby, Kingston, Bills, Morrell, Rawson, Russell, Slaven. **PORT:** Obst, Tierney, Abley, Potter, Motley, Boyd, Whelan.

GOALKICKERS—TORRENS: Townsend 2, Connolly, Clingly, Kingston, Morrell. **PORT:** Potter 2, Dittmar, I. Hannaford.

AT GLENELG

Glenelg	1—4	4—7	7—11	14—15	99
South	3—3	3—4	5—15	5—17	47

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Hewett, Richens, Howard, Baillie, Kernahan, Peek, McDonald. **SOUTH:** Jackson, Panizza, Kimber, Kitchen, Morton, Parkinson, Baraglia, Christie.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Lokan 4.2, Hewett, 2.3, Fraser 2.2, Kernahan 2.1, Howard 1.2, Richens 1.2, McDonald 1.0, Webber 1.0, Beal 0.1, Rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Lane 2.1, Judd 1.5, Jackson 1.1, Stafford 0.1, Morton 0.3, Christie 0.3, Baraglia 0.2, Wilson 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Howard (head injury), replaced by Flew in last quarter. Baillie (cramp), replaced by Leahy in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Nil.

REPORTED—GLENELG: Rover Frank Howard reported by field umpire W. Henderson for allegedly striking South ruckman R. Mortimer in the face in the first quarter.

AT RICHMOND

West	4—2	4—6	8—10	11—12	78
Norwood	1—0	3—6	6—6	7—8	50

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Bray, Barker, Wright, Eustice, Hewitt, Chynoweth, Richardson. **NORWOOD:** Lill, Aish, Minervini, Bunton, Wedding, Dellar, Johnson.

SCORERS—WEST: Wright 3.3, Richardson 2.2, Sims 2.1, Roach 1.2, Phipps 1.1, Chynoweth 1.1, Hogan 1.0, Garnett 0.1, Rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Lill 3.3, Johnson 2.0, Stephens 1.2, Brenchley 1.0, Dellar 0.1, Bunton 0.1, Rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Eustice (cramp), replaced by Bennetts in last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Wells replaced by Cousins in last quarter. Koerner replaced by Nicol in last quarter.

AT PROSPECT

North	2—0	6—9	6—11	9—15	69
Sturt	3—2	4—2	7—10	8—11	59

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: T. Lindner, Bubner, D. Lindner, Pascoe, Johnston, Barbary, Hughes. **STURT:** Halbert, Goodchild, Rigney, Thompson, Williams, Little, Freundt.

SCORERS—NORTH: Bubner 3.1, Johnston 2.2, Thomas 1.4, Sheppard 1.3, Hughes 1.2, Barbary 1.0, Codd 0.1, Whitford 0.1, Rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Dutton 2.1, Goodchild 1.2, Douglas 1.1, Fitzgerald 1.1, Thompson 1.1, Williams 1.1, Rigney 1.0, Schoff 0.1, Rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Nil. **STURT:** Nil.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Total
Kernahan (Glenelg) ..	2-1	15-5
Douglas (Sturt) ..	1-1	12-9
Johns (Port) ..	—	11-9
Wright (West) ..	3-3	11-6
Townsend (Torrens) ..	2-1	11-5
Garnett (West) ..	0-1	11-4
Lill (Norwood) ..	3-3	10-12
Dittmar (Port) ..	1-2	9-14
Codd (North) ..	0-1	7-17
Sheppard (North) ..	1-3	7-7
Sims (West) ..	2-1	7-5
Connolly (Torrens) ..	1-1	7-4
Johnson (Norwood) ..	2-0	7-3
Richens (Glenelg) ..	1-2	6-10
Thomas (North) ..	1-4	6-8
Hewett (Glenelg) ..	2-3	6-6
Thompson (Sturt) ..	1-1	6-3

HIGHEST

LOWEST

LEAGUE
Glenelg 14-15 (99 pts.) Port 4-10 (34 pts.)

SECONDS

Norwood 16-24 (120 pts.) Glenelg 3-6 (24 pts.)

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
North	3	1	348	239	6	59.28
Torrens	3	1	302	267	6	53.07
West	3	1	352	324	6	51.31
Port	2	2	304	239	4	55.98
Sturt	2	2	355	342	4	50.93
Norwood	2	2	310	321	4	49.13
Glenelg	1	3	346	382	2	47.53
South	—	4	194	387	—	33.39

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	13,000
Richmond	8,500
Prospect	10,500
Glenelg	4,000
Total	36,000

Bay rover reported

Glenelg rover Frank Howard was reported by field umpire W. Henderson for allegedly having struck South ruckman R. Mortimer in the face in the first quarter at Glenelg today.

STAB KICKS

ANY player who had clean tugs at the end of the Glenelg-South game, could be classed as a non-trier, as the oval was covered with water in places, apart from being muddy everywhere else.

K. Lokan, Glenelg's new country recruit, performed very ably today against South.

Four goals against a player of Dez Panizza's calibre is not a bad effort.

UMPIRE Henderson awarded 26 frees to Glenelg and 16 to South in the first half at Glenelg, but in the second half a much tighter rein was held on the whistle.

IN accepting The Advertiser Cup for the night premiership from Advertiser sporting editor, Ray Polkinghorne, West Adelaide chairman, Cliff Semmler, mentioned West's bad luck in losing stars Ken McGregor and Neil Kerley through injuries in night matches before the start of the season proper.

Mr. Semmler jokingly suggested that if West won their third night premiership next year they could be awarded the trophy permanently and withdraw from the competition.