

BEATEN NORWOOD LOSE PLACE IN FOUR TO NORTH

By SAM GALLAGHER

Sturt's first win for the season, by 11 points over Norwood at Unley, was a surprise result in today's league football, played on heavy grounds.

From the reverse the Redlegs dropped from fourth to fifth ranking. North boosted their hopes of a place in the finals in defeating Torrens by eight points at Prospect, and entered the four.

Port second

At the Bay, Port struck determined opposition from Glenelg, and were only 20 points clear at the finish. The Magpies move up into second place, one game ahead of Torrens.

West annihilated South in the biggest win of the day. Going progressively farther ahead, the Red-and-Blacks led by 98 points when time was called.

Norwood looked anything but a major round proposition in going down to Sturt.

Only in the first term did the Redlegs promise their supporters victory.

After that Sturt's defence was far too good for a threadbare Norwood attack.

The Blues held Norwood scoreless in a decisive third quarter when their half-forward line, despite the absence of Goodchild, outplayed a ragged Norwood outer defence.

Once Sturt realised they could win they defended grimly to prevent Norwood from breaking through, until the time was too short for the Redlegs to snatch victory.

At Prospect, North recovered from a great second-quarter burst by Torrens, to lead by 17 points at the last change.

The shift of Don Lindner from centre to centre half-forward, and Power to centre, was mainly responsible for North's recovery.

Torrens, after kicking 7-2 in the second term, were held scoreless in the third.

North's lead of 17 points at the last change hardly seemed adequate, but their defence was good in a hard-fought last quarter in which the total score by both sides was 1-5.

At Glenelg, Port's accuracy was decisive. The Magpies opened with a five-goal burst and were never headed.

The Tigers' poor second term left them 20 points down at half-time and they eventually lost by that margin, although they ran to within four points of the Magpies in the last term.

Port lost State squad candidate Bob Marrett in the first quarter with an ankle injury.

Glenelg's Haydn Linke, who must come strongly into State team considerations, was again in fine form for the Tigers. West exacted full revenge for South's win at their previous meeting.

A fine first half by Kitchen at centre kept West's half-time margin to respectable limits, but his retirement, through injury, at the long interval marked the end of South's resistance.

The depletion of South's strength through injury and the absence of O'Brien from centre wing left them easy prey to West's speed and co-ordination.

Next Saturday South meet a revitalised Sturt at Adelaide. Norwood go to Alberton. Torrens meet Glenelg at Kensington, and West are at home to North in the match of the day. Having tasted victory, Sturt will be anxious to repeat the experience.

South play their best football at Adelaide, but Sturt's sound defence should give the forwards the chance of kicking a winning score.

Norwood, finding the road to the finals more than usually fraught with disaster, meet Port.

The Redlegs' forwards, without Kneebone and Stephens, don't look capable of causing an upset in this one.

North go to Richmond for the second time this year.

On May 13, the Red-and-Blacks broke away in the last term after North's speed had worried them for three quarters.

This is a better North side and the result should be much closer with West perhaps again in front at the finish.

Glenelg confident after running Torrens very close at their previous meeting, will be all out to improve on that result at Kensington.

The Eagles are playing consistently, however, and with Kingston back should get the two points in this game.

The State team for the Brisbane carnival will be chosen next Saturday night.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: ADVERSE

At Unley

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-2	4-5	8-12	9-14	68
N'wood	4-1	5-3	5-3	8-9	57

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Harris, Halbert, Hunter, Williams, Hicks, Schoff, Rigney. NORWOOD: Aish, Brechley, Feehan, Modra, Wedding, Oatey

SCORERS—STURT: Hicks 24, Schoff 22, Williams 12, Jones 11, Smith 10, Richardson 10, McCarthy 10, Kutcher 0.1, David 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORWOOD: Oatey 2.1, Wedding 2.0, Feehan 2.0, Lill 1.1, Sawley 1.1, Vickers 0.1, McMahon 0.1, Brechley 0.1, Nelson 0.1, Cousins 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Freundt (groin injury) replaced by David at three-quarter time. NORWOOD: Gimm and Daly replaced by Nelson and Cousins last quarter.

At Richmond

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-4	8-7	14-11	18-16	124
South	1-4	2-6	2-8	3-8	26

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Roach, Phipps, Eustice (until injured at half-time), Wright, Hogan, Garnett, Johnson, Kerley, Tregenza. SOUTH: Parkinson, Day, Parham, Kitchen (until injured), Panizza, Kantilla, Doyle.

SCORERS—WEST: Phipps 5.0, Hogan 3.3, Garnett 3.0, Costello 2.5, Johnson 2.0, Wright 1.2, Roach 1.0, Benton 1.0, Ryan 0.2, Kerley 0.1, rushed 0.3. SOUTH: Kantilla 1.2, Chirgwin 1.1, Backman 1.0, Parham 0.2, Day 0.2, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Eustice (shoulder replaced by Lovegrove at half-time. SOUTH: Kitchen (broken blood vessel in shin) replaced by Wilson at half-time. Roennfeldt (hip) replaced by P. Judd at three-quarter time.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	—	9	48.36
R. Johns (Port)	—	9	28.34
Hogan (West)	3.3	10	25.24
Crompton (Glenelg)	2.3	10	25.21
Phipps (West)	5.0	9	22.20
Kantilla (South)	1.2	10	17.20
Thomas (North)	1.1	9	17.15
Wright (West)	1.2	7	17.11
Sawley (Norwood)	1.1	8	16.11
Webber (Glenelg)	—	6	16.10
Richens (Glenelg)	1.5	10	15.19
Garnett (West)	3.0	8	15.12
Schoff (Sturt)	2.2	9	15.7
Shearman (Torrens)	3.2	10	14.22
Lill (Norwood)	1.1	10	14.14
Panizza (South)	—	9	14.11

At Glenelg

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Port	5-0	6-5	9-9	12-10	82
Glenelg	2-2	3-3	6-8	8-14	62

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: I. Hannaford, T. Obst, Cahill, J. Abley, McBain, Traynor, Whelan. GLENELG: Linke, K. Abley, Hewett, Richens, Herron, Fraser, Branson.

SCORERS—PORT: Traynor 3.1, I. Hannaford 2.0, Thompson 2.0, Bond 1.1, Cahill 1.1, Potter 1.1, Chant 1.0, Marrett 1.0, Luke 0.3, P. Obst 0.3. GLENELG: Hewett 3.1, Crompton 2.3, Richens 1.5, Fraser 1.1, Walton 1.1, Branson 0.1, Cutten 0.1, Herron 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Marrett (injured ankle) replaced by Chant in first quarter. GLENELG: Butler (injured ankle) replaced by Rowett at end of second quarter. Rowett (leg) replaced by Webber in the last quarter.

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-3	6-4	10-9	10-10	70
Torrens	1-2	8-4	8-4	9-8	62

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Gambling, Don Lindner, Pascoe, Bubner, Trenorden, Whitford, Power. TORRENS: Bills, Head, Shearman, Russell, Townsend, Payze, Mitchell.

SCORERS—NORTH: Pascoe 2.4, Bubner 2.1, Faggotter 1.1, D. Lindner 1.0, Hewitt 1.0, Whitford 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Potts 1.0, Bottroff 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Shearman 3.2, Livesay 1.0, Bills 1.2, Townsend 1.0, Mitchell 1.1, Marchioro 1.1, Pill 1.0, Young 0.1, Cavuoto 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Searle (knee) replaced by Coleman in the second quarter. NORTH: Bottroff (cramp) replaced by Hughes in the last quarter.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
West	8	2	949	597	16	61.38
Port	8	2	814	666	16	55.00
Torrens	7	3	882	693	14	56.00
North	5	5	782	770	10	50.38
Norwood	4	6	774	730	8	51.46
South	4	6	693	973	8	41.59
Glenelg	3	7	813	1027	6	44.18
Sturt	1	9	665	916	2	42.06

MAGPIES WIN, BUT NOT COMFORTABLY

By JEFF PASH

Superior accuracy in the first and last quarters gave Port a far from comfortable 20-point win over Glenelg at the Bay.

Port were fortunate enough to kick five goals without a miss in the first quarter and establish a lead which they held throughout the game.

The Bays played three good quarters, losing only the second as far as the volume of play was concerned, and almost won the game in the last.

Inaccuracy was their downfall in an exciting finish.

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Glenelg began strongly in the ruck to win the roving battles at least and conceded the advantage nowhere else. They attacked quite as often as Port and broke down only with the last kick near the goals.

Ian Hannaford eventually set Port on the right leg with a long goal scored after he had been awarded a free.

Marrett continued the good work with a brilliant left footer from deep in the left pocket, and from there Port could do no wrong at the goalfront.

Glenelg defenders held the main avenues pretty well, but the goals were coming from odd places and the odd boot.

Good work by the Bay rucks and centre line took the ball up to the other end often enough, but they could not finish off.

At the first quarter Port had a useful lead of 16 points.

Port had lost Marrett half-way through the first term, replacing him with Chant, who proceeded to assist with the roving.

They held Glenelg safely in this quarter — their best in the matter of defence — but found the scoring of goals as difficult as Glenelg had.

At half-time Port had done well to increase their lead to 20 points, and Glenelg had just lost Butler, who was assisted off the ground with a leg injury.

Glenelg reorganised at half-time, putting Rowett, the replacement for Butler, at centre wing.

Hunt, who had played well on the wing, went to half-back. Kernahan, uneasy at centre half-forward, went into the ruck and was replaced by Crompton.

Hewett was now to be seen frequently on the ball, and he proceeded to play a brilliant second half.

The Bays attacked strongly in this quarter, once they had repelled Port's opening burst, fired by Hannaford and Cahill.

Two goals, to Hewett and Richens, narrowed the gap to eight points, and Port had some trouble in regaining the initiative.

Slip-through

Again it was Ian Hannaford who restored the situation, with a mark taken at centre half-forward, followed by another mighty goal.

At the bell Glenelg were still 19 points down, after having certainly won the honors of play.

In the last quarter Glenelg put on 2-3 without Port's having added to their score.

Four points down, they were going strongly and seemed set for victory with about 15 minutes to go.

At that stage, a sudden slip-through by Port found Traynor running into an

open goal for a much-needed score.

Whelan, T. Obst, and Abley repelled four or five separate thrusts by Glenelg.

Then another slip-through by Cahill added Port's eleventh goal, and they were safe.

At the siren, Port were 20 points ahead.

Glenelg had come within an ace of victory; and with the present ruck team and good form on the centre-line it should be able to give a good account of itself from this point.

For Port, I choose Ian Hannaford as best player. He didn't have things all his own way in ruck, but he was concerned in the moves that got results at the right time.

Even side

Trevor Obst and Cahill, brilliant in defence and attack respectively, were not far behind.

Abley, McBain, Traynor, and Whelan played well, and Cooper, Don Hannaford and Hayes all had good occasional sessions.

Glenelg were a more even side than Port; theirs was the better team effort and everyone did his bit.

Linke, at centre half-back, I should say, was the most consistently good. He managed to break up most of the marking positions, moved fast on the ground, and kicked deep.

K. Abley defended strongly at full back, and Hewett played a desperately brilliant game in attack, in spite of hot opposition, particularly in the second half.



Hannaford Abley

Port in the last quarter, and had their chances after that.

However, Port's scoring touch held to the end, and a couple of late goals made their winning margin look a little better than it was.

Tight struggle

Port won the toss and had the first use of a breeze which seemed to suit them very well and the Bays not at all.

For the first half of the term there was a tight scoreless struggle, during which both defences held firm.