

REDLEGS RE-ESTABLISH CLAIM TO PLACE IN FOUR

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In a startling reversal of form, Norwood today re-established their claim to a place in the major round by defeating Port at Alberton by three-points.

Displaced by North last week, the Redlegs moved into the leading division again by a percentage margin over North and South.

North matched West for two quarters at Richmond, but were outplayed by the West players after half-time.

West kicked 7-8 to North's 1-5 in the last two quarters to win by 34 points and go to a one-game break at the top of the premiership table.

Torrid battle

Torrens and Glenelg fought a torrid battle at Kensington with the Eagles coming from behind to snatch victory by seven points.

At Adelaide Oval, Sturt were unable to repeat last week's form and went down to South by three goals.

The Panthers are in sixth position, level on points with Norwood and North but a long way behind on percentage.

Completely out of form last week, Norwood rose to the occasion in great style to topple their traditional rivals.

Next week the Redlegs meet Torrens at Norwood, determined to reduce the three-game gap to the leading trio.

The game will probably see the return of Morrell to Torrens and Stephens to Norwood.

Norwood should win in ruck where Wedding and Feehan are in great form. The Redleg rovers, too, look more impressive.

Torrens are more

settled in attack, but the return of Stephens will give Norwood a lift.

Morrell will be Torrens' answer to Wedding, but the Norwood giant is going so well he should be Torrens' big problem.

The Redlegs should reverse the result of their previous meeting at Thebarton.

Battling to stay in the picture, South meet Port at Adelaide for the second time this season.

Guided by today's happenings, Port will probably start Peter Obst at centre half-forward and use Hanford more in ruck.

Although the teams are evenly matched elsewhere, Port's roving strength should win.

Glenelg, threatening each week to topple one of the leaders, are at home to West.

Richens and Fraser will throw out a strong challenge to West's rovers, but the Red-and-Blacks' speed and teamwork will probably prevail.

North should stay in touch by defeating Sturt at Prospect.

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With eight minor-round games to play, Norwood, North and South are locked in a struggle for fourth place.

South meet North on July 15 at Adelaide, and Norwood on July 29 at Norwood.

A week later Norwood and North meet at Prospect.

These three games will be critical.

Bays went down fighting

Torrens in fiery finish

After being on their knees with only minutes to go, Torrens fought back magnificently to gain a points decision against unlucky Glenelg at Kensington Oval.

The margin was identical with the Eagles' victory at Glenelg in the first round, again by seven points, and again Torrens pulling the game out of the fire in its dying stages.

It was a fast and furious clash from start to finish, with neither side able to gain a decisive break at any stage and neither willing to give an inch in the endeavor to hold their narrow lead.

The game was fiercely fought throughout, and the tempo rose to fever pitch during the last quarter of changing fortunes.

Umpire Lees allowed commendable latitude early in the game, but as the battle developed, his grip slackened a little, with several fiery clashes resulting.

Tighter rein

The evenness of the scores and the do-or-die attitude of both contestants demanded a tighter umpiring rein in the second half to check unnecessary roughness.

Wingman Rowett was unable to strip for the Bays, his place being taken by Frank Howard, who came up from reserve.

He stepped into a hornets' nest, as his opponent, Brian Livesey, began in brilliant style and continued to dominate his position for the remainder of the game.

Beal was switched to oppose him in the second term, and after Beal's injury Fraser took up the task, but Livesey remained the master to the end.

Reserves on

With Russell dashing into the picture occasion-

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Glenelg	5-3	6-7	9-14	11-16	82

ally on the other wing, and Head providing flashes of classy play at centre, it was left to Herron to win back some of this Eagle centre line dominance.

He did this with his dashing and tireless play in and around centre, and was aided considerably by the good roving of Fraser and Richens.

The ruck work was shared evenly, and Torrens' advantage at half-time was achieved mainly through the lively efforts of Smeaman, Mitchell, and Young across half-forward.

Glenelg ruckman Blackburn unfortunately stumbled into the path of trouble in the first quarter and when Don Hewett's knee kept him inside at half-time Glenelg had both reserves on.

With winger Beal hobbling with an ankle injury in the forward pocket, the Tigers were forced to make several positional changes.

Relentless

Two of their ruckmen changed at half-forward, the rovers, Richens and Kernahan (a strange position for a knock ruckman!) on the other flank with Crompton moving back to make a fixed full-forward line.

Centre man Herron also took a turn roving, allowing Kernahan to guard midfield, and with Richens roving with great dash, Glenelg made a real bid to gain a vital break.

They had the play forward but their snapshots were too often off target and their 3-7 for the term proved costly in the final analysis.

The backmen of both sides were relentless in

their tackling and checking of the forwards, which must have had a big bearing on the inaccuracy reflected on the scoreboard.

Glenelg's five-point lead at three-quarter time hardly seemed enough, as Torrens generally appeared to hold a slight field advantage, but with Kingston obviously "feeling" his injured ankle, they were unable to press home their hard-earned attacks.

As the last term progressed the Tigers' backmen played as their name suggests and denied Torrens' forwards any scoring privileges, while at the other end the injured Beal and Crompton defied their



Livesey Herron

physical handicaps to give the Bays what looked a winning lead with the bigger part of the quarter gone.

Then the Eagles, who had shunned positional changes while Glenelg were playing draughts with their men, threw Lindsay Head on the ball and brought Kingston out to centre half-forward.

Head goaled immediately, rover Hine kicked straight from a free at half-forward and then Head's forceful forward rush saw him handball nicely to Livesey, moving past fast, to drop kick right through the middle.

Terrific goal

What appeared a likely Glenelg victory was suddenly transformed into a slender one-point lead to Torrens.

When Kingston marked well 65 yards out and punted through a tremendous goal, the 20-odd seconds remaining was too little for the stunned Tigers to arrange a counter-attack.

Most Torrens players had active moments of fruitfulness during the hard-fought battle, but for sustained brilliance Brian Livesey took the palms.

Payze, and on occasions Landers, were solid across half-back, while Dick Shirley at full back marked and cleared well on many occasions.

Shearman's coolness and balance always suggested hidden power, and some was released to good effect at centre half-forward and occasionally on the ball.

Townsend and Hine were busy in the following division without reaching stardom, and Head and Russell did many fine things across centre without being sustained.

Tireless

For the Bays, little separated Herron and Richens, who both battled tirelessly to bring about victory. To have their great efforts thwarted almost at the end must have been disappointing.

Kernahan played his several positions with plenty of spirit and good effect, and Crompton's fine judgment at half-forward and later in the forward pocket nearly pulled it off for Glenelg.

Fraser roved well in the first half and usefully on the wing thereafter.

Staitte was prominent with strong field play, but his kicking lacked direction while Linke led a stout band of fighting defenders.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: FINE

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-5	5-8	9-10	12-12	84
Sturt	2-3	3-6	4-10	9-12	66

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Parham, Kimber, Chirgwin, Panizza, Christie, Parkinson, Kantilla, Backman, Johnston, Hilder. **STURT:** Federowitch, Cunningham, Smith, Halbert, Schoff, Hicks.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Kantilla 4.0, Backman 3.3, Panizza 1.1, Lewis 1.0, Chirgwin 1.0, Parham 1.0, Hilder 0.2, Kimber 0.1, Day 0.1, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.3. **STURT:** Jones 3.1, Halbert 2.1, Richardson 1.0, Rigney 1.0, Short 1.0, Smith 1.0, Schoff 0.2, Goodchild 0.1, Kutcher 0.1, Kemp 0.1, Williams 0.1, Sangster 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Kitchen replaced by Polden in the last quarter, Lewis replaced by Wilson in the third quarter. **STURT:** Richardson replaced by Kemp in the second quarter, Rigney replaced by Short in the last quarter.

At Alberton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-5	6-9	9-11	11-13	79
Port	2-6	3-10	5-12	10-16	76

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding, Ross, McMahon, Feehan, Vickers, Oatey, Inglis. **PORT:** Potter, Eime, P. Obst, T. Obst, Tierney, Hayes, Traynor.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Lill 4.3, Oatey 2.3, Cousins 2.0, Sawley 1.2, Daly 1.1, Vickers 1.0, Brenchley 0.2, Feehan 0.1, Farrow 0.1. **PORT:** McBain 4.4, P. Obst 3.1, Philp 1.2, Potter 1.1, Traynor 1.1, I. Hannaford 0.2, Motley 0.1, Thompson 0.1, Cahill 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Aish (bruised back), replaced by Farrow in second quarter, Modra replaced by Vivian in last quarter. **PORT:** Luke replaced by Huddleston in last quarter.

At Kensington

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Torrens	4-7	7-12	8-15	12-17	89
Glenelg	5-3	6-7	9-14	11-16	82

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Livesey, Payze, Shearman, Shirley, Russell, Head, Townsend, Hine. **GLENELG:** Herron, Richens, Kernahan, Crompton, Fraser, Staitte, Linke.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Kingston 3.1, Head 2.1, Shearman 1.4, Young 1.4, Hine 1.3, Coleman 1.1, Livesey 1.1, Mitchell 1.1, Bills 1.1. **GLENELG:** Richens 2.5, Fraser 2.2, Crompton 2.0, Rowe 1.2, Beal 1.1, Kernahan 1.0, Hewett 1.0, Cutten 1.0, Staitte 0.2, Herron 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Blackburn (stitches in head), replaced by Alexander during first quarter, Hewett (knee), replaced by Webber at half-time. **TORRENS:** Nil.

INJURIES—GLENELG: Blackburn had four stitches in head wound; Hewett, knee; Beale, ankle, had injections of cortisone at half-time; Crompton, back.

At Richmond

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-2	7-2	11-7	14-10	94
North	3-4	7-7	7-11	8-12	60

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Roach, Eustice, Bray, Hogan, Wright, Benton, Reu, Ryan, Phipps. **NORTH:** T. Lindner, Bubner, Thomas, Hammond, Barbary, Johnston, Simmons.

SCORERS—WEST: Hogan 4.1, Costello 2.1, Garnett 2.1, Wright 2.1, Phipps 1.2, Roach 1.1, O'Driscoll 1.0, Johnson 1.0, Ryan 0.2. **NORTH:** Bubner 2.2, Pascoe 2.2, Thomas 1.1, Barbary 1.0, Faggetter 1.0, Porter 1.0, Potts 0.2, D. Lindner 0.1, Kent 0.1, Whitford 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Trenorden (heavy knock), replaced by Bottroff at three-quarter time. Power (leg injury), replaced by Porter in the last quarter. **WEST:** Nil.

LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
West	9	2	1043	657	18	61.35
Torrens	8	3	971	775	16	55.61
Port	8	3	890	745	16	54.43
Norwood	5	6	853	806	10	51.41
North	5	6	842	864	10	49.35
South	5	6	777	1039	10	42.78
Glenelg	3	8	895	1116	6	44.50
Sturt	1	10	731	1000	2	42.22

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	3.1	10	51.37
Hogan (West)	4.1	11	29.25
R. Johns (Port)	—	9	28.34
Crompton (Glenelg)	2.0	11	27.21
Phipps (West)	1.2	10	23.22
Kantilla (South)	4.0	11	21.20
Wright (West)	2.1	8	19.12
Lill (Norwood)	4.3	11	18.17
Thomas (North)	1.1	10	18.16
Richens (Glenelg)	2.5	11	17.24
Garnett (West)	2.1	9	17.13
Sawley (Norwood)	1.2	9	17.13
Webber (Glenelg)	—	6	16.10
Shearman (Torrens)	1.4	11	15.26
Panizza (South)	1.1	10	15.12
Schoff (Sturt)	0.2	10	15.9

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	7,100
Alberton	11,250
Kensington	7,750
Richmond	9,250
Total	35,350