

# CONFIDENT TORRENS LIFT TITLE CHANCES

By SAM GALLAGHER

West Torrens, striking top form at the right time, defeated minor premiers, Port Adelaide with a confident display of power in today's last minor round series of league football.

## LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	Pts. %
			For	Agst.		
Port	15	4	1,638	1,161	30	58.52
West	14	5	1,827	1,287	28	58.67
Torrens	14	5	1,782	1,410	28	55.82
Norwood	11	8	1,611	1,382	22	53.82
North	10	9	1,537	1,465	20	51.19
South	5	14	1,250	1,970	10	38.81
Glenelg	4	15	1,481	1,996	8	42.59
Sturt	3	16	1,330	1,785	6	42.69

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today		Matches	Total
	Goals	Points		
Kingston (Torrens)	4.5	16	16	76.64
R. Johns (Port)	2.3	16	16	49.56
Hogan (West)	0.2	18	18	41.40
Thomas (North)	3.2	18	18	36.31
Lill (Norwood)	3.1	19	19	36.28
Crompton (Glenelg)	—	18	18	35.34
Pascoe (North)	1.2	18	18	32.23
Richens (Glenelg)	1.1	19	19	31.37
Kantilla (South)	0.1	19	19	31.26
Stephens (Norwood)	2.0	11	11	31.23
Garnett (West)	4.1	13	13	30.19

There were no upsets in the other games and the top four is unchanged—Port, West, Torrens, and Norwood.

Next week's first semi-final will be between Torrens and Norwood.

The Redlegs took all the afternoon to shake off a determined Glenelg in a ragged game at the Bay.

Norwood's switch of Lill to centre half-forward opened up the Redlegs forward lines in the last quarter and allowed them to win by 24 points.

West, who will meet Port in the second semi-final on Saturday week, were also unimpressive in winning by 24 points from Sturt at Richmond.

Sturt led by a point in the last quarter, but West, with second place as the prize, tightened their game to go away at the finish.

North beat South by 33 points in a colorless display at Adelaide Oval.

A record crowd of 20,100 went to Thebarton Oval to see Port and Torrens. They were not disappointed.

### Record crowd

Bob Hank, who saw his old team in action, said it

was thrilling, hard-hitting football, sensibly umpired by Lawrie Sweeney.

The Eagles led almost throughout. Port, sustained only by a magnificent game by Peter Obst, hit the front in the last quarter, but it was only from force of habit.

Obst and Potter were the Magpies best, but there was a big gap after these two.

Torrens won in ruck, where Morrell took the points from Hannaford, and across centre, to get a flying start.

On today's results Torrens will start favorites for next Saturday's knock-out match.

### Incentive

It's going to take some tortuous reasoning to justify choosing the Redlegs.

However, Torrens certainly had more incentive today, and last year Norwood turned it on brilliantly in the first semi-final after being well beaten by West in the last minor round game.

The clash between Morrell and Wedding will be one of the highlights.

Another clash that could be decisive will be between Ross and Shearman at centre.

Both teams are having doubts about their defences. Both have matchwinners, Head and Lill, to exploit to the full any weakness in the opposition.

### Better season

Kingston at the goalpost gives the Eagles an edge overall in attack.

And so the comparisons go on.

Torrens have had a better season, winning 14 games and playing consistently well in the face of setbacks.

Norwood have been less consistent, but have fought through to the finals despite a chapter of accidents and injury.

Their best has been equal to Torrens best, but produced more spasmodically.

It looks like Torrens, but the Redlegs have the game if they can find it.

## Today's details at a glance

### CONDITIONS: IDEAL

#### AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-7	3-12	7-16	12-19	91
Port	1-1	1-6	6-10	9-13	67

**BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS:** Morrell, Pill, Payze, Shearman, Gibson, Head, Mitchell, Kingston, Livesey, Robertson. **PORT:** P. Obst, Potter, Hayes, T. Obst, Cooper, Cahill, Motley.

**SCORERS—TORRENS:** Kingston 4.5, Head 2.3, Shearman 2.2, Morrell 2.0, Gibson 1.2, Robertson 1.2, Butler 0.1, Bills 0.1, Livesey 0.1, Young 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Johns 2.3, Hayes 2.0, Potter 1.2, P. Obst 1.2, Hannaford 1.1, Philp 1.0, Traynor 1.0, Luke 0.2, Whelan 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS:** Livesey (leg), replaced by Cowling during last quarter. **PORT:** Thompson (torn shoulder ligaments), replaced by Luke during second quarter. Tierney (eye), replaced by Stuart in last few minutes of game.

#### AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-8	8-11	13-15	15-18	108
South	2-2	4-6	5-13	9-21	75

**BEST PLAYERS—NORTH:** Foote, Barbary, Thomas, Hewett, Whitford, T. Lindner, Cheek, Power, Trenorden. **SOUTH:** Christie, Ploenges, Backman, Chirgwin, Harris, D. Bridge, Coleman, Parham, Kitchen.

**SCORERS—NORTH:** Foote 4.1, Thomas 3.2, Whitford 3.1, Hewett 2.2, R. Gilbourne 1.3, Hammond 1.1, Pascoe 1.2, D. Gilbourne 0.2, Barbary 0.1, rushed 0.4. **SOUTH:** Backman 4.4, Day 2.4, Chirgwin 1.2, Harris 1.1, Kitchen 0.2, Parham 0.2, Pahnizza 0.2, O'Brien 0.1, Kantilla 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS—None reported by either side.**

#### AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	4-7	4-12	7-15	12-20	92
Glenelg	1-4	3-6	7-6	10-8	68

**BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD:** Aish, Modra, Ross, Inglis, Wedding, Lill, Kneebone. **GLENELG:** Abley, Linke, Butler, Hunt, Kernahan, Lokan, Staite.

**SCORERS—NORWOOD:** Lill 3.1, Oatey 2.3, Kneebone 2.2, Stephens 2.0, Daly 1.2, Fosdike 1.1, Wedding 1.0, Minervini 0.2, Modra 0.2, Bowe 0.2, Ralston 0.1, Feehan 0.1, Dellar 0.1, Sawley 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Lokan 4.1, Cutten 4.1, Richens 1.1, Westley 1.1, Sinclair 0.2, rushed 0.2.

**REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD:** Ralston (pulled leg muscle), replaced by Stephens in second quarter. Daly replaced by Fosdike in last quarter. **GLENELG:** Anesbury (cramp), replaced by Grose in last quarter.

#### AT RICHMOND

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	6-3	8-5	10-7	14-10	94
Sturt	0-2	6-6	8-8	10-10	70

**BEST PLAYERS—WEST:** O'Driscoll, Thomas, Lovegrove, Eustice, Ryan, Garnett, Barker, Kerley. **STURT:** Halbert, Goodchild, Thompson, Caust, Schoff, Short, Williams, Richardson, Hunter.

**SCORERS—WEST:** Thomas 5.5, Garnett 4.1, Ryan 2.1, De Broughe 2.0, Kerley 1.0, Hogan 0.2, Phipps 0.1. **STURT:** Caust 7.1, Schoff 1.3, Heath 1.1, Hicks 1.0, Richardson 0.3, Goodchild 0.1, Williams 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—WEST:** Phipps (leg injury), replaced by Sara in the last quarter. **STURT:** Nil.

#### ATTENDANCES

Thebarton	20,100
Adelaide	4,100
Glenelg	6,900
Richmond	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,100</b>

# NORWOOD BELOW PAR IN SCRAMBLE

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Lifting their game in the last 10 minutes, Norwood broke away from a determined Glenelg to win a ragged game by 24 points.

Until the break came, there was little between the teams.

The return of Haydn Linke to centre half-back and the fine form of the rest of the Bay defenders kept Norwood in check until the closing stages.

After Norwood had led by 23 points early in the last quarter the Bays fought back to be only five points down.

Then a flying left-foot snap by Richens hit the post.

### All Norwood

What the result would have been if Richens' shot had put Glenelg in front, is anybody's guess.

From then on, however, it was all Norwood.

Wedding became dominant in ruck after struggling all day against sustained opposition from Staite in particular, and the forwards broke loose.

Lill, switched to centre half-forward in the third quarter finished brilliantly.

The Redlegs started well. With Ross dominating centre, they went through Kneebone and Sawley with comparative ease.

But Abley at full back had Lill well covered.

This fact, and some inaccuracy at goal, prevented Norwood being more than 21 points clear at the first change.

Linke and Butler gradually made it harder for Norwood to get through half-forward.

Hunt made up some leeway on Ross at centre and Norwood, continuing inaccurate, were held goalless for the second term.

Lill came out to half-forward right when Ralston went off and Stephens took over at full forward.



Modra

Linke

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It was a battle of defences, with Linke in great form for Glenelg, and Aish stopping everything for Norwood.

Strangely, however, both lapsed in the last quarter. Lokan, switched with Cutten in the third term, gave Aish the slip, playing well behind him at the centre bounces, and Lill proved Norwood's answer to Linke.

### Changes

Norwood swung Kneebone to centre half-back and Aish to full back when Glenelg made their bid.

After Richens' shot had hit the post, Fosdike, who had replaced Daly, goaled with a good snap to put the scores out of touch, and so they stayed.

Neither side had a player outstanding for four quarters. For Norwood, Aish started slowly, worked into something like his best form in the middle of the game, but found Lokan hard to cope with at the finish.

Modra was dashing and determined on the wing, and Ross again played well at centre.

For Glenelg, Abley, at full back, was best, marking with good judgment and covering great distance with his kicking off.

Linke was outplayed only at the end, and alongside him Butler stopped Sawley from having much influence on the game except for the first quarter.

Hunt did a good job in opposition to Ross at centre, breaking even after half-time.

## Mildara voting

Voting today by The Sunday Mail experts was: Glenelg—K. C. Abley, H. N. Linke, I. S. Butler. North—D. R. Foote, B. Barbary, W. Thomas. Norwood—P. C. Aish, D. Modra, L. Ross. West—L. O'Driscoll, D. Thomas, L. Lovegrove. Torrens—R. Morrell, G. Pill, R. Payze. Port—P. Obst, J. Potter, N. Hayes. Sturt—J. Halbert, A. Goodchild, C. Thompson. South—C. Christie, B. A. Ploenges, L. Backman.

## TROPHY TO HALBERT

These are the final voting totals for the Mildara Football Trophy:

J. HALBERT	32½
N. KERLEY	28
G. CHRISTIE	28
J. POTTER	27½
W. HERON	24½
W. THOMAS	23½
D. ROACH	23
T. LINDNER	22½
H. LINKE	21½
R. SHEARMAN	21

Kerley placed second on a count-back.

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