

PREMIERSHIP FIGHT TIGHTENS UP

By SAM GALLAGHER

A crowd of 24,000 saw Port Adelaide inflict the season's first defeat on West Torrens at Adelaide Oval today.

The Magpies won by 26 points, going away after three quarters of thrilling football.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: GOOD

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-3	8-8	10-11	16-17	113
South	2-2	4-6	10-11	12-16	88

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Bubner, Thomas, Whitford, Bloch, Faggotter, Lindner, Codd. **SOUTH:** Panizza, Chirgwin, Christie, Lewis, Ploenges, O'Brien, Kimber.

SCORERS—NORTH: Codd 5.2, Potts 3.3, Thomas 3.3, Bottroff 2.2, Bubner 2.1, Faggotter 1.0, Whitford 0.4, Power 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH:** Lewis 5.1, Panizza 2.1, Parham 2.0, Chirgwin 1.4, Williams 1.2, Day 1.1, Kantilla 0.4, Ploenges 0.1, Christie 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: T. Lindner (slight concussion), replaced by M. L. Hall in last quarter. **SOUTH:** Nil.

At Norwood

Norw'd	2-5	6-11	8-16	17-21	123
Glenelg	2-4	4-5	9-8	11-10	76

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: McMahon, Modra, Aish, Oatey, Wedding, Ross, Daly. **GLENELG:** Abley, Herron, Sinclair, H. Linke, Crompton, Branson, Leahy, Staite.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Daly 6.2, Ralston 2.3, Oatey 2.2, Sawley 2.1, Cousins 2.0, Lill 1.3, Faehrmann 1.2, Vickers 1.1, Modra 0.2, McMahon 0.2, Brenchley 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Crompton 3.4, Cutten 2.0, Webber 1.1, Hewett 1.1, Kernahan 1.1, Kendall 1.0, Richens 1.0, Staite 1.0, Fraser 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Brenchley (injured leg), replaced by Cousins in the first quarter. Dellar (leg), replaced by Gimm in the last quarter. **GLENELG:** H. Linke (ankle), replaced by Schupelius in the last quarter.

At Unley

West	7-6	10-10	14-13	19-17	131
Sturt	2-3	7-5	8-5	8-8	56

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Kerley, Hogan, Roach, Bray, Ryan, Benton, Tregenza. **STURT:** Halbert, Cunningham, Goodchild, Thompson, Schoff, Harris, McCarthy.

GOALKICKERS—WEST: Hogan 5, Garnett 4, Phipps 3, Ryan 3, Wright 3, Lovegrove. **STURT:** Thompson 3, Goodchild 2, Smith, Schoff, Halbert.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Thomas (bruised thigh), replaced by Lovegrove in the first term. Phipps (bruised heel), replaced by Barker in the last term. **STURT:** Marshall (shin), replaced by Freundt at three-quarter time.

At Adelaide

Port	2-5	4-9	7-10	14-15	99
Torrens	3-0	5-4	7-9	10-13	73

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Thompson, Cahill, Salmon, T. Obst, Hannaford, Marrett, Johns. **TORRENS:** Head, Shearman, Townsend, Payze, Vaux, Morrell, Landers, B. Gibson.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 4.6, I. Hannaford 4.1, Thompson 2.1, Marrett 1.3, Huddleston 1.1, Traynor 1.0, Motley 1.0, Cahill 0.2, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Kingston 2.4, Marchioro 2.3, Young 2.1, Cavuoto 1.2, Livesey 1.1, Morrell 1.1, Mitchell 1.0, Bills 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Thompson (knock), replaced by Mahney in last quarter. **TORRENS:** Searle (knee), replaced by Mitchell in second quarter. Morrell (shoulder), replaced by Reg Gibson in last quarter.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
West	5	1	623	372	10	62.61
Torrens	5	1	550	416	10	56.93
Port	4	2	500	425	8	54.37
North	3	3	474	511	6	48.12
South	3	3	467	505	6	48.04
Norwood	2	4	432	486	4	47.05
Glenelg	2	4	566	696	4	44.84
Sturt	—	6	426	627	—	40.45

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	2.4	6	33.25
Johns (Port)	4.6	6	19.24
Crompton (Glenelg)	3.4	6	19.15
Hogan (West)	5.3	6	16.16
Webber (Glenelg)	1.1	6	16.10
Phipps (West)	3.3	5	14.15
Kantilla (South)	0.4	6	12.17
Wright (West)	3.3	3	12.8
Richens (Glenelg)	1.0	6	11.10
Garnett (West)	4.2	5	10.9
Thomas (North)	3.2	5	10.8
Panizza (South)	2.1	5	10.6
Thompson (Sturt)	3.2	6	10.5

HIGHEST LEAGUE LOWEST

West 19-17 (131 pts.) Sturt 8-8 (56 pts.)

SECONDS

Glenelg 14-17 (101 pts.) Woodville 7-8 (50 pts.)

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	8,400
Unley	6,100
Prospect	7,650
Adelaide	24,000

Total 46,150

Torrens down for first time in season

In another crowd pleaser at Prospect, North stopped South's winning run, getting home by 25 points.

The home side showed their best form since beating Norwood in the opening series.

At Unley and Norwood only the winners could smile.

Beaten by South last week, West took it out on Sturt to the tune of a 75-point margin, when time was called.

Off the target for three quarters, Norwood got the angles right in the last term to kick 9-5 and win from Glenelg by 47 points.

West's big win has further boosted their high percentage, and they now head the premiers table with Torrens in second place.

Port are well placed one game away from the leaders with North and South disputing fourth place.

At Adelaide Oval Port and Torrens played a fast, evenly contested game.

The Eagles were unlucky to lose full back Searle in the second quarter. Their attack was unbalanced by the transfer of Shearman to fill the gap.

However, this was not the end of Torrens' misfortunes.

Star ruckman Bob Morrell had to leave the field in the last quarter.

Morrell, who had played brilliantly, stationed at centre half-forward for most of the game, suffered badly torn ligaments of a shoulder. He could be out of action for six to eight weeks.

If Morrell's injury proves as serious as it seems, he will miss the Brisbane car-

nival, for which he would have been an almost automatic selection.

Bob Hank reported that Port's roving was superior, and with Hannaford playing for the Magpies a role similar to Morrell's for Torrens, Port found Johns on top at the goalfront to take comfortable control in the closing stages.

Torrens captain Lindsay Head gave a brilliant display at centre.

South were unable to cope with North's ruck strength in the first half of the game at Prospect Oval.

Norwood edge

The home side's high marking and speed also unbalanced South, whose half-back line, usually a power, had a bad day against a vastly improved North attack.

South staged a great recovery in the third term when they forced a stalemate in ruck and took control across centre and half-forward.

The scores were level at the last change, but North showed they are on the way back with a powerful last quarter.

Sturt were no match for West at Unley.

With Kerley directing the West fliers had a field day. They established their superiority with a commanding first quarter, and were never seriously challenged.

Thompson won most of the hit-outs, but the West rovers got there first.

Winning rucks gave Norwood the edge over Glenelg at Norwood, but the Redlegs' failure to kick goals left them only two points up at the last change.

They found the target in the last term to win easily.

West Adelaide meet West Torrens at Richmond next Saturday to decide

the outright leader of the league competition for the time being.

Torrens have lost Morrell and Searle. Morrell, in particular, will be hard to replace.

The Eagles could make it interesting across centre, but West have the roving strength to swing the balance.

South will be on familiar ground again at Adelaide Oval against Norwood.

The Blue-and-Whites were not disgraced in losing to North today, but they badly need more height in ruck.

Bill Wedding will be South's big problem. If they can counter him they will be on the way to their fourth win.

In the remaining games, Port meet Sturt at Alberton and Glenelg are at home to North.

Port and North should be untroubled.

MORRELL HURT, OUT 6 WEEKS

State and Torrens ruckman Bob Morrell, who was a certainty for the Brisbane carnival side, will be out of action for six to eight weeks.

Returning to Torrens after a spell with injuries, he sustained torn ligaments in a shoulder and left the ground in the last term today.

Teammate Searle will be out with a knee injury, sustained today, for two weeks.

Brenchley and Dellar, of Norwood, sustained leg injuries, but these are not regarded as serious.

Haydn Linke, Glenelg, injured an ankle. The extent of the injury will not be known until tomorrow (Sunday).

North's Theo Lindner sustained slight concussion and went off in the last term.

NORWOOD LATE 9-GOAL BURST

By JEFF PASH

A tremendous nine-goal burst in the last quarter won the game for Norwood after they had bungled their attack against Glenelg for three quarters on the home ground today.

It was not a good game by any means.

The emphasis was on defence rather than attack, and untidy handling and mistakes in judgment were extremely common.

The game was vigorously fought, particularly in the first and third quarters the pace was on, but there was no violence.

In the run home in the last quarter, Norwood showed some of their 1960 style, and they should improve from this point. I should think.

Lost rover

The umpire had an unpopular day: in his anxiety to act quickly in the tight corners, he may have made a few mistakes, but his control was good and he gave the man in possession the run of the ball.

Norwood won the toss and chose what turned out to be the more difficult end. There seemed to be

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they were able to make occasional attacks on the rebound.

Herron opened brilliantly at centre and had a lot of play, and an attack just on the bell, from which Webber goaled, had the scores practically level at the first change. Norwood led by the odd point.

The second quarter was Norwood's. Their centre line now assumed control, as they were winning well on the wings, particularly on Modra's side, and their centreman, Ross, began to get established.

Glenelg were battling hard to save the rucks, but McMahon was a nuisance to them and Norwood's tearaway speed was getting the ball deep into attack over the heads of Linke, Sinclair, and Hunt.

Spoilt chances

Norwood spoilt their chances by kicking badly. By half-time Glenelg's more considered attack had kept them at least within touch—18 points down.

At half-time Glenelg reorganised their forward lines. Webber came out to centre half-forward, Hewett went to half-forward left, and Cutten took over at full forward.

The Bays proceeded to win this quarter, solely on the efficiency of their goal-getting. They scored four goals without a miss at regular intervals, before their run came to an end.

Norwood, on the other hand, steadily lost their hard-won advantage, and at the end of the term the scoreboard told the tale—Norwood 8-16, Glenelg 9-8.

The Bays had scored two goals from frees, and made fewer mistakes than Norwood, again from fewer opportunities.

In the last quarter Norwood sent Sawley to full forward, and scored two quick points.

Then three goals in about five minutes gave them an unshakeable grip of the game.

The Redlegs controlled

the rucks, and once the ball came back to the centre bounce they got it away without effort, thanks to the knocking out of Wedding and the strong, fast scouting of followers, rovers, and half-forwards.

Daly capped a good game with four goals scored in this quarter, and Sawley and Cousins each added two.

Glenelg lost their centre half-back, Linke, half-way through the term when the game had already been well lost.

The Bays managed to work forward occasionally in the intervals of Norwood's power attack, and did get two goals, but with no hope of doing any more.

At the bell Norwood were still going strong and 47 points ahead.

For Norwood I thought McMahon was the outstanding player, for a great fighting effort on the ball, rough and ready disposal notwithstanding. He made ground all the time.

Modra played strongly on the wing and won an important victory. Aish went well as usual at full-back. Oatey rucked with polish and determination.

Wedding, despite strong opposition, won through finally, and Ross, Daly (an excellent six-goal contribution), Cousins and Ralston played good games.

Strong game

For Glenelg Abley was a tower of strength at full-back. Herron had a brilliant first half and worked hard thereafter.

Sinclair played a strong game at half-back, as did Linke. Crompton got three goals and played solidly on the ball in his turn.

Branson went well in the ruck; Leahy and Staite gave good service in the back pockets. Hewett made good use of limited opportunities at half-forward.



McMahon Abley

very little wind and conditions were perfect for the game.

Norwood were unlucky to lose their first rover Brenchley, in the first five minutes.

He was replaced by Cousins, who went to centre wing and played a pretty good gam, as it turned out.

Ralston became the other rover and Vickers went from the wing to half-forward.

In a low-scoring quarter Norwood had slightly more of the play, doing better chiefly in the rucks; but their attack was very haphazard.

The Bays defended tightly, and with their half-backs combining well,

PROGRESSIVE VOTING

These are the leading votes recorded up to today for the Mildara Football Trophy:

F. HOGAN	12½
G. CHRISTIE	11
G. KINGSTON	10½
H. LINKE	10
J. HALBERT	10
B. BARBARY	10
W. HERRON	9½
J. CAHILL	9½
N. KERLEY	8½
D. PANIZZA	8
R. JACKSON	8
R. SHEARMAN	7½

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TROPHY

STAB KICKS

Two sights in the football at the Norwood Oval today were reminiscent of other years—the little Oatey left-foot quarter-distance pass that the early Jack did so well, and the flying Ray Hunt mark at half-back for Glenelg.

Robert Oatey will do nicely for Norwood and Chris Hunt has tons of ability. They're true sons of their fathers.

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TWENTY - FOUR thousand people saw the Port-Torrens clash at Adelaide Oval today. This was one of the biggest crowds at a minor round match ever, holidays excluded.

In the third quarter at Norwood Glenelg wingman Barnes most obligingly kept the ball from going out of bounds for the benefit of his opponent, whom apparently he did not see.

As Barnes fell over the line, he just managed to tap the ball back, and Norwood wingman Cousins picked it up and played it on without trouble.

COUSINS, Norwood nineteenth man, called into the game in the first five minutes, made the most of his lucky opportunity with a fine effort at centre wing.

He finished the day with a couple of long goals scored in Norwood's great last quarter burst.