

WEST, EAGLES AND PORT ALL HAVE GRIP ON FOUR

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
West	7	2	825	571	14	59.09
Torrens	7	2	820	623	14	56.83
Port	7	2	732	604	14	54.79
Norwood	4	5	717	662	8	51.99
North	4	5	712	708	8	50.14
South	4	5	667	849	8	43.99
Glenelg	3	6	751	945	6	44.28
Sturt	—	9	597	859	—	41.00

Three-game gap, then Norwood

By SAM GALLAGHER

Wins today to the three leaders, West, Torrens, and Port, over Norwood, South, and North, have opened up a three-game gap between third and fourth on the league premiers table.

With seven wins each and 10 games remaining in the minor round, the three leaders look assured of a place in the major round.

At Adelaide Oval, Sturt, looking for their first win for the season, led Glenelg at every change only to go down by five points in a tight finish.

This was the closest result of the day, although North gave Port a fright at Kensington.

The Magpies led by 35 points half-way through the last quarter and seemed to be headed for a comfortable win.

North, taking full advantage of Ports' relaxation, kicked 5-2 without reply from the Magpies.

With less than two minutes remaining North were only three points down.

The thrilling finish had the crowd roaring as Port winger Cahill gathered a North clearing kick and made the game safe.

Port and the State squad suffered a severe blow in this game when star full forward Rex Johns dislocated his shoulder in the first quarter.

The injury is likely to keep him out of action for four or five weeks.

With Johns probably not available, the form of Torrens full forward Geoff Kingston in getting nine goals today is all the more timely.

South led the Eagles by five points at half-time at Thebarton, but Torrens took control in a strong third quarter.

Head's dominance at centre and Kingston's brilliance at the goalkick gave Torrens a comfortable win.

At Richmond West and Norwood were locked together after two quarters of hard, defensive football.

Bob Hank, reporting this game, said that West's superior centre line, particularly in the second half, was a decisive factor.

Norwood switched rover Bob Oatey to the pivot late in the last quarter to try to curb John Ryan's influence, but West finished well to win by 20 points.

Leading by 21 points at half-time, Sturt looked well on the way to their first win for the season.

But Glenelg held the Blues to 2-5 in the second half and finished five points up.

Big match

Match of the day next Saturday will be between North and Torrens, at Prospect.

North will be all out to bridge the gap to the leading division, and with the home ground in their favor could trouble the Eagles.

Today North, unsettled by injuries and a reshuffle in positions, moved with any purpose only in the last term.

Torrens' efficiency in attack won well against South, and in this respect they are better balanced than North.

Much will depend on the composition of the teams. If North can restore their centre line I think they will win.

Port should beat Glenelg at the Bay, West will start favorites at Richmond against South, and Norwood should hold their tenuous grasp on a place in the four by beating Sturt at Unley.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: FAIR

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	2-3	3-8	6-12	9-15	69
Sturt	4-2	7-5	7-7	9-10	64

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Herron, Leahy, Abley, Butler, Beal, Hewett, Walton, Crompton. **STURT:** Hunter, Halbert, Fedrowytch, Blows, Hicks, Schoff, Thompson, Goodchild.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Walton 4.3, Crompton 3.0, Hewett 2.1, Schupelius 0.2, Cutten 0.2, Kernahan 0.1, Blackburn 0.1, Richens 0.1, Beal 0.1, Fraser 0.1, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Schoff 3.1, Kriewaldt 2.0, Richardson 1.2, McCarthy 1.2, Rigney 1.0, Williams 1.0, Halbert 0.3, Hicks 0.1, Thompson 0.1.

NO REPLACEMENTS in either team.

At Kensington

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-1	6-3	9-7	14-9	93
North	1-4	4-7	6-9	12-12	84

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: P. Obst, Motley, Cahill, Potter, Hannaford, T. Obst, McBain. **NORTH:** Barbary, T. Lindner, Whitford, Bubner, Hall, Simmons, D. Lindner.

SCORERS—PORT: P. Obst 3.1, Potter 2.1, Huddleston 2.1, Hannaford 2.0, Chant 2.0, Cahill 1.3, Johns 1.1, Marrett 1.0, Traynor 0.2. **NORTH:** Pascoe 3.3, Faggotter 3.0, Thomas 2.0, Hughes 2.0, D. Lindner 1.1, Whitford 1.0, Potts 0.5, Simmons 0.1, Bubner 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: R. Johns (dislocated shoulder), replaced by P. Chant first quarter. **NORTH:** M. Whitford (back), replaced by Bottruff last quarter.

At Richmond

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-3	4-5	9-11	11-16	82
N'wood	2-1	4-4	8-5	9-8	62

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Reu, Ryan, Kerley, Eustice, Shrubsole, Hogan, Benton, Tregenza. **NORWOOD:** Aish, Wedding, Oatey, Inglis, Miller, Lill, Farnham, Harrison.

SCORERS—WEST: Wright 3.1, Garnett 2.2, Kerley 2.1, Hogan 1.2, De Broughe 1.1, O'Driscoll 1.1, Ryan 1.1, Phipps 0.3, Roach 0.2, Lovegrove 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Oatey 3.0, Daly 2.1, Sawley 2.0, Brenchley 1.2, Lill 1.1, Vickers 0.2, Vivian 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Campbell (thigh) replaced by Costello during second term; O'Driscoll (shoulder) replaced by Lovegrove at three-quarter time. **NORWOOD:** Grantham (leg) replaced by Vivian at three-quarter time.

INJURIES—NORWOOD: Oatey sustained bad eye cut in last few moments. Ross to have dislocated finger X-rayed.

At Thebarton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-4	6-6	12-11	16-12	108
South	3-5	6-11	8-12	10-15	75

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Kingston, Head, Bills, Townsend, Rawson, Marcioro, Pill. **SOUTH:** Parkinson, Day Panizza, Jackson, Chirgwin, Kitchen, Hilder.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Kingston 9.4, Marchioro 2.1, Head 1.1, Pill 1.1, Cowling 1.0, Cavuoto 1.0, Mitchell 1.0, Bills 0.2, Young 0.2, Livesey 0.1. **SOUTH:** Jackson 4.2, Silva 2.1, Chirgwin 1.4, Day 1.2, Panizza 1.2, Kantilla 1.0, Lewis 0.2, Williams 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Russell (head injury) replaced by Castles in the last quarter. **SOUTH:** Kupsch (concussion) replaced by Backman in last quarter, Hilder (leg), replaced by Williams in the last quarter.

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Mtchs.	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	9.4	9	48.36
R. Johns (Port)	1.1	9	28.34
Crompton (Glenelg)	3.0	9	23.18
Hogan (West)	1.2	9	22.21
Phipps (West)	0.3	8	17.20
Kantilla (South)	1.0	9	16.18
Thomas (North)	2.0	8	16.14
Webber (Glenelg)	—	6	16.10
Wright (West)	3.1	6	16.9
Szwley (Norwood)	2.0	7	15.10
Richens (South)	0.1	9	14.14
Panizza (South)	1.2	8	14.11
Lill (Norwood)	1.1	9	13.13
Schoff (Sturt)	3.1	8	13.5

ATTENDANCES

Richmond	9,200
Kensington	8,250
Adelaide	7,500
Thebarton	6,500
Total	31,400

LEAGUE

HIGHEST	LOWEST
Torrens 16-12 (108 pts.)	Norwood 9-8 (62 pts.)
SECONDS	
Norwood 22-15 (147 pts.)	North 4-11 (35 pts.)

TOO MUCH LEFT IN HAND FOR STURT

Glenelg saved by dashing finish

By BO MORTON

Appearing well-beaten at the half-way mark, the Tigers outpaced and outstayed Sturt to take the points in a thrilling finish at Adelaide Oval today.

Only five points separated the two teams at the siren.

Sturt won the rucks early, but Herron was scouting cleverly on the defensive side.

Persistent efforts were made to unsettle Clayton Thompson.

At the end of the first quarter the game was close. But even then, had Glenelg taken full toll of their opportunities, they may well have been in front.

Their forward play in this term was atrocious. But against this was the superb defence of Gus Hunter, who was easily best on the ground in this term.

From the outset in the second quarter, Sturt carried too many guns for the Tigers. They were on top in ruck and their forward line was functioning in unison with Schoff, McCarthy and, to a lesser degree, Goodchild co-operating well and kicking accurately.

At this stage the standard of the game was good. The kicking was well directed in midfield and umpire Lees was allowing plenty of latitude to the player in possession — a distinctively commendable interpretation.

Halbert and Herron carried on a great duel at centre. Both exerted a tremendous influence on the game and kicked long and well to position.

Sturt, until half-time, looked a better team. They had a very good second quarter, but from there on were pegged back by a determined and resolute Tiger team.

Late in this term, Schoff was moved to full forward. The move was hard to follow in the circumstances as Kriewaldt kicked two goals and did reasonably well.

At the half-way mark Sturt were 21 points in front. Glenelg could have been closer had they converted the easy chances in front of goal. Never-

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theless, Sturt appeared to hold them safely at this stage.

The third term found Walton at full forward and this may have paid off even better than it appeared. He kicked four goals and handled cleverly to teammates.

Glenelg staged a great comeback in this term and had their thinking in front of centre been a little more constructive, they surely would have held a handy lead at the last change.

They had the ball in front of centre for 80 per cent. of the time.

The last quarter was a thriller.

Sturt faltered. They moved Goodchild to centre half-forward and McCarthy to the flank. Thompson, still battling hard in ruck, was obviously tired. Rigney could hardly stand.

Sturt had two very fresh players on the fence who could well have swung the game if thrown in on the ball.

Scented win

It was all Glenelg in the final stages and they appeared to find a new lease of life.

Herron, Butler, and Leahy were magnificent in the last quarter. They really scented a win and kept Sturt out with sheer, courageous football. One mark taken by Leahy was a matchwinner.

Umpire Lees gave a refreshing interpretation, particularly on the ever-contentious holding the ball rule.

He favored the man who was sufficiently capable and courageous enough to gain possession and from thereon he gave this player everything. I liked his display.



Herron Blows

I think the biggest single influence in the game was the duel between Herron and Halbert. They broke even until half-time, but from then on it was Herron.

Both are great team players with the desire to push on with the game and not let their forwards become covered before disposal.

Damaging

Altogether, Herron was best on the ground. He played four quarters of real football — playing on, driving in, and assisting his team from start to finish.

Rex Leahy rates high, particularly in the last half when he marked and cleared as though his life depended on it. Close to him were Abley, Butler, Beal, who defeated King hands down at centre wing. Hewett, Walton, and Crompton, who was very damaging in the dying stages.

For Sturt, Hunter stood alone. He showed great judgment in attacking the ball, cleared with intelligent disposal, and was not beaten on the day. Halbert I have mentioned — a great team man and never gives up.

Others to do well were Federowytch, a promising junior, Blows, a rather quietly effective game, Hicks, Schoff, and the old reliables, Thompson and Goodchild.