

North jolted in stride to 'four'

REDLEGS CLINCH FORM REVIVAL

By SAM GALLAGHER

Norwood left no doubt about their return to form with a smashing 65-point win over final four challenger North at Norwood today.

Briefly in the top four after their fine win over West last week, North lost fourth ranking as a result of their defeat and Torrens' comfortable 35-point margin over Sturt.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Points	Prem.	%
Port	11	1	—	1258	733	22	63.18	
Norwood	8	3	1	1195	855	17	55.58	
West	8	4	—	1260	867	16	59.23	
Torrens	6	5	1	978	866	13	53.03	
North	6	6	—	1012	989	12	50.57	
Glenelg	6	6	—	1065	1143	12	48.23	
Sturt	2	10	—	864	1263	4	40.62	
South	—	12	—	693	1509	—	31.47	

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: PERFECT

At Norwood

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	7-4	11-9	15-11	17-18	120
North	2-2	5-6	6-9	7-13	55

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding, Oatey, Bowe, Grantham, Sawley, Vickers, Modra, Daly.

NORTH: D. Lindner, Gambling, T. Lindner, Hammond, Paull, Gilbourne, Trenorden.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Daly 4.2, Oatey 3.3, Amery 3.0, Lill 2.4, Vickers 2.3, Feehan 2.0, Wedding 1.0, Sawley 0.3, Bowe 0.1, Grantham 0.1, rushed 0.1.

NORTH: Martin 2.4, Gilbourne 1.2, Ashby 1.1, Barbary 1.1, D. Lindner 1.1, Heading 1.0, Whitford 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Oatey (leg injury) replaced by Dellar in the last quarter.

NORTH: Paull (leg injury) replaced by Thomas in the last quarter. Pascoe (leg) replaced by Bubber in the last quarter.

At Thebarton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	2-3	6-5	8-7	10-9	69
Sturt	1-1	2-1	4-1	5-4	34

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Head, Gould, Landers, Hawke, Shearman, Bills, Braidwood, Graham.

STURT: Smith, Rigney, Jarrett, Hicks, Halbert, Murphy, Adcock.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Hawke 6.2, Braidwood 3.3, Pill 1.0, Shearman 0.1, Dix 0.1, Head 0.1, Gould 0.1.

STURT: Jarrett 1.1, Rigney 1.0, Coulter 1.0, Hicks 1.0, Murphy 1.0, Fitzgerald 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Dix replaced by Wright in last quarter. **STURT:** Wiebusch replaced by Jones at three-quarter time.

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-3	9-10	10-16	12-17	89
Glenelg	4-3	5-3	9-6	12-12	84

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Obst, Cahill, Potter, Matters, Hayes, Gill, Marrett. **GLENELG:** Fraser, Richens, Long, Cutten, Davies, Hewett, Abley.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 3.2, Matters 3.1, Potter 2.5, Traynor 1.2, Luke 1.1, Hannaford 1.1, Obst 1.0, Marrett 0.2, Tierney 0.1, Cahill 0.1, Bray 0.1.

GLENELG: Davies 3.0, Richens 2.2, Cutten 2.2, Campbell 1.2, Kernahan 1.1, Fraser 1.1, Sinclair 1.0, Herron 1.0, Linke 0.1, Rowe 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Bray (leg) replaced by Chant during final term. **GLENELG:** Payne replaced by Webber during last quarter.

At Richmond

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-6	17-10	21-10	32-12	204
South	0-0	2-1	8-5	10-6	66

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Hogan, Wright, Eustice, Thomas, Benton, Sara, Garnett. **SOUTH:** Judd, R. Roennfeldt, Backman, Johnston, Ball, Kantilla.

GOALKICKERS—WEST: Hogan 8.3, Wright 7.2, Thomas 5.3, Garnett 4.0, Sara 2.0, Benton 1.2, Ryan 1.0, Williams 1.0, Kerley 1.0, Tregenza 1.0, Reu 1.0, Johnson 0.2. **SOUTH:** Judd 7.1, Backman 2.2, Kantilla 1.2, Rehn 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Roach (thigh muscle) replaced by Hogan in first term. Williams (thigh muscle) replaced by Pope at half-time. **SOUTH:** Wilson (kicked knee) replaced by Gibbs at quarter time.

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	3-2	12	46-34
Hogan (West)	8-3	11	34-21
Kingston (Torrens)	—	9	33-23
Lill (Norwood)	2-4	12	32-24
D. Thomas (West)	5-3	11	31-30
Backman (South)	2-2	11	30-14
Hawke (Torrens)	6-2	11	26-26
Potter (Port)	2-5	12	26-26
Hicks (Sturt)	1-0	12	25-24
Richens (Glenelg)	2-2	11	24-20
Sawley (Norwood)	0-3	12	23-26

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	16,000
Adelaide	12,500
Thebarton	8,000
Richmond	3,500
Total	40,000

GLENELG'S DOUG BLACKBURN (left) leaps into position on this human totem pole to punch the ball clear of Ian Hannaford's hands in the Glenelg-Port Adelaide match at Adelaide Oval. Players on the ground are Glenelg's captain Doug Long (foreground) and Graham Eime (Port, obscured by Long). An unidentified Port player is in the background.

Magpies worried

Only the Port-Glenelg game at Adelaide Oval held spectators' interest throughout. In a thrilling second half recovery, the Bays failed by five points against the league leader. At Richmond, West kicked a colossal 32-12 to win from South by 138 points. A brilliant first quarter quarter by Norwood paved the way for a fine win over North. Despite Brian Gambling's great game on Red-leg star John Lill, Norwood were in everything as Bill Wedding dominated the centre bounces. A winning centre line and fine roving by Oatey and Amery gave North no hope of getting back into

the game. At Adelaide, Port won the centre line and defended strongly to lead by 31 points at half-time. The Bays were unsettled by last-minute changes, but came back in fine style in the third quarter. Bob Hank reporting this game, said that the switch of Herron from defence to attack was the start of the Bay recovery. Fraser, a late inclusion on the wing, and Richens were in everything as Glenelg fought to a brief one-point lead in the last quarter. The Magpies, goalless in the third quarter and under extreme pressure in the last, just managed to get home. After the Richmond re-

sult, South must hate the sight of West. Three seasons ago, the Red-and-Blacks annihilated the Panthers in similar fashion in the last minor-round game. In kicking the season's highest score, West had their quicksilver attack working to perfection. Hogan, brought into the game as a replacement when Roach retired hurt in the first quarter, kicked eight goals. He and Wright, in a devastating roving onslaught, got 15 of West's 32 goals. Following next week's interstate game, North or Glenelg, drawn to meet at Kensington, could again force a change in the composition of the top four. If Norwood beat Torrens at Adelaide, the winner of the Kensington clash will move into fourth place. Port meet West at Alton in the other big game of the July 21 series.

PORT JUST HELD BATTLING BAYS

By BOB HANK

Port, the league football leaders, just held off a determined fast finish by Glenelg to scrape in by 5 points at Adelaide Oval this afternoon.

The Magpies should have had the game sewn up at half-time with a dominating second quarter.

But they managed only three goals from 10 scoring tries, and although restricting the Tigers to a solitary goal, left themselves open to possible Glenelg fightback. The Tigers successfully launched their counter attack after half-time. Port's accuracy deteriorated further, and materially aided Glenelg to keep in touch and give themselves a chance in the run home.

Recast side

Glenelg were forced to recast their side when Butler, Haydn Linke, and Beal withdrew before the game because of injuries persisting from last week, or, with Butler, from a leg injury sustained at training. A strange move was placing crack attacking player Bill Herron at half the back pocket, Fraser to back, with Hunt going to the wing, and former defender Graham Sinclair on a half-forward flank. Fraser went like a bomb from the start, and with Hewett at least on terms with Obst, Glenelg had a good springboard for their early attacks.

But the Magpie backmen, although not spectacular, were sound in their defensive work, and with Cahill bouncing them forward from his wing, Port held an early advantage. The following divisions were evenly matched, and with the rovers taking in

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in turns to get the ball away from the crushes, it was a ding-dong battle raging in an attempt to gain a decisive break. Port made the first real gain when Obst and Tierney joined Cahill to give the Magpies a centre line advantage. And with their defenders still on top of the Glenelg attack, only their inaccuracy prevented them from capitalising on this gain. After half-time Glenelg had Herron back at half-forward. Davies had been the only Bay forward of note in the first half. But with Herron and Cutten, who finally broke loose from the bustling attention of Elleway, giving Davies support, Glenelg looked much better in front of centre. Fraser began to generate power again after a slight lapse in the second quarter, but the stumbling block for the Tigers was at full forward, where Rowe was unable to get into the act — partly through his own fault and partly because of the rugged spoiling of McBain and Gill across full back. Short passing often came unstuck, but with the Bays' resting ruckman also unable to make up for Rowe's failure, the Glenelg forwards lacked confidence in driving well into goal. Obst, marking and kicking strongly from centre, saw some of his good play reap poor reward as the Magpie forwards continued to miss the goals. Just before the siren,



P. Obst Fraser

Johns momentarily broke free of Abley's close attentions to goal—their only one from seven tries and a valuable one when the five-point winning margin is considered. Beginning the final term 16 points down, the Glenelg side were inspired to a supreme effort by Cutten's quick goal. Richens, Herron, Cutten, and Fraser forced gaps through the previously solid Port defence. However, it was Glenelg's turn to be off the target, and apart from a brilliant goal from Richens, several relatively easy ones were missed at critical times. A Fraser snap from close in missed by a whisker to give the Tigers a lead of one point, but Hannaford's fortunate goal restored Port's shaky lead with about eight minutes of play left. Rex Johns settled the issue with another timely goal, and although Neil Davies fought hard to kick his third goal, the siren was too close. Port must have sighed with relief as victory went their way in the hectic finish.

Peter Obst again gave a cool, calculated display at midfield, although he received strong opposition from opponent Don Hewett. Cahill won his wing fairly convincingly to swing the balance of power across centre just in favor of the winners. Potter and Matters were busy rovers and shared the spoils with Richens and Campbell — a logical outcome with neither side able to gain a distinct advantage in ruckwork. Originally chosen as Glenelg's nineteenth man, Fraser came in as Beal's replacement and turned on a dashing display highlighted by thoughtful and accurate disposal. Richens again roved in a mazy manner, and I was impressed with my first look at captain-coach Long, whose marking, particularly in defence was of the highest order. Davies had a great tussle with Hayes, and although Hayes was one of Port's strongest defenders, the Glenelg half-forward was a constant thorn in the side of Port's defence.

