

FIGHT FOR FINAL FOUR BEGINS TO CLOSE UP

By SAM GALLAGHER

In a game which blew up into an all-in brawl in the last quarter, Port beat West at Alberton by 32 points to streak away to a seven-point margin at the head of the league premiers table.

With their place in the four at stake, Torrens confounded the critics in beating favorites Norwood by 25 points at Adelaide Oval.

Five teams in keen struggle

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	12	1	—	1335	778	24	63.18	
Norwood	8	4	1	1262	1047	17	54.65	
West	8	5	—	1305	944	16	58.02	
Torrens	7	5	1	1070	933	15	53.41	
Glenelg	7	6	—	1147	1192	14	49.03	
North	6	7	—	1061	1071	12	49.76	
Sturt	3	10	—	941	1321	6	41.60	
South	—	13	—	751	1586	—	32.13	

Glenelg moved ahead of North into fifth place.

Norwood, West, Torrens, Glenelg, and North are fighting for three minor places in the four.

Strongly led by Doug Long, they went away from a ragged North in the last quarter at Kensington to win by 33 points.

As a result of today's games only three premiers points separate Norwood, second, and Glenelg, fifth.

The Bays meet West at Glenelg next Saturday while Norwood and Torrens are drawn against Sturt and South.

More efficient

A more efficient attack gave Sturt a hard-earned 19-point win over South at Unley.

Bob Hank saw the sensational climax to the Alberton game.

A strong breeze straight down the ground held

both sides scoreless at the northern goal in the first half.

Full-forward Rex Johns, goalless in the first two quarters, became a match-winner with five of Port's eight goals after half-time.

Before the trouble in the last quarter, the game had been a typical Port-West affair, simmering just below boiling point.

Determined

In the face of a determined return to form by Torrens, Norwood were unable to produce anything like the football that left North standing a fortnight ago.

Although Torrens were strengthened by the return of Kingston, Russell, Butler, and Townsend, they had to make good the loss of Head who was a late withdrawal with flu.

Even so the Eagles won across centre. Landers at half-back played a major part in their win by subduing the brilliant Lill.

Glenelg's form in beating North at Kensington was good enough to inspire confidence in their ability to topple West at the Bay next week.

The Tigers' form is at least as good as when they last made the four in 1959.

A strong half-forward line is their main attacking strength but there is power in every division with perhaps a lack of height across half-back and inconsistency on the wings being the chief worries at present.

With Torrens drawn against South next Saturday, the Bays will probably have to beat West to stay in touch.

If they can do this, their chance to get into the four will come the following week when they meet Sturt and Port meet Torrens at Alberton.

However, this round will be played while the State team is in Perth and could produce surprises.

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: WINDY

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3-6	5-11	11-16	12-20	92
Norwood	2-3	7-7	8-9	9-13	67

BEST PLAYERS—WEST TORRENS: Landers, Bills, Russell, Shearman, Lucas, Kingston, Gould.
NORWOOD: Kneebone, Bowe, Sawley, Aish, Faehan, Oatey, Wedding.

SCORERS—WEST TORRENS: Kingston 4.4, Hawke 3.5, Shearman 2.1, Robertson 1.3, Towns- end 1.1, Gould 1.1, Butler 0.1, Bills 0.1, rushed 0.3.
NORWOOD: Sawley 2.3, Lill 2.1, Oatey 2.0, Amery 1.2, Wedding 1.1, Feehan 1.0, Koch 0.1, Kite 0.1, Vickers 0.1, Daly 0.1, Grantham 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST TORRENS: Livesey (ankle) replaced by Gibson at half-time. **NORWOOD:** Inglis (bruised leg) replaced by Kite at half-time. Vickers (bruised leg) replaced by Koch in third term.

At Kensington

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	4-3	7-8	7-9	11-16	82
North	2-4	3-7	6-12	6-13	49

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Long, Cutten, Kendall, Richens, H. Linke, Kernahan, Barnes, Hewett.
NORTH ADELAIDE: D. Lindner, Trenorden, Barbary, Hammond, Kent, Paull, Gambling.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Cutten 4.0, Kernahan 2.2, Staite 1.3, Richens 1.3, Rowe 1.3, Campbell 1.0, Blackburn 1.0, Davies 0.2, Fraser 0.1, Herron 0.1, rushed 0.1.
NORTH ADELAIDE: Martin 2.3, Thomas 1.2, Whitford 1.2, Heading 1.1, Kent 1.1, Gilbourne 0.2, Pascoe 0.1, Paull 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Beal (back) replaced by A. Linke in second quarter, Fraser (ankle) replaced by French last quarter. **NORTH ADELAIDE:** Heading (foot) replaced by Craig at half-time, Hughes (shoulder) replaced by Whitford in second quarter.

At Alberton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	0-0	3-6	6-7	11-11	77
West	3-7	3-7	5-9	6-9	45

BEST PLAYERS—PORT ADELAIDE: Motley, Hannaford, Potter, Johns, Obst, Traynor, Elleway, Cahill.
WEST ADELAIDE: Sara, Kerley, Reu, Shrubsole, Wright, Benton, Trezenza.

SCORERS—PORT ADELAIDE: Johns 5.3, Traynor 1.3, Potter 1.2, Hannaford 1.1, Gill 1.0, Cahill 1.0, Tierney 1.0, Matters 0.1, rushed 0.1.
WEST ADELAIDE: Thomas 2.0, Hogan 1.2, Wright 1.1, Thompson 1.0, Garnett 1.0, Kerley 0.1, Ryan 0.1, Johnson 0.1 Day 0.1, DeBrouge 0.1, Benton 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT ADELAIDE: Obst (broken blood vessel, shin) replaced by Chant during final term, Marrett (knee) replaced by Philip in last quarter. **WEST ADELAIDE:** Bennetts (leg) replaced by Campbell at three-quarter time, Day (cramp) replaced by Wallace during final quarter.

REPORTS: Johnson (WA) was reported by Goal Umpire Harrison for allegedly striking Tierney (PA), Hogan (WA) was reported by Boundary Umpire Whelan for allegedly striking Motley (PA), Ryan (WA) was reported by Field Umpire Mackay for allegedly striking Hayes (PA), Kerley (WA) was reported by Field Umpire Mackay for allegedly striking Tierney (PA).

At Unley

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-5	3-6	7-14	10-17	77
South	0-4	4-5	6-9	8-10	58

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Cunningham, Hicks, Smith, Rigney, Clarke, Adcock, Halbert.
SOUTH ADELAIDE: Backman, Wilson, Ball, Schmidt, Kantilla, Gibbs, Johnston, R. Roennfeldt.

SCORERS—STURT: Enright 3.2, Clarke 2.2, Hicks 1.5, Halbert 1.1, Short 1.1, Adcock 1.0, Sims 1.0, Jones 0.2, Rigney 0.1, Murphy 0.1, Wiebusch 0.1, rushed 0.1.
SOUTH ADELAIDE: Backman 5.0, Ball 2.1, Jackson 1.1, Parker 0.2, Kantilla 0.2, Grove 0.1, Johnston 0.1, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Westphalen (injured leg) replaced by Roberts in the third quarter, Rigney (leg) replaced by Jones in the last quarter.
SOUTH ADELAIDE: Nil.

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	18,400
Alberton	10,500
Kensington	7,000
Unley	3,500

Total 39,400

term and played a big part in Glenelg's fine first quarter; Kendall was most impressive at half-back and Richens roved strongly throughout.

Brilliant

Don Lindner was best

for North, reaching a peak in a brilliant third quarter.

Trenorden was rugged and safe at half-back, Barbary was effective on the wing and Hammond, although troubled at times by Rowe, played strongly at full back.

FIRST QUARTER PAVED WAY

Bays squashed North revival

By SAM GALLAGHER

A fine first quarter into a strong breeze paved the way for Glenelg's convincing 33-point win over North in a hard-fought game at Kensington.

Outplayed throughout the first half, North got back into the game with a determined third-quarter recovery, holding Glenelg to one point.

But it was a dying effort. After North had attacked briefly through Barbary's wing, Glenelg took charge.

A strong half-back line now held the Red-and-Whites down to a single point while the Bays added 4-7.

Good start

Trenorden won first use of a strong north-westerly and Kent gave them a good start in ruck.

H. Linke stopped North's early thrusts and then Kernahan swung the initiative to the Bays.

Sweeping from centre through a dominant half-forward line, the Bays ran to a 12-point lead.

North retaliated with two fine snaps by Martin and Heading, but the Bays' approach to goal was much more methodical.

Cutten was devastating

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at centre half-forward and Davies' handball to the player coming through from centre put the North defence under heavy pressure.

The Bays' height at the goalfront where Rowe, Kernahan, and Staite all marked well, was another North worry.

North quickly had Gambling across to oppose Cutten, but with centre line and rovers struggling they found it hard to make their way in attack.

Don Lindner on the ball provided what little impetus there was at this stage.

Two off

Soon after the change Whitford replaced Hughes for North, and A. Linke came on for Glenelg in place of Beal.

Glenelg's failure to go for distance with the breeze allowed North to

get within measurable range early in the second term.

Don Lindner kept the pressure up but Kent missed a chance to put the scores in touch and Glenelg went away to a 25-point lead at half-time.

Long's fine marking in the back pocket was a stumbling block for North who found the Bay defence generally too steady.

In control

Hewett's quiet control of centre and Richens' fine roving allowed Glenelg to attack constantly late in the term.



D. Long D. Lindner

North lost Heading at half-time. Craig was the replacement. Pascoe started at half-forward left and Gilbourne became second rover.

Trenorden's solid defence stopped Glenelg consolidating their handy lead and North, inspired by a fine quarter from Don Lindner, took charge.

Barbary, Bloch, and Paull took the points across centre in this term and play became heated as North cut the Bays' lead.

Inaccuracy and some fine defence by Barnes, Abley, and Long allowed Glenelg to turn for home three points clear.

The margin was slight enough and Barbary twice attacked for North before tenacious roving by Campbell drove Glenelg forward for Blackburn to goal.

From that stage on Glenelg were not in danger. Cutten, switched to full forward, got two goals to finish a good game on a high note.

Long's fine marking in defence and steady field play made him best for the Bays. Cutten was shaded only in the third



CONFIDENTLY CLUTCHING the ball, Glenelg's Ambrose Linke breaks away from North Adelaide rover Bill Thomas at Kensington Oval today.

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TROPHY

Voting (3, 2, and 2 points) by The Sunday Mail football experts for the Mildara Trophy.

These are the leading votes recorded for the Mildara Football Trophy:

C. Richens (G)	18½
T. Lindner (NA)	18
D. Hicks (St.)	17½
K. Wedding (N)	16½
L. Head (WT)	15½
N. Kerley (WA)	15
B. Sawley (N)	15
G. Motley (SA)	14½
R. Rigney (St.)	14
J. Lill (N)	14
D. Hewett (G)	14
L. Backman (SA)	13½