● Redlegs may miss double chance

FIGHT FOR FOUR FAR FROM OVER

Today's details at a glance

WEATHER: Fine—GROUND: Firm.

At Thebarton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	3—3	5—8	9—9	16—12	108
Glenelg	1—3	3—7	5—9	5—14	44

BEST PLAYERS — **WEST TORRENS:** Head, Rawson, Hawke, Gibson, Braidwood, Livesey, Cowling. **GLENELG:** Cutten, Davies, Sinclair, Hunt, Staite, Barnes, A. Linke.

SCORERS — **WEST TORRENS:** Hawke 3.3, Kingston 3.3, Robertson 3.2, Gould 3.0, Head 1.1, Bills 1.0, Dix 1.0, Pill 1.0, Livesey 0.1, Gibson 0.1, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Rowe 2.3, Webber 2.1, Davies 1.2, Staite 0.2, Cutten 0.2, Campbell 0.1, Richens 0.1, rushed 0.2

REPLACEMENTS — **WEST TORRENS:** Landers and Cowling replaced by Townsend and Young last quarter. **GLENELG:** Nil.

At Unley

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4—4	7—8	14—11	16—15	111
Sturt	1—2	5—4	9—8	12—14	86

SCORERS — **PORT ADELAIDE:** Johns 7.5, Traynor 2.3, Virgo 2.3, Luke 2.1, Philp 1.1, Gill 1.1, Bray 1.0, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Hicks 5.2, Jones 3.2, Sawley 2.0, Halbert 1.2, Kriewaldt 1.1, McCarthy 0.3, Kutcher 0.1, Murphy 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS — **PORT ADELAIDE:** Johns, T. Obst, Gill, Cahill, Cooper, McBain, Philp. **STURT:** Halbert, Smith, Hicks, Schoff, Adcock, Sawley, Jones.

REPLACEMENTS — **PORT ADELAIDE:** Chant (kicked shin) replaced by Thompson in third term. **STURT:** Pedowytch (concussion) replaced by Clarke in third term.

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5—1	10—8	12—13	19—16	130
South	2—1	2—2	4—5	6—7	43

BEST PLAYERS—**WEST:** Benton, Hogan, Shrubsole, Kerley, Thomas, Garnett, Wright. **SOUTH:** Ploenges, Kantilla, Johnston, Durbridge, R. Roennfeldt, Judd, Foster.

SCORERS — **WEST ADELAIDE:** Benton 3.2, Garnett 3.0, Hogan 2.4, Wright 2.3, Thompson 2.2, Thomas 2.0, Bray 2.0, Brooks 1.1, Eustice 1.0, Kerley 1.0, DeBroughe 0.1, Day 0.1, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH ADELAIDE:** Judd 1.2, Wilson 1.1, Skuse 1.1, Backman 1.0, Lewis 1.0, Shipsides 1.0, Kantilla 0.2, Jackson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — **WEST ADELAIDE:** Nil. **SOUTH ADELAIDE:** Hilder (split lip) replaced by Grove at half-time.

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3—6	6—9	10—12	11—14	80
Norwood	1—1	4—3	5—4	10—11	71

SCORERS — **NORTH ADELAIDE:** Martin 2.3, Potts 2.3, Kent 2.1, Trenorden 2.0, Ashby 1.2, D. Lindner 1.2, Geisler 1.2, Barbary 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Oatey 3.3, Daly 3.1, Lill 2.2, Bland 1.0, Modra 1.0, Amery 0.1, McMahon 0.1, Wedding 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS — **NORTH ADELAIDE:** D. Lindner, Pascoe, Potts, Power, Paull, Kent, T. Lindner, Geisler. **NORWOOD:** Bowe, Wedding, Kneebone, Aish, Modra, Kite, Feehan, Johnson.

REPLACEMENTS — **NORTH ADELAIDE:** Gambling (injured leg) replaced by Bubner in the last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Koch (leg injury) replaced by McMahon at three-quarter time. Grantham (leg) replaced by Harrison in the last quarter.

Premiership table

	W.	L.	D.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
Port	15	1	—	1646	985	30	62.56
West	10	6	—	1662	1185	20	58.37
Torrens	9	6	1	1366	1115	19	55.05
Norwood	9	6	1	1592	1309	19	54.87
Glenelg	9	7	—	1419	1492	18	48.74
North	7	9	—	1266	1329	14	48.78
Sturt	3	13	—	1174	1721	6	40.55
South	1	15	—	919	1908	2	32.50

GOALKICKERS

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	7.5	16	67.46
Lill (Norwood)	2.2	16	43.31
Hogan (West)	2.4	15	42.31
Kingston (Torrens)	3.3	12	41.34
Hawke (Torrens)	3.3	15	40.40
D. Hicks (Sturt)	5.2	16	40.37
Backman (South)	1.0	15	38.21
D. Thomas (West)	2.0	15	36.32
Potter (Port)	—	14	30.28
Benton (West)	3.2	16	29.25
Sawley (Norwood)	—	15	28.31
Amery (Norwood)	0.1	15	28.27
M. Martin (North)	2.3	8	28.26

ATTENDANCES

Thebarton Oval	14,300
Adelaide Oval	5,500
Prospect Oval	8,300
Unley Oval	5,700
Total	33,800

PROGRESSIVE VOTING

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

D. Hicks (S) 23½
L. Head (W) 21½
K. Wedding (N) .. 21
C. Richens (G) .. 20½
T. Lindner (NA) . 18
D. Lindner (NA) . 17½
R. Schoff (S) 15½
R. Shearman (WT) 15
N. Kerley (WA) .. 15
B. Sawley (N) .. 15
D. Kantilla (SA) .. 15

Drink the best, drink
MILDARA
WINES & BRANDIES

By SAM GALLAGHER

Beaten by nine points in a shock result at Prospect today, Norwood dropped from second to fourth and are unlikely to share the double chance with Port.

North's reversal of form following last week's loss to bottom team South further clouds the outcome of the remaining three minor round games, and the composition of the final four.

West moved into second place.

Norwood's defeat and West's own 87-point margin over South at Adelaide contributed to their advance.

The Torrens-Glenelg clash at Thebarton was something of an anti-climax. The Eagles went right away after a rugged first half, and won as they liked, by 64 points.

This put Torrens back in the leading division after the Tigers' brief occupancy of fourth position.

Port had a comfortable 25-point win over Sturt at Unley, but the Blues, inspired by Halbert's brilliant return to form at centre, made a fine game of it.

Johns' seven goals at full-forward for the Magpies were decisive.

Port now have a majestic 10-point margin over West in second position.

These teams meet next week at Alberton.

Three weeks ago the Magpies broke away in the last term of the season's fiercest clash.

Two of Port's stars in that game, Motley and Potter are now on the injured list while Hayes and Tierney, who also took part, are casualties, too.

The Red-and-Blacks have a great opportunity to make sure of the double chance and this game should draw a big crowd.

Norwood and Torrens meet in another game that neither side can afford to lose.

The winner can probably count on winning one more game and this should be enough to hold a place in the four.

The loser, on the other hand, will probably be replaced immediately by Glenelg, drawn against South at the Bay next week.

They will then have to win the remaining two games, or rely upon North to beat Glenelg at Prospect in the last minor-round series.

As Torrens and Norwood meet West and Port respectively in this series, their ability to win the last two games is problematical, so both will be flat out next week.

Before today, Glenelg could have faced their match against North at Prospect with a good deal more confidence than would now be justified.

Key factor

The Red-and-Whites, although out of the fight themselves, have emerged as a key factor in the final composition of the four.

Their win over Norwood today was established in the first three quarters.

The recast half-back line was too strong for the usually powerful Redleg half-forwards, and Don Lindner's great game on the ball gave North an edge.

Norwood finished with desperate determination to come from 32 points down at the last change to be only four points away near the end, but Potts typically put the scores out of touch in a late North rally.

Torrens' win over Glenelg was inspired by a great game from Lindsay Head.

The Eagles' long-kicking game gradually left the Bays behind, and it was all Blue-and-Gold in a tame finish.

EAGLES LONG ATTACK A BIG WIN FACTOR

By SAM GALLAGHER

After an even first half, Torrens' long-kicking attack inspired by an outstanding game from Head, shot the Eagles away to a 64-point win over Glenelg at Thebarton.

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Up to half-time it was a battle of the defences.

Both centre half-forwards were in form but, close to goal, Rawson and Braidwood for Torrens, Abley and Barnes for Glenelg, gave little away.

Courageous

Across centre Head won all day, and the wings, Cowling and Livesey, won all but the first term.

Despite a strong first half by Staite, what advantage there was in ruck was in Torrens' favor.

A courageous roving game by Gibson added to the centre line and ruck superiority, gradually wore the Tigers down and reduced them in the end to a very rattled side.

Torrens, with Hawke in complete charge at centre half-forward, kicked 7-3 to four points in the last quarter.

Torrens full forward Geoff Kingston passed a fitness test at Thebarton Oval this morning and took his place in the side with his thigh heavily strapped.

Head won the toss and kicked first to the southern end into a slight breeze.

It was 17 minutes before Head, brilliant at centre, made the opening for the Eagles' first goal from Gould.

L. Head P. Cutten

Glenelg's opening had been promising.

The speed of Fraser and A. Linke on the wings and a good start at half-forward by Cutten and Davies, put Torrens on the defensive.

But the Eagles' attack down the middle of the ground, as Hawke began to grab the high ones, was more productive.

At the other end of the ground, Braidwood and Rawson on the last line were equal to almost everything put to them.

Early in the second term, as Cutten began to be clearly superior to Landers, Glenelg fought to within five points, when Davies' fine running shot went through.

But Torrens responded at once and this was the pattern throughout the game.

Head drove a great long drop kick from half forward for full points, and the quarter ended with the Eagles assuming control right across centre.

Glenelg put Westley to centre after the break, Herron going to half-forward.

The second half opened like the first rugged defence predominating.

But the Eagles, with Head unchallenged at centre, soon began to take more definite control.

After a quiet first half, Gould broke away from Hunt's close checking to get into the game, and although Hawke was quiet the Eagles established themselves as winners in this term.

Highlight of the quarter was a bullet-like pass by Gibson to Kingston whose 60-yard punt sailed through for a goal.

Cutten was outstanding early in the last quarter as the Bays fought to get back into the game, but after Rowe missed from fairly easy range it was all Torrens.

Head found Kingston for another long-range goal and then, as the Bay defence reeled, Hawke became irresistible and Torrens kicked a further 6-2 to 3 points.

It was a tame finish to a game that was itself something of an anti-climax.

If any one player killed the Bay hopes it was Head. He was unbeaten.

Rawson hardly put a foot wrong in the back pocket, and Hawke played three very good quarters.

Gibson's courage and good disposal made him the best of the rovers, and Braidwood held full-back.

Cutten was easily Glenelg's best. Although Landers frequently put the Eagles into attack with long driving dropkicks, he was not able to counter Cutten's marking and quick ground play.

Davies, moving with something like his old freedom now, played with dash and skill in attack. Sinclair defended well on the resting ruckmen, and Hunt on the other half-back flank also did well.

STAB KICKS

It's not often a shot for goal skittles a goal umpire, but this happened at Prospect Oval today.

Norwood rover Bob Oatey was taking no chances with his second goal. He ran in a long way to an open goal and drove a stab kick with all his force at the middle of the goal opening.

The goal umpire, K. Pearsons, at about three yards' distance, was knocked clean over by the impact.

But he rose imperturbably — although with a sore face— to wave both flags.

Good positioning by all concerned.

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LINDSAY Backman wore a lace-up jacket for South today —the first of this type used by his team—in a trial for the future.

Backman played one of his less impressive games and may not have thought much of this new style.

Goal umpire skittled by shot

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TWICE Port Adelaide full-back John McBain landed the ball level with the centre bounce circle when he kicked off from the southern end, and several others were not far short of this distance.

They were magnificent kicks in any language.

SOME of Rex Johns' seven goals were gems.

His first came after a one-handed mark from Chant's pass. His fifth was a remarkable lightning left-foot snap from the left-pocket boundary where he was hemmed in by Sturt defenders.

And his last was a nonchalant right-foot snap when Adcock fumbled 30 yards out.

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THE tremendous long dropkicking of full-backs Kevin Abley and Tracey Braidwood, when kicking off from the southern end, was a feature of the Torrens-Glenelg game at Thebarton.

Both landed the ball consistently close to centre. Abley's power seemed to desert him at the other end.