

REDLEGS' FIRM GRIP ON THIRD

By SAM GALLAGHER

Home by eight points from Torrens in a magnificent display of wet weather football by both teams, Norwood strengthened their grip on third ranking and a place in the major round.

Torrens were saved from the expected consequence of defeat by South's two-point win over the Bays at Glenelg.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

| | W. | L. | D. | For | Agst | Pts. | % |
|---------|----|----|----|------|------|------|-------|
| Port | 15 | 2 | — | 1721 | 1093 | 30 | 61.15 |
| West | 11 | 6 | — | 1770 | 1260 | 22 | 58.41 |
| Norwood | 10 | 6 | 1 | 1688 | 1397 | 27 | 54.71 |
| Torrens | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1454 | 1211 | 19 | 54.55 |
| Glenelg | 9 | 8 | — | 1503 | 1578 | 18 | 48.78 |
| North | 7 | 10 | — | 1321 | 1402 | 14 | 48.51 |
| Sturt | 4 | 13 | — | 1247 | 1776 | 8 | 41.25 |
| South | 2 | 15 | — | 1005 | 1992 | 4 | 33.53 |

Today's details at a glance

WEATHER: Wet—Ground: Slippery

At Norwood

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Norwood | 1-3 | 8-6 | 11-8 | 14-12 | 96 |
| Torrens | 4-3 | 7-5 | 8-10 | 13-10 | 88 |

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Oatey, Bowe, Modra, Sawley, Kite, Wedding, Kneebone, Lill. **TORRENS:** Head, Gould, Hawke, Braidwood, Kingston, Butler, Gibson

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Oatey 3.3, Daly 3.3, Lill 3.1, Amery 3.1, Kite 1.2, McMahon 1.0, Sawley 0.1, Minervini 0.1. **WEST TORRENS:** Kingston 5.3, Head 3.0, Gibson 2.0, Hawke 1.2, Gould 1.1, Townsend 1.0, Bills 0.1, Butler 0.1, rushed 0.2

REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD: Modra (slight concussion) replaced by Minervini during last quarter. Ross replaced by Nelson during final term. **WEST TORRENS:** Bills (hip) replaced by Townsend in third term. Dix (leg) replaced by Young in final quarter

At Alberton

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| West | 2-3 | 6-5 | 11-6 | 16-12 | 108 |
| Port | 3-1 | 4-3 | 7-8 | 11-9 | 75 |

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Ryan, Eustice, Bray, Johnson, Day, Shrubsole, Garnett. **PORT:** T. Obst, Virgo, Luke, Hannaford, Gili, Thompson, Cooper

SCORERS—WEST ADELAIDE: Johnson 4.1, Ryan 4.0, Thomas 3.2, Wright 2.2, Garnett 1.1, Hogan 1.0, DeBroughe 1.0, Benton 0.2, Eustice 0.1, Day 0.1, rushed 0.2. **PORT ADELAIDE:** Virgo 4.1, Johns 3.1, Traynor 1.2, Huddleston 1.1, Thompson 1.0, P. Obst 1.0, Luke 0.3, Brav 0.1

REPLACEMENTS — WEST ADELAIDE: Hogan (broken blood vessel in thigh) replaced by Johnson at half-time. **PORT ADELAIDE:** Matters (pulled leg muscle) replaced by Bray in third quarter

At Adelaide

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|-------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| Sturt | 1-4 | 5-8 | 8-10 | 10-13 | 73 |
| North | 3-2 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 7-13 | 55 |

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Schoff, D. Hicks, Jones, Halbert, G. Hicks, Sims, Adcock, Short. **NORTH ADELAIDE:** Knuckey, D. Lindner, Gambiling, Block, T. Lindner, Barbary, Pascoe

SCORERS—STURT: Hicks 4.3, Murphy 2.1, Rigne 2.0, Kriewaldt 1.3, Jones 1.2, Sawley 0.2, Clarke 0.2. **NORTH ADELAIDE:** Hammond 2.0, Martin 1.1, Lindner 1.1, Barbary 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Geisler 1.1, Trenorden 0.2, Ashby 0.2, Potts 0.2, Pascoe 0.1, Block 0.1

REPLACEMENTS — STURT: McCarthy (shoulder) replaced by Short in second term. **NORTH ADELAIDE:** Gilbourne (thigh) replaced by Thomas at three-quarter time

At Glenelg

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Final | Pts. |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|
| South | 6-2 | 9-2 | 11-5 | 13-8 | 86 |
| Glenelg | 3-2 | 6-6 | 10-8 | 12-12 | 84 |

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH ADELAIDE: Day, Ploenges, Skuse, Foster, Johnston, Peterson, Grove, Jackson. **GLENELG:** Long, Cutten, Herron, Staite, Davies, Blackburn, Abley, Hewett, Hunt

SCORERS—SOUTH ADELAIDE: Backman 3.0, Day 2.2, Skuse 2.2, Jackson 2.1, Judd 1.1, Foster 1.1, Kantilla 1.0, Wilson 1.0, rushed 0.1. **GLENELG:** Staite 2.2, Davies 2.2, Campbell 2.1, Westley 2.1, Rowe 1.2, A. Linke 1.1, Sinclair 1.0, Webber 1.0, Long 0.1, rushed 0.2

REPLACEMENTS — SOUTH ADELAIDE: R. Roennfeldt (head injury) replaced by Kimber in the last quarter. Grove (injured leg) replaced by Wilson in last quarter. **GLENELG:** Nil

GOALKICKERS

| Name | Today | Matches | Total |
|--------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| R. Johns (Port) | 3.1 | 17 | 70.47 |
| Kingston (Torrens) | 5.3 | 13 | 46.37 |
| Lill (Norwood) | 3.1 | 17 | 46.32 |
| D. Hicks (Sturt) | 4.3 | 17 | 44.40 |
| Hogan (West) | 1.0 | 16 | 43.31 |
| Hawke (Torrens) | 1.2 | 16 | 41.42 |
| Backman (South) | 3.0 | 16 | 41.21 |
| D. Thomas (West) | 2.7 | 16 | 39.34 |
| Amery (Norwood) | 3.1 | 16 | 31.28 |
| Potter (Port) | — | 14 | 30.28 |

ATTENDANCES

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Norwood | 12,100 |
| Glenelg | 3,300 |
| Alberton | 7,300 |
| Adelaide | 4,400 |
| Total | 27,100 |



These are the leading votes recorded for the Mildara Football trophy

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|------------------|-----|
| D. Hicks (S) | 27 |
| L. Head (WT) | 24½ |
| K. Wedding (N) | 21 |
| C. Richens (G) | 20½ |
| D. Lindner (NA) | 20 |
| B. Schoff (S) | 18½ |
| T. Lindner (NA) | 18 |
| D. Kantilla (SA) | 15 |
| B. Sawley (N) | 15 |
| E. Shearman (WT) | 15 |
| N. Kerley (WA) | 15 |
| G. Motley (PA) | 14½ |

As a result the Eagles dropped only to fourth. They could clinch that place by beating Sturt at Unley next week, when Glenelg are at home to Port.

However Sturt, victorious at Adelaide today by 18 points over North, Norwood's conqueror last week, will not be a push-over.

They won today without their top ruckman, Fred Smith, and are generally a much tougher proposition on their home ground

Confidence

The confidence of the critics, badly shaken by the results at Adelaide and Glenelg, not to say Norwood, was restored somewhat by West's defeat of Port at Alberton.

The Red and Blacks handled the conditions with much more certainty than the heavier Magpies could do, and won well by 33 points.

This win probably clinched second ranking and the double chance for West, who meet North at

Adelaide and Torrens at Richmond in the remaining two games.

Bob Hank was at Norwood to see a thrilling clash between his old team and the Redlegs.

The Eagles handled the ball as if it were dry in a dashing opening. Kington had four goals before Norwood began their fight back in the second term.

Oatey's skill and courage started them on the way, and on the wings Bowe and Modra offset Lindsay Head's brilliant display at centre.

With Bill Wedding getting on top in ruck, Norwood ran to a 30-point lead but Torrens came back in thrilling fashion to reduce the margin to seven points just before the end.

At Alberton, West looked at the weather and had second thoughts about their line-up to meet Port.

In an inspired move by the selectors, Ryan went to centre half-forward and played a major part in West's win.

Other moves were Bray to the more familiar centre half back, Thomas to full-forward, and Barker to ruck.

Although the Magpies were weakened by injuries, West looked a good side. They handled the conditions better and came back strongly in the face of two challenges by Port.

South's dashing ground play shot the Panthers away to a five-goal break in the first quarter at Glenelg.

The Bays battled to within three points at the last change but South, winning across centre and with rovers Day and Skuse in fine form, managed to be in front by two points when the siren sounded.

Stan Wickham, reporting the Adelaide Oval game, said Sturt's resolute defence, the skill of its rovers, and an edge across centre won the points against North.

The Red-and-Whites led at quarter-time but could not head the Blues after they were run down in the second term.

• CRACKED BAY CHANCES

South won on merit

By JEFF PASH

Accurate kicking in a good start, and a better handling of the wet ball, gave South a two-point win over Glenelg at the Bay.

The Bays made a good recovery after being five goals down half-way through the first quarter, and seemed to be getting the upper hand late in the last, but the game again slipped away from them in the last two minutes.

Their big-man advantage in the rucks was lost when South's rovers proved the more accomplished in the wet; and they gained nothing either from their usual high-marking superiority in the forward lines

Exciting

It was actually a most exciting goal-for-goal struggle over the last two quarters.

Hard luck for the Bays to lose their major round chance in the wet; at the same time South played well, turned in a tenacious team game, and deserved to win.

South won the toss and had the first use of a light breeze favoring the southern end. It was raining steadily and the ground appeared quite heavy.

South began on the right foot. The Bays were sluggish at the start and took

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an uncertain Bay defence pushed out.

Most important of all, the goals came freely. South missed the first shot, but then scored five straight before the Bays had their first.

In the last 10 minutes the Bay rucks managed to get going, and three quick goals just before the bell restored the situation for them. At quarter-time South led by three goals.

In the second quarter there was no question of Glenelg doing what South had done—that is, scoring freely with what wind there was.

South's defence doubtless would have been in a lot of trouble had conditions been fine, but it revelled in the wet, clearing strongly from the disputed marking spots.

Glenelg looked to be coming slowly up. Their rovers now began to handle the ball more certainly; Davies was threatening to open up scoring ways with his quick moves to the man ahead.

However, South managed to retain their lead by making full use of the few opportunities they won. When they did succeed in moving forward through their open lines they had the speed to worry the rather unhappy Bay defence.

While Glenelg sweated over their 3-4 South effortlessly sneaked in for 3-0. At half-time South led by 14 points.

The Bays won the third quarter. Their centre line had not fared terribly well in the first half, but now Herron and Hewett swung the balance of power their way.

Their rucks now promised to take over entirely. However, South defended well, and though the Bays now got to within three points, the last step could not be made.

The point was that South's forward lines were always open. From now on

the pattern was to be this: Glenelg would struggle to the lead, and inevitably South would slip through for the goal that turned the tables.

Just before three-quarter time the Bays had snatched the lead for the first time, only to see Jackson kick a long bouncing shot that ran through for a goal—more or less out of the blue—and restored a three-point lead for South.

In the last quarter, all that was repeated, goal-for-goal with two goals apiece.

There was minor tactical movement only. Sinclair was having a run on the ball, Backman came out to half-forward.

It looked as though the Bays were going to get there, until their last strong attack brought a line of three points.

With two minutes to go the third point levelled the scores. Again there came the quick slip through Glenelg's defence, and two points clinched the game for South.

The best

For South I thought the best in a fairly even side were Day, Ploenges, and Skuse. Day roved strongly all over the field and was busy in creating scoring chances.

Ploenges played a dashing game on the wing—a little erratic in position and general direction, but very strong. Skuse roved very well and promises to be an exact, thoughtful attacker.

Of the others, Foster, Johnston, Petersen, Jackson, and Grove played well. Long played a fine game for Glenelg and was probably best on the ground. He was strong, skilful, and durable in conditions that did not suit all his talents.

Cutten played well at centre half-forward, and Herron did a great deal at centre wing.

Staite and Davies followed well and made a lot more opportunities than were ever accepted. Blackburn, Abley, Hewett, and Hunt played useful games



I. Day D. Long

a good half of the term to settle down. They were winning the knock-outs in ruck, but could not handle the ball with certainty once it hit the ground.

The fingertip mark was out of the question at this stage. South's rovers, Skuse and Day, were the first to show out. They soon had a nippy, confident attack in motion, and their centre line quickly pushed back what