

FINAL FOOTBALL FOUR IS DECIDED

By SAM GALLAGHER

The league football final four for 1962 is Port, West, Norwood, and Torrens, probably in that order.

Port's 50-point win over Glenelg, and Torrens 44-point margin at Unley, leave Glenelg three points away in fifth position, with only next Saturday's series to complete the minor round.

Next week the finalists play each other.

In other games today, West recovered after a poor first half to win comfortably by 28 points from North at Adelaide Oval, and Norwood had plenty of anxious moments before the siren left them 13 points clear of South.

Although the four is decided, next week's matches are full of interest, with the finalists drawn against each other.

Port meet Norwood at Kensington, and West are at home to Torrens.

The Eagles have only prestige to gain at Richmond, as they cannot win second position.

The game at Kensington has potentially more at stake for Norwood.

The Redlegs will win second position if they beat Port and Torrens topple West.

Whether prestige will be sufficient incentive for Torrens in the face of West's determination to hold what they have, remains to be seen.

All games today were affected by a strong North wind.

At the Bay, Glenelg had first use of the breeze in their dying bid for a place in the finals.

Their 11-point lead at the first change, however, left them open to Port's strong counter-attack.

Switch paid

Stan Wickham, reporting this game, said Port's switch of Gill to centre half-forward in the second quarter was the move which lifted the Port attack to kick 7-4 to 1-1 by half-time.

Again in the third quarter the Tigers failed to make the most of the breeze and they were in a hopeless position at three-quarter time.

Potter, Fabian, and Hayes, back in the Port side after injury, were all among the Magpies' best.

State wingman John Cahill was a late withdrawal from this game.

Won toss

By contrast with Glenelg, Torrens took full advantage of winning the toss at Unley.

Leading by 37 points at

the first change, Torrens put the result beyond doubt by holding Sturt to 0-4 when the Blues had the wind in the second term.

Once again, however, Sturt produced a powerful last quarter kicking 8-3 to 2-4, but still finishing 44 points down.

Head was again outstanding for Torrens, although Halbert was also high among Sturt's best, while Bob Shearman, back in the side after injury, showed the Eagles he had completely recovered with a fine game on the ball.

West star

Star of West's win over North was Ken Eustice, finishing the season in great style on the wing.

West were only three points clear after having first use of the wind. They trailed by nine points at half-time, but won the game in a strong third quarter when Kerley showed the way.

At Norwood the Redlegs were never really comfortable.

Although South did not lead at any stage, only inaccuracy in the second term prevented them from being in front at half-time.



PORT ADELAIDE CENTREMAN Peter Obst (foreground) and Glenelg ruckman Des Staite fall to the ground in a tussle for possession. The duel attracts the close attention of Glenelg ruckman Doug Blackburn (left), Glenelg centreman Don Hewett, and Port centre half-forward Ian Hannaford (right).

South kicked 6-9 to Norwood's 3-1 to trail by 10 points at the interval.

Promise

An advantage across centre where Ross came strongly into the game in the second half, ruck supremacy, and Amery's roving after half-time gave the Redlegs a narrow win.

South's performance promises much for the future.

New ruckman Peter Darley's first game was most promising, and rover Alf Skuse continues to fulfil his early promise.

Norwood's forward work has lost some of the confidence displayed earlier in the season, and the Redlegs will be looking to an improvement in this section for the important games ahead.

They were without Oatey today, and clearly missed his creative roving.

Today's details at a glance

WEATHER: Fine—GROUND: Good

At Glenelg

Port	1-1	8-5	9-11	14-15	99
Glenelg	3-0	4-1	6-5	7-7	49

BEST PLAYERS — PORT ADELAIDE: T. Obst, Potter, Gill, Fabian, Hayes, Virgo, Philp. GLENELG: Hewett, Richens, Cutten, Staite, Abley, Beal, French.

SCORERS — PORT ADELAIDE: Virgo 4.3, Gill 3.3, Philp 2.1, Hannaford 1.2, Johns 1.2, Traynor 1.1, Hayes 1.1, Potter 1.0, Luke 0.1, P. Obst 0.1. GLENELG: Rowe 2.1, Richens 2.0, Cutten 2.0, Beal 1.0, Webber 0.2, Westley 0.1, Butler 0.1, Herron 0.1, Long 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — PORT ADELAIDE: Nil. GLENELG: Sinclair (stomach muscles) replaced by Barnes early in third term. Davies (knee) replaced by A. Linke in third term.

At Norwood

Norw'd	6-3	9-4	15-11	16-14	110
South	0-3	6-12	9-15	13-19	97

BEST PLAYERS — NORWOOD: Modra, Kneebone, Ross, Amery, Wedding, Bowe, Feehan. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Skuse, R. Roennfeldt, Backman, Johnston, Day, Shaw, T. Roennfeldt.

SCORERS — NORWOOD: Amery 4.2, Lill 3.2, Ross 2.2, Minervini 2.2, Sawley 2.0, Daly 1.1, Vickers 1.1, McMahon 1.0, Wedding 0.2, Kite 0.2. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Skuse 4.3, Darley 2.2, Day 2.2, Peterson 2.1, Jackson 2.1, Backman 1.5, Kantilla 0.2, Ploenges 0.2, Johnston 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD: Dellar replaced by Nelson in second quarter. SOUTH ADELAIDE: O'Brien replaced by Wilson and Gibbs by Kimber in last quarter.

At Unley

Torrens	7-4	8-7	14-14	16-18	114
Sturt	1-3	1-7	2-7	10-10	70

BEST PLAYERS — WEST TORRENS: Head, Shearman, Braidwood, Hawke, Kingston, Landers, Robertson, Gould. STURT: F. Smith, Wiebusch, Halbert, Short, G. Hicks, Rigney, Schoff, Clarke.

SCORERS — WEST TORRENS: Kingston 6.4, Hawke 3.4, Gibson 2.0, Shearman 1.3, Gould 1.2, Robertson 1.1, Head 1.0, Morrell 1.0, Butler 0.1, Livesey 0.1, Landers 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: D. Hicks 3.0, F. Smith 2.0, G. Hicks 1.1, Jones 1.1, Clarke 1.0, Halbert 1.0, Kutcher 1.0, Jarrett 0.2, Wiebusch 0.2, Kriewaldt 0.2, Rigney 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WEST TORRENS: Cowling (leg injury) replaced by Young in the second quarter. STURT: Sims (leg injury) replaced by Woodgate in the last quarter.

At Adelaide

West	3-2	4-6	10-9	12-12	84
North	2-5	5-9	5-10	7-14	56

BEST PLAYERS — WEST ADELAIDE: Eustice, Kerley, Wright, Bennetts, Reu, Garnett, Day, Johnson. NORTH ADELAIDE: Gambling, Geisler, D. Lindner, Power, T. Lindner, Pascoe, Hammond, Bloch.

SCORERS — WEST ADELAIDE: Wright 3.3, Sara 3.2, Kerley 2.2, Ryan 2.0, Garnett 1.2, DeBrouge 1.1, Benton 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH ADELAIDE: Potts 2.3, Hammond 2.2, Ashby 2.2, Martin 1.3, Filmer 0.1, Trenorden 0.1, Gambling 0.1, H. Lindner 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS — WEST ADELAIDE: DeBrouge (leg) replaced by Thompson during final term. NORTH ADELAIDE: Nil.

REPORTS — Pascoe (NORTH ADELAIDE) reported in last quarter by boundary umpire for allegedly kicking Thomas (WEST ADELAIDE).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Port	16	2	—	1820	1142	32	61.44	
West	12	6	—	1854	1316	24	58.48	
Norwood	11	6	1	1798	1494	23	54.61	
Torrens	10	7	1	1568	1281	21	55.03	
Glenelg	9	9	—	1552	1677	18	48.06	
North	7	11	—	1377	1486	14	48.09	
Sturt	4	14	—	1317	1890	8	41.06	
South	2	16	—	1102	2102	4	34.39	

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	1.2	18	71.49
Kingston (Torrens)	6.4	14	52.41
Lill (Norwood)	3.2	18	49.34
D. Hicks (Sturt)	3.0	18	47.40
Hawke (Torrens)	3.4	17	44.46
Hogan (West)	—	16	43.31
Backman (South)	1.5	17	42.26
D. Thomas (West)	—	17	39.34
Amery (Norwood)	4.2	17	35.30
Potter (Port)	1.0	15	31.23
Wright (West)	3.3	14	31.22
Sawley (Norwood)	2.0	17	30.32
M. Martin (North)	1.3	10	30.30

ATTENDANCES

Unley Oval	10,000
Glenelg Oval	10,000
Adelaide Oval	8,500
Norwood Oval	6,700
Total	35,200

HIGHEST LEAGUE LOWEST

Torrens 16-18 (114 pts.)	Glenelg 7-7 (49 pts.)
Norwood 21-25 (151 pts.)	West 3-8 (26 pts.)

BAYS LOST FINAL CHANCE BY NOT USING WIND

By STAN WICKHAM

Any chance that Glenelg had of making the finals was lost when they failed to use their two terms with the wind in a game of individual effort by both teams. Port simply had more and better individuals.

Hewett won centre hands down from Peter Obst, Cutten was untroubled to win at centre half-forward, Richens was the most constructive rover afield, and these were winners all day for Glenelg along with Des Staite in the ruck.

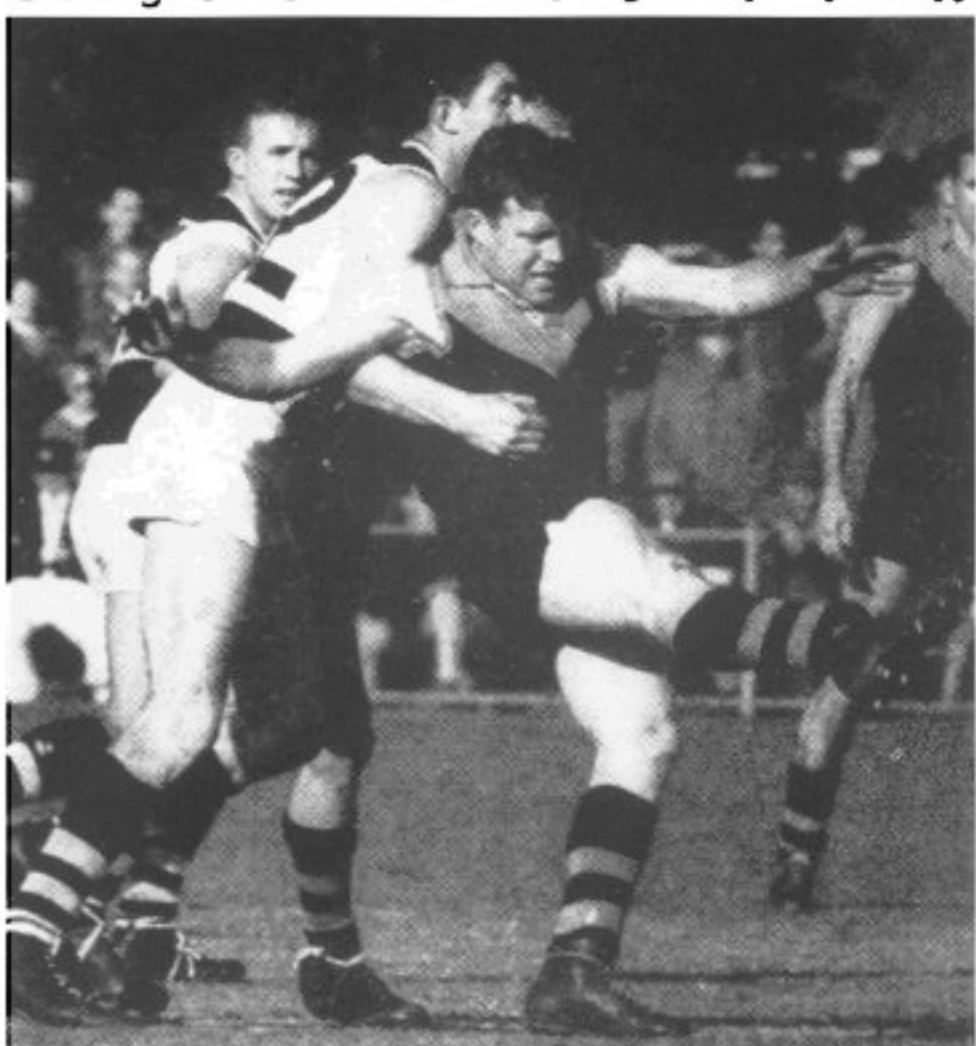
But the big influence on the game from Port's viewpoint was the placing of Dave Gill at centre half-forward midway through the second term.

Gill's strong marking and long kicking were to give Port a much-needed shot in the arm for their forward division, where only Hayes had looked like being at all useful.

Port Adelaide also made far better use of the wind, kicking 12-7 with the breeze while Glenelg could manage only 5-4.

Cahill (ankle) withdrew

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GLENELG ROVER COLIN RICHENS gets his kick before being tackled by Port Adelaide ruckman Bob Philp. Coming in at left is Port's half-back flanker, Rodney Hendry. Glenelg's half-forward Neil Davies (extreme right) looks on.

breeze and the scores were level.

Th Glenelg half-forward line of Davies, Cutten, and Sinclair was on top and with Staite winning the rucks for Richens to create opportunities, the Tigers were playing well into the breeze.

New look

Then came the move of Gill to centre half-forward and Hannaford on the ball. Gill took two good marks, followed with splendid goals, and the game had taken on a new look.

Hannaford broke even with Staite and Port were beginning to look better, with Trevor Obst and Fabian clearing well now.

Gill and Hayes were putting life into the Port attack, and they went in at half-time 28 points clear after kicking 7-4 for the term.

Glenelg began the second half with Long at full forward, Rowe half-forward right, H. Linke centre half-back, and Sinclair half-back left. It looked as though it might come off when Long marked beautifully right in front, but his kick was off line for a point.

Gill was proving his worth at centre half-forward and his display gave impetus to the Port attack of which they made full use. But it was not before Hewett and Richens, along with Cutten, gave Port a few anxious moments early in the last term.

The Port defence was excellent this term and must be given credit for keeping the Bays out as well as they did. They turned for home 24 points clear and the wind behind them.

Virgo was a lively character round the goal-mouth and he snapped two goals to seal Glenelg's fate.

When Philp and Johns (to the ironical cheers from the crowd) also

brought up full points, it was mothballs for the Tigers after a most promising and encouraging season.

They can look forward to next season with confidence.

Bill Henderson was consistent displayed excellent control especially in the last term when things got hectic, and all-in-all gave an intelligent exhibition.

Trevor Obst, except for about 10 minutes in the second quarter, held his half-back flank all day, while his long kicking put Port goalwards on many occasions, and he was the Magpies' best.

Potter's good work was done in defence while playing loose, but he still had a hand in several passages of ruck play. Dave Gill could be a regular at centre half-forward and was the spark in the Port forward revival.

Fabian was the ever-reliable in the back pocket and was about when most needed. Hayes was the only Port forward doing anything early and kept it up right through. Virgo, Philp, and Luke were others to show out for the Magpies.

Don Hewett won centre all day and he was Glenelg's best. He passed well to his forwards, but many of his openings were not accepted.

Richens had a brilliant first half and worked hard in the second, but was battling on his own. Peter Cutten marked well at centre half-forward, and his pace away from the packs gave Port a headache.

This was an opening to goal that Glenelg never used fully.

Staite rucked well and gave Richens opportunities which were not wasted.

Abley kept Johns shut up until the last minutes of play, while Beal and French were under notice with good play over the four quarters.