

REDLEGS JUST RETAINED THEIR UNBEATEN RECORD

Other games not close

By SAM GALLAGHER

Pushed all the way by the improving North at Prospect, league leader Norwood just managed to retain their unbeaten record with an 11-point margin, won only in the dying stages of the game.

At Alberton Port took charge in the second quarter and, although challenged by the Bays in the third, won comfortably by 24 points.

Torrens again had full forward Geoff Kingston in great form in their 36-point point win over Sturt at Adelaide.

In a game marred by inconsistent umpiring, Kingston kicked eight goals to make his tally 17 in two games.

Even the incentive of free beer could not bring South closer than 49 points to West at the end of the game at Kensington.

According to Jeff Pash, who saw the Prospect game, Norwood were never able to develop their run-on game with any certainty against North.

A strong challenge to Wedding in ruck by Kent, and Pascoe's good game at full forward—he kicked 4-5—were features of a performance which marks North as the team most likely to topple the leaders.

Norwood's defence made fewer errors, however, and the switch of Lill to full forward in the last quarter provided the Redlegs with the margin they needed.

North were unlucky to lose full back Hammond in the first quarter.

The Bays began in great style at Alberton but fell right away in the second term.

Port's win was due chiefly to a superiority across centre where Cahill was unbeaten and Motley made good a poor start on Hewett.

The Magpies half-forward line, too, though not consistently on top, was efficient enough for Port to keep control once they hit the front.

Sturt were never able to get within striking distance of Torrens at Adelaide.

Head and Hawke made a host of opportunities for Kingston who got eight goals—and missed as many more.

According to Bob Hank, who reported this game, Halbert was in brilliant form for Sturt, but Head made full use of every kick.

At Kensington, West reversed their established procedure by saving their best form for the second half.

The switch of Ryan to centre and Roach to half-forward put West on the right track after South had led by three points at half-time.

Next Saturday's matches are Port and West at Richmond, Torrens and Norwood at Thebarton, Sturt and South at Unley, and Glenelg and North at Glenelg.

This promises to be the most even series for some weeks.

Port and West meet for the first time since West narrowly won the night premiership.

Port's form since then has been more consistent, but West's good second half today with Ryan back at centre suggests they are ready to hit top form.

This should be a thriller, with Port narrowly in front at the finish.

Norwood go to Thebarton to try to complete the first round unbeaten.

Danger for the Redlegs lies in Kingston's fine form and Aish's mobility to hold Pascoe today.

Norwood will lean heavily on Bill Wedding's strength in ruck and the possible superiority of their roving.

However, Butler played well for Torrens today as he has done consistently this season, so the Norwood giant will not be unchallenged.

Head looms as a major threat to Norwood's hopes, and the Redlegs will have to prevent him getting through to Kingston if they are to win.

Glenelg face a revitalised North at the Bay.

The Tigers most obvious failing is the inability to kick goals from a reasonable share of the play.

They could be strengthened next week by the inclusion of Herron, who played a good first half in the Seconds today.

The Bays still have unaccountable lapses, however, and North's greater ability to play out four quarters should see them in front at the finish.

At Unley South and Sturt will both be flat out to gain their first win and get out of the cellar.

The home ground advantage may just swing it Sturt's way.

SECOND TERM PUT PORT IN BOX SEAT

By SAM GALLAGHER

A powerful second term, in which they kicked 8-6 to 1-1, gave Port control of the game against Glenelg and ultimate victory by 24 points.

Glenelg began well and fought back strongly late in the third quarter to be only 14 points down at the last change.

They attacked consistently early in the last term, but were beaten off by a strong full-back line where Fabian was impassable.

The Bays looked the part in the first term. Kernahan gave them a start in ruck and Richens took the ball away from the packs with great skill.

Their half-forward line, although it lacked height, kept moving, and the Bays went into attack with comparative ease.

Sluggish

Hewett won the first term against Motley and the Magpies looked sluggish by comparison.

Glenelg were unlucky to lose Westley from half-forward right late in the quarter. He had kicked two goals on a tough opponent in Hayes.

To this stage Cahill, in great form on the wing, and Potter, were the only Port players doing well consistently.

Peter Obst threatened danger several times but Haydn Linke was in control most of the term.

But Obst opened the second term brilliantly and with Bray alongside him coming strongly into the game, Port stormed into attack.

The Bays lost the initiative in ruck and Hewett's control of centre, and had no answer to Cahill's tremendous speed on the wing.

Long moved

Glenelg started the term with Long at centre half-

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Glenelg	6-2	7-3	12-4	14-5	89

forward, where Kendall had done reasonably well, and soon switched Cutten to oppose the brilliant Cahill.

Ambrose Linke continued to win his wing but opportunities were few as Port swept the ball into attack.

The Magpies converted a 17-point deficit into a 30-point lead at half-time.

Port lost Bates at the interval and sent Gill to half-back right, Philp to full forward and ruck, and Johns to the forward pocket.

For the greater part of the third term it seemed that Port would retain their half-time advantage, but Glenelg came with a rush just before the siren.

They switched Long from full forward to ruck and Deslandes went from the flank to centre half-forward.

Ambrose Linke began the quarter on Cahill and although not able to stop him, did provide a more successful counter than either Deslandes or Cutten.

Deslandes got into the game and with Richens and Campbell loose in attack, the Bays raced on three goals to revive interest.

The Bays continued their offensive into the early part of the last quarter, but could not get goals.

The way through half-forward was made without too much trouble, but at full back Fabian and Elleyway gave nothing away.

Through Potter, Port got the goal Glenelg needed, and thereafter the Magpies matched Glenelg's



J. Cahill C. Richens

efforts goal for goal to win comfortably.

Cahill, with a dashing exhibition of sustained speed on the wing, was Port's best and best on the ground.

He kicked long and accurately, Hayes was rarely beaten after Westley retired and Potter was at his best when the going was hardest.

Motley overcame a slow start to win centre from Hewett although there was not much in it.

Richens was best for Glenelg. He got three goals and showed some of his old skill in getting the ball away from the crushes.

Thrilling

Haydn Linke had a thrilling duel with Peter Obst. They shared the play in the first half, but Linke was ahead after half-time. His strength and judgment overhead are phenomenal.

Kernahan played well in ruck and when placed in the forward lines, and Chris Hunt shut out the dashing Luke for most of the game.

★ ★ DOUG Long's goal in the first quarter against Port at Alberton was preceded by the best mark of the day, high over full-back Elleyway. It was the Bay skipper's only goal, however. He was closely checked by Elleyway for the rest of his time at full forward and went into ruck in the third quarter after spending the second at centre half-forward.

★ ★ DAVE Gill's great long drop-kick for a goal from half-forward in the first quarter at Alberton was reminiscent of Wally Dittmar, who got a lot of goals for Port with the same kind of beautifully timed kick.

★ ★ PLAYING his 100th game for the Magpies at Alberton, Rex Johns got five goals in typical fashion, all but one coming from quick thinking opportunism as he was hotly pressed.

THIRDS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fin.	Pt.
Glenelg	0.2	4.7	10.12	12.16	88
Port	3.2	4.5	6.7	9.11	65

★ ★ GOALKICKERS—Glenelg: Rouvray 6, Anesbury 3, Mills, Neill, Drew, Port: Burton 3, Keast 2, Laing 2, Emms, Marsland, Best Players—Glenelg: Drew, Bobson, Parker, Bowden, Griffen, Rouvray, Port: Guthrie, Keast, Hanson, Spiers, Burton, White.

COLTS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Fin.	Pt.
Port	2.4	6.7	8.9	10.16	76
Glenelg	2.0	4.2	7.9	8.11	59

Today's details at a glance

CONDITIONS: FINE

At Adelaide

Torrens	5-8	8-11	14-13	16-20	116
Sturt	1-4	3-10	7-17	10-20	80

BEST PLAYERS—WEST TORRENS: Kingston Rawson, Cowling, Hawke, Butler, Russell, Head. STURT: Halbert, Rigney, Schoff, Hicks, Kutcher, Goodchild, Jarrett.

SCORERS—WEST TORRENS: Kingston 8.8, Gibson 2.2, Russell 2.2, Hawke 1.3, Pill 1.0, Shearman 1.0, Cowling 1.0, Mitchell 0.2, Bills 0.1, Young 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Goodchild 2.2, Fitzgerald 2.1, Jarrett 2.0, Hicks 1.5, Martin 1.3, Smith 1.0, Halbert 1.0, Murphy 0.3, Wiebusch 0.1, Jones 0.1, Rigney 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Livesey (thigh) replaced by Marchioro during final term. STURT: Wiebusch (thigh) replaced by Couiter at half-time.

At Kensington

West	3-5	6-8	9-17	15-22	112
South	3-2	7-5	7-6	9-9	63

BEST PLAYERS—WEST ADELAIDE: Benthon, Sara, Eustice, Ryan, Bray, Reu, Tregenza. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Foster, Backman, R. Roenfeldt, T. Roenfeldt, Kantilla, Hilder, Christie.

SCORERS—WEST ADELAIDE: Thomas 3.2, Garnett 3.1, Wright 2.2, Kerley 2.0, Wallace 1.3, DeBroughe 1.2, Benton 1.1, Roach 1.1, Barker 1.1, Ryan 0.3, Eustice 0.2, Sara 0.1, rushed 0.3. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Backman 5.2, Kantilla 2.0, Chirgwin 1.0, Christie 1.0, Hilder 0.1, Foster 0.1, Judd 0.1, O'Brien 0.1, Ball 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Ryan (thigh) replaced by Shrubsole in last term. Roach (leg) replaced by Etridge in last term. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Day (pulled thigh muscle), replaced by Gibbs in third term. Christie (cramp) replaced by Winter in last term.

PREMIERSHIP

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Norwood	6	—	609	397	12	60.53
Port	5	1	621	351	10	63.88
Torrens	5	1	617	409	10	60.13
West	4	2	532	439	8	54.78
North	2	4	434	485	4	47.22
Glenelg	2	4	549	677	4	44.77
Sturt	—	6	417	706	—	37.13
South	—	6	339	654	—	34.13

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	13,000
Adelaide	12,600
Alberton	8,000
Kensington	4,000
Total	35,600

At Prospect

Norw'd	5-5	9-7	9-9	12-15	87
North	3-4	6-5	10-7	11-10	76

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Amery, Sawley, Kneebone, Kite, Wedding, Bowe, Lill, Vickers. NORTH: Potts, T. Lindner, Kent, Power, Ashby, Porrest, Pascoe, Gambling.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Lill 4.1, Oatey 2.2, Grantham 1.3, Sawley 1.3, Amery 1.2, Skinner 1.2, Daly 1.0, Wedding 1.0, Minervini 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Pascoe 4.5, Potts 3.2, Gilbourne 2.0, Braunack 1.0, Whitford 1.0, Ashby 0.2, D. Lindner 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Modra (injured leg) replaced by Minervini in the second quarter. Harrison (injured leg) replaced by Daly in the third quarter. NORTH: Hammond (leg injury) replaced by Bubner in the first quarter. Gilbourne (leg injury) replaced by Hughes in the last quarter.

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BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Hayes, Potter, Motley, Bray, P. Obst, Fabian. GLENELG: Richens, Kernahan, H. Linke, Hunt, Hewett, Blackburn, A. Linke.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 5.4, P. Obst 2.3, Potter 2.2, Cahill 2.0, Traynor 1.3, Matters 1.0, Gill 1.0, Marrett 1.0, Philp 1.0, Bray 0.2, Luke 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Richens 3.0, Gulliver 2.1, Westley 2.0, Campbell 2.0, Kernahan 2.0, Long 1.2, Hewett 1.0, Stalte 1.0, A. Linke 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Bates (knee) replaced by Philp at half-time. GLENELG: Westley (broken blood vessel in leg), replaced by Davies in first quarter. Barnes (leg) replaced by I. Butler at half-time.

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	8.8	5	24.17
R. Johns (Port)	5.4	6	21.22
Hawke (Torrens)	1.3	6	17.16
Lill (Norwood)	4.1	6	17.14
D. Thomas (West)	3.2	6	16.16
Backman (South)	5.2	5	16.4
Sawley (Norwood)	1.3	6	15.13
Hogan (West)	—	5	15.9
Potts (North)	3.2	6	14.17
Hicks (Sturt)	1.5	6	14.14

LEAGUE

HIGHEST	LOWEST
Torrens 16-20 (116 pts.)	South 9-9 (63 pts.)
HIGHEST	LOWEST
Woodville 15-19 (109 pts.)	Sturt 5-17 (47 pts.)