

# PORT TIGHTEN GRIP ON LEADERS

By SAM GALLAGHER

Port's decisive 60-point win over Norwood at Alberton today has further boosted the Magpies' commanding percentage and consolidated their grip on the league leadership.

Norwood, still in second place, are now only half a game ahead of West, whose 30-point win over Torrens shot them ahead of the Eagles into third place.

The premiership table is otherwise unchanged.

However, North's overwhelming defeat of Sturt suggests that the Red-and-Whites are at last beginning to show their true form. They won at Prospect by 83 points.

At Adelaide, Glenelg were 65 points clear of South at the end.

The first quarter at Alberton showed Port at their best.

With Johns in brilliant form at full forward, the Magpies kicked 43 before Norwood scored and added another 4.0 to the Redlegs' solitary goal for the term.

Norwood made positional changes, but their form was only slightly better than last week's display against West.

The Redlegs, except for a promising second quarter, played without their earlier dash and confidence and are unquestionably in a slump.

In their last three games, Port have now beaten the other three sides in the top four — two of them decisively.

The only blemish on an imposing record is the last quarter against Norwood on Anzac Day.

Compared with last year, the Magpies have hit the top early and they will take some dislodging.

West, on current form, the logical challenger, played three tight quarters before breaking away from Torrens at Kensington.

Jeff Pash, reporting this game, said that the Red-and-Blacks' steadier defence and the fact that Torrens' ruck tired allowed

West to go away at the finish.

Torrens captain Bob Shearman was an immediate success in his new role of follower.

At Prospect, North had everybody in form. Stars Don Lindner and Barrie Barbary burst back into form and new full-forward Maurice Martin kicked 6-6 in his league debut.

Sturt were weakened by Fitzgerald's inability to play, but North were irresistible, particularly in the third quarter, when they kicked 11-1.

Glenelg held South goalless in the first half at Adelaide. They did a little better after half-time, but could never make any real impression in a dull game.

Next Saturday and in the two following series, teams at present in the top four will meet those in the lower half of the premiership table.

Allowing that Sturt and South are too far away to be a danger, these matches are vital to North's and Glenelg's hopes of making the finals.

If the leading teams can win each of their next three games, the gap between fourth and fifth will be four games plus percentage, and, with only seven games remaining, the four would be virtually decided.

Teams in the hot seat next week are Norwood and West Torrens—Norwood more because of their own poor form than Glenelg's excellence, and Torrens because of North's gathering power.

West and Port should be untroubled by Sturt and South.

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Points	Prem.	%
Port	8	1	—	917	506	16	64.44	
Norwood	6	2	1	805	739	13	52.13	
West	6	3	—	855	662	12	56.36	
Torrens	5	3	1	789	676	11	53.85	
North	4	5	—	785	728	8	51.88	
Glenelg	4	5	—	806	894	8	47.41	
Sturt	2	7	—	693	959	4	41.94	
South	—	9	—	512	998	—	33.90	

# Bays too strong in set positions

By BOB HANK

Glenelg were too strong in the set positions against South at Adelaide Oval, and South also handicapped themselves further with inaccuracy at the goalfont.

The Tigers had no trouble in winning easily. The muddy centre patch and a wet ball made sure handling extremely difficult, and both sides found it hard to develop any system at first.

South had early opportunities with their ruckmen and rover Ian Day on top, but although their goalsneak Backman was gaining possession well they were unable to convert their efforts into goals.

The Tigers had more good fortune in attack, but were not travelling smoothly, although they were generally superior when starting an attack, especially with Beal going well on one centre wing.

### Positive action

Twenty minutes of the second quarter was taken up with unproductive, negative football before rover Richens kicked the first goal of the term.

This sounded a signal for some positive Tiger action, and they suddenly swarmed all over the South defenders to add a further four goals in the last five minutes before half-time.

South were taking their customary two or three grabs at the ball, and with some foolish short stuff across half-forward they made the job of an even band of Glenelg defenders much easier than it should have been.

An eight-goal deficit at

Glen'lg	3—3	8—5	10—9	16—10	106
South	0—2	0—6	2—11	4—17	41



B. Beal

I. Day

half-time made South's task in the second half almost an impossible one under the conditions. But South are, unfortunately, used to this state of affairs, and fought on regardless.

Coach Bill Sutherland was forced into more moves than a draughts player, and although his team did improve greatly on their first half, they were unable to restrict the Tigers enough to get back in the picture.

Kantilla's move to centre half-back was a major one in the general reshuffle, but his loss to the ruck was inexplicable and Cutten enjoyed his rather loose defence, coming right into the game and completing a winning Glenelg half-forward line with Herron and Davies.

O'Brien gave Day solid support when swung from

centre wing to rover, and Lewis did better on the wing after his switch from half-forward.

Johnston to centre from half-back was a worthwhile experiment as the erstwhile defender added strength and dash to the centre position; but they were battling for a lost cause.

Kantilla took up his knock ruckman role again in the final term, and although Day continued to handle the ball more often than any other player, Glenelg were right on the target in the run home and added 6-1 to South's 2-6.

Brian Beal's slight frame and lack of inches were suited to the heavy going and he skipped around his wing position with enthusiastic skill to be under notice all day.

Rowe's six goals were well earned in his re-appearance in league company, and Richens' roving was constructive on a day when errors were easily committed.

Herron was a live-wire at half-forward and was the architect of most of the Tigers' drives in the first half.

Day stood out for South with his beaver-like roving effort and only needed better kicking within scoring range to have given South the break they sorely needed.

## Today's details at a glance

### CONDITIONS: HEAVY

#### At Alberton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	8—3	12—4	14—9	18—15	123
Norwood	1—0	7—0	10—1	10—3	63

**BEST PLAYERS—PORT ADELAIDE:** Potter, Motley, Johns, P. Obst, Hannaford, Luke, Elleway, **NORWOOD:** Wedding, Kite, Oatey, Bowe, Grant-ham, Kneebone.

**SCORERS—PORT ADELAIDE:** Johns 6.2, Potter 4.2, Traynor 2.2, P. Obst 2.0, Hannaford 2.0, Matters 1.5, Luke 1.0, Cahill 0.1, Bray 0.1, Gill 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Grant-ham 3.0, Oatey 2.1, Minervini 2.0, Amery 1.1, Inglis 1.1, Lill 1.0.

**REPLACEMENTS—PORT ADELAIDE:** Bray and Hannaford replaced by Chant and Bates in last quarter. **NORWOOD:** Sawley (influenza) replaced by Daly at half-time. Amery (wrist) replaced by Skinner in last quarter.

#### At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	3—3	8—5	10—9	16—10	106
South	0—2	0—6	2—11	4—17	41

**SCORERS—GLENELG:** Rowe 6.1, Richens 3.3, Campbell 2.0, Davies 2.0, Cutten 1.4, Kernahan 1.0, Staitte 1.0, Herron 0.1, rushed 0.1. **SOUTH ADELAIDE:** Petersen 1.2, Foster 1.2, Lewis 1.0, Ploenges 1.0, Day 0.3, Rossetto 0.2, Backman 0.2, Johnston 0.2, Shippides 0.1, O'Brien 0.1, rushed 0.2.

**BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG:** Beal, Rowe, Richens, Herron, Barnes, Cutten, Hewett. **SOUTH ADELAIDE:** Day, Kantilla, Backman, O'Brien, Johnston, Rossetto, Hilder.

**REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG:** Davies (pulled thigh muscle) replaced by Deslandes in final quarter. Hunt replaced by Sinclair during last term. **SOUTH ADELAIDE:** Hamdorf replaced by Petersen in first quarter.

#### ATTENDANCES

Alberton	14,000
Kensington	10,500
Prospect	8,000
Adelaide	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,500</b>

#### LEAGUE

HIGHEST	LOWEST
North 23-10 (148 pts.)	South 4-17 (41 pts.)
<b>SECONDS</b>	
Port 15-18 (108 pts.)	Woodville 8-6 (54 pts.)

#### At Kensington

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3—2	7—8	10—10	16—11	107
Torrens	4—2	6—5	9—8	11—11	77

**BEST PLAYERS—WEST ADELAIDE:** Benton, Ryan, Bennetts, Kerley, Garnett, Bray, Eustice, Sara. **WEST TORRENS:** Shearman, Bills, Head, Butler, Townsend, Young, Livesey, Searle.

**SCORERS—WEST ADELAIDE:** Benton 4.3, Thomas 3.3, Hogan 2.0, Ryan 2.0, DeBroughe 1.1, Garnett 1.1, Barker 1.0, Shrubsole 1.0, Williams 1.0, Sara 0.1, rushed 0.2. **WEST TORRENS:** Kingston 3.2, Shearman 3.1, Hawke 2.3, Marchioro 2.1, Head 1.0, Young 0.2, Livesey 0.2, Townsend 0.1.

**REPLACEMENTS—WEST ADELAIDE:** Roach (injured leg) replaced by Shrubsole in first quarter. DeBroughe (leg) replaced by Thompson in last quarter). **WEST TORRENS:** None.

#### At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4—3	8—6	19—7	23—10	148
Sturt	1—1	3—3	6—3	10—5	65

**GOALKICKERS—NORTH ADELAIDE:** Martin 6.6, Ashby 4.1, D. Lindner 4.0, Whitford 2.0, R. Gilbourne 2.0, Barbary 1.1, Kent 1.0, Bloch 1.0, Pascoe 1.0, Hughes 1.0, rushed 0.2. **STURT:** Martin 2.1, Hicks 2.1, Rigney 1.1, Jarrett 1.1, Fedorowytch 1.0, Jones 1.0, Gascoyne 1.0.

**BEST PLAYERS—NORTH ADELAIDE:** D. Lindner, Barbary, Ashby, Hammond, Martin, Pascoe, H. Lindner. **STURT:** Cunningham, McCarthy, Smith, Jones, Rigney, Jarrett, Hicks.

**REPLACEMENTS—NORTH ADELAIDE:** Kent (leg) replaced by Bubner at three-quarter time. **STURT:** Martin (ankle) replaced by Westphalen at half-time. Coulter (cramp) replaced by Gascoyne in last term.

#### GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Kingston (Torrens)	3.2	8	33.23
R. Johns (Port)	6.2	9	30.28
D. Thomas (West)	3.3	9	24.23
Hogan (West)	2.0	8	23.12
Backman (South)	0.2	8	23.9
Lill (Norwood)	1.0	9	20.16
Hawke (Torrens)	2.3	9	19.22
Potter (Port)	4.2	9	17.14
Hicks (Sturt)	2.1	9	16.22
Amery (Norwood)	1.1	9	16.20



## PROGRESSIVE VOTING

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

D. Hewett (G)	14
T. Lindner (NA)	13
N. Kerley (WA)	12½
L. Head (WT)	12½
R. Shearman (WT)	12½
J. Lill (N)	11
K. Wedding (N)	11
D. Hicks (S)	10½
C. Richens (G)	10
L. Amery (N)	10
R. Rigney (S)	9½

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