

PORT RETURN TO FOUR

Sam Gallagher's football review

BAYS JUMPED AWAY FROM START

By SAM GALLAGHER

Down by 16 points to Glenelg at the Bay Oval, Norwood today lost their place in the top four to Port Adelaide.

The Magpies scored an all-the-way win by 45 points over Sturt at Alberton. West too had a comfortable win, defeating South by 44 points at Adelaide. The game at Prospect was the thriller of the series. North's 12 behinds from as many shots left them

open to the Eagles' determined finish, and the home side got on the target just in time to make a draw of it. However, North's form today was their best for some time, and more in keeping with their position at the head of the league table. After the damaging role played by Lindsay Head in the Eagles' earlier overwhelming win, North assigned Trenorden the job

Can pounce

With the best percentage in the league, Port are well placed to pounce if any of the sides above them falter. Glenelg made Norwood's claims to a place among the leaders look a little doubtful at the Bay. The Tigers successfully challenged Bill Wedding, but even allowing for this loss of power, the Redlegs did not look impressive. Glenelg were faster to the ball and quicker to recover, and in defence had Norwood struggling to move with any freedom. West's win over South lifted them above Torrens into second place.

The game was close for two quarters, but the Red-and-Black gradually went away after half-time. Their greatest strength was in defence, and South, despite a fine ruck game by Darley, were never really a threat. There will probably be no change in top four rankings after the July 13 series.

Port should beat North at Alberton, but the Red-and-White's three-point margin will keep them in top place.

Torrens meet South and West are at home to Glenelg. The Tigers are in the mood to provide a shock or two, and West will not take this one lightly.

However, at home they should win to hold second place. Norwood and Sturt at Norwood will be a cut-throat affair to stay in touch with the leaders.

3 reported in Seconds

Three Seconds players were reported today. Woodville centreman Bob Simunson and Sturt wingman T. Clarke were reported by field umpire D. Durbridge for allegedly striking each other during the second term of the game at Woodville.

Norwood rover Peter Minervini was reported by umpire B. A. Lees for allegedly striking an opponent during the third quarter of the Seconds game at Glenelg.

The charges will be heard by the Seconds commissioners at Football House on Monday at 7 p.m.

Jumping away with a strong breeze in the first quarter, Glenelg kicked 7.6 to set up a matchwinning lead and finish 16 points clear of Norwood at the Bay Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	7-6	9-8	12-13	12-14	86
Norw'd	0-1	5-5	6-11	9-16	70

The Tigers led by 38 points at the last change and (this week) made sure they were not run down.

Westley, Fraser, and Payne made an extra line across half-back for the start of the last term, and the Redlegs could not establish sufficient order out of the confusion to win.

The efforts of Long Kernahan, and Payne in countering Wedding's influence in ruck played a big part in the Bay's win.

Haydn Linke at centre half-back also played a major role by cutting Brian Sawley out of the game until the Redleg forward was switched to a flank late in the second term.

From the start Linke was on top and the move could well have been made before it was.

Confused

The umpiring provided a wild profusion of free kicks and players were almost as confused as spectators.

Umpire Smith certainly made sure the game didn't get out of hand. If there had been any more frees it would have come to a complete standstill.

Fraser (playing his 100th game) did Glenelg a most important service even before the game started. He won the toss.

The keen north wind was worth about six goals, and Glenelg used it to the fullest advantage.

They had a goal in 30 seconds, and Norwood at once placed Oatey as an extra man in defence.

Kneebone steadied Norwood, but the Bays found a way through both flanks where Westley and Button began strongly.

Oatey was solid in defence, but the Redlegs labored under a self-imposed handicap when Gimm could not control his kicking off in the strong wind and let Glenelg in for three goals.

However, the Bays generally reaped the benefit of playing in front, and the field play of their rucks, Long in defence and Kenahan in attack, was outstanding.

Heavy going

On the change Glenelg at once had Fraser stationed in defence.

Norwood brought Weisner up to centre half-back and Kneebone drifted somewhat aimlessly, I thought at first, into the confusion of Norwood's forward lines.

With Linke stopping everything at centre half-back, a better move might have been to put Kneebone at centre half-forward.

Norwood put Sawley on the flank eventually, Harrison to centre half-forward via the flank, and Hillman to centre, but made heavy weather for most of the term.

In the event, it was Kneebone who got the ball through for a couple of goals.

Glenelg meanwhile, helped by some dashing work by Sinclair, got two goals into the wind.

Westley snapped one and Kernahan rolled a beauty through from an angle.

These goals were to prove extremely valuable.

Norwood restored Hillman to centre half-forward in the third term and put Harrison back to centre.

Despite the continued fine work of Long in ruck, Glenelg found it harder to get going in this term.

A fine quarter by Graham on the wing kept Norwood moving into attack and the switch of Hillman and Sawley was also effective.



Long Modra

Anesbury was quietly efficient at centre as Glenelg finally broke away again, still making the most of Gimm's uncertainty in kicking off.

Modra, McMahon, and Oatey battled hard to swing the game Norwood's way in the last quarter, but the Bay defence was adequate.

Hunt played a dashing last quarter and farther back, Long, Abley and Richens gave little away.

Long for a fine game in ruck and in defence was Glenelg's best. He got a fair average away from the bounces, marked brilliantly, and kicked the ball a long way.

Haydn Linke caught the ball in his usual uncanny style and fought like a tiger on the ground.

Useful work

Kernahan played another good game in ruck, and Richens was solid all day in the back pocket.

Norwood's best was Kneebone. He stopped Glenelg's attacks down the centre in the first quarter, and did some useful work in attack when freed by Glenelg's defensive tactics.

Modra went in hard all day and Wedding, though not dominant, played a useful game.

Today's details at a glance

GROUND: Firm—WEATHER: Windy

At Glenelg

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	7-6	9-8	12-13	12-14	86
Norwood	0-1	5-5	6-11	9-16	70

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Long, Linke, Kernahan, Richens, Howard, Anesbury, Payne, Hunt. NORWOOD: Kneebone, Modra, Wedding, Oatey, McMahon, Graham.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Westley 3.2, Rowe 3.2, Kernahan 2.3, Howard 2.1, Payne 1.2, Button 1.1, Cutten 0.1, Fraser 0.1, Long 0.1. NORWOOD: Skinner 2.5, Kneebone 2.2, Kite 2.0, Sawley 1.5, Modra 1.1, Oatey 1.0, Hillman 0.1, McMahon 0.1, Amery 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Cutten (shoulder) replaced by Blackburn in the last quarter. NORWOOD: Johnson (indisposed) replaced by Lawton in the last quarter.

Umpire—M. J. Smith.

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	1-1	4-7	6-9	9-11	65
North	5-5	7-5	7-17	8-17	65

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Payze, Bills, Graham, Cowling, Gibson, Shearman, Braidwood. NORTH: Barbary, Hammond, D. Lindner, Knuckey, Trenorden, Barr, Jones, Hill.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Head 3.2, Kingston 2.2, Rankine 1.2, Livesey 1.2, Gibson 1.1, Shearman 1.0, Pill 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Thomas 3.6, Martin 1.3, Murch 1.2, Sheridan 1.1, Paul 1.1, Hill 1.0, Pascoe 0.1, Trenorden 0.1, D. Lindner 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Russell (thigh muscle) replaced by Lucas in first term. Butler (twisted ankle) replaced by Dix at half-time. NORTH: Geisler (shoulder ligaments) replaced by Page at half-time. Knuckey (cramp) replaced by T. Lindner in the last term.

Umpire—K. G. Cunningham.

At Adelaide

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-6	6-10	9-15	13-20	98
South	1-3	4-7	6-8	7-12	54

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Kerley, Eustice, Thompson, Roach, Reu, Bray, Day, Pope. SOUTH: Christie, Darley, Day, Kantilla, Durbridge, Johnston, Shaw, Walker.

SCORERS—WEST: Roach 3.3, Brooks 3.2, Hooper 2.1, Benton 1.4, Sara 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Kerley 1.0, Pope 1.0, Wallace 0.3, Shrubsole 0.2, Barker 0.1, R. Day 0.1, Eustice 0.1. SOUTH: Christie 2.2, Judd 2.0, Backman 1.2, Darley 1.2, I. Day 1.0, Kantilla 0.2, McParlane 0.1, Tattioli 0.1, Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Nil. SOUTH: Lewis (leg injury) replaced by Wilson in the third quarter. Walker (leg injury) replaced by Wight in the last quarter.

Umpire—B. A. Wilson.

At Alberton

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	4-3	5-8	7-10	11-15	81
Sturt	2-0	2-0	3-4	5-6	36

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cooper, Elleway, Motley, Cahill, Mead, Potter, Hannaford, Philp. STURT: Dunn, Hill, Cunningham, Rigney, Saddington, Short, Schoff.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 2.5, Traynor 2.2, Potter 2.1, Matters 2.1, Cahill 1.0, Gill 1.0, Thompson 1.0, Errey 0.2, Philp 0.1, T. Obst 0.1, Hannaford 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Dunn 1.3, Gunn 1.1, Langridge 1.0, Murphy 1.0, Wiebusch 1.0, Halbert 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Nil. STURT: Ryan (ankle) replaced by Gunn in first term. Adcock (ankle) replaced by Schwarz during first term.

Umpire—N. L. G. Mackay.

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	12,200
Alberton	9,271
Glenelg	8,229
Adelaide	5,785
Total	35,485

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
North	8	2	1	861	826	17	51.03	
West	7	4	—	792	666	14	54.32	
Torrens	6	4	1	755	631	13	54.47	
Port	6	5	—	942	681	12	58.04	
Norwood	6	5	—	810	840	12	49.09	
Sturt	5	6	—	758	848	10	47.19	
Glenelg	4	7	—	780	981	8	44.29	
South	1	10	—	678	903	2	42.88	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	2-5	11	36-25
W. Thomas (North)	3-6	11	24-23
Amery (Norwood)	0-1	11	24-15
Skinner (Norwood)	2-5	11	23-18
Head (Torrens)	3-2	10	22-20
Potter (Port)	2-1	10	22-16
Langridge (Sturt)	1-0	11	21-18
Backman (South)	1-2	11	19-25
Rowe (Glenelg)	3-2	8	19-11
Matters (Port)	2-1	9	19-11
Benton (West)	1-4	10	17-23