

TORRENS SHOW THE WAY

West could miss

Unbeaten in nine games, West Torrens today became undisputed leaders of the league premiership table in overwhelming North by 91 points at Norwood.

North are still in second place, but only by a one-point margin over Port.

The Magpies got the break with the wind and won from Sturt by 25 points at Alberton.

In the middle of a disastrous slump, West's hopes of making the finals took a staggering blow when South led all the way to win by six goals at Adelaide.

Norwood's hard-won victory by 16 points at Glenelg keeps them in the fight for a place in the four.

The Redlegs are level on 16 points with Sturt and West.

With West under a cloud, next Saturday's clash between Norwood and Sturt at Unley could well decide who will take the fourth major-round berth.

Torrens played magnificent football to demoralise North, who suffered a similar fate at their previous appearance at Norwood.

The Eagles began well with the wind, lost a little ground in the second quarter, but blasted their way to an unbeatable lead in a brilliant third term, kicking 8-10 to nil.

North's stars of last week were in complete eclipse.

Power across centre was Port's main strength in stopping Sturt's winning

run at Alberton. Each side had 20 scoring shots, but the Magpies were more accurate.

Shattered

Sturt's performance was not a bad one. Few sides could concede Port first use of a strong breeze at Alberton and the Blues have lost little prestige from today's result.

Port could move up to second position next week if they beat Glenelg and West can pull out of their slump against North at Richmond.

At Adelaide, hopes that West might take the opportunity to boost their percentage were quickly shattered.

Beaten all over the ground by Port last week, South today had winners in most positions.

West have fallen right away after seeming three weeks ago to be getting into shape for the major round.

Today their reorganised defence was not a success, even the reliable Bray being infected with the prevailing loss of confidence.

West's clash with North next Saturday will be a battle by both to restore prestige.

Light in the darkness for West is the return of Bert Johnson, whose natural exuberance will do much for the Red and Blacks' pessimism.

North, too, can hardly go so badly again. Their rucks were soundly beaten today and they also took a hiding across centre.

Disregarding today's complete debacle, North's main problem is centre where they have so far not made good the loss of Bloch's early good form.

At Glenelg, Norwood seemed to be in trouble after a poor first half. Their prospects were only slightly better at three-quarter time when Glenelg, 11 points down, had last use of the wind.

Rugged all day, the game flared into violence several times in the last quarter.

Norwood, who had been very patchy, played their best football when they were up against it and won well at the finish.

The Redlegs will have to improve a lot to toss Sturt at Unley.

Their roving, in particular, has slipped and any weakness here will be fully exploited by Sturt's quartet.

REDLEGS BATTLED FOR RUGGED WIN

By SAM GALLAGHER

Failing to play on from a strong first half, Glenelg went down by 16 points to Norwood in a rugged game at the Bay.

Norwood seemed to be in trouble when they led by only seven points after a first quarter with the strong breeze.

They hit back well to level after Glenelg had broken away to a 13-point lead in the second quarter, but a late burst by the Tigers made the difference 18 points at half-time.

Norwood's defence tightened in the third term, but they were still struggling in attack. The last-change margin of 11 points seemed hardly enough with the wind going Glenelg's way in the run home.

Wedding again

But Wedding finished in full control in ruck, and Norwood lifted as the game became fiery to go farther away.

Glenelg's earlier accuracy deserted them and they finished with a string of four behinds.

Losing the toss, Glenelg took defensive measures at once. They placed Westley and Tucker as extra men in defence, and even so managed two goals into the strong breeze.

Successfully matching Wedding in ruck, the Bays held the initiative for most of the first quarter.

They defended with great dash and determination to nullify Norwood's first use of the breeze.

Norwood on the other hand began without enthusiasm and their ball handling was far inferior to Glenelg's.

Freed by the Bays' defensive tactics, Inglis did as much as anyone to get Norwood into attack.

However, only Sawley was effective ahead of centre, and he had a hand in all the three Norwood goals scored in the first term.

This was in the face of strong opposition from Hunt who took a heavy knock in the first term and was obviously handicapped from then on.

Norwood also went on the defensive into the wind, putting Kneebone at centre half-back and Oatey as an extra back man.

Making better use of the

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	3-2	5-4	9-10	11-14	80
Glenelg	2-1	8-4	8-5	9-10	64

breeze, Glenelg drove through Button at centre half-forward to hit the front.



Sawley Richens

Driving force

Beal was their main driving force on the centre line, but Wedding's growing influence in ruck prevented the Bays from taking charge as they had threatened to do.

But they did go for distance in attack and two long goals by Button were beauties.

Norwood still found a way into attack through Sawley, but Linke's lion-hearted defence and Richens' intelligent backing up were generally too good for a haphazard attack.

Norwood lost Kelly at half time, Hillman coming in at centre half-forward.

Kneebone went to full forward and Kite to the back pocket.

As before, Glenelg started with Westley and Tucker in defence and Norwood obliged by directing their first two attacks to Westley.

With 10 minutes gone and no goal on the board, the Redlegs' chances seemed to be fading.

Wedding was in temporary eclipse, and only Bowe on the wing provided consistent drive.

The Redleg defence was steadier, however, with Johnson now beginning to attack from half back.

In attack Norwood still did it the hard way, but

persistence was rewarded.

Wedding in the air and McMahon on the ground took the initiative in ruck, and a great quarter by Bowe, opposed now by Beal, took Norwood to a narrow three-quarter time lead.

The opening of the last term was tense football, with both sides straining for the important first goal.

Strong following by McMahon put Norwood in through Sawley's flank, but Glenelg came back through the grandstand wing through Beal, who had not changed over at the start of the term.

It was not until the game turned violent that Norwood broke away. Playing their best football for the day, they drove from winning rucks through Hillman and Sawley to make the game safe.

Effective

Sawley was Norwood's most effective player. He sustained his game throughout.

Wedding was struggling early but finished right on top, while McMahon played his best game for the season.

Bowe's was another important contribution to the win.

For Glenelg, Richens was outstanding. He backed up brilliantly and rarely failed to place the ball to advantage.

Linke was in the way at centre half-back for most of the day and Beal had a good day on the wing.

Glenelg half-forward Ray Button today confirmed the fine impression he has made in his first league season.

Opposed to Ron Kneebone in the second quarter, Button more than held his own with some fine marking and two great goals.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

GROUND: Heavy. WEATHER: Windy.

AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-2	8-2	12-2	14-6	90
Sturt	1-2	4-6	7-7	9-11	65

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Cahill, Motley, Potter, Traynor, Fabian, Hayes, Ladner, Johns, Beaufoy. STURT: Hill, Schoff, Saddington, D. Hicks, Dunn, Webster, Langridge, Ryan.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 4-2, Matters 3-0, Beaufoy 2-0, Philp 2-0, Luke 1-2, Potter 1-0, Hannaford 1-0, Cahill 0-1, T. Obst 0-1. STURT: Langridge 3-1, Dunn 2-3, Hicks 1-2, Jones 1-1, Halbert 1-1, Hill 1-0, Schoff 0-1, Rigney 0-1, rushed 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Hannaford (leg injury) replaced by Marrett in the third quarter. STURT: Nil.

UMPIRE—R. C. Hall.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	3-2	5-4	9-10	11-14	80
Glenelg	2-1	8-4	8-5	9-10	64

BEST PYAYERS—NORWOOD: Sawley, Wedding, McMahon, Bowe, Johnson, Inglis, Skinner. GLENELG: Richens, Linke, Beal, Button, Kernahan, Westley, Howard.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Skinner 4-1, Sawley 2-4, Curtis 2-1, Oatey 1-1, Harrison 1-0, Hillman 1-0, Amery 0-3, Inglis 0-1, Kneebone 0-1, McMahon 0-1, rushed 0-1. GLENELG: Button 3-1, Kernahan 2-3, Cullen 2-0, Anesbury 1-1, Tucker 1-0, Westley 0-2, Payne 0-1, Howard 0-1, rushed 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Kelly (shoulder) replaced by Hillman at half-time, Modra (shoulder) replaced by Graham in the last quarter. GLENELG: Nil.

REPORTS—D. E. Blackburn (GLENELG) reported by field umpire B. A. Lees and boundary umpire B. G. Williams for allegedly striking G. F. McMahon in the last quarter.

UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	5-6	8-7	16-9	20-10	130
West	2-2	6-8	7-13	13-16	94

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Darley (best on ground), Day, Ross, Schmidt, Ploenges, Silva, O'Brien, Skuse, Christie (all went well). WEST: Kerley, Pcppe, Benton, Thomas, Reu, Barker.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Jackson 5-3, Day 5-1, Darley 4-0, Skuse 3-2, Ross 1-1, Backman 1-0, Ploenges 1-0, Christie 0-2, O'Brien 0-1. WEST: Kerley 2-2, Eustice 2-1, Roach 2-1, Hooper 2-0, Thomas 1-3, Benton 1-1, Bray 1-1, Shrubsole 1-1, Garnett 1-0, Barker 0-4, Day 0-1, rushed 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Ploenges (slight leg strain) replaced by Wilson in the last term. WEST: Nil.

UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	6-5	7-10	15-20	18-21	129
North	0-4	4-6	4-6	5-8	38

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Braidwood, Cowling, Kingston, Dix, Head, Bills, Livesey, Connolly, Graham. NORTH: Murch, Lindner, Geisler, Jones, Knuckey, Barbary, Trenorden.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Hawke 5-4, Head 3-5, Connolly 2-3, Kingston 2-2, Hanrahan 2-1, Pill 2-0, Cowling 1-1, Rawson 1-0, Bills 0-1, Gould 0-1. Dix 0-1, rushed 0-2. NORTH: Sheridan 2-0, Lindner 1-1, Geisler 1-0, Potts 1-0, Murch 0-1, Thomas 0-1, Martin 0-1, Dixon 0-1, Hill 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, rushed 0-1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Dix (thigh) replaced by Gilbert during the final term, Gould (ankle) replaced by Wright during the last quarter. NORTH: Martin (leg) replaced by May at three-quarter time.

REPORT—F. Bills (TORRENS) reported by field umpire W. A. Henderson for allegedly elbowing B. Potts (NORTH) in the second quarter.

UMPIRE—W. A. Henderson.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
Torrens	10	4	1	1141	811	21	58.45	
North	9	5	1	1108	1141	19	49.26	
Port	9	6	—	1331	902	18	59.60	
West	8	7	—	1146	1004	16	53.30	
Sturt	8	7	—	1038	1102	16	48.50	
Norwood	8	7	—	1046	1149	16	47.65	
Glenelg	5	10	—	1060	1377	10	43.49	
South	2	13	—	978	1362	4	41.79	

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	15,184
Alberton	12,341
Glenelg	6,857
Adelaide	4,415

Total 38,797

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Ttl.
R. Johns (Port)	4.2	15	47.33
Head (Torrens)	3.5	14	33.32
Potter (Port)	1.0	14	33.20
Skinner (Norwood)	4.1	15	32.19
W. Thomas (North)	0.1	15	20.29
Langridge (Sturt)	3.1	15	28.21
Matters (Port)	3.0	13	28.15
Backman (South)	1.0	15	25.29
Amery (Norwood)	0.3	14	25.20

NEXT WEEK

Port v. Glenelg, at Adelaide.
Torrens v. South, at Kensington.
West v. North, at Richmond.
Sturt v. Norwood, at Unley.

KERLEY IS SECOND

A first vote to Neil Kerley (West) today put him level with Port's Jeff Potter in second place in the Mildara Football Trophy competition.

L. Head (WT)	23 1/2
J. Potter (PA)	22 1/2
N. Kerley (WA)	22 1/2
J. Bray (WA)	21 1/2
P. Jarley (SA)	21 1/2
F. Bills (WT)	19 1/2
R. Kneebone (N)	18 1/2
K. Wedding (N)	18 1/2
M. Hill (St.)	17 1/2
I. Day (SA)	16 1/2
H. Linke (G)	15 1/2
K. Eustice (WA)	14

