## FIELD FOR TOP FOUR DOWN TO FIVE?

By SAM GALLAGHER

League leader West Torrens' comfortable defeat of Sturt at Adelaide today has virtually put the Blues out of the running for the finals.

The major round field seems now to be reduced to a battle between the first five teams.

Sturt are now two games pect, but they meet South. out of the four and would Gleneig, and Sturt in the have to win all three re- remaining three minor maining games and rely round matches. on a slump by North to West

and make the grade.

North dropped to fifth fourth positions by defeatas a result of their loss to ing Glenelg and South toPort by 12 points at Pros- day, but they meet TorMagples are not particuWinning

two series.

With North likely to win their last three games. even victories over the two leaders would not earn a major round berth for both Norwood and West.

a big percentage margin over the Redlegs, look likely to be the fourth team in the finals.

North query

If North could reproduce their Prospect form away from home, they would contenders.

Norwood had held them scoreless pull out all the stops to

line could trouble Port.

fore finally taking the termined comeback. South after losing the toss. were not extended to beat

At the Bay, West had to a weakened Sturt by 37 effort to win by 21 points. Norw

Down 17 points at the last change. West reorganised with Bray at fullforward and held Glenelg scoreless as they added

A pleasing feature for still be a danger to the West was the improved more fancied premiership form of Shrubsole. This lifted their roving which Today they fought back has been a weakness.

Comeback Winning rucks and a premiership threat.

rens and Port in the next larly impressive and any strong centreline took the side that can match Mot- Redlegs away to what ley and Cahill on the centre seemed a matchwinning lead early in the last West and Norwood both quarter, but South made had an anxious time be- it a tense finish with a de-

points against Glenelg and At Adelaide, Torrens

Norwood against Port at Norwood next week and West against Torrens at Richmond should draw big crowds.

Injuries to Potter and Hannaford could seriously reduce Port's strength.

This should be a traditional clash between the old rivals, worth going a long way to see.

The centreline could

decide the result. At Richmond. West will be flat out to stop Torrens' winning run and establish themselves as a definite

GROUND: Reasonable

WEATHER: Windy

AT ADELAIDE

Final 1st 12-18 BEST PLAYERS-TORRENS: Gibson, Gould,

Howell, Russell, Bills, Blight, Braidwood. STURT Short, Hill, Hicks, Jarrett, Murphy, Dunn, Clarke. SCORERS-TORRENS: Shearman 2.3, Russell 2.3, Dix 2.0, Connolly 2.0, Hawke 1.3, Isaac 1.2, Howell 1.0, Head 1.0, Gilbert 0.2, Pill 0.2, Kingston 0.1, rushed 0.2. STURT: Dunn 3.2, Hicks 1.1, Rigney 1.1, Milburn 1.0, Hill 1.0, Langridge 1.0, Mor-

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Livesey nerve) replaced by Connolly at quarter-time. Head (thigh muscle) replaced by Gilbert in second term. STURT: Gunn replaced by Wiebusch at threequarter time. Rigney (thigh and shoulder) replaced by Jones in last term. Umpire: K. G. Cunningham.

AT GLENELG

### 3rd Final Pts. 1st 743 10-14 7-11 Glenelg 3—8

BEST PLAYERS-WEST: Kerley, Shrubsole, Day, Eustice, Pope, Bray, Thompson, Johnson, GLENELG: Richens, Kernahan, Button, Howard, Payne, Westley, Hunt, Abley.

SCORERS-WEST: Reu 2.2, Bray 2.1, Roach 2.0, Benton 1.1, Campbell 1.0, Eustice 1.0, Shrubsole 1.0. Garnett 0.4, Hooper 0.2, Johnson 0.1, Kerley 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Button 2.2, Howard 2.1, Rowe 2.0, Payne 1.1, Westley 0.2, Linke 0.2, Barnes 0.1, Tucker 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS-GLENELG: J. Long (leg injury) replaced by Fitzgerald in the first quarter.

WEST: Nil.

quarter time.

final quarter.

West

Umpire: R. C. Hall. AT NORWOOD

### Final 2nd 3rd Pts. 9-16 14-20 104 6—14 11-11 14-12 1—1 South

BEST PLAYERS-NORWOOD: Bowe, Johnson. Amery, Wedding, Modra, Oatey, McMahon, Inglis, Harrison, SOUTH: Skuse, Ross, Judd, Day, Stewart, Christie, Silva, Ploenges.

SCORERS.—NORWOOD: Skinner 3.2, Inglis 3.2, Oatey 3.0, Amery 2.3, McMahon 1.2, Modra 1.0. Hillman 1.0, Graham 0.3, Curtis 0.2, Harrison 0.1, Sawley 0.1, rushed 0.4. SOUTH: Skuse 4.3, Ross 3.1, Backman 3.1, Day 1.2, O'Brien 1.1, Christie 1.1, Jackson 1.0, Darley 0.1, Foster 0.1, rushed 0.1. REPLACEMENTS-NORWOOD: Sawley (indisposed) replaced by Graham in last term. SOUTH: ? Schmidt (thumb) replaced by Roennfeldt at three-

Umpire: B. Lees.

Foster replaced by Wilson during

## AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pis.
Part	0-1	8-5	9-6	12-10	82
North	3-5	3-5	5-16	9-16	70
PEST			T. Motley	Philn	Mat-

BEST PLATERS—PORT: Moties. Fini ters, Cooper, Elleway, Cahill, Bray, NORTH: Thomas, Hammond, Geisler, Knuckey, Trenorden, Hill, Dixon.

SCORERS-PORT: Bray 3.0. Matters 2.3. Johns 2 1.4. Marrett 1.1. Motley 1.0. Hannaford 1.0. T. Obst 1.0. Errey 1.0. Beautoy 1.0. Traynor 0.1. rushed 0.1. NORTH: Thomas 5.3. Martin 1.2. Paull 1.2. Hill 1.1, Ashby 1.0, Bloch 0.2, Barbary 0.1, Murch 0.1. Geisler 0.1, Lindner 0.1, Pascoe 0.1. Dixon 0.1. REPLACEMENTS-PORT: Hannaford (calf) replaced by Marrett at half-time. Potter (thigh) replaced by Hastings in last quarter. NORTH: Bloch (leg) replaced by Sheridan in last quarter. Umpire. W. A. Henderson.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE Points Prem.

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Torrens .	12	4	1	1346	951	25	58.59
Port	11	6	_	1573	1002	22	61.08
West	10	7	_	1317	1127	20	53.88
Norwood	10	7	_	1266	1318	20	48.99
North	9	7	1	1248	1320	19	48.59
Sturt	8	9	_	1164	1308	16	47.08
Glenelg .	5	12		1143	1611	10	41.50
South	2	15	-	1161	1581	4	42.34
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Adelaide					13,087
Prespect					10,474
Norwood					5,870
Glenelg	2				5,409
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## HIGHEST, LOWEST

Sturt 8-5 (53 pts.)

HIGHEST LOWEST LEAGUE

Norwood 14-20 (104 pts.) Glenelg 7-11 (53 pts.) SECONDS

Centrals 18-23 (131 pts.) North 4-11 (35 pts.)

## LEADING COALVICVEDS

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	Today	Matches	Total }
R. Johns (Port)	1-4	17	53-43 2
Head (Totrens)	1-0	16	37-38
Head (Totrens)	3-2	17	36-22 \$
W. Thomas (North)	5-3 -	17	34-35
	-	16	34-22
Potter (Port) Backman (South)	3-1	17	32-31 2
Langruige (Sturt)	1-0	17	32-23 2
Matters (Port)	2-3	15	32-22
Banke (Torrens) .	1-3	. 7	29-24

## NEXT WEEK

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

# LEAGUE DELAUS WEST CLINCHED IT IN LAST

## Centre line and attack were better

B<sub>H</sub> JEFF PASH

A winning centre line and greater certainty in attack enabled West to catch Glenelg in the last quarter with the wind after they had trailed for most of the day.

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The Bays, weakened as they were, made a good fight of it. They lost their the six-goal wind in the first quarter redeemed, themselves in the second, and just could not put enough on the board in the third.

Defensive tactics were employed by both sides when working against the wind. These made for a muddled, often-interrupted first half; but in the second half both attacks were kept reasonably open, and the final winning margin was not established until very late in the final term.

Glenelg won the toss and unnesitatingly chose to go with the strong north wind. The ground was liberally sprinkled with sand in several places and by 17 points - hardly mostly notably when the these were an additional hazard to the rather tricky bounce.

Extra man

West put an extra man on the ball, and they sent Day to centre, Roach taking over at centre halfforward. Kernahan and Payne gave the Bays a good start in ruck, and with the rovers, Howard and Westley, going well from the beginning, they soon had a strong attack under stage.

way. Kerley was the big obstacle, and West were able to get into attack centre line was evident in some hot spots. through him, Eustice and this term; Day and Eustice Howard

defence. The Bays spoilt their straight. fence was by no means West seven points up.

a worry to it.

pointers. In the meantime West had made a few promising attempts and scored one valuable goal when Campbell sent in a shot that rolled through.

It seemed that the Bays had let West in for a big lead by half-time.

West rattled on two goals in quick time, stuck fast for a while as Glenelg played the ball safely to the wings, and eventually tied the scores with a goal to Roach and a further point. The expected avalanche

did not eventuate.

Outplayed From this point, if

anything. Glenelg outplayed West. Richens was proving impassable in the back pocket; the halfwere playing strongly; Johnson was now starved on his left flank; the rucks were doing better than West's. By half-time Glenelg

had held on to their position and the scores were still tied. In the second half simi-

lar tactics were used. The Bays now tried to get their goals with the wind; West restored Bray to centre half-back stacked their defence lines. In this term West made

a strong effort against the wind, and the good play of Kerley, Eustice, and Johnson eventually got them 1-2 before the Bays could get started. Good play by Fraser on

the wing and Howard on

the bail finally started

things running and a fer-

West chance by failing to exploit Glenelg 3-8 3-9

2nd



Shrubsole

tile attacking period saw all played good games. the Bays add four goals in fairly quick time.

At the bell Gleneig led enough, it seemed. In the last quarter West

sent both Bray and Gar-Bray to full forward, Garnett to half-forward left. Johnson went over to halfforward right.

Glenelg were to have only two real opportunities in the back pocket. quarter — through Button and Linke.

## Stood out

then in the run home West third quarter. shots having been full- rather unexpected margin promise at half-back.

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KERLEY IN

West's N. Jerley has taken the dead from L.

Head (Torrens) in the Mildara Football Trophy

N. Kerley (WA) ..

G. Potter (PA) ...

M. HIH (St.) .. ..

I. Day (SA) ..

Head (WT) ..

Darley (SA) ...

Bray (WA) ..

Wedding (N) ...

Bills (WT) ..

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WINES and BRANDIES

FRONT

competition.

of 21 points, having kicked 5.8 for the term. For West Kerley played

3rd

an outstanding game in the rucks; he saved them in the first quarter, again in the third, and was always managing breakaways. Shrubsole was next for

a stout-hearted game in defence and many successful moves in attack. Day was always a nuisance to Glenelg for his interceptions and strong getaways into attack. Eustice, Pope, and Bray

Thompson had moments in ruck, and Johnson was always in the picture at half-forward.

going was hardest. Thomas, after a few slips in the first half, nett into the forward lines, made some excellent saves at fullback and Barker

> played a good first half. For Glenelg Richens was best, for a strong determined, polished game in

Kernahan played a very The tenacious game in the second broke down when a rucks-a captain's game, short pass from Linke was in fact. Button restricted intercepted at a critical in his opportunities in two quarters, nevertheless did well with what play he received; he marked well West's power on the and kicked accurately from

Johnson often enough to kept the ball safely in the Payne gave solid support relieve the pressure on the forward area, and it was to Kernahan on the ball then a question of kicking and took some good marks. Westley was another to game in this term by Gradually the goals rove well and make his kicking badly. West's decame. Bray's second put presence felt when resting. Hunt defended strongly.

certain and the pace of Button's and Linke's Fraser attacked intelli-Glenelg's smaller men was counter-attacks just failed; gently-particularly in the By the end of the quar- went on to get two goals played his usual efficient ter the Bays had 3-8 on from Roach and Eustice. game. Fitzgerald, the rethe board, the last two At the bell they had the placement, showed fair

> GLENELG back pocket player Richens made only one mistake on the In the third quarter,

when West were making a series of strong attacks against the wind, he arrived far too late to stop West half-forward Johnson getting his kick, crashed into him nevertheless, and virtually gave him a free.

Luckily this ended with a point to new West goalsneak Reu.

DOUG Thomas, West captain-coach, continued to have difficulty with his kicking out in the first quarter at Glenelg today.

He grubbered three drop-kicks against the then strong wind; missed his footing in trying a punt and put it straight up in the

Howevere,

covered his touch and went on to play a useful game.

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