VITAL ROUND FOR FOUR

In two shock results, Norwood and West Adelaide today convincingly beat league leaders, Torrens and Port, to set the stage for a battle royal at Norwood next week to decide last place in the final four.

Norwood beat the Eagles by 38 points at Thebarton, and the Magpies went down by 23 points at Alberton.

place, but Ports' defeat players looking on. means their double chance Accuracy and the ability is in jeopardy.

must win from Torrens at sington. Adelaide to hold second Bob Hank, who saw position.

the four They can only be Sturt made position ousted now by the unlikely changes and, in what has combination of a heavy de- become something of a feat at the hands of Sturt, habit this year, produced who have no real incen- a burst of brilliant foottive, and a draw between ball to give the lie to their West and Norwood.

At Adelaide Oval, Sturt kicked 8-2 in a matchwinning last quarter to convert three-quarter time deficit sure to draw a great into a 29-point winning crowd. margin over South.

Looked tired

In the game at Alberton. slump when Ken Eustice, come of this clash. named at centre, was unable to take his place in the side.

The Red-and-Blacks put Day to centre, Bray to centre half-forward and Garnett to centre half-

Led by a brilliant Kerley and with Roach at last striking top form, West were level with the Magpies at half-time.

Stan Wickham, reporting this game, said that Port's offset a possible West move of Motley to centre edge in pace to make this and P. Obst to centre half- game a real thriller. forward in the third term reacted in West's favor.

enforced to a large extent today's jolts. by West's quick tackling, at the finish.

stake, proach at Thebarton may they will have to approach lackadaisical. But such a stronger attitude to dispel convincing defeat at this stage of the season can-this is the start of a not help their confidence slump. for the big games ahead. Port likewise have some

were bereft of power in Close to full strength to-

forrens are safe in top Norwood, too, had good

of their rovers to score If North peat Sturt at freely took North to vic-Prospect, the Magpies tory over Glenelg at Ken-

Sturt and South at Ade-North, who got in by nine points from Glenelg at Kensington, virtually made safe their place in the four laide, thought that South may have erred in switching Peter Judd away from centre half-back late in the third quarter.

early poor form.

Ruck duel

Norwood and West at four-point Norwood next week are

Stars of today's games, Kerley and Wedding, will be opposed in ruck and the final result could West's stocks seemed to largely depend on the out-

Norwood's rovers look better, but West could have an edge across centre. When they last met at Kensington, Brian Saw-ley's game at half-forward played a big part in Norwood's one-point win

Without him Norwood lack strength across halfforward.

However, a repeat of today's team effort could

At Adelaide, both Port and Torrens will be out Dogged by inaccuracy, to restore confidence after

The Eagles' form today Port looked a tired side was certainly too bad to with nothing tangible Kingston will work won-Torrens' ap- ders in their attack, but somewhat this game with a much

Admittedly the Eagles morale building to do. their forward positions, but day they should have won.

LATE BAYS BURST JUST FAILED

By NEIL HAWKE in the absence of Jeff Pash (indisposed)

A great fightback late in the game by the Tigers, when they added five goals in eight minutes, left them only nine points short of the North score at the final siren at Kensington Oval.

Final Pts. 2nd 3rd 2-3 7-5 12-6 16-9 105 Glenelg 1-5 4-8 7-14 13-18 96

Had it not been for inaccurate forward work for three quarters of the game, Glenelg could well have caused the third upset of the round.

The game began scratchily after Don Lindbegan ner had won the toss and chosen the northern end with a cross breeze giving no assistance to either team.

The ground appeared firm, but players found difficulty in keeping their footing when turning quickly and this resulted in many scrimmages and

poor passages of play. Glenelg in the first term had as much of the play as North, but could do little with the ball once in range of goal.

Spurted away

Button's grand mark and magnificent 55-yard goal was the one shining exception and he scored their only goal for the

At the other end, the North forwards were finding it difficult to break clear of a tight Tiger defence well led by Abley, Hunt and Haydn Linke.

kicked When May straight just before the first term ended. North led by four points, having kicked 2-3 to the disappointing Glenelg total of

The game brightened in the second term when North spurted away to appeared to what be a match-winning lead. Martin, Thomas H

Hill. Murch, and Ashby all chipped in with goals, with the only Glenelg anwho took a courageous mark in the goalsquare.

North were winning well the packs through May and Hill and it was only when Kernahan called himself on the ball midway through the term that the Tigers were able to steady.

nahan in check, and, further back Knuckey was dashing in the back pocket and turned away many attacks.

Kernahan's influence on the play enabled the Tigers to get moving again through Richens, Howard, and Fraser, and when Button and Anesbury goaled, the half-time margin was 15 points in North's favor.

North

Glen'lg

ton. Abley

0.1, rushed 0.2

REPLACEMENT—NORTH:

Anesbury, after splendid start against Bloch, was shifted to half-forward a surprising move as the North centreman came very strongly into the game from this point on.

Costly kicking

Any chance which Glenelg might have had, was thrown away in the third term when they could add only 3-6 to the Roosters

Glenelg had no answer to the elusive forward work of the North rovers, Paull and Thomas, and they were mainly responsible for the North scoring in this term. Glenelg was still getting

as much play, but could not get the ball through the big sticks and it cost them dearly. Peek, on his wing was

ahead of Barbary most of the day and he sent in Rowe marked magnifi-cently 20- yards out from

goal, but, as was the pattern for most of the day, kicked badly and brought up one flag onty, He made amends a little

later when he goaled from a free and this sparked the Tigers back to life.

Kernahan goaled after Peek had again driven the ball in, but North, always appearing to have that little in reserve, steadied, and Martin and Thomas restored their handy break.

Glenelg's last goal for the term came from the luckless Howard, finally steered a good one through after an exasperating run of four successive points.

hard to stem the flow and only had themselves to blame for starting for home 22 points down.

The Tigers had battled

The defenders were generally well on top, and it was left to an occasional good individual effort to record goals.

Murch and Martin had been well covered by Linke and Abley, but at the other Rowe occasionally threatened danger withchis high marking. It was unfortunate that he could not convert his opportunities.

The bulk of the Bay scoring came from the smooth striding Ray Button and the cleverness of another promising young-ster in Anesbury.

These two were destined to play a big part in the final recovery.

16-9

13—18

Murch

Pts.

105

North opened the final term as if they were going to swamp the seasiders.

The rucks and rovers swung into top gear and, with the centreline well on top, and Murch marking powerfully down at fullforward, North rattled on three quick goals.

Hill soccered the first off the ground just to show how easy it was and then Thomas rubbed salt into the wound by goaling grandly from the boundary line at top pace-and from the awkward pocket for a left-footer.

North led by 40 points and it looked all over.

Button revived flagging interest with his third, but this was answered immediately with a running left-footer from Geisler.

Then suddenly it was all Glenelg, and they stormed home with a brand of football which left North floundering.

Peek, Westley and Fraser converged everything across centre and, with Blackburn and Payne driving the ball for-ward, the Tiger attack was flooded with chances. Rowe marked brilliantly

and kicked truly. Then Anesbury, playing cleverly on his halfforward flank, drove home

two more. The Tigers stormed in again and the crowd came to life as Rowe again goaled.

It was great footballfour goals having come in five minutes — and the margin was now whittled down to 16 points.

North tried to steady and strong marks by Hammond and Sutter made the game safe.

Glenelg came again at the finish and Button scored his fourth after some brilliant goal-front play.

Th final siren thwarted any further Glenelg attempts but the late challenge restored interest and



Hammond

brought a very satisfactory ending to the game. Spectators were often displeased with the effort turned in by umpire Hall. It was a game difficult

to adjudge best players as few did well over four quarters. I thought Bob Ham-

mond, for a fine rebound game and closure of the short way to goal, was best for North. He has certainly settled in well in this position.

Malcolm Dixon excelled in some very good passages of play and will be one to watch now that the grounds are firmer.

Young ruckman Brian May is improving with every game and shows surprising pace and agility for a big man. On the other side, Glenelg

were very well served by Mery Peek who had the better of Barry Barbary. He is a great trier and is always doing something useful.

Haydn Linke gave away inches to Murch but bullocked his way through in an effective game.

Doug Blackburn played serviceably for most of the game, and had a particularly brilliant third term to catch the eye.



Kerley wins

West's N. Kerley won the Mildara first prize of 125 gns. today. With one game to be played in the minor round, he cannot be beaten.

N. Kerley (WA) . 8312 L. Head (WT) .. 2816 P. Darley (SA) .. I. Day (SA) J. Bray (WA) K. Wedding (N) . 1 Potter (PA) .. 2212 R. Kneebone (N) .. 2112 M. Hill (8) .. G. Motley (PA) .. 20

GROUND: Firm—WEATHER: Fine AT ALBERTON Hammond had held Ker-2nd Pts. final

West 10---6 Port 43 2—12

QUICK LOOK AT

LEAGUE GAMES

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Kerley, Roach, Thomas, Benton, Bray, Pope, Bitmead, Shrubsole. PORT: Motley, Cahill, P. Obst, Fabian, Elleway. T. Obst, Potter, Bray. SCORERS-WEST: Kerley 4.0, Roach 2.0, Ben-

ton 1.2, Costello 1.1, Sara 1.0, Reu 1.0, Bray 0.2, Thompson 0.1. PORT: P. Obst 1.1, T. Obst 1.0, Hayes 1.0, Cahill 1.0, Bray 0.4, Johns 0.3, Beaufoy 0.2. Potter 0.2, Gill 0.2, Traynor 0.2, Matters 0.2, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Johnson (twisted knee), replaced by Brooks in the third term. Day (cramp), replaced by Schramm in the last term. PORT: Hannaford (leg), replaced by Marrett in the third term. Matters replaced by Hayes in the

REPORT: J. Potter (PORT) reported by boundary umpire A. J. Roberts during the third term for allegedly kicking D. Thomas (WEST) in the

UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT THEBARTON

2nd 3rd 1st Pts. Norwood Z-4 Torrens 0—3 8-16

PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding. BEST Amery, Turbill, Lawton, Harrison, Oatey, Inglis, McMahon, Kneebone. TORRENS: Shearman, Gibson, Bills, Russell, Head, Graham, Blight, Rawson.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Turbill 7.0, Oatey 3.2, Amery 3.2, Modra 1.1, McMahon 1.1, Inglis 0.2, Curtis 0.2, Hillman 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Head 3.2, Shearman 2.4, Gould 1.2, Connolly 1.1, Morrell 1.0, Sziller 0.2, Russell 0.1, Gilbert 0.1. Butler 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS — NORWOOD: Graham (indisposed) replaced by Vickers at half-time. Lawton (ankle) replaced by Daly in last quarter. TORRENS: Payze (pulled leg muscle) replaced by Morrell at half-time. Gibson (possible concussion) replaced by Sziller at three-quarter time. UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

Premiership table

	W.	L	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
Torrens	13	5	1	1477	1094	27	57.44
Port	12	7	-	1678	1100	24	60.40
North	11	7	1	1452	1459	23	49.88
West	11	8	_	1424	1237	22	53.51
Norwood	11	8	_	1400	1444	22	49.22
Sturt	10	9	-	1346	1457	20	48.01
Glenelg	5	14	-	1295	1776	10	42.16
South	2	17	-	1297	1802	4	41.85
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LEADING GOALKICKERS

		Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port) .	200	0.3	19	54.49
Head (Torrens) .		3.2	18	42.44
W. Thomas (North)		4.0	19	42.38
Skinner (Norwood)		_	18	37.22
Langridge (Sturt)		3.2	19	36.29
Potter (Port)		0.2	17	34.24
Backman (South) .		1.2	19	33.34
Rowe (Glenelg) .		3.1	13	33.15

AT ADELAIDE

replaced by Kent in last term. GLENELG: Nil.

AT KENSINGTON

BEST PLAYERS-NORTH: Hammond, Dixon,

SCORERS-NORTH: Thomas 4.0, Paull 3.1,

Murch 2.2, Hill 2.1, Martin 2.1, May 1.1, Geisler

1.0. Ashby 1.0. Barbary 0.2, Bloch 0.1. GLENELG:

Button 4.1, Rowe 3.2, Anesbury 3.0, Howard 1.6,

Westley 1.2. Kernahan 1.1, Hancock 0.2, Richens

May, Paull, Bloch, Knuckey, Pascoe. GLENELG: Peek, H. Linke, Blackburn, Hunt, Anesbury, But-

12-6

7-14

7-5

4-8

2nd Pts. 122 Sturt 9-12 10-16 93 South

BEST PLAYERS-STURT: Langridge, Murphy, Hicks, Halbert, Dunn, Short, Wiebusch, Morton. SOUTH: Day, Darley, Ploenges, Judd, Skuse, Kantilla, Silva, Johnston.

SCORERS—STURT: Morton 4.1, Langridge 3.2, Dunn 3.0, Hicks 3.0, Halbert 3.0, Milburn 1.1, Schrier 1.0, Wiebusch 1.0, Rigney 0.2, Saddington 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Day 2.3, Foster 2.1, Johnston 2.0 Richards 1.5, Backman 1.2, Silva 1.2, Darley 1.1, Kantilla 1.0, Walker 1.0, Skuse 0.4, Christie 0.2. O'Brien 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Gunn replaced by Burford at half-time. SOUTH: Stewart (leg) replaced by Petersen in last quarter.

UMPIRE—L. J. Davoren.

ATTENDANCES

Thebarton				 		12,385
Alberton				 		9,798
Adelaide				 		6,864
Kensington	•	•	•	 ••	••	4,874
Total						22 621

NEXT WEEK Port v. Torrens at Adelaide. Glenelg v. South at Glenelg. Norwood v. West at Norwood. North v. Sturt at Prospect.