

WEST BATTLE INTO SEMI

By SAM GALLAGHER

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

GROUND: Firm. WEATHER: Fine.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	1-6	7-9	10-12	13-19	97
Torrens	0-3	4-5	8-6	10-10	70

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Peter Obst, Motley, Cooper, Cahill, Philp, Traynor, Hayes, Elleyway, Luke. **TORRENS:** Bills, Head, Gibson, Livesey, Rowson, Kingson, Butler.

SCORERS—PORT: Traylor 3.0, Philp 3.1, Luke 2.0, Potter 1.4, P. Obst 1.2, T. Obst 1.1, Marrett 1.1, Bray 0.2, Errey 0.1, rushed 0.1. **TORRENS:** Kingston 2.4, Gould 2.2, Head 2.1, Sziller 2.1, Gilbert 2.0, Young 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Tierney replaced by Virgo during final term. **TORRENS:** Russell (knee) replaced by Wright during second quarter, Cowling (leg) replaced by Lucas during last quarter.

UMPIRE—L. J. Davoren.

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glenelg	5-2	12-8	20-11	24-20	164
South	5-6	5-8	9-11	12-13	85

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: Kernahan, Richens, Fraser, Rowe, Abley, Button, Hancock, Peek, Anesbury. **SOUTH:** Darley, Day, Kantilla, Backman, Schmidt, Shaw, Ploenges.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Rowe 10.1, Payne 3.2, Howard 2.3, Fraser 2.2, Hancock 2.1, Button 1.3, Kernahan 1.1, Richens 1.1, Anesbury 1.1, Blackburn 1.0, Westley 0.3, rushed 0.2. **SOUTH:** Darley 3.2, Skuse 3.1, Petersen 1.3, Day 1.3, Kantilla 1.1, Backman 1.0, Walker 1.0, Ploenges 1.0, O'Brien 0.1, Foster 0.1, Johnston 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Westley replaced by Tucker in last term, Peek replaced by Croser in the last term. **SOUTH:** Christie (leg) replaced by Hilder in second term, Richards (thigh) replaced by Threadgold in second term.

UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-0	9-4	15-9	16-13	109
Norwood	5-4	10-10	11-11	12-14	86

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Kerley, Bray, Thompson, Day, Eustice, Shrubsole, Ryan, Thomas, Garnett. **NORWOOD:** Wedding, Amery, McMahon, Turbill, Oatey, Kelly, Lawton, Inglis, Ashby.

SCORERS—WEST: Bray 3.2, Barker 3.1, Benton 2.2, Kerley 2.2, Shrubsole 2.0, Eustice 1.2, Costello 1.1, Ryan 1.1, Reu 0.1, Bitmead 0.1, Roach 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Turbill 5.3, Oatey 3.0, Amery 1.3, Sawley 1.1, Wedding 1.1, Curtis 1.0, Hillman 0.3, Inglis 0.2, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Dunn (leg) replaced by Kite in the third quarter.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	5-1	10-2	19-2	21-4	130
Sturt	2-0	5-3	7-5	8-9	57

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: D. Lindner, Paull, Pascoe, Hammond, Geisler, Barbary, Bloch, Hill, Knuckey. **STURT:** Dunn, Murphy, Short, Rigney, Halbert, Hicks, Schoff.

SCORERS—NORTH: Murch 5.0, Hill 4.0, Paull 3.1, D. Lindner 3.0, Thomas 3.0, Barbary 1.1, Mitchell 1.0, Geisler 1.0, Pascoe 0.1, rushed 0.1. **STURT:** Hicks 2.0, Dunn 1.5, Langridge 1.1, Hill 1.0, Schwarz 1.0, Rigney 1.0, Ryan 1.0, Saddington 0.1, Schoff 0.1, Wiebusch 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: Ashby (thigh) replaced by Mitchell at half-time, Paull (knee) replaced by Hughes in last quarter. **STURT:** Saddington (ankle) replaced by Burford at half-time.

ATTENDANCES

Adelaide	17,536
Glenelg	3,060
Norwood	16,271
Prospect	7,397
Total	44,264

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	—	19	54.49
W. Thomas (North)	3.0	20	45.38
Head (Torrens)	2.1	19	44.45
Rowe (Glenelg)	10.1	14	43.17
Langridge (Sturt)	1.1	20	37.30
Skinner (Norwood)	—	18	37.22
Potter (Port)	1.4	18	35.28
Backman (South)	1.0	20	34.34
Amery (Norwood)	1.3	19	33.30
Dunn (Sturt)	1.5	16	33.28
I. Day (South)	1.3	19	33.24
Matters (Port)	—	17	32.24

NEXT WEEK

First semi-final—North v. West at Adelaide.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
Torrens	13	6	1	1547	1191	27	56.50
Port	13	7	—	1775	1170	26	60.27
North	12	7	1	1582	1516	25	51.06
West	12	8	—	1533	1323	24	53.67
Norwood	11	9	—	1446	1553	22	48.89
Sturt	10	10	—	1403	1587	20	46.92
Glenelg	6	14	—	1459	1861	12	43.91
South	2	18	—	1382	1966	4	41.22

10-goal hero left on stretcher

Glenelg hero Kevin Rowe, who kicked 10 goals against South at Glenelg today, was carried off on a stretcher after the final siren sounded.

In the last 30 sec. of play, Rowe contested a goal-front mark but landed awkwardly for his knee to twist under him and he crashed to the ground in pain. The siren rang and with trainers attending him the crowd surged around Rowe. A stretcher was called, and as he was carried through the crowd in front of the stand, some one called: "Three cheers for Rowe," and the fans responded warmly.

Defeating Norwood by 23 points in the cut-throat game at Norwood Oval, West today won last place in the final four and the right to contest the 1963 League premiership with Torrens, Port, and North.

West meet North in the first semi-final next week as Port's 27-point win over Torrens clinched the double chance for the Magpies.

At Prospect, North, in a freak goalkicking display, scored 21 goals from 25 shots to overwhelm Sturt by 73 points.

In a game which had no bearing on the composition of the final four, Glenelg kicked the season's second highest score to record the day's highest winning margin of 79 points over South.

Conditions were ideal for football, and the total attendance of 44,264 was the season's highest for a complete four-match series.

Total attendances so far this year exceed the 1962 figure to the end of the minor round.

The additional series played has to be taken into account, but persistent bad weather would more than offset any gain from this source.

Interest high

Public interest is at a high level for what promises to be a terrific battle for the 1963 title.

At Norwood today, the Redlegs had a two-goal lead at half-time, but lost control of the game when West kicked 6-5 to 1-1 in the third term.

Struggling for the first two quarters, the Red-and-Blacks had been kept in the game mainly by the efforts of Kerley and Bray.

Lu' a fine second half by Eustice gave them a winning centre line which Norwood could not match.

Despite Wedding's lion-hearted effort in ruck, the Redlegs made no impression in the run home.

Port's power across centre superior rucks, and a dashing display by Peter Obst at centre half-forward allowed them to run out comfortable winners over top team Torrens at Adelaide Oval.

The Eagles will be strengthened in ruck for the second semi-final by the return of Dix and Pili, but on present form the Magpies are certain to start favorites.

Port's discarded goal-sneak, Rex Johns, got 11 goals in the Seconds today and could force his way back into the side for the major round.

North's hopes

Highlight of Glenelg's resounding win over South was a great goalkicking display by Rowe. He got 10 goals without a miss.

North's brilliant display at Prospect has sent their hopes soaring for the big game next week.

Sturt exerted little pressure, so the Red-and-Whites' performance is hard to gauge at its real worth.

However, they certainly look a better side with Don Lindner at centre half-forward.

Their rucks will probably get first touch against West, but I doubt that North will take the ball away with the same freedom as they did today.

West restored Reu to half-back in the second half today, and their defence looks pretty formidable.

I have some doubts about Garnett's ability to hold Don Lindner in his present form, but I expect the West centreline to do much better than Sturt's did today.

Great clash

Both teams are close to their top. They play exhilarating, attacking football. Their last meeting at Richmond was thrilling, hard-hitting football.

Given fine weather, next Saturday's game should draw a great crowd.

I expect West to win, but North's late reorganisation must be treated with considerable respect.

BOB HANK is one who goes for North. He considers their best form has been superior to West's best and that Don Lindner's transfer to centre half-forward gives them an extra boost at a time when the rest of the side is running again into top form.

He sees Hank Lindner as North's counter to Neil Kerley.

JEFF PASH favours West for an expected superiority across centre, a tighter defence and the ability, demonstrated today, to concede a height advantage in ruck without losing control of the game.

STAN WICKHAM also selects West. He considers that West's steadiness in defence, and strength across centre will be the telling factors.

North's strength in the air makes them a danger, but West have consistently been able to bring the ball to the ground where their greater speed gives them an advantage.

ROWE GETS TEN FOR BAYS

By STAN WICKHAM

Glenelg finished the season with a storm of brilliant, play-on football that earned full-forward Kevin Rowe 10 goals against South at Glenelg today.

Glenelg began in grand style with Kernahan, Richens, Button, and Rowe playing leading roles to have three goals up very quickly.

Kantilla took over the rucks for South and, with Darley in grand marking form at centre half-forward, they in turn raced on two goals.

Five goals had been kicked in six minutes.

Button raced all over the Glenelg forward area to add 1-2 himself and, when Rowe kicked his third goal for the term, Glenelg were three goals clear.

Kantilla's rucking and Darley's beautiful marking came to South's rescue for Darley to punt two good goals and a beauty from Backman on the bell.

The first term had been a cracker as the ball was whipped from end to end in a flash by both sides with some really good overhead marking and drop kicking.

Inspired

Perturbed by Kantilla's ruck dominance, Glenelg swung Kernahan on to the ball to start the second term, putting Payne to centre half-forward.

The effect was immediate as Payne goaled, followed by a great angle shot by Rowe.

Kernahan took most of the hit-outs and was well supported by Hancock. Kernahan's field marking and kicking inspired the whole side.

Glenelg took charge everywhere. They won right across centre through Peek, Anesbury, and Fraser and had a winning half-forward line, rucks, and rovers. On the few occasions that South went into attack, they were well contained by Abley, Parker, and Hunt.

The backing up by Glenelg to a teammate in trouble was excellent and, with first class handball, the man going by swept into open spaces to cut South's backlines wide open.

Grand playon football saw Glenelg add 7-6 in the second term to South's

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Kernahan Darley

miserable two points.

Rowe had five goals up to half-time.

South had lost Christie and Richards during the second quarter, replaced by Hilder and Threadgold.

A Glenelg failing in past games has been a noticeable easing up when well in front. But coach Doug Long told them at half-time to wipe the smiles from their faces, disregard the scores and start all over again.

The Bays did exactly that.

Kernahan was back at centre half-forward, while South had Backman at centre with Walker at full forward.

Richens was in everything around the packs; Kernahan was a winner still, and Fraser did everything on his wing to aim all their attacks at the fast-leading Rowe at full forward.

Rowe was in grand marking form, but it also should be said that the Glenelg players in front of Rowe passed the ball in beautifully to him to give him every chance to make the mark.

Rowe did not let his side down to bag four goals for the third term. Add to this two goals to Payne and one each to Howard and Blackburn, and Glenelg had amassed 8-3 in a great display of football.

South had not been idle. Backman had done well at centre to give some drive and, with Ian Day and Skuse scouting well, they

made the most of limited opportunities to put on four goals from Skuse (2), Walker, and Day.

Glenelg led at the last change by 11 goals.

Tame ending

The main interest in the last quarter was how much would Glenelg win by and whether Rowe would get his 10 goals.

Making Rowe their target on all occasions, the Bays swept in again through Kernahan, but only points to Westley and Payne resulted.

Kernahan gained possession again, passed to Richens on his own and, although within scoring distance himself, he unselfishly passed to Rowe on the lead.

Rowe lined up very deliberately to kick truly for his tenth goal to the tune of a great ovation from the crowd.

The interest went out of the game after that. Glenelg noticeably eased, while South continued to fumble and do silly things in attack.

The early accuracy shown by Glenelg deserted them during the last term while they added 4-9 to South's 3-2 to run out winners by 79 points.

Kernahan's influence and example, whether at centre half-forward or rucking, made him best on the ground.

Richens was close behind him with a grand roving display near to his best form.

Fraser, on a wing, was dashing and with deadly foot passing he always loomed as a menace to South.

Rowe's ten goals without a miss places him next followed by excellent games from Abley, Hancock, Button, and Parker.

Darley at centre half-forward was a danger with some great marking and, when switched to ruck for a spell, he continued to put South in the picture. He was South's best.