

LEAGUE FIGHT EVENS UP

Sam Gallagher's football review

North lose record

Playing irresistible football, Norwood inflicted the season's first defeat on league leader North Adelaide by an overwhelming 76 points at Norwood Oval today.

The Redlegs kicked 10-4 to a solitary point in a fantastic first term, and North were never able to get into the game.

This was only one of the day's shock results.

Sturt finished in magnificent style to beat West at Unley by 17 points, and Glenelg won by a similar margin from Torrens at Glenelg.

At Adelaide Oval, South had the chances to make the tipsters look completely foolish, but Port's steadiness in the clinch and Johns' goalgetting won it for the Magpies.

Stan Wickham saw the bollover at Norwood and said he ran out of superlatives describing it.

I doubt they've run out yete, out on the parade. Bill Wedding whose form before today had been a little below the high standard he set last year, was best on the ground and the prime mover in Norwood's win.

He was strongly supported by a brilliant game from Skinner.

North had to reorganise across centre when Bloch was unable to play and the Redlegs won this important line.

In fact, Norwood had hardly a losing position.

Courageous

Bob Hank saw Sturt shock West at Unley. He reported that West, with Benton again in great touch, outplayed the Blues early but the home side fought back with great determination in the second half.

At Glenelg the Bays led all the way.

Jeff Pash reported that winning rucks put the Tigers on the right foot and they had the game well won by three-quarter time.

The Eagles came home strongly with Shearman at centre after half-time, and Bills carrying the side.

A more even performance ahead of centre could have made the South-Port game at Adelaide another surprise.

The Panthers were unable to contain Rex Johns at either end of the game and he booked more than half Port's winning score.

Last start winners, Norwood and Glenelg and Sturt and Port, clash next week in a series full of interest as the competition evens up.

At home again, Norwood can scarcely expect to get the jump as clearly as they did today.

The Bay rucks will provide stronger opposition but the Redleg rovers should give winning drive.

Plagued by injuries, Port could find Sturt a tough hurdle at Unley. The Blues play their best football at home.

Port are missing Cahill's dash on the wing, and they have troubles across half-back.

Potter's comparative eclipse today left Port struggling. Provided he is back to something like his top form, Port should win.

A chastened North Adelaide meets Torrens at Thebarton. Rid of the burden of that unbeaten record, the Red-and-Whites will be able to behave more naturally.

They should win from a Torrens side whose form today was disappointing.

South, six games now without a win, are spoiling for victory. On today's form they can justify their claim that their lowly position is not a true indication of their worth.

West however have some lost ground to recover, and at Richmond I select them to win.

BAYS CAME GOOD TO DOWN THE EAGLES

By JEFF PASH

Glenelg outplayed Torrens for three quarters at the Bay, and survived a good last quarter recovery led by Shearman to win comfortably by 17 points.

Glenelg	4—4	9—5	12—8	13—11	89
Torrens	1—2	3—7	5—9	10—12	72

Torrens hardly looked a side at all until the last quarter. The Bays had enough strength to play the game easily; their defence was by far the staidier of the two; and a great game by Rowe at full-forward made all the difference to their attack.

Torrens were always battling hard to win an even break in ruck, Bills and Shearman having to waste precious energies in defence, and they could not establish their forwards at all.

In the first quarter Glenelg chose what was evidently the better scoring end—though there seemd to be hardly any wind.

Stood out

They were soon attacking steadily, and it was quickly evident that they had the strength in defence to cover Torrens' stars, and enough drive in attack to allow one follower to defend.

Cutten gave them the first strong point up forward, with his high marking. Later it was to be Rowe, and the resting rucks were always a nuisance to Torrens' slow-moving defence.

At the other end the Bays stuck man-to-man, and Kingston came out to centre half-forward half-way through their low-scoring first term.

At the first change the Bays had won a lead of 20 points and Torrens, by contrast, looked ragged and uncertain.

In the second quarter Glenelg proceeded to win the game once and for all.

The first attacks were made by Torrens, but vigorous defence at half-back particularly kept them struggling.

A series of points took their score to two goals seven, and then Glenelg seized the initiative. Howard was roving well and delivering the ball properly; the wings were winning; Kernahan was going great guns.

Changes

Rowe now kicked four goals straight, after leading well and marking with great judgment and strength.

By half-time Glenelg were 28 points ahead; and Torrens had hardly more than Bills and Shearman winning their positions.



Hunt Shearman

Torrens lost ruckman Dix at half-time, and made further alterations. Head now went to half-forward left to try to improve the attack. Shearman went to centre. Livesey came to centre wing.

The third quarter was more evenly fought—3-3 to 2-2. Rowe scored another goal, and was to get a few more opportunities, but the gainful period was over.

Torrens had switched Pill to mind him in the second quarter, and Braidwood finished the day at centre half-back. Their defence now gradually steadied.

By three-quarter time Glenelg had carried their lead to 41 points and the game looked safe.

For some minutes in the last quarter, the Bays threatened to swamp Torrens, when Kernahan made a great burst in ruck.

However, Torrens, despite the loss of Kingston during the interval, were now inspired into action by their captain, Shearman.

A run of three goals—including two beauties to Shearman—reduced their deficit to five goals, and they went on hard from there.

Glenelg were not greatly alarmed; there was hardly enough time at this stage. But Torrens scored two more goals and were still in attack at the bell, with their players gaining confidence all the time and, for once, handling the ball at the first try.

In winning, Glenelg looked like their old last-season selves.

For Glenelg, I thought the game of Hunt at half-back left and later on Head was the best of quite a number of good performances on the day. He helped to disorganise the attack from the beginning.

Rowe was next for a match-winning six goals; he marked and kicked beautifully. Then came a long line of even performances—Kernahan, Abley, Linke, Richens (a very successful move to the back pocket) Cutten, and Beal.

Howard roved well and played the team game. Anesbury and Croser played good games; likewise Blackburn.

On the job

For Torrens, Shearman and Bills stood out. Shearman's last quarter (including three goals straight) was splendid; the other three were not much below it.

Bills carried things as usual in the rucks, and worked like a trojan against some very big, fast, clever opponents.

Others to play well in a patchy side were Lucas, Butler, Gould, Young, Head, Howell, and Livesey.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

GROUND: Holding—WEATHER: Fine

AT NORWOOD

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	10—4	13—8	16—14	21—15	141
North	0—1	4—5	7—7	9—11	65

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Wedding (best on ground), Skinner, Amery, Oatey, Harrison, Hillman, Graham, Gimm (with an honorable mention to every player). NORTH: Sheridan, Barbary, Geisler, Trenorden, Hammond, Coppins.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Amery 5.2, Skinner 5.1, Kite 3.3, Nelson 3.1, Oatey 2.3, Hillman 2.0, McMahon 1.0, Sawley 0.2, Graham 0.1, rushed 0.2. NORTH: Thomas 3.1, D. Lindner 2.0, Murch 2.0, Gilbourne 1.1, Sheridan 1.1, Geisler 0.2, Dixon 0.2, Martin 0.1, Hill 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Oatey (kicked shin), replaced by Turbill in last term. Harrison (ankle), replaced by Lawton in last term. NORTH: Porter replaced by Kent at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—W. A. Henderson.

AT GLENELG

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SCORERS—GLENELG: Rowe 6.2, Westley 2.1, Fraser 1.3, Kernahan 1.2, Long 1.1, Howard 1.1, Cutten 1.0, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Shearman 3.0, Gould 2.3, Townsend 1.2, Head 1.1, Young 1.1, Gibson 1.1, Cowling 1.0, Kingston 0.2, Bills 0.1, Dix 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Nil. TORRENS: Dix (leg injury), replaced by Martin at half-time; Kingston (leg injury), replaced by Porter at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—N. G. L. Mackay.

AT UNLEY

Sturt	2—1	6—5	9—7	14—11	95
West	5—5	9—6	10—9	11—12	78

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Rigney, Short, Murphy, Adcock, Wiebusch, Dunn, Schoff, Langridge, Gunn. WEST: Eustice, Benton, Barker, Kerley, Reu, Pope, Bitmead, Sara.

SCORERS—STURT: Langridge 4.1, Rigney 3.2, Gunn 3.2, Ryan 2.1, Woodgate 1.0, Clarke 1.0, Dunn 0.2, Murphy 0.1, Hicks 0.1, rushed 0.1. WEST: Bitmead 3.2, Barker 3.0, Benton 3.0, Campbell 1.1, Brooks 1.0, Thomas 0.4, Day 0.1, Kerley 0.1, Thompson 0.1, Garnett 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Nil. WEST: Garnett (pulled thigh muscle), replaced by Bitmead in first quarter; Day (ankle), replaced by Schramm during final term.

UMPIRE—D. T. Dupbridge.

AT ADELAIDE

Port	4—2	7—5	8—12	11—16	82
South	1—4	5—8	6—12	8—17	65

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Motley, Thompson, Johns, Traynor, Elleway, Gill, Philp. SOUTH: Schmidt, Kantilla, Backman, O'Brien, Minervini, Ploenges, Johnston.

SCORERS—PORT: Johns 7.2, Potter 2.1, Philp 1.2, Gill 1.1, Campbell 0.2, Traynor 0.2, Thompson 0.2, Hannaford 0.1, Luke 0.1, Motley 0.1, rushed 0.1. SOUTH: Day 2.2, Minervini 1.3, Backman 1.3, Petersen 1.2, Nason 1.1, Ploenges 1.1, O'Brien 1.0, Darley 0.1, Kantilla 0.1, Rivers, 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Hayes (ankle), replaced by Campbell in second quarter; Rankin (leg), replaced by Rose in last quarter. SOUTH: Gibbs (cramp), and Minervini (cramp), replaced by Rivers and Nason in last quarter.

UMPIRE—R. M. Le Cornu.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	%
North	5	1	554	498	10	52.66
Port	4	2	581	386	8	60.08
West	4	2	466	401	8	53.75
Norwood	4	2	440	434	8	50.34
Sturt	3	3	448	492	6	47.66
Torrens	2	4	344	357	4	49.07
Glenelg	2	4	417	582	4	41.74
South	—	6	415	515	—	44.62

HIGHEST, LOWEST

HIGHEST	LEAGUE	LOWEST
Norwood 21-15 (141 pts.)		South 8-17 (65 pts.)
		North 9-11 (65 pts.)
SECONDS		
Port 15-15 (105 pts.)		Glenelg 3-16 (34 pts.)

GOALKICKERS

Potter (Port)	2.1	6	20.9
R. Johns (Port)	7.2	6	19.13
Langridge (Sturt)	4.1	6	16.12
W. Thomas (North)	3.1	6	14.11
Amery (Norwood)	5.2	6	14.8
Skinner (Norwood)	5.1	6	14.6
Traynor (Port)	0.2	6	13.11
I. Day (South)	2.2	6	13.11
Benton (West)	3.0	6	12.13
Murch (North)	2.0	6	12.7
Sheridan (North)	1.1	6	11.14

ATTENDANCES

Norwood	12,448
Glenelg	8,656
Unley	6,691
Adelaide	6,456

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

- Norwood v. Glenelg, at Norwood.
- West v. South, at Richmond.
- Torrens v. North, at Thebarton.
- Sturt v. Port, at Unley.



HUNT GOES TO TOP

These are the leaders, after today's games, for the Mildara Football Trophy:—

- C. Hunt (G) 13½
- J. Potter (PA) 11½
- R. Geisler (NA) 10
- J. Bray (WA) 10
- F. Bills (WT) 10
- L. Head (WT) 10
- K. Eustice (WA) 8½
- M. Hill (St.) 8
- R. Benton (WA) 8
- S. Traynor (PA) 7½
- G. Sinclair (G) 7½
- R. Kneebone (N) 7½

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