

FAVORITES DOWN AGAIN

Beaten at Thebarton by 67 points—their second successive crushing defeat — North tumbled from top to third position in another day of league football surprises.

Sam Gallagher's football review

At Unley, Sturt gave further notice of growing power in beating Port by three points after four quarters of tense, crowd-pleasing football.

Norwood recovered from a poor start against the Bays to go on to a comfortable 36-point win at Norwood.

A powerful second quarter by West at Richmond left South standing. The Red-and-Whites went into top position when they won by 37 points.

Torrens' reshuffle and the Friday night "council of war" produced results

that even the most ardent supporter could hardly have expected.

The Eagles won across Centre, the line that has so far generated most of North's power.

North could find no alternative source of drive as Head and Russell roved brilliantly.

At the goalfront Neil Hawke showed he is close to top form with four good goals and an effective team game.

While North's loss last week could be dismissed as one of those things, today's result will cause some

hard thinking at Prospect.

Today's chief crowd-pleaser was the game at Unley. The Unley Oval patrons are certainly getting their money's worth in stirring finishes.

Today Sturt and Port were locked together practically throughout.

Stan Wickham, who reported this game, said the Blues' ability to take the ball away from packs more effectively was the main factor in their narrow win.

Johns stars

One player who could hardly have contributed more to Port's cause was full forward Rex Johns, who kicked 9-1 in a fantastic exhibition.

The State selectors should not have to look further for next Saturday's game against Tasmania.

Once again the inability of Port's star rover Jeff Potter to get into the game left the Magpies without one of their main driving forces.

Although Port are still three players—Peter Obst, Cooper, and Matters—short of their best side, today's defeat shows the Magpie reserves less formidable than in the past.

Outstanding

At Norwood the Redlegs demonstrated that they are not entirely reliant on Bill Wedding.

The big fellow played well but was not a dominant figure as Norwood reassured their supporters after a slow start.

Les Amery, who with Sturt's Roger Rigney is pressing for a place in the State side, was outstanding for the winners, as was Rigney at Unley.

West had its remaining stars in top form to win comfortably from a disappointing South.

Back to top form. Jeff Bray was outstanding at centre half-back.

Injuries today to State squad half-backs Rick Schoff and Ron Kneebone will probably put them out of the running for selection next week.



IN THIS Norwood Oval ruck duel Redlegs star, Bill Wedding uses both hands to knock the ball away from Glenelg skipper Doug Long. Wedding, in top form, was among Norwood's best again today.

CLASSY DISPLAY BY THE REDLEGS

By BOB HANK

The Redlegs gave Glenelg a four-goal start at Norwood, then with a brilliant mid-game burst went past the post with six goals to spare, easing up.

The Tigers, with the breeze at their backs in the first term, looked impressive as they made most of the attacks with captain Doug Long leading the way from his forward pocket.

Except for an isolated Wedding knock, Kernahan set Glenelg going in ruck and with Beal, Westley, and Long forming a strong chain down the grandstand wing, the Redleg defenders were under constant pressure.

Norwood winger Graham was the prime mover in the Redleg attacks, but with Blackburn, Richens, Abley, and Linke solid in defence, Norwood were making a vastly different beginning from last week's 10-goal bonanza.

Took control

A typical Wedding thump produced Norwood's first goal when Ashby snapped it through, and from then on "Big Bill" held the edge in ruck, although never able to gain complete mastery over Kernahan, Long, and Blackburn.

The Norwood rush began when Sawley and Hillman across half-forward and Kite at full-forward grabbed control of their positions.

Amery and Minervini emerged from an obscure beginning and for the rest of the term all roads led to the Norwood goal.

Had Kite been more accurate, the game would have been over at half-time.

As it was, the Redlegs' lead of 2-9 was a pointer to what was to follow, but still not decisive at the half-way mark.

Light rain before play started made handling the greasy ball difficult, but both teams, and especially Norwood during their recovery burst, had adapted themselves well to the treacherous going.

Drizzle began falling at half-time and for the second half really made conditions tough.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norw'd	0-2	7-11	12-14	15-18	108
Glenelg	4-2	5-2	8-5	11-6	72

Any chance Glenelg had disappeared in the third term when they found the slippery ball and turf all against their forward play.

The Redleg defenders hustled and bungled the ball out of danger, and with Amery playing inspired football up forward and Minervini punching holes in the Tiger defence from further afield, Norwood were right on top.

Four goals came to Norwood before Sinclair and Richens (who had been called on to the ball from his back pocket position) finally broke through with quick goals that gave the Tigers a glimmer of hope.

But Amery was in

ished forward play, but for most the game dragged to its logical conclusion. Heavy bumps were traded in the slippery conditions but the only result of play in the final stages was tired muscles and irayed tempers.

Amery's display in the wet was classy, while half-back Bruce Johnson held his flank from start to finish, with safe marking, strong interceptions, and good clearing kicks.

McMahon and Wedding were always prominent as followers while wingman Graham was unfortunate to leave the field early in the third term after being possibly Norwood's best in the first half.

Minervini filled in for injured Bob Oatey in fine style and was typically in the thick of things in the heavy going, while Sawley and Hillman were good winners across half-forward.

Kneebone's contribution was a spoiling but invaluable game at centre half-back until forced to move to full-forward for the final term.

Long and Kernahan had good first halves but were hampered thereafter by the slippery ball and ground.

Small men Fraser, Beal, and Westley did many fine things in attack while newcomer Anesbury had a good tussle, points being fairly even, with Harrison at centre.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

GROUND: Heavy—WEATHER: Drizzly

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	2-2	5-7	7-8	11-12	78
Port	2-1	4-4	8-6	11-9	75

BEST PLAYERS—STURT: Rigney (best on ground), Murphy, Hill, Halbert, Adcock, Webster, Langridge, Hicks. PORT: Johns, Elleway, Fabian, Salmon, Philp, Cahill, T. Obst (until hurt).

SCORERS—STURT: Rigney 2.2, Hicks 2-1, Gunn 2.0, Murphy 1.2, Hill 1.1, Dunn 1.1, Ryan 1.0, Wiebusch 1.0, Jarrett 0.1, Adcock 0.1, Langridge 0.1, Clarke 0.1, rushed 0.1. PORT: Johns 9.1, Virgo 1.1, Cahill 1.1, Hannaford 0.2, Traynor 0.1, Thompson 0.1, Gill 0.1, Luke 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—STURT: Schoff (thigh muscle), replaced by Clarke at half-time. PORT: T. Obst (hit in eye), replaced by Ladner during third term.

UMPIRE—W. A. Henderson.

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SCORERS—NORWOOD: Amery 6.3, Hillman 2.1, McMahon 2.1, Kite 1.4, Skinner 1.2, Minervini 1.1, Ashby 1.0, Nelson 1.0, Kneebone 0.2, Sawley 0.1, Bowe 0.1, rushed 0.2. GLENELG: Long 2.1, Howard 2.1, Rowe 2.0, Sinclair 1.1, Beal 1.1, Richens 1.0, Westley 1.0, Kernahan 1.0, Croser 0.1, Thompson 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Graham (leg), replaced by Curtis during third term; Minervini (cramp), replaced by Lawton in final quarter. GLENELG: Cutten (knee), replaced by Schupelius at half-time; Westley (slight concussion), replaced by Barnes at three-quarter time.

UMPIRE—D. T. Durbridge.

AT THEBARTON

Torrens	4-5	7-10	13-16	15-19	109
North	0-1	4-2	5-3	6-6	42

BEST PLAYERS—TORRENS: Head, Livesey, Russell, Cowling, Hawke, Pill, Shearman, Butler. NORTH: Pascoe, Trenorden, Sheridan, Coppins, Barbary, Hammond.

SCORERS—TORRENS: Head 5.2, Hawke 4.3, Russell 3.1, Gould 1.3, Young 1.2, Butler 1.0, Livesey 0.2, Bills 0.1, Shearman 0.1, Pill 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORTH: Gilbourne 2.0, Sheridan 1.2, Jones 1.0, Pascoe 1.0, Hill 1.0, Murch 0.1, Martin 0.1, T. Lindner 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—TORRENS: Isaac (cold), replaced by Wright and Livesey (wrist), by Porter, both in last quarter. NORTH: Murch (knee), replaced by Jones in the second quarter.

UMPIRE—R. M. LeCornu.

AT RICHMOND

West	2-3	7-12	7-14	9-17	71
South	1-1	1-1	4-3	5-4	34

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Bray, Kerley, R. Day, Thompson, Benton, Johnson, Costello, Sara. SOUTH: Kantilla, Christie, I. Day, Darley, Minervini, Judd, Gibbs, Schmidt.

SCORERS—WEST: Benton 2.4, Hooper 2.4, Kerley 1.3, Sara 1.2, Wallace 1.1, Thomas 1.1, Johnson 1.0, Orchard 0.2. SOUTH: Darley 2.0, I. Day 1.0, Minervini 1.0, Ploenges 1.0, Backman 0.2, Foster 0.1, Ross 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Alexander (leg injury), replaced by Rivers at three-quarter time. WEST: Nil.

UMPIRE—N. L. Mackay.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	Points		Prem.	%
			For	Agst.		
West	5	2	537	435	10	55.25
Norwood	5	2	548	506	10	51.99
North	5	2	596	607	10	49.54
Port	4	3	656	464	8	58.57
Sturt	4	3	526	567	8	48.12
Torrens	3	4	453	399	6	53.17
Glenelg	2	5	489	690	4	41.48
South	—	7	449	586	—	43.38

ATTENDANCES

Unley	12,198
Norwood	9,326
Thebarton	8,248
Richmond	3,913

GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	9-1	7	28-14
Amery (Norwood)	6-3	7	20-11
Potter (Port)	—	7	20-9
Langridge (Sturt)	0-1	7	16-13
Skinner (Norwood)	1-2	7	15-8
Benton (West)	2-4	7	14-17
I. Day (South)	1-0	7	14-11
W. Thomas (North)	—	7	14-11
Traynor (Port)	0-1	7	13-12
Sheridan (North)	1-2	7	12-16
Head (Torrens)	5-2	7	12-13
Murch (North)	0-1	7	12-8

NEXT WEEK

South Australiav. Tasmania at Adelaide Oval.