

LEAGUE FIGHT AT MOST EVEN

Sam Gallagher's Fine football

West's win over Port who were close to full strength and South's victory over up-and-coming Sturt in today's league football further heightened interest in the most even competition for years.

West won by 14 points at Richmond, and South got in by five points at Kensington.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

GROUND: Heavy—WEATHER: Fine.

At Kensington

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	2-5	7-8	10-11	12-11	83
Sturt	0-3	4-7	8-9	11-12	78

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Kantilla, Darley, Ploenges, O'Brien, Johnston, Christie, Backman, Minervini. **STURT:** Halbert, Hill, Cunningham, Hicks, Langridge, Dunn, Adcock.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Backman 4.3, Darley 3.1, Minervini 1.2, McFarlane 1.1, Kantilla 1.1, Wundke 1.0, Ploenges 1.0, Christie 0.1, O'Brien 0.1, Lewis 0.1. **STURT:** Hicks 4.0, Ryan 2.2, Gunn 2.0, Langridge 1.4, Dunn 1.1, Rigney 1.0, Hill 0.1, Wiebusch 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Gibbs replaced by Hilder, and O'Brien by Stewart in last quarter. **STURT:** Adcock replaced by Clarke, and Langridge by Morton in last quarter.

UMPIRE—D. T. Durbridge.

At Prospect

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	3-2	7-5	9-11	13-15	93
Glen'lg	1-3	5-6	8-11	8-12	60

BEST PLAYERS—NORTH: Trenorden, Hammond, D. Lindner, Knuckey, Martin, Murch, Barbary, Geisler. **GLENELG:** Kernahan, Peek, Linke, Hunt, Howard, Richens, Anesbury, Button.

SCORERS—NORTH: Martin 4.2, Gilbourne 2.1, Thomas 1.3, Murch 1.2, Sheridan 1.2, Hill 1.1, Dixon 1.1, D. Lindner 1.1, Bloch 1.0, Jones 0.1, H. Lindner 0.1. **GLENELG:** Rowe 3.1, Howard 2.1, Button 2.1, Long 1.0, Frazer 0.4, Staite 0.1, Westley 0.1, Cutten 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS—NORTH: D. Lindner (kick below knee), replaced by Jones in last term. Bloch replaced by Hughes in last term. **GLENELG:** Button (kicked buttock muscle), replaced by Thompson in last term.

UMPIRE—N. L. Mackay.

At Richmond

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	2-3	3-8	9-11	9-13	67
Port	2-2	4-2	5-4	8-5	53

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Garnett, Bray, Kerley, Benton, Day, Pope, Johnson, Reu, Bennetts. **PORT:** Fabian, Matters, Motley, Traynor, Cooper, Hannaford, Ellaway.

SCORERS—WEST: Garnett 6.3, Benton 2.2, Hooper 1.2, Kerley 0.2, Thomas 0.2, Sara 0.1, rushed 0.1. **PORT:** Matters 2.1, Traynor 2.0, Virgo 2.0, Cahill 1.0, Marrett 1.0, Johns 0.2, Hannaford 0.1, T. Obst 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Shrubsole (suspected concussion) replaced by Orchard in the first quarter. Roach (recurrence of leg injury) replaced by Wallace in second quarter. **PORT:** Potter (broken nose) replaced by Virgo in third quarter. Gill (leg) replaced by Philp in the last quarter.

REPORT—B. Johnson (West) reported for allegedly kicking N. Hayes (Port).

UMPIRE—R. M. LeCornu

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Points	Prem.	%
West	8	6	2	604	488	12 55.31
North	8	6	2	689	667	12 50.81
Norwood	7	5	2	548	506	10 51.99
Port	8	4	4	709	531	8 57.18
Sturt	8	4	4	604	650	8 48.17
Torrens	7	3	4	453	399	6 53.17
Glenelg	8	2	6	549	783	4 41.22
South	8	1	7	532	664	2 44.48

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

MONDAY

Torrens v. Norwood at Adelaide.

SATURDAY

SA v. Victoria in Melbourne.

West v. North at Adelaide.

Glenelg v. Port at Glenelg.

Norwood v. South at Norwood.

Sturt v. Torrens at Unley

LEADING GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
R. Johns (Port)	0.2	8	28.16
Amery (Norwood)	—	7	20.11
Potter (Port)	—	8	20.9
Langridge (Sturt)	1.4	8	17.17
Benton (West)	2.2	8	16.19
W. Thomas (North)	1.3	8	15.14
Traynor (Port)	2.0	8	15.12
Skinner (Norwood)	—	7	15.8
Backman (South)	4.3	8	14.21
T. Day (South)	—	7	14.11
Rowe (Glenelg)	3.1	6	14.9

All games were played on heavy grounds, the highest score being a moderate 93 points by North in beating Glenelg by 33 points at Prospect.

However, the ball was dry and some brilliant football was seen.

West, who took a chance in playing Don Roach, lost the dashing half-forward in the second quarter, but recovered to brush Port aside in an irresistible third quarter.

Six goals

Paul Garnett, whose form so far has been indifferent, produced the game West have been waiting for.

He got six goals from half-forward left, four in the vital third quarter, before suffering a recurrence of his leg injury.

Port fought back in typical style in the last quarter but West's defence finished 14 points to the good.

In the best game of the day, South won their first game for the season at Kensington, where last year they toppled North for their first 1962 success.

The Blue-and-Whites outclassed Sturt for nearly three quarters, but were almost run down in a wonderful finish.

South's stars were Kantilla and Darley in ruck and Ploenges on the wing, but practically the whole side played well.

Down 39 points late in the third term, Sturt suddenly found the form that beat West and Port but they just failed to head the determined Panthers.

Although it might not be



RIGHT ON THE LINE . . . The boundary umpire is right on the spot as Glenelg's Des Staite and North full forward Maurice Martin fight for the ball on the line at Prospect. Martin got four goals.

eighteen, Kantilla's consistently brilliant football entitles him to a place in the State squad.

He would be an extremely valuable player in reserve.

South's game today was the fulfilment of the promise of those first six narrow defeats.

It was a most encouraging win, but the Blue-and-Whites still have problems to solve in key positions.

North had their defence to thank for what was in the end a comfortable victory over Glenelg.

Trenorden at half-back was impassable and Hammond's good game at full back will bring him back into consideration for the game in Melbourne next

week.

North did not show anything like the dash and certainty of their earlier games, but the win will do much to restore confidence.

Next Saturday's games, in the absence of State players, could be even harder to predict than has so far been the case.

Hit by injuries and State representation, West will be up against North at Adelaide Oval.

This is North's chance to win back top position.

In the other games, the home teams could all be successful — Glenelg against Port at the Bay, Norwood against South at Norwood, and Sturt against Torrens at Unley.

NORTH'S FITNESS WAS KEY FACTOR

By Stan Wickham

A great game at half-back by Ray Trenorden, and superior fitness over the last term were deciding factors in North's finally shaking off a determined Glenelg, for a 33-point win at Prospect.

Had it not been for Trenorden's ability to break up many Glenelg forward thrusts, it might well have been a different tale.

When the ball did pass Trenorden, Hammond and Knuckey were just as dependable and they had their turn in turning the Tiger attacks.

Lindner won the toss for North, choosing the northern goal.

There was no breeze, but the turf was very heavy, particularly on the stand wing.

Points only

Kernahan won the first two knocks for Glenelg to set them attacking, and with Cutten at centre half-forward and Peek (wing) moving well, Glenelg had the early play, but only two points came up.

Hill took the ruck advantage away from Glenelg and with Barbary taking charge on his wing, North swept goalwards for Gilbourne to goal at their first try.

Glenelg answered when Kernahan's kick forward, from a good mark, fell short and Howard swooped on it to put it away for a goal.

North were more purposeful ahead of centre and for the rest of the term the Glenelg defence was hard put to prevent more than two goals, from Murch and Hill.

Barbary (North) and Peek (Glenelg), winners on their wings in the first term, were opposed as the second term began and they had a ding-dong battle for all the quarter.

Intelligent

Hill continued to ruck well and with North using intelligent handball and backing up nicely, they

rushed the ball all over their forward division to bring up goals from Martin, two, who was losing Abley, and Don Lindner.

Another goal to Thomas saw North five goals clear and they looked like going in at half-time with a good break.

But Kernahan took a big hand in things to kick Glenelg into attack and they played really well to rattle on three smart goals just before the break to be 11 points down.

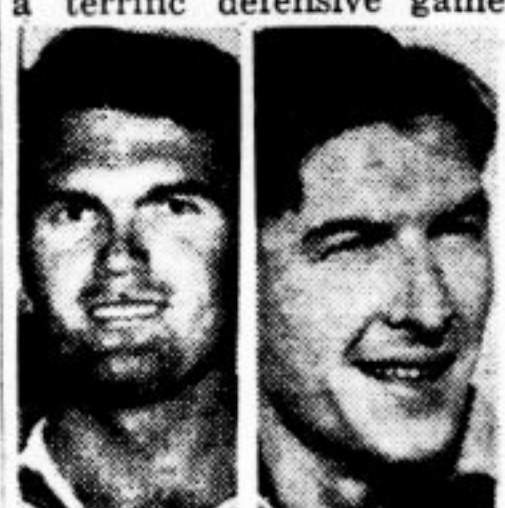
Both teams made positional changes.

Glenelg switched Button (centre half-forward), and Cutten (half - forward flank), while North changed Dixon to centre in place of Block (half-forward).

Glenelg made a great attempt to bridge the gap.

They won across centre through Anesbury and Peek won at half-forward through Button and Cutten and had Kernahan and Howard going well in the packs.

This was the term when Trenorden, Hammond, and Knuckey really turned in a terrific defensive game



Trenorden Kernahan

to keep the Tigers from setting up a three-quarter time lead.

As it was, North started the last session one goal clear.

Glenelg swept straight into attack as the final quarter started, and Staite brought up a point to open proceedings.

This was Glenelg's only score for the term, and in fact the only time they looked like scoring.

Glenelg were tiring, but North looked full of life as they took charge, and did as they liked.

Barbary shook off Peek to get a bag of kicks, Dixon cut loose at centre, and Geisler completed the winning centre-line to keep North in attack for most of the term.

The Roosters ran on four good goals from Bloch, Dixon, Gilbourne, and Sheridan.

Good mark

Bloch's goal bounced in front of Martin and Abley, eluded their attempts to grab it, and rolled through.

Gilbourne's goal was preceded by a good mark in the goal square; Dixon's was a running punt-kick after intercepting Barbary's pass, and Sheridan picked up close in for his major.

Trenorden took some grand marks to stop any thought of Glenelg attacking, and received good support from all North men.

The umpiring was very hard to follow, and on many occasions it was extremely difficult for players to work out whose free it was.

The heavy going didn't affect Ray Trenorden's game at half-back. He marked and back up well and covered vast areas to turn Glenelg out just when they looked dangerous. He was North's best.

Hammond and Knuckey on the last line of defence showed excellent judgment in coming to meet the ball and clear it.

Don Lindner played well in field play to keep his side moving in just when they might have started to wilt.

Martin and Murch were good forward players with Sheridan and Dixon lending solid support. Barbary (first and last terms) and Geisler, had passages of good play on their wings.

Good trial

Harry Kernahan turned in an excellent trial for next Saturday's State game against Victoria, to be Glenelg's best. He hit out well, marked well in field play and made the play for team-mates.

Peek on Barbary at the wing after the first term played really well, and had a big hand in the Bays' being up with North at the last change.

Linke at centre half-back is as honest a player one could wish to see, as is Chris Hunt on the flank, and they never shirked their task.

TROPHY VOTING

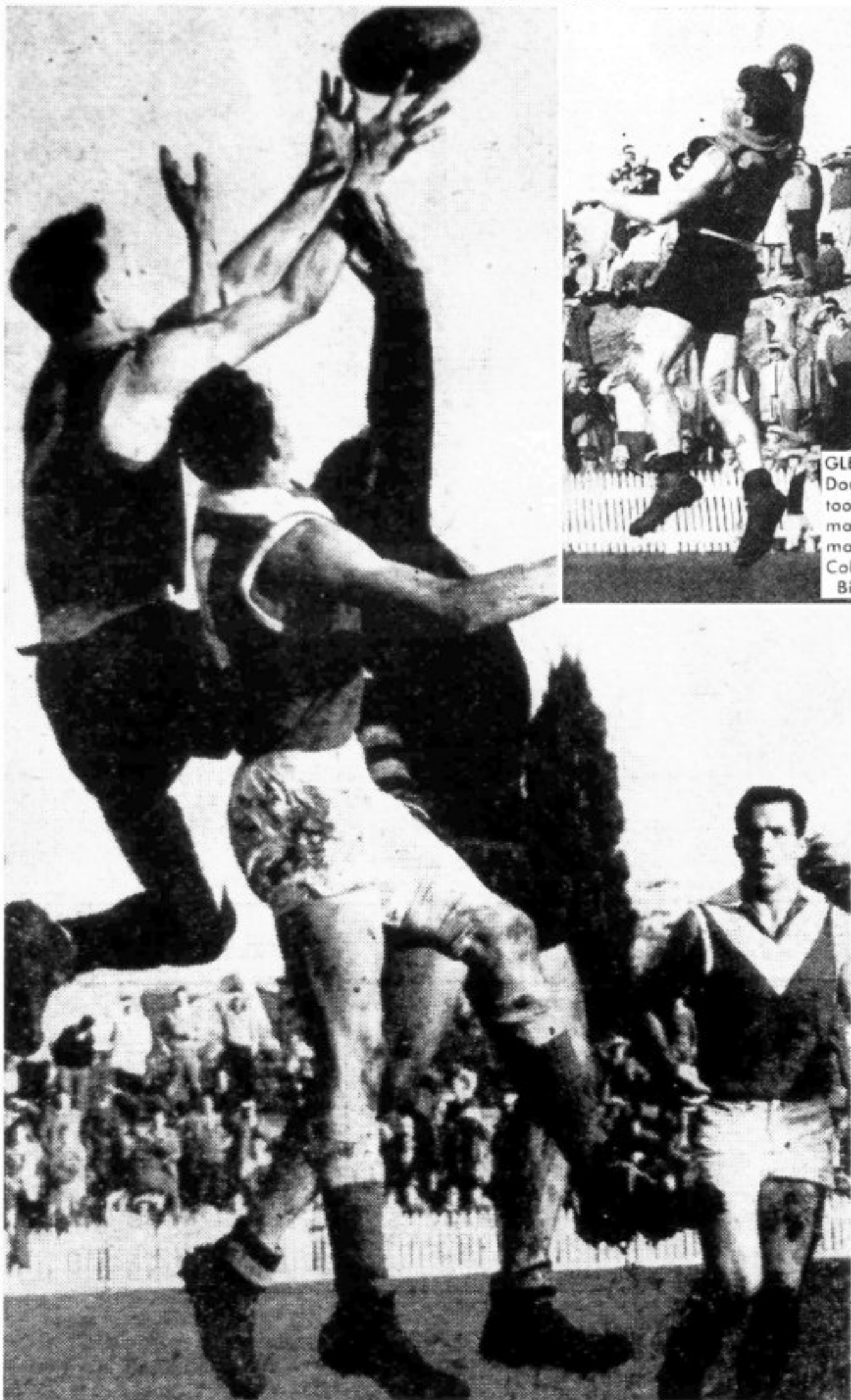
Votes cast by the Sunday Mail football experts in today's three games for the Mildara Trophy:

South.—D. Kantilla, C. Darley, B. Ploenges.
North.—R. Trenorden, R. Hammond, D. Lindner.
Port.—R. Fabian, G. Matters, G. Motley.
West.—P. Garnett, J. Bray, N. Kerley.
Sturt.—J. Halbert, M. Hill, N. Cunningham.
Glenelg.—H. Kernahan, M. Peek, H. Linke.

BRAY AGAIN IN LEAD

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

J. Bray (WA)	15½
D. Kantilla (SA)	13½
C. Hunt (G)	13½
L. Head (WT)	13
M. Hill (St.)	12½
J. Potter (PA)	11½
F. Bills (WT)	10
R. Geisler (NA)	10
R. Rigney (St.)	10
K. Eustice (WA)	8½



STATE AND GLENELG ruckman Harry Kernahan jumps into a teammate as he holds this spectacular mark above North's Dennis Murch at Prospect Oval today. Barbary Barbary is sharking at the right.