

# THREE FIGHTING TO MAKE FOUR

By SAM GALLAGHER

A thrilling draw between Glenelg and Torrens at Thebarton, and Sturt's loss at Alberton, leaves these three sides fighting for the last two places in the league final four.

North's resounding defeat of Norwood by 59 points at Prospect virtually destroyed the Redlegs' hopes.

With six games remaining Norwood are in effect two games plus percentage away from the leaders. Their prospects of making up the leeway look remote.

At Woodville, South crushed the new side to win by 108 points, while Port, never in danger at Alberton, won by 46 points. The two leaders have now opened up a four-point break on the rest, and their clash at Alberton next week could well be a grand final preview.

### DECISIVE

At Elizabeth, West's strong centreline was decisive in their 52-point victory over Central.

In the game at Thebarton, Glenelg came back with great determination after Torrens had led by six goals in the second quarter.

Glenelg's switch of Button to centre half-forward and Rice's roving lifted the Bay's attack, and they had a great chance when

they held Torrens to two points in the third term.

But a strong last quarter in defence by Shearman, after his damaging first half in attack, helped the Eagles to struggle out of it with a draw.

Glenelg moved up to third as a result, ahead of Sturt on percentage, but Torrens are only a point away.

If North can maintain the form they showed today, they could still complicate matters as they meet both Glenelg and Sturt at Prospect.

Lindner, and Geisler ready to resume in the league side, the Red-and-Whites are quite capable of winning both games.

Torrens must win one more game than either Sturt or Glenelg to make the four.

A win to the Bays at Prospect next week would make their place in the major round reasonably

certain, while Sturt meet Torrens at Unley on Saturday week in a crucial match.

The final composition of the four will almost certainly be in doubt until the second last round of matches, but Glenelg and Sturt at this stage look likely to get there with Torrens probably having to beat either South or Port to force their way in.

At Woodville today South made short work of Woodville, who last week went within three points of beating North.

Reporting this game, Dean Stringer said the Panthers played premier-ship football.

On the other hand Port's form, against stronger opposition certainly, was somewhat less scintillating.

However, the Magpies were without John Cahill and they conceded a ruck supremacy to Sturt, but still won well.

South's big win today took their percentage slightly ahead of Port's, but their performances over the season are practically identical and the Magpies will be all out to close the gap next week, by reversing the result of their previous meeting.

## QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

### AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	6-5	11-14	20-19	21-19	145
W'dville	0-2	0-2	1-4	5-7	37

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Ross Judd, Darley Backman, Kerley, Day, Ploenges. WOODVILLE: Stone, Williams, Hansch, Kelly, A. Smith, Hoffman.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: Skuse 4.3, Kantilla 3.4, Day 3.1, Darley 2.3, White 2.3, Judd 2.3, Ross 2.1, Kerley 2.0, O'Brien 1.0, Christie 0.1. WOODVILLE: Hoffman 1.2, Simonsen 1.1, A. Smith 1.0, Mader 1.0, Christie 0.1, Young 0.1, Batt 0.1, Clashom 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: Schmidt (cramp) by Alexander, last quarter. WOODVILLE: Lamb (cramp) by Everingham, last quarter.

UMPIRE.—R. C. Hall.

### AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
North	4-3	9-7	14-10	17-11	113
Norw'd	2-3	4-3	5-3	8-6	54

BEST PLAYERS.—NORTH: Barbary, Trenorden, T. Lindner, Taylor, Mitchell, D. Lindner, Gilmour, Paull. NORWOOD: Kneebone, Wedding, Oakey, Lawton French, Woodcock, Vertachas.

SCORERS.—NORTH: Gilmour 6.0, Mitchell 6.0, Taylor 3.1, Barbary 2.3, Dixon 0.3, May 0.1, rushed 0.3. NORWOOD: Oakey 3.1, Hillman 2.1, Koch 1.1, Woodcock 1.1, Harrison 1.0, Wedding 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—NORTH: Byers (knee) by Sutter, first quarter. Sutter by Stringer, last quarter. NORWOOD: Harrison (concussion) by Bove, first quarter. Johnson (knee) by Wiesner, third quarter.

UMPIRE.—R. M. LeCornu.

### AT THEBARTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Torrens	4-3	8-6	8-8	12-8	80
Glenelg	2-4	5-6	7-10	11-14	80

BEST PLAYERS.—TORRENS: Gibson, Pill, Bills, Howell, Shearman, Head. GLENELG: Richens, Rice, Peek, Hunt, Westley, D. Long.

SCORERS.—TORRENS: Kingston 4.1, Shearman 4.1, J. Wright 2.3, Head 1.1, Dix 1.1, Gould 0.1. GLENELG: Button 2.5, Payne 2.0, Rice 2.1, Kernahan 2.0, Sinclair 1.0, McGowan 1.2, Westley 1.0, Anesbury 0.2, Sutherland 0.1, D. Long 0.1, rushed 0.2.

REPLACEMENTS.—TORRENS: Rankine (thigh) by Virgo, last quarter. Dix (ankle) by Kruse, last quarter. GLENELG: Linke (leg) by Parker, third quarter. Peek (thigh) by Roehrich, last quarter.

UMPIRE.—D. Foster.

### AT ELIZABETH

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5-4	7-9	11-10	14-16	100
Centrals	1-1	2-4	4-5	7-6	48

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Benton, Sara, Thomas, Day Johnson, Wright, Hooper, Hughes, Thompson. CENTRALS: Ayliffe, Daly, Window, Thompson, Kemp, O'Brien, Edmonds.

SCORERS.—WEST: DeBrouge 3.1, Bertelsmeier 3.1, Bitmead 2.2, Hooper 2.1, Sara 1.5, Shueard 1.1, Johnson 1.1, Hughes 1.1, Hinkley 0.1, Day 0.1, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: Johns 2.2, Hayes 1.1, Window 1.1, O'Brien 1.0, Fulton 1.0, Donovan 1.0, Daly 0.1, Voibrecht 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: Pope (bruised heel) by Loveday, last quarter. Johnson (eye) by Miller, last quarter. CENTRALS: Smith (bruised calf) by Donovan, three-quarter time. Voibrecht (cramp) by Fulton three-quarter time.

UMPIRE.—B. A. Lees.

### AT ALBERTON

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	6-4	8-7	13-10	15-13	103
Sturt	1-1	2-4	4-6	8-9	57

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Gill Hayes, T. Obst, Motley, Fabian, Hudson, Bray, Potter. STURT: Jarrett, Clarkson, Bagshaw, Hill Rigney, Halbert, Dunn.

SCORERS.—PORT: Traynor 5.0, T. Obst 2.2, Hudson 2.1, Bray 2.0, Potter 1.3, Beaufoy 1.1, Marrett 1.1, Gill 1.1, McKay 0.1, Errey 0.1, Mead 0.1, rushed 0.1. STURT: Sawley 2.0, Rigney 2.0, Clarkson 1.2, Dunn 1.1, Bagshaw 1.0, Chessell 1.0, Halbert 0.2, Murphy 0.2, Hicks 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: T. Obst (groin) by Mead, last quarter. Cooper (leg) by McGowan, last quarter. STURT: Nil.

UMPIRE.—K. G. Cunningham.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W.	L.	D.	Points For	Points Agst.	Prem. Pts.	%
South	12	2	—	1340	832	24	61.69
Port	11	3	—	1296	823	22	61.16
Glenelg	8	4	2	1398	1150	18	54.87
Sturt	9	5	—	1307	1153	18	53.13
Torrens	8	5	1	1347	1059	17	55.99
Norwood	7	6	1	1158	1053	15	52.37
North	6	8	—	1112	1101	12	50.25
West	5	9	—	958	1115	10	46.21
Woodville	2	12	—	798	1526	4	34.34
Centrals	—	14	—	768	1670	—	31.50

### ATTENDANCES

Alberton	9,721
Thebarton	8,345
Prospect	8,332
Elizabeth	3,883
Woodville	2,857
TOTAL	33,138

### LEADING GOALKICKERS

Player	Today	Matches	Total
McGowan (Glenelg)	1-2	14	41-27
Dunn (Sturt)	1-1	14	38-20
Kingston (Torrens)	4-1	10	38-18
R. Sawley (Sturt)	2-0	14	37-22
Shearman (Torrens)	4-1	10	34-36
Head (Torrens)	1-1	12	33-23
Skuse (South)	4-3	14	28-41
Rice (Glenelg)	2-1	13	26-30

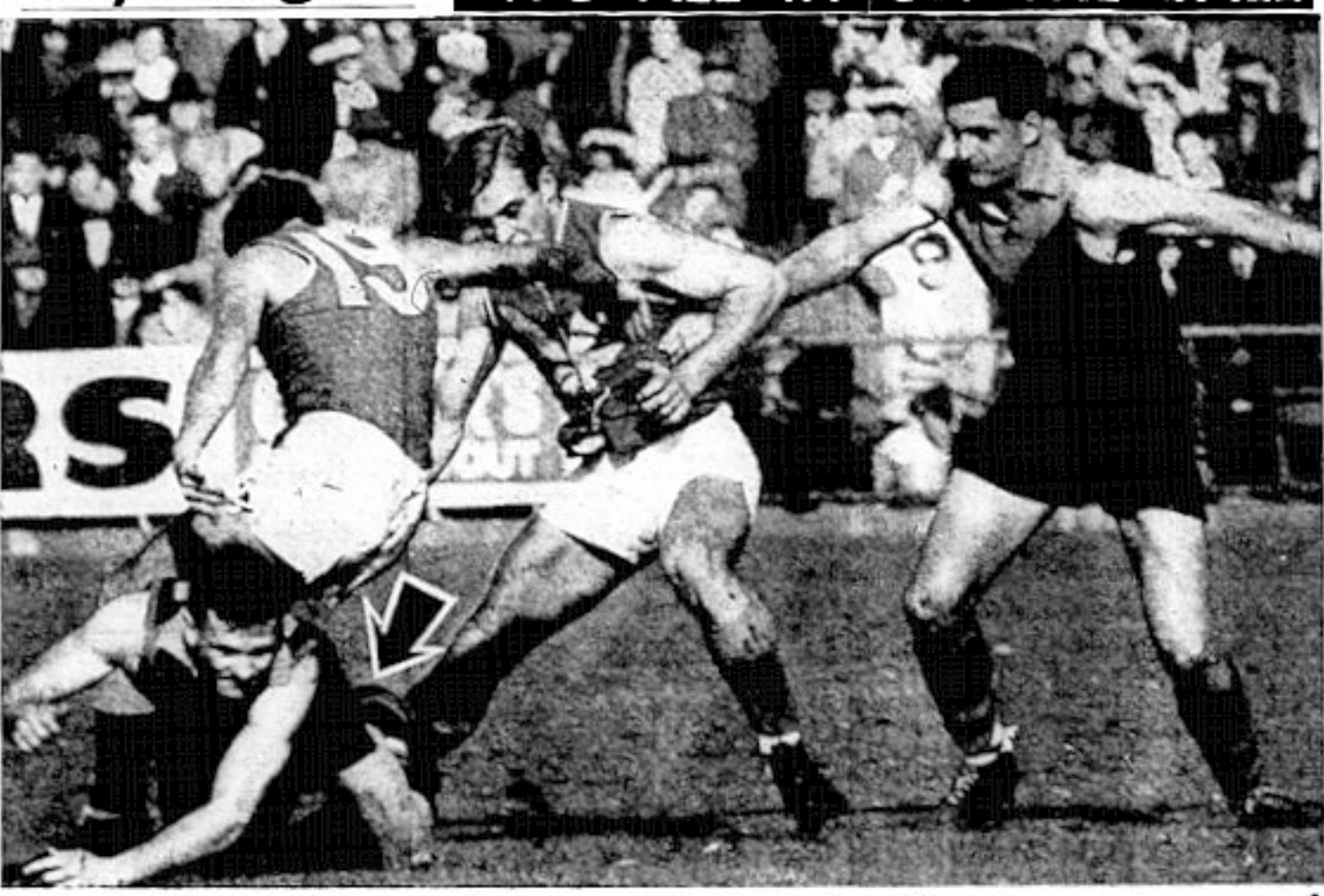
### NEXT WEEK

North v. Glenelg (Prospect)	
Central v. Sturt (Elizabeth)	
Norwood v. West (Norwood)	
Torrens v. Woodville (Adelaide)	
Port v. South (Alberton)	

### MILDARA TROPHY

13—Rice (Glenelg)	12—Gibson (Torrens)	11—Kneebone (Norwood)	9—Potter (Port)	8—D. Long (Glenelg)	7—Darley (Centrals)	6—Shearman (Torrens)	5—H. A. Halbert (Sturt)
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## Bays-Eagles IT'S ALL IN ON THE BALL



TORRENS half-forward Tim Young (19) can see he will fall on the ball (arrowed), but he can do nothing about it as captain Bob Shearman braces himself to keep Glenelg's Doug long away. On the ground is Colin Rice.

# DRAW WAS A FITTING RESULT

By BILL HENDERSON

The draw today between Glenelg and Torrens at Thebarton was a fitting end to an action-packed game.

The Eagles had the lead snatched from them half-way through the final term, only to fight back again.

There were a number of disputable decisions for both Glenelg and Torrens supporters to say they were robbed. But overall it could be said that both probably gained equally.

Glenelg in the first half did not have the luck of the bounce of the ball, but they could easily be blamed for allowing Bob Shearman the undue latitude he had early in the game.

Torrens in this half gained a lot of drive from Head at centre and Howell on the wing.

But it was left to Shearman, who kicked magnificently and marked freely, to put Torrens well up at half-time.

### In touch

Glenelg were left without much help in their forward area in this half. But Doug Long and Kernahan, although beaten in the ruck by Pill and Dix, were showing out with their field play to help keep Glenelg in touch.

Button showed more fire in his game without having many opportunities, but it was obvious that he was the Bays' method of finishing off their drives.

Both back pocket players were relentless in repelling many drives, and were to this stage best on the ground.

The third term was practically all Glenelg, and I was surprised, as they kept Torrens down to two points in this term, that they were not well in front.

In this term Glenelg were victims of two disputed marks in the goal-square and it took them a

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time to get over them. But this always happens, and teams must be quick to overcome such moments.

### Exciting term

In the most exciting last quarter, Glenelg bore in with great determination.

Taking the lead half-way through, it seemed that they would go on with the job, but Torrens were not finished.

Kingston who had early chances to score, now was shifted to centre half-forward and he really came into the game by kicking three well-earned goals.

Glenelg fought back just as magnificently as Torrens, with Button and Rice boring in. But even as the lead changed hands, a formidable figure in Shearman seemed to appear everywhere.

Torrens played very soundly and had many good players, but I give best on the ground to Bob Gibson. There is not much of this fellow but he has courage and determination in plenty.

Pill, Dix and Bills formed a formidable ruck trio, and Torrens are fortunate if Pill's thigh can stand up to heavy work.

Both he and Bills played better when resting in the back lines, and were a much-needed aid for Bob Gibson, as Torrens' half-

back line was not at its best.

Gould had a fairly quiet day. Kingston played well only in the last term. Most of the attacks were left to that formidable player Bob Shearman.

Head had a very good first half, and young Howell won his wing, which allowed Torrens to get plenty of drive from across centre.

Glenelg played well again this week with their State players back, and Col Richens certainly would have made the difference last week against Sturt on his showing today. His disposal is unquestionable.

Mace Peek gave plenty of drive from his wing, and he brought into the play Westley, who was the only forward Glenelg had early in the game.

But as the game progressed, Button came more into play, as well as Anesbury.

Abley again played soundly and kicked off well.

Rice today was the best rover afield, and his courage in getting the ball is astounding. He helped spark Glenelg's bid in the final term.

Best of the others were Hunt, at half-back, and Doug Long in ruck, assisted soundly by Harry Kernahan.