

EAGLES SLIP FROM FIRST PLACE

By SAM GALLAGHER

The most unpredictable side in the league, Glenelg, today inflicted the season's first defeat on West Torrens, toppling them from top place and leaving Norwood the only unbeaten side.

Finishing strongly, the Tigers won by 39 points.

In a high-scoring game at Norwood the Redlegs won comfortably by 32 points against North Turbill getting eight goals.

At Unley, Port proved too strong for Sturt. After an even first half, the constant pressure applied by the Magpies and the switch of Gill to the goal front were decisive factors. South were never in danger against Woodville, and West ran away from Centrals in the last quarter at Richmond.

At the Bay Oval, the long-awaited return to form of Harry Kernahan hit the Eagles where it hurt most.

Beaten in ruck, where Doug Long also played a fine game, the Eagles were on the defensive as McGowan and Rice led the Bays into attack.

TEAMWORK

Mainly through the efforts of Bills, Head, and Kingston, Torrens were able to struggle to within three points early in the last quarter, but on the day Glenelg were clearly superior and went right away at the finish.

against Centrals at Richmond. The Red-and-Blacks won their first game for the season by 37 points. South had nearly twice as many shots as Woodville but won by only 44 points.

This game, surprisingly, in view of Woodville's reputation for ruggedness, was a rather tame affair. Trailing Norwood by only half a game, South will be all out to bridge the gap at Adelaide next week.

The clash between Wedding and Darley, both in top form today, could have a big bearing on the result.

Glenelg and Port meet in what should be a thriller at the Bay Oval.

TOP FORM

The Tigers are rejoicing in their new-found strength, but Port's percentage football will expose any weakness.

Glenelg, with Kernahan and Long in top form, should get away to a good start at least, with Rice and McGowan probably the key to the result.

At Thebarton, Torrens will be eager for the return of Shearman and Graham for their important game against Sturt, out of the top four on percentage. Apart from Clarkson, Sturt's rucks today were not impressive and Torrens should not be under the pressure in this section that the Bays exerted today.

At Woodville, the home side should make things uncomfortable for West, but North have an easier engagement against Centrals at Prospect.

QUICK LOOK AT LEAGUE GAMES

AT UNLEY

Port	3-5	6-9	13-10	16-11	107
Sturt	4-1	7-3	7-4	11-8	74

BEST PLAYERS—PORT: Elleway, Potter, T. Obst, Cooper, Gill, Cahill, Hayes. STURT: Hicks, Rigney, Dunn, Short, Schoff, Ryan, Clarke.

SCORERS—PORT: T. Obst 3.1, Gill 3.1, Hayes 3.0, Marrett 2.2, Beaufoy 2.0, Potter 1.4, Mead 1.0, Bray 1.0, Hannaford 0.1, Philp 0.1, Cahill 0.1. STURT: Dunn 3.1, Sawley 2.3, Rigney 1.2, Hicks 1.1, Bagshaw 1.0, Schoff 1.0, Whicker 1.0, Weibusch 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—PORT: Hannaford (hip injury) by Mead, third quarter; Hayes (bruised eye) by Hastings, three-quarter time. STURT: Clarke (leg) by Whicker, last quarter.

UMPIRE—D. L. Foster.

AT ADELAIDE

South	4-9	9-12	10-19	14-25	109
W'dville	1-5	2-7	7-8	9-11	65

BEST PLAYERS—SOUTH: Darley, Kantilla, Backman, Roennfeldt, Shaw, Jackson. WOODVILLE: Clasohm, Simunsen, Atkinson, West, Smith, Wilson.

SCORERS—SOUTH: Backman 4.3, Foster 3.2, Kantilla 3.1, Nason 2.0, Whitford 1.5, Judd 1.0, Skuse 0.6, Day 0.4, Rivers 0.1, Ploenges 0.1, rushed 0.2. WOODVILLE: Clasohm 4.1, Atkinson 1.3, Simunsen 1.1, Christie 1.1, Perry 1.0, W. Kelly 0.1, P. Wilson 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS—SOUTH: Foster (leg) by Nason, third quarter; Ross (torn thigh ligaments) by Rivers, third quarter. WOODVILLE: W. Kelly (concussion and neck) by Laing, third quarter.

UMPIRE—K. G. Cunningham.

AT RICHMOND

West	2-3	4-6	6-11	11-16	82
Centrals	0-2	1-3	3-10	5-15	45

BEST PLAYERS—WEST: Campbell, Johnson, Pope, Thompson, Benton, Barker, Bennetts. CENTRALS: Bentley, Donovan, O'Brien, Daly, Morton, Burns, Morey, Kemp.

SCORERS—WEST: Laslett 3.0, Thompson 3.0, Benton 1.5, Hooper 1.4, Barker 1.3, Johnson 1.0, Wright 1.0, Hughes 0.3, rushed 0.1. CENTRALS: Burns 3.1, Donovan 2.3, Volbrecht 0.3, Morton 0.3, Secomb 0.2, Mullins 0.1, Ayliffe 0.1, Morey 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—WEST: Wallace (thigh) by Wught, three-quarter time; O'Driscoll by Stratford, last quarter. CENTRALS: Eagle by Hayes, third quarter; Ayliffe (gashed eye) by Klose, last quarter.

UMPIRE—B. A. Lees.

AT GLENELG

Glen'lg	4-4	8-8	14-11	21-13	139
Torrrens	2-2	7-6	13-8	15-10	100

BEST PLAYERS—GLENELG: McGowan, Button, Kernahan, D. Long, Linke, Edwards. TORRENS: Kingston, Bills, Head, J. Wright, Gibson.

SCORERS—GLENELG: Button 6.1, Gulliver 3.0, J. Long 3.0, Sutherland 3.0, McGowan 2.4, Rice 2.3, Sinclair 1.1, Kernahan 1.0, Hancock 0.2, D. Long 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: Kingston 5.4, Isaac 2.2, Head 2.1, Gould 1.1, Bills 1.1, Miller 1.1, Russell 1.0, Morrell 1.0, J. Wright 1.0.

REPLACEMENTS—GLENELG: Kendall (leg) by Tucker, half-time; Croser (cramp) by Peek, last quarter. TORRENS: Blight (slight concussion) by Rankine, half-time; Kingston (leg) by McEntee, last quarter.

UMPIRE—L. J. Davoren.

AT NORWOOD

Norw'd	6-2	10-7	16-13	19-17	131
North	4-0	7-2	11-5	15-9	99

BEST PLAYERS—NORWOOD: Turbill, Woodcock, Curtis, Wedding, Oatey, Lawley, Hillman, Oakey, McMahon. NORTH: Knuckey, Phillips, Dixon, Power, Anderson, Stringer, Hill.

SCORERS—NORWOOD: Turbill 8.5, Oatey 3.3, Oakey 2.3, Koch 2.3, Martin 2.1, Sawley 1.0, Verudaches 1.0, French 0.1, rushed 0.1. NORTH: Stringer 4.0, Hill 3.1, Dixon 2.0, Dew 1.2, Ashby 1.2, Ryan 1.1, Geisler 1.1, May 1.0, Mitchell 1.0, Anderson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS—NORWOOD: Lawton (head) by Vickers, last quarter. NORTH: Byers (hamstring muscle) by Dew, first quarter; Hammond (cramp) by Sheridan, last quarter.

UMPIRE—B. Hall.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Club	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem. %
Norwood	4	—	1	491	365	9	57.36
Torrrens	4	1	—	564	360	8	61.04
South	4	1	—	502	324	8	60.77
Port	3	2	—	450	363	6	55.35
Sturt	3	2	—	485	421	6	53.53
Glenelg	2	2	1	529	462	5	53.38
North	2	3	—	401	436	4	47.91
West	1	4	—	279	398	2	41.21
Woodville	1	4	—	283	493	2	36.47
Centrals	—	5	—	239	601	—	28.45

ATTENDANCES

Unley	12,690
Norwood	11,713
Glenelg	10,698
Adelaide	4,230
Richmond	2,530

TOTAL 41,870

HIGHEST, LOWEST LEAGUE

HIGHEST	LOWEST
Glenelg 21-13 (139 pts.)	Centrals 5-15 (45 pts.)
SECONDS	
North 15-17 (107 pts.)	Sturt 6-7 (43 pts.)

GOALKICKERS

Name	Today	Matches	Total
Turbill (Norwood)	8-5	5	20-16
Dunn (Sturt)	3-1	5	20-5
Shearman (Torrens)	—	4	17-13
McGowan (Glenelg)	2-4	5	17-11
R. Sawley (Sturt)	2-3	5	17-9
Head (Torrens)	2-1	5	16-6
Hancock (Glenelg)	0-2	5	14-4
J. Wright (Torrens)	1-0	5	12-8
D. Hill (North)	3-1	5	11-7

NEXT WEEK

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

EAGLES DOWN IN A THRILLER

Tigers' fine form

By DEAN STRINGER

The Tigers beat the Eagles at Glenelg Oval today in a game that kept a big crowd on their toes throughout.

Both teams throughout played fast flow-on football of a good standard. The game, although played hard, contained little spite and in general was a spectacle which fully justified the large crowd.

In perfect conditions Head won the toss for Torrens and kicked to the southern end. Both teams were unchanged and umpire L. J. Davoren was in charge.

Quick attack

Torrrens swept straight into attack from the first bounce through Livesey, Head, and Russell, to record the first goal of the match 30 seconds after the start.

Glenelg replied almost immediately when Button took a nice mark and passed beautifully to Hancock, but his kick was just off line.

The Tigers kept up their attack and after five minutes of play hit the front and were never headed for the rest of the game.

Play was evenly con-

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen'lg	4-4	8-8	14-11	21-13	139
Torrrens	2-2	7-6	13-8	15-10	100



Ray Button . . . in fine form for Bays.

Long, and Sutherland, while Head and Kingston replied for Torrens. At half-time it was still anyone's game. However, one gained the impression that Glenelg were going better than Torrens.

In command

Their rucks and rovers were well in command, and the wings and half-forwards were giving them many avenues of attack.

Glenelg opened the third quarter brilliantly with quick goals from Button and Gulliver to set up a four-goal lead.

Torrrens replied with a good passage of play from Bills, Head, and Kingston to keep the scores in touch.

Rice snapped a nice goal which was very hotly disputed by Bills. Bills thought he had marked the ball inside the line, but the goal umpire ruled otherwise.

Torrrens were evidently worried, as they shifted Kingston to half-forward and sent Isaac into full forward to try to get more bite into their attacks.

Isaac immediately scored for Torrens to bring the Glenelg lead back to nine points.

Torrrens cut down the deficit to two points soon after the start of the last quarter, and for a while it looked as though the Tigers were tiring.

However, some prodigious knocks from Kernahan and Long set the Tigers in motion again, and they completely over-ran the Eagles.

During this last quarter Button, who had been playing very well at half-forward, right, kicked three more goals to make his tally six for the day.

Rovers star

McGowan and Rice, although roving to winning rucks, were far too good for any Torrens rovers.

If there was a flaw in their game, it was neglecting to check opposing rovers when in their own backlines.

Long and Kernahan led the rucks and their field marking and play left nothing to be desired.

At half-forward, Button, Sutherland, and Sinclair made up a winning line, as did Edwards and Croser on the wings. Linke and Richens led a close checking, dogged defence.

Torrrens' good players were few and far between. Few gave a sustained four-quarter effort. Kingston, with five goals, was probably their best, followed by Bills, for a determined ruck effort.

£40 to Glenelg rover

Glenelg rover Brian McGowan today won the £40 first prize for the first quarter of the Mildara Football Trophy.

He was awarded first vote in the match against Torrens, bringing his total points to seven.

Sturt's John Halbert and Torrens' Bob Gibson (six each) were equal second.

They will share £15, representing second and third prizemoney.

They will receive their prizes next week.

Three more Mildara awards will be made this season — after the tenth and fifteenth series of matches, and at the end of the minor round.

The prizemoney will go to the three players on top in the progressive voting at those stages of the season.

The voting is progressive—points awarded next Saturday will be added to those gained in the first five series.

Today The Sunday Mail football experts cast votes for the Mildara Trophy as follows:

tested up to half-way through the first quarter, but it appeared that the Tigers had a little more fire, determination, and system in their attack.

It was particularly noticeable at this stage that the Glenelg rovers, McGowan and Rice, were doing much better around the fringes than were the Torrens rovers.

Head, from a set shot for goal appeared to twist a knee, and was in the hands of the trainers for some minutes. He eventually got back on his feet but went out to a half-forward flank for the rest of the quarter.

Glenelg thoroughly deserved their 14-point lead at quarter time. They had shown much more speed to the ball, and appeared to have many more players in form than did Torrens.

Torrrens opened the second quarter with a quick goal from Kingston, but the Tigers quickly settled down, and came back at the Eagles with good fast vigorous play.

Half-way through the quarter Torrens had battled to gain within four points, mainly due to good play from Head and Kingston.

Glenelg had started to get on top of the Eagles during the last part of the quarter, as they were doing better on the centre wings and at half-forward.

J. Long was well clear of Livesey at centre, but Livesey came back strongly later in the game.

Near the quarter's end, the Eagles had chances, but poor kicking coupled with tight defence led by Linke, and Richens, who were tackling very quickly, stopped them.

Glenelg kept the pressure on Torrens late in the quarter when patches of good fast football produced goals from McGowan, J.



McGowan

MILDARA TROPHY PROGRESSIVE VOTING

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| 1—McGowan (Glenelg). | Lindey (North). | Hammond (North). |
| 2—Halbert (Sturt). | Gibson (North). | Suttler (North). |
| 3—Cahill (Port). | Dunn (Sturt). | Richens (Glenelg). |
| 4—Wedding (Norwood), Mosley (Port), Rawson (Torrens), D. Long (Glenelg), Bills (Torrens), D. Hicks (Sturt). | McMahon (Norwood), Koch (Norwood), Window (Central), Shearman (Torrens), Kantilla (South), Elleway (Port), Bentley (Central), P. Bentley (South). | F. Hill (Norwood). |
| 5—Backman (South), Skuse (South), L. Day (South), Webb (Woodville), U. | | |