

PORT NOW NUDGE SOUTH

By SAM GALLAGHER

Port Adelaide today confirmed their ranking as No. 1 challenger to South's supremacy when they withstood a strong first half challenge by North at Prospect to move into second position on the premiership ladder.

Results at a glance

AT GLENELG

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Glen.	5-6	7-11	11-14	13-17	95
Nwd.	3-0	6-6	7-6	11-7	73

BEST PLAYERS.—GLENELG: Kernahan, Button, Anesbury, Blackburn, Rice, John, Sinclair, Morony. **NORWOOD:** Kneebone, Bob Oatey, Coppington, Nygaard, Bunton, Harris, French.

SCORERS.—GLENELG: Button 5.4, Kernahan 3.1, McGowan 1.4, Rice 1.3, McCarthy 1.1, Morony 1.1, Anesbury 1.0, Sinclair 0.1, Rosewarne 0.1, rushed 0.1. **NORWOOD:** Brewer 4.1, Kneebone 2.3, R. Oatey 2.1, Bunton 1.1, French 1.0, Modra 1.0, Coppington 0.1.

UMPIRE.—K. G. Cunningham.

AT PROSPECT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	0-6	2-9	5-11	8-13	61
North	2-2	2-4	3-7	6-8	44

BEST PLAYERS.—PORT: Beaufoy, Cooper, Philp, Motley, Freeman, McKay, Elix, Potter (until injured), Errey. **NORTH:** Pascoe, Phillips, Trenorden, Farrell, Dixon, Coppins, Thomas, D. Lindner, Hammond.

SCORERS.—PORT: G. Gill 2.1, Traynor 2.1, Matters 1.1, Philp 1.1, Nyland 1.1, McKay 1.0, D. Gill 0.2, Obst 0.1, Freeman 0.1, Potter 0.1, Cahill 0.1, rushed 0.2. **NORTH:** Thomas 2.2, Paull 2.2, Robinson 1.1, Sheridan 1.1, Lehmann 0.1, Lindner 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—PORT: Potter (knee), by Nyland third term.

UMPIRE.—B. A. Lees.

AT UNLEY

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	4-0	7-1	9-7	13-13	91
Torr.	1-2	4-4	4-5	9-8	62

BEST PLAYERS.—STURT: Langridge, Adcock, Clarkson, Bagshaw, Short, Halbert. **TORRENS:** Kingston, Gibson, Braidwood, Payne, Graham.

SCORERS.—STURT: M. E. Jones 4.2, Rigney 2.1, Halbert 2.5, Clarkson 2.0, M. S. Jones 1.1, Langridge 1.0, Short 1.0, Tilbrook 0.2, Dunn 0.1, Murphy 0.1. **TORRENS:** Kingston 4.1, Dillon 2.1, Lawson 1.1, Butler 1.1, Pill 1.0, Head 0.1, Minervini 0.1, Gibson 0.1, rushed 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—STURT: Tilbrook by Saddington, last term. **TORRENS:** Lawson by Gilbert, last term. Cowling by Wildy, last term.

UMPIRE.—R. LeCornu.

AT ADELAIDE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
South	4-6	8-11	15-18	17-24	126
Cent.	0-3	2-10	5-12	8-17	65

BEST PLAYERS.—SOUTH: Christie, Kantilla, W. Foster, Skuse, Roberts, Schmidt, Jackson, White. **CENTRAL:** Edmunds, Aviliffe, Kemp, Window, Eustice, Mofey, Daly, Havlock.

SCORERS.—SOUTH: W. Foster 4.3, Skuse 3.7, Roennfeldt 3.3, White 3.1, Kantilla 2.4, Christie 1.1, Howlett 1.1, Sims 0.3, Jackson 0.1. **CENTRAL:** Burns 2.2, McGee 2.1, Daly 1.2, Smith 1.2, Hayes 1.1, Stutley 1.1, Lloyd 0.2, Barron 0.2, Window 0.1, rushed 0.3.

REPLACEMENTS.—SOUTH: O'Brien (thigh) by Howlett, half-time. Christie (cramp) by Matchett, half-time. **CENTRAL:** Hill (shin) by White, quarter time.

UMPIRE.—M. Posa.

AT WOODVILLE

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3-4	4-10	10-14	16-17	113
Wdv.	2-0	6-3	7-3	12-5	77

BEST PLAYERS.—WEST: Hooper, Bertelsmeier, Benton, Hughes, Day, McGrath, Bennetts, Bitmead. **WOODVILLE:** Hoffman, Bradley, Christie, Simonsen, Atkinson, Braidwood, Webb, Perry.

SCORERS.—WEST: Hooper 5.0, Bertelsmeier 4.6, Benton 3.4, Pope 1.1, Bitmead 1.1, McGrath 1.1, DeBrouge 1.0, rushed 0.4. **WOODVILLE:** Hoffman 5.0, Atkinson 2.0, Perry 2.0, Christie 1.1, A. Smith 1.0, Everingham 1.0, Hansch 0.1, Allen 0.1, Braidwood 0.1, Simonsen 0.1.

REPLACEMENTS.—WEST: McGrath (leg) by McInerney, last term. **WOODVILLE:** Everingham by Dick, last term.

UMPIRE.—M. O'Connell.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.	%
South	6	—	578	376	12	60.58	
Port	5	1	472	380	10	55.47	
North	4	2	505	393	8	56.23	
Sturt	3	3	538	439	6	55.96	
West	3	3	525	471	6	52.71	
Glenelg	3	3	490	575	6	46.01	
Torrens	2	4	416	481	4	46.37	
Norwood	2	4	409	484	4	45.80	
Woodville	1	5	443	576	2	43.47	
Central	1	5	408	609	2	40.12	

TOP GOALKICKERS

	Today	Matches	Total
Skuse (South)	3.7	6	19.23
Halbert (Sturt)	2.5	6	17.23
Freeman (Port)	0.1	6	17.16
Bertelsmeier (West)	4.6	6	16.13
White (South)	3.1	6	16.12
Brewer (Norwood)	4.1	6	15.11
Benton (West)	3.1	6	14.14
Lawson (Torrens)	1.1	5	14.6

ATTENDANCES

Prospect	14,708
Glenelg	10,505
Unley	9,229
Adelaide	3,909
Woodville	3,451
TOTAL	41,803

South, easy winners over Central at Adelaide, are unbeaten after six games.

The next big test between the two leaders is at Alberton on June 12.

In a spiteful game at Unley, Sturt were never seriously troubled by Torrens who went down by 29 points.

The sensation of this game was the reporting of triple Magarey Medallist Lindsay Head in his first game after serving a one-match suspension.

At the Bay, Norwood's hopes of making the major round took a heavy blow when the Redlegs were beaten by 22 points.

Here again the improbable happened when "Big Bill" Wedding was reported by umpires Cunningham and Holden.

At Woodville West's speedsters cut loose after half-time to carry the Red-and-Blacks to a comfortable six-goal win.

At Prospect, North lost control of the game in the third quarter when Port kept the pressure on and their physical strength began to tell.

North were not disgraced in what was a fine exhibition of hard, vigorous football, completely free from any untoward incident.

But the Magpies typically maintained the pressure longer, and North's speed and quick tackling fell away.

Port and State rover Jeff Potter left the field with a recurrence of the knee injury which threatened to keep him on the fence.

Potter played a good first half and the injury is disturbing for State team prospects as well as for Port Adelaide.

In victory today Port were a very even side, with a strong team effort compensating for the subtraction by John Phillips of the Magpies' champion winger John Cahill.

At Glenelg, the Bay big men stopped Bill Wedding from exerting any influence on the game and the Redlegs could not control Ray Button who got five goals from a half-forward flank.

The continued good form of Harry Kernahan is heartening for the Boys who should win against Torrens next week.

But they face a big test against North at Adelaide the week after.

Sturt held on to fourth position when their rucks won well, and Langridge's skill at half-forward was too much for the Eagles' defence.

Big hurdle

After the debacle at Prospect, Sturt are regaining poise and confidence.

Their next two games are against Woodville and Central District, and they could be clear in fourth place by the time they meet Glenelg on June 14 at Adelaide.

Down to Port today North face another big hurdle next week when they meet South at Adelaide.

The Red-and-Whites could strike trouble at centre again while their rovers will find White, Skuse, and Foster as talented a trio as the Port rovers today.

South's half-back line will restrict North's scoring potential across half-forward, and with Kerley back the South rucks look better, although Pascoe is following in great form for North.

West face their first test against one of the acknowledged leaders when they meet Port at Richmond.

Equal fourth with Sturt on three wins, West's performance against the Magpies will be an indication of their strength from a major round point of view.

Bays' big men held Wedding

By BOB HANK

By keeping Wedding in check and quick tackling preventing the Redleg string of rovers from exerting winning influence, the Tigers were never in trouble at Glenelg Oval.

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Winning the toss was a major victory for Kernahan because after Glenelg had taken advantage of a helpful northerly breeze in the first term, it dropped considerably while Norwood were going to the southern goal in the second term and finally dropped to nothing in the second half.

As in their game against South last week, Norwood's early accuracy kept them within touch of the Tigers today.

Half-way through the second term when Coppington at centre and the rovers gave them more attacking drive, the Redlegs lost their accuracy, and with the Tigers also off target were able to keep within 11 points at half-time.

Pattern

Kernahan and Morony set the pattern early in the game with some spirited leaping against the taller Wedding.

They were assisted by Blackburn and Long and although the Norwood giant was always under pressure it was deemed fair by umpire Cunningham.

Making heavy weather of this treatment and at times despairing at the lack of help from either teammates or the umpire "Big Bill" finally was involved in an incident that resulted in his being reported.

Dale John at centre and Anesbury on the wing contributed largely to Glenelg's early supremacy and with Ray Button slipping inside Norwood defender Inglis' guard the Tiger attack had much more sting than the Redlegs'.

Sutherland kept a tight rein on full forward Brewer and with Richens not allowing the resting rover many kicks the whole Norwood attack rested on Kneebone and Bob Oatey across the flank.

Danger

McCarthy was similarly held in close check by Redleg full back Nygaard but Sinclair was winning on Redden in the Glenelg outer attack and with Button an unpredictable danger and Rice and McGowan always dangerous the Redleg defenders had

their worries. The football in the first half had been patchy, plenty of pace and quick tackling often giving way to mis-handling and scrambling play that had the game at a standstill for several periods.

Glenelg went right away in the third term with a good quota of frees going their way up forward due to their willingness to get front position and maintain it with strong bodywork.

Rice was at his class best this quarter with telling kicks back and forward of centre.

Anesbury controlled his wing John continued to be effective at centre and the scoring came from Button. Kernahan with two goals each.

The ability of the Tiger big men to hold the overhead marks stood out in bold relief against the lack of any Norwood player able to challenge this supremacy.

Blackburn and Long often turned the tide in defence with safe overhead marks and Kernahan and the impressive youngster Morony were able to prove the value of safe marking by converting attacks into scores on the board.

With a 5-goal lead to Glenelg at the last chance the game looked all over when Rice immediately gathered off hands and raced into the square for an easy goal.

Glenelg maintained the pressure but were astray in their further attacks which seemed unimportant with time well on its way and Norwood unlikely to produce a miracle.

Suddenly life did come back into the final act as wingman Denis Modra goaled on the run to herald a burst of scoring by the Redlegs as Brewer, Bunton, and Brewer again raced on goals that reduced their leeway to 16 points.

Button put a stop to this habitual Redleg late finish with another good mark and goal to seal a Tiger victory that should lead to an optimistic future approach.



GRAHAM SINCLAIR, caught on the hop, clears for Glenelg just as Norwood centre half-back Peter Redden rushed in to spoil during the match at Glenelg today.